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Col. Hunter Led Group To England In "Witka Tanka Ton"

720 On Original Crew Loading List

Tony Clark Named "Friends" Chairman At Nuthampstead

Nuthampstead, England

Dear 398th Friends in USA:

This last year has been a sad time for the "friends" with the loss of David Wells. We have just held our first committee meeting and I have been chosen for the post as interim Chairman for a year. No one wished to accept the post so sadly vacated by David. Having held the post before, I felt I had to accept, even knowing that I could not possibly generate as much enthusiasm, energy and dedication for the "friends" as David had. Our committee will therefore be:

Tony Clark, Chairman; Barry Tyler, Treasurer; Elaine Tyler, Secretary; Peggy Wells (Contact); Tim Wells (Flags); Wilfred Dimsdale (Memorial); Vic Jenkins (History); Robert Dimsdale, Tony Barker, Greta Barker, Beryl Clark.

Our first task was to, of course, tie up several loose ends regarding the memorial and flag poles etc. The main task was to start preparations for the June 1990 visit.

Neither the hanger on the airfield or the previously used barn are available, but we have been able to secure the promise of a barn at the other end of the airfield in Anstey. This is considerably bigger than our previous venue and therefore we hope for a good attendance. There is already much local interest and demand for tickets. You will, in due course see further details of our deliberations but we will keep you informed of progress early in the new year.



**TONY & BERYL CLARK
Station 131 Contacts**

In the course of business I have visited the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. The museum is just launching an appeal for funds to provide a new ultra modern hanger at Duxford exclusively to house the American Air Museum. You should soon be hearing of the fund raising events to be held in the U.S. I have approached the PR at Duxford to see if we can place a small 398th memorial presentation in the 8th Air Force gallery.

Exhibits are now being collected for the new Air Museum, so any artifacts or memorabilia no longer required could be donated to the museum but there is at this stage no guarantee of display. I enclose a cutting showing an artist's impression of the

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72 B-17's Formed 398th Air Echelon To Station 131

In the beginning, 720 officers and enlisted men left Rapid City, SD on the first leg of their air trip to Nuthampstead and combat.

This would be the air echelon of the 398th Bomb Group, and they moved out in their B-17's, ten per day, starting on April 7, 1944. Col. Frank P. Hunter, CO, was in "Witka Tanka Ton," designated "Crew No. 1."

Prior to this date, an advance party headed by Deputy CO John Weibel, flew via ATC to begin station preparations.

Group Exec Earl Berryhill, meanwhile, led the ground echelon that would cross the Atlantic via the USS Wakefield.

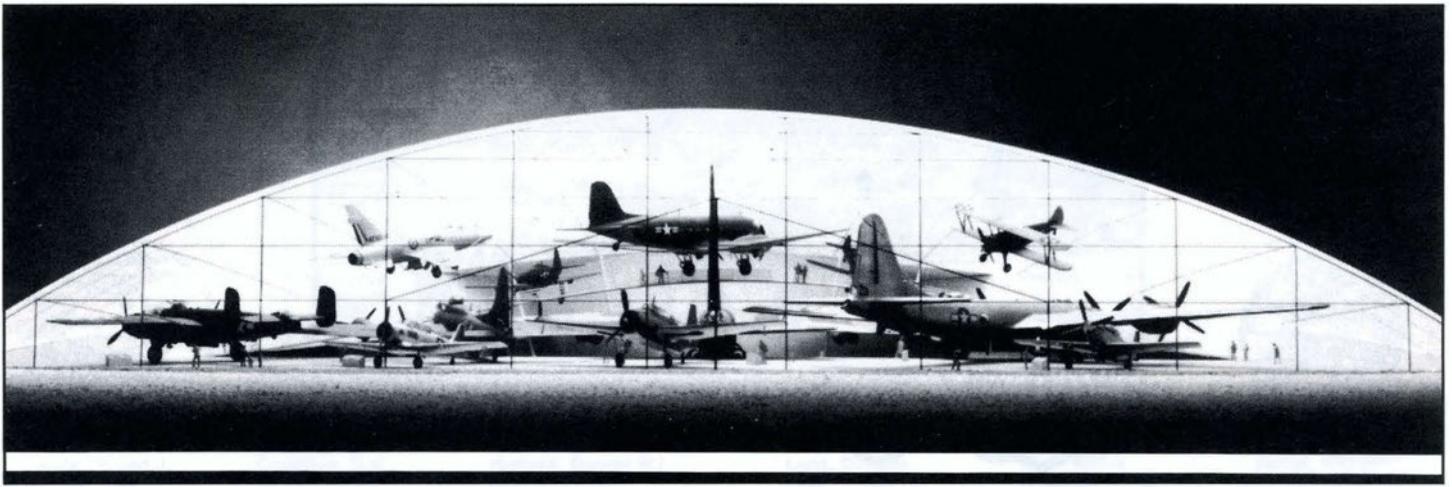
The yellowed, tattered, mimeoed "Special Order No. 91," dated Rapid City, SD, 31 March 1944, was provided by the leader of "Crew No. 17," 1st Lt. Jessup D. Lowe of the 600th. Lowe retired from the Air Force as a Major General.

Filled with all the special "GI shorthand" known only to GI clerk-typists, the "extract" paved the way for 72 combat crews and an assortment of key ground personnel to begin the long trip to Station 131, England.

While many other crews joined the 398th during its year of combat, this was the makeup of the four squadrons as they began combat on May 6, 1944. One month after leaving Rapid City.

It should be noted that the two "Head-quarters" crews were made up largely of

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The American Air Museum in Britain

The new American Air Museum is planned to include workshop and storage facilities as well as accommodation for specialised exhibitions on themes related to United States airpower. One such will be the 'Wall of Insignia' of the 8th Air Force, being created at Dux-

ford at the present time with the help of information from 8th Air Force veterans in the U.S. and which will be displayed initially in the present exhibition commemorating the 8th Air Force in Europe during World War II. More on this in April FLAK NEWS.

Clock Goes Back 46 Years When 398th Visits Penn

When the 398th Bomb Group tour party arrives at Penn, Buckinghamshire, England on July 1 they can expect to turn the clock back 46 years. To 1944, when the Charles Searl Fortress of the 600th Squadron crashed in a Penn farm field taking the lives of all nine airmen aboard.

The tour party will go directly to the farm and to the exact spot where the B-17 of the "Tomahawk Warriors" crashed and exploded, leaving a giant crater. And a community memory that remains strong and powerful to this day.

It would not be unreasonable to expect that some members of the visiting Americans will uncover bits of the the Flying Fortress, or perhaps some charred,

rusty machine gun casings. The combination of a full bomb and gas load combined render an explosion that literally vaporized the aircraft. Yet, bits of metal are still found.

The old "Lude Farm" is no longer owned by William Setter, who has passed on. But sons Ron and Peter still live nearby and will assist in pointing out the details of that memorable day of August 12, 1944.

(The story of the Searl crash was told in the July 1989 issue of FLAK NEWS.)

Johanna Sienkiewicz of nearby Ab-

ington, who is a member of the "Friends of the 8th Air Force," has been the driving force behind the campaign to recognize and publicize the dramatic World War II event. She has worked closely with Vicar Oscar Muspratt and the Setters in making the necessary arrangements to greet and host the bus load of 398th members.

One member of the Searl crew, Albert Knight, is buried at the American Military Cemetery at Cambridge. The others are buried in a common grave at Arlington National Cemetery at Washington, DC.

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space age glass domed hanger of the new American Air Museum. (See above.)

The sad events of the year have overshadowed all else and we are slowly gathering together our thoughts and enthusiasm for the coming season. Beryl and I are finding it difficult to disassociate ourselves from the day to day running of the farm. We have almost convinced ourselves that we must take a break next year and attend the Oshkosh reunion. It is a long time until September but this will give us time to prepare an itinerary which will allow us to meet again our many friends in the U.S.

Well folks, time to go, see you soon.

Kindest regards
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Essex CB 11 4SB
England



RON SETTER AND SITE OF FORTRESS CRASH

The Vicar of Penn and Jimmy Doolittle

He Would Not Honor "Anonymous" Tomahawk Warriors

The Vicar of Penn was not an easy man to deter. He wanted a page of names from American Air Force officials and he would not take "No" for an answer.

Such excuses as "It's classified," "Against the rules," "That has to come from Washington" only spurred this man to seek higher authority.

That "higher authority" just happened to be a few miles down the road at High Wycombe, where Gen. Jimmy Doolittle held forth as commanding officer of the Eighth Air Force.

Vicar Oscar Muspratt called on Gen. Doolittle, the second meeting between these two men within the week. Only a few days before the famous aviator and leader of the mightiest air armada the world has ever known had visited a farm on the outskirts of Penn to view the charred wreckage of one of his Flying Fortresses.

This was early in the morning on August 12, 1944 and this plane had narrowly missed the Vicar's church and the little city of Penn before plowing into the Lude Farm with a horrendous explosion.

Nine young Americans perished, and Vicar Muspratt and the people of Penn were deeply moved. And now, the Vicar wanted the names and addresses of these boys so he could write to their next of kin.

"They saved others; themselves they could not save."

This was the theme the Vicar began etching into the minds and hearts of the community, being of a resolve that the crew of the ill-fated bomber had done everything humanly possible to prevent their B-17 from crashing and exploding in the heart of the city.

