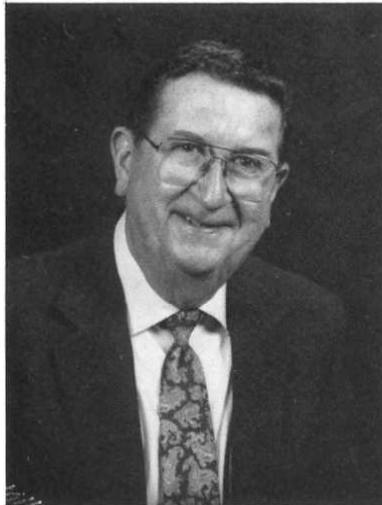


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Dan Hurley,
827 Sq

Dear Bud

Thank you so much for the pin, membership card and the flyers. The latter was very enlightening. I recognized the crew of Ruben Kaiser. I believe their enlisted crew lived next door to us in their tu-fee block tent. I hope that I don't have them confused with another. If my memory serves me right, Charles Shanklin was nicknamed "Pop", because he was an old man of 27 years. I thought this same crew ditched in the Adriatic and all survived.



Dan Hurley R/O crew of Thomas F Johnson

This was the first & last crew to ditch and all survive. Perhaps some member of the association can correct me if I am wrong.

When I last wrote to you I planned to attend the reunion, but have since changed my mind. I no longer fly and there is no Am-track service to Nashville. My arthritis would not allow me to sit for 12 hours on a bus. Perhaps another year the site will be more convenient for me. I am enclosing a recent photo of myself and a very grainy and partial photo of our crew. Absent was Robert Bush, tail gunner and Ed McLeod, navigator. I must reiterate my thanks for the wonderful work you are doing in our behalf. If I can't attend the reunion, I will still be informed of the happenings in the association thru the Flyers.

In Friendship and Unity,
Dan Hurley, 827 Sq

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David H Douthwright

Dear Mr Markel

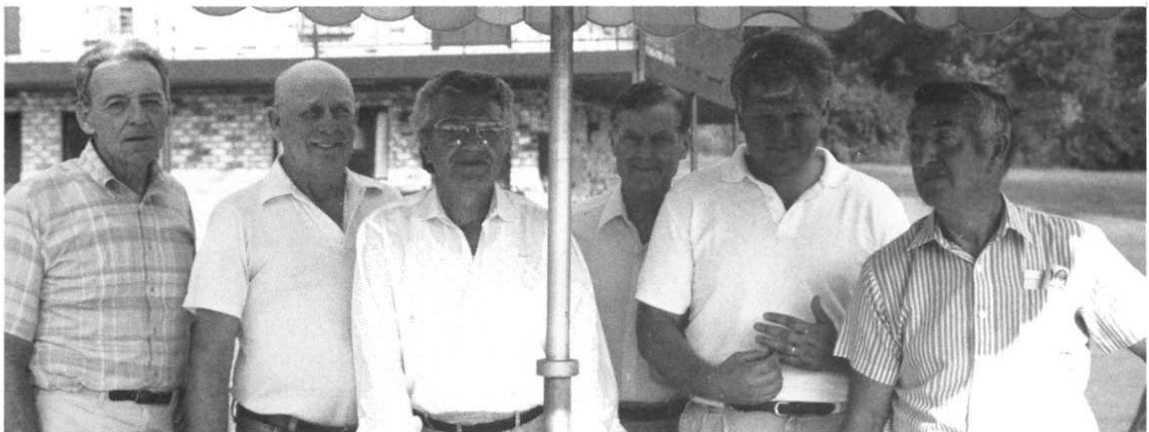
Myself, David H Douthwright son of David L Douthwright, (now deceased) 826 C/P on Clarence Odle's crew and some of mynion in Nashville.

I was only three years old when my father was killed in Alaska in 1952 so this was a wonderful opportunity for me to be with dad's crew and to get to know them better. We had a great time at the Nashville reunion.

Note the enclosed photographs.Thanks again,
David H Douthwright



Photo above; Sa Wrong Gal painted by Arlo Matney.



From left: Willie Owens Jr-E, Howard Burnett-T/G, Charles G Angelo-R/O, Newman McMurtre-N/G, Son Dave Douthright, and Arlo Matney-B. Not shown are: Clarence B Odle-P, Fred E Fayard Jr-N, Andrew Whitaker-B/G, Donald E Bowersmith-U/G.