

body was found and positively identified on October 5 1990 and his wife's body is still missing. He is sorely missed by the membership of the San Antonio hangar, and every one else that knew him. QB like this guy are damned hard to find . *Jeppeson Aeronautical charts.

By JD Huss a fellow Quiet Birdmen

Editors Note: Bob worked closely with Fang Hansen, engineering officer 824 squadron, preparing maintenance reports, and forms. He tabulated airframe and engine times, and kept logs of the serviceable aircraft. His MOS (405) was clerk typist.

*Otis G Groom 71, Edmond, OK,
765 Squadron, Crew #27*

Hi Bud,

It is certainly with a deep sense of loss and regret that I inform you of the death of Otis G. Groom, of Edmond, Oklahoma, on March 19, 1991. Otis was the Bombardier on Crew #27, piloted by Thomas R. Moss. The crew has thus been reduced by one, of those known to still be living, to four.

Born Oct. 8, 1919, in Edmond, Groom graduated from Arcadia High School in 1936. He received his bachelor of science degree from Central State College in 1940, going on to earn a master's degree at Wichita University. He served in the Air Force for 24 years, including service in World War II and the Korean War, and retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

In addition, Groom was a retired teacher, and instructor for TWA and an FAA instructor for 10 years at the management school in Lawton, OK.

Tom Moss,
765 Squadron

*David J
Thomas,
766 Sq*

David J Thomas pilot of the 766 squadron passed away September 3, 1990. He was born and raised in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He attended Columbia University. His schooling was interrupted by service in the Army Air Corps. After discharge he returned to Columbia University and graduated in 1948 from the



David J Thomas (David Thomas photo)

school of Engineering and Applied Science.

He worked for General Electric for 30 years in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and Schenectady, New York, and was known as the "Transformer Man." In later years he was handicapped by MS but never stopped trying to remain active. He was thrilled to be reunited with his crew.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy Young Thomas, a son, a daughter and one granddaughter.

The family wishes to hear from anyone who has memories of David Thomas or recognizes the photograph.

*Robert "Bob" M Hale 68,
825 Squadron*



Robert "Bob" M Hale 68, 825 Squadron, passed away at his home on May 25, 1991, of heart failure due to complications from surgery for bladder cancer. He had a very positive attitude about his declining health and was determined to be brave and live his life to the fullest.

After serving in WWII he joined the reserves and was called back to active duty for one year. He was honorably discharged on March 9, 1952 from the Naval Air Force in New Orleans, Louisiana.

A native Tucsonian, he was an avid hunter and fish-man and also spent many years rock-hounding throughout the southwest. He cut and polished the more valuable gems and made jewelry for his family and friends. Bob and Dottie had several memorable trips to England, Wales and Scotland and Ireland in 1980 and 1981

He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite for the past ten years.

Bob retired in July of 1984 after 32 years in Civil Service at Davis Monthan Air Force base in Tucson, Arizona. Bob and Dottie attended the reunions in New Orleans and Nashville. Their children had a surprise 40th anniversary party for them on September 4, 1989.

Bob is lovingly remembered as a thoughtful and caring husband and father and for his countless good deeds over the years to his fellow man. He is survived by his wife Dottie, three daughters and four grand daughters and one grandson and also included are his fellow crew members who were so special to him : Charles Perry, Gene Hildebrand, Lynn Pennington, Don Weber, Robert Garvey, Nick Lackovic, Claude Wilson, and John Cross.