Gen. Doolittle did indeed supply the

names and addresses. And Vicar Muspratt did indeed send letters of condolence to the wives, mothers and fathers of the crew.

Understandably, the people of Penn were certain the plane had come from nearby Bovington, at that time a B-17 training base that was constantly sending Fortresses over their city.

It was not until 1987, 43 years later, that Penn's "Friend of the 8th Air Force," Johanna Sienkiewicz, discovered that this B-17 had come from Nuthampstead and belonged to the 398th Bomb Group, 600th Squadron.

The letter Vicar Muspratt sent to the relatives said this —

"I think you will all realize how truly it may be said that they saved others but themselves they could not save. I hope that the knowledge of their bravery and sacrifice will comfort you."

All the relatives wrote back, thanking the Vicar for his thoughtfulness.

Forty six years later, some of these same relatives will return to Penn and take part in a Service of Remembrance for the crew at the 900-year-old church at Penn. They will be part of the 398th Group Tour starting June 20 in Edinburgh, Scotland.

On July 1 they will meet Rev. Muspratt, 55th in an ecclesiastical lineage dating to 1314. He was an Australian minister fresh from the battlefields of North Africa and Italy.

"I came to my new parish with a sense of responsibility to servicemen," he said. "And thanks to the 'Tomahawk Warriors' I had a church and congregation. I determined to find out who they were and where they come from. I didn't want

them to be anonymous heroes."

All nine airmen had been awarded Purple Hearts posthumously, "but not for saving my church and congregation," he added.

He entered their names in the vellum pages of a Book of Honor, along with the war dead of his parish and read them to his congregation —

Charles J. Searl, Tomahawk, WI; Albert L. Dion, Worcester, MA; Saul J. Kempner, Detroit; Leo C. Walsh, Washington, DC; James A. Beaty, Sacramento, CA; Cecil E. Kennedy, Keokee, VA; Alfred Bueffel, Lynbrook, Long Island, NY; Orville M. Wilson, Mt. Vernon, WA; and Albert W. Knight, Cleveland, OH.

Below the pulpit from which the Vicar read their names is a pew, tanned with time, where for centuries members and descendants of William Penn had sat to worship. The same William Penn for whom the state of Pennsylvania is named.

"If the Tomahawk Warriors perished defending a church and parish descended from a founder of a great democracy which, at that time, America was itself defending in war, then the Tomahawk Warriors sacrificed their lives defending an American shrine. My church was the shrine. Right there, in the hinterland of England."

Thus wrote Vicar Muspratt.

In the intervening years all contact with the Searl crew relatives died away, but he continued to remind his parishioners of August 12, 1944.

In the early 1980's the Vicar received a letter from the queen congratulating him for maintaining the bonds between his parish of Penn and Pennsylvania, USA.

As more Americans began to populate nearby communities, they came to Penn to hear about this American Flying Fortress crew of World War II fame. On one Sunday they saw the state flag of Pennsylvania draped around the pulpit and Rev. Muspratt told them of how their countrymen flew on that August morning of 1944 into the annals of Anglo-American history.

After the service he singled out some women from Texas for an informal ceremony in his courtyard where he plunged nine Old Glory flags into the soil. Why Texans?

"Because" he said, "the Tomahawk Warriors were the first Americans since the Alamo in 1836 to die defending an American shrine. The Alamo, too, was a mission, a house of God. And Texans remembered the Alamo."

And Reverend Oscar Muspratt remembered the Tomahawk Warriors.



VICAR OSCAR MUSPRATT OF PENN, ENGLAND

398th "Troika Tour"

Scotland, Nuthampstead And Penn

As if a 398th tour back to the old base really needs a title. . .

But if it has to be called something, how about —

"The Troika Tour."

(Surely everyone knows that "troika" refers to a single Russian wagon or sleigh pulled by three horses abreast.)

Or just a fine way to describe three highpoint stops on the June 20-July 3 which will mark the group's fourth visit back to England. (Five, if you count the 1944 trip.)

The "troika" includes the highlights of Scotland, Station 131 and Penn, each sure to contribute its own album of memories.

Scotland . . . land of Robert Burns, kilts, dazzling countryside and castles. . . is the starting off point for the tourists. After four days, (and a stopover at Stratford-upon-Avon to soak up some Shakespeare culture) it's back to the old base to meet our "Friends of the 398th," honor our 398th departed at the Cambridge Military Cemetery, and enjoy some great 40's barn

"Best Response" For June Tour; 25 Registered

dancing with the locals (who come from great distances to dance and mingle with the "Yanks."

Finally, after a stop at the remarkable Hendon air museum, the tour will look in on Penn, on the outskirts of London, to share in a Service of Remembrance for the Searl crew that crashed there in 1944 (FLAK NEWS, Oct. 1989).

All this, and much more, is in store for the travelling party.

Registration forms and complete information on the tour were included in the October, 1989 issue of FLAK NEWS.

Lost the newsletter? You can get another copy from the Editor, or by calling (toll free) Mark Burton, Galaxy Tours 1-800-523-7287.

Galaxy is charged with all the tour details, with popular Mark Burton being assigned as the 398th tour director. Galaxy has arranged for all the travel details, such as hotels, meals, plane and bus travel. Most of the tour participants



Tour Leader

MARK BURTON will be leading the 398th to England for the third time as he takes the tour group to the old base at Station 131 next June. He represents Galaxy Tours, who developed the 14-day itinerary in cooperation with 398th officers. In the photo background is Ian Johnson, owner of the Woodman Inn.

will leave on the same plane from Boston on June 20, flying directly into Edinburgh, Scotland.

A special "land only" package can be arranged through Galaxy for persons who wish to travel independently to England or Scotland.

Burton, in analyzing the early registrations, said —

"This is the best response we have ever had to an Eighth Air Force Tour."

As of FLAK NEWS press time the fourth week in January, the 1990 tour had already attracted a strong representation of 25 members. It was expected that at least another 25 will sign on before the suggested "cutoff" date of May 1.

The early registrants—

France, Leonard & Charlotte, Phillips, WI.
Hunter, Maria, Roanoke Rapids, NC.
LaCoste, Ernie & Jeanne, Modesto, CA.
Chavez, Martin & Gloria, Ancram, NY.
Blackwell, Wally & Teedy, Rockville, MD.
Madlung, Jack & Anna, Monticello, IN.
O'Beirne, Anne, Atlanta, GA.
Sutton, Charles, St. Cloud, MN.
Doerstler, Wayne & Ruthana, Lancaster, PA.
Stange, Raymond & Jeanne, Westchester, IL.
Comstock, Bill & Evelyn, Fairfax, VA.
Ostrom, Allen & Geg, Seattle, WA.
Hall, Ralph & Marjorie, New Bedford, MA.
Morrison, Russ & Becky, Bathgate, ND.

Only A Few "Remembrances" Still Available

Would you believe that nearly all the printed copies of "398th Bomb Group Remembrances" have now been sold?

An even 1,000 went on sale in early July, 1989. At FLAK NEWS press time in late January, 1990, less than 120 remain in stock.

By far, the largest buyer of "Remembrances" was East Anglia Books of Bishop's Stortford, England. Cliff Bishop, owner, purchased 80 copies.

The remaining copies will be put on sale at the next group reunion in Oshkosh, WI starting September 12. Meanwhile, they may be ordered from Ralph Hall, treasurer, 398th Bomb Group, New Bedford, MA 02740. They cost \$20.00 each.

A complete list of all the 398th Bomb Group men killed in action, plus all the PW's, wounded and the evadees, are published in the book.

Also listed are the names of all the crews shot down plus the dates and all group mission targets.

Site Found In Kilmarnock For AF Memorabilia

John Fleming, our "Friend of the 398th" in Scotland, has been advised that his personal collection of 8th Air Force memorabilia has been allocated display space at the "Dick Institute" in Kilmarnock.

Although devoted to preserving the memory of what the airmen of the 8th did for the United Kingdom in World War II, Fleming has maintained close personal ties with the 398th and is most anxious to feature the "Hell From Heaven" group at the new display space.

"I plan to take the display all around Scotland for the people to see just what you lads did in WW II," said Fleming. "So I want the 398th to be fully represented. I can also use some nose art and any other bits of history you would care to send."

Any member interested in making a donation should contact FLAK NEWS editor Allen Ostrom, 1 Seattle, WA 98177.

It is hoped that a shipment can be made to Fleming in plenty of time before the 398th tour to Scotland and England starting June 20.

Crew Loading Lists For Flight To Combat

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group or squadron leaders and key ground personnel. The remainder of the crew listings had nine airmen plus one key ground or air personnel. One gunner from each plane was "bumped" and took the USS Wakefield to Liverpool.

While the names on the extract have not been changed, the list was edited to include a "KIA" or "PW."

Some changes in the personnel listings undoubtedly were made between the typing at Rapid City and take off from Grand Island, NE.

Group statistician Wallis Campbell noted in one of his contributions that Col. Hunter was reprimanded by superiors in Washington DC for loading his "Crew No. 1" B-17 with too many key personnel. To which he was heard to reply—

"I'll take along whoever I please.

