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I. AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant FLOYD D. BELL, (0777089), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 28 January 1945 to 27 July 1945.  
Home address: 307 E. Third St., Richfield, Utah.

Captain LOREN W. BRUNER, (01637500), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 19 January 1945 to 5 July 1945.  
Home address: 418 E. Seventh St., Cherokee, Okla.

Second Lieutenant VIRGIL P. DILLINGHAM, (01103598), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 17 March 1945 to 20 July 1945.  
Home address: 3300 48th Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn.

Captain CLEO S. FLUTY, (0727708), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 18 January 1945 to 30 June 1945.  
Home address: 533 N. Locust St., Visalia, Calif.

Captain JESS E. GREEN, (0727716), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 12 February 1945 to 21 July 1945.  
Home address: Box 1055, Eureka, Nev.

Second Lieutenant KEITH L. HARDEN, (02027147), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 16 March 1945 to 30 July 1945.  
Home address: 7325 S. E. Harrison Court, Portland, Oreg.

Captain JAMES F. WILLIAMS, (0663215), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 6 February 1945 to 24 July 1945.  
Home address: Hattieville, Ark.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of reconnaissance missions in an unarmed pursuit-type aircraft against enemy airdromes, shipping, and ground installations, during which photographs were taken which furnished valuable intelligence information. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant RALPH S. BILLYCK, (39196742), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 20 March 1944 to 30 April 1945.  
Home address: Goldendale, Wash.

Private First Class THEODORE GORZKOWSKI, (11073545), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 January 1945 to 30 June 1945.  
Home address: 159 Green St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Technical Sergeant GEORGE J. KAMINSKAS, (12042023), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 January 1945 to 30 June 1945.  
Home address: 5 Hausman St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Private First Class FRANCIS J. MARKUNAS, (31259734), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 January 1945 to 30 June 1945.  
Home address: 29 Columbia St., Worcester, Mass.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of transporting troops and supplies to forward positions in unarmed transport aircraft. Flights were accomplished over hazardous land and sea routes where inclement weather was frequently encountered, and landings were often made within a few miles of enemy bases. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant CLIFFORD W. JOHNSON, (0774170), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 29 May 1945 to 13 July 1945.  
Home address: Route 3, Ferndale, Wash.

Corporal FRANK O. NESHIN, JR., (12217729), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 29 May 1945 to 6 July 1945.  
Home address: 756 Tacoma Ave., Buffalo, N.Y.

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Flight Officer ROBERT R. PETRICK, (T180394), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 29 May 1945 to 13 July 1945. Home address: 1505 Wilson Ave., Bristol, Penna.

Corporal MARTIN RANGEL, (18230681), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 June 1945 to 9 July 1945. Home address: 913 Lovett St., South San Antonio, Tex.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations included day and night patrol and reconnaissance flights, interception of enemy aircraft, and bombing and strafing attacks against enemy airdromes, installations, and shipping. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant ROBERT L. EASTON, (16017541), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 1 June 1945 to 14 July 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of air observation of friendly ground action and of enemy dispositions; and evacuation of casualties from combat zones to rear areas. These flights were made in unarmed liaison aircraft over territory where hostile opposition was imminent and expected or over hazardous land and sea routes where inclement tropical weather was frequently encountered and landings often had to be made within a few miles of enemy bases. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Easton during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces. Home address: Lock Box 21, Rardin, Ill.

First Lieutenant MILLER SIMON, (0570255), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 4 May 1945 to 29 July 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Simon during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces. Home address: 175 East 79th St., New York, N.Y.

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Captain DWIGHT M. WEBB, (0400849), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 14 May 1945 to 23 July 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of long-range photographic reconnaissance missions against targets of opportunity, including enemy shipping, airdromes, and ground installations. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Webb during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.  
Home address: 2170 Cadmus Court, Salem, Oreg.

Captain HERSCHEL T. JENKINS, (0662795), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 12 March 1945 to 20 June 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Jenkins during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.  
Home address: 1118 Mulberry St., Abilene, Tex.

II. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Private First Class JACK J. BAILEY by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 604, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 24 April 1945, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class JACK J. BAILEY, (14191925), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 15 May 1945 to 6 July 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations included day and night patrol and reconnaissance flights, interception of enemy aircraft, and bombing and strafing attacks against enemy airdromes, installations, and shipping. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Bailey during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.  
Home address: Thomaston, Ala.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant ORVILLE E. DIEHL by the Commanding General, Tenth Corps, as published in General Orders No. 89, Headquarters, Tenth Corps, 11 July 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

Captain DNIGHT M. WEBB, (0400849), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 14 May 1945 to 23 July 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of long-range photographic reconnaissance missions against targets of opportunity, including enemy shipping, airdromes, and ground installations. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Webb during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.  
Home address: 2170 Cadmus Court, Salem, Oreg.

Captain HERSCHEL T. JENKINS, (0662795), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 12 March 1945 to 20 June 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Jenkins during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.  
Home address: 1118 Mulberry St., Abilene, Tex.

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Private First Class JACK J. BAILEY, (14191925), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 15 May 1945 to 6 July 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations included day and night patrol and reconnaissance flights, interception of enemy aircraft, and bombing and strafing attacks against enemy airdromes, installations, and shipping. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Bailey during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.  
Home address: Thomaston, Ala.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant ORVILLE E. DIEHL by the Commanding General, Tenth Corps, as published in General Orders No. 89, Headquarters, Tenth Corps, 11 July 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant ORVILLE E. DIEHL, (15068450), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 2 June 1945 to 9 July 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of air observation of friendly ground action and of enemy dispositions, courier service and transport of supplies to forward positions; and evacuation of casualties from combat zones to rear areas. These flights were made in unarmed liaison aircraft over territory where hostile opposition was imminent and expected or over hazardous land and sea routes where inclement tropical weather was frequently encountered and landings often had to be made within a few miles of enemy bases. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Diehl during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

Home address: P. O. Box 85, Janben, W. Va.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant EMANUEL C. KAMEN by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 890, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 24 May 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant EMANUEL C. KAMEN, (0929955), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 2 May 1945 to 15 July 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of reconnaissance missions in an unarmed pursuit-type aircraft against enemy airdromes, shipping, and ground installations, during which photographs were taken which furnished valuable intelligence information. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Kamen during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

Home address: 921 Montgomery St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant PATRICK A. NORCOP by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 119, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 19 January 1945, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

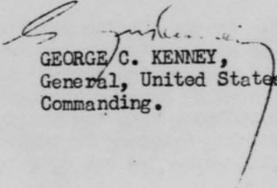
Staff Sergeant PATRICK A. NORCOP, (18045134), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 17 May 1945 to 17 July 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Norcop during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

Home address: 368 North 15th St., Phoenix, Ariz.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Sergeant OSCAR J. VERSDAHL by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 182, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 16 July 1943, a third Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

Sergeant OSCAR J. VERSDAHL, (17047314), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 6 February 1944 to 18 June 1944 during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of transporting troops and supplies to forward positions in unarmed transport aircraft. Flights were accomplished over hazardous land and sea routes where inclement weather was frequently encountered, and landings were often made within a few miles of enemy bases. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Versdahl during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.  
Home address: McLeod, N. Dak.

III. AIR MEDAL. So much of page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 1333, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 4 July 1945, as reads "Captain ALLEN P. NEWMAN, (0483066), Air Corps," is amended to read "Captain ALLEN P. NEWMAN, (0483066), Medical Corps."

  
GEORGE C. KENNEY,  
General, United States Army,  
Commanding.

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