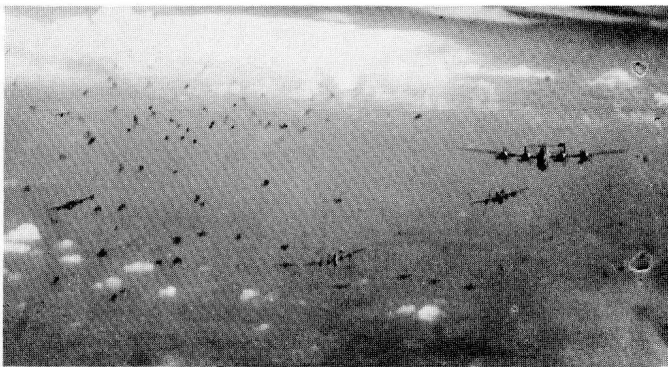


In this Issue

The year 1995 marks the 50th anniversary of the end of WWII. It was a struggle of immense proportions, unlike any war of recent memory. The job of the Allied Air Forces was to weaken the enemies war-making potential. Although air power alone could not win a war, it certainly could make it expensive for the Axis Powers. Expensive in manpower, material, and transport. The story starting on page 10 sums up the war effort of the RAF and the USAAF. The material was supplied by member Tillman Gressitt

Bob Collings, of the Collings Foundation which rebuilt the B-24 "All American" flying around the country, supplied the information on the surviving B-24's. It isn't likely that any more whole B-24 aircraft will be discovered in the future.

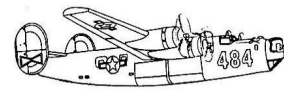
King Beach, one of the 484th B G photographers passed away recently. Through the efforts of his widow, Harriet Beach, we were able to obtain many of King's photos. We have used a selection of his photographs in this issue, including the cover photo of downtown Cerignola. I have also used his photos to illustrate many parts of this issue. See the index below for a listing of his work.



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