Headquarters

CREW NO. 1

POS.	RANK	MOS.	NAME (Duty)	
P	Col	1024	Frank P. Hunter Jr.	KIA
			Gp Comdr	
CP	Capt	2161	Jean B. Miller	
			Asst. Gp Opr	
N	Capt	1034	Harold L. Brown	
			Gp Nav	
E	T Sgt	752	Leonard J. Hancock	
R	Sgt	754	John W. Bahling	
	Maj	3100	Herman A. Zampetti	
			Gp Med Surg	
	Capt	4823	Lyle H. Cochran	
			Gp Acrtf Engr	
	Capt	9301	Matthew Meyer	
			Asst Gp S-2	
	1/Lt	6402	Wallis L. Campbell	
			Gp Stat Cont	
	M Sgt	405	Edward D. Pennylegion	
			Gp Sgt Major	

CREW NO. 2

P	Maj	2161	Robert K. Simeral	
			Gp Opr	
CP	1/Lt	2161	William C. Markley	
			Sq Opr (600)	
N	1/Lt	1034	Gordon F. Davidson	KIA
			Sq Nav (603)	
B	Capt	1035	Milton B. Richmond	
			Sq Bomb (600)	
E	M/Sgt	752	Ralph D. Smith	
R	Sgt	755	Earl W. McAnnaly	
	Capt	1035	Carl J. Strickrott	
			Gp Bomb	
	1/Lt	0200	William H. Mercer	
			Sq Com (601)	
	M/Sgt	405	John G. Paulin	
			Gp Opr Clerk	
	M/Sgt	542	Cyrus I. Purdy Jr.	
			Sq Com Chief	

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CREW NO. 3

POS.	RANK	MOS.	NAME (Duty)	
P	1/Lt	1024	Gene L. Douglas	PW
CP	2/Lt	1022	Keith W. Anderson	
N	1/Lt	1034	Harry Nelson	PW
B	1/Lt	1035	Gilbert Goldman	
E	T/Sgt	748	Alfred M. Burke	
R	T/Sgt	757	Kenneth E. Shutts	
AG	S/Sgt	748	Noel Callihan	
2G	S/Sgt	757	James E. Basham	
3G	Sgt	612	Pasqual Marquez	
	Capt	3100	Robert F. Kelly	
			Sq Med	

CREW NO. 4

P	1/Lt	1024	Richard L. Rohrer	PW
CP	2/Lt	1022	Anton A. Sistik	
N	2/Lt	1034	Harvey B. Kramer	PW
B	2/Lt	1035	Clarence Franks Jr.	PW
E	S/Sgt	748	Douglas A. Chisnell	PW
R	S/Sgt	757	Herbert G. Cooper	PW
1G	Sgt	748	Richard C. Greene	PW
2G	Sgt	748	Frank K. Henning	PW
3G	Sgt	612	Raymond D. Montgomery	
	M/Sgt	750	George N. Knight	
			Crew Chief	

CREW NO. 5

P	2/Lt	1024	Earle L. Ford	
CP	2/Lt	1022	Delbert J Skjod	
N	2/Lt	1034	Randolph D. Anderson	PW
B	2/Lt	1035	Harry E. Gerloff	
E	S/Sgt	748	Donald E. Berts	
R	S/Sgt	757	Billie J. McMillan	
AG	S/Sgt	612	Robert L. Goren	
1G	Sgt	612	Max W. Paxton	KIA
2G	Sgt	748	Clarence E. Maloney	
	M/Sgt	750	Alexander E. Wrensch	
			Crew Chief	

CREW NO. 6

P	2/Lt	1024	Stanley R. Reed	
CP	2/Lt	1022	Roger A. Hovden	
N	2/Lt	1034	Marcus J. Woods	
B	2/Lt	1035	Owen J. Foy	
E	Sgt	748	Milton C. Sharpe Jr.	
R	S/Sgt	757	Robert K. Gregorie	
AG	Sgt	612	Edmund D. Soule	
1G	Sgt	748	Karl E. Hart	
3G	Sgt	611	Julius P. Cubranich	
	Cpl	405	Lee J. Loveless	
			Clerk-typist	

CREW NO. 7

P	2/Lt	1024	Arthur C. Fritog	
CP	2/Lt	1022	Milo M. Adleman	
N	2/Lt	1034	Donald P. Garrett	
B	2/Lt	1035	Clarence O. Sauer	
E	Sgt	748	Dewey D. Cook Jr.	
R	Sgt	757	Warren C. Colburn	
AG	Sgt	612	Robert C. Hartman	
1G	Sgt	612	Ventura Perez	
3G	Sgt	611	Albert R. Tillotson	
	S/Sgt	685	Walter F. Clark	
			Elec Specl	

CREW NO. 8

P	2/Lt	1024	John M. Baker	KIA
CP	1/Lt	1024	Richard T. Osteen Jr.	KIA
N	2/Lt	1034	Selby P. Hereid	PW
B	2/Lt	1035	John K Kressenberg	KIA
E	S/Sgt	748	Jerome G. Fields	PW
R	S/Sgt	755	Roy A. Johnson	KIA
AG	Sgt	612	Theodore Dwinchick	
1G	Sgt	748	Michael A Romano	KIA
3G	Sgt	612	William H. Wilson	KIA
	M/Sgt	750	George N. Nash	
			Crew Chief	

CREW NO. 9

P	2/Lt	1024	Lewis D. Chase	
CP	2/Lt	1024	Herbert E. Smith	
N	1/Lt	1034	James A. Bewley	
B	1/Lt	1035	Kenneth F. Fisher	
E	T/Sgt	748	Jack D. Brandt	
R	T/Sgt	757	Martin Kramer	
AG	S/Sgt	748	Frank J. Kremnec Jr.	
1G	S/Sgt	612	Jack Behr	
2G	S/Sgt	612	Earl H. Brunke	
	M/Sgt	750	Clarence Delph	
			Crew Chief	

CREW NO. 10

P	2/Lt	1024	Kenneth C. Elwood	
CP	2/Lt	1022	John L. Hutchinson	
N	2/Lt	1034	Stanley Albert	
B	2/Lt	1035	George F. Schatz	
E	Sgt	748	Dewey B. Burt	
R	S/Sgt	757	William S. Hanna	
AG	Sgt	612	Arthur L. Figueira	
2G	Sgt	748	James J. Leahy	
3G	Pvt	611	William W. Rabada	
	S/Sgt	405	Hugh C. Craig	
			Clerk-typist	

CREW NO. 11

P	2/Lt	1024	Thomas L. Thompson	KIA
CP	2/Lt	1022	Conrad M. Zufall	PW
N	2/Lt	1034	Ralph Garson	PW
B	2/Lt	1035	John H. Doherty	PW
E	S/Sgt	748	Victor Frisbie	KIA
R	S/Sgt	757	George H Gagne	PW
AG	Sgt	612	Gerald D. Jackson	
2G	Sgt	748	John Namey	PW
3G	Sgt	611	George W. Hartwell	PW
	M/Sgt	750	George Cuda	
			Crew Chief	

CREW NO. 12

P	2/Lt	1024	Donald B. Lowe Jr.	
CP	2/Lt	1022	Benjamin H. Moon	
N	2/Lt	1034	Earl C. Noble	
B	2/Lt	1035	Carl G. Berquist	
E	Sgt	748	Armand P. Fugge	
R	T/Sgt	757	Derald R. Lyman	
AG	Sgt	612	Aloysius H. Domnissey	
1G	Sgt	748	Leo R. Cunningham	
3G	Sgt	611	Alfred L. Reisser	
	M/Sgt	752	LeRoy E. Clapp	
			Line Chief	

CREW NO. 13

P	1/Lt	1024	Harold J. Bestervelt	
CP	2/Lt	1024	Van B. Campbell	
N	2/Lt	1034	William J. Beatovich	KIA
B	2/Lt	1035	Charles J. Anderson	
E	S/Sgt	748	Wayne L. Brubaker	
R	S/Sgt	757	Henry H. Brooks	
AG	Sgt	612	Raymond E. Hosbach	
1G	Sgt	612	Broadus B. Collins Jr.	
3G	Sgt	612	Leonard R. Wolfe	
	1/Lt	0200	Ralph F. Thul	
			Sq. Comm. Officer	

CREW NO. 14

P	1/Lt	1024	John W. Rice	
CP	2/Lt	1022	Clinton B. Clifton	KIA
N	1/Lt	1034	Arthur B. Murphy	
B	1/Lt	1035	Max Raithe	
E	T/Sgt	748	Sidney Triebwasser	
R	S/Sgt	757	Edward T. Richey	
AG	S/Sgt	612	Leo W. Lorenzo	
1G	S/Sgt	748	John F. Kolafa	
3G	S/Sgt	612	Wilmuth O. Holmberg	
	Capt	1024	Edwin B. Daily	
			Sq. Commdr.	

