



Himmler Crew photo: Standing from left: Doyle LKargel-R/O, Vezio Egizi-T/G, George R Lee-U/G, Alex C Pietka-? Alton E Douglass-G, and Walter F, Kendall-E. Bottom Row: Morris A Daly-B, Charles A Himmler-P, John Ehnott-C/P, and Howard C Long-N.



Patzer Crew: Top row from left: Sgt William M.Waskoskie-G, Sgt Frank W Carr-G, S/Sgt James F Morrissey-G, Sgt Lionel A "Leo" La Voie-G, S/Sgt Sam Bonner-E, and S/Sgt Edward J Connaire-R/O. Bottom row: 1/Lt Eugene M Perlowin-C/P, 2/Lt George R Patzer-P, 1/Lt Israel B Markowitz-N, and 1/Lt Harry S Allen-B.

Patzer Crew, 824 Sq

1/Lt	Harry S Allen	B
S/Sgt	Sam Bonner	E
Sgt	Frank W Carr	G
S/Sgt	Edward J Connaire	R/O
Sgt	Lionel A. La Voie	G
1/Lt	Israel B. Markowitz	N
S/Sgt	James F Morrissey	G
2/Lt.	George R Patzer	P
1/Lt	Eugene M Perlowin	C/P
Sgt	William M. Waskoskie	G

Mandelieu, France

Dear Bud:

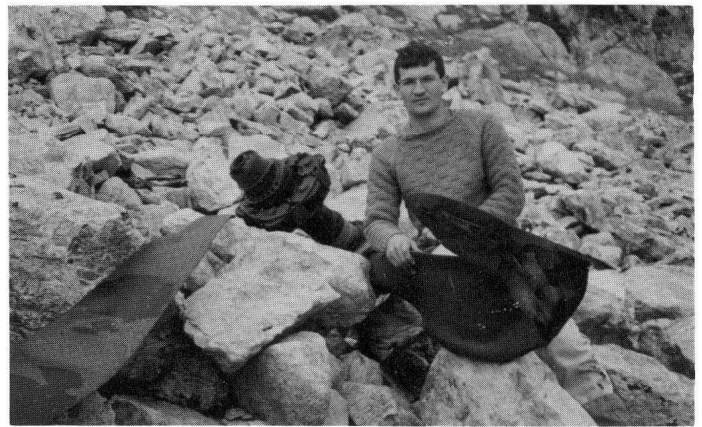
I received the Torretta Flyer and the book, Heritage of the 15th Air Force, and Libs in Action, and want to thank you for your kindness.

I just recently identified a B-24 of the 451st Bomb Group shot down by flak on August 2, 1994 near Le Pontet. Only one man was killed when his chute failed to open. The mayor of the town nearest the crash site will officiate at the dedication of a monument. Bob Karstensen head of the 451st Bomb Group organization is helping find the survivors of the crash.

I have started work on a new book that will include information on 15th Air Force sorties over France, that's why the Heritage of the 15th Air Force is so important to me. Thank you again.

I am including a photograph of me with the propeller of a Free French Martin B-26 shot down on August 4, 1944. The seven man crew did not survive the crash. Today a special plaque dedicated to this brave crew stands near the crash site.

Sincerely, Philippe Castellano



Scranton, PA

Dear Bud:

We had our crew reunion and it was a great success. Lou Gagano had T shirts made up showing our crew photo. I am enclosing a similar photo and one taken at the crew reunion.

Like 95 % of you, I entered the Army Air Force with full intentions of becoming a pilot. However, when they discovered they had a surplus of cadets and a dire shortage of gunners, I ended up at gunnery school in Laredo, Texas in April 1944. I graduated in July with a set of gunners wings on my chest and PFC stripes on my arm.

I was sent to Lincoln AAF base for crew assignment and finally met my crew 27 August 1944 on board a train for Pueblo, CO OTU. I was the baby of the crew at 18. The old man was J.W. Delk (initials only) T/G at 23. The others were somewhere in between.

Finished at Pueblo and left 3 November, 1944 for POE. I remember two things about that troop train ride. One, on a siding at some out-of-the way station, in the middle of the night, waiting for a freight train to pass, we heard that FDR had been re-elected to a fourth term. Must have been the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. And it was on that trip, I learned how to play poker, how I rue the day.

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