

Nazi Aerial Opposition Under Battering

AMERICA'S BIG BOMBERS MAKE SURPRISE RAID

Giant Bombing Armadas Span Nazi Territory

FINAL APPROACH

Italy's European Again Battered by Big Bombers

Aim Is to Destroy Fight

Greater Air In History Struck At Nazi Bastions

2,000 Planes Carry Massive Force Smashes 10 Nazi Targets

Thundering Blow Dealt Nazis from Airfields in Italy

5,000 Warplanes Shower 8,500 Tons of Bombs on Germany in 24 Hours

As 2,000 Yank Planes Blast German Capital

Signals Thunder Month for Nazis

4,000 WARPLANES DROP 7,000 TONS BOMBS ON REICHS

1,000 More Tons of Bombs Rain on Nazis in 13th Day of Drive

BOMBERS BLAST NAZI SHORELINE

Two-Way Aerial Blast Splatters 5 of Hitler's Cities with Airplants

3,500 Bombers Hammer Hitler; R.A.F. Out Again

Germans Absorb Aerial Blows Sans Interruption

LIBERATORS HIT KURILE BASES

YANKS BOMB HITLER SUPPLY LINE TO RUSSIA

R. A. F. Mosquitoes Toss 36 Nazi Fliers Downed by Airmen from the Italy Bases