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First 398th Crews In Combat Had Their

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601st Bomb Squadron

CREW NO. 15

P 2/Lt 1024 Sheldon R. Nelson
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Joseph F. Lanser
 N 2/Lt 1034 Donald J. Van Dyke
 B 2/Lt 1035 Donald W. Kidd
 E S/Sgt 748 John W. Harbauer
 R S/Sgt 757 William J. Brown
 1G Sgt 748 James T. Jenkins
 2G Sgt 748 George E. Keown
 3G Sgt 611 Francis W. Dippel
 M/Sgt 542 Edwin P. Spain
 Sq. Comm. Chief

CREW NO. 16

P 2/Lt 1024 Charles J. Searl KIA
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Albert L. Dion KIA
 N 2/Lt 1034 Saul J. Kempner KIA
 B 2/Lt 1035 Leo C. Walsh KIA
 E S/Sgt 748 James A. Beaty KIA
 R Sgt 757 Cecil E. Kennedy KIA
 AG Sgt 612 Orville M. Wilson KIA
 1G Sgt 748 Albert W. Knight KIA
 2G Sgt 748 Alfred Bueffel KIA
 M/Sgt 750 Edgar W. Hunsaker
 Crew Chief

CREW NO. 17

P 1/Lt 1024 Jessup D Lowe
 CP 1/Lt 1024 Ned E. Shott
 N 2/Lt 1034 Gaspera Miceli
 B 2/Lt 1035 Bobby D. Allen
 E S/Sgt 748 Preston R. Morrison
 R S/Sgt 757 Jose Herrera
 1G Sgt 748 Charles A. Bennett
 2G Sgt 748 Henry H. Henagan Jr.
 3G Sgt 612 George W. Jennings
 1/Lt 4823 Joseph P. Wier
 Sq. Acrtf Eng

CREW NO. 18

P 1/Lt 1024 Charles W. Ballard
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Robert C. Abresch
 N 2/Lt 1034 Osborn W. Johnson Jr.
 B 2/Lt 1035 Dale E. Savidgo
 E Sgt 748 Raymond J. Clisham
 R S/Sgt 757 Malcolm F. Clark
 AG Sgt 612 James F Dwyer
 1G Sgt 748 Fred H. Parker
 2G Sgt 612 Eugene M. Eichman
 1/Lt 1034 Anthony M. Adams
 Sq. Navigator

CREW NO. 19

P 2/Lt 1024 Isaac N. Alhadeff PW
 CP 2/Lt 1022 John R. Sigsworth PW
 N 2/Lt 1034 Clarence E. Evans PW
 B 2/Lt 1035 Paul E. Foster PW
 E M/Sgt 748 Martin C. Chavez PW
 R S/Sgt 757 Orville W. Elsrod PW
 AG Sgt 612 Jack E. Hill
 1G Sgt 611 Dave F. Walker PW
 2G Sgt 612 Nathan Mirell PW
 Sgt 754 Bernard F. Trzeinski
 Radio Mech

CREW NO. 20

P 2/Lt 1024 Ira L. O'Neal Jr. KIA
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Roger D. Comer KIA
 N 2/Lt 1034 Howard F. Baer PW
 B 2/Lt 1035 Merritt A. Deuel
 E S/Sgt 748 Frederick B. Cone KIA
 R S/Sgt 757 George Graham PW
 AG Sgt 612 Robert W. Jenkins KIA
 1G Pvt 612 Joseph G. Barano KIA
 2G Sgt 748 Dale J. Schaupp KIA
 Sgt 862 Robert W. Dotterer
 Radar Mech

CREW NO. 21

P 1/Lt 1024 Hal W. Lamb
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Howard F. Randall
 N 1/Lt 1034 Arthur E. Waaramaa PW
 B 1/Lt 1035 John R. Smith
 E M/Sgt 748 Warren Stone
 R T/Sgt 757 Charles B. Suchman
 AG S/Sgt 612 James R. Ronan
 2G T/Sgt 748 Russell A. Lachman
 3G S/Sgt 612 Henry A. August
 Major 1024 Leo W. Killen PW
 Sq. Comdr

CREW NO. 22

P 1/Lt 1024 Kearie L. Berry Jr.
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Raymond A. Thornton KIA
 N 2/Lt 1034 Karl M. Schenk
 B 2/Lt 1035 Walter J. Kruse KIA
 E S/Sgt 748 Everett Yeater Jr.
 R S/Sgt 757 Carlo Galioi KIA
 AG Sgt 612 George C. Papajohn KIA
 1G Cpl 748 Ralph C. Hess KIA
 2G Sgt 748 Harold A. Bisping KIA
 1/Lt 4823 Alton C. White
 Sq. Acrtf Eng

CREW NO. 23

P 2/Lt 1024 Willard Hadjes PW
 CP F/O 1022 Homer R. Kuck PW
 N 2/Lt 1034 Richard E. Howell PW
 B 2/Lt 1035 John A. Hiller PW
 E S/Sgt 748 John B. Lindsay PW
 R S/Sgt 757 Joseph Ferraiuolo PW
 1G Sgt 611 Floyd Jones Jr. PW
 2G Sgt 748 Robert B. Gibb PW
 3G Sgt 748 James A. Johnson
 M/Sgt 750 Jack H. Brady
 Crew Chief

CREW NO. 24

P 2/Lt 1024 E. J. L. Fairbanks
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Gerald L. Skow
 N F/O 1034 Charles A. Gunn
 B 2/Lt 1035 Eddie Hinson Jr.
 E S/Sgt 748 James D. Cagle
 R S/Sgt 757 Machen T. Moore
 AG Sgt 612 Joseph F. Hauldren
 1G Sgt 612 Daniel J. Conner
 2G Sgt 748 Wellington E. Stichter
 M/Sgt 750 William Benoe
 Crew Chief

CREW NO. 25

P 2/Lt 1024 Bruce L. Binger
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Donald E. Smith
 N 2/Lt 1034 Richard R. Windmueller
 B 2/Lt 1035 Asahel C. Kellogg
 E Sgt 748 Leo V. Berrion
 R S/Sgt 757 Arthur E. Rose
 AG Cpl 612 Robert J. Houston
 2G Sgt 748 Manuel E. Rodriquez
 3G Sgt 748 James C. Sillin
 M/Sgt 750 Adonis Perry Jr.
 Crew Chief

CREW NO. 26

P 1/Lt 1024 Willis E. Frazier
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Malcolm L. Prather
 N 1/Lt 1034 Paul E. Picket
 B 1/Lt 1035 Lester B. Veley
 E T/Sgt 748 James B. Ryan
 R T/Sgt 757 William J. DeLorey
 AG S/Sgt 757 Philip D'Addio
 1G S/Sgt 612 James C. Crouch
 3G S/Sgt 612 Amadio DeGuiseppe
 Capt 1035 David L. Levy
 Sq. Bmbdr

CREW NO. 27

P 1/Lt 1024 Harry L. Heintzelman
 CP 2/Lt 1022 George Stecha
 N 2/Lt 1034 Philip L. Benefiel
 B 2/Lt 1035 Gervase S. Hyland
 E S/Sgt 748 Waldemer A. Vernet Jr.
 R S/Sgt 757 Charles T. Hallberg
 1G Sgt 748 Alan M. Hansbarger
 2G Sgt 748 Ivan R. Hunter
 3G Sgt 612 Perry D. Reid
 M/Sgt 752 Victorio Caserta
 Line Chief

CREW NO. 28

P 2/Lt 1024 Merwyn E. Hornshuh
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Houston R. Russell
 N 2/Lt 1034 Earl W. Anderson
 B 2/Lt 1035 Mathew R. Wilson
 E S/Sgt 748 Elmer L. Lawson
 R S/Sgt 757 Wesley R. Mudge
 AG Cpl 748 Alton L. Shirtz
 1G Sgt 611 Wendell H. Weisend
 2G Sgt 748 Edwin S. Garrett
 M/Sgt 750 Claire C. Bash
 Crew Chief

CREW NO. 29

P 2/Lt 1024 John H. Davis
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Edwin D. Stewart
 N 2/Lt 1034 Samuel D. Sass
 B 2/Lt 1035 John B. Guarisco
 E S/Sgt 748 Leroy Hill
 R S/Sgt 757 Raymond J. Wallrath
 1G Sgt 612 Daniel Lewis
 2G Sgt 748 Leroy A. Whitehead
 3G Sgt 748 Augustin P. Hollohan
 S/Sgt 405 Henry R. Thomas
 Clerk-typist

CREW NO. 30

P 2/Lt 1024 Howard Dallas
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Otto J. Sorbel
 N 2/Lt 1034 Gilbert Edgington
 B 2/Lt 1035 Gerald F. Krauss
 E S/Sgt 748 Clifford E. Chronister
 R S/Sgt 757 Richard D. Hudson
 AG Sgt 612 William C. Kilby
 1G Sgt 612 Sidney A. Armstrong
 2G Sgt 748 Jack Farmer
 M/Sgt 542 Richard C. Phillips
 Sq. Comm Chief

CREW NO. 31

P 1/Lt 1024 Alan A. Arlin
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Harold O. Stallings
 N 2/Lt 1034 Charles A. Walkup Jr.
 B 1/Lt 1035 Morris V. Baxter
 E T/Sgt 748 Raymond J. Chmielewski
 R S/Sgt 757 Louis Buchsbaum PW
 AG S/Sgt 612 William C. Wilson
 1G Sgt 612 Charlie M. Carter
 2G S/Sgt 748 Joseph J. McCort Jr.
 Capt 2161 Tracy J. Petersen
 Sq Opns

CREW NO. 32

P 2/Lt 1024 John W. Ingram KIA
 CP 2/Lt 1022 John D. Rose PW
 N 2/Lt 1034 William H. Hoffman KIA
 B 2/Lt 1035 Norman E. Bergen KIA
 E S/Sgt 748 Luther Willis KIA
 R S/Sgt 757 Donald Christensen KIA
 1G Sgt 611 Thomas D. Kelly KIA
 2G Sgt 748 Uvaldo G. Morales KIA
 3G Sgt 748 Frank Gnasdowski PW
 M/Sgt 752 Elbert G. Roberts
 Line Chief

