

United States Air Force



Air Training Command

Be it known that

Lieutenant Colonel LESTER G. TAYLOR, Jr., 9 802A

has satisfactorily completed the prescribed course of instruction of the Air Training Command specializing in

JET QUALIFICATION COURSE

In testimony whereof and by virtue of vested authority we do confer upon him this

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

Given at Craig Air Force Base, Alabama

on this seventeenth day of September

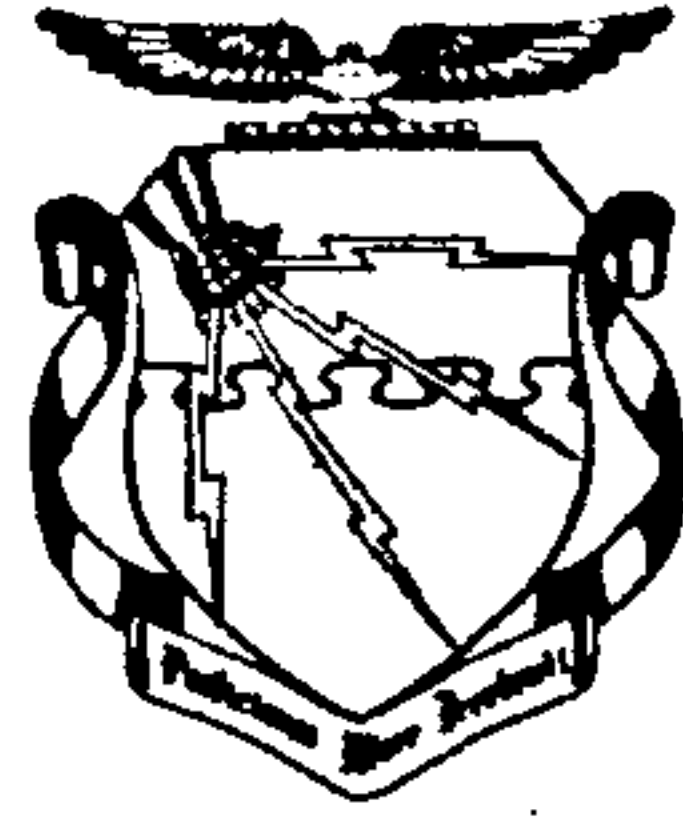
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four

Attest:

FRANK J. OAKS  
1st Lt, USAF  
SECRETARY

E. F. RECTOR  
Colonel, USAF  
COMMANDANT

# Air University



United States Air Force

BE IT KNOWN THAT Major Lester G. Taylor, Jr., 9802 A, USAF IS A



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OF THE

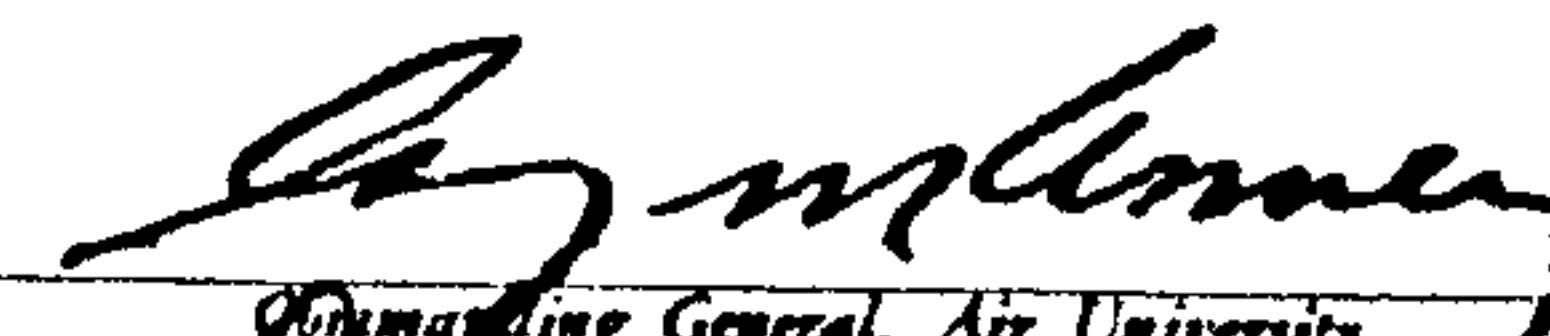
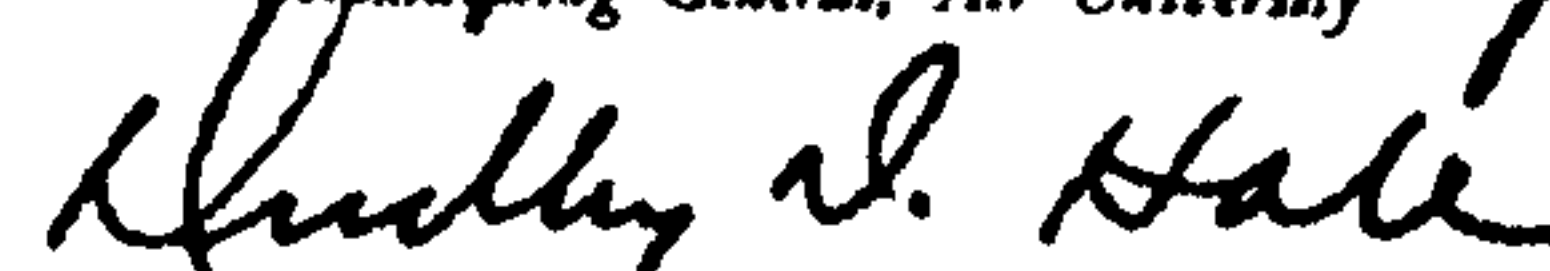
Air Tactical School  
Regular Course