many, Poland, East Russia Targets; 31 Raiders Lost

Austrian Messerschmitt Plants Hit Weather Bad Over England

Anti-Invasion Defenses Given Systematic

Allied Bombers Swarmed In from Both Italy and England

Fort and Liberators Bombers Hit Berlin in Daylight Attack

Headquarters, Naples, Hit

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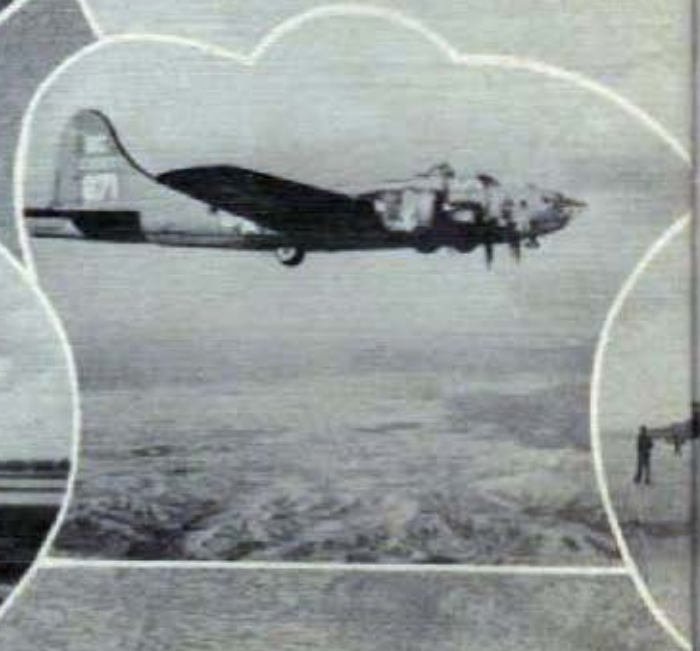
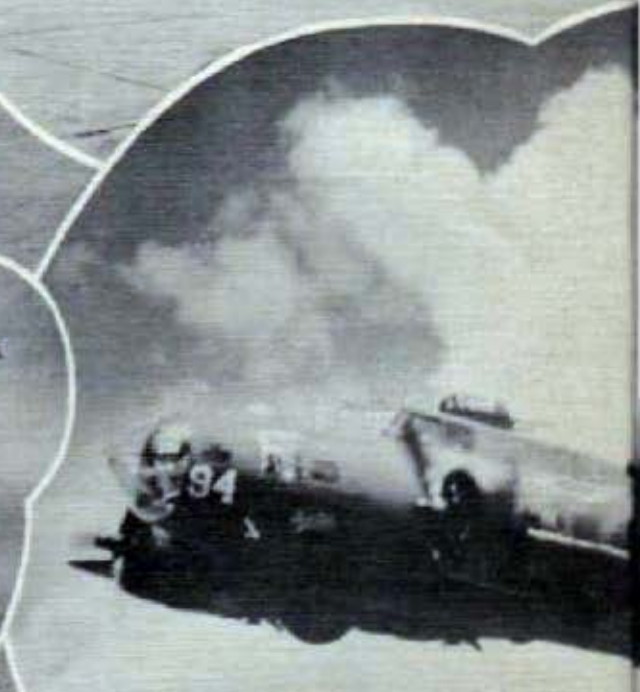
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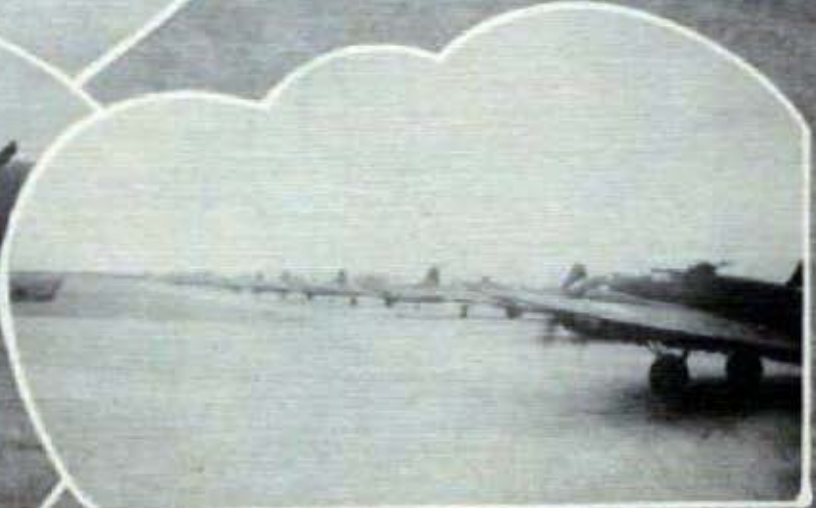
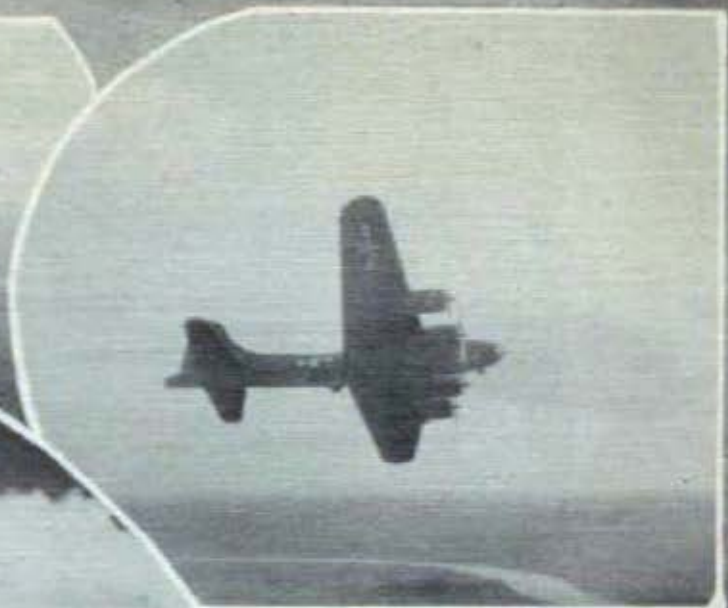
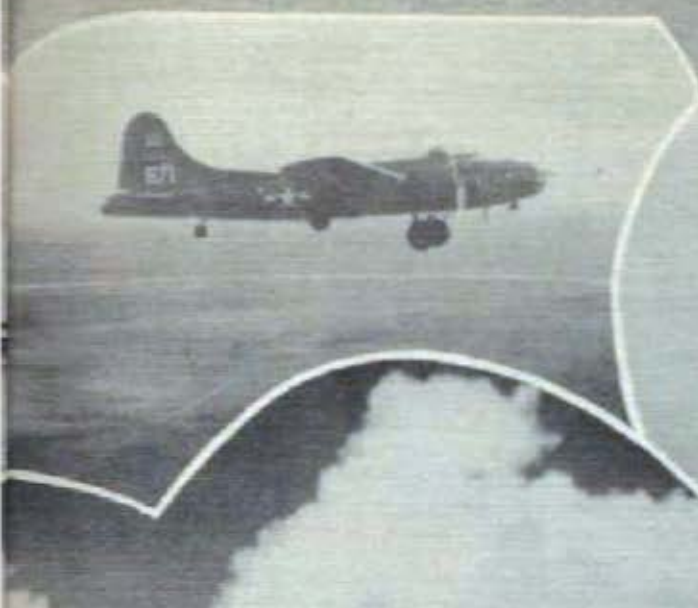
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A great man once said, "He who treasures not the memories of the past, lives but half his life." Far be it from us to deprive anyone of the full enjoyment of living that is rightfully his. Hence, we present the following pages in a humble effort to fill a gap of a vital part of our existence that otherwise might go unnoticed in years to come.

