
Letters and Photographs sent to the Editor

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Dear Bud

It was a pleasure to find in my mail box, your very good last issue of the "Torretta Flyer" I was glad to find enclosed, the information on the mission of 2nd/Lt Maroney's crew and my request on the two planes from your bomber group, that I have identified in the Var Provence.

I do like the Torretta Flyer and find it a very interesting magazine for it gives me information on the young men who flew over my country in 1944. You know that I am one of the Frenchmen who research the American planes that fell during the war in the area where I live.

On Bastille day, July 14, ten days after your Fourth of July holiday, I was in northern Italy to see and identify one B-17, from the very special and unique squadron from the 15th Air Force, the 885th squadron, that dropped supplies for the Partisans. I found the crash area at 3000 meters, but the plane disappeared, and was discovered by the Italians after the war, where some human bone fragments were found. In one of the containers we found a Mae West from the pilot with his initials and serial number on the collar.

Well, dear friend, this is of utmost interest to me, and I have many crash sites to see yet. It is a lot of work, but this is my passion so that nobody will forget all the lives that the American flyers gave to save our country.

Thank you very much again for your help.

My very bests regards to you, and your associates .

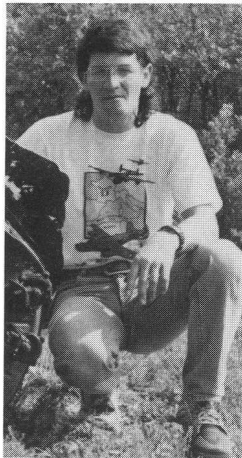
Sincerely your,
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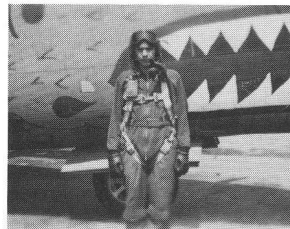
Good morning friends:

In the Summer/Fall issue of the "Torretta Flyer", Page 38, you printed a picture in the lower left hand corner of a B-24H of the 824th Bomb Squadron.

I was a member of the 824th and our crew flew that ship many



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Ray Johnson

times. Matter of fact, we came to regard that airplane, "Old No. 10", as ours. Of course, it was not, it, like the other 24's, were flown by many crews.

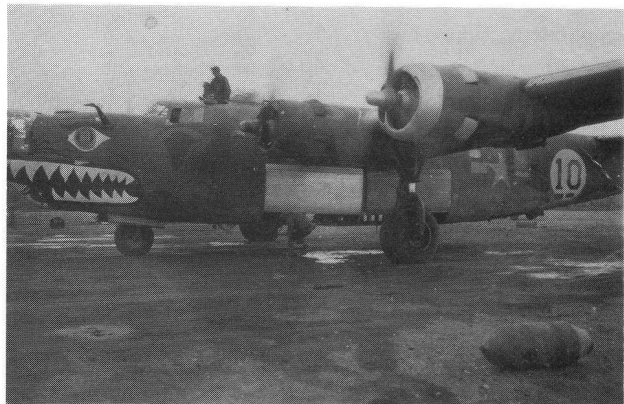
I am enclosing a couple of photos, one with me suited up for a mission. I am also enclosing a humorous photo of ship 200, a B-24N, buzzing the squadron. I would

appreciate these photos back at your convenience, and you are free to print them if you wish.

I was a member of Hilton Goodwyn's crew and we have had crew reunions from time to time. By the way, two of Goodwyn's crew are now deceased.

I thought you would be interested.

Sincerely,
Ray Johnson



Ship #10, 824 Sq

Albuquerque, NM
Dear Bud & Bea

In regard to the "O" Club picture on the back page of Flyer #22, you may not know that the fellow directly below the picture of Bill Keese is Norm Edwards. He was assistant S-2, 826th, from Chattanooga, TN, I believe.

I was glad to see Creasman's picture on page 26. I flew with him in the States as long as he was in the 826th. He lives in Spokane, WA. He has some fine Arabian horses.

Thanks for all your good work.
Gordan Glew 826 Sq.