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CREW NO. 33				CREW NO. 39				CREW NO. 45				
P	2/Lt	1024	Ralph L. Halter	KIA	P	1/Lt	1024	Milton F. Dunlap	P	1/Lt	1024	Calvin J. Richardson
CP	2/Lt	1022	Richard S. Sherman	PW	CP	2/Lt	1022	Max N. Rahe	CP	2/Lt	1022	Thomas K. Campbell
N	2/Lt	1034	Robert Bunning	PW	N	2/Lt	1034	Hugh D. Beattie	N	2/Lt	1034	Edward C. Wineman
B	2/Lt	1035	Arthur S. Harris	PW	B	2/Lt	1035	Harry W. Houchens	B	2/Lt	1035	Phillip W. Eckman
E	S/Sgt	748	Clinton L. Loveland	KIA	E	T/Sgt	748	Forrest L. Hagedorn	E	Sgt	748	Jesse J. Reiff
R	S/Sgt	757	Edward B. Goesel	KIA	R	T/Sgt	757	Vincent J. Maggio	R	Sgt	757	James T. Walker Jr.
AG	Sgt	612	Lester L. Wroe	1G	S/Sgt	748	Howard L. Hawkins	AG	Sgt	612	Eulah E. Mallory	
2G	Sgt	748	Sidney S. Dvorak	2G	S/Sgt	748	George P. Bennett	1G	S/Sgt	611	Theodore A. Werner	
3G	Sgt	748	John D. Burns	KIA	3G	S/Sgt	757	Eugene Lydic	3G	Sgt	748	Howard J. Hall Jr.
	M/Sgt	752	Phillip F. Boltz		Maj	1024	Peter J. Rooney		S/Sgt	862	George E. King Jr.	
			Line Chief				Sq Comdr				Radar Mech	
CREW NO. 34				CREW NO. 40				CREW NO. 46				
P	2/Lt	1024	Leroy A. Darner	P	2/Lt	1024	Paul W. Roderick	P	2/Lt	1024	Charles V. Cobb	
CP	2/Lt	1022	Richard S. Adler	CP	2/Lt	1022	Roger M. Harvey	CP	2/Lt	1022	Araja H. Evans	
N	F/O	1034	Joseph P. Roberge	N	2/Lt	1034	Frank B. Scribner	N	2/Lt	1034	Henry M. Gray	
B	2/Lt	1035	Harold R. Reeves	B	2/Lt	1035	John R. Ward	B	2/Lt	1035	Winford W. Fetterman	
E	S/Sgt	748	Richard F. Carrigg	E	S/Sgt	748	Gerald W. Monagin	E	S/Sgt	748	Arthur E. Hewitt	
R	S/Sgt	757	Robert E. Doran	R	S/Sgt	757	Richard J. Carter	R	Sgt	757	Frederick T. King	
1G	Sgt	612	George P. Hinsom	AG	Sgt	612	Vaughn M. Erickson	1G	Pfc	611	Howard M. Skipper	
2G	Sgt	748	Clyde D. Burton	2G	Sgt	748	Joseph E. Barnhart	2G	Sgt	748	Howard W. Cox	
3G	Sgt	748	Ray L. Smith	3G	Sgt	748	Alfred Serrano	3G	Sgt	748	Stanley Buckowitz	
	M/Sgt	750	Wilbur A. Rhorback		Capt	9301	Charles H. Kroh		M/Sgt	750	John J. Colwell	
			Crew Chief				Sq Intel				Crew Chief	
CREW NO. 35				CREW NO. 41				CREW NO. 47				
P	1/Lt	1024	Selmer Gustaves	P	1/Lt	1024	Thomas A. Brown	P	1/Lt	1024	Dwight E. Ross	
CP	2/Lt	1022	John J. Faulkenbach	CP	2/Lt	1022	Kenneth L. Thomas	CP	2/Lt	1022	Frank J. Randel	
N	2/Lt	1034	Arthur Merkin	N	2/Lt	1034	Robert O'Dell	N	2/Lt	1034	Herbert G. Hentchel	
B	2/Lt	1035	Oliver H. Anderson	B	2/Lt	1035	George E. Hietanen	B	1/Lt	1035	William W. Martin	
E	S/Sgt	748	Robert E. Pfeiffer	E	Sgt	748	William A. Carson	E	T/Sgt	748	Darrell E. Moore	
R	S/Sgt	757	Clifford S. Markland	R	Sgt	757	Elbert D. Cude	R	T/Sgt	757	Michael L. Riccio	
AG	Sgt	612	William M. Sighting	1G	Sgt	612	Eugene D. Blavine	AG	S/Sgt	612	Danna E. Jenkins	
2G	Sgt	748	John T. Duff	2G	Sgt	748	Donald M. Skinner	2G	S/Sgt	748	Paul C. Mitchell	
3G	Sgt	612	Atwell S. Clarke	3G	Sgt	748	Thomas J. Cartin	3G	S/Sgt	757	LeRoy S. Scholl	
	Capt	3100	Robert B. Sweet		M/Sgt	750	Lindsay W. Sowby		1/Lt	4823	Lewis E. Foster	
			Sq Med				Crew Chief				Sq Acft Eng	
CREW NO. 36				CREW NO. 42				CREW NO. 48				
P	1/Lt	1024	Donald E. Griffin	P	2/Lt	1024	James B. Dollar	P	2/Lt	1024	Norman V. Rudrud	
CP	2/Lt	1022	Ralph G. Anderson	CP	2/Lt	1022	Leslie P. Turner	CP	2/Lt	1022	William Ganz	
N	2/Lt	1034	Philip B. Trienkle	N	2/Lt	1034	Walter J. Linke	N	2/Lt	1034	Harold Rosenzweig	
B	1/Lt	1035	Steve C. Kiacz	B	2/Lt	1035	Benito Gonzales	B	2/Lt	1035	Edwin L. Brown	
E	T/Sgt	748	Leon G. Lorett	E	S/Sgt	748	John M. Ely	E	Sgt	748	Walter H. Kerr	
R	S/Sgt	757	Octavus Gallardo	R	S/Sgt	757	Lewis M. Cooper	R	Sgt	757	Beryl C. Cooper	
A	Sgt	612	William H. Thompson	AG	Sgt	612	Frank J. Weiler	4G	Sgt	611	Alfred L. Breault	
1G	Sgt	748	Edward W. Hoag Jr.	1G	Sgt	612	Elwell S. Jellison	1G	Sgt	111	George H. Cooper	
3G	Sgt	612	Nicholas R. Amabile	3G	Sgt	748	Franklin P. Hicinbothem	2G	Sgt	748	Milford C. Pinson	
	1/Lt	1034	Harry Kravif		M/Sgt	750	Edward T. Morneau		M/Sgt	752	Ira Jones	
			Sq Nav				Crew Chief				Line Chief	
			KIA	CREW NO. 43				CREW NO. 49				
				P	2/Lt	1024	John Driscoll	P	2/Lt	1024	John P. Ryan	
				CP	2/Lt	1022	Robert L. Walker	CP	2/Lt	1022	Lee R. Test Jr.	
				N	2/Lt	1034	Robert E. Trimmer	N	2/Lt	1034	Carl Foster	
				B	2/Lt	1035	Marion S. Offutt	B	2/Lt	1035	Chamber D. Adams	
				E	Sgt	748	Grover G. Ostrander	E	Sgt	748	John J. Cowley Jr.	
				R	Sgt	757	Robert D. Ball	R	T/Sgt	757	Lloyd G. Stovall	
				AG	Sgt	612	John M. Gloor	AG	T/Sgt	748	William F. Coombs	
				1G	Sgt	612	Eugene M. Mazzanti	1G	Sgt	612	Samuel Devan	
				2G	Sgt	748	Sidney H. Gehris	3G	Sgt	748	Joseph Horvath	
					M/Sgt	750	Ray T. Speer		M/Sgt	750	John May	
							Crew Chief				Crew Chief	
CREW NO. 37				CREW NO. 44				CREW NO. 50				
P	2/Lt	1024	Hollis L. Dalton	P	1/Lt	1024	Stanley W. Allen Jr.	P	2/Lt	1024	William B. Radnedge	
CP	2/Lt	1022	Philip H. Stahlman Jr.	CP	F/O	1022	Francis C. Clark	CP	2/Lt	1022	Stanley R. Thomas	
N	2/Lt	1034	William J. Schwan	N	1/Lt	1034	James L. Hurst	N	2/Lt	1034	Richard B. Fox	
B	2/Lt	1035	John G. McAllister	B	1/Lt	1035	Frank T. Keyes	B	2/Lt	1035	Billy G. Gonser	
E	S/Sgt	748	Cova B. Baker	E	T/Sgt	748	Jesse E. Prugh	E	T/Sgt	748	Jesse L. Birnbaum	
R	S/Sgt	757	Gene Johnson	R	T/Sgt	757	David Denner	R	S/Sgt	757	John N. Sonrier	
A	Sgt	612	Harold W. Kanable	AG	S/Sgt	612	Robert A. Stewart	AG	Sgt	748	Roscoe E. Scovel	
1G	Sgt	611	Alfred Alves	2G	S/Sgt	748	Jack D. Mallory	1G	Sgt	612	Gordon G. Geddes	
3G	Sgt	612	William K. Durst	3G	S/Sgt	757	James I. Powell	2G	Sgt	612	Donald A. V. Lawrence	
	T/Sgt	754	Robert F. Missner		Capt	2161	J. W. Walker		T/Sgt	685	Morris F. Swed	
			Radio Mech				Sq Opr				Elec Spec1	
CREW NO. 38							KIA				KIA	
P	2/Lt	1024	Jerald A. Davis	P	1/Lt	1024	Stanley W. Allen Jr.	P	2/Lt	1024	William B. Radnedge	
CP	2/Lt	1022	Leo W. Steen	CP	F/O	1022	Francis C. Clark	CP	2/Lt	1022	Stanley R. Thomas	
N	2/Lt	1034	Lawrence J. Tacker	N	1/Lt	1034	James L. Hurst	N	2/Lt	1034	Richard B. Fox	
B	2/Lt	1035	Leo J. Welder	B	1/Lt	1035	Frank T. Keyes	B	2/Lt	1035	Billy G. Gonser	
E	S/Sgt	748	Luther Toler	E	T/Sgt	748	Jesse E. Prugh	E	T/Sgt	748	Jesse L. Birnbaum	
R	S/Sgt	757	Robert H. Hill	R	T/Sgt	757	David Denner	R	S/Sgt	757	John N. Sonrier	
A	Sgt	612	Georgie G. Edmondson	AG	S/Sgt	612	Robert A. Stewart	AG	Sgt	748	Roscoe E. Scovel	
1G	Sgt	612	Paul E. Kinney	2G	S/Sgt	748	Jack D. Mallory	1G	Sgt	612	Gordon G. Geddes	
2G	Sgt	748	Thomas C. Loveland	3G	S/Sgt	757	James I. Powell	2G	Sgt	612	Donald A. V. Lawrence	
	Cpl	862	James B. Ray		Capt	2161	J. W. Walker		T/Sgt	685	Morris F. Swed	
			Radar Mech				Sq Opr				Elec Spec1	

