

Letters To The Editor

Bud Markel
Redondo Beach, CA

Dear Mr. Markel

In reference to my uncle 1/Lt John Ehnott, we are interested in the mission and aircraft of his final mission. We are interested in any information regarding him so that we may pass on the memory of him for another generation or two. Enclosed are a couple of pages from some research about 10 years ago through the Air Force historian at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Thank you for responding. Hopefully we may be able to attend a reunion

Sincerely,
George E Brugos

Target Narrative Reports

Mission November 118, 17 December, 1944. The Odertal Oil Refinery was hit as it still was pumping out over 4000 tons of gasoline a month. On this day 30 B-24s attacked the factory dropping 52.5 tons of bombs. Results were unobserved. On this mission our group was attacked by 30 to 40 enemy fighters at the precise time the escorting fighters departed. Our losses were none while the enemy suffered a loss of seven planes.

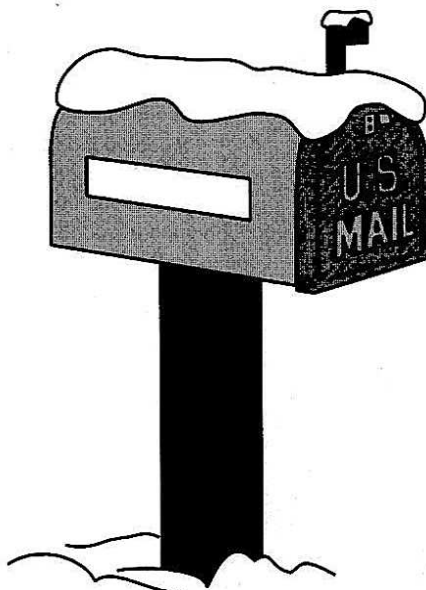
Thirty to forty enemy fighters made aggressive attacks from 6 o'clock to 9 o'clock in trail in a coordinated attack. The enemy began their attacks at the time penetration escort left the bomber formation. Flak was medium intense and heavy at the target. Trains were seen at 47720N-1728E in a marshaling yard holding 800 railroad cars, at 1114 hours from 21,500 feet. Also at 4716N-1709E 500 railway cars at 1332 hours, as observed from 19,000 feet.

A smoke screen was observed at Oppelin at 1217 hours from 24,700 feet. Two aircraft were lost. Seven probable enemy fighters were claimed and two aircraft damaged.

A B-24J of the 484th Bomb Group S/N 42-50934 was shot down in Hungary, MACR 10679. A B-24J S/N 42-51835 was shot down over Germany as reported in MACR 10492.

MACR is the official Air Force Document meaning, "Missing Air Crew Report" and can be Obtained from the Albert E Simpson Memorial Library at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

Canyon Country, CA
E-Mail



For a couple years I've been blaming it on iron deficient blood, lack of vitamins, dieting and a dozen other maladies. But now I know the reason I'm tired is that I'm overworked. The population of this country is 237 million. 104 million are retired. That leaves 133 million to do the work. There 85 million in school, which leaves 48 million to do the work. Of this, there are 29 million employed by the federal government. This leaves 15 million to do the work. Four million are in the Armed Forces, which leaves 15 million to do the work. Take from that total the 14, 800,000 million who work for the State and City, Government, and that leaves 200,000 to do the work. There are 188,000 ill and in hospitals, so that leaves 12, 000 to do the work. Now there are 11, 998 in prisons. That leaves just two

peoples to do the work you and me. And you are sitting there screwing around on your E-Mail.

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Book Review: *Face of a Hero* by Louis Jalstein

Paperback - 253 pages (January 1999) A rediscovered novel of World War II air combat that predates *Catch-22* by a decade.

A reader from New York City, says: "The finest war book I have read on effects of being soldiers. This book primarily describes the effects of being bomber gunners flying from a base in Italy in World War II. With great insight into the characters, the author shows how the war powerfully affects all. It follows the gunners on their missions into the local towns and in their barracks and base. It also shows the effects of the war on the townspeople. It left me powerfully moved, sad, and with an understanding of the emotional horrors of war. It is the best war book I have ever read."