

Ambler M Blick

Ambler M Blick, 69, 827 Sq. and association member passed away August 4, 1993. He was a T/G on Harold Ralph Riggs crew. He flew 50 missions in just 84 days earning many theater ribbons, the Air Medal, and Distinguished Unit Badge.

May 29, 1944, the target was Weiner Neustadt. Squadron CO Major Haldeman in "Hustlin Hussy 42-52677" was lost near Graz, shot down by fighters. Flak too was very heavy and intense. The 824 Squadron also lost a ship that day, CO Lt Col. William M Hendrix in ship 41-28780, was hit by flak and went down near Seenbenstein. Ambler flew most of his missions in a B-24 called "Big Ass Bird."

He is survived by his Wife Myra, a son, Monte, two daughters, Wincey Casserly, and Linda Hess, and six grandchildren.

His Crew: Harold Ralph Rigg-P, Leonard Romey-C/P, Ted A Turk (KIA)-N, John D Henry-B, Bob L McKee-E, Claire O Palmiter-R/O, Rudolph P Laine-N/G, Gerald L Huber U/G, Billie R Miller-B/G, and Ambler M Blick-T/G.

John C Chaffe

John C Chaffe, 825 Sq. association member died June 11, 1993. John was a radio operator on the crew of James C Porter, he managed to get in 40 missions before being shot down on June 26, 1944, which is quite a feat considering his first mission began after May 7, 1944. The crew was flying "Big Dick #31 42-94740 when they were shot down by fighters near Ghorherrn June 26, 1944. He held the rank of S/Sgt. He lived in Paoli, PA.

His Crew: James C Porter-P, Billie P Sanders-C/P, Lawrence Glasser-N, Isaac W Smoke-B, Clarence T Gambill-E, John C Chaffe-R/O, George A Van Vliet-N/G, Francis Bangs-T/G, Russell J Schneider U/G, Wilbur R Dyott Jr-B/G

Lowell K Davis

Lowell K Davis, 76 Pilot 824 Sq. and association member passed away Tuesday, July 13, 1993. He was born to Addle and Drude Davis on March 24, 1917, in Purdon, Texas. Lowell graduated from Texas A&M in 1940. He was a pilot with the 484th Bomb

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Group. He flew 50 missions and received the Air Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, and the Distinguished Flying cross. He flew many missions on ship 42-52687 "Guardian Angel." He was recalled by the Air Force during the Korean War.

He joined General Electric in Dallas and later in Houston as the Credit Manager of Large Apparatus. Lowell retired in 1979 from General Electric and the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel. After his retirement the Davis' moved to Austin. Lowell was a life time member of Tannehill Lodge #52. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Bergstrom Golf Association.

Lowell is survived by his wife of 48 years, Francys Joyce Davis, three daughters, Judy Simmons, Joyce Gunnels, Jill Goodwin, and five grandchildren.

His Crew: Lowell K Davis-P, Thomas R Woolcott-C/P, Arthur TS Shak-N, David M Bartow-B, George W Rands-E, Aurolio E Gallegos-R/O, Garland T Wyrick-N/G, Alfred L Krueger-B/G, Victor Morettini-U/G, and John Cale-T/G.

Cemetery in Arneytown, New Jersey.

Jay received a degree in education from Temple University and taught 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades and also was a demonstration teacher at Trenton State College.

He was an early supporter of the scholarship fund and had hoped to travel to Italy to witness the giving of the awards, but illness prevented the trip. He had been a member of the Association since 1983.

James E. Ellis II,

James E. Ellis II, 827 Sq. and association member died Wednesday at age 67.

Ellis was owner of Jim's Camera & Video in Brentwood Center, Wilson, NC

Born in Wilson, Ellis graduated from Coon High School in 1943 and served as an Army Air Corps B-24 tail gunner in Europe, flying 33 combat missions. After the war he earned a degree in business administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he joined Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Jay K Dudley



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Jay K Dudley, 764 Sq. and association member, died September 11, 1993. He had been ill with emphysema for four years prior to his passing. He served as a darkroom technician and cameraman with the squadron with the rank of S/Sgt. He was one of the original cadre stationed at Hammer Field, California and shipped overseas on a Liberty ship, subsequently working under the direction of Captain James Clark. He is buried in the New Jersey Veterans Memorial



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He was active in American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other veterans groups and the UNC Alumni Association. He suffered a debilitating stroke in November 1986.

Ellis is survived by two sons, James E. Ellis III and Duke R. Ellis, and a brother, Charles A. Ellis. (see also Milton Ring from same crew page 42.)

