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SECTION XII

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 letter, file AG 323, 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 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.

60th Bombardment Squadron, 39th Bombardment Group

Major JOHN A MIRANDA, 01699200, Air Corps, United States Army, from 18 June 1945 to 10 August 1945.

Captain CHESTER G JUVENAL, 0665813, Air Corps, United States Army, from 4 May 1945 to 10 August 1945.

Captain WETSEL D WAGGONER, 0789220, Air Corps, United States Army, from 17 June 1945 to 10 August 1945.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM E BADGLEY, 01058713, Air Corps, United States Army, from 4 May 1945 to 10 August 1945.

First Lieutenant WARREN C FOSTER, 02063395, Air Corps, United States Army, from 10 May 1945 to 6 August 1945.

First Lieutenant RALPH A HARDIN, 0774640, Air Corps, United States Army, from 4 May 1945 to 10 August 1945.

First Lieutenant ELMO F HUSTON, 0432469, Air Corps, United States Army, from 4 May 1945 to 10 August 1945.

First Lieutenant DANIEL R JESSER, 02064262, Air Corps, United States Army, from 4 May 1945 to 10 August 1945.

First Lieutenant JOHN B KOELLE, 0864822, Air Corps, United States Army, from 20 June 1945 to 8 August 1945.

Second Lieutenant LEWIS D BARTON, 0701675, Air Corps, United States Army, from 4 May 1945 to 10 August 1945.

Flight Officer JOHN H DAY, T136539, Air Corps, United States Army, from 20 June 1945 to 6 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT BROWN, 36904551, Air Corps, United States Army, from 7 July 1945 to 6 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant GUY H EASTHAM, 37701019, Air Corps, United States Army, from 4 May 1945 to 10 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD L LEVIN, 12189251, Air Corps, United States Army, from 20 June 1945 to 6 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD H LITTLE, 39290854, Air Corps, United States Army, from 4 May 1945 to 10 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE L MANTAK, 31378461, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 July 1945 to 8 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant JACKSON O MERRITT JR, 18243140, Air Corps, United States Army, from 20 June 1945 to 6 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE C TILGHMAN, 13185039, Air Corps, United States Army, from 13 June 1945 to 6 August 1945.

Sergeant ROBERT L BREAKIPON, 33916945, Air Corps, United States Army, from 17 July 1945 to 10 August 1945.

Sergeant GERALD E CARROLL, 12241184, Air Corps, United States Army, from 15 July 1945 to 8 August 1945.

Sergeant FLOYD A DAWSON, 17148383, Air Corps, United States Army, from 13 July 1945 to 10 August 1945.

Sergeant HOWARD L REED, 33832104, Air Corps, United States Army, from 4 May 1945 to 10 August 1945.

Sergeant EDWARD T REILLY, 13193994, Air Corps, United States Army, from 4 May 1945 to 10 August 1945.

Sergeant EDMONT D REINHOLD, 15359781, Air Corps, United States Army, from 4 May 1945 to 10 August 1945.

6th Bombardment Squadron, 29th Bombardment Group

Flight Officer LEON ROSEN, T126726, Air Corps, United States Army, from 10 June 1945 to 3 August 1945.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM E COVINGTON, 14154073, Air Corps, United States Army, from 10 June 1945 to 29 July 1945.

93rd Bombardment Squadron, 19th Bombardment Group

Major LESTER PERSONEUS JR, 0791490, Air Corps, United States Army, from 22 June 1945 to 15 August 1945.

4 September 1945

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM G COYLE, 20535707, Air Corps, United States Army, from 26 April 1945 to 14 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant RALPH R FRAME, 12100197, Air Corps, United States Army, from 9 July 1945 to 14 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant HARLAN R HOLLAND, 33710833, Air Corps, United States Army, from 5 July 1945 to 19 July 1945.

Staff Sergeant KENNETH B LAMPERT, 13179511, Air Corps, United States Army, from 14 July 1945 to 6 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant FLOYD G LARSON, 37474197, Air Corps, United States Army, from 27 June 1945 to 16 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant LAWRENCE A MORIN, 31351920, Air Corps, United States Army, from 9 July 1945 to 14 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant HAROLD L OTSTOT, 13158696, Air Corps, United States Army, from 3 May 1945 to 14 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT C PAXSON, 13178732, Air Corps, United States Army, from 6 July 1945 to 8 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant DONALD A RAINA, 39406782, Air Corps, United States Army, from 4 July 1945 to 19 July 1945.

Sergeant RICHARD D DALLAM, 17136691, Air Corps, United States Army, from 9 July 1945 to 14 August 1945.

Sergeant WILLIAM L HOFFMAN, 35873008, Air Corps, United States Army, from 5 July 1945 to 19 July 1945.

Sergeant ROGER F MULKERPIN, 31225425, Air Corps, United States Army, from 3 July 1945 to 14 August 1945.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TWINING:

R K TAYLOR
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

John S Chapman
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Lt Col, Air Corps
Actg Adj General

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