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IX TROOP CARRIER COMMAND (MAIN)

GENERAL ORDERS)

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SECTION II: AWARDS OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL

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1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9158 (Bull 25, WD 1942), as amended by Executive Order Number 9242-A (Bull 49, WD 1942), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Headquarters, United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe, file 200.6, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", dated 8 September 1944, the following officers and enlisted men, organizations and residences as indicated, in addition to the Air Medals heretofore awarded them, are each awarded the BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER indicated, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights within the period 1 October 1944 to 31 December 1944. As combat crew members of troop carrier planes, these individuals exhibited superb airmanship in the continuous delivery of essential supplies to Allied armies advancing against the enemy and in the air evacuation of wounded. During the desperate German counter-offensive in the Ardennes salient these officers and enlisted men flew their vulnerable aircraft through walls of hostile flak and small arms fire to drop critically needed combat supplies to isolated forces in Bastogne, Belgium. Their skill, courage and devotion to duty were instrumental in enabling our troops to repel the attack of the enemy:

FIRST BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

434TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP

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73D TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON

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Gerald D Pederson

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Moline, Ill

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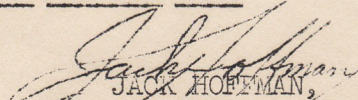
BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAMS:

JAMES E. DUKE, JR
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ M. S. Tilghman
/t/ M. S. TILGHMAN
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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JACK HOFFMAN,
Capt, Air Corps.

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