Some memories may be pleasant, such as getting off twenty high-altitude bombs in one mission, or meeting a cute chick at the "Downbeat", or getting leaves (huh?). However, the more unpleasant memories of instrument checks, pre-dawn briefings, too much "sack time" (is there such a thing?), and Lt. Crepps' Jerry Colonna moustache, however repulsive, will also linger in our minds. The ultimate purpose is, of course, to evoke a few laughs, a few sighs, when, in the far future, with our children gathered around us, we may sit back and dream, and the 2nd World War will be but an ugly memory.

We dedicate this book to that time of times.

What you see in the following pages is a more or less true indication of our feelings about the Air Base. We have them satirical to a certain extent, but this is primarily a guise to promote interest. We really liked Sioux City Army Air Base; we liked our commanding officers, and we liked our work. We know we were well-trained and well disciplined, and we heartily thank all supervisory personnel for making us feel confident of our abilities to carve a small niche in the future destiny of the world.



**WE STILL NEED FIVE
HIGH ALTITUDE BOMBS**

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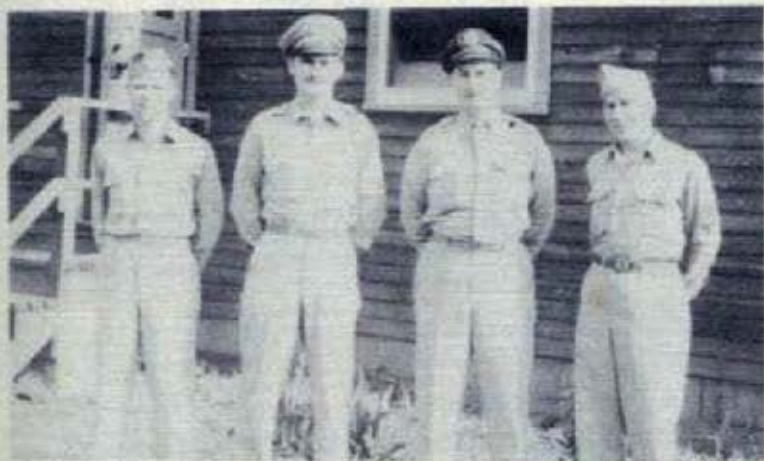
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KANSAS CITY, HUH?



HOWEVER, AT THE END OF THE FLYING PERIOD, THE CEILING IS EXPECTED TO RISE TO 100 FT



THEY'RE SETTING UP THE C-1



LIEUTENANT SMITH IS PRETTY EAGER ABOUT THIS DITCHING BUSINESS



DA ROGUES GALLERY



What follows is the unvarnished truth. (We doubt that varnish would help it anyway.) It is simply a series of pictures of row upon row of characters who are sticking out their chests so that their wings are visible. Unfortunately, their faces are also visible.

We hold no brief for either the faces or the chests. We will tolerate no complaints from the owners that they have been misrepresented. They can take their complaints to our cameramen who will ignore them anyway.

Among other things, we are not responsible for any shadows which may have fallen across your face. These, we found, were caused by the hands of the camera, which was holding its nose at the time.

We concur with the old poop. "You pays your money and you takes your choice." However, it is our considered opinion that you would do wisely to skip this section.

In the event that you are man-enough to view yourself as the camera sees you, go ahead, brother. We got your dollar anyway.

"A" FLIGHT

"A" FLIGHT COMDR.



