

Shreveport, LA
Bud Markel, Editor
Torretta Flyer

Dear Bud,

Enclosed are two pictures for the Flyer. One is Lyman Fairbanks' crew. In the picture are the ground crew chief and the assistant ground crew chief. I do not have their names, but you might recognize them from the pictures. We are standing by the replacement plane they assigned to us after the crash landing.

All members of the crew were not present when this photograph was made. Bill Bryan, the bombardier~ was a replacement as Jack Cosper, who was with us originally as our bombardier, went into Switzerland with another crew.

The other is a picture of our plane which crash landed after a raid on Gîrgui, Rumania on June 11, 1944. Lyman thinks this was published earlier but not identified.

Hope you can use these and hope to see them published

Harry C Sadler Jr.
827th Squadron



Lyman N. Fairbanks, Crew—827th Squadron. Top Row—Left to right: Harry Sadler—Navigator, Lyman Fairbanks—Pilot, Fred House—Co—Pilot, Bill Bryan—Bombardier, Jack Frease—Tail Gunner. Bottom Row—Left to Right: Ground Crew Chief—Name unknown, Irving Gilbert—Radio Operator—Waist Gunner, Assistant Ground Crew Chief—Name unknown, Dick Radar—Ball Turret Gunner, Paul Walko—Crew Chief—Waist Gunner. Not shown: Philip Kuntz—Top Turret Gunner, John Zuest—Nose Gunner. (H C Sadler photo)



This is a picture of our plane which crash landed after a raid on Gîrgui, Rumania on June 11, 1944. (H C Sadler photo)

Fairborn, OH
Dear Bud

The crew of "Flack Strainer" met for its annual meeting last year in Bramson, MO. Seven members attended.

I am enclosing a photo of our crew at your request. Rua L Petty was our first pilot, although the photo does not show him.

Best Wishes,

Wayne "Tommy" Tompkins
825 Sq.



From Top left: Donald D Reifschneider-B, John Hughey-N, Pat Schnazmyer-P, and Wayne Tompkins-C/P. Bottom row from left: Walter Kressen-G, Chuck Killen-W/G, Cliff Adams-R/O, Harold Parks-E, Ted Janes-G. (Wayne Tompkins photo)