



The Last Mission



John D. Jacobs, 827 Sq.

John D. Jacobs, 73 of Cheektowaga, New York died Sunday, April 5, 1998 in Sisters Hospital. Born in Buffalo, April 9, 1924, he attended Mount St. Joseph Academy, Kensington High School, Bryant and Stratton Business Institute and the University of Buffalo where he received a degree in accounting in 1947. He enlisted in the Army Air Forces in 1942 and was in the 827 Squadron as an Airplane Engine Mech 747 with the rank of Sgt.



John and Grace Jacobs

John worked as a sales representative for General Mills in its flour division for 29 years. He joined Hickman, Coward & Wattles, which later became Sorrento Foods, working for 18 years before retiring in 1994.

He was one of the founders of St. Barnabas Boy Scout Troops 554. He was active with the Catholic Youth Organization as athletic league director and received the Pro Deo et Juventute Award for his work with youth.

John and his wife, Grace attended reunions in 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95, and 97. He enjoyed friendships with Joe Malloy, Kyle Holley, Art Aldene, Bill DeLanzo, and Ed Whalen, all buddies from the 827 Sq.

Roy (Bud) J Marchalk, 826 Sq

Mr. Bud Markel, President
484th Bomb Group Association

Thank you for your kind letter addressed to my mother regarding the death of my father Roy Marschalk. I am sorry to say that my mother passed away a year ago, on May 28, 1997.

Bud, I would like you to know that both my father and mother truly enjoyed their membership in the 484th Bomb Group Association. They enjoyed getting together with the other members of the flight crew and their spouses. They also enjoyed traveling to the many interesting locations you chose for the reunions. It was a real disappointment to both of them when they could not go to the reunions due to failing health. Even after my mother's passing, and with his own failing health, my father still looked forward to the possibility of attending the next reunion.

Thank you for your offer to include an obituary for my father in The Torretta Flyer, I know he would be quite honored. I can give you some basic information about his life. Enclosed are photo copies of some of the "secret" and "restricted" documents he had in his collection dealing with his period in the war. They may be useful to add some information about the war years. There is no need to return the photo copies. We really would appreciate receiving the copy of the magazine as you indicated.

Roy "Bud" Marschalk was born on June 10, 1923 and passed away on May, 30, 1998. He grew up in Maywood, Illinois and entered the service in 1944. [War years] After the war he worked for an advertising display manufacturer in Chicago. Bud married Margaret "Peg" Klemp in September, 1947. They had two children. Later in his career he became an independent representative for manufacturers of advertising displays. He retired in 1985 and lived in Naperville, Illinois.

Once again Bud, thank you for your kind letter, and all the work the organization does for the many fine men who served in the 484th Bomb Group.

Sincerely,
Bob Marchalk, Son.

Editors Note: We looked up Roy Marchalk's mission record and selected the mission of October 23, 1944 as illustration. His crew on that day is shown below: The formation was on that day split into two forces "Red" and "Blue." Grose's crew was assigned to "Red Force," Position C-21, ship No 51, A/c No 42-51882

P	2/LT	(1092)	Charles B Grose JR	0705938
CP	F/O	(1051)	BLair P Browne	T-62621
N	2/LT	(1034)	William T Schwartz	0465157
B	2/LT	(1035)	CHarles W Lindsley	0772983
E	Sgt	(748)	Leonard T Patrick	33022681
R	S/Sgt	(757)	Robert L Evans	38463540
AG	Cpl	(612)	Frank J Valdoz	19179231
CG	Cpl	(748)	Roy (Bud) J Marchalk	16140968
CG	Cpl	(611)	Chester R Evans	37368393
CG	Cpl	(611)	Adrian F Segarra	12215571

Red Force of 24 aircraft was lead by Maj Lyle to Munich, Germany, to bomb the Allach BMW works. 19 a/c returned on schedule, 3 returned early because of mechanical problems, and two failed to return. Lt Rhein in ship 72 went MIA, and Lt Dunsmore in ship 21 landed at the 301st airfield. This was a long mission and earned double credit for all crews participating. Bombing was done by PFF (Radar-Pathfinder), no hits were observed. Bombing altitude was 26,000 feet, using 6 ea 500 pound GP (general purpose) bombs, with fuses set at nose with .1 second and .01 second tail. 50 P-38s provided fighter cover.