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CREW NO. 51

P 1/Lt 1024 Luther W. Hough
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Warren Creech
 N 2/Lt 1034 Edward W. Nissen
 B 2/Lt 1035 John Rich
 E S/Sgt 748 Otto H. Olson
 R S/Sgt 757 Elzie J. Hunnicutt
 1G Sgt 612 Curtis G. Cochran
 2G Sgt 748 Billy W. Crenshaw
 3G Sgt 748 Robert E. Pruner
 1/Lt 1034 John F. Stevens
 Sq Nav

CREW NO. 52

P 1/Lt 1024 Franklin Taylor
 CP 2/Lt 1022 William P. Pierce
 N F/O 1034 Saul Nadel
 B 2/Lt 1035 Raymond P. Szotek
 E S/Sgt 748 Joseph J. Kiska KIA
 R S/Sgt 757 Stephen Kovacev
 AG Sgt 612 Richard W. Baxter
 2G Sgt 748 Edwin N. Buck
 3G Sgt 748 Joseph M. Totter
 WOJG 0200 Julius E. Nelson
 Sq Com

CREW NO. 53

P 1/Lt 1024 Harold W. Woodson
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Richard C. Morauer
 N 2/Lt 1034 Peter E. Mullin
 B 2/Lt 1035 Raymond M. Turner
 E Sgt 748 Gerald E. Dixon
 R S/Sgt 757 Solomon Waslow
 AG Sgt 612 Cecil R. Moore
 2G Sgt 748 Russell S. Spear Jr.
 3G S/Sgt 748 George A. Shoptan
 Capt 3100 William R. Kavanaugh
 Sq Med

CREW NO. 54

P 2/Lt 1024 Mark Turner
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Henry Webb
 N 2/Lt 1034 Wallace W. Martin
 B 2/Lt 1035 Arthur W. Esmarch
 E Sgt 748 James H. Rossi
 R Sgt 757 Albert Bissin
 AG Sgt 612 David M. Edwards
 1G Sgt 612 Hallice A. Wheeless
 2G Sgt 612 John T. Turner
 M/Sgt 750 Lewis W. Miller
 Crew Chief

CREW NO. 55

P 1/Lt 1024 Ernest D. Scott Jr.
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Dallas L. Hawkins KIA
 N 2/Lt 1034 Vance F. Mitchell
 B 2/Lt 1035 John A. Loomis Jr. KIA
 E Sgt 748 Godron Sudborough KIA
 R S/Sgt 757 James W. Smith
 AG Sgt 612 Gregory G. Groncki KIA
 2G Sgt 748 Murdic D. Hancock Jr.
 3G Sgt 748 Val M. Brewer
 1/Lt 1035 Henry L. Mackie
 Sq. Bmbdr

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CREW NO. 56

P Capt 1024 James G. Davidson
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Clarence H. King
 N 2/Lt 1034 Henry Timbrook
 B 2/Lt 1035 Eugene L. Stevens
 E Sgt 748 Virgil J. Bryan
 R S/Sgt 757 Gordon S. Fedder
 AG Sgt 748 Charles A. Michael
 1G Sgt 612 Joseph M. Howard
 3G Sgt 612 John L. Gaynor
 Capt 4823 Carl H. Hogrefe
 Sq Acft Eng

CREW NO. 57

P 1/Lt 1024 Harvey H. Latson Jr.
 CP 2/Lt 1024 Robert E. Ullom
 N 2/Lt 1034 Joseph E. Aceto
 B 2/Lt 1035 Charles A. Waldbauer
 E Sgt 748 Donald A. Vredenburg
 R Sgt 757 Clarence J. Fuummeley
 AG Sgt 748 Joseph E. Bourke
 1G Sgt 612 Douglas M. Lundy
 2G Sgt 612 Angelo C. Martorelly
 M/Sgt 752 Sam H. Grant
 Line Chief

CREW NO. 58

P 1/Lt 1024 LeRoy S. Lassegard
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Edward D. Jones
 N 2/Lt 1034 Vonnerlin Vernecke
 B 2/Lt 1035 Hal W. Delton
 E S/Sgt 748 Joseph F. Faughn
 R T/Sgt 757 George E. Seibert
 1G S/Sgt 612 Charles F. Johnson
 2G Sgt 611 Harry E. Beatty
 3G Sgt 612 Martin J. McGinty
 Capt 1035 Carleton C. Moore KIA
 Sq Bombdr

CREW NO. 59

P 2/Lt 1024 William E. Engel
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Warren H. Wright
 N 2/Lt 1034 Charles K. Edick
 B 2/Lt 1035 Ray W. Wilkins
 E S/Sgt 748 Lonnie D. Mason
 R S/Sgt 757 Eli Badovinac
 1G Sgt 748 Henry B. Lee
 2G Sgt 612 Lawrence R. McIver
 3G Sgt 612 Daniel J. Naragon
 M/Sgt 750 Leland H. Watson
 Crew Chief

CREW NO. 60

P 2/Lt 1024 Dean L. Foster
 CP F/O 1022 Arthur Silverman
 N F/O 1034 William J. Vanderlick KIA
 B 2/Lt 1035 Linder Tanksley
 E S/Sgt 748 John C. Bird
 R S/Sgt 757 William K. Hineman
 1G Sgt 748 Arthur Wilkinson
 2G Sgt 612 Francis P. Devaney
 3G Sgt 748 Dwight Hinkle
 M/Sgt 750 Frank I. Gelwicks
 Crew Chief

CREW NO. 61

P 1/Lt 1024 Unite L. Brodin KIA
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Jerome T. Jans PW
 N 1/Lt 1034 Lewis C. Haberman KIA
 B 1/Lt 1035 Paul W. Voehringer KIA
 E T/Sgt 748 LeRoy Elton PW
 R T/Sgt 757 Bernard Rochford PW
 AG T/Sgt 748 Marlin Woodward KIA
 1G S/Sgt 757 Peter D. Carrado KIA
 2G S/Sgt 611 Andrew E. Wentz
 Capt 3100 Lew B. Hunter
 Sq Med

CREW NO. 62

P 1/Lt 1024 Jack C. Novak
 CP F/O 1024 Raymond A. Winkler
 N 2/Lt 1034 John W. Beck
 B 2/Lt 1035 Julius Gurney Jr.
 E S/Sgt 748 Hannibal G. Fowler
 R S/Sgt 757 Leonard G. Nance
 1G S/Sgt 612 John W. O'Brien
 2G S/Sgt 748 Joseph F. McNalley
 3G Cpl 748 Charles A. Merchant
 M/Sgt 750 Urho Kaskela
 Crew Chief

CREW NO. 63

P 1/Lt 1024 Victor E. Stoll
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Frederick Kushera PW
 N 2/Lt 1034 Earl W. Klatte
 B 2/Lt 1035 Jack R. Moskewitz
 E S/Sgt 748 George E. Lynn
 R S/Sgt 757 Blair L. Holmes
 AG Sgt 748 Emil Anderson Jr.
 1G Sgt 612 Henry F. Smith
 3G Sgt 748 Raymond L. Moore
 S/Sgt 405 Joseph C. Ellis
 Clerk-typist

CREW NO. 64

P 2/Lt 1024 Wilbur G. Fisher
 CP F/O 1022 Carl O. Turner
 N 2/Lt 1034 Thomas J. Stitz PW
 B 2/Lt 1035 Hugo A. Mattila
 E S/Sgt 748 Ray W. Winters
 R S/Sgt 757 Frank J. Hopp
 AG Sgt 748 Ralph F. Glancy KIA
 2G Sgt 612 Garfield L. Berwick
 3G Sgt 612 Lyle R. Johnson
 M/Sgt 750 Natham Klatzkin
 Crew Chief

