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Lowell's Crew

This is a photo of the crew I was on, which was taken at Casper, Wyoming in the summer of 1944, where our crew took RTU training. Our Crew number was 6464 if that means anything. Front row left to right is Joseph A.L. Gervais Copilot, Edmund J. McLaughlin - Pilot, John E. Redden - Bombardier, John A Vinther - Navigator. Standing left to right is John J. Horsley - Ball Gunner, Darwin M. Dennis - Nose Gunner, Charles B. Lowell - Engineer, Kenneth K. Wegner, Radio Operator, Matthew T. Bayshore -- Tail Gunner, Irwin C Blake - Upper Gunner.

Bowie, MD

SHORT HISTORY: I Entered service from Clarksburg WV June 1943. Completed radio school at Sioux Falls, SD and gunnery at Yuma, AZ then to Casper, WY for crew and B-24 training. Assigned to 484/825 1/45. Totaled 18 missions. Back to states 5/45. Discharged 10/45, Maxwell Field. Married 10/45. B. S. degree, West Virginia University, 1950. Worked for McNicol China, Clarksburg, W. Va. Was employed by Montgomery Ward, 1953. Retired From Ward's Eastern Regional Office, Baltimore, 1980.

Photo 1) "WEARY WILLIE" took us on our first mission to Maribor Yugoslavia. Engineer, Bob Schaefer, is topside. It was a "J" but a hand me down from the 8th AF, with open waist windows, armor plate (visible under co-pilot's window) and no tail ID. We flew "Willie" on at least two other missions Photo 2) Our company St.. Photo 3) NAZI ARMIES IN ITALY SURRENDER: T/Sgt W. J. Neutzling, left, and 1st Lt. John Roe, navigator, pose for pilot Bob Boone's camera.

May 1945 CLEANUP Cleaning out the tents prior to leaving Italy. Co-pilot, Slim Sumerlin is just stepping through his palace door.

*Bill Neutzling 825 Sq*



Photo 1 "Weary Willie, ex 8th AF B-24



Photo 2 May 1945 Cleaning out the tents prior to leaving Italy.



Photo 3 Nazi Armies Surrender

Durham, NC

I thought you might enjoy seeing the write up on Ellsworth Goodell in his home town paper. Slight error in referring to me as his commanding officer, but other wise thought it was a nice article. Best wishes to you and Bea.

*Vince O'Shea, 826 Sq.*

A retired Manchester letter carrier was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross last night, nearly half a century after risking his life in the fuel laden bomb bay of a B-24 over occupied France. Ellsworth E. Goodell, who is 72 and a 1937 alumnus of Central High School, received the medal he earned in World War II during a reunion of the 484th Bomb