
The Last Mission

Editors Note:

The information for the flight crews shown in this section of the flyer were taken from several sources and may not be historically accurate at any one time. Often the co-pilot was elevated to aircraft commander taking the crew with him with the exception of the new co-pilot who could have come from another crew or from the pilot pool. Normal crew allotment was ten men, on some missions an observer or a photographer were assigned also so it was not uncommon to have more than ten men on board.

Due to the varying times individual flight crews members finished their tours of duty (50 missions*) and were rotated back to the Zone of the Interior (USA) because of illness or other reasons, assignment to different crews to complete mission allotments was another practice employed at the 484th Bomb Group.

Flight Crew assignments are as accurate as can be determined at the time of this writing (June 95).

* Credit was doubled for some difficult missions.

N/G = Nose Gunner, T/G = Tail gunner, B/G = Ball Gunner, U/G = Upper gunner, W/G = Waist gunner, B = Bombardier, N = Navigator, P = Pilot in command, C/P = Co-pilot, B/N = Bombardier/navigator/radar operator. f = P Photographer, (D) = deceased

Cpl Arthur Clarence Barkley 827 Sq.

Arthur C Barkley 75 mechanic on S/Sgt Jessie Hogan crew passed away on February 4, 1995. He graduated for Savona Central High School in 1940, and Elmira Aviation Ground School, NY in 1942. Before joining the 827th squadron he went to B-24 mechanic school at Keesler Field, Mississippi. He shared tent #39 with Charles Marrs, James Lowry, Frank Simmons, and Dale Woodbury. Some of the aircraft the crew were identified with are: "War Weary, Broad Abroad, Mickey ship #700, Darling Darline."

He was an owner/operator of an airplane, and worked as an automobile technician at Colburn Oldsmobile of Bath, NY before retirement.



Arthur C Barkley



Members of tent 39 top from left: Frank L Simmons, Charles C Marrs, and Arthur C Barkley. Bottom row: James C Lowry, and Dale R Woodbury.



From Left James R O'Bryant, Sgt Willard Sheldon, Cpl Walter Tubach, Cpl William King, and Cpl Arthur Barkley on leave. Doc Noland, Flight C leader, Walter Rogers, Inspector, Jim Saros flight A leader, Ray Juhel Line Chief, and George Popplin B Flight leader.

Sgt King D Beach Jr 827 Sq.

King D Beach Jr 72 passed away on March 2, 1995. He and his wife Harriet would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June of 1995. He was on active duty with the Army Air Corps from December 1942 to November 1945. He was a photographer in the 827 squadron, earning three air medals as an aerial photographer. His wartime experience led to a successful photographic career in civilian life. He founded his own business and headed the Cleveland Society of Professional photographers and placed four winning entries shown at the 1963 International Exposition of Professional Photography Industrial Photographic Conference. In the mid 1970's he closed his photo business and joined the Cuyahoga Community Col-