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CAPT. KENNETH TAYLOR, '40, Hominy, Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action over the Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, on December 7, 1941; Purple Heart for injuries received in South Pacific.


MAJ. FRANCIS R. THOMPSON, '40, El Reno. Distinguished Flying Cross for ferrying a flight of bombers from Honolulu to the Philippines a few months before war broke out; Air Medal for 25 operational flights, June 11, 1943, Oak Leaf Cluster added in July.

LT. JAROU B. SMITH, '38med, Alva, Medical Corps, cited for distinguished service in line with his profession during the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor.


CPL. CLAUD E. SIMPSON, '37-38, Altus, Marine Corps, cited for bravery in defending the Philippines. Officially listed as missing in action.

MAJ. JAMES B. MOREHEAD, '38, Washington, Oklahoma, Distinguished Service Cross for action over Darwin, Australia, on April 25, 1942; Silver Star for similar action August 22, 1942; Distinguished Flying Cross.

MAJ. NATHANIEL H. BLANTON, '36-38, Earlsboro, Silver Star, Oak Leaf Cluster and Purple Heart, all won in aerial combat against the Japanese.

MAJ. ANDREW J. REYNOLDS, '40, Seminole, Distinguished Flying Cross, two Silver Stars, Oak Leaf Cluster and Purple Heart, all awarded for air action against the Japanese.

LT. COL. CLARK KEGELMAN, '34=36, El Reno, Distinguished Service Cross for action over occupied Holland on July 4, 1942.


LT. GARY McCALLISTER, '39, Shawnee, Distinguished Service Cross. Reported missing in action at Battle of Midway.

LT. COL. JOHN L. SMITH, '36bus, Lexington, Congressional Medal of Honor and Navy Cross, for extraordinary heroism and high toll of destruction against the enemy in the Pacific; British Distinguished Service Order presented August 7, 1943, in name of King George.

MAJ. MITCHELL ESCOE SIMS, '39, Norman, Silver Star for gallantry in Pacific war zone.

LT. COL. JOHN D. BRIDGES, '34-37, Oklahoma City, Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement against the enemy in the South Pacific; Silver Star for gallantry; commendation for initiative displayed in handling evacuees from Java.

LT. JULES H. BLOCH, JR., '37bus, Oklahoma City, commendation from Navy Department for outstanding conduct during action.

SGT. JOHN H. CROWDER, '23224, Bartlesville, Air Medal for heroism during flights in Alaska.

THURSTON J. LEWIS, '37-41, Navy seaman, Heavener, special commendation for meritorious conduct on sinking ship.

LLOYD CHIDERS, '40, Oklahoma City, Distinguished Flying Cross for action as aviation radioman third class in the Navy Air Corps during the Battle of Midway.

COL. STUART M. PORTER, '38bus, Muskogee, Purple Heart for injuries received in Flying Fortress raid on Lille, France, October 9, 1942.

CAPT. DUGAN WOODRING, '36-38, Noble, Silver Star for gallantry in South Pacific air action; Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal for meritorious action.

CAPT. PAUL IRVING WILLIAMS, '34=39, Norman, Distinguished Flying Cross and Silver Star for action at Rabaul, New Guinea, in October, 1942; Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster. Reported missing in action.

MAJ. ALVAN M. MULDROW, '31aw, Norman, Soldiers Medal for saving the life of a fellow officer on July 29, 1942, near Leesville, Louisiana.

MAJ. HERBERT B. SHIELDS, JR., '37med, Enid, Silver Star for heroism during bombing of the New Guinea hospital to which he was attached.

LT. AMOS BATTENFIELD, '41journ, Chickasha, Air Medal for heroism against the enemy in the Pacific; Distinguished Flying Cross and five Oak Leaf Clusters to add to the Air Medal.

CAPT. LLOYD W. TAYLOR, '41med, Hugo, Silver Star for excellence of work with the Medical Corps under constant bombings and in primitive conditions.

LT. BEECHER SNIPES, '32237, Waurika, Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in Aleutian air action.

CAPT. LEONARD L. BILLINGSLEY, '41eng, Mutual, Oklahoma, Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism with the Air Force in North Africa. Killed in action.

LT. EUEL A. TRAVIS, '40ed, Indiana, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal for heroism against the enemy in the Pacific.

MAJ. RAYMOND S. MORSE, '33-37, Elk City, Silver Star for leading a photographic mission over the Gilbert Islands. Reported missing in action.


LT. DUANE J. CLAPHAM, '38bus, Norman, China's Meritorious Medal of the Army, Navy and Air Forces, First Grade, A Class, by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. Killed in airplane crash in India, April 17, 1942.

