

### Citations for Air Medal

Meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight.



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SECTION III

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL . . .

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions from a base in the Mariana Islands against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes-adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-

aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air forces.

871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

Captain Robert J Tipler, 0279964, Air Corps, United States Army.

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EXTRACT

3. Pursuant to the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, and in accordance with instructions contained in Teleconference Message No. FL-11-K from the Commanding General, Twentieth Air Force, the Air Medal is hereby awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for meritorious achievement while participating in the first photo reconnaissance mission over Tokyo, Japan.

871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

Major Hugh B Gilmore, 0-412938, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION IV

AIR MEDAL --By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and under authority delegated by the Deputy

Commander Twentieth Air Force in Teleconference Message No. FN-17-1 dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 1944; announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men:

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight on 13 December 1944. As crew members of B-29 type aircraft each individual participated in a daring three plane strike sortie on a vital target in the heart of the Japanese islands. Although other planes in formation failed to assemble with them, the lead element, in which they were flying, proceeded on course and successfully bombed the target against heavy odds, accomplishing their mission with distinction above and beyond that normally expected. Each individual listed below displayed high professional skill, courage and devotion to duty which reflected credit on himself and the Army Air Forces:

870<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

- First Lieutenant Glenn B Mullens, 0-864752, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Euclid N Rock, 0-867585, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Irving M Blumenfeld, 02057861, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant William F Guy, 0-698702, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Henry A Laliker, 0683725, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Robert F Monroe, 13154863, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant Norman W Nelson, 37627069, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION VI

**AIR MEDAL** --By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and under authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in Teleconference Message No. FN-17-1 dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 1944; announcement is made of the Posthumous award of the Air Medal to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant **RAYMOND J MCELWEE**, 35091141, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Next of Kin: Mr. Raymond J McElwee Sr, 3703 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Indiana (Father). For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight on 13 December 1944. As left gunner of a B-29 type aircraft Sergeant MCELWEE participated in a daring three plane strike sortie on a vial target in the heart of the Japanese Islands. Although other planes in formation failed to assemble with them, the lead element, in which Sergeant J MCELWEE'S plane was a unit, proceeded on course and successfully bombed the target

against heavy odds, accomplishing their mission with distinction above and beyond that normally expected. Although fatally wounded, Sergeant MCELWEE displayed great courage and devotion to duty, which reflected credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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GENERAL ORDERS) 28 February 1945  
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SECTION I

AIR MEDAL --By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and under authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in Teleconference Message No. FN-17-1 dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 1944; announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal to the following named officer:

Colonel STUART P WRIGHT, 017920, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 23 November 1944 to 25 February 1945, as command pilot in successful combat missions against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and often-times adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There was constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards faced regularly and continuously, Colonel WRIGHT displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION I

AIR MEDAL --By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A,

11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and Pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361 subject, "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated:

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

869<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 24 October 1944 to 27 December 1944

Second Lieutenant Jack H Vettters, 0-665143, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 28 October 1944 to 24 November 1944

First Lieutenant Noel S Alton, 0729594, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Robert W Rebber, 19079559, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 28 October 1944 to 3 December 1944

Sergeant Donald T Black, 37498494, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Robert M Bardin, 15364197, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Willard B Sanor, 35589741, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Franklin W Crowe, 0760796, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 28 October 1944 to 13 December 1944

First Lieutenant Saul Ginsburg, 0863088, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 28 October 1944 to 18 December 1944

Technical Sergeant Henry J Ens Jr., 12029052, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Eugene S Bartels, 39273710, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Kenneth D Clark, 37677184, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Clarke J Hughes, 38381256, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Stephen J Callaway, 0-702897, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant Thomas A Cummings Jr., 0-702906, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 28 October 1944 to 22 December 1944

Staff Sergeant Charles A Lachlund, 32623971, Air Corps, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant Gaspar Martinez, 38351066, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 30 October 1944 to 30 December 1944

Second Lieutenant William J Bennet, 0866551, Air Corps, United States Army.

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**From 28 October 1944 to 3 January 1945**

**First Lieutenant John D Bartlett, 01699570, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Oswald J Jorstad, 0-864947, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant John V Manning, 0-695943, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Harrison K Wittee, 0-696002, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Robert B Angell, 36660273, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Russell W Strong, 31198234, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal James R Krantz, 37407844, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Donald L Wilson, 35579205, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 28 October 1944 to 9 February 1945**

**Sergeant Lesley H Landin, 39289265, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 28 October 1944 to 25 February 1945**

**First Lieutenant John H Buck, 0-664961, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Charles L Bowen, 0-702889, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Wendell C Miller, 37494354, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant Robert M Tuttle, 19122922, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Sidney S Rudnick, 12155033, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Thomas B Sullivan, 38449432, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Eugene W Belschner, 35337729, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Robert F Kress, 13102609, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant Robert H Cook, 35608665, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 28 October 1944 to 4 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Vernon D Clark, 0729416, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 30 October 1944 to 3 January 1945**

**First Lieutenant Charles R Allen, 0700169, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 2 November 1944 to 18 December 1945**

**First Lieutenant James H Rose, 0-863363, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 5 November 1944 to 23 January 1945**

**First Lieutenant Andrew G Mayse, 0-404473, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 5 November 1944 to 10 February 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Charles E Anderson, 36699862, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant LeRoy B Balzarini, 36577778, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant William A Bosse, 18115989, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 November 1944 to 3 January 1945**

**Captain John F Snedaker, 0-424691, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 November 1944 to 3 January 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Harold A Erlandson, 0696076, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Edwin A Seitz, 0529649, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 November 1944 to 14 January 1945**

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**Second Lieutenant Henry L Miller, 0743627, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 November 1944 to 4 February 1945**

**Technical Sergeant Alvin K Hart, 20947973, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Private Richard L Cook, 15313658, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 November 1944 to 15 February 1945**

**Staff Sergeant George H Morris, 35632158, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 November 1944 to 4 March 1945**

**Sergeant Abner D Lewallen, 17055550, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 8 December 1944 to 27 January 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Hildry H Christopher, 0-867990, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 22 December 1944 to 23 January 1945**

**Sergeant Max R Sommer, 17160031, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 22 December 1944 to 4 February 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Robert L Allen, 0-682758, United States Army.**

**From 22 December 1944 to 18 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Robert C Ballard Jr., 0-806959, United States Army.**

**From 3 January 1945 to 9 March 1945**

**Captain Thomas J Hanley III, 0-24810, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 17 January 1945 to 9 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Raymond C Lee, 34539275, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 17 January 1945 to 13 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Alvin J Garber, 0857805, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Donald V Drake, 0-748596, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Robert D Magee, 12184979, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant Thomas A Olson, 18120202, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Russell Flack, 36459272, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 4 February 1945 to 4 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Edward B Collins, Jr., 0-750948, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Jules Levy, 0-2057961, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 10 February 1945 to 9 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Thomas B Harrington, 0-2060796, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Leonard Ramer, 0-808461, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Master Sergeant Wilbur M Belshaw, 16028826, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 10 February 1945 to 16 March 1945**

**Corporal Charles S Honigman, 33803569, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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**From 11 February 1945 to 9 March 1945**

**Sergeant Charles B Holton, 42028305, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 February 1945 to 13 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Clarence H Laffingwell, 02065380, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 February 1945 to 16 March 1945**

**Private Robert L Stevens, 7080584, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**870<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group**

**From 30 October 1944 to 13 December 1944**

**Second Lieutenant William J Bennet, 0866551, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Louis H Breininger, 0760771, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Earl J Callender, 0-511679, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Glen R Hocker, 0700003, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Q P Dye, 37498273, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Myron S Ludwick, 33683778, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 30 October 1944 to 13 January 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Kenneth W Lowe, 35133730, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 30 October 1944 to 25 February 1945**

**First Lieutenant Edward R Campbell, 0386026, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 2 November 1944 to 8 December 1944**

**First Lieutenant Harold S Hoffman, 0741176, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Russell B Galloway, 0863841, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Donald J Reiman, 17175168, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Williams Gregg, 19182112, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 2 November 1944 to 30 December 1944**

**First Lieutenant Keith A Whitaker, 0-26195, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 2 November 1944 to 4 January 1945**

**Technical Sergeant William F Linke, 37330587, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Robert M Riherd, 14084361, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant George W Shaw, 33258694, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Peter W Medzveckis, 11105670, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 2 November 1944 to 14 January 1945**

**Corporal Chandler C Henley Jr., 31289912, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 2 November 1944 to 9 February 1945**

**Captain James M Campbell, 0-441831, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Edward W Cutler, 0-26296, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Captain William A Kelley, 0-792995, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Harold E Sargent, 0-665123, Air Corps, United States Army.**



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**Second Lieutenant John F Neville, 0-805962, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant Emanuel B Smith, 39127293, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Leroy B Arringdale, 37471551, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant William C Banker, 19163179, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Bob G Gray, 38464986, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Ralph L Grote, 17090260, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant Maurice E Hanks, 38548824, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant Elmer G Hendershot, 15171334, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant Glenn W Jones, 19172637, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Charles S McMurry, 34504406, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Oakley A Simon, 39200594, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Robert J Stangland, 36784712, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Achilles Stanas (NI), 16192372, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Joe C Swann, 34904344, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Robert W Wyman, 35263269, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 5 November 1944 to 8 December 1944**

**Sergeant Conrad J Saucier, 31399230, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 November 1944 to 10 December 1944**

**Staff Sergeant Joseph A Quillen, 39182041, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 November 1944 to 15 February 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Herman J Brookman, 0-748342, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Robert W Holder, 33607421, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Beuford M Hoeft, 19095662, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Jesse R Slagle, 14135478, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 December 1944 to 28 December 1944**

**First Lieutenant Charles H Lamback, 0-349508, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 December 1944 to 17 January 1945**

**Sergeant Glenn F Gregory, 35094886, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Thurman B Walling, 17266822, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 December 1944 to 11 February 1945**

**Sergeant William O Wetzell, 38469611, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 December 1944 to 14 February 1945**

**Technical Sergeant Leo E Begin, 31373560, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant John E Hodgson Jr., 33705872, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Steven M Humy, 16087333, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Carrol D Lenderman, 38450887, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 December 1944 to 15 February 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Francis C Betz, 37707105, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Willie B Boyd, 34623878, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Captain Everett P Abar, 0-661171, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant William P Kimberlin, 0-868018, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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**Second Lieutenant Stanley R Laracy, 0-806276, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Penn E Majors, 0-777347, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Joseph P Okey, 0-697904, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 December 1944 to 25 February 1945  
Staff Sergeant John C Melewski, 11116792, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 18 December 1944 to 25 February 1945  
Second Lieutenant Fred R Spies, 0806000, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 18 December 1944 to 11 March 1945  
Sergeant Robert G Lovell, 17144721, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 22 December 1944 to 10 February 1945  
Captain Warren H Delker, 0-433655, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 30 December 1944 to 14 January 1945  
First Lieutenant Joseph V LaMoglia, 0-861203, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 9 January 1945 to 10 February 1945  
First Lieutenant Allen B Carter, 0-2060939, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 9 January 1945 to 17 February 1945  
First Lieutenant Winton W Wheatley, 0-662522, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 9 January 1945 to 19 February 1945  
Technical Sergeant Paul W Carter, 13020102, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charles J Kelly, 31359864, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Andrew W Fleischmann, 13141505, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 9 January 1945 to 13 March 1945  
Staff Sergeant Charles E Mabry, 33390148, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 14 January 1945 to 4 March 1945  
Sergeant Henry Braunseis, 36449912, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 January 1945 to 15 February 1945  
Second Lieutenant William G Steele, 0-775625, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Flight Officer Charles S Shinkowski, T-5478, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Master Sergeant Frank P D'Annunzio, 32509866, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant James M Barron Jr., 13112523, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Leroy E Donovan, 37672377, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Robert Q Drebing, 36689800, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Robert J Neulreich, 36832508, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Bernard M Streff, 36894182, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 January 1945 to 4 March 1945  
Technical Sergeant Robert I Van Edden, 32727491, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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**From 4 February 1945 to 9 March 1945**

**Major Keith N Merrill, 0-404374, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 4 February 1945 to 13 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant James E Buckheit, 0-736097, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Glen F Stirewalt, 36750303, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 4 February 1945 to 16 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant John J Calamari, 12122676, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 9 February 1945 to 9 March 1945**

**Sergeant Jack A Brautigan, 36814081, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 10 February 1945 to 13 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant John L Powell, 14016111, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant John T Jenkins, 33696149, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 10 February 1945 to 16 March 1945**

**Sergeant Edward F Gawron, 32855468, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant James W Oberst, 42065109, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 February 1945 to 13 March 1945**

**Captain Robert W Fox, 0-434096, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 4 March 1945 to 18 March 1945**

**Sergeant Robert J Spring, 35919326, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant George E Whitfield, 15130387, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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SECTION IV

**AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) . . .**

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on successful combat missions from a bases in the Marianas Islands against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown under rapidly changing and frequently adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition in varying degrees. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and the possible necessity for ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

869<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 4 February 1945 to 9 March 1945

Staff Sergeant James J Galligan, 42034640, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Richard T Lambert, 35683242, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 19 February 1945 to 11 March 1945

Master Sergeant Arthur Rassias, 11037310, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 4 March 1945 to 16 March 1945

Staff Sergeant Charles O Burke Jr., 18232022, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION III

**AIR MEDAL --By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and Pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361 subject, "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal to the following named officers:**

**For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy. In order to observe the actual physiological affects of sustained aerial flight on combat crew members, the following officers voluntarily accompanied the crews of their organizations on repeated combat strike against the Japanese mainland. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure, and consequent ditching many miles at sea. All flights were expected to varying degrees of anti-aircraft and fighter opposition. The devotion to the welfare of their men, and the voluntary acceptance of combat hazards in order to better understand the physical and mental strains resulting from combat operations displayed by these officers reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.**

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**Captain Jay E Weidenhamer, 0489451, Medical Corps, United States Army.**

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Captain Francis C Johnson, 0-519441, Medical Corps, United States Army.

