



Crew of Vernon Halliday. From left top row: Vernon Halliday-P, John R Dick-C/P, Charles W Woolhan -B, & George W Wehrle. Bottom row from L: Grant W Fox-B/G, Arthur DeAnna-U/G, Edward W McGuire-R/O, Donald M Williams-E, Lowell C Hanes Jr-T/G, & Horace E Harwell-N/G

I have been searching for the bomber group and squadron of my brother-in-law, George W Wehrle, B-24 Navigator in the 15th AF. George died Sept. 26, 1993 and we did not know much of his service record. After contacting the web pages of Steve Riordan and Robert J Giordano, and at their suggestion, I contacted the Military Personnel Records, and have just learned that George served in the 484 BG, 826 Sq in Italy from February 19 to May 15, 1945. His crew members were Vern Halliday, pilot, Dick, co-pilot, Woolhan, bombardier, Wehrle, navigator, Fox, ball gunner, Denna, upper gun, McGuire., radio, Williams, engineer, Haines, tail gun and Harwell, nose gun. I have only the last names from the crew photo, probably taken in US as they all look clean and neat.

Do you have information about any of his crew, or any information of that squadron.

Thank you.
Charles T. Stinson

Redondo Beach, CA
Dear Charles:

Thank you for your e-mail of today. Your information is correct, George W Wehrle and the crew of Vernon D Halliday did indeed fly with the 826th Squadron of the 484th Bomb Group. The crew was comprised of:

ASN	Rank	Duty	First	Last	Status
12164398	Sgt	U/G	Arthur A	DeAnna	enlisted
0833720	1/Lt	C/P	John R	Dick	
42092184	Sgt	B/G	Grant W	Fox	transfer
0834803	1/Lt	P	Vernon D	Halliday	

35071815	Sgt	T/G	Lowell C	Hanes Jr	drafted
34923941	Cpl	N/G	Horace E	Harwell	drafted
32206196	Cpl	R/O	Edward W	McGuire	drafted
02072556	1/Lt	N	George	W Wehrle	(D)
19060238	T/Sgt	E	Donald M	Williams	(D) enlisted
0703550	1/Lt	B	Charles W	Woolhan	(D)

(D) = deceased

As best I know it, they flew missions on: 3/24/45, 3/25/45, 4/2/45, 4/6/45, 4/9/45, 4/10/45, and 4/24/45

In March, and April of 1945 missions were flown to support the ground troops and to prevent escape of the German forces by bombing communication targets in the north, such as bridges and RR traffic

The last operational mission of the 484th BG was flown on April 26, 1945. The war in Europe ended shortly after on May 10, 1945 limiting their missions to a total of seven. Some of the crews positions varied depending on availability on any particular day. By May 10 many of the crews were ferrying their B-24s back to the zone of the interior (USA).

I have enclosed some phone listings from my year old CD ROM disks. You can also search the internet for up to date addresses of the crew. The pilot Vernon D Halliday last lived in Flint, Michigan. I hope this helps you find some of the crew.

Please do have a color copy made of the crew photo and forward the original to me, and I will publish it in the next issue of our magazine the Torretta Flyer. Keep in touch. See our web site at <http://members.aol.com/bud484bg>

Sincerely,
Bud Markel