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, AND BY AUTHORITY VESTED IN US, WE DO CONFER UPON HIM THIS

*Diploma*

GIVEN AT MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA, THIS 27th DAY OF April, 1950

  
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Commandant  
  
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Air University Secretary

  
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Commanding General, Air University  
  
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Director of Education

APPLICATION FOR OFFICER SCHOOL TRAINING

INSTRUCTIONS: Sufficient copies of this form to be prepared to allow for the original and two copies to be submitted to the appropriate major Command Headquarters. From "Civilian Education Data" through "Chronological listing of Military Service," where a date is requested indicate month and year only. NOTE: This form is not to be used for Aviation Cadet training, OCS training, or flying training in grade, for which special application forms already exist.

TO: Commander  
1130th USAF Special Activities Group  
Fort Myer (South Area)  
Arlington 8, Va.

FROM: (Indicate Grade, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, Serial Number and Organization)  
Lt. Col. Lester G. Taylor, Jr., 9802A  
Hq., Western Sea Frontier  
Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif.

DATE OF BIRTH 23 Sept. 18	DATE OF RANK 1 Aug. 51	FSSD 6Dec.53	PRIMARY AFSC 1116	DUTY AFSC 1116	ADDITIONAL AFSC'S 1045P, 1225P, 1135Q
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TYPE OF SERVICE COMMITMENT (Res Indef, Res SPTC, Res) Reg	SERVICE RETAINABILITY (or DOS) Reg.	SECURITY CLEARANCE Top Secret
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COURSES DESIRED IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE

COURSE TITLE (Show title as listed in USAF Training Prospectus)	COURSE NUMBER
1 Jet Qualification Course	1115000
2	

FLYING DATA

AERONAUTICAL RATING		FLYING STATUS		MEMBER OF COMBAT CREW		TOTAL FLYING HOURS
SP		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	HOURS	TYPE AIRCRAFT	HOURS	TYPE AIRCRAFT	HOURS	
PT-19, BT-13, T-6		B-26, B-25, C-47				2600
P-51, P-47, P-40	250	C-45, L-27	1491			
B-17, C-54	790 27	T-33	42			

CIVILIAN EDUCATION DATA

FROM	TO	NAME OR TYPE OF SCHOOL ATTENDED	MAJOR SUBJECT	GRADUATED		DEGREE AWARDED
				YES	NO	
1936	1938	Kans. City, Kans, Jr. College	Math	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
1938	1939	Ottawa U., Ottawa, Kans.	Hist-Govt.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1939	1943	USMA, West Point, N.Y.	Mil Sc. & Eng.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		BS

