

## About This Issue

With this issue we return two features omitted from the last issue, 1) Letters To The Editor, and 2) The Last Mission. Also included is the report of the scholarship awards ceremony. Note that this issue is 44 pages long, the biggest Torretta Flyer to date. The collection of stories for this issue is somewhat eclectic, that is, the themes are diverse.

The stories in this issue came from several sources: the association's library, members, micro films, other bomb groups, and The Wall Street Journal. With regard to micro films, while visiting Atlanta to attend a convention, Bea and I drove down to Montgomery, Alabama to visit the Air Force Historical Research Agency located on the grounds of Maxwell Air Force base. We went to the agency to find more micro films for future purchase. Much of the material of interest to us is indexed on library cards and not always available on computer files. Our manual search through the cards was very time consuming. But even with just a short visit we succeeded in finding many microfilm reels. We were very appreciative of the help the library staff provided making our visit a memorable one. These films will provide material for future issues of the Torretta Flyer.

The information and photos of the Scholarship awards ceremony (pages 4-5) came too late for inclusion in the last issue. Communications with Italy are still a problem. Four students were honored last year, we will again award four scholarships in 1994.

The list of contributions to the Scholarship Fund (page 6) is continued from TF- 24. Contributions to date for the Plaque Fund are shown on page 6.

The "Tribute to my Engineer" (page 15) was reprinted by permission from the 2nd Air Division (all B-24s) publication, "Journal."

"Mission to Stuttgart" was sent to us by one of our members Joe Shugrue, 827 Sq. It is a strange tale almost unbelievable, but true as proved by the accompanying documents in the story. We are most grateful to Joe for providing the story.

"Attack on Flak Batteries" (page 22) was instigated by a letter from Austria by our dear friend Felix Rameder.

"The Business of Precision Bombing" (page 25) was first published in Straight and Level, a wartime publication of the 15th Air Force A-3 Training Section and Operations Analysis Section.

"B-24 Publications" is a listing of books and pamphlets in the Association's library. It can be used as a guide for acquiring publications dealing with this famous aircraft.

"Know your B-24 Series" is based on the information contained in US Army Aircraft 1908-1946 by James C Fahey.

A future issue of the Flyer will feature a story on the June 13, 1944 mission to Innsbruck. This mission earned the 484th Bomb Group its first Presidential Unit Citation. Members who flew this mission are urged to send in their remembrances to the editor.

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