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Major Guy T Denton, 0329750, Medical Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION IV

AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) . . .

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions from a base in the Marianas Islands against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown under rapidly changing and frequently adverse weather conditions. The Flights were subjected to enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition in varying degrees. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and the possible necessity for ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

73<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Wing

From 14 January 1945 to 7 June 1945

First Lieutenant Robert E Holmes, 0863349, Air Corps, United States Army.

869<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 18 March 1945 to 19 June 1945

First Lieutenant Walter R Siwek, 0927912, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945

First Lieutenant James R Burling, 0703695, Air Corps, United States Army.

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**Staff Sergeant Wilber B Young Jr., 15130993, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 11 April 1945 to 19 June 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Richard L Peterson, 0828823, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 26 April 1945 to 22 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Williams B Bunga, 0828946, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 10 May 1945 to 19 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant William H Criswell, 0760795, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 11 May 1945 to 22 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Donald A Chace, 0702103, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 May 1945 to 15 June 1945**

**Sergeant Robert W Jones, 33791593, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 16 May 1945 to 22 June 1945**

**Captain John S Pickerel, 0427657, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant John E Bylander, 0867219, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Armond D Barefoot, 02068554, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant William E Eagle, 02072125, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Frederick W Schwartz, 0832252, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Francis J Campbell, 35558866, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant John E Posig, 36185167, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Warren L Jones, 31340448, Air Corps, United States Army**

**Sergeant William Joseph, 31351746, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 19 May 1945 to 19 June 1945**

**Staff Sergeant James J Galligan, 42034640, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 23 May 1945 to 15 June 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Howard W Steege, 02063493, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 23 May 1945 to 21 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Oscar A Doty Jr., 0700709, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Mile C Bryan, 17072008, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 23 May 1945 to 22 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant George W Bennett, 02060184, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 23 May 1945 to 22 June 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Robert B Hinson, 14100967, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 29 May 1945 to 19 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Jack H Vettters, 0665143, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 1 June 1945 to 22 June 1945**

**Sergeant Everett L Crump, 39460588, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**871st Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group**

**From 10 May 1945 to 17 June 1945**

**Staff Sergeant David H Weaver, 18064593, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 10 May 1945 to 19 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Edgar Cain Jr., 0774523, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Ralph J Evans, 0739755, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Arthur E Wienslow, 0928805, Air Corps, United States Army**

**Second Lieutenant Harold S Bloomenthal, 0928719, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Master Sergeant George W Moore, 34210505, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant John K Breakey, 12030620, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Theodore B Ball Jr., 38518893, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 14 May 1945 to 15 June 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Lee T Monlove, 19116437, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant Robert G Aldrich, 32731366, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 21 May 1945 to 22 June 1945**

**Technical Sergeant John J Cunningham, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Donald J Clees, 36868252, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant John D Ebbs, 36773962, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant John C Franks, 33829929, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 23 May 1945 to 15 June 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Robert J McChane, 17068970, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant David M Riser, 34845171, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant John McCool, 17058063, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant Leslie N Sherwood, 6902269, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 23 May 1945 to 17 June 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Robert E Vahey, 35025863, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Gordon C Beggs, 17147077, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 May 1945 to 19 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Robert N Davidson, 0702907, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Frank J Marko, 33706522, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Eugene R Wallworth, 0693994, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 May 1945 to 22 June 1945**

**Staff Sergeant John B Skaggs, 15338735, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant Frank B Carroll Jr., 18138231, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Wallace P Buran, 14090642, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 29 May 1945 to 22 June 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Eloyd E Pond, 33525686, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant William H. Weber, 42036143, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant Robert D Castle, 15016978, Air Corps, United States Army.**



Technical Sergeant Peter D Kiernan Jr., 32746823, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 1 June 1945 to 22 June 1945

- Captain John G Crowder, 0800842, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant William H Fox, 0760820, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Herman J Grabenstein Jr., 0863988, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Louis F Leonard, 13156138, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Paul J Linden, 16145379, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 1 June 1945 to 26 June 1945

- Major Tod H Morgan, 0423951, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Robert L Illman, 0702923, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Hervey F Francis, 0685277, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Edward Septowski, 0864620, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Richard D Isles, 36339199, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Kenneth W LaMone, 18156718, Air Corps, United States Army.

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**SECTION IV**

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) --By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces, in classified letter, file AG 323, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 16 July 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated:

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes-adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

**870<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group**

**From 22 December 1944 to 19 June 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Henry A Laliker, 0683725, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 1 April 1945 to 19 June 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Richard U Chocola, 0-703089, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Clarence A Christiansen, 0-866817, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant George W Crisman, 32538884, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 April 1945 to 26 June 1945**

**Second Lieutenant William G Steele, 0-775625, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Flight Officer Charles S Shinkowski, T-5478, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Frank P D'annunizio, 32509866, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant James M Barron, 13112523, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Leroy E Donovan, 37672377, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 5 May 1945 to 26 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Edward W Cutler, 0-26296, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 14 May 1945 to 19 June 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Harold W Pace, 0775519, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Dean P Cornwell, 0928779, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Lloyd E Kelley, 39131098, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 May 1945 to 19 June 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Horace Mann, 02057974, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Donald J Reiman, 17175168, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 23 May 1945 to 19 June 1945**

**Major Keith N Merrill, 0-404374, Air Corps, United States Army**

**Second Lieutenant Clarence F Gansberg, 0-771376, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Henry P Vesley, 0-2058048, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Stanley J Wadach, 0-812016, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Charles K Doty, 15382698, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Monroe L Karcher, 38420745, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 May 1945 to 17 June 1945**

**Stirswalt, Glenn F., Sgt. 36750303, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 May 1945 to 19 June 1945**

**Sergeant George E Whitfield, 15130387, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant William J. R Mattke, 17143491, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Robert J Spring, 35919326, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 May 1945 to 22 June 1945**

**Master Sergeant Gerald O Toepper, 17036523, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant Leo E Begin, 31373560, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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**Staff Sergeant John E Hodgson Jr., 33705872, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 25 May 1945 to 26 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Keith A Whitaker, 0-26195, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant Clayton J Wallace, 32\*50463, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Williams Gregg, 19182112, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Jerome L Plotkin, 12159508, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Edward Wierzba, 36214671, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 26 May 1945 to 19 June 1945**

**Staff Sergeant James E Keenan, 31431859, Air Corps, United States Army**

**Staff Sergeant Emmett H Thomas Jr., 38484751, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 26 May 1945 to 22 June 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Walter H Pike Jr., 0-777635, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Patrick B Quinn, 0-868591, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 29 May 1945 to 22 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Edward R Campbell, 0386026, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant John L Powell, 14016111, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Louis A Scarrazzo, 33706464, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 29 May 1945 to 26 June 1945**

**Sergeant Steven M Humy, 16087333, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 29 May 1945 to 27 June 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Carl H Barthold, 17133162, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Carrol D Lenderman, 38450887, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group**

**From 12 April 1945 to 15 June 1945**

**Sergeant James F Weber, 35057608, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 28 April 1945 to 19 June 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Ellis D Frazier, 36884132, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 14 May 1945 to 26 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Frederick L Hayes, 0-865124, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 14 May 1945 to 28 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Orthello V Byers Jr., 0771291, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant David E Littler, 01590850, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Wesley D Tribbett, 0738297, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant William S Ward, 0427664, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Elmet E Howard, 0931031, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant William P Babits, 31417272, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Proctor, Charles S., S/Sgt. 38529814, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Citations Air Medal, 497<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group**

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**Staff Sergeant Harry E Kendrick, 35609206, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant Albert A Lancon, 18171821, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 16 May 1945 to 22 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Joseph R Mitchell, 0-690484, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant Virgil E Furst, 17181412, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant William N Post, 36832801, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 May 1945 to 1 July 1945**

**Captain Lieutenant Frank H Whyte Jr., 0-725391, Air Corps, United States Army**

**First Lieutenant David Kruidenier Jr., 0-2057807, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant John W Waring, 0-770863, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Master Sergeant Morris M Pardo, 35164451, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Frank A Grabow Jr., 11104268, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Eichenberger, William H., Sgt. 33698397, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 19 May 1945 to 28 June 1945**

**Captain Homer E Walker, 0-427200, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Robert C Allison, 06284217, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charles R DeHaven, 12239915, Air Corps, United States Army  
Staff Sergeant Willard M Lucy, 19070020, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Leo Miller, 32818278, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 23 May 1945 to 1 July 1945**

**Staff Sergeant William H Derrington, 34503638, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 29 May 1945 to 15 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Hans M Bischoff, 0862863, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 29 May 1945 to 1 July 1945**

**Captain Andrew P Cardone, 0796302, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Frederick Kuhlman, 0-1169204, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Richard D Nichols, 0-829282, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Manuel H Walczak, 0-2061291, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Master Sergeant Will S Prickett, 34109905, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Joseph A Berkowitz, 32991352, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant John R Gander, 36648227, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Sloan, Randle C, S/Sgt. 15170689, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 1 June 1945 to 26 June 1945**

**Technical Sergeant William E Smith Jr., 18052244, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> June 1945 to 1 July 1945**

**Captain Frank M Mourning Jr., 0-667746, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Daniel W Fox, 0-2056371, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Marvin J Kirchner, 0-767831, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Master Sergeant Charles R Major, 18119872, Air Corps, United States Army.**

Technical Sergeant James H Dittmar, 36454404, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Vincent P Minott, 32424956, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Daniel W Lacey, 11082141, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Colin A McBurney, 42082665, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant George V Nugent, 38520963, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 5 June 945 to 28 June 1945  
Staff Sergeant Warner C Grindem, 36587801, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 5 June 945 to 1 July 1945  
Staff Sergeant William E Furman, 15340487, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 7 June 945 to 26 June 1945  
Technical Sergeant Albert N Leibowitz, 32094364, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Herbert R Linville, 35698768, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 7 June 945 to 1 July 1945  
First Lieutenant James E Carson, 0702899, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Tucker, Harold J., S/Sgt. 36424885, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 10 June 945 to 28 June 1945  
Staff Sergeant Leroy E Gillies, 37491618, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Winiarski, Robert D., S/Sgt. 36814885, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION XXVII

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 16 July 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated:

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions from a base in the Mariana Islands against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes-adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational

problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

869<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 7 April 1945 to 19 June 1945

Staff Sergeant Leo L Mitchell, 39287083, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 26 June 1945 to 6 July 1945

Captain Alvin O Hubbard, 0789911, Air Corps, United States Army.

Captain Robert R Irish, 0439789, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant William D Bathurst, 0786880, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant William J Halladay, 0932049, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant Robert E Hyman, 0835650, Air Corps, United States Army.

