

Bud I've said enough except to say- if he hadn't had so much confidence in his piloting ability, he may have made it.

I retired from Rockwell in January, hope to see you one of these fine days.

Hank Hewett
El Toro, California

Robert Kime is Remembered

Falls Church, Virginia
Dear Bud:

I want to thank Stanley V Olsen and Robert Dean who helped me during those early days of my combat flying. Also thanks to Major Eugene Darby 824 squadron commander who checked me out on B-24's and then allowed me to fly right seat so I wouldn't jeopardize my pending transfer to P-38's, 1st Fighter Group, under Col. Charles Agan.

Our original crew included Charlie Harrison, navigator (deceased); Ted Ewing, bombardier who was wounded in the eyes over Trento (entrance to the Brenner Pass). I am in contact with tail gunner Koch, radioman, Joe O'Connell, and Bob Dean who was shot down twice in Yugoslavia and led one hundred flyers out from behind German lines. My good drinking buddy was Robert Kime who was scheming to get into P-51's but couldn't get squadron approval because he was an outstanding first pilot.

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One day we drove to Foggia Main and tried to liberate two, "War Weary" fighters, a P-38, and a P-51 from the salvage yard that we intended to learn to fly by flying them home. But we couldn't get the tech sergeant in charge drunk enough. We needed new batteries and some gas.

After the war I lost track of Kime and then subsequently heard of his passing. He was special and it pains me to realize that we could have visited had I only known of his whereabouts sooner. I consider Robert Kime my best friend in the 824 squadron. Your association has brought such non-communication to an end, "Bravo."

Stanley Hutchins 824 Sq.

Dear Sir:

On the back cover of Torretta Flyer No 13 is a picture of Col Glanzberg beside his P-40 that he often flew to check on formations. Ship 64 in the background of the same photo is from 767 Sq. that I loaded many a bomb on. I have in my notes that this plane made emergency landings in Northern Italy and the Island of Corsica before being lost on a raid over Ploesti in the summer of 1944

Yours truly,
Melvin R Jackson 767 Sq.

Hello Bud:

Edwin W Turner is standing next to the prop to the left of Fang Hansen in the photo on page 27 of Torretta Flyer No 12.

Charles L Kopetzky 824 Sq

Racine, Wisconsin
Hello Bud:

Thank you for the Caterpillar Club membership! Does that throw you?? It did me too!! Shortly after Torretta Flyer No #10 was received with my, "bailing out first mission story," I got a very nice letter with a Caterpillar Club Membership, a beautiful gold caterpillar pin, and a lovely letter from the Irvin Parachute Company of Canada. The letter said, "We welcome you to membership in the Caterpillar Club, your story in the Torretta Flyer is evidence enough to secure your membership".

Shortly after that I received a letter from Lt/Col Johnny Brown inviting my membership in the Caterpillar Association of the United States. Their home office is in Kenosha, Wisconsin just ten miles down the road. What a coincidence. Wow !! all of this after 42 years.

And now I have just phoned Doloras Anderson, wife of Donald Anderson, of Tony Nahkunst's crew of the 764 squadron who you wrote up in Flyer No #12, who is from Racine also..

Cap Jack Yetter, 766 squadron was in the control tower the night we bailed out, a Texan, who had been employed in Racine for over 40 years, and is now retired as is Boyden Supiano, the first Group Bombardier of the 461st. We get together from time to time.

When Yetter and I compared orders where I was assigned as a Squadron Bombardier, he was designated as the issuing officer for combat whiskey, and was ordered to comply strictly with provisions of paragraph 9 and 10. This was in P.A.C. 15th AF Memo No 25-3, 7 March 45.

"HO HO"! Did we get a chuckle over that.

So you see things are in good hands in Racine.

See you at the next reunion.

Amos Larson 766 Sq