SUMMARY OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT

FROM	TO	NAME AND TYPE OF PROFESSION OR BUSINESS	POSITION HELD
		None	

CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF MILITARY TRAINING

FROM	TO	COURSE TITLE	LOCATION	AFSC AWDD	COMPLETED	
					YES	NO
Jun 42	Dec 42	AFTS, Pilot Trg	Training Comd.	Pilot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Feb 45	Feb 45	Inst Pilot Instr.	Bryan Fld. Tex.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mar 45	Mar 45	AAF CIS, Adv SE	Randolph Fld.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Jan 50	Apr 50	Air Tac School, Reg Course	Tyndall AFB		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Aug 54	Sept 54	AFTS, Jet Qual (112110)	Craig AFB	11240	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Feb 58	Jun 58	Armed Forces Staff College	Norfolk, Va		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

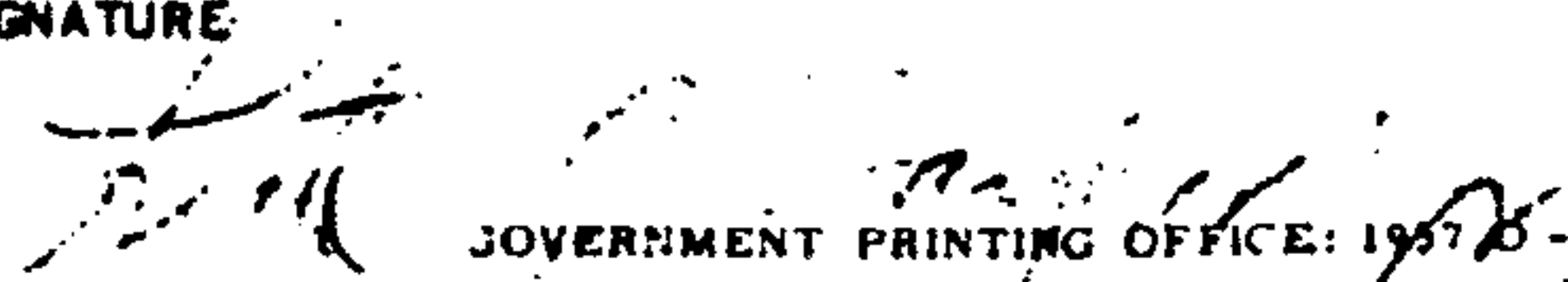
CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF MILITARY SERVICE

FROM	TO	MOS/AFSC	DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES	LOCATION
Jan 43	Oct 43	SE Fitr P11	Asst Sqdn & Group Opns Off	359th Ftr Bp., Grenier Fld, and Republic Fld.
Oct 43	Oct 44	SE Ftr Pilot	Asst Sqdn Opns., Flt Leader, and Sqdn Opns Off., 359th FGp.	ETO, (Eighth AF)
Oct 44	June 45	SE Instruct	Student Instructor and SE Adv Instructor	Bryan Fld., Randolph Fld. & Stewart Fld.
June 45	Oct 45		Participated in German AF Research Project	England, France
Oct 45	Sept 47		Staff Officer in DCSO, Air Tng Comd.	Fort Worth Tex, and Barksdale AFB, La.
Oct 47	Dec 49	5400--2120	Manuscript Writer and Dep Chief of Safety Education Div, DFSR.	Langley AFB, Va.
Jan 50	Apr 50	2700	Student, Air Tac School	Tyndall AFB, Fla.
May 50	May 51	2120	Pub Control Off and Asst Chief, Safety Ed. Div, DFSR	Norton AFB, Calif.
May 51	Dec 52	5400--7211	Chief (Editor) Flying Safety Magazine	Norton AFB, Calif.
Dec 52	Dec 53	7511	Ch, Flying Training Br., B/O, Hq. 5th AF	Korea
Jan 54	June 55	1416--1611	Dir., Combat Opns, 34th Air Div.	Kirtland Afb, NMex.
Aug 54	Sept 54	11240	Jet Qual Course (Student)	Craig AFB, Ala.
June 55	Feb 57	1611	Dir., Combat Opns, Hq., CADF AIC	Richards Gebaur AFB, Mo.
Feb 57	Oct 57	1416	Asst. Dir., O&T, Hq. CADF	Richards Gebaur AFB, Mo.
Oct 57	Feb 58	1416	Dir., Combat Opns, Hq. CADF, AIC	Richards Gebaur AFB, Mo.
Feb 58	Jun 58	1416	Student, Armed Forces Staff Coll.	Norfolk, Va.
Jul 58	--	1416	Air Opns Off, DCSO, Hq., Western Sea Frontier	Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif.

