

NUTHAMPSTEAD AIRFIELD MUSEUM

News from the Trustees - July 2013

Donations

In the April issue of the FLAK NEWS we reported that many interesting items have been donated to The Museum by our generous 398th BGMA members. We thought you would like to see a few examples of these wonderful artifacts.



Left: This A14 Oxygen Mask is one of several items Ruthanna Doerstler donated from her late husband Wayne's collection of memorabilia. Tech. Sgt. Wayne Doerstler was Engineer / Top Turret Gunner with the 602nd R.A. Griffin crew.



Above: 'Souvenirs' brought back by Capt. Gene L. Douglas, 600th SQ Pilot, from his POW days at Stalag Luft 1. Great items donated by family members Richard & Irma Schwieteman!



Does Anyone Remember This Young Man?

Above is one of many photos which George Hentschel donated to The Museum from his collection. It was taken at the 601st SQ dispersal outside one of the tents that the ground crew lived in. It's possible that the young man would have been living in the Langley area which would have been within easy walking distance.

**Note the sign on the tent; "PENNSOTA" with silhouettes of the states of Pennsylvania and Minnesota, most certainly the states where the tent occupants hailed from. Also note the 'deluxe' astrodom window, the envy of the neighborhood!*

Please contact Geoff Rice if you recognize the lad above. Geoff's contact info is on page 9.



Construction Update

Ground preparation is finally underway for building 'two' of the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum. The photo at the left shows Museum Trustee Harvey Ditchman at the helm of his mighty digger. Thanks to the incredibly wet spring this year, Nuthampstead is truly living up to its WWII nickname of "Mudhampstead"! Hmmm. Nice weather if you're a duck.