(??) Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

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From 15 May 1945 to 7 July 1945

Corporal Richard R Van Vranken, 36468378, Air Corps, United States Army

From 7 June 1945 to 28 June 1945

Sergeant George A Bastress, 33875548, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 22 June 1945 to 10 July 1945

Staff Sergeant Wayne D Russell, 33698618, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 23 June 1945 to 16 July 1945

First Lieutenant Robert H Moschoau, 0813042, Air Corps, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant Eugene C Marks, 17045844, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Francis W Wilson, 37731092, Air Corps, United States Army.

Corporal Alex Lepeev, 33713701, Air Corps, United States Army.

Corporal William C Mehno Jr., 33705643, Air Corps, United States Army.

Corporal Walters, James D Walters, 34919786, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 23 June 1945 to 20 July 1945

Corporal Howard B Griffith, 12089873, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 26 June 1945 to 25 July 1945

Sergeant \*\*\*\*\* F. Sovirn, 35697960, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION XXIII

**AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL--**By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 6 August 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated:

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown under rapidly changing and often-times adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

869<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 28 June 1945 to 19 July 1945

First Lieutenant William C Marckhoff, 0739978, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Edgar H Parker, 02185990, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Carl G Fonden, T139149, Air Corps, United States Army.

(Sq ???) Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 1 July 1945 to 19 July 1945

Sergeant Allen A Williams, 34678907, Air Corps, United States Army.

Corporal Harry \* Benden, 13041567, Air Corps, United States Army

Corporal James V Galante, 12228720, Air Corps, United States Army.

Corporal John R Petrocelli, 36903960, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 1 July 1945 to 24 July 1945

Sergeant Gerald W Sturdevant, 38370979, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION III

**AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL--**By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 6 August 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated:

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown under rapidly changing and often-times adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 11 May 1945 to 1 July 1945

Sergeant Francis M Hall, 34795013, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 14 May 1945 to 16 July 1945

Technical Sergeant Theodore W Sims, 34109586, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 16 May 1945 to 12 July 1945

First Lieutenant Warren A Hollien, 0-2057758, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 24 May 1945 to 9 July 1945

Staff Sergeant Hans C Borm, 35612579, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 25 May 1945 to 12 July 1945

Sergeant Marvin E Meyer, 37681460, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 7 June 1945 to 9 July 1945

Captain Jay J Brown, 0411929, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 10 June 1945 to 12 July 1945

Technical Sergeant James F McHugh, 32185031, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 10 June 1945 to 16 July 1945

Staff Sergeant John M Silvo, 31127964, Air Corps, United States Army.



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**From 17 June 1945 to 9 July 1945**

**First Lieutenant Ziv Remez, 0698775, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Raymond A Strada, 0-739527, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 17 June 1945 to 12 July 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Sanford G Simmons, 0-829323, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Render T Parham, 14109017, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Joseph H Penhallurick, 12238479, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 17 June 1945 to 16 July 1945**

**First Lieutenant Hans M Bischoff, 0862863, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 June 1945 to 12 July 1945**

**Technical Sergeant Lawrence F Wankum, 19077419, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant David H Weaver, 18064593, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Sanford Simmons, 0-829323, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 26 June 1945 to 16 July 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Ellis D Frazier, 36884132, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 1 July 1945 to 12 July 1945 and 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**Staff Sergeant Robert D Winiarski, 36814885, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 1 July 1945 to 19 July 1945**

**Major Ted H Morgan, 0423951, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Robert L Illman, 0-702923, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Harvey F Paradis, 0-685277, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Edward Septowski, 0-864620, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Eugene R Wallworth, 0-695994, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant William E Smith Jr., 18052244, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant William E Furman, 15340487, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Richard D Isles, 36339199, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Kenneth W Lamone, 16156718, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 July 1945 to 19 July 1945**

**First Lieutenant James E Carson, 0-702899, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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**From 28 June 1945 to 24 July 1945**

**Staff Sergeant David M Pierce, 17131045, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 1 July 1945 to 19 July 1945**

**First Lieutenant Edward Hoffman Jr., 0862415, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Mark H Schumacher, 0807062, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant Bernard Helfand, 32823073, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant Charles Lewko, 32456080, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Moulton R Jones Jr., 31219619, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Citations Air Medal, 497<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group**

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**Staff Sergeant Jerome P Schuchter, 39294702, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant William F Swafford, 37540658, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 1 July 1945 to 24 July 1945**

**First Lieutenant Wilfred N Ridenour, 0885217, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Sherwin R Lichtenfeld, 16080070, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 July 1945 to 24 July 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Harry F Meyer, 32714667, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 6 July 1945 to 24 July 1945**

**First Lieutenant John T Healey, 0703240, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant James W Owen, 0760661, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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**SECTION XIII**

**AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) --By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 6 August 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated:**

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown under rapidly changing and oftentimes adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

**869<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group**

**From 16 May to 1 August 1945**  
Captain Edward F Grant, 0797519, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 23 May to 28 July 1945**  
First Lieutenant Henry Soo Hoo, 02061070, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 29 May to 1 August 1945**  
First Lieutenant John G Street Jr., 02061284, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 7 June to 1 August 1945**  
Staff Sergeant Robert J Paul, 12074526, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 15 June to 26 July 1945**  
Technical Sergeant John A Carabillo, 12081966, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 19 June to 28 July 1945**  
Sergeant Robert W Jones, 33791593, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 19 June to 1 August 1945**

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**First Lieutenant Charles F Bolton, 0-742120, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Clarence H Laffingwell, 02065380, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 22 June to 12 July 1945  
Major Frank L Thomas, 0-0393364, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 22 June to 26 July 1945  
First Lieutenant William H Criswell, 0-760795, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 22 June to 1 August 1945  
Staff Sergeant James J Galligan, 42034640, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 23 June to 26 July 1945  
Captain Hugh G Fly, 0-793095, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant Roger E Franz, 12044459, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 26 June to 1 August 1945  
First Lieutenant William B Bunga, 0-828946, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Master Sergeant Alfred De Silva, 19040006, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 28 June to 28 July 1945  
First Lieutenant Armond D Barefoot, 02068554, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant William R Eagle, 02072125, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Frederick W Schwartz, 0832252, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Flight Officer John E Posig, 36185167, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant Francis J Campbell, 35558866, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Warren L Jones, 3134044, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant William Joseph, 31351746, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 28 June to 1 August 1945  
First Lieutenant Richard L Peterson, 0827823, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 July to 26 July 1945  
Technical Sergeant Maurice A Ahearn, 31313066, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 6 July to 26 July 1945  
Staff Sergeant John K Breen, 31308665, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 6 July to 28 July 1945  
Staff Sergeant Sam P Owen, 18128097, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 6 July to 1 August 1945  
Technical Sergeant Clarence L Ceres, 36722321, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Vincent J Defillippi, 12181381, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant LeRoy J Mueller, 36808504, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 9 July to 1 August 1945  
First Lieutenant Howard W Steege, 02063493, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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**From 12 July to 1 August 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Milton S Allen, 18188654, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Stephen Coco, 12198208, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant William H Norton, 0-672964, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 July to 5 August 1945**

**First Lieutenant James R Burling, 0-703695, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Oscar A Doty Jr., 0700709, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Wilbur B Young Jr., 15130993, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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**SECTION XVI**

**AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) --By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 6 August 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated:**

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**From 22 December to 28 July 1945  
Staff Sergeant Myron S Ludwick, 33683778, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 13 April 1945 to 28 July 1945  
Second Lieutenant David S Roberts, 0-700769, Air Corps, United States Army  
Second Lieutenant John R Sims, 0-760680, Air Corps, United States Army  
Staff Sergeant Thomas C Mustachia, 38446718, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 21 April 1945 to 1 August 1945  
Technical Sergeant Harry L Brown, 17042099, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Henry Braunseis, 36449912, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Robert G Lovell, 17144721, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Citations Air Medal, 497<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group**

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**From 10 June 1945 to 1 August 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Joseph A Quillen, 39182041, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 17 June 1945 to 1 August 1945**

**First Lieutenant Harold S Hoffman, 0741176, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 22 June 1945 to 28 July 1945**

**Second Lieutenant John L Larson, 0206691, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Flight Officer Richard J Fitzpatrick, T-3923, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Corporal Allison B Madinger, 35893937, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Corporal Z Erol Smith Jr., 16188272, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Corporal Alex W Sumoski, 16187692, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 22 June 1945 to 1 August 1945**

**Corporal Robert A Sutton, 33704142, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 28 June 1945 to 26 July 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Hobert J Moore, 0775484, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 1 July 1945 to 1 August 1945**

**Sergeant Willie B Boyd, 34623878, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 July 1945 to 28 July 1945**

**Second Lieutenant John L Beitia, 0779757, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Coporal Jack A Brautigan, 36814081, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Jesse R Slagle, 14135478, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Robert Q Drebing, 36689800, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 6 July 1945 to 6 August 1945**

**First Lieutenant Harold E Sargent, 0-665123, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Dick Giffen, 0-6751494, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group**

**From 17 June 1945 to 1 August 1945**

**Sergeant Harold H Luettschwager, 36933038, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Edward Shahinian, 31426895, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant John Shahinian, 31423824, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 June 1945 to 1 August 1945**

**Sergeant George Meranshian, 13176107, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 4 July 1945 to 1 August 1945**

**Captain Andrew P Cardone, 0796302, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Frederick Kuhlman, 0-1169204, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Richard D Nichols, 0-829282, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Manuel H Walczak, 0-2061291, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Master Sergeant Will S Prickett, 34109905, Air Corps, United States Army**

**Staff Sergeant Joseph A Berkowitz, 32991352, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant John R Gander, 36648227, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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Staff Sergeant Randle C Sloan, 15170689, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 6 July 1945 to 1 August 1945

Corporal James Goodville, 36802979, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Charles F Marston, 31351595, Air Corps, United States Army

Sergeant Forrest E Arnold, 38510829, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Ralph E Caldwell, 18195068, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 9 July 1945 to 1 August 1945

Staff Sergeant Render T Parham, 14109017, Air Corps, United States Army.

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22 August 1945

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SECTION IV

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For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions from a base in the Mariana Islands against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes-adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

870<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 9 July 1945 to 28 July 1945

Captain Charles H Lamback, 0-349508, Air Corps, United States Army

From 9 July 1945 to 1 August 1945

Staff Sergeant Irving D Kirk, 13186531, Air Corps, United States Army.



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**From 12 July 1945 to 5 August 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Frank M Wakeland, 39119096, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 12 July 1945 to 6 August 1945**

**Captain Robert W Fox, 0434096, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant James T Doyle, 0-2060257, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Lawrence W Gallagher, 11121021, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 12 July 1945 to 8 August 1945**

**Captain James E Buckheit, 0-736097, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant David R Braden, 0-2060234, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant John J Calamari, 12122676, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 16 July 1945 to 5 August 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Wayne L Purchase, 16060136, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 July 1945 to 5 August 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Roy M Palmer, 1510824, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 July 1945 to 6 August 1945**

**First Lieutenant Richard A Chocola, 0-703089, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Clarence A Christiansen, 0-866817, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant George W Crisman, 32538884, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 July 1945 to 8 August 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Herbert J Prellop, 38231922, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Doyle P Simmons, 39125840, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Harold W Pace, 0775519, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Emmett H Thomas Jr., 38484751, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 24 July 1945 to 6 August 1945**

**First Lieutenant Allen B Carter, 0-2060939, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant James J Pattee, 0-775524, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 July 1945 to 8 August 1945**

**First Lieutenant William P Kimberlin, 0-868018, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Stanley R Lacey, 0-806276, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Penn E Majors, 0-777347, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Joseph P Okey, 0-697904, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant William Steller, 0-782981, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant John C Melewski, 11116792, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Corporal William O Wetzel, 38469611, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group**

**From 16 July 1945 to 28 July 1945**

**Technical Sergeant John E Blake, 19094169, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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**From 24 July 1945 to 8 August 1945**

**Second Lieutenant William C Clevenger, 0795358, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**869<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group**

**From 3 July 1945 to 5 August 1945**

**Captain Bernard J Mulloy, 0-431476, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 12 July 1945 to 5 August 1945**

**First Lieutenant Elmer L Donaldson, 0-702390, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 July 1945 to 8 August 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Maurice J Bittner, 0-702887, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 July 1945 to 5 August 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Alphonse J Rivera, 37332977, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 July 1945 to 5 August 1945**

**First Lieutenant George Wolff, 0-379235, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 26 July 1945 to 8 August 1945**

**First Lieutenant Juane W Bobo, 0-703595, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant John M Carpenter, 0-863751, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Daniel W Trapp, 0-760926, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 28 June 1945 to 4 August 1945**

**Second Lieutenant George W Bennett, 0-2060184, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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25 August 1945

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SECTION IV

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For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions from a base in the Mariana Islands against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes-adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 18 December 1944 to 15 July 1945  
First Lieutenant John J Faubion, 0696077, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 16 July 1945 to 28 July 1945  
Captain Allen L Lumpkin, 0595001, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Robert J Serb, 0804414, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Arthur M Durinski, 0670717, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant, Henry C Hall, 0837314, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Leon J Janson, 02081989, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Sherman I Mann, 0788728, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant William O Miller, 0835690, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Robert R Ohrt, 02073404, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Richard W Seel, 02079501, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Master Sergeant James E McAuliffe, 36170597, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charles J Schreiner, 12241422, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Robert D Lenk, 15133831, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Milton E Rose, 6909660, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Charles B Zaloom, 32887922, Air Corps, United States Army.

