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Harry Sarmanian, 824 squadron.

Dear Bud

On your request, I am sending you a photo of myself and my dog, "Blackie" taken on our tenting site up on the hill where the 824th squadron was located. It isn't a very clear photo but I am sending it along with one purpose in mind. Time does funny things with our memories after 45 years. If my former buddies saw this picture today, chances are that they would not recognize or remember me, but most of the ground crew would remember my dog "Blackie" whom I had for over a year. Blackie came to the flight line nearly every day. We were inseparable. So maybe this picture will bring back some memories to my ground crew buddies.



Harry Sarmanian & Blackie

Take care pal,
Harry Sarmanian, 824 squadron.

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Ernest R Stedman, 826 squadron.
Dear Bud

It was nice talking to you recently. After Capt. Dowd went to the hospital after being injured on the June 11, 1944 mission to Giurgiu, Romania, Capt Stone became our pilot I flew several missions with him. I am enclosing two photographs



Photo above: From left, S/Sgt Ernest R Stedman-T/G (Crew 62), Euel Stone-P, S/Sgt Everett R Stedman-B/G (Crew 60), and Charles Smiley-R/O. Taken October 1944. At the time we were told that we were the only twins in the 15th Airforce. I don't know how true it was, but we believed it.



(Continued from Ernest R Stedman letter) Photo above Crew 62s airplane. It was later shot down with another crew.

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Charles Walling 826 squadron

Dear Bud

Just a line to let you know my physical condition prevents me from travelling far from home. Just got out of the hospital after having a lower GI overhaul. It isn't likely that I can make the reunion.

Leon Usherson used to live in my tent when we first went overseas until he got on a flying crew. I think the photograph on the back page of Torretta Flyer No 18 lowerright is Al Rubin from Los Angeles, a man lucky at cards and one hell of a crap shooter. From the 826 squadron roster, I knew Keith Berger, John C Nowacki, Louie Odom, John B Paine, Raymond Platt, Leroy C Sheirich, Raymond L Snyder, Ernest Stedman and his twin brother. they were gunners on different crews.

My wife Evelyn and I have 5 children, and 8 grandchildren during our 47 years of marriage. I retired as a chemist in 1984.

Your friend
Charles Walling 826 squadron



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