

Photo of crew #44. From left: Rua L Petty-P, Wayne L Tompkins-C/P, Ted Janes-T/G, and Clifford E Adams-R/O. Photo Taken at the NASCAR Center in Wilmington, NC.

Eugene, OR Dear Bud:

The crew No #44 of the 825th squadron, 484th Bomb Group had a mini reunion last October. We met at a beach house in Holden Beach, NC. Out of the crew of 10 plus one replacement five are left.

Harold Parks-engineer was ill and couldn't make it. Rua L Petty-Pilot of Grand Lake, CO, Wayne L Tompkins-Co pilot of Fair Lawn, OH, Ted Janes-T/G of Bossier City, LA, and Clifford Adams-R/O of Eugene, OR were there.

It was great seeing to the guys again. We roamed around looking over the damage left by the recent hurricanes. The enclosed photograph was taken at the NASCAR center in Wilmingon, NC. I thought you would like to know.

Best Wishes Clifford Adams, 825th Sq.

Interesting Fact::

Klim was the name for powdered milk used by American Forces and was supplied to POWS as well. Klim is milk spelled backwards.

Dear Bud.

My pilot in the 827th was a fellow by the name of Spaulding and my co-pilot's name was Keffer. Do you know anything about them?

George Mynchenberg

Dear George

Thank you for your e-mail

In reviewing your membership application I note that some of your crew members went down with the squadron commander. That would have been Don Haldeman, Unfortunately missions records from April 29, 1944 to June 13, 1944 are missing. Don Haldeman was shot down between those dates. The good news is that I will probably find more information from the morning reports that I am going through now. If you can remember the date of the shoot down, that would help greatly. The following is a composite crew list when assigned to James P Spalding.

D=Deceased.

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James P Spalding- P (D)

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Dear Bud,

Major Haldeman bumped my pilot and took the squadron bombardier instead of me because he was going to lead the group that day. I flew on their left wing with another crew whose bombardier was sick that day and saw them get hit and then blow up. One chute got out. From then on I flew with several crews until I became permanent with Spalding. Thanks for the information .

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