CREW NO. 65

P 1/Lt 1024 Robert L. Hopkins PW
 CP 2/Lt 1022 Edward C. Jordan
 N 1/Lt 1034 Anthony J. Jellen
 B 1/Lt 1035 David B. Moore
 E T/Sgt 748 Walter G. Armstrong
 R T/Sgt 757 Raymond C. Gibeau
 AG S/Sgt 748 William J. Germiller
 1G S/Sgt 747 James F. Hochadel KIA
 3G S/Sgt 612 Raymond A. Vicha
 Major 1024 Judson F. Gray KIA
 Sq Comdr

CREW NO. 66

P 1/Lt 1024 William F. Scott
 CP 2/Lt 1024 Ernest W. Spitzer PW
 N 2/Lt 1034 John F. Naioti
 B 2/Lt 1035 William P. Taylor
 E S/Sgt 748 Clifton L. Self
 R S/Sgt 757 Stephen J. Cresh
 AG Pvt 748 Jeremiah J. Clifford
 1G Sgt 612 Jacob D. Herman
 2G Sgt 612 Ross L. Moxey
 S/Sgt 862 William J. Dwyer
 Radar Mech

CREW NO. 67

P 1/Lt 1024 Stephen P. Cullinan
 CP 2/Lt 1022 John O. Hobbs
 N 2/Lt 1034 Lloyd M. Sundheim
 B 2/Lt 1035 Walter E. Marsh
 E T/Sgt 748 Bernard Mendes
 R S/Sgt 757 Harold B. Butler
 AG Cpl 611 Lewis A. Puthoff
 1G Sgt 748 Florence A. Kowalczyk
 2G S/Sgt 748 Bernard P. Jaruszewski
 M/Sgt 542 Paul K. Jackson
 Sq Comm Chief

CREW NO. 68

P 2/Lt 1024 Francis L. Fahrenthold
 CP 2/Lt 1022 William A. Wright Jr.
 N 2/Lt 1034 Paul F. Heitman
 B 2/Lt 1035 Dana W. Maryott
 E S/Sgt 748 Joseph Ariotti
 R S/Sgt 757 James G. Perry
 1G Sgt 612 William A. Farrell
 2G Sgt 612 Oscar L. Beatty
 3G Sgt 748 Arthur E. Armstrong
 M/Sgt 752 Durward D. Stegall
 Line Chief

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Members who at times feel "starved" for stories and information on the B-17 and its world-wide contribution to World War II are invited to hook up with "B-17 Combat Crewmen & Wingmen."

This group is a composite of airmen from just about every organization that flew the Fortress. And the stories in their newsletter represent this same broad spectrum. The editor and principal prime mover of the group is Arvin (Mac) McCauley.

Their address is PO Box 482, South Gate, CA 90280.

Highly recommended.



The Chaplain And The Colonel's Lady

THE CAMERA caught Mrs. Maria Hunter and Chaplain James Duvall in a serious moment as they awaited the start of the dedication ceremony at Wright Patterson Air Force Base Museum at Dayton, OH last September.

CREW NO. 69		
P	1/Lt	1024 Kirkland C. Krueger
CP	2/Lt	1022 Phil A. Lichty
N	2/Lt	1034 Carl W. Krecklow
B	2/Lt	1035 Lawrence P. Boyle
E	S/Sgt	748 James R. Singleton
R	S/Sgt	757 Edmund J. Dockerty
AG	Sgt	748 William H. Wright
2G	Sgt	611 William J. Bruno
3G	Sgt	612 Robert J. Fels
	1/Lt	0200 Arthur Kenney
		Sq Comm

PW

CREW NO. 70		
P	2/Lt	1024 Wilbur S. Dwyer
CP	2/Lt	1022 Claude A. Williams
N	2/Lt	1034 Joseph H. Mutz
B	2/Lt	1035 Robert A. Woolley
E	S/Sgt	748 Ted Boersma
R	S/Sgt	757 Eugene Zoldy
AG	Sgt	748 Walter F. Zawatsky
1G	Sgt	612 Leon W. Ford
2G	Sgt	612 Robert E. Harrington
	M/Sgt	750 Ray E. Bailey
		Crew Chief

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CREW NO. 71

P	2/Lt	1024 William J. Durtschi
CP	F/O	1022 Donald E. Rush
N	2/Lt	1034 Herbert M. Troost
B	2/Lt	1035 Melvin A. Wolf
E	S/Sgt	748 Floyd H. Cannon
R	S/Sgt	757 Thomas J. Campbell
AG	Sgt	748 Olan E. Meador
2G	Sgt	612 James A. Humbert
3G	Sgt	612 Lewis R. Witmer
	Capt	2162 Meyer C. Wagner Jr.
		Sq Opns

PW

CREW NO. 72

P	2/Lt	1024 Thomas K. Foster
CP	F/O	1022 Theodore N. West
N	2/Lt	1034 Raymond L. Wallace
B	F/O	1035 Clifford Z. Bryan
E	S/Sgt	748 Gerald O. Gruette
R	S/Sgt	757 Ray D. Bringle
AG	Sgt	748 Francis M. Tuttle
2G	Sgt	748 Loren C. Brown
3G	Sgt	612 Charles E. Cropp
	M/Sgt	750 Carl H. Harmon
		Crew Chief

By order of Colonel HUNTER

JACK S. GARLAND,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant

Rare 398th Movie Film Now Available

Some very rare 8 mm movie film, converted to VHS video, has been donated to the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association by Larry Paul.

Scenes from Station 131 at Nuthampstead, London and in the air both over the base and on missions, were captured by "amateur" photographer Paul during his tour of duty as a co-pilot with the Bill Meyran and Ernie Spitzer crews of the 603rd.

Paul's 30-minute video was shown at the reunion in Dayton last September, where he received encouragement to make the film available to all members. Re-prints of the film may be obtained for a cost of \$25.00, with proceeds going to the 398th Memorial Fund. Send your check to "398th Bomb Group Video" and mail to Allen Ostrom, Seattle, WA 98177.

Help Wanted

Your FLAK NEWS editor is issuing an appeal for information on a 398th gunner who supposedly had to bail out over Germany due to a severe flak injury.

Ernie LaCoste of the Don Pettus 600 crew recalls that this gunner's leg was amputated by the Germans and he was ultimately sent home via the Red Cross through Switzerland.

Anyone who has firm information on this story should contact the editor.

Swed On The Job For 1990 Reunion

Many 398th members are still buzzing over the highly successful reunion at Dayton last September, which set an attendance record of 522.

Others, like Morris Swed, are already looking forward to the next gathering of the group, September 12-15, 1990, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Morris and wife Mary, who live in nearby Princeton, WI, will be our reunion leaders. Already, they have set up hotel and motel accommodations and arranged for a special group visit to the world famous EAA Aviation Museum. It is here "our" B-17 is on display, complete with 398th colors and markings.

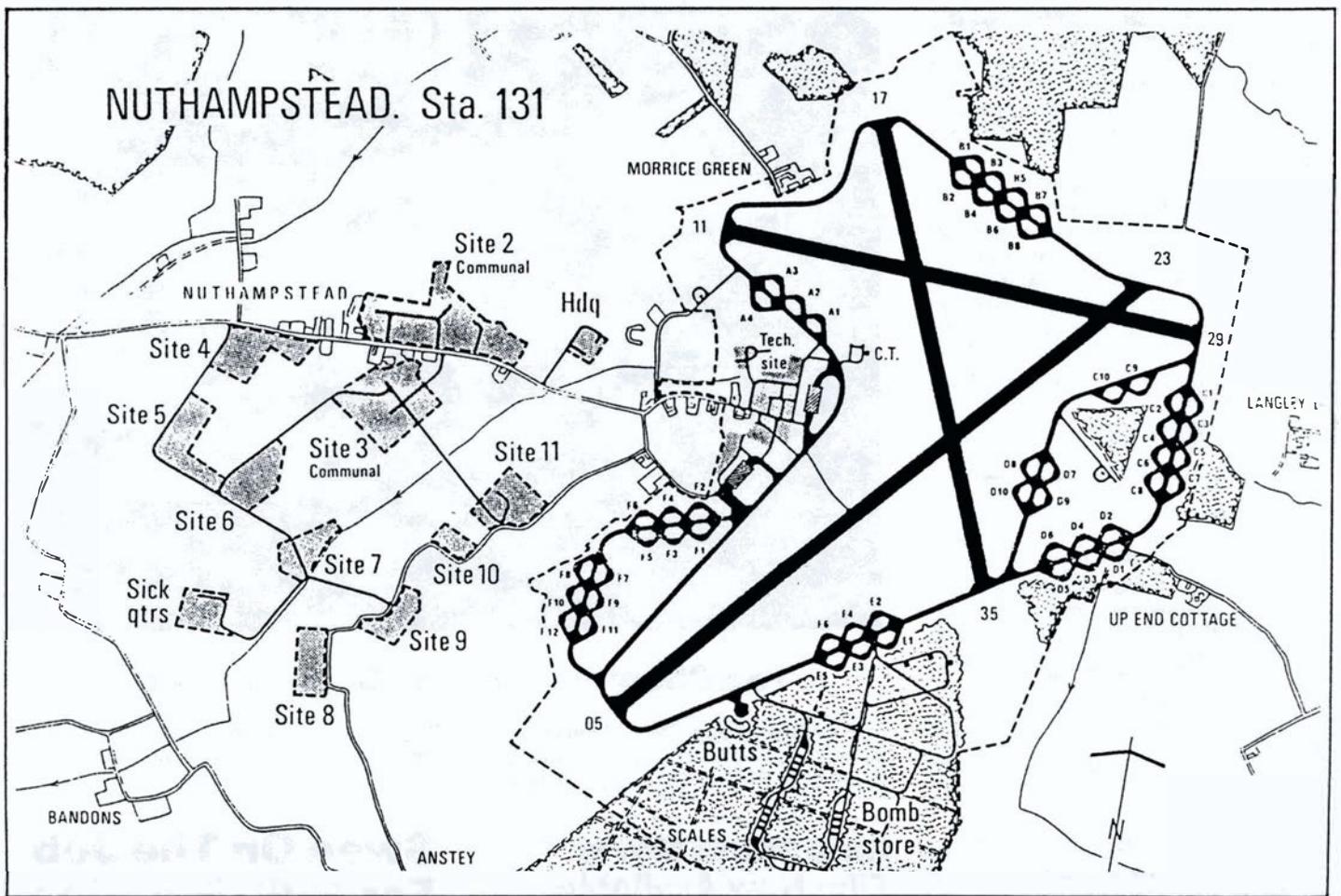
Additional information and reservation forms will be published in the April issue of FLAK NEWS.