Corporal Lawrence E Daniels, 36886314, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Robert A Dukes, 34838220, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Derias E Walston, 39584557, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal William J Watson, 35877882, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION II

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL . . .

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions from a base in the Mariana Islands against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes-adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

870<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 20 July 1945 to 5 August 1945

First Lieutenant Howard Leonard, 0806092, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Elroy C Foley, 20653990, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 24 July 1945 to 14 August 1945

Sergeant Warren F Huntington, 11108315, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 26 July 1945 to 14 August 1945

First Lieutenant George R Amunds, 0-809791, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant William G Steele, 0-775625, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Flight Officer Charles S Shinkowski, T-5478, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Frank P D'annunizio, 32509866, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant James M Barron Jr., 3112523, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 28 July 1945 to 13 August 1945

Second Lieutenant Horace Mann, 02057974, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION XII

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL . . .

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions from a base in the Mariana Islands against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes-adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

870<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 5 November 1944 to 14 January 1945  
Captain Harold F Schramm, 0406036, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 29 November 1944 to 9 January 1945  
Captain Walter S McDonell, 0789189, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 30 October 1944 to 22 December 1944  
First Lieutenant William Pleus, 0668763, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Olinto F Lodovici, 6999883, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION XIII

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL . . .

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions from a base in the Mariana Islands against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes-adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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870<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 30 October 1944 to 27 December 1944

Captain Raymond O Dauth, 0421892, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Frederick W Baumann Jr., 0485209, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant Robert W Chapla, 0868099, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant Ronald H King, 0699192, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Daniel J Carroll, 32118508, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Quinton N Preble, 18131538, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Chester C Cryan, 11108368, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Walter J Horowski, 32427396, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Allen McClay Jr., 31270116, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Theodore D Northup, 18194334, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Preisser, Albert W., Sgt. 13038616, Air Corps, United States Army.

Corporal James L Burk, 39341578, Air Corps, United States Army.

Captain Elmer G Hahn, 0478847, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Harry Lowe Jr., 0683150, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant Herbert Edman, 0868105, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant Robert C Frazier, 0696081, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant Eugene J Redinger, 0683059, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant David C Williams, 0683933, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Vere D Carpenter, 39194527, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant John J Connell, 11082233, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Edward R Goldstein, 11120888, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Cecil V Hassell, 18047805, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant William J Kennedy Jr., 31361062, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Lowell E Lovvorn, 34334018, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant William Overmire Jr., 16119171, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Joseph F Baar, 35097114, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant James F Campbell, 18119275, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Clifford A Myhra, 37547534, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Ray F Turner, 38371224, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION V

**AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)** --By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated:

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869<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 28 October 1944 to 24 November 1944  
Colonel Robert K Morgan, 0430609, Air Corps, United States Army.

870<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 30 October 1944 to 27 November 1944  
Staff Sergeant Charles R Alleman, 13045634, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Robert F Monroe, 3154863, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 30 October 1944 to 29 November 1944  
Lieutenant Colonel Robert E Haynes, 01699114, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Captain Irvin L Smith, 0-726022, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 30 October 1944 to 10 December 1944  
First Lieutenant Buford P Johnson, 0-432244, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Edward Wierzba, 36214671, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant James L Elrod, 6972986, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 30 October 1944 to 22 December 1944

Second Lieutenant Irving M Blumenfeld, 02057861, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 24 November 1944 to 23 January 1945

Major Belah O'B Price, 0-424293, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION VI

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870<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 30 October 1944 to 3 December 1944

Captain Beard, Paul Beard, 0424349, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant Carl F Breth, 0865106, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Roy E Meeker, 0733258, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Raleigh E Phelps, 0-735919, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant William E Wild, 0736743, Air Corps, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant Connie N Samela, 12082811, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant George T Quattlander, 32532759, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Edwin B Tuenge, 37464314, Air Corps, United States Army.



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Staff Sergeant Charles W Boal Jr., 36577772, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Harold M Bossley, 18171340, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Willie S Newton, 33632010, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Godfrey E Penrod, 39620339, Air Corps, United States Army.

**871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group**

**From 30 October 1944 to 15 January 1945**

Colonel Arnold T Johnson, 0-19989, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 30 October 1944 to 24 December 1944**

Major Albert L Haley, 0-399524, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 6 October 1944 to 14 January 1945**

Major Clarence R Winter, 0-408834, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 10 December 1944 to 29 January 1945**

Captain Frank L Thomas, 0-0393364, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 2 November 1944 to 9 January 1945**

Captain Dale W Petersen, 0413489, Air Corps, United States Army.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Photo Recon Squadron**

**From 13 January 1945 to 17 March 1945**

Second Lieutenant Charles G Purvos, 0874425, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 26 November 1944 to 26 March 1945**

Second Lieutenant Kenneth H Schultz, 0805050, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 13 January 1945 to 9 March 1945**

Staff Sergeant Julien J Chanpagno, 0809050, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Myron E Collins, 17023500, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 13 January 1945 to 17 March 1945**

Staff Sergeant Lonnis P Little, 34018883, Air Corps, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant Roy S Norman, 14046580, Air Corps, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant Stanley J Smith, 14072250, Air Corps, United States Army.

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5 April 1945

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SECTION V

**AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)** --By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men:

For meritorious achievement while participating in historical missions from a base in the Marianas Islands against the homeland of Japan between 9 March 1945 and 19 March 1945. During this period the cities of Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe were struck with such force and determination that great areas were totally destroyed. Aircraft on each mission attacked these Japanese cities at precedent shattering low altitudes, introducing new and successful tactics, with devastating results. Each flight was made without regard to personal safety in the face of ever-present danger from enemy fighters and heavy search light-directed flak. These missions were flown over excessively long ranges through weather that was often adverse and necessitated instrument flying and increased navigational problems. There was ever present the possibility of mechanical failure and failure due to enemy action, necessitating subsequent ditching many miles at sea in hostile waters. The rapid succession in which each mission followed the other allowed a minimum time for rest and recuperation. In spite of weariness and fatigue, physical and mental strain, and the hazardous flying conditions the individuals listed below displayed such courage and skill as to reflect credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

- Second Lieutenant Stephen K Atwater, 0-771650, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Richard B Jones, 0-702926, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Charles F Milici, 0-698213, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Zed R Morrison, 0-667332, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Miles K Murdoch, 0-741676, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Henry C Watters, 0685221, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant William G Hoover, 0-761947, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant John S Keeler, 0-864949, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Theodore H Tarbell, 0-866600, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Morton Berdy, 32272668, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Victor H Chalker, 20254511, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Lawrence R Davidson, 39250562, Air Corps, United States Army.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

6 April 1945

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SECTION I

AIR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated:

For meritorious achievement while participating in historical missions from a base in the Marianas Islands against the homeland of Japan between 9 March 1945 and 19 March 1945. During this period the cities of Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe were struck with such force and determination that great areas were totally destroyed. Aircraft on each mission attacked these Japanese cities at precedent shattering low altitudes, introducing new and successful tactics, with devastating results. Each flight was made without regard to personal safety in the face of ever-present danger from enemy fighters and heavy search light-directed flak. These missions were flown over excessively long ranges through weather that was often adverse and necessitated instrument flying and increased navigational problems. There was ever present the possibility of mechanical failure and failure due to enemy action, necessitating subsequent ditching many miles at sea in hostile waters. The rapid succession in which each mission followed the other allowed a minimum time for rest and recuperation. In spite of weariness and fatigue, physical and mental strain, and the hazardous flying conditions the individuals listed below displayed such courage and skill as to reflect credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

870th Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

- Second Lieutenant John B Adams, 0-863736, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Alvin R Goebel, 0-685152, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Edward R Marsh, 0689623, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant George M Peterson, 0-698639, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Carl W Stammerjohn, 0-866595, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant William D Alton, 0-2060905, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant George R Amunds, 0-809791, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant William R Anderson, 0-771614, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Jack B Bisanz, 0-702365, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Reuben M Brown, 0-760773, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Robert A Calbridge, 0-2060936, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Richard U Chocola, 0-703089, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Clarence A Christiansen, 0-866817, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant James T Doyle, 0-2060257, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Stanley O Erickson, 0-868504, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Walter H Fike, Jr., 0777635, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Charles B Francis, 0-865181, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Willard J Franklin, 0-868108, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Clarence F Gansberg, 0-771376, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Dick Giffen, 0-6751494, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Abram Grossman, 0-857851, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Elby W Hudson Jr., 0-1057471, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Donald D Julin, 0-699183, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant William Kovach, 0-697876, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Lawrence J Mayer, 0-699215, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Philip Morey, 0-774724, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Irving S Moskowitz, 0777811, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Morris H Newhouse, 0-811721, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant James J Pattee, 0-775524, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Patrick B Quinn, 0-868591, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Gerald J Rau, 0-2057819, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Stuart R Reichart, 0-782958, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Nathan Richman, 0-777937, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant David S Roberts, 0-700769, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Roy E Shanklin Jr., 0-696672, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant John R Sims, 0-760680, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant William (NMI) Stevens, 0-774801, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant William Steller, 0-782981, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Stout, Earl J., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. 0-547543, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Henry P Vesley, 0-2058048, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Stanley J Wadach, 0-812016, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Flight Officer Stuart J McMullin, T-123105, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Master Sergeant James F Zorns, 18036222, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Master Sergeant Pete A Mangum, 34096139, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Carl H Barthold, 17133162, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Joseph A R Boisvert, 11040438, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Ott R Brooks, 15329980, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Crisman, George W., S/Sgt. 32538884, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charles K Doty, 15382698, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Monroe L Karcher, 38420745, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Kenneth L Masterson, 15113422, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Jackson W McCrery, 37340979, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Thomas C Mustachia, 38446718, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Otto B Pence, 38443934, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Master Sergeant Gerald O Toepper, 17036523, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Albert Desimone, 12174033, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Edward P Didier, 31382515, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Elroy C Foley, 20653990, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Gerard F Frorillo, 11121339, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Lawrence W Gallagher, 11121021, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Richard T Harman, 33898984, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Harry R Hill, 16122677, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant James E Keenan, 31431859, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charles J. L Kenney, 13152161, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Irving D Kirk, 13186531, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant William J R Mattke, 17143491, Air Corps, United States Army.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

28 April 1945

NO. . . . . 66)

SECTION I

AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) --By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated:

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter operation. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

869<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 28 October 1944 to 3 December 1944  
Technical Sergeant Ralph W Powell, 13039327, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 28 October 1944 to 8 December 1944  
Captain John H Brewster, 0-790786, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 28 October 1944 to 27 December 1944  
First Lieutenant Willis L Sutton, 0-665136, Air Corps, United States Army

From 28 October 1944 to 14 February 1945  
First Lieutenant Edwin F Dietzel Jr., 0-663134, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 28 October 1944 to 25 February 1945  
Second Lieutenant William H Criswell, 0-760795, Air Corps, United States Army.