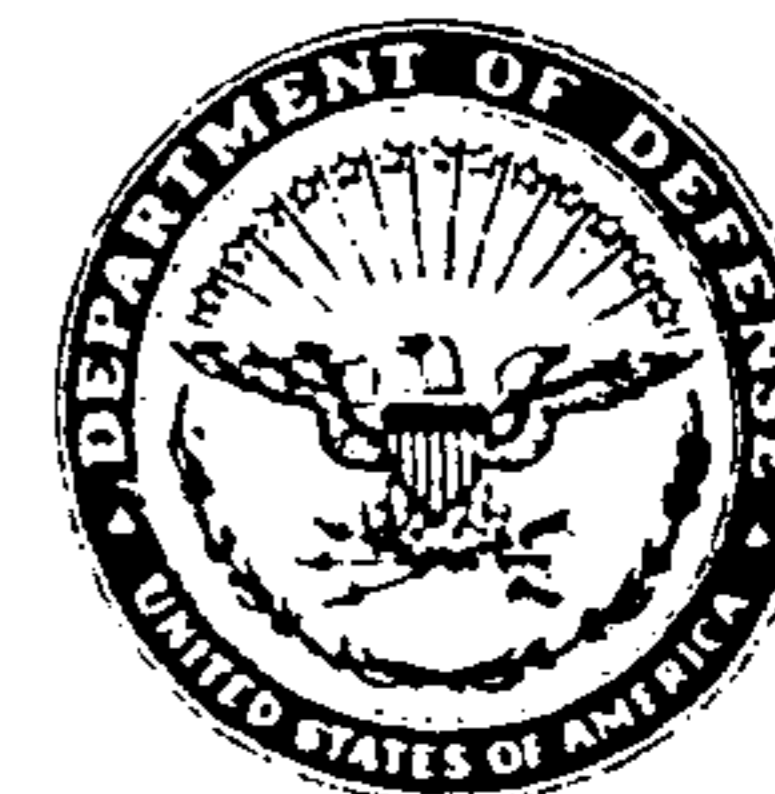
REMARKS (Include approximate date of availability, if known)

Although I attended the jet qualification course in 1954, I was unable to maintain proficiency thereafter due to non-availability of jet aircraft. May situation now is such that proficiency can be maintained after completion of the course.

I am available for this course immediately, and request attendance as soon as possible. If I can complete the course prior to 12 June (starting date not later than 27 April) it will be in the best interest of the office to which I am now assigned. If attendance can not be arranged which will permit completion prior to 12 June 1959, I will, of course, attend at any other available time.

DATE	TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT	SIGNATURE
March 1959	Lester G. Taylor, Jr., Lt. Col., USAF	

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE (SAC)  
WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS 01022



28 NOV 1956

Colonel Lester G Taylor, USAF  
Asst DCS/Civil Engineering


Dear Colonel Taylor

Upon your retirement from active service in the United States Air Force, I wish to extend my personal appreciation and that of your contemporaries for the highly effective service you rendered toward the security of our country.

Your active duty encompassed World War II, the Korean conflict and the current action in Vietnam. A fine record in aerial combat and performance in varied duties as Staff Officer, Director and Commander should be a source of great pride to you. Your performance as Assistant DCS/Civil Engineering here at Eighth Air Force was most commendable. You shouldered great responsibilities and without exception met each challenge in an admirable manner. Your devotion to duty, untiring efforts and resourcefulness were exemplary in every respect.

My sincere best wishes are extended to you and your family. May all of your civilian endeavors meet with the same outstanding success you attained while a member of the United States Air Force.

