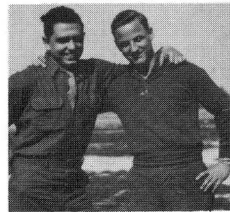


Toleen, 766 squadron for the kind thoughts he sent to Torretta Flyer No #11 that appeared on page 10. I loved him so much.

With warmest regards to you and Mrs. Markel

Wilma Stasney, 766 Sq, sister of Al Tokar deceased

I hope my book will be finished no later than June of this year. It will contain a number of stories of B-17's and B-24's in Germany and other occupied countries. Don Greer will execute the drawings on CL+XZ for the modeler.



Al Tokar is shown on the right of this photo.



out flight and did not fly combat again. Crew Chief Alan M Bro may know more about this

I was assigned at another time to the John Young crew.

Regards,
T V Stradley 764 Sq

Well, Bud, again thank you for the magazines and help. Please keep in touch and all my best to you and yours.

Hans-Heiri Stapfer
Horgen, Switzerland

Editors Note, names shown with the (*) are members of the Association. CL+XZ was a B-24 G10, S/ N 42-78247, built by North American in Dallas, Texas, presumably from Ford-built knock down kits, and assigned to the 461st Bomb Group, 765 Squadron.

Dear Bud:

In response to the picture submitted by M/Sgt John Tenery that appeared on the last page of Torretta Flyer No 13, I recognized the man standing behind Sgt Tenery as my Brother Al Tokar. Al certainly thought the world of John Tenery, and always spoke of him with the highest respect. I want to thank Les

Montrose, Colorado

Bud Markel

Attached to this letter is a photograph of crew 19, 764 Squadron. We were put on flying status October 1, 1944. The picture was probably taken in August, 1944 in Topeka, Kansas.

On November 1, 1944 over Graz we were struck by flak, the pilot wounded, #3 engine burning, and the hydraulics shot out. We got the fire out, the pilot cared for, and did get home. It is amazing that no one jumped. We were flying a new plane number 3, silver, and I think without tail markings. We being a new crew were detailed to, "de-cosmoline" the guns when it got on the line. It replaced # 3 "Stinky" which to my knowledge was still alive and apparently well. I don't know its disposition, but I do understand that the new No #3 was subsequently damaged in a check

Photograph of replacement crew 19. *Back row from left: C T Hooker, bombardier; R A Weber, Pilot; O A Thomas, co pilot; and R D Picken, navigator. Middle row from left: T V Stradley, nose gunner; R E Moore, engineer; and W F Kane, radio operator. Bottom row from left: T T Miller, tail gunner; J T Lacey, top turret gunner; and J O'Conner, ball gunner. T V Stradley photo 764 Sq*

Bud Markel

Dear Bud:

I am enclosing a picture of, "The Duck" 83 of the 827 Squadron and members of the crew. This is the plane mentioned in the winter 1984 issue of the Torretta Flyer No 11 on page 14. This is the same plane that spun as per the article by Ernie Green.

Raymond Strand 827 Sq