

Branch, MI

I am enclosing some photos of my crew in the 825th Squadron. Photo 1) They are from left; Robert L Boone-P, Vincent F Gallagher-NG, William A Kelly-UG, John M Roe-N, Robert J Schaefer-E, and Howard V Summerlin-CP. Photo taken after a soft ball game. 2) photo from left to right: Robert J Schaefer-E, Chandler D Porter -TG, Gerald A Lemiaux-BG, Vincent F Gallagher-HG, William A Kelly--UG, and kneeling John M Roe-N, and William J Neutzling-RO. Photo 3) Home-ward bound in ship #41 taken in the Azores.

Robert L Boone 825 Sq.

Photo 1)



Photo 2)



Photo 3)



San Antonio, TX

In the Spring 1986 issue of the flyer, is the story by M/Sgt Jacobs in regards to the crash of "What's Up Doc!" #34. At the time of take off for the mission I was in the operations tower and saw the plane go down. During the preceding night, I had personally fused all of the bombs of the 825th Squadron that were carrying the "Booby Trap" fuses. The story of ship 34 is essentially correct to the best of my memory. However there is an error in regard to the ground personnel involved.

M/Sgt Leo Matranga was the chief NCO of the 825 Armament Section. He was supervised by the Armament Officer, Capt. Scott. I, Clark Ecton 1st Lt. Ordnance department was responsible for the Ordnance Section and the Transportation Section. The chief NCO of the Ordnance Section was T/Sgt Hold, and the next ranking NCO's were S/Sgt Muratore and S/Sgt Crovoson. the truck with the A frame winch in the picture is the Ordnance Weapons carrier, and was most always driven by one of the three ranking Ordnance NCO's. Sgt Matranga was there and worked with my ordnance guys, but he was not in charge of them. They were supervised by Sgt Holt.

Bombardier O'Brien's recollection is probably very accurate, except for his impression of the bomb disposal. Some of the bombs, maybe not all, were dragged out on a long cable and individually disposed of by placing a 1/4 lb block of TNT in the nose cavity and triggered the explosive by a battery powered generator, you know like in the movies.

Keep well, As Always,
Clark Ecton 825 Sq.

Albuquerque, NM

Thanks for issue #22 of the Torretta Flyer. In regards to the back page, the Trotter photo, you may not know that the fellow directly below the picture of Col Keese is Norm Edwards. He was assistant S-2, 826 Squadron. he hails from Chattanooga, TN. Glad to see Creasman's picture. I flew with him in the States and as long as he was with the 826 Squadron. He lives in Spokane, WA. He has some good Arabian Horses.

Jordan Glew, 826 Sq.

Wilmette, IL 60091

I don't believe I've ever seen a picture of my own crew in the Torretta Flyer, so I'm enclosing a print of same. We flew mostly in an 825th Squadron ship called Imagination! "48".

By the way count Lois and I in on meeting your magic minimum number of twenty-five persons for your proposed tour of Italy in 1944 unless the cost should suddenly go through the roof. This August we're doing the inside passage to Alaska, and your group trip to Italy sounds like a natural for "94."

Thanks for your last Flyer. It was exceptionally fine as are all of them, However, in the earlier issue following the K.C. reunion where you pictured Lois and I- received some good natured flak from Erich Kothe's wife Dottie, 825th because she took the shots, but the flyer gave me the photo credit, lots of fun.

There's an exhibit currently at the Chicago Historical Society on Chicago's role in World War II. Though the city isn't what it used to be, I'll still try to get down there and see what I can glean that might be useful.

All for now.
Emmett (Em) Goff, 825 Sq.