Sincerely

  
DAVID WADE, Lieutenant General, USAF  
Commander

*Peace . . . . is our Profession*

## RETIREMENT ORDER

DATE <b>8 SEP 66</b>	DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER <b>AC - 21376</b>	WASHINGTON

COLONEL <b>TAYLOR, LESTER G JR</b> FR9802 8 AF, SAC WESTOVER AFB, MASS 01022	SERVICING CBPO 99 BOMB WG WESTOVER AFB, MASS 01022
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Effective on dates indicated you are relieved from active duty, organization and station of assignment, and retired per authority cited and in grade specified. Proceed as authorized. PCS. TDN. 5773500 327 P578.01 - 02 S503725 2112 2122 2132 2220 2230 2293 2295.

SDN <b>76Q</b>	DATE RELIEVED FROM AD <b>30 NOV 66</b>	DATE RETIRED <b>01 DEC 66</b>	RETIRED PER 10 USC <b>8911</b>												
GRADE		SERVICE FOR BASIC PAY	ACTIVE SERVICE FOR RETIREMENT												
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RESERVE GRADE AND SERVICE NUMBER			HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM AIRMAN STATUS PER AFR 39-14		RESIGNATION AS WO ACCEPTED HONORABLY DISCHARGED PER AFR 36-12										

**ASSIGNED TO**

RETIRED RESERVE	ISLRS (OFF STATUS ONLY)	ISLRS (AMN STATUS ONLY)	Transferred to the Air Force Reserve, designated Standby Reserve, Screening Code B, and assigned to IIQ CONAC, ISLRS, ARPC, Denver, Colo 80205.
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REMARKS

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE



**J. P. McCONNELL, General, USAF**  
Chief of Staff

**R. J. PUGH, Colonel, USAF**  
Director of Administrative Services

DISTRIBUTION: A - OFFICER      B - AIRMAN

ORGANIZATION AND STATION	MILITARY PAY ORDER NO.	DATE
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SYMBOL NO (Entered By D. O.)	TYPED NAME AND GRADE OF CERTIFYING OFFICER	SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICER
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HEADQUARTERS 359TH FIGHTER GROUP  
Office of the Commanding Officer  
APO 637, U. S. Army

11 September 1944

SUBJECT: Combat Record.  
TO : Whom It May Concern.

1. The following is the combat record for LESTER G. TAYLOR, JR., Captain, O-25618.

Sortie credits: One hundred eighteen (118).

Operational hours: Two hundred eighty four hours and five minutes  
(284:05)

2. Captain TAYLOR was awarded the AIR MEDAL, Per. Par. 6, G.O. #5, 8th Fitr. Command, dated 28 January 1944, the first OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the AIR MEDAL, Per. Par. 6, G.O. #12, 8th Fitr. Command, dated 23 February 1944, the second OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the AIR MEDAL, Per. Par. 7, G.O. #17, 8th Fitr. Command, dated 7 March 1944, the third OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the AIR MEDAL, Per. Par. 7, G.O. #18, 8th Fitr. Command, dated 14 March 1944, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS, Per. Par. 2, G.O. #24, 8th Fitr. Command, dated 28 March 1944, the first OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS, Per. Par. 3, G.O. #72, 8th Fitr. Command, dated 15 August 1944.

3. Captain TAYLOR is credited with destroying one (1) FW-190 (air).

4. Captain TAYLOR'S performance of duty is rated "Superior".

5. It is recommended that his assignment be - Pilot - Squadron Operations Officer.

*William H. Swanson*  
WILLIAM H. SWANSON,  
Lt. Col., Air Corps,  
Commanding.

R E S T R I C T E D

GENERAL ORDER }  
NUMBER... 24 }

HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND  
APO 637                      AAF STATION F-341  
28 March, 1944

CLASSIFICATION OF GENERAL ORDER NO. 23, DATED 23 MARCH 1944 .....	SECTION	I
AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS ,.....	SECTION	II
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.....	SECTION	III
AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS .....	SECTION	IV
AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS .....	SECTION	V
AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART.....	SECTION	VI
AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL .....	SECTION	VII
AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.....	SECTION	VIII
AWARDS OF TWO OAK LEAF CLUSTERS TO THE AIR MEDAL.....	SECTION	IX
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.....	SECTION	X

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II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq., EROUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter Hq, Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 20 September, 1943, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named Officers:

CITATION: For extraordinary achievement in accomplishing fifty (50) fighter combat missions, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which these Officers have sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, their devotion to duty and courage under all conditions, serve as an inspiration to their fellow flyers. Their actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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LESTER G. TAYLOR, JR., G-25618, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army.  
Home Address: 4431 Jarboe Street, Kansas City, Kansas.



