

Note from the Editors Desk. In reference to Torretta Flyer No 27 the story on the "June 13, 1994 Mission to Innsbruck" I call your attention to pages 9 to 20. On this date B-24 S/N 42-52661 was flown by Ed Eibs. In conversation with Ed Eibs, the copilot at one of our reunions he stated that he was in command of the plane that diverted to Switzerland. This was George Ingham's crew that was forced to land in Switzerland because of battle damage. Gilbert Stover, one of the crew members sent the accompanying photograph.



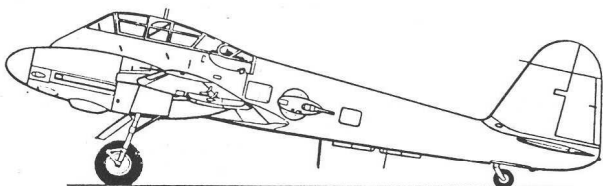
The Crew from top left: Sgt Charles Holder -T/G, Sgt Anthony Giamattei-R/O, Sgt Frank Hazelton-E, Sgt Ridgell McKinney-E, Sgt Gilbert Stover-N/G. Kneeling from left: Lt George Ingham-P, Lt Ed Eibs-C/P, Lt Allen Prodggers-N, and Lt Clifford Taylor-B.

Inglostadt, Germany
Dear Bud:

Thank you for your November 95 letter. Regarding The crash of an Me 410 on or about June 13, 1944. The pilot Unteroffizier Strobl may have been shot down by the tail gunner Julius E Jackson of Willen's crew who later died with the other gunners in the crash of #42-52679. It was reported by a farmer who saw the action that day said that Strobl (1./ZG 76) ? was shot from behind with heavy fire, and was severely wounded.

I found in an English book a picture of a Me 410 that was marked M8 with a yellow fuselage band. This unit was based at Herzogenaurach/ Bavaria, a photocopy is enclosed. I have no other information on this aircraft.

Sincerely with Bavarian Greetings,
Alfred Wittmann



Editors Note: From the book The Warplanes of the Third Reich: "During the summer and autumn of 1944 the Me 410s of the surviving 'Gruppen der Zerstorereshgwadern' 1, 26 and 76 were steadily consumed by the holocaust in German skies. Although they took their toll of USAAF day bombers, they were no match for the escorting P-51 Mustangs, and their numbers dwindled rapidly as a result of operational attrition, a process accelerated from September 1944, when in anticipation of the promulgation of the 'Jager-Notprogramm' production of the Me 410 was finally phased out."

Northglenn, CO
Dear Bud:

I want to thank you for founding the Association and your dedication and effort all these years. It has been a valuable addition to our lives.

In the Torretta Flyer 28, page 20, it renewed many memories of that aircraft. We flew "Little Joe" from Topeka, Kansas to Torretta via Manchester New Hampshire; Gander Newfoundland; Azores; Marrekech, French Morocco, Tunis, Tunisia, Gioia, Italy then Torretta. We flew many of our missions in that aircraft.

On the day we learned of the loss of the crew and "Little Joe." We were very sad but thankful there were survivors.

I am enclosing negatives of our crew pictures taken in July 1944 at Topeka, Kansas. Our bombardier, Bob Hulling, was killed in a crash January 29, 1945 while on a practice bombing mission. There were no survivors.

Best Regards
Merle Yanney

Correction

We regret the omission of navigator Abraham Abramoff's name from the caption under the photo printed on bottom page 30, Torretta Flyer No 28 Summer Fall 1995. He is standing 5th from left. Dexter Shultz brought this to our attention