Capt. William F. Dolby

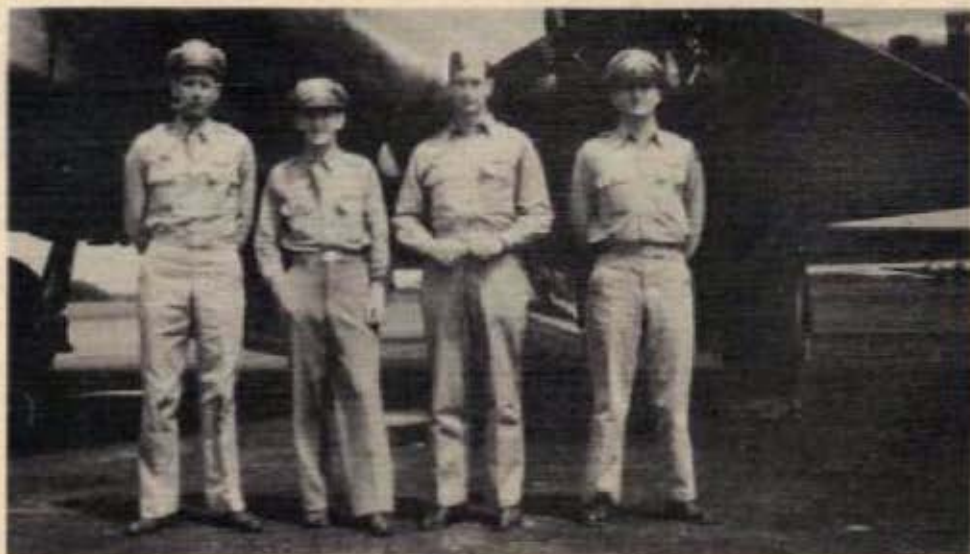
A FLIGHT POOP

"Well, today is another one of those clean-up days." So rangy, West-pointer Dolby would state as he climbed the podium to lord over Flight A. Bombardiers would look at each other craftily, and everyone knew their one thought was sack-time, navigators would pray silently for a bombing mission at Elk Point, gunners would hopefully wait for those golden words "—crew dismissed; co-pilots fervently sweated out"— and I will ride with pilot Schmult." The only crew members who always looked depressed and had "the world owes me a living" expression on their faces during these dramatic pauses by our Capt. Dolby, were the engineer and radio operator. These two would fly regardless and consequently didn't guard any secret desires or hopes. Poor fools.

It was fun being in Flight A. It's always nice to be in the best flight, and we think we were. Thanks, Capt. Dolby, Lt. Hommond, Capt. Lucas, Lt. McMahon. We sincerely appreciate your help and guidance. Our heads were "up and locked" many times but you straightened us out and so—Schickelgruber, get your tin hat on, here comes A. Flight.



1st Lt. J. McMahon
1st Lt. R. L. Kennedy
Capt. W. Dolby
1st Lt. A. Lucas



CREW NO. 4083



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CREW NO. 4088



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 ONLY A
 MINUTE OFF



CREW NO. 4091

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"B" FLIGHT

"B" FLIGHT COMDR.



Capt. B. Spevak



Capt. B. Spevak
1st Lt. J. L. Evans
1st Lt. W. F. Schwanke
1st Lt. J. S. Garvan

CREW NO. 4092



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"IT WAS ONLY
A SHORT
BURST!"

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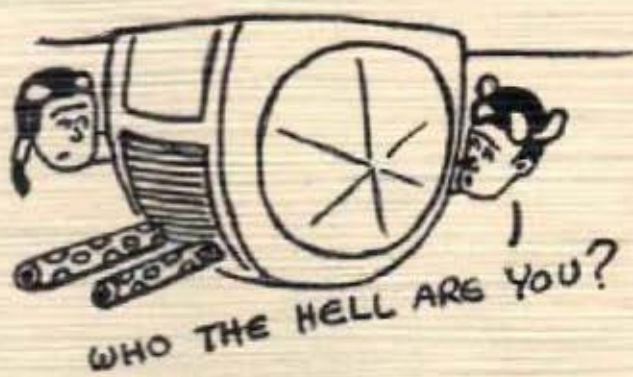


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LEVEL, HUH!



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1st Lt. G. M. Lewis

"C" FLIGHT

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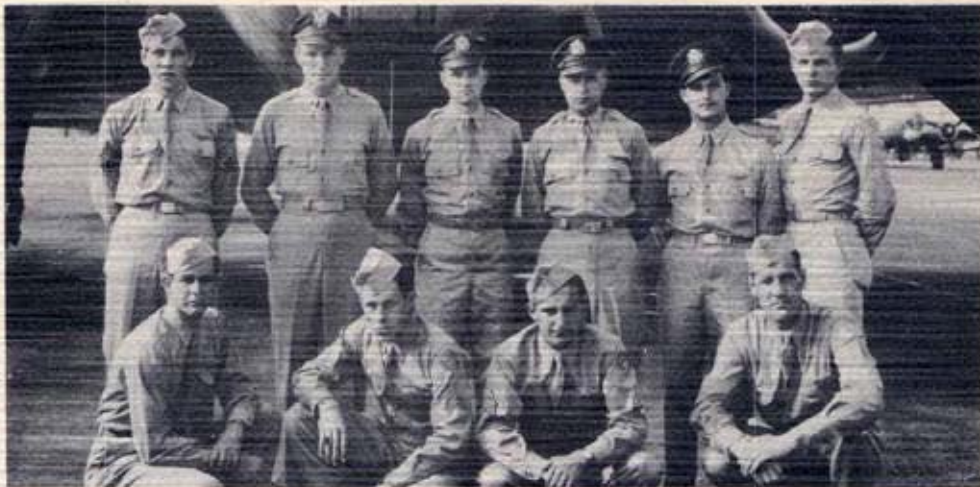


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