



International Messages

Our Website has been drawing interest from Europe as well from the USA. For this issue International mail and E-Mail are grouped together in this special section. In this instance most letters are replies as this reduces the duplication of information.

Fernando D' Amico
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I received and read your book "Air War Italy 1944-45," and I like it very much, The book includes a reference to Bob Goeble, (page 69) the fighter pilot who lives near me, he too wrote a book, "Mustang Ace" by Robert J Goeble E-mail: mustangace1@juno.com.

The reference on page 121 of your book to the 484th Bomb Group's aircraft shot down is of #42-51862 flown by Lt. William F Gaskill. My records show he was downed by flak near Raum Erding on Nov. 4, 1944.

The B-24s of the 484th Bomb Group with names and nose art are listed on pages 164-165 of a new book "B-24 Nose Art Name Directory," by Wallace R Forman. You can reach him via E-Mail at Avibuff@aol.com.

I will be sending you via s-mail a revised mission list of the 484th Bomb Group. In the list can you help find the pilots who shot down our bombers marked FTR under the field marked Fell?

Again congratulations on your book, please extend my best wishes to your co-authors, Nick Beale, and Gabriele Valentini.

Bud Markel, 484th BG Assn.

Landislav Fojtl
Czech Republic
Dear Ladislav:

Thank you for your numerous E-mails. I am very grateful for your interest in the 484th Bomb Group's wartime operations. You may publish any of the enclosed material as long as you credit "484th Bomb Group Assn. Torretta Flyer."

Enclosed are:

- a) Crew list of Roger A Martin from National Archives
- b) Formation Xerox showing ship #38 outlined in yellow
- c) Page 313 of the Log of the Liberators showing Ford production of ship 42-51835.
- d) Odertal Mission from issue No 29 Torretta Flyer.

e) Odertal Mission from issue No 30 Torretta Flyer. Last page shows losses of B-24s of the 484th Bomb Group. You'll note Martin's plane crashed at Liebau. Where is that? Kindly describe the piece of the plane you found.

f) Selections from Mission Report 12/17/44.

The above may not be 100% accurate as I have found errors in archived documents and printed reports as well. I would appreciate any corrections and additional information you might have.

Sincerely,
Bud Markel, 484th Bomb Group

From: fofi@vsps-su.cz
Subj:Re: Re Odertal Oil Refinery
Dear Bud,

I just received your materials about Martin's plane, thank you very much. There is a lot new information for me, I would like to use them in an article, where I will write about this action.

I also found information about German pilot who shot down the Martin's plane. It should be pilot of Bf 109G-10 from III./JG 300. His name was Lt.Kraft. A witness of this fight allege that German pilot was shot down a few minutes after the Liberator crashed. Can you confirm this information? The Liberator crashed near Liebau (today Libina). There is forest today in this place where the Liberator crashed and stood there only three small craters today. The crew have a small monument with their names in Libina. I found a few fragments from this Liberator as a plastic oval tablet where is written numerous numbers and inscription "Cal. Air Speed" and "True Alt." Unfortunately, the tablet is not complete, only a piece. I also found a few pieces from some covers and piece of fuselage partition. There were also small pieces, but I don't know what they are.

I also obtained information that near village today called Vaclavov (Wanzeldorf) not far from umperk Do you know today name of Odertal? It is probably town in Poland today.

Awating your reply.
Sincerely,
Ladislav Fojtl