

Bud

I believe the personnel shown in the picture on page 10 of Torretta Flyer No 13 Fall 86 are not from the medics, but from 484th BG intelligence. The first man from left could be M/Sgt Phil Murphy, then Robson, and Johnson?

John Morgan 484th BG



latter and about 5 weeks later walked back into camp. Photo 1 above) From left: Wilson B Wilks Squadron Operations officer is shown awarding the Distinguished Unit Citation to Harry Solis 824.

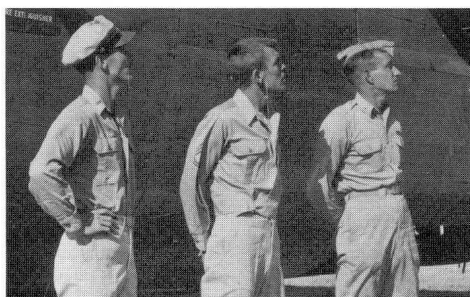


Photo 2 above) From left :Pilot John Trechter, Co-Pilot Harold L Wells, and Engineer Harold J Smith stand in front of ship #11 of which I was the crew chief.

Incidentally this crew flew 58 sorties accumulating 554 continuous flying hours without an engine change. This brought about my being awarded the Bronze Star.

Very sincerely yours,
Walter M Rix 824 Sq

Bud:

This fellow's name is Tony Castelmare, an Italian from Cerrignola, who worked on the 767 base area as a boss over the Italians working at the airfield. I was wondering how the scholarship fund worked?



Maybe it is possible that Tony might have grandchildren who might be eligible for one of our grants.

Ed Schrader 767 Sq.

**A 765TH SQ.B-24
FLOWN BY THE
LUFTWAFFE**

Horgen,Switzerland

Dear Bud:

I am enclosing a photo of a 15th Air Force B-24 that was captured intact by the Luftwaffe and given the military registration number CL+XZ This plane was used by the Flug-Funk-Technisches-Institut at Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany in late 1944. The plane was equipped with special radar and radios. This same organization used another 15th Air Force B-24 coded NF+LF.

This aircraft carried number 39. On a mission to Munich Germany October 4, 1944 the aircraft and crew were reported missing in action.

The crew, with the exception of the co-pilot who was killed in action, were taken prisoner and became POWs. They are:

- Pilot William E Waggoner *
- Co-Pilot Norman G Schlarp-KIA
- Navigator Robert R Brina
- Bombardier Paul D Shaffer
- Rt waist gunner Ralph D Vinson
- Lt w gunner Frank C Hawthorne
- Top gunner Armend R Turgeon
- Ball gunner John A Peebles
- N gunner Woodrow W Smith*
- T gunner Edward J Klepper*

My opinion is that the Germans lacked a suitable four engine bomber for use as a test bed for engineering trials, and had to use captured aircraft as a substitutes.

Dear Sir:

I was surprised to see the picture on page 26 of Torretta Flyer No 12 of the plane my husband Major Frank M Poole 767 Sq. landed after being hit with the 155 MM shell! We have the picture from the 461St Liberaider and a picture of Ryan looking out the hole.

Frank retired as a Colonel in 1963. I am sorry to say he passed away July 4th ,1985 after a long illness. He enjoyed the Torretta Flyer as I have too. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, three children Frank, Peggy, Christine, and two grandchildren.

Sincerely,

Dorothy A Poole



Dear Bud

I am enclosing two photographs of two men who ditched in the Adriatic and were picked up by a German hospital ship and given the choice of being made prisoner or being put back in the sea. They chose the