

Bay Shore, Ny

Dear Bud

Torretta Flyer No#11 got my full attention. I was particularly interested in the photo by Lowell K. Davis center left page 31 where some of the names were omitted on the bottom row. For the record they are; Arthur Shak, Navigator; Layton McDonald, Co-pilot; Lowell K Davis, Pilot; David M Bartow, Bombardier; and Thomas Woolcott, Co-pilot. Eleven members are shown because Tom Woolcott was the original Co-pilot and subsequently he got his own crew. It is important that this crew be properly identified as these intrepid airmen and their gallant aircraft are a common thread woven throughout Flyer No#11.

I am enclosing a photo of ship #20 "Guardian Angel" This was Lowell K. Davis' aircraft. The photo was taken from Nance's much discussed "Ramp Rooster". While the name "Guardian Angel" may not have aroused as much interest as did some of her peers, it turned out to be somewhat prophetic inasmuch as this aircraft escorted Bob Bedwell across the Adriatic and stood by while his crew ditched. This incident is the beginning of the story reported in Hank Ronson's letter on page 12 of Torretta Flyer No#11

David Bartow, 824 Sq.
Ship 20 *24 Squadron



David M. Bartow, left reviews the mission plan with Layton McDonald right, Dave Bartow Photo 824 Sq.



Rome 1944. Left to right, John Cameron, Bill Adams, Franklin Mathews, and David Bartow, all of the 824 Squadron. Dave Bartow Photo 824 Sq.



Guardian Angel in flight. Lowell K. Davis, pilot. Dave Bartow photo 824 Sq.

Dear Bud and Bea

In regard to the B-24 with the hung up 500 pounder which blew up on the runway at Torretta. I am quite sure it was the crew of Lt. Donald Kooker of Bucks County, PA. The camp area of the officers of his crew and mine were back to back.

Keep up the good work.

Ruben J Kaiser, 825 Sq.

Dear Bud,

Referring to the photo of Tail Dragon top of page 22 Torretta Flyer No#11 you show "Tail Dragon" as being assigned to the 766th Sq. This is an error as I was the ship's waist gunner and I was in the 767 squadron.

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