

About This Issue

A Ride with Morgan

This is a story of the pilot (Morgan) known for the fact he was flying the plane that went down with Major Glenn Miller when their single engine Norseman D-64 crashed into the English Channel December 15, 1944. This story first appeared in the B-17 Combat Crewmen & Wingmen April 1993 and is reprinted by permission.

An Air Medal For the Flight Surgeon

An Air Medal For the Flight Surgeon was submitted by our own Blair Palmer Browne, 826 Squadron. Non-flying medical personnel usually were not awarded Air Medals, but there is always an exception.

Young Man Behind the Plexiglass

The editor is most grateful to the New Yorker Magazine for permission to reprint the story "Young Man Behind the Plexiglass", by Brendan Gill. The story first appeared in the August 12, 1944 issue. While it deals with a bombardier assigned to B-17s with the 8th Air Force, the similarities in the training and war experiences of our own 484th BG people is striking. It is for this reason that we are publishing the story in this issue. Reprinted by permission © 1944, 1972 The New Yorker Magazine, Inc. All rights Reserved.

Bicycle Thief

This story was first published in Crosshairs, the official publication of the Bombardiers, Inc. What do you do when the bicycle you've stolen, is stolen from you. The solution to the problem is typically American.. Reprinted by Permission.

B-24 Serial Numbers

You may wonder why another piece dealing with B-24 Serial Numbers is in this issue. It is one way of tracing the combat history of our groups. We (Bea and I) had

occasion to visit The National Archives some years ago, we found the mission reports contained aircraft numbers, squadron numbers and the names of every airmen by last name who were assigned to a particular mission. It is also a way for both flight crews and especially ground personnel to identify with a particular ship. Assignments to aircraft varied from group to group. Some airmen report they flew the same aircraft on most missions, others say just the opposite. Each aircraft had their own peculiarities, no two were alike, some burned more fuel, others were difficult to hold in formation, and so on. This is brought out in some of the letters to the editor in this issue.

The story on the B-24 serial numbers printed in the previous issue dealt mostly with aircraft that were shot down or destroyed as gleaned from Missing Aircrew reports. The story in this issue represents all of the aircraft known to have been operated by both the 461st and 484th Bomb Groups during the one year plus that these two groups were operational at Torretta. Serial numbers were taken from movement orders, photos of aircraft, and correspondence. They were added to the ones shown in the last issue.

Letters & Obits

In this issue you will find more letters to the editor and more obituaries than in previous issues. This is just a reflection of how the mail bunches up. Although it is apparent from the obits that the numbers are increasing. So if you plan on attending a future reunion, don't put it off! Join us in Harrisburg this year for sure.

The Scholarship Donations

The list of contributors to the Scholarship Fund that appears in this issue, is for the period from December 1992 till June 22, 1993. Members who wish to remember their loved ones may contribute to the fund in the name of the person or persons to be so honored.

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Ship 42-52684 of the 826 Sq. (54) was shot down by fighters on June 11, 1944 Lt Lawrence J Rose was the pilot in command. (See page 18)

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