LT. THRL E. JARRETT, '36med, Navy Medical Corps, Navy Cross and Silver Star for services rendered to wounded on Guadalcanal at his own personal risk.


LT. CARL E. CARMICHAEL, '34237, Hobart, Air Medal for action in the Aleutian Islands.
LT. ROBERT F. WADLIN, ’40-’41, Tulsa, Air Medal for his part in a raid on Japanese-held Wake Island. Later killed in action. Awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster posthumously.

CAPT. WALTER N. SMILEY, ’37-’41, Owensboro, Kentucky, Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster for service with the Air Force in Africa. Reported missing in action.

SGT. NORRIS DEAN DICKEY, ’28-’30, Perkins, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster for action with the Air Force in North Africa. Listed as missing in action.

CAPT. CHARLES T. MOORE, ’41, Oklahoma City, Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, for action with the Army Air Force in North Africa. Thought to be a prisoner of the Italians.

CAPT. U. S. (SID) O’HERN, ’41ba, Lovell, Distinguished Flying Cross and two Air Medals for aerial action in the Southwest Pacific.

CAPT. JAMES OLIVER BRITT, ’39-’41, Snyder, Oklahoma City, Air Medal for outstanding devotion to duty as member of an anti-submarine patrol squadron in the Pacific. Awarded Purple Heart posthumously.

MAJ. DAVID BROOKS, ’34, Oklahoma City, posthumously awarded Silver Star for meritorious service in the Aleutian Islands.

MAJ. WILLIAM B. OLDFIELD, ’39ha, Oklahoma City, Purple Heart for wounds received in action with the Marine Corps on Guadalcanal in December, 1942.

MAJ. DAVID BROOKS, ’34, Oklahoma City, commended for meritorious service when the transport on which he was sailing for Africa was torpedoed by an enemy submarine.

CAPT. LLOYD L. REYNOLDS, ’37-’38, Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Distinguished Flying Cross for his part in sinking an enemy submarine off Devil’s Island, French Guiana, in October, 1942.

CAPT. DAVID LUTTON, ’40-’41, Bartlesville, Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious action and bravery under fire in the North Pacific.

LT. WALTER CARL WEATHERLY, ’38-’42, Norman, posthumous Air Medal for heroic action in a plane crash in Panama Canal Zone, in which he was killed.

LT. EDWARD L. LEONARD, ’40bus, Chickasha, Air Medal, with Oak Leaf Clusters, for action in North Africa.

SGT. BILL M. STOLZER, ’40-’41, Oklahoma City, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for action in North Africa.

CAPT. DON SUTLIFF, ’40, Blackwell, Air Medal and Silver Star for aerial action in the South Pacific.

LT. CHESTER C. KENNEDY, ’35, Konawa, Air Medal for meritorious achievement against the enemy in the Pacific; Distinguished Flying Cross and Oak Leaf Cluster for aerial action; Silver Star for aiding in destruction of Japanese convoy.

CAPT. DONALD R. GREENHAW, ’37-’41, Sentinel, Purple Heart and Silver Star for gallant action in the Battle of Tunisia in North Africa.

CAPT. ROY G. JOHNSON, ’39-’40, Oklahoma City, Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters for action over Europe and Africa as pilot of a Flying Fortress.

LT. COL. LLOYD LOCKETT, ’41ba, Norman, Purple Heart for wounds received in North African action; Silver Star for gallantry; two awards of the French Service Cross for service to the French Army in North Africa.

LT. VIRGIL E. HOPE, ’37-’38, Maysville, Air Medal for heroism in action in North Africa; Oak Leaf Cluster to add to Air Medal.

LT. GENE NEVILLE, ’35, Oklahoma City, Purple Heart posthumously. Killed September 26, 1942, in a raid over France.

LT. COMDR. RUSSELL H. WALKER, ’32med, Bartlesville, Navy physician attached to a Marine Corps unit in the South Pacific, Silver Star for heroism under fire on Guadalcanal in October, 1942.

LT. JACK N. RIVERS, ’36bus, Oklahoma City, Air Medal for his fighting record from April, 1942, to January, 1943, in the southwest Pacific.

LT. ROBERT ECTON, ’421aw, Oklahoma City, Purple Heart for wounds received in hand-to-hand fighting on Guadalcanal; cited for bravery under fire on Guadalcanal.
MAJ. JOHN PRIMROSE, '281aw, Eufaula, Distinguished Service Cross and Silver Star for gallantry in early days of the war. Taken a prisoner by the Japanese at Corregidor.

