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PACIFIC AIR COMMAND, U. S. ARMY

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AIR MEDAL - AWARD

AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal was awarded by the Commanding General, Pacific Air Command, U. S. Army, on 23 February 1946, to the following named officer:

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, O57, USA

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, O57, USA. For meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight at Port Moresby, New Guinea, on 5 September 1943. At 0825 on 5 September 1943, General MacArthur departed Port Moresby Airfield in a B-17 Bomber called the "Talisman" and personally lead the American paratroops on the very successful and important jump against the Nadzab airstrip. General MacArthur flew through enemy-infested air lanes and skillfully directed this historic operation which was accomplished with the greatest success and made possible the later landings of Australian airborne troops and the closing of the western inland approaches of the Markham Valley. General MacArthur remained over the combat area until all paratroops had landed and witnessed the actions of our troops in the initial contact with the enemy in this battle.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHITEHEAD:

CLEMENTS McMULLEN
Major General, U. S. Army
Chief of Staff



OFFICIAL:

PHILIP DODDRIDGE
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department
Acting Adjutant General