

Remember This Man!



A 484th BG Crew Chief

Through the history of world aviation many names have come to the fore,
Great deeds of the past in our memory will last, As they're joined by more and
more.

When man first started his labor, in his quest to conquer the sky, He was
designer, mechanic and pilot, And he built a machine that would fly. But
somehow the order got twisted, and then in the public eye, the only man that
could be seen was the man who knew how to fly!

The pilot was everyone's hero. He was brave, he was bold, he was grand,
as he stood by his battered old biplane with his goggles and helmet in hand.
To be sure these pilots all earned it, to any of you have to have the guts , and
they blazed their names in the hall of fame on wings with balling wire struts.

But for each of these flying heroes, there were thousands of little renown,
and these were the men who worked on the planes, but kept their feet on the
ground.

We all know Lindbergh, and we've read of his flight to fame, But think,
if you can, of his maintenance man, can you remember his name?

And think of our wartime heroes, Gabreski, Jabara, and Scott . Can you
tell me the names of their crew chiefs? A thousand to one you cannot!

Now pilots are highly trained people, and their wings are not easily won.
But without the work of the maintenance man, our pilots would march with
a gun. So when you see mighty aircraft as they mark their way through the
air, the grease stained man with a wrench in his hand Is the man who put
them up there.

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