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**Second Lieutenant Elmer L Donaldson, 0-702390, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Howard H Becker, 0-702362, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Richard F Burns, 0-867988, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Frank A Zoppo, 12154603, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant John J Maguire, 12192423, Air Corps, United States Army.  
From 30 October 1944 to 8 March 1945  
Second Lieutenant Abram Grossman, 0-857851, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 2 November 1944 to 3 January 1945  
Second Lieutenant Irwin S Boskowitz, 0-777911, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 2 November 1944 to 4 January 1945  
Staff Sergeant Carl H Barthold, 17133162, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 2 November 1944 to 9 February 1945  
Second Lieutenant Carl W Stammerjohn, 0-866595, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant John B Adams, 0-863736, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Jack B Bisanz, 0-702365, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Reuben M Brown, 0-760773, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Charles B Francis, 0-865181, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Donald D Julin, 0-699183, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant William Kovach, 0-697876, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Morris H Newhouse, 0-811721, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Nathan Richman, 0-777937, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Stanley J Wadach, 0-812016, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Master Sergeant James F Zorns, 18036222, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Joseph A R Boisvert, 11040438, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Pence, Otto B Pence, 38443934, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Albert Desimone, 12174033, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Edward P Didier, 31382515, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Richard T Harman, 33898984, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charles J L Kenney, 13152161, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Harold W Laplante, 12159790, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 November 1944 to 3 January 1945  
Second Lieutenant Edward R Marsh, 0689623, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 5 November 1944 to 18 December 1944  
Staff Sergeant Nicholas B Talbott, 33548647, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 5 November 1944 to 14 January 1945  
Staff Sergeant Edward G Bernzott, 35797109, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 5 November 1944 to 23 January 1945  
Captain William C Campbell, 0-724517, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 5 November 1944 to 10 February 1945  
Captain John S Pickerel, 0-427657, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant John E Bylander, 0-867219, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Citations Air Medal, 497<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group**

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**Second Lieutenant Donald A Chace, 0-702103, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Oscar A Doty, 0700709, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 5 November 1944 to 25 February 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Howell K Fesq, 0-864732, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 8 November 1944 to 14 January 1945**

**First Lieutenant Alvin R Goebel, 0-685152, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Gerald J Rau, 0-2057819, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 November 1944 to 15 February 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Richard U Chocola, 0-703089, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Clarence A Christiansen, 0-866817, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant George W Crisman, 32538884, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 November 1944 to 25 February 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Clarence Rohrer, 0-696148, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 November 1944 to 4 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant George R Amunds, 0-809791, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 29 November 1944 to 29 January 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Robert A Maloy, 0777288, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 December 1944 to 17 January 1945**

**First Lieutenant Roy E Shanklin, 0-696672, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 18 December 1944 to 25 February 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Kenneth L Masterson, 15113422, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 18 December 1944 to 29 January 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Stanley O Erickson, 0-868504, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 December 1944 to 14 February 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Clarence F Gansberg, 0-771376, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Henry P Vesley, 0-2058048, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Charles K Doty, 15382698, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Monroe L Karcher, 38420745, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 22 December 1944 to 4 February 1945**

**Second Lieutenant James R Burling, 0-703695, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 22 December 1944 to 22 February 1945**

**Flight Officer Stuart J McMullin, T-123105, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 December 1944 to 4 February 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Wilbur B Young Jr., 15130993, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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**From 3 January 1945 to 25 February 1945**

**Second Lieutenant George Noone, 0-890704, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 4 January 1945 to 4 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant John R Sims, 0-760680, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 9 January 1945 to 19 February 1945**

**First Lieutenant Willard J Franklin, 0-868108, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Lawrence J Mayer, 0-699215, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Ott R Brooks, 15329980, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 14 January 1945 to 4 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant David S Roberts, 0-700769, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Thomas C Mustachia, 38446718, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 January 1945 to 9 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Conrad Pace, 0-691671, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 January 1945 to 11 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant William (NMI) Stevens, 0-774801, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 4 February 1945 to 24 February 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Harry R Hill, 16122677, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 4 February 1945 to 9 March 1945**

**Sergeant Warren J Murphy, 31134209, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 4 February 1945 to 11 March 1945**

**Sergeant Gerard F Frorillo, 11121339, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 5 February 1945 to 9 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant George W Bennett, 0-2060184, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 10 February 1945 to 4 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Charles F Bolton, 0-742120, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 10 February 1945 to 11 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Benjamin R Lemmon, 0-777722, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Patrick B Quinn, 0-868591, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Robert A Calbridge, 0-2060936, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Walter H Fike Jr, 0777635, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Elby W Hudson Jr, 0-1057471, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant James E Keenan, 31431859, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 10 February 1945 to 13 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant James T Doyle, 0-2060257, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 11 February 1945 to 9 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant William J. R. Mattke, 17143491, Air Corps, United States Army**



From 14 February 1945 to 13 March 1945

Master Sergeant Pete A Mangum, 34096139, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 15 February 1945 to 11 March 1945

Staff Sergeant Carroll R Kyle, 38479033, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 25 February 1945 to 13 March 1945

Second Lieutenant Jacques M Veeneman, 0-832292, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant Stuart R Reichart, 0-782958, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 29 February 1945 to 13 March 1945

First Lieutenant Dick Giffen, 0-6751494, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 4 March 1945 to 16 March 1945

Second Lieutenant Philip Morey, 0-774724, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant James J Pattee, 0-775524, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant William Steller, 0-782981, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Elroy C Foley, 20653990, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Lawrence W Gallagher, 11121021, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 4 March 1945 to 18 March 1945

Master Sergeant Gerald O Toepper, 17036523, Air Corps, United States Army.

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9 September 1945

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SECTION XIV

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL . . .

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions from a base in the Mariana Islands against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes-adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Citations Air Medal, 497<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group

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869<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 17 April 1945 to 9 August 1945  
Captain John B Brown, 0667240, Air Corps, United States Army

From 5 May 1945 to 29 May 1945  
First Lieutenant George Kapanjie, 0931070, Air Corps, United States Army

871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 22 June 1945 to 25 August 1945  
First Lieutenant Robert W Montgomery, 0569449, Air Corps, United States Army

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SECTION XXVII

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men:

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions from a base in the Mariana Islands against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes-adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

869<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 18<sup>th</sup> December 1944- 23 January 1945  
Corporal Joseph D Crucitti, 31406975, Air Corps, United States Army.

**Citations Air Medal, 497<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group**

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**From 28 July 1945 to 9 August 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Keith M Deal, 0872754, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**870<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group**

**From 13 December 1944 to 14 January 1945**

**First Lieutenant John J Berning, 0741445, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 26 July 1945 to 14 August 1945**

**First Lieutenant Walter E Duden, 0675569, Air Corps, United States Army**

**First Lieutenant Albert Feldman, 0746872, Air Corps, United States Army**

**First Lieutenant Carl E Fltz, 0792976, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 28 July 1945 to 8 August 1945**

**Captain Richard V Stuart, 0793194, Air Corps, United States Army**

**First Lieutenant Wilmer A Dozier, 0747652, Air Corps, United States Army**

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**SECTION IV**

**AIR MEDAL (Oak Leaf Cluster) -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated:**

**For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown under rapidly changing and oftentimes-adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.**

**871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group**

**From 27 December 1944 to 4 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Raymond A Strada, 0-739527, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 14 January 1945 to 16 March 1945**

**Captain Ted H Morgan, 0423951, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 14 January 1945 to 18 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant William E Furman, 15340487, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 January 1945 to 11 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Carroll G Hornor, 0-793110, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 January 1945 to 11 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant John B Skaggs, 15338735, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 January 1945 to 16 March 1945**

**Technical Sergeant Frank B Carroll Jr., T18138231, Air Corps, United States Army.**

Sergeant Frank J Marko, 33706522, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 27 January 1945 to 31 March 1945

Staff Sergeant Robert G Aldrich, 32731366, Air Corps, United States Army.

Corporal Leo T Menlove, 19116437, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 14 February 1945 to 18 March 1945

Staff Sergeant Warner C Grindem, 36587801, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 15 February 1945 to 16 March 1945

First Lieutenant John G Crowder, 0800842, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 15 February 1945 to 22 March 1945

Second Lieutenant, James E Carson, 0702899, Air Corps, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant Albert N Leibowitz, 32094364, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Herbert R Linville, 35698768, Air Corps, United States Army.

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19 May 1945

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SECTION I

**AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL--**By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men:

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions from a base in the Mariana Islands against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes-adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

869<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group

From 28 October 1944 to 3 December 1944

Second Lieutenant Edward T Lee, 0864954, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant William P Stovall, 6563342, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Lawrence W Beecroft, 32069587, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant George E Wright, 38043673, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 2 November 1944 to 23 January 1945

Second Lieutenant John J Bennett, 0-702886, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 5 November 1944 to 23 January 1945

Staff Sergeant Louis Cutler, 34371148, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 5 November 1944 to 19 February 1945

First Lieutenant Sylvester E Wilczynski, 0-683517, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 5 November 1944 to 27 January 1945

Sergeant Martin B Fisher, 12080797, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 5 November 1944 to 9 March 1945

Staff Sergeant Robert E Cooper, S/Sgt. 36451976, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 9 January 1945 to 13 March 1945

Corporal George A Beck Jr., 3765384, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Stephen Coco, 12198208, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 9 January 1945 to 18 March 1945

Staff Sergeant S. Milton Allen, 18188654, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 19 January 1945 to 13 March 1945

Technical Sergeant George N Beck, 19207979, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 10 February 1945 to 16 March 1945

Corporal Clayton A Schnecker, 35791315, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 17 February 1945 to 11 March 1945

Staff Sergeant Robert A Davis, 11080230, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 17 February 1945 to 13 March 1945

Second Lieutenant Arnold C Burkholder, 0-2065330, Air Corps, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant John A Carabillo, 12087966, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 17 February 1945 to 16 March 1945

Sergeant Clifford J Halstead, 42034146, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 17 February 1945 to 27 March 1945

Second Lieutenant William B Bunga, 0-828946, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 4 March 1945 to 7 April 1945**

**First Lieutenant Hugh G Fly, 0-793095, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 5 November 1945 to 9 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Charles C Hodges, 0-864986, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Group**

**From 6 November 1944 to 16 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Joseph R Mitchell, 0-690484, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 November 1944 to 31 March 1945**

**Captain Bertram G Lynch, 0869240, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 18 December 1944 to 31 March 1945**

**Technical Sergeant James F McHugh, 32185031, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 18 December 1944 to 2 April 1945**

**First Lieutenant Robert E Watson, 0866352, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 February 1945 to 13 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Jariel B Francis, 0-733864, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 11 March 1945 to 13 April 1945**

**Flight Officer Jack R Hesser, T-129147, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Corporal Joseph F Kristi, 42080023, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 March 1945 to 3 April 1945**

**First Lieutenant Ralph J Evans Jr., 0-739755, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Frank M Mourning Jr., 0-667746, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Frank H Whyte Jr., 0-725391, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Harold S Bloomenthal, 0-92871, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Edgar A Cain Jr., 0-774523, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Daniel W Fox, 0-2056371, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Warren A Hollien, 0-2057758, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 March 1945 to 7 April 1945**

**Sergeant Oliver B Anderson, 14173583, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Virgil E Furst, 17181612, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant John R Gander, 36648227, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Arnold, Forrest E Arnold Jr., 38510829, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Corporal Marston, Charles F Marston, 31351595, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 March 1945 to 12 April 1945**

**Sergeant Frank Mazzio, 42082492, Air Corps, United States Army.**

From 16 March 1945 to 13 April 1945

Second Lieutenant Harry J Foley, 0-785267, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 18 March 1945 to 7 April 1945

Sergeant William H Eichenberger, 33698397, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant William N Post, 36832801, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Caldwell, Ralph E Caldwell, 18195068, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant James F James, 35057608, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant James F Weber, 35057608, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 18 March 1945 to 12 April 1945

Second Lieutenant Clair H Nauman, 0718121, Air Corps, United States Army.

Corporal George E Grouch, 13109814, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant George V Nugent, 38520963, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 24 March 1945 to 15 April 1945

Second Lieutenant Thomas J Croake, 02073304, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant Joe S McSpadden, 0753232, Air Corps, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant Louis J Hauser, 6990471, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Erle P Flanagan, 12076389, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Johnson, Howard R Johnson, 35903294, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant John A Meier, 39030583, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Sparks, Logan M Sparks, 34675171, Air Corps, United States Army.

