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EIGHTH ENDORSEMENT on VF 32 ltr ser 474 of 10 Dec 1950

From: Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet
To: Secretary of the Navy
Via: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Distinguished Flying Cross, first award; recommendation for

1. Forwarded, concurring with the recommendation of COMCARDIV 1, COMSEVENTHFLT, COMNAVFLE and the Pacific Fleet Board of Awards, that Ensign Jesse Leroy BROWN, USNR, be posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, first award.

John Gingrich
JOHN GINGRICH
CHIEF OF STAFF

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NINTH ENDORSEMENT on VF 32 ltr serial 474 of 10 December 1950

From: Chief of Naval Operations

To: Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals

Subj: Distinguished Flying Cross; recommendation for, case of
Ensign Jesse Leroy BROWN, USNR

1. Forwarded for consideration and recommendation.

L. D. McCormick

L. D. McCORMICK
VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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TENTH ENDORSEMENT on VF 32 ltr Ser 474 of 10 DEC 1950

From: Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals
To: The Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Distinguished Flying Cross; case of the late Ensign Jesse Leroy BROWN, USNR, recommendation for the posthumous award of

1. After careful consideration, the Board concurs in the opinions expressed in the basic recommendation, endorsements and enclosures thereto.

2. The Board, therefore, recommends that Ensign Jesse Leroy Brown, U. S. Naval Reserve, be posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism while participating in twenty (20) strike missions over hostile North Korean territory, during the period, 12 October to 4 December 1950, as set forth in the basic correspondence.

S. F. Ginder
S. F. GINDER.

Navy Department

- 8 MAY 1951

APPROVED:

John F. Flobbers
JOHN F. FLOBBERS
Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air

11 MAY 1951

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*Citation written
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The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS posthumously to

ENSIGN JESSE LEROY BROWN
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as a Fighter Pilot and Section Leader in Fighter Squadron THIRTY TWO, attached to the U.S.S. LEYTE, in action against enemy aggressor forces in the Korean Area from 12 October to 4 December 1950. Participating in twenty strikes during this period, Ensign Brown led his section in daring attacks on enemy military installations, lines of communication, transportation facilities and troop concentrations at Choshin Reservoir, Ta-ku-shan, Manp'ojin, Lin-chiang, Sinuiju, Kasan, Wonsan, Ch'ongjin, Songjin, Kilchu and Sinanju. Flying in support of units of the First Marine Division surrounded by the enemy in the vicinity of the Choshin Reservoir, he pressed home numerous attacks on hostile troops moving to attack our forces, continuing his aggressive runs despite heavy opposition until his plane was fatally struck by enemy antiaircraft fire. His exceptional courage, airmanship and devotion to duty in the face of great danger reflect the highest credit upon Ensign Brown and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

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/s/ Francis P. Matthews

Secretary of the Navy

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474 of 10 Dec 1950

AppSecNav 8 May 1951

FIGHTER SQUADRON THIRTY TWO F-32/P17-18/bm
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California Serial: 418

10 December 1950

From: Commanding Officer
To: Secretary of the Navy
Via: (1) Commander, Carrier Air Group THREE
(2) Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LEYTE (CV-32)
(3) Commander, Carrier Division ONE
(4) Commander, SEVENTH Fleet
(5) Commander, Naval Forces, Far East
Subj: Air Medal, First Award; Recommendation for
Ref: (a) Com7thFlt circltr 50-29
Encl: (1) Proposed citation in the case of ENSIGN
Jesse Leroy BROWN, 504477/1315, U. S.
Naval Reserve

1. In accordance with reference (a), it is recommended that
✓ ENSIGN Jesse Leroy BROWN, 504477/1315, U.S. Naval Reserve,
attached to and serving with Fighter Squadron THIRTY TWO, be
awarded the Air Medal (First Award) posthumously for meritor-
ious achievement while participating in aerial flights.

2. During the period 12 October to 7 November 1950 ENSIGN BROWN
participated in ten strike missions over hostile North Korean
territory. He led his section and aided his division in attacks
against enemy troops, railroad cars, armored vehicles, and high-
way bridges in the vicinity of WONSAN, CHONGJIN, and SONGJIN.
In the vicinity of SINANJU, he assisted in close support for
ground forces resulting in their accelerated advance. Anti-air-
craft fire was encountered on nearly all of these missions.

3. The facts set forth in the enclosed citation are personally
known to me.

4. None of the flights or strikes considered in the total upon
which recommendation is based has been used as the basis for an-
other award.

D. T. Neill
D. T. NEILL

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San Francisco, Calif.

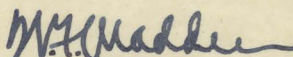
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Ser 400-50
10 December 1950

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on VF-32 ltr Ser 418 dtd 10 Dec 1950

From: Commander Carrier Air Group THREE
To: The Secretary of the Navy
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LEXTE (CV-32)
(2) Commander Carrier Division ONE
(3) Commander SEVENTH Fleet
(4) Commander Naval Forces, Far East

Subj: Air Medal, First Award; Recommendation for

1. Forwarded.
2. Commander Carrier Air Group THREE concurs with the statements made in the basic correspondence and recommends approval of the subject award.


W.F. MADDEN.

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U.S.S. LEYTE (CV-32)

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on VF-32 ltr ser 418 of 10 December 1950


From: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LEYTE (CV-32)

To: Secretary of the Navy

Via: (1) Commander Carrier Division ONE
(2) Commander SEVENTH Fleet
(3) Commander Naval Forces, Far East

Subj: Air Medal, First Award; recommendation for

1. Forwarded recommending approval.


T. U. SISSON

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

AIR FORCE

CARRIER DIVISION ONE

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THIRD ENDORSEMENT on VF-32 ltr ser 418 of 10 December 1950

From: Commander Carrier Division ONE

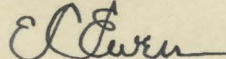
To: The Secretary of the Navy

Via: (1) Commander SEVENTH Fleet

(2) Commander Naval Forces, Far East

Subj: Air Medal, First Award; recommendation for

1. Forwarded recommending approval.


E. C. EWEN

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET

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FOURTH ENDORSEMENT on VF-32 ltr ser 418 of 10 December 1950

From: Commander SEVENTH Fleet
To: Secretary of the Navy
Via: (1) Commander Naval Forces, Far East
(2) Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet

Subj: Air Medal, First Award; recommendation for

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.

A. D. Struble

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F.P.O., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

24 FEB 1951

FIFTH ENDORSEMENT on VF-32 ltr ser 418 of 10 Dec 1950

From: Commander Naval Forces, Far East
To: Secretary of the Navy
Via: (1) Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet
(2) Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Air Medal; first award; recommendation for

1. Readdressed and forwarded, recommending approval.
2. It is noted that the proposed citation, enclosure (1) to basic letter, contains a reference to "United Nations Security Council", which is not in accordance with Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals letter QB4/RLR/emb serial 975 of 12 September 1950.

A. K. Morehouse
A. K. MOREHOUSE
Chief of Staff

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COM7THFLT

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