R E S T R I C T E D

G. O. NO. 72 (Cont'd)

III. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as changed, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 56, Hq., ETOUSA, 27 May, 1944, and letter Hq., Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 4 August, 1944, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers for wear with the Distinguished Flying Cross previously awarded.

CITATION: For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which these Officers have sought out the enemy and engaged him, their devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to their fellow flyers. Their actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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LESTER G. TAYLOR, JR.

O-25618

Captain

Kansas City, Kansas

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By command of Brigadier General GRISWOLD:

BENJAMIN J. WEBSTER,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
Actg Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ John J. Sailors  
JOHN J. SAILORS,  
Colonel, A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY

L. G. Taylor Jr.  
NAME

Lt. Col., USAF

R E S T R I C T E D

GENERAL ORDER }  
NUMBER .....5 }

HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND  
APO 637                      AAF STATION F-341  
28 January, 1944.

AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS .....	SECTION	I
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS .....	SECTION	II
AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS .....	SECTION	III
AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS .....	SECTION	IV
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART .....	SECTION	V
AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL .....	SECTION	VI
AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL .....	SECTION	VII

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VI. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq, AFMUSA, 5 April 1943, and letter Hq, Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations" 16 April, 1943, an AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named Officers:

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe:

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LESTER G. TAYLOR, JR., O-25618, 1st Lt, Army Air Forces, United States Army.  
Home Address: 4431 Jarboe Street, Kansas City, Missouri

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R E S T R I C T E D

(G-D25)

GENERAL ORDER }  
NUMBER... 12 }

HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND  
APO 637 AAF Station F-341  
23 February 1944

AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS .....	SECTION	I
AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.....	SECTION	II
AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.....	SECTION	III
AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART.....	SECTION	IV
AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL.....	SECTION	V
AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL.....	SECTION	VI
AWARD OF TWO OAK LEAF CLUSTERS TO THE AIR MEDAL .....	SECTION	VII
AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDER NO. 11, SECTION V, 15 FEBRUARY 1944..	SECTION	VII

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VI. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq., ETOUSA, 5 April, 1943, and letter, Hq, Eighth Air Force, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 16 April, 1943, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded:

CITATION: For meritorious service in aerial flight in the completion of ten (10) operational sorties, or the equivalent thereof, over enemy occupied Continental Europe:

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION  
Office of the Commanding General  
APO 557

16 October 1944

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 429 )

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II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq, Eighth Air Force, File 200.6, 23 September 1944, subject, "Awards and Decorations", an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded for wear with the AIR MEDAL previously awarded to the following named Officers, organizations as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army,

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Citation: For meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy aircraft while serving as Pilot of a fighter airplane on a combat operation over enemy territory. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these officers upon this occasion reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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LESTER G. TAYLOR, JR., 0-25618, Captain, Kansas City, Kansas  
LESTER G. TAYLOR, JR., 0-25618, Captain, Kansas City, Kansas

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By command of Major General WILLIAMS:

BARTLETT BEAMAN,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Roberts P. Johnson Jr  
ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.  
Lieut. Colonel, A.G.D.  
Adjutant General

L. G. TAYLOR, JR.  
Lt. Col., USAF

*L. G. Taylor, Jr.*  
*11/1/44*

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE  
APO 633, New York, New York

SPECIAL ORDER  
G-55

4 June 1964

1. By direction of the Secretary of the Air Force, each of the following personnel is awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service during the period indicated.

COL CHARLES E COOK JR, 13481A, 30 May 60 - 4 Jun 64  
COL THOMAS S MCCLUNG, 12250A, 24 Jul 61 - 17 Feb 64  
LTCOL JOHN B ABERNATHY, AO914729, 16 Jul 62 - 14 Apr 64  
LTCOL LESTER G TAYLOR, 9802A, 19 Mar 62 - 26 May 64  
MAJ FRANK L KENNEDY, AO572245, 1 Jul 62 - 29 Mar 64  
MAJ ROBERT E SMITH, 37501A, 2 Aug 61 - 4 Jun 64  
CAPT JAMES A KENNY, AO3078144, 14 Feb 60 - 30 Apr 64  
CAPT JOHN P MEADE, 56467A, 28 Jul 61 - 30 Apr 64  
CAPT ERVIN THOMPSON JR, AO3007187, 21 Nov 61 - 6 Apr 64  
SMSGT WARREN H FEROW JR, AF12018045, 19 Mar 61 - 1 Apr 64  
SSGT LAWRENCE CHAMBLISS, AF13454418, 1 Jul 61 - 4 Jun 64

FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER

MSGT ANTHONY R CIMINO, AF20270650, 8 Mar 62 - 15 Apr 64

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Air Force, the following individual is awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement during the period indicated.

MSGT RICHARD M S GREEN, AF17233936, 1 Nov 62 - 10 Jan 63

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF



ROBERT E GOETSCHUIS  
Capt, USAF  
Asst Dir Admin Svc

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AFCFS-1A

17 March 1952

**SUBJECT:** Letter of Appreciation

**TO:** Lt Colonel Lester G. Taylor, Jr.  
Editor, Flying Safety Magazine  
Directorate of Flight Safety Research

1. General Bertrandias has received a letter from Air Vice-Marshal T. N. McEvoy, Royal Air Force, in which he expresses high praise of the efforts of individuals within this Directorate who contributed to the indoctrination and orientation of his officers, Wing Commander T. M. Buchanan and Squadron Leader R. B. Griffiths during their recent visit here. A copy of this letter is inclosed for your personal file.

2. I add to that of General Bertrandias, my own appreciation for the commendable efforts exerted by you individually in making the visit of these officers both instructive and pleasant. These efforts not only contribute immeasurably to the improvement of relationships between our nations, but mutually benefit the respective Air Forces.

**BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:**

1 Incl  
Cy ltr fr  
Air Vice-Marshal McEvoy

RICHARD J. O'KEEFE  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Director, Flight Safety Research  
The Inspector General

WESTERN SEA FRONTIER

TREASURE ISLAND

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

IN REPLY REFER TO  
PT 15-5:5021:sb  
13 May 1960

**SUBJECT: Missing or Reaccomplishment of Certain Personnel Documents**

**TO: Commander**  
1130th USAF Special Activities Group  
Ft Myer (South Area)  
Arlington 8, Virginia

1. Reference your letter, same subject, dated 19 April 1960, copy attached. With one exception, the requested documents are furnished herewith. A copy of General Order #17, 8th Fighter Command, dated 7 March 1944, which awarded the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, is not available. A copy of Headquarters 359th Fighter Group letter, subject, Combat Record (concerning the undersigned), dated 11 Sep 1944, is attached in place of General Order #17. This letter certifies the award of the second Oak Leaf Cluster by cited General Order.

2. Attention is invited to letter, Headquarters Army Service Forces, Office of the Adjutant General, subject, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Oak Leaf Clusters to Air Medal, dated 22 March 1945, attached as inclosure 11. This letter, with inclosures 9 and 10, indicate that a total of six Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal were awarded the undersigned, rather than four as shown on the officer's military record. Request Form 11 be corrected to so indicate.

3. Request return of any attached documents not required for officer's records.

L. G. TAYLOR, JR.  
Lt. Col., USAF

**Attachments:**

1. AF Fm 246-3 (completed)
2. P.O. #6, AAFGCTC, 7 Dec 1942
3. P.O. #16, para 11, Hq. AAF, 19 Jan 1943
4. P.O. #16, para 12, Hq. AAF, 19 Jan 1943
5. G.O. #5, Hq. VIII FTRCOM, 28 Jan 1944
6. G.O. #12, Hq. VIII FTRCOM, 23 Feb 1944
7. Letter, Combat Record, 359 FTR GP,  
11 Sep 1944
8. G.O. #18, Hq. VIII FTRCOM, 14 Mar 1944
9. G.O. #429, Hq. 1st Bomb Div, 16 Oct 1944
10. G.O. #429, Hq. 1st Bomb Div, 16 Oct 1944
11. Letter, Hq. Army Service Forces, subj:  
Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Oak Leaf Clusters  
to Air Medal, 22 Feb 1945
12. G.O. #24, Hq. VIII FTRCOM, 28 Mar 1944