
INTRODUCTION OF

NEW MEMBERS

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Floyd P Churchwell, 827 squadron

Dear Bud:

As you requested, I have included a photo of the other guys living in our tent. We all had the same MOS (754)



Floyd P Churchwell, (MOS 754) From Left Joseph D Crump Jr/ Memphis, Tennessee; Francis S Shehan / Council Bluffs; Iowa, Theodore J Mickowychock/Tower City, Pennsylvania; Anthony Fularz/Arnold, Pennsylvania; Floyd P Churchwell/ Leakesville, Mississippi.

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John C Clark 764

Dear Bud

I arrived at Torretta Army Airfield as a tail gunner in October 1944, just after the last major mission to Ploesti was flown. Our crew flew our first mission on Friday the 13th of October over Vienna, Austria. Our pilot was Roland H Stevens, whose home was Hazelhurst, Mississippi. The most serious injury was frost bite to ears and fingers of our ball gunner William Estipa while on the bomb run over Otertal, Austria after an attack by newly graduated fighter pilots of the Luftwaffe. We had to make an unscheduled fuel stop on the Isle of Vis on the way home.

I completed 32 sorties on April 26, 1945 when the war in Europe ended.



John C Clark

I flew with my pilot on food missions to POW camps near Spittal, Austria. During our tour our crew was assigned as one of the lead crews of the 764th squadron.

I am now retired and live with my wife on a farm near Salem, the capital of Oregon. We have a place near Mesa, Arizona where we spend the winters. We both dance and play golf and travel as much as we can.

Take care

John K Clark 764 squadron.

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James A Crawford 827 squadron

Dear Bud

I was a electronic technician in the 827 squadron, and took my training at Hastings, Nebraska, Herrington, Kansas, Salt Lake City, and Kerns Field, Boise, Idaho before assignment to the 484th Bomb Group. As part of the ground crew I went to Italy by boat and returned the same way. My tent mates, all electronic technicians, were James D Ashky/Martinville Virginia, Don A Tuck/Richmond Virginia, William A Phillips, Davis Sheridan/Baltimore Maryland, and Frank E Sonnenberg.



James A Crawford

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John F Douglas 767 squadron

Dear Bud and Bea:

Thank you for the recent packet you sent and the huge effort you and Bea make to keep the organization going. My wife and myself are looking forward to meeting you and all of the rest of the fly boys at the next reunion. I am enclosing a few photos .

Again, thanks a million

John F Douglas 767 squadron

Cave in rock, IL



Photo left: Getting ready to go to town. From Left: Sgts John Douglas, Odess O Loven, and Richard D Mosiniak.