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aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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From 7 March 1945 to 7 April 1945

Captain James P Mahoney, 0-433060, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant Roger E Franz, 12044459, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 16 March 1945 to 12 April 1945

Second Lieutenant William J Grannen, 0827642, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Vernon V Piotter, 05060577, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Flight Officer, Charles J Schmalstig, T-127806, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant Ralph W Bailey, 19003117, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Fernand L Germain, 31278858, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Robert W Ottum, 36835268, Air Corps, United States Army

From 16 March 1945 to 13 April 1945

Sergeant Raymond W. Forrest, 32756977, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 18 March 1945 to 13 April 1945

First Lieutenant Edward F Grant, 0797519, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Winfred S. Holmes, 33658289, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Harry L Kotterer, 33801541, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 27 March 1945 to 13 April 1945

Second Lieutenant Vernon V Piotter, 05060577, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 31 March 1945 to 17 April 1945

First Lieutenant Richard E Fate, 0433666, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1945 to 17 April 1945

Second Lieutenant Richard L Peterson, 0827823, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Henry Soo Hoo, 02061070, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant John G Street, 020612840, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Master Sergeant Alfred De Silva, 19040006, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Harry D Braumbaugh, 33250003, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Donald R McDonald, 33733770, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal LeRoy J Mueller, 36808504, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Robert J Paul, 12074526, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Douglas R Tanner, 6967624, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Private First Class Joseph C Landrum, 35872892, Air Corps, United States Army.

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**From 19 February 1945 to 16 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant David R Braden, 02060234, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant Warren F Huntington, 11108315, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 19 February 1945 to 18 March 1945**

**Sergeant Herman C Knight, 33710922, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 19 February 1945 to 24 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Dean P Cornwell, 0928779, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant Thomas R Kamenicky, 11138763, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant Lloyd E Kelley, 39131098, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 19 February 1945 to 31 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Harold W Pace, 0775519, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant Alfred R Kirkpatrick, 36904146, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant Albert R LaChance, 11138673, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 19 February 1945 to 3 April 1945**

**Captain Oscar S Graf, 0402424, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Lowell D Sharrett, 0869379, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 19 February 1945 to 13 April 1945**

**Second Lieutenant John L Biotia, 0779757, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 4 March 1945 to 24 March 1945**

**Sergeant Hollis E Johnston, 34813022, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 4 March 1945 to 27 March 1945**

**Sergeant Louis A Scarrazzo, 33706464, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 4 March 1945 to 31 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Samuel W Borst, 15399122, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 13 March 1945 to 31 April 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Horace Mann, 02057974 Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 March 1945 to 7 April 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Dwaine L Weatherwax, 02058595, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 18 March 1945 to 7 April 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Robert G Melonbacker, 0782936, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Hobert J Moore, 0775484, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant Henry F Krupiczewicz, 16042445, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant Frederick V Buge, 19181170, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant Robert E Foster, 18163541, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant Roy E Fraser, 37397329, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant William A Hunt, 18225765, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant Emmett H Thomas, 38484751, Air Corps, United States Army**

From 18 March 1945 to 15 April 1945

- First Lieutenant Gerald R Hunter, 0668586, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Raymond B Smith, 0831001, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant William D Wilson, 0706327, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Jim W Grayson, 3416323, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Corporal Robert W McKee, 36837125, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Corporal Ernest H McNabb, 35878948, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Corporal Gaillard A Mervin, 42102856, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 22 March 1945 to 13 April 1945

- Sergeant Louis J DeValentine, 18169235, Air Corps, United States Army.

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For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions from a base in the Mariana Islands against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes-adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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From 16 January 1945 to 13 April 1945

- Second Lieutenant John B Brown, 0-667240, Air Corps, United States Army.

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**From 15 February 1945 to 15 April 1945**

**Sergeant Robert M Bardin, 15364197, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 11 March 1945 to 15 April 1945**

**First Lieutenant Leonard Ramer, 0-808461, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Master Sergeant Wilbur M Belshaw, 16028826, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 13 March 1945 to 21 April 1945**

**First Lieutenant Edwin A Soitz, 0529649, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 13 March 1945 to 26 April 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Raymond C Lee, 34539275, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 13 March 1945 to 29 April 1945**

**First Lieutenant Alvin J Garber, 0857805, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Lemmon, Benjamin R Lemmon, 0-777722, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 18 March 1945 to 29 April 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Donald V Drake, 0-748596, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 21 March 1945 to 29 April 1945**

**Technical Sergeant George N Beck, 19207979, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 22 March 1945 to 24 April 1945**

**Sergeant Nicholas B Talbott, 33548647, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 March 1945 to 18 April 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Wesley L Clark, 0678685, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Frank Danna Jr., 0-866688, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 March 1945 to 26 April 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Clarence H Laffingwell, 02065380, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 March 1945 to 27 April 1945**

**Sergeant Clark J Hughes, 38381256, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Kenneth D. Clark, 37677184, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 March 1945 to 26 April 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Louie J Lewis, 39120076, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 31 March 1945 to 29 April 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Hildry H Christopher, 0-867990, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 1 April 1945 to 26 April 1945**

**Captain Henry H Simms Jr., 0791510, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Wilfred H Hester, 0-866832, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Paul T Machnik, 0-699211, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Irwin L Victor Jr., 0-699280, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Paul A Abraham, 17080699, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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Staff Sergeant David W Underwood, 18194519, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Walter E Gibson, 34710316, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945**

Staff Sergeant Sherwood Fritzshall, 36349085, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 2 April 1945 to 27 April 1945**

Second Lieutenant Charles F Bolton, 0-742120, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Donald A Chace, 0-702103, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 2 April 1945 to 29 April 1945**

Sergeant Eugene Bevilacqua, 33688741, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 7 April 1945 to 29 April 1945**

Sergeant Warren J Murphy, 31134209, Air Corps, United States Army.

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**From 27 November 1944 to 2 April 1945**

First Lieutenant Joseph W Razin, 02044862, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 4 January 1945 to 31 March 1945**

Technical Sergeant Leslie N Sherwood, 6902289, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 14 January 1945 to 16 March 1945**

Staff Sergeant Richard D Isles, 36339199, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 19 January 1945 to 15 April 1945**

Staff Sergeant John M Silvo, 31127964, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 23 January 1945 to 11 March 1945**

Captain Dale G Gray, 0-726589, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charles A Morgan, 14109017, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 23 January 1945 to 16 March 1945**

Technical Sergeant John McCool, 17058063, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant David M Riser, 34645171, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 27 January 1945 to 18 March 1945**

Captain James B Lampley, 0789182, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 27 January 1945 to 14 April 1945**

Staff Sergeant Lincoln L MacLeod, 12208868, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 29 January 1945 to 23 March 1945**

Sergeant Harold J Tucker, 36424885, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 10 February 1945 to 13 March 1945**

Second Lieutenant Frederick L Hayes, 0-865124, Air Corps, United States Army.

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**From 10 February 1945 to 18 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Wallace P Buran, 14090642, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 10 February 1945 to 3 April 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Robert E Vahey, 35025865, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 11 February 1945 to 25 February 1945**

**Master Sergeant Carl E Klinetob, 33118042, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 February 1945 to 16 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Louis F Leonard, 13156138, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 February 1945 to 31 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Marvin H Mohl, 0695953, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 February 1945 to 1 April 1945**

**First Lieutenant Charles B Uber, 0-815598, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 17 February 1945 to 16 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Robert E Greene, 0-702418, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 17 February 1945 to 27 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Keith W Duffield, 0-702345, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Herbert R Kaplan, 0-699186, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 February 1945 to 11 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant William B Monroe, 31405507, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 February 1945 to 18 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Arthur D Masonheimer, 42072048, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 February 1945 to 27 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Joseph Dimeo, 19089713, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Robert D Winiarski, 36814885, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 February 1945 to 13 March 1945**

**Master Sergeant Jess W Riblett, 15069763, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant George L Petoff, 0782953, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Donald R Pedroni, 0-774754, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Vernon L Karstens, 02061001, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Herbert Small, 32781505, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 February 1945 to 31 March 1945**

**Captain Walter L Geyer, 0360049, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Leonard J Brosseau, 11085912, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 February 1945 to 1 April 1945**

Second Lieutenant Wade P Hill, 0-865824, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 25 February 1945 to 7 April 1945

Technical Sergeant Peter D Kiernan Jr., 32746823, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 25 February 1945 to 13 April 1945

Technical Sergeant Robert D Castle, 15016978, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Floyd E Pond, 33525686, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant William H Weber, 42036143, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 4 March 1945 to 1 April 1945

First Lieutenant Donald W Bowry, 0-794620, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Lawrence Luxenberg, 0-668988, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant Murry J Moore, 0-1297231, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant Sanford G Simmons, 0-829323, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Harold W Hetzel, 35112113, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Charles I Stilwell, 13169515, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 4 March 1945 to 12 April 1945

Staff Sergeant John J Cunningham, 34881701, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Donald J Clees, 36866252, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant John D Ebbs, 36773932, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant John C Franks, 33829929, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 11 March 1945 to 1 April 1945

First Lieutenant Robert J Conway, 0-2044865, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 16 March 1945 to 3 April 1945

First Lieutenant Andrew P Cardone, 0796302, Air Corps, United States Army.

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From 29 November 1944 to 9 January 1945

Technical Sergeant Anthony F Migliaccio, 31045634, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Charles R Alleman, 13045634, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Otto B Pence, 38443934, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 3 December 1944 to 14 January 1945

Staff Sergeant Godfrey E Penrod, 39620339, Air Corps, United States Army.

**Comment [JP2]:** GO 128-I lists ASN as 39620330. Pls check.

From 8 December 1944 to 11 March 1945

Captain Paul Beard, 0424349, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant Carl F Breth, 0865106, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 13 December 1944 to 27 January 1945

Staff Sergeant Joseph A Quillen, 39182041, Air Corps, United States Army

From 13 December 1944 to 4 March 1945

First Lieutenant Buford P Johnson, 0-432244, Air Corps, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant Clayton J Wallace, 32850463, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Williams Gregg, 19182112, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Jerome L Plotkin, 12159508, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Donald J Reiman, 17175168, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Edward Wierzba, 36214671, Air Corps, United States Army.

**Comment [JP3]:** AM, GO 128-I (XXI BC) & GO 98 Am(OLC) lists ASN as 0438244. Pls check.

From 13 December 1944 to 9 March 1945

First Lieutenant Harold S Hoffman, 0741176, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 3 January 1945 to 16 March 1945

Staff Sergeant Q P Dye, 37498273, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 9 January 1945 to 11 March 1945

Staff Sergeant George W Shaw, 33258694, Air Corps, United States Army

From 9 January 1945 to 13 March 1945

Staff Sergeant William F Linke, 37330587, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Robert M Riherd, 14084361, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 10 January 1945 to 1 April 1945



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**Technical Sergeant Elmer O Hendershot, 15171334, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 14 January 1945 to 11 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Joseph V Lamoglia, 0-861203, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 14 January 1945 to 16 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Wilfred N Lind, 0-795783, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Edward R Marsh, 0689623, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 14 January 1945 to 31 March 1945**

**Sergeant Henley C Chandler Jr., 31289912 , Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 January 1945 to 13 April 1945**

**Second Lieutenant William F Guy, 0-698702, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 23 January 1945 to 18 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Alvin R Goebel, 0-685152, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 23 January 1945 to 24 March 1945**

**Sergeant Glenn F Gregory, 35094886, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Thurman B Walling, 17266822, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 4 February 1945 to 18 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Carl H Barthold, 17133162, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 10 February 1945 to 16 March 1945**

**Captain William A Kelley, 0-792995, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Albert Desimone, 12174033, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Comment [JP4]:** AM(OLC) GO 98-1 ASN listed as 12174003. Please check.

**From 10 February 1945 to 24 March 1945**

**First Lieutenant Edward W Cutler, 0-26296, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant John F Neville, 0-805962, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Harold W Laplante, 12159790, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 10 February 1945 to 27 March 1945**

**Technical Sergeant Glenn W Jones, 19172637, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Charles S McMurry, 34504406, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Comment [JP5]:** AM(OLC) GO 98-1 lists ASN as 37340979. Please check.