Swed, who served with the 602nd Squadron as an electronics specialist, lives in Princeton, WI 54968.

Dayton Tape Available

A VHS tape of the entire reunion activities from Dayton last September has been made available through the courtesy of Bob Hart. That is, Bob Hart's son.

The tape may be secured on loan from Allen Ostrom, Seattle, WA 98177. Enclose \$2.00 for postage and handling.



AAF PAY GRADES—1944

Rank	Insignia	Yearly Pay	Rent Allowance (Mo.) with dependents	single
General		\$8,000	\$120	\$105
Lt. General		8,000	120	105
Maj. General		8,000	120	105
Brig. General		6,000	120	105
Colonel		4,000	120	105
Lt. Colonel		3,500	120	105
Major		3,000	105	90
Captain		2,400	90	75
1st Lieutenant		2,000	75	60
2nd Lieutenant		1,800	60	45
Warrant Officer (chief)		2,100	75	60
Warrant Officer (j.g.)		1,800	60	45
Flight Officer		1,800	60	45

Rank	Sleeve Insignia	Monthly Base Pay
Private (7th grade)	no chevrons	\$50
Private first class (6th grade)		54
Corporal (5th grade)		66
Sergeant (4th grade)		78
Staff Sergeant (3rd grade)		96
Technical Sergeant (2nd grade)		114
Master Sergeant, First Sergeant (1st grade)		138

FLYING PAY—Flying officers and enlisted men receive an increase of 50% of their base pay when by orders of competent authority they are required to participate regularly and frequently in aerial flights and when as a result of orders they do participate in such flights. Non-flying officers receive flying pay at the rate of \$60 per month when they participate in regular and frequent aerial flights ordered by competent authority.

SUBSISTENCE—Officers with dependents receive \$42 per month (30 day period) subsistence allowance; single officers, \$21. (Exception: Lt. Col. and Maj., married, receive \$63.)

LONGEVITY—Every enlisted man receives an increase of 5% of his base pay for each 3 years of service up to 30 years.

FOREIGN SERVICE—The base pay of officers is increased by 10% (enlisted men 20%) for any service while on sea duty or duty in any place beyond the continental limits of the U.S. or in Alaska.

Letters, Letters

"The Dayton reunion was another one of those rare times Marguerite and I have experienced in life. To see some of our old friends and meet new ones causes some deep feelings to rise up within. The memorial service was a touching experience and brought back many memories. Some of the men we honored were very good friends of mine. And whenever I hear Taps I see again the cemetery at Cambridge where I helped bury some of them. Taps breaks me up inside and my emotions causes tears to flow. But, that's OK, and I don't appologize for it. In my later years I learned that men cry. It was a great honor to have been asked to speak to the men. They are an inspiration to me and I am proud of their accomplishments."

James Duvall, San Pedro, CA 90731.

"The October FLAK NEWS was top notch. Of particular interest was Lou Stoffer's account of the December 24 Mission and the two crack-ups on take off because of iced-up wings. In 1976 I was with Lou as we toured the old base. Ozzie Osborn took us to the exact spot where his plane crashed. I'll never forget the depths of emotion that Lou experienced on that occasion. He found enough bits of metal from his plane in the plowed field to take home to his fellow crewmen."

**Phil Stahlman,
Fort Myers, FL 33903**

"Hats off to Bob and Eloise Hart for their excellent work in handling the Dayton reunion. They not only conducted the reunion activities very well, but also returned a profit to the group fund. The PX also did well as did the book sales. We are now able to begin building our Memorial Fund to the \$20,000 level as dictated by the board. Congratulations!"

**Ralph Hall, treasurer,
New Bedford, MA 02740**

"Thank you for your letter of November 17, 1989, which was enclosed with the July, 1988 issue of FLAK NEWS that carried the beautifully written account of the crash of the Tomahawk Warrior. It moved me to tears. I made eight copies to send to other relatives and friends. Let me express my gratitude, and that of my sister, Mary Ellen Walsh, for your work and continued interest in memorializing the crew of the Tomahawk Warriors."

Edmond E. Walsh, Baltimore, MD 21229.

Editor's Note: Families of five of the nine members of the Searl crew of the 600th have been located. Several will be on the 398th tour to England next June and will take part in a special Service of Remembrance at Penn on Sunday, July 1.

"You certainly made my day with the arrival of your book. I read it into the 'wee' sma hours, just me, your book and my memories of 'WW2' which shall always be with me, till I book my 'Flight' to the 'Spheres' of 'Light.' In American lingo, it is 'Class A,' in Scots, it's a real 'Stoater' which means can't be beat. There is so much 'Love' and Soul life in your book, it can only be there, because its Author saw the Combat for real; one has to experience 'Fear' excitement, and that raw gut feeling that one has before Action. Well done, lad."

**Johnnie Fleming, Ayrshire, KA1 2NT,
Scotland.**

"My wife and I just returned from a month's visit to England (and of course to Nuthampstead). Our Memorial is well cared for and we swelled with pride as we looked upon it again. I was also delighted, upon returning home, to find the name of Donnelly Vowell listed in the "additions" roster. Vowell was my co-pilot on our flight home from England in May of 1945. . . See you at Oshkosh."

**Albert J. Bischoff,
Colorado Springs, CO 80920**

"Go For It," Is Answer To Request For Added Pages For FLAK NEWS

More than a few members took notice of the expanded FLAK NEWS issue of last October (12 pages plus a four-page Galaxy Tour brochure on the group tour next June). This was a departure from the "usual" eight pages normally published.

And another 12-pager in the January, 1990 issue! These added pages to accommodate the publication of the loading lists of the 72 original crews who flew to combat from Rapid City in April, 1944.

In sending approval to spend the extra \$400 "over budget" for the added pages, treasurer Ralph Hall said—

"The membership has been very generous in supporting group activities with their dues and special FLAK NEWS funds. Go for it!"

TAPS: Last Mission For 398th Members

Adleman, Miao
Agnew, Harry
Agnew, Robert
Alexander, Claude
Anderson, Emil
Anderson, Roy L.
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Arlin, Allen A.
Ashworth, Dean H.
Atkins, James R.
Audet, Paul E.

Bagley, Bernard
Bailey, Ray E.
Baker, Albert A.
Baptist, Claude A.
Barnhard, Joseph E.
Bash, Claire
Baxter, Richard
Beckley, Robert J.
Belcher, Jess
Bell, Marvin
Benefiel, Phillip L.
Bennett, Norville
Berquist, Carl
Berry, Kearie L.
Berthoud, Charles
Bingle, Henry
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Briody, J.
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Brown, Sidney
Buckley, Tom
Bushie, Louis
Butler, John
Buzza, Kenneth
Byrne, Felix E.
Callahan, Noel

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Church, Fred M.
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Colburn, Warren
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Corsuti, Anthony
Cowen, Harry
Cote, Arthur
Cox, Norman
Crenshaw, D.W.
Crouch, James
Cummings, D.L.
Cutcher, James L.

Dacon, Charles H.
Dalton, Hal
Darner, Leroy
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Devan, Samuel
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Dunne, Bill

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Engard, Robert

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Ferguson, Allen
Fernandez, Frank
Folger, Robert
Foraker, Kenneth H.

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Frew, George
Fritz, Jack
Garland, Jack S.
Gibb, Robert
Gloor, John
Godfrey, John
Grant, Sam
Green, Norbert
Greenberg, Abraham I
Gresh, Steve
Griffo, Arthur
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Gruber, Fred

Hager, Herman L.
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Houchins, Harry
Howard, Grant
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Hutchinson, John L.
Hunter, Lewis B. Dr.
Hyland, Gervase (Gerry)

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Knight, George N.
Kotte, Norman E.
Krause, John J.
Kroh, Charles H.
Kuck, Homer R.
Knife, Percy
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