



Photo above: Here is a picture of myself with the main landing gear strut.

- 2) A photograph of the airplane or of a 461st Bomb Group aircraft in flight or in the base area.
- 3) A crew photograph

Sincerely,
Phillippe Castellano

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Zepherhills, Florida
Dear Bud:

Very appreciative of your call last evening and amazed at the news of our wreckage still being intact on Eagles Peak near Eglin, France. Quite fascinating but when I think of it, there would not be too many people climbing a mountain to get a look at a B-24 in that area. It was north of Nice about 25 miles. Some of the French people traveled to Nice on their bicycles to do the shopping they were able to do.

Will get my thought process working this week and send some photos and more information both on crew members and people in Southern France whom I had contact with during my sojourn there. Have an address book which would have been taboo carrying around as I did for three months while wearing civilian clothing. Had I been captured it would have been a wealth of information on the FFI, however it never crossed my mind of the danger it could present at that time.

Wanted to get this letter off to recognize the fact of you calling and giving me the information.

Yours truly,
Donald E Ellis 767 squadron

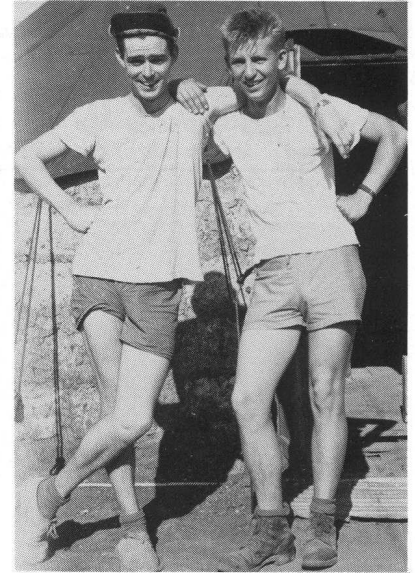
Editors Note: Crew photograph was not forthcoming.

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Dear Bud:

I have enjoyed reading the Torretta Flyers.

The 1988 Fall-Winter edition had an article written by Ed Lawler of the 484th Bomb Group. I am enclosing a photo of Sgt Lawler and Zapaka. Both Lawler and Zapaka flew several missions with Lt Kaiser's crew.



Sgt Lawler and Zapaka.

Sincerely,
Albin Frigo, 825 squadron

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Ellicott City, Md.
Dear Bud

Enclosed are photos of my crew and others who trained at Tonopah, Nevada from late-September to December 8, 1944. The photos taken at Tonopah, show (1) the ten members of my crew (306) of which I was navigator, (2) the officers in my crew, and officers of the other crews at the same stage of training.

We left Hamilton Field, CA, on or about December 13, 1944, for the POE, Camp Patrick Henry, Hampton Roads, Virginia, where on 28 Dec we departed for Italy in convoy on the Liberty Ship SS Lyman Abbott. Twenty-two days later we arrived at Naples. After several days at the Caserta Replacement Depot, we rode in a boxcar to Bari and finally reached the 827th Squadron at Torretta on 28 Jan. 1945 as a replacement crew.

When I joined the association, and received the membership list, I was struck by the fact that I didn't recognize one name on the roster. As replacements, we were stationed at Torretta for a relatively short time, from the end of Jan. to mid-May. Additionally, I contracted pneumonia there and spent 3-4 weeks in hospital at Cerignola and off duty. While off duty, my crew was disbanded. The pilot, co-pilot, bombardier, and radioman were shifted to duty flying low level night missions supplying Italian



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