**From 10 February 1945 to 1 April 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Bob G Gray, 38464986**

**Staff Sergeant Ralph L Grote, 17090260, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 10 February 1945 to 7 April 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Robert W Wyman, 35263269, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 February 1945 to 21 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Joseph A R Boisvert, 11040438, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 February 1945 to 31 March 1945**

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**Technical Sergeant Emanuel B Smith, 39127293, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Leroy B Arringdale, 37471551, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant William C Banker, 19163179, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Edward P Didier, 31382515, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 17 February 1945 to 10 May March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Oakley A Simon, 39200594, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 February 1945 to 23 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant John B Adams, 0-863736, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charles K Doty, 15382698, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Monroe L Karcher, 38420745, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 February 1945 to 1 April 1945**

**Captain Warren H. Delker, 0-433655, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 February 1945 to 3 April 1945**

**Staff Sergeant John E Hodgson Jr., 33705872, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Steven M Humy, 16087333, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Carrol D Lenderman, 38450887, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 February 1945 to 27 March 1945**

**Staff Sergeant George W Crisman, 32538884, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 February 1945 to 31 March 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Herman J Brookman, 0-748342, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Richard T Harman, 33898984, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charles J L Kenney, 13152161, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 February 1945 to 1 April 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Stanley R Laracy, 0-806276, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Thomas C Mustachia, 38446718, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 February 1945 to 3 April 1945**

**Sergeant Joe C Swann, 34904344, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 February 1945 to 7 April 1945**

**Technical Sergeant Maurice E Hanks, 38548824, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Robert J Stangland, 36784712, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Achilles (NI) Stanas, 16192372, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 February 1945 to 12 April 1945**

**First Lieutenant Charles H Lamback, 0-349508, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Robert W Holder, 33607421, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant Charles J Kelly, 31359864, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant James M Barron Jr., 13112523, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Francis C Betz, 37707105, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Ott R Brooks, 15329980, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Leroy E Donovan, 37672377, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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**Staff Sergeant Andrew W Fleischmann, 13141505, Air Corps, United States Army.**  
**Staff Sergeant Beuford M Hoeft, 19095662, Air Corps, United States Army.**  
**Staff Sergeant Peter W Medzveckis, 11105670, Air Corps, United States Army.**  
**Staff Sergeant Jesse R Slagle, 14135478, Air Corps, United States Army.**  
**Sergeant William O Wetzell, 38469611, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 February 1945 to 15 April 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Robert J Neulreich, 36832508, Air Corps, United States Army.**  
**Staff Sergeant Bernard M Streff, 36894182, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 25 February 1945 to 21 April 1945**

**Sergeant Robert Q Drebing, 36689800, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 March 1945 to 18 April 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Gerard F Frorillo, 11121339, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 4 March 1945 to 3 April 1945**

**First Lieutenant Edward R Campbell, 0386026, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 9 March 1945 to 7 April 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Harry R Hill, 16122677, Air Corps, United States Army.**  
**Staff Sergeant Willie S Newton, 33632010, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 9 March 1945 to 15 April 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Henry Braunseis, 36449912, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 9 March 1945 to 21 April 1945**

**Technical Sergeant Robert I Van Etten, 32727491, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 11 March 1945 to 13 April 1945**

**Major Keith N Merrill, 0-404374, Air Corps, United States Army.**  
**Staff Sergeant William J R Mattke, 17143491, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 11 March 1945 to 16 April 1945**

**Sergeant Jack A Brautigam, 36814081, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 13 March 1945 to 15 April 1945**

**Staff Sergeant James E Keenan, 31431859, Air Corps, United States Army.**  
**Corporal Robert G Lovell, 17144721, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 March 1945 to 17 April 1945**

**Staff Sergeant John L Powell, 14016111, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 March 1945 to 21 April 1945**

**First Lieutenant James E Buckheit, 0-736097, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 March 1945 to 29 April 1945**

**Captain Robert W Fox, 0-434096, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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From 18 March 1945 to 21 April 1945

Staff Sergeant Charles E Mabry, 33390148, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 24 March 1945 to 26 April 1945

Technical Sergeant Kurt J. Hermann II, 12128248, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant John T Jenkins, 33696149, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 24 March 1945 to 27 April 1945

Staff Sergeant John J Calamari, 12122676, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION I

**AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)** –By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: “Definition of Administrative Responsibilities”, dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated:

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown under rapidly changing and often-times adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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From 13 December 1944 to 23 May 1945

Staff Sergeant George E Wright, 38043673, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 19 January 1945 to 29 May 1945

Captain John H Brewster, 0-790786, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 13 March 1945 to 19 May 1945

Staff Sergeant Richard E Zimmerman, 13095305, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 13 March 1945 to 29 May 1945**

First Lieutenant Richard C Bauml, 0866676, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Felix G Liles, 34445465, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 16 March 1945 to 13 April 1945**

Staff Sergeant Robert A Davis, 11080230, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 16 March 1945 to 23 May 1945**

Staff Sergeant Robert B Hinson, 14100967, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 16 March 1945 to 29 May 1945**

Staff Sergeant John J Ciezarek, 16140803, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 18 March 1945 to 25 May 1945**

First Lieutenant Donald W Ellis, 0699102, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 18 March 1945 to 26 May 1945**

First Lieutenant Arthur L Beall, 0-683387, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 18 March 1945 to 29 May 1945**

First Lieutenant John T Garvin, 0523519, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Frederick W Black, 37463115, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Martin J Sepe, 36603017, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 24 March 1945 to 23 May 1945**

First Lieutenant Harold L Crispi, 0-760794, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Harry Fishman, 0-698685, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant George F Amadon, 19130195, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Gerald M McGovern, 33468727, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 27 March 1945 to 19 May 1945**

Captain Bernard J Mulloy, 0-431476, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 31 March 1945 to 29 May 1945**

Sergeant William A Bolen, 36831058, Air Corps, United States Army,

**From 13 April 1945 to 19 May 1945**

Second Lieutenant George W Bennett, 0-2060184, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charles E Anderson, 36699862, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant Gaspar Martinez, 38351066, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 13 April 1945 to 23 May 1945**

Second Lieutenant William J Grannen, 0827642, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Vernon V Piotter, 05060577, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Flight Officer Charles J Schmalstig, T-127806, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Master Sergeant Arthur Rassias, 11037310, Air Corps, United States Army.

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**Staff Sergeant Fernand L Germain, 31278858, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Richard T Lambert, 35683242, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Robert W Ottum, 36835268, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Donald T Black, 37498494, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Willard B Sanor, 35589741, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 April 1945 to 1 April 1945**

**Technical Sergeant Ralph W Powell, 13039327, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 April 1945 to 14 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Edward F Grant, 0797519, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Henry Soo Hoo, 02061070, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 April 1945 to 19 May 1945**

**Technical Sergeant Gordon D McKenzie, 11136404, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Martin F Mayer, 37469486, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 April 1945 to 25 May 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Lesley H Landin, 39289265, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 April 1945 to 29 May 1945**

**Technical Sergeant Raymond W Forrest, 32756977, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Winfred S Holmes, 33658289, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Harry L Kotterer, 33801541, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 April 1945 to 29 May 1945**

**Sergeant Clifford J Halstead, 42034146, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 18 April 1945 to 19 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Carol N Frang, 0-865302, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 18 April 1945 to 29 May 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Abner D Lewallen, 17055550, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 19 April 1945 to 23 May 1945**

**Master Sergeant Ralph W Bailey, 19003117, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 21 April 1945 to 23 May 1945**

**Second Lieutenant John G Street Jr., 02061284, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 21 April 1945 to 25 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Leonard Ramer, 0-808461, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charles O Burke Jr. 18232022, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 21 April 1945 to 29 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Saul Ginsburg, 0863088, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Andrew G Mayse, 0-404473, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Arnold C Burkholder, 0-2065330, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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**From 22 April 1945 to 21 May 1945**

**Captain Richard E Fate, 0433666, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Jerome L Epstein, 0-695637, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Otis A Glazebrook, 0-695902, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Raleigh Wirth, 0-760690, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Technical Sergeant Max R Sommer, 17160031, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 23 April 1945 to 21 May 1945**

**Staff Sergeant James A Moffatt, 33286707, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 April 1945 to 23 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Maurice J Bittner, 0-702887, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 April 1945 to 25 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Jack H Vettters, 0-665143, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 April 1945 to 1 June 1945**

**Technical Sergeant Henry J Ens Jr., 12029052, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 26 April 1945 to 25 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Laurence E McDonald, 0-771752, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Eugene C Walters, 36161808, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 26 April 1945 to 26 May 1945**

**Captain John F Snedaker, 0-424691, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 26 April 1945 to 1 June 1945**

**Staff Sergeant, Eugene S Bartels, 39273710, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 April 1945 to 1 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Stephen J Callaway, 0-702897, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Thomas A Cummings Jr., 0-702906, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charles A Lachlund, 32623971, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 29 April 1945 to 29 May 1945**

**Staff Sergeant John S Penman, 16083651, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Jean H Allen, 14178322, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Everett L Crump, 39460588, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 5 May 1945 to 29 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Hildry H Christopher, 0-867990, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Benjamin R Lemmon, 0-777722, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Reno C McPherson, 0834848, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 5 May 1945 to 2 June 1945**

**Technical Sergeant George C Judge, 35874680, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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**From 8 December 1944 to 29 May 1945**

**Second Lieutenant William E Wild, 0736743, Air Corps, United States Army**

**From 14 January 1945 to 30 April 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Willie S Newton, 33632010, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 23 January 1945 to 16 May 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Godfrey E Penrod, 39620339, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 9 March 1945 to 1 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Buford P Johnson, 0-432244, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 11 March 1945 to 23 May 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Joseph A Quillen, 39182041, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 March 1945 to 11 May 1945**

**Captain Paul Beard, 0424349, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 March 1945 to 29 May 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Q P Dye, 37498273, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 21 March 1945 to 25 May 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Carl H Barthold, 17133162, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 23 March 1945 to 1 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant John B Adams, 0-863736, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 March 1945 to 27 April 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Irving D Kirk, 13186531, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 March 1945 to 29 May 1945**

**Captain James M Campbell, 0-441831, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Reuben M Brown, 0-760773, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Charles B Francis, 0-865181, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Morris H Newhouse, 0-811721, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Gerald J Rau, 0-2057819, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Joseph A R Boisvert, 11040438, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 March 1945 to 10 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant William R Anderson, 0-771614, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 March 1945 to 19 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Clarence F Gansberg, 0-771376, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Henry P Vesley, 0-2058048, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Stanley J Wadach, 0-812016, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Charles K Doty, 15382698, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Monroe L Karcher, 38420745, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 1 April 1945 to 14 May 1945**



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**Second Lieutenant Earl J Stout, 0-547543, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 3 April 1945 to 23 May 1945**

**Technical Sergeant Leo E Begin, 31373560, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 7 April 1945 to 14 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Howard Leonard, 0806092, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Frederick V Buge, 19181170, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Jackson W McCrery, 37340979, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 7 April 1945 to 16 May 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Robert G Melonbacker, 0782936, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Hobert J Moore, 0775484, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant Henry F Krupiczewicz, 16042445, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Roy E Fraser, 37397329, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Robert E Foster, 18163541, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant William A Hunt, 18225765, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 12 April 1945 to 23 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Allen B Carter, 0-2060939, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 13 April 1945 to 23 May 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Charles R Alleman, 13045634, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant John E Hodgson Jr., 33705872, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 13 April 1945 to 25 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Edward R Campbell, 0386026, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Abram Grossman, 0-857851, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Steven M Humy, 16087333, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Carrol D Lenderman, 38450887, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 14 April 1945 to 23 May 1945**

**Staff Sergeant Charles J Kelly, 31359864, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Andrew W Fleischmann, 13141505, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 April 1945 to 5 June 1945**

**Technical Sergeant Anthony F Migliaccio, 31045634, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 17 April 1945 to 23 May 1945**

**Staff Sergeant William J R Mattke, 17143491, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 26 April 1945 to 26 May 1945**

**Staff Sergeant John L Powell, 14016111, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 26 April 1945 to 29 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant William D Wilson, 0706327, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Charles E Mabry, 33390148, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 April 1945 to 21 May 1945**

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**Sergeant Glenn F Gregory, 35094886, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 28 April 1945 to 29 May 1945**

**Sergeant Edward F Gawron, 32855468, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant Kurt J. Hermann II, 12128248, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant John T Jenkins, 33696149, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 29 April 1945 to 23 May 1945**

**Technical Sergeant Glenn W Jones, 19172637, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Charles S McMurry, 34504406, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Thurman B Walling, 17266822, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 29 April 1945 to 29 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Herbert Eisenberg, 0754731, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Wilfred N Lind, 0-795783, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Edward R Marsh, 0689623, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Irwin S Boskowitz, 0-777911, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Douglas William, 0801796, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Orrie F Underwood, 0835298, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Edward A Songy, 18150919, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Clifford A Frafel, 12097538, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Frederick W Willrett, 37670563, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Robert H Jorstall, 15307376, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Philip D Syks, 32925940, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group**

**From 18 March 1945 to 11 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Joseph R Mitchell, 0-690484, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 March 1945 to 5 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant James E Carson, 0702899 Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Technical Sergeant Albert N Leibowitz, 32094364 Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Herbert R Linville, 35698768 Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 13 April 1945 to 1 June 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Clair H Nauman, 0718121, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant George E Crouch, 13109814, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant Frank Mazzio, 42082492, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 April 1945 to 29 May 1945**

**First Lieutenant Jariel B Francis, 0-733864, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**First Lieutenant Vernon L Karstens, 02061001, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant Donald R Pedroni, 0-774754 Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Second Lieutenant George L Petoff, 0782953, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Master Sergeant Jess W Riblett, 15069763, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Herbert Small, 32781505, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 22 April 1945 to 29 May 1945**

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Staff Sergeant Oliver B Anderson, 14173583, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 26 April 1945 to 5 June 1945

Sergeant James N Fondren, 34875752, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 5 May 1945 to 5 June 1945

Captain James B Lampley, 0789182, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Rembert A Ebert, 0743576, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant John G Hoyer, 0815907 Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant Cecil E Spruill, 0867463 Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Sam L Kamerman, 12188240, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 10 May 1945 to 5 June 1945

Staff Sergeant Harold J Tucker, 36424885 Air Corps, United States Army.

