

Vernon Oldfield

Vernon "Duke" Oldfield 825 Sq. died June 6, 1993. He was a radio operator on Henry E Dionne's crew.

The crew: Henry E Dionne-P, Robert Fritts-C/P, Garland A Hall-N, Robert C Mills-B, Roy A Nichols-E, Vernon A Oldfield-R/O, Emilio "Mel" Marchese-B/G, Evan J Hestad-T/G, Gerald J Roach-T/G, and David L Leap-N/G. Vernon had been a member since 1988.

William J O'Malley



William J O'Malley 825th Sq. and association member passed away January 28, 1994 from Alzheimer's disease. He was the Radio Operator on James J Ahern's crew. He had been awarded numerous battle ribbons including the Southern France Campaign, and Air Combat-Balkans. He became a POW on January 15, 1945, when his ship 424-41145 was shot down after being damaged by enemy fire. The ship fell near Kirchberg. He was captured by ground troops and was held in Dulag Luft Wetliar.

His Crew: James J Ahern-P, George E Morges-C/P, Jobe Taylor-N, Mike Hartunian-B, Relis Oldfield-E, William J O'Malley-R/O, Jimmie Slaton-NG, Richard Callen-AE, William Haraby-U/G, and Eugene Musser-T/G

Vincent O'Shea

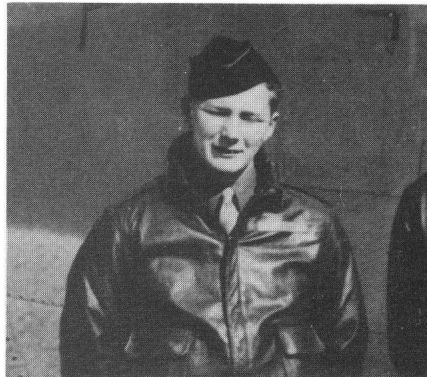
Vincent O'Shea, Pilot, 826 Sq. and association member of Durham, North Carolina, died May 2, 1994. He served with the 484th bomb Group from April 1944 till September 1944 when his tour of duty ended. In July he and his crew were sent to rest camp on the Isle of Capri. The crew was assigned to ship #52 42-52705 "Toggle Anne" so named because on some missions the bombs were toggled out when the lead ship dropped. The plane survived the war

and was returned to the States at conclusion of hostilities in Europe in May of 1945.

Vincent and his wife "Chickie" attended many reunions of the Association and have made many friends within the Association over the years. He enjoyed stamp collecting, rug making, was a volunteer math tutor, and volunteered at the VA hospital. He enjoyed a good game of Pinochle. He was a member of the Association since 1983.

His crew: Vincent W O'Shea-P, Norman J Dion-C/P, Gerald S Fluxgold-N, Guido Mattei-B, John F Barber-E, Ellsworth E Goodell-R/O, James H M Malone U/G, John W Maloney-B/G, Newman McMurtre-N/G, and Raymond E Adler-T/G.

Willard I. Pearson



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Willard I. Pearson, 70, 826 Sq. and association member of 1425 18th Ave., Moline, IL, died Monday April 25, 1994.

He was buried in the National Cemetery Arsenal Island with military rites conducted by the Moline American Legion Post 246, where he was a member.

Mr. Pearson was born Nov. 25, 1923, in Rock Island, the son of S. Adolph and Lillie Pearson. He married Evelyn A. Anderson May 18, 1947, in Moline, Illinois

He owned and operated Willard Pearson Service, Moline, and also worked at John Deere Plow Planter. He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. He was a member of Willard Velie Post 2153 VFW, 484 Bomb Group Association, the Liberator Club.

Survivors include his wife Evelyn, a daughter Karin Martin, and grandsons David and Todd Martin, all of Moline, Illinois.

His Crew: Floyd R Creasman-P, John T Harper-C/P, Jay Jordan Glew-N, Marvin C Rudolph-B, Willard I Pearson-E,

Raymond B Hinz-R/O, Edward McDonnell-B/G, Timothy J Holland-U/G, Joseph M Hebert Jr-T/G, Richard E Strombeck-N/G Paul E Miller-R/O, and Francis S Boyd-B/G, are also shown as being members of the crew earlier.

The Crew often flew #63 "Salvo Sally." On the crew's tenth mission to Weiner-Neustadt the ship was badly holed by flak.

John S Vnuk

John S Vnuk 824 Sq. a member of the Association since 1987 passed away May 22, 1993. He was a line chief and inspector holding the rank of M /Sgt

Ralph E Denlinger

Ralph E Denlinger 824 Sq. died August 7, 1991, He joined the association in 1983 but had not been an active member since. He is buried in the Dayton National Cemetery.

Henry E Dionne

Henry E Dionne Pilot 825 Sq. See obit Vernon Oldfield.

Richard F Dolin

Richard F Dolin (G) 827 Squadron died April 14, 1966, He was a gunner on Brice H Keller's crew.

Charles R Donnelly Jr

Charles R Donnelly Jr, Engineer 827 Sq. He was the engineer on Edgar T Keffer's crew.

William B Douty

William B Douty 827 Sq. died November 3, 1992

Thomas W Fairhurst

Thomas W Fairhurst 827 Sq. died August 29, 1992. He was the R/O on Marion Hammett's crew