LT. OTIS R. ROGERS, '40bus, Oklahoma City, Silver Star for gallantry in the Tunisian campaign.

LT. COL. CECIL McFARLAND, '25, Norman, Distinguished Flying Cross for outstanding performance against the enemy. Is a Japanese prisoner.

LT. COL. JUSTIN W. STOLL, '28-'33, Oklahoma City, with the artillery in North Africa, Purple Heart.

LT. COL. EVERT E. STONE, '34eng, Oklahoma City, with the artillery in North Africa, Silver Star for gallantry.

LT. TOM ASHINHURST, '38-‘39, Oklahoma City. Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for action with the Air Force over Europe.

CAPT. C. DAYLE BRISCOE, '38-‘41, Texarkana, Arkansas, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster for action with the Air Force over Europe.

LT. WILLIAM S. McCREADY, '41eng, Bartlesville, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for action with the Air Force during the early days of the Sicilian campaign.

LT. (g) LESSLEY G. PINKERTON, '41bus, Bartlesville, commended for gallantry in action in French Morocco when American troops landed at a harbor there under heavy fire.

CAPT. HARRY D. LEWIS, '38-‘39, Stigler, commended for service as troop carrier pilot in the early phases of the Sicilian campaign; Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Medal for meritorious achievements with the Air Force in Sicily.

LT. JOSEPH C. REYNOLDS, '37, Frederick, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster for service with the Air Force over Europe. Killed accidentally.

CAPT. CARLETON G. SHEAD, '37eng, Norman, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with four Oak Leaf Clusters awarded for service with Air Force over Europe.

LT. THOMAS R. STEWART, '39-'40, Oklahoma City. Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster for more than 400 hours of combat and patrol flying in the South Pacific.

LT. JACK C. MARTIN, '39-‘40, Altus, Air Medal from the Alaskan Defense Command for valiant and heroic service on flying missions in the Aleutians.

CAPT. DENVER DAVISON, '36-‘41, Oklahoma City, Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters for service in North Africa and participation in the invasion of Sicily.

LT. WHEELER N. BURKETT, '37-‘38, Oklahoma City, Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received in aerial action over Europe while serving as navigator on a bomber.

CAPT. E. BRUCE JANUARY, '40, Norman, Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received during an enemy bombing raid on Sicily; Legion of Merit for performance during operations leading to the capture of Bizerte.

LT. (gj) PERRY CARMICHAEL, '28-‘29, Norman, Order of the Purple Heart for injuries received in sea action near Guadalcanal.

CAPT. JAMES B. CRISWELL, '39, Purcell, Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while taking part in an aerial flight near New Guinea.

LT. T. HILLAS ESKRIDGE, '38242, Elmore City, Silver Star for gallantry in North Africa.

LT. (gj) ALFRED NAIFFEY, '37ba, '401aw, Norman, who was killed in South Pacific naval action in November, 1942, posthumous award of the Navy and Marine Corps Medal.

MAJ. ELMER G. SCHOGGEN, JR., '37-‘39, Little Rock, Arkansas, Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal with one Cluster for service as pilot of a Flying Fortress.

LT. COL. JULIAN M. BLEYER, '34, Tulsa, Distinguished Service Cross and Distinguished Flying Cross for participation in the raid on the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania.

CAPT. HOWARD L. FIELDEN, '37geo1, Fort Cobb, Oklahoma, Silver Star for gallantry in the Battle of Tunisia.

LT. COL. HAL L. MULDROW, JR., '28bus, Norman, Silver Star for gallantry during the Sicilian campaign when on his own initiative he re-established contact with his forward observers after communication lines were destroyed.

TECH. SGT. GRAHAM WALL DIGGS, JR., '42ba, Wetumka, waist gunner on a bomber reported missing in action over Kiel, Germany, Air Medal for service with the Air Force in England.

COL. EUGENE W. RIDINGS, '17-‘18, Medford, Silver Star for heroism on Guadalcanal; Legion of Merit for service in the Solomon Islands.

LT. BILL N. GRAY, '39-‘41, Mountain View, Air Medal for meritorious achievement on 25 operational flights in the Southwest Pacific; Oak Leaf Cluster for part in missions against the Japanese.

CAPT. JAMES A. JOHNSTON, '39-‘40, Chickasha, who was killed in action with the Air Force over Europe, posthumous award of the Air Medal.

LT. GEORGE S. McDERMITT, '42eng, Norrian, and his Ordnance company received two commendations, one for service in North Africa and one from General Clark. Award of Purple Heart to Lieutenant McDermitt reported.

LT. ROBERT GALLAWAY, '41, Lawton, Air Medal for excellence of his work in transporting troops to Sicily by air.

LT. MILLER PEARSON, '38-‘40, Lexington, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster for aerial exploits as bomber pilot in the Battle of Sicily.

CAPT. AB WALKER, '33phys.ed, Blackwell, commendation for work as a Military Police officer during the riot in June, 1943, in Detroit, Michigan.

LT. McNEILL CONINE, '41, Oklahoma City, Purple Heart for injuries received in aerial fighting in North Africa.

LT. LOUIS C. ROARK, '40geo1, Tulsa, Purple Heart for injuries received on a routine flight in the South Pacific; Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for action against the enemy in that theater.

MAJ. WALTER O. BEETS, '28-‘31, Oklahoma City, Croix de Service of the French government for his work in co-operation with the French Army.

LT. WARREN G. MYERS, '40, Norman, commendation for the excellence of his work with a Field Artillery unit in North Africa and Sicily as commander of a provisional battery of howitzers.

CAPT. ROBERT E. HALLEY, '39-‘40, Edmond, Distinguished Flying Cross for more than 1,000 flying hours in pioneering air routes as a pilot with the Air Transport Command.

LT. LLOYD BROOKS MITCHELL, '42, Hollis, Distinguished Flying Cross and two Oak Leaf Clusters for action with the Eighth Air Force in raids over Germany and North Africa.
LT. (jg) JOE D. MITCHELL, ’41, Davidson, Oklahoma, reported missing in action, Air Medal and Purple Heart for service with the Air Force in the Aleutians.

LT. WILLIAM F. PURNELL, ’36-'38, Oklahoma City, Distinguished Flying Cross for aerial missions in the Alaskan theater.

LT. JOHN E. JOHNSTON, ’36-'38, Oklahoma City, Air Medal for action over Sicily.

LT. BAXTER HARRIS, ’36-'37, Mountain View, reported a German prisoner, Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster for service with the Air Force.

LT. WILLIAM G. SNODDY, ’37-'38, Wewoka, Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters for aerial service in the Mediterranean theater.

CAPT. LEMEUL D. (BILL) THOMAS, ’41ba, Ringling, Silver Star for gallantry during the action at Kasserine Pass in North Africa.

LT. JOHN R. COUCH, ’401aw, Oklahoma City, Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters for service as an Air Force bombardier-navigator over Sicily and Italy.

LT. JOHN F. REED, ’401aw, Oklahoma City, citation for the planning and execution of a boat group assault during the Sicilian invasion.

LT. JACK R. HODGE, ’41bus, Oklahoma City, citation from the French government for setting up an assembly line for American Lend-Lease vehicles.

LT. CORWIN V. EDWARDS, ’391aw, Oklahoma City, Silver Star for gallantry in action with the 45th Division in Italy.

CAPT. ALLAN ENGLEMAN, ’36bus, Oklahoma City, Legion of Merit for service as a Field Artillery battery commander in the Battle of Tunisia.

LT. (jg) RAYMOND P. GAHAN, ’41, Blackwell, Navy Air Medal for achievement while serving with a bombing squadron against the Japanese.

LT. MELVIN M. ANDERSON, ’39-'40, Oilton, Distinguished Flying Cross for service with the Troop Carrier Command in the Southwest Pacific.

LT. COL. J. P. ROUSEK, ’35-'37, Muskogee, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart and the Air Medal for service with the Air Force in the South Pacific.

LT. (jg) JACK W. THOMAS, ’41, Oilton, Navy Air Medal for service as Navy fighter pilot in the Solomon Islands area.

LT. CLARENCE B. GREGG, ’38-'40, Navy Air Medal for achievements against the Japanese while attached to a Naval aircraft group.

CAPT. J. SACHSE WALLACE, ’36-'40, Tuttle, who was killed in action while on patrol duty over the Atlantic, posthumous award of the Air Medal.

SGT. PERRY MOSS, ’40, Duncan, citation for meritorious performance of duty with the Marine Corps from Admiral W. F. Halsey.

LT. GENE ADAMS, ’40-'42, Norman, Distinguished Flying Cross for service as pilot with the India-China wing of the Army Air Force.

CAPT. G. O. HALSEY, ’29-'30, Cement, Distinguished Flying Cross for participation in combat missions over Europe.

TECH. SGT. RUPERT J. DAUGHERTY, JR., ’32233, Bartlesville, Air Medal for participation in 100 hours of operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific.

LT. CARL E. DAVIDSON, ’34-'37, Hobart, Air Medal for service in the Alaskan theater as executive officer of a Navy squadron.