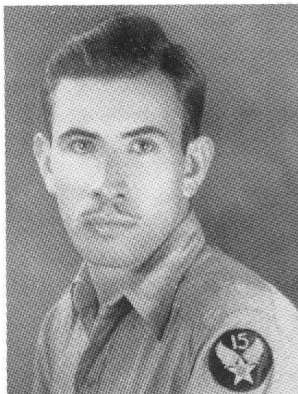


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**Leon Usherson**  
825 squadron



**Leon Usherson** Leon Usherson,  
Gunner on Arthur

Watts crew, died suddenly just before the Nashville reunion on October 1, 1990, he and his wife Harriet attended the San Francisco and New Orleans reunions. He was interested in finding the rest of his crew and worked hard at this when death caught up with him.

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**James P Spalding**

827 squadron.

James P Spalding co pilot on Wilburn Kitchen's crew passed away in February 1990. His widow passed away January 1, 1991. He leaves three children, Jean, Neil, and James Jr.

On one mission to Munich right after bombs away the ship was hit by flak knocking out two engines making a forced landing in Switzerland almost an inevitability, but after an anguished discussion the crew elected to take their chances and to straggle back alone to Torretta.

Members of his crew were: Wilburn Kitchen-P, James P Spalding-C/P, John J Dunn-N, Edward H Cornell-B, Marvin Watson-E, Willie Wong-R/O, Lawrence A Moxely-B/G, Robert W Day-U/G, Patrick M Layne Jr-T/G, Robert Martin-N/G. Bill Miles served also as co/pilot for a short time, but was killed in action after getting his own crew. Radar Navigator Evan Houseworth flew some missions with the crew.



**Photo (left) James Spalding in ship #70 note the patch in front of the swastika where flak entered the aircraft injuring pilot Wilburn Kitchen on May 7, 1944.**



(Above)Ship #70 " Hot Rocks." (Shown in background) When Wilburn Kitchen (P) was wounded on May 7, 1944, James P Spalding (C/P) became the crew's first pilot and finished up the missions in that capacity. They flew also in the ship named Broad Abroad.



(Above) Bombs falling on the Szegeo R/R bridge, Hungary (not shown) 484th Bomb Group photo, September 29, 1944. from 19,000 feet,10:25 AM .



Spring 1944 Torretta Italy Standing in front of Broad Abroad are from left Evan Houseworth served also as 827 squadron Radar Navigator, and Edward Cornell who served as 827 squadron Bombarrier too.

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**David L Douthright**  
co-pilot, 826 Squadron

**Ernest S Thyberg**  
825 squadron

Ernest S Thyberg, ball gunner, Alva Schick's crew has died.

**Joseph W Doody**  
764 squadron

Joseph W Doody 764 squadron passed away December,3 1983.