

Wojciech Krajewski
Warsaw, Poland
Dear Mr. Krajewski:

Your letter of May 3, 1998 reached me today. I was very pleased to learn of your work. Some years ago while visiting England's East Anglia where the American 8th Air Force was based we found the English citizens digging up old crash sites for artifacts to place in their small museums established at a few of the old airfields, It was very enlightening to learn of this activity in Poland too.

In response to your request for information The 484th Bomb Group attacked Blechhammer on the following dates

6/30/44	Mission No 38
7/7/44	“ “ No.43
8/7/44	“ “ No.63
11/17/44	“ “ No.114
11/20/44	“ “ No.117
12/2/44	“ “ No.121
12/12/44	“ “ No.129
12/18/44	“ “ No.133
12/19/44	“ “ No.134

The Odertal mission was written up in The Torretta Flyer No.19 Winter-Spring 1996 issue. I have enclosed a copy of the story. If you study the Pilots Flimsey on page 27 you can learn much about the mission plan. This in essence is the battle order. Across the top are the aircraft by position and nose number, with the first pilot's name. The letter after the nose number is the radio call letter. The mission is lead by the pilot in Able 11 (Col. Keese) in this case ship 201 a "Mickey Ship." Command passes to Able 12 (Dowd) in ship 700 another "Mickey Ship." There is an error on page 27, Dog and Easy flights should be moved over to the right so that Dog and Easy are directly behind Able and Baker. See the attached copy of the original Pilots Flimsey.

The Parking map on page 28 is a view of Torretta Airfield in Southern Italy showing the hardstands (hard crushed gravel) where each aircraft is to be parked after returning from the mission.

The other missions to Blechhammer have not been written up yet as my information is sparse.

I am enclosing some original documents (Xerox copies) of mission 132 for your interest and also a list of the aircraft that participated. At a later date I will send you a short history of the 15th Air Force.

Do check our web site at:<http://members.aol.com/bud484bg>.
E-Mail bud484bg@aol.com Do let me hear from you again!

Thank you again for your interest in the 484th Bomb Group.
Sincerely,
Bud Markel, 484th Bomb Group Association

Jan Mahr
Czech Republic
Dear Jan:

I was delighted to receive your letter of June 23, 1998. Thank you for your compliments regarding the Torretta Flyer.

Because most of my photographs are originals, I can only send you second generations copies that are not of best quality.

I have had other inquiries regarding the Odertal Mission. The following is copied from a letter to Ladislav Fojtl of the Czech Republic. You may publish any of the enclosed material as long as you credit "484th Bomb Group Assn. Torretta Flyer."

Enclosed are:

- Crew list of Roger A Martin from National Archives
- Formation Xerox showing ship #38 outlined in yellow
- Page 313 of the Log of the Liberators showing Ford production of ship 42-51835.
- Odertal Mission from issue No 29 Torretta Flyer.
- Odertal Mission from issue No 30 Torretta Flyer. Last page shows losses of B-24s of the 484th Bomb Group. You'll note Martin's plane crashed at Liebau. Where is that? Kindly describe the piece of the plane you found.

f) Selections from Mission Report 12/17/44.

The above may not be 100% accurate as I have found errors in archived documents and printed reports as well. I would appreciate any corrections and additional information you might have.

Sincerely,

Bud Markel, 484th Bomb Group Association

Karel Novak
Czech Republic
Dear Mr Novak:

Thank you for your letter of December 30, 1997. Please excuse my delay in answering your letter.

I am enclosing a copy of our magazine "The Torretta Flyer" that contains the story of the 17 December, 1944 Mission when Lt Himmler and Martin and their flight crews were shot down. I hope this will fill in some of the blanks.

Sincerely,

Bud Markel, 484th Bomb Group Association

Zymon Serwatka
Swidnica, Poland
Dear Zymon:

Thank you for your E-Mail of yesterday, I am enclosing copies of the article Mission 132, 17 December 1944 taken from the Torretta Flyers No 29, and 30. At the present time I do not have geographical coordinate information on aircraft shot down. This information may be found in the Missing Air Crew Reports obtainable from the National Archives in Washington, DC. I am also enclosing the 461st Bomb Group aircraft lost roster that you might find of interest. Mission Reports 7/7/44, 8/7/44, 11/17/44, 11/20/44, 12/2/44, 12/12/44, 12/17/44, and 12/19/44 are included too.

Please do send me a copy of your writing project when it is finished. I want to thank you for your interest in the 484th Bombardment Group, 49th Bombardment Wing, Italian based 15th Airforce. It's always nice to hear from you again.

Bud Markel, 484th Bomb Group Association