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For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights as combat crew members in successful combat missions from a base in the Mariana Islands against the Japanese Empire. All missions were flown without fighter escort under rapidly changing and oftentimes-adverse weather conditions. The flights were subjected to intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition. There were constantly present difficult navigational problems, danger of engine failure and consequent ditching many miles at sea. Under prolonged periods of physical and mental strain, and undaunted by the many hazards, faced regularly and continuously, each crew member displayed such courage and skill in the performance of his duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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From 29 November 1944 to 9 January, 1945

Staff Sergeant Robert F Monroe, 13154863, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 3 December 1944 to 14 January, 1945  
Captain Irvin L Smith, 0726022, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 8 December 1944 to 26 February, 1945  
First Lieutenant Roy E Meeker, 0733258, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 8 December 1944 to 13 March, 1945  
Staff Sergeant George T Quattlander, 32532759, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 8 December 1944 to 31 March, 1945  
Technical Sergeant Connie N Samela, 12082811, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 8 December 1944 to 7 April, 1945  
Staff Sergeant Harold M Bossley, 18171340, Air Corps, United States Army

From 8 December 1944 to 8 April, 1945  
Staff Sergeant Charles W Boal, 36377772, Air Corps, United States Army

From 25 February 1945 to 1 April, 1945  
First Lieutenant Everett P Abar, Air Corps, United States Army.

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AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) –By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: “Definition of Administrative Responsibilities”, dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant EDWARD R. CAMPBELL, 0386026, 870<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as Airplane Commander of a B-29aircraft engaging in a bombing mission over Tokyo, Japan, on 4 March 1945. While on the return trip Lieutenant CAMPBELL received a distress call from another B-29 airplane. He immediately

flew to the distressed aircraft and remained over the ditched crew for twenty-seven minutes. After ascertaining that they had no Gibson Girl, he dropped the radio about fifty feet from the floating rafts. He continued to circle the survivors until a Dumbo arrived to effect the rescue. Lieutenant CAMPBELL'S decision to remain in the vicinity with only the minimum amount of gasoline necessary to fly his own plane to home base, and his desire to render all possible aid to his comrades in distress, reflect credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant RUSSELL R. GALLOWAY, 0863841, (then Second Lieutenant), 870<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight on a bombing mission against the Japanese homeland on 22 December 1944. As Flight Engineer of a B-29 aircraft, Lieutenant GALLOWAY materially aided in the safe return of his airplane and crew to home base in spite of tremendous obstacles. On bombing his airplane received many structural damage; number three and four engines were hit by enemy shells causing failure of both engines. Through his skill and ability the maximum use was obtained from number three and four engines before they failed. By his intimate knowledge of the fuel transfer system and his masterful techniques of two-engine operation he was able to keep the two remaining engines running with a minimum of gasoline, thereby enabling his plane to reach its home base. Lieutenant GALLOWAY'S calmness and skill in the face of tremendous difficulties reflect credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant KIETH A. WHITAKER, 026195, 870<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight on 14 April 1945. Lieutenant WHITAKER was Airplane Commander of a B-29 type aircraft on a bombing mission against the arsenal area of Tokyo, Japan. While over the target Lieutenant WHITAKER'S airplane was heavily damaged by anti-aircraft fire. The throttle controls were shot away on all but one engine and it was impossible to lock the controls. By tying the throttles to the instrument panel at full power, Lieutenant Whitaker was able to maintain sufficient speed and without control over power settings of three of the engines he managed to fly back to home base. Upon arrival it was necessary to cut the engines off and he made a perfect power-off landing. Lieutenant WHITAKER'S display of expert airmanship, his fortitude and ability in the face of constant stress and danger, reflect credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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**AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) –By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49,WD, 1942), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: “Definition of Administrative Responsibilities”, dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated:**

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**From 13 March 1945 to 5 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Harold S Hoffman, 0741176, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 16 March 1945 to 8 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Dick Giffen, 0-6751494, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 24 March 1945 to 10 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Harold E Sargent, 0-665123, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 15 April 1945 to 5 June 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Dwaine L Weatherwax, 02058595, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 18 April 1945 to 1 June 1945**

**Second Lieutenant John L Beitia, 0779757, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 April 1945 to 1 June 1945**

**Second Lieutenant Stuart R Reichart, 0-782958, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Master Sergeant Pete A Mangum, 34096139, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 27 April 1945 to 5 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Dean O Cover, 0702903, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 5 May 1945 to 5 June 1945**

**Second Lieutenant William D Alton, 0-2060905, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Staff Sergeant Irving D Kirk, 13186531, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**Sergeant James W Oberst, 42065109, Air Corps, United States Army.**

**From 10 May 1945 to 1 June 1945**

**First Lieutenant Alvin R Goebel, 0-685152, Air Corps, United States Army.**

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**From 10 May 1945 to 5 June 1945**

Technical Sergeant Emanuel B Smith, 39127293, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Leroy B Arringdale, 37471551, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant William C Banker, 19163179, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Edward P Didier, 31382515, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 10 May 1945 to 7 June 1945**

Sergeant Hollis E Johnston, 34813022, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Thomas R Kamenicky, 11138763, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 11 May 1945 to 8 June 1945**

Captain Warren H Delker, 0-433655, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 14 May 1945 to 4 June 1945**

Master Sergeant James F Zorns, 18036222, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Richard T Harman, 33898984, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charles J. L Kenney, 13152161, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 16 May 1945 to 8 June 1945**

First Lieutenant Willard J Franklin, 0-868108, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Lawrence J Mayer, 0-699215, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Earl J Stout, 0-547543, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Ott R Brooks, 15329980, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Jackson W McCrery, 37340979, Air Corps, United States Army.

**871<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 497<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group**

**From 31 March 1945 to 16 May 1945**

First Lieutenant Lloyd Avery, 0726302, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 2 April 1945 to 24 May 1945**

Captain Bertram G Lynch, 0869240, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 10 May 1945 to 7 June 1945**

Captain Dale G Gray, 0-726589, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charles A Morgan, 14109017, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 10 May 1945 to 10 June 1945**

First Lieutenant Robert J Conway, 0-2044865, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 11 May 1945 to 7 June 1945**

Staff Sergeant Leroy E Gillies, 37491618, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Robert D Winiarski, 36814885, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 11 May 1945 to 10 June 1945**

First Lieutenant Keith W Duffield, 0-702345, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Herbert R Kaplan, 0-699186, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Joseph Dimeo, 19089713, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 14 May 1945 to 7 June 1945

Captain Carroll G Hornor, 0-793110, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 14 May 1945 to 8 June 1945

First Lieutenant Marvin H Mohl, 0695953, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Theodore H Tarbell, 0-866600, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 14 May 1945 to 10 June 1945

First Lieutenant Raymond Bonomo, 0-699115, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Warren G Bopp, 0-868626, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant William G Hoover, 0-761947, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Charles Milici, 0-698213, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Theodore H Tarbell, 0-866600, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Victor H Chalker, 20254511, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant John J Megeaski, 11084367, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant William Prince Jr., 35598268, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 16 May 1945 to 10 June 1945

First Lieutenant Richard B Jones, 0-702926, Air Corps, United States Army.

From 19 May 1945 to 13 June 1945

First Lieutenant Robert E Greene, 0-702418, Air Corps, United States Army.

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**Comment [EL6]:** These are all ABMC decisions. The men were all KIA. I will think of what the appropriate notation should be. We should probably list the date they were killed or declared MIA (Missing in Action).



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**18 Dec 1944**

First Lieutenant Granville H Walling, 0664093, Air Corps, United States Army  
Second Lieutenant Clifford E Reid, 0684048, Air Corps, United States Army  
Second Lieutenant John C Baudendistel, 0703167, Air Corps, United States Army  
Second Lieutenant James A Callaghan, 0699980, Air Corps, United States Army  
Second Lieutenant George R Dall, 0866821, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant Chester Dlugokencky, 32657555, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant Gerald W Sturdevant, 38370979, Air Corps, United States Army  
Technical Sergeant Robert M Jacoby, 15099433, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant Garland V Land, 18140177, Air Corps, United States Army  
Staff Sergeant Howard G Ross, 37552168, Air Corps, United States Army  
Sergeant John R Holsclaw, 35895957, Air Corps, United States Army

**19 Dec 1944**

Private First Class Frank W Romero, 397157552, Air Corps, United States Army  
Second Lieutenant Robert R Tuttle, 0927915, Air Corps, United States Army

**28 Jan 1945**

Sergeant Arlie A Agent, 14151663, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Donald B Alexander, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Tony Carrion, 39040141, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Tom B Clark, 35800816, Air Corps, United States Army .  
First Lieutenant Walter J Craig, 0805770, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant Charlie C Foster, 38159600, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Captain Dale W Petersen, 0413489, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Lemuel B Peterson, 34587134, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Bernard F Sutton, 17123954, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Joseph R Zeock, 0777397, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Frank L Zylla, 0741395, Air Corps, United States Army.

**24 Nov 1944**

Staff Sergeant Ralph C Banovicts, 16045323, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Odne N Dahl, 0867992, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Cecil F Frederick, 19195160, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Alvin R Hoffman, 0696095, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Elmer C Lindenstruth, 33551226, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Ernest B Lopes, 0758466, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Private First Class Rex E Merritt, 35093539, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant David J Schnaars, 069792, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Sam P Wagner, 024801, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Staff Sergeant William Wendler, 38113889, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Hubert Wheeler, 38536962, Air Corps, United States Army.

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**9 Jan 1945**

Major Joe P Baird, 0403702, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Joseph Boltan, 0669965, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant John G Deitz, 35283555, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Sergeant Richard D Fair, 38472123, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant John E Richards, 0789506, Air Corps, United States Army.

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**25 Feb 1945**

First Lieutenant Jack S Barnes, 0737704, Air Corps, United States Army.  
First Lieutenant Sam B Dawson, 0567853, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Edward J Eber, 33697185, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Nicholas Kromer, 32391831, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Robert D Miller, 38097472, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Eugene C Mount, 35813638, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Clyde U Points, 0774760, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Private Raymond Schwieger, 37680230, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Roland Sheriff, 0928781, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Richard E Shoemaker Sr., 33757679, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Captain James C Watson, 0343338, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Robert P White, 36683565, Air Corps, United States Army.

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**19 Feb 1945**

Staff Sergeant Burns, Linus H Burns, 35046268, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Alphonse E Elewaut, 36835694, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Richard H Hanson, 31375224, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Corporal Robert E Jackson, 34831364, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Robert H Miller, 0829060, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Cyril F Russell Jr., 02061056, Air Corps, United States Army.  
Second Lieutenant Chester J Wier, 02065455, Air Corps, United States Army.

**From 18 May 1945 to 23 June 1945**

Captain Robert J Tipler, 0279964, Air Corps, United States Army.

**73rd Bombardment Wing**

**From 15 June 1945 to 28 June 1945**

Colonel Kurt M Landon, 918220, Air Corps, United States Army.