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AIR MEDAL (THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER).....I
AIR MEDAL (FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER).....II

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

Awarded: Air Medal (Third Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: As indicated in Standard Name Line

Theater: Not applicable.

Reason: For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight.

Authority: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9158 dated 11 May 1942, as amended by Executive Order 9242-A 11 September 1942 and DA Message 329780 dated 21 February 1963.

CONNOR, WILLIAM J. W2203880 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER W2, United States Army, 93d Transportation Company. Pilot. 12 January 1963 to 23 March 1963.

DELANEY, JAMES W2203882 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER W2, United States Army, USAAVNS Ft Rucker, Ala. Pilot. 31 July 1962 to 5 September 1962.

JOHNSON, LAWRENCE B. W3150297 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER W2, United States Army, USA Garrison (5021)(Repl) Ft Riley Kansas. Pilot. 9 December 1962 to 20 January 1963.

LEACH, BERTRAM G. 067098 CAPTAIN Transportation Corps, United States Army, 93d Transportation Company. Pilot. 11 July 1962 to 27 July 1962.

LEWIS, JOHN D. 05511621 FIRST LIEUTENANT Transportation Corps, United States Army, 3d Trans Co (Lt Hel) Ft Belvoir Va. Pilot. 7 December 1962 to 18 December 1962.

MYERS, RICHARD E. W3150443 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER W2, United States Army, USATSCH (2120) Ft Eustis, Va. Pilot. 7 December 1962 to 22 January 1963.

SMITH, KENNETH S. 05002689 CAPTAIN, Artillery, United States Army, Hq & Hq Det, 45th Transportation Battalion. Pilot. 26 February 1963 to 3 April 1963.

TANKERSLEY, WILLIAM C. RA15419038 SPECIALIST FIVE E5, United States Army, Hq & Hq Det, 45th Transportation Battalion. Crew Chief. 17 January 1963 to 21 April 1963.

TOLDERT, THOMAS N. W3150546 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER W2, United States Army, USAIC (3150) Holding Det, Ft Benning, Ga. Pilot. 9 January 1963 to 21 February 1963.

HIBBITS, HOLLIS RA15526739 SPECIALIST FIVE E5, United States Army, 5th Admin Co, 5th Inf Div, Ft Carson, Colo. 29 March 1963 to 25 April 1963. Medical Aidman

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

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Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam

CITATION FOR THE AIR MEDAL
(THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

During the period **11 July 1962 to 27 July 1962**, Captain Bertram G. Leach, 067098, **Transportation Corps, United States Army**,

distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while engaged in aerial combat support of ground forces of the Republic of Vietnam. During the cited period he actively participated as a Crew Member of an Army Aircraft in at least twenty-five combat operational or aerial reconnaissance missions in the combat zone or over hostile territory in support of counterinsurgency operations. On various occasions his aircraft was the target of hostile small arms and automatic weapons fire. At all times he displayed the highest order of air discipline and acted in accordance with the best traditions of the service. By this outstanding degree of professionalism and strict attention to duty he has brought great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.