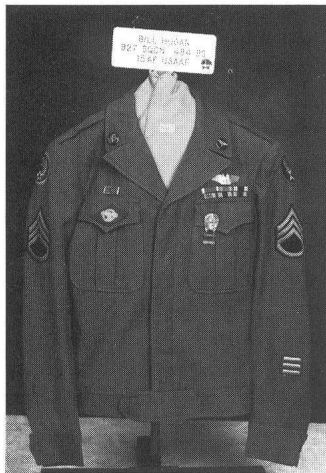


Millville, NJ
 Mr. Bud Markel
 Editor of the Torretta Flyer.
 Dear Bud:



Thanks to your assistance in your letter of August 30, I obtained the Presidential Unit Citation with cluster from Medals of America; (that's quite some company, isn't it?) I did tell them that you had put me in touch with their company.

Consequently, my "Eisenhower jacket", complete with all the insignia, now resides, on display, in the Millville Army Air Field Museum. Enclosed is one of the photos that was taken. At the same time, I turned over the Medals of America catalog to the Museum. It's quite a display in itself.

Sincerely
 William "Bill" Hogan 827 Sq

Editors Note: See Bill's story starting on page 15

Valley Stream, NY
 Dear Bud:

Thanks again for the 1994 Reunion Cruise. I look forward to these reunions so much and already I'm thinking and planning, and dreaming of Dayton. There is something special about each reunion and this one was meeting Fang Hansen again after fifty years. He's a pretty sharp cookie at 84. Find enclosed a photo taken on the cruise.

Sincerely,
 Doris and Ken Hubertz 824 Sq.



L to R Clyde Barr, Ken Hubertz, Fang Hansen, Bud Markel

San Antonio, TX
 Dear Bud:

At last I've come across a photo of my original crew. The enclosed photo was taken at Biggs Field, Texas in June of 1944. We were part of an OTU class EP-6-14 to graduate June 14, 1944. We went by troop train to Topeka, Kansas to pick up a new B-24 but were unlucky and again went by train to Newport News, Virginia to board the USS Santa Rosa with about 20 other aircrews and a hold full of British Colonial troops. We arrived in Naples July 15, 1944 and proceeded to a processing station near Naples and a tent city at Gioia della Collie. Our crew was assigned to the 484th BG ,824 squadron (P). the (P) stood for pathfinder but it was later changed to (H) heavy.

Squadron procedure required the crew to split up and fly missions with other crews who had lost a member due to rotation, or leave. Eventually we would fly again as a crew which we did on August 22, 1944. This seemed better to me than launching an all new crew into a world they can't comprehend, just for the sake of crew unity. The fact that we all survived and served the squadron in lead positions late in our tour, I believe, bears this out.

Our sixth gunner was George Koch, our tail gunner who took the accompanying photo. Both George Koch, and Joe O'Connell the radio operator were credited with possible kills. Joe won the Silver Star for the August 22, 1944 mission and was wounded several times. Ted Ewing, our bombardier was wounded over Trento. No other casualties, we all got home safely.

Ted and I were the last of the crew to return to the zone of the interior (ZI), the others had finished earlier. Joe O'Connell finished his tour after three weeks in the hospital. He could have gone home in September, but stayed with us. He was a washed out pilot cadet in the same class as Olsen 43K.

As ever,
 Stanley A Hutchins 824 Sq.



Photo Top row L to R Charles B Harrison-N, Stanley A Hutchins-C/P, Theodore M Ewing-B, and Stanley V Olsen-P. Front row Joseph O'Connell-R/O, Joseph Jurich-E, Emanuel Monte-U/G, Matthew Idzik-B/G, and Ernest J Bittner-N/G.