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AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR AIR MEDAL

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, and ltr Hq Eighth Air Force, dated 16 April 1943, Subject "Awards and Decorations," the OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded.

Citation: For exceptionally meritorious service while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions were of the highest order and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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