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THE MACKAY TROPHY

THE MACKAY TROPHY, AWARDED ANNUALLY TO THE AIR FORCE PERSON WHO MAKES THE MOST MERITORIOUS FLIGHT OF THE YEAR, IS AWARDED FOR THE YEAR 1947 TO CAPTAIN CHARLES E. YEAGER. ON 14 OCTOBER 1947, CAPTAIN YEAGER PILOTED AN EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT, THE XS-1, AT A SPEED FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF SOUND, THEREBY BECOMING THE FIRST PERSON TO ACCOMPLISH THIS FEAT. THE COMPLETION OF THIS MISSION REQUIRED SUPERIOR PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, COOLNESS AND COURAGE, AND REFLECTS HIGHEST CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.