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SECTION I-AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL AND/OR OAK LEAF CLUSTERS FOR THE AIR MEDAL,
POSTHUMOUS

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 89, NATOUSA, 10 July 1944, the Air Medal and/or Oak Leaf Cluster for the Air Medal, in the categories as listed is awarded the following named personnel, posthumously, Air Corps, Army of the United States, residence as indicated, for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy between the dates as indicated, and/or for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while performing an act of merit as indicated:

SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE)

IRVING (NMI) SMITHKIN, T-61322, Flight Officer, New York City, New York. From 22 June 1944 to 21 July 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose Smithkin, (Wife), 1057 Gorard Avenue, New York, New York.

SECTION II-AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL AND/OR OAK LEAF CLUSTERS FOR THE AIR MEDAL

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FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE)

WILLIAM E. WAGGONER, 0-680778, Second Lieutenant, Little Rock, Arkansas. From 30 April 1944 to 21 July 1944.

WALTER R. JASKE, 36740606, Staff Sergeant, Chicago, Illinois. From 25 June 1944 to 21 July 1944.

WARREN J. KEISER, 336223069, Sergeant, Alburtis, Pennsylvania. From 28 June 1944 to 22 July 1944.

SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE)

JACK T. GUNN, 0-696643, Second Lieutenant, Napa California. From 25 June 1944 to 19 July 1944.

THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE)

ROBERT E. APPLGATE, 0-690028, First Lieutenant, Salina, Kansas. From 22 June 1944 to 19 July 1944.

NATHAN J. GEERING, 0-691984, First Lieutenant, Vesper, Kansas. From 28 June 1944 to 22 July 1944.

LELAND J. HARP, 0-703876, Second Lieutenant, Turlock, California. From 22 June 1944 to 19 July 1944.

JOHN W. SIMEROTH, 0-692120, Second Lieutenant, Perum, Oklahoma. From 25 June 1944 to 22 July 1944.

HUGH G. BAKER, 34720251, Technical Sergeant, Memphis, Tennessee. From 22 June 1944 to 19 July 1944.

HARRY L. LIGHTSTONE, 36316361, Technical Sergeant, Chicago, Illinois. From 25 June 1944 to 22 July 1944.

GEORGE (NMI) ESSER, 39557583, Staff Sergeant, Los Angeles, California. From 14 June 1944 to 21 July 1944.

FRED (NMI) VARNER, JR., 34685253, Staff Sergeant, Mc Donough, Georgia. From 11 June 1944 to 22 July 1944.

PETER E. VENTURA, 32079600, Staff Sergeant, Trenton, New Jersey. From 7 June 1944 to 19 July 1944.

DONALD D. WENDTE, 37476049, Staff Sergeant, Newcastle, Nebraska. From 14 June 1944 to 21 July 1944.

JOHN J. BIRMINGHAM, 11042540, Private First Class, Charlestown, Massachusetts. From 23 June 1944 to 19 July 1944.

FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE)

CARNEY V. HODGES, 69644847, Technical Sergeant, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. From 30 June 1944 to 21 July 1944.

GERALD J. MAYFIELD, 15322028, Technical Sergeant, Masontown, West Virginia. From 3 July 1944 to 22 July 1944.

GARNET C. JONES, 31154988, Staff Sergeant, Saint Albans, Vermont. From 11 June 1944 to 22 July 1944.

ORVILLE L. RADER, 18162490, Staff Sergeant, Tulsa, Oklahoma. From 30 June 1944 to 21 July 1944.

SIXTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE)

FRANK J. FESTA, 31028760, Staff Sergeant, Roxbury, Massachusetts. From 2 July 1944 to 21 July 1944.

By command of Major General TWINING:

R. K. TAYLOR
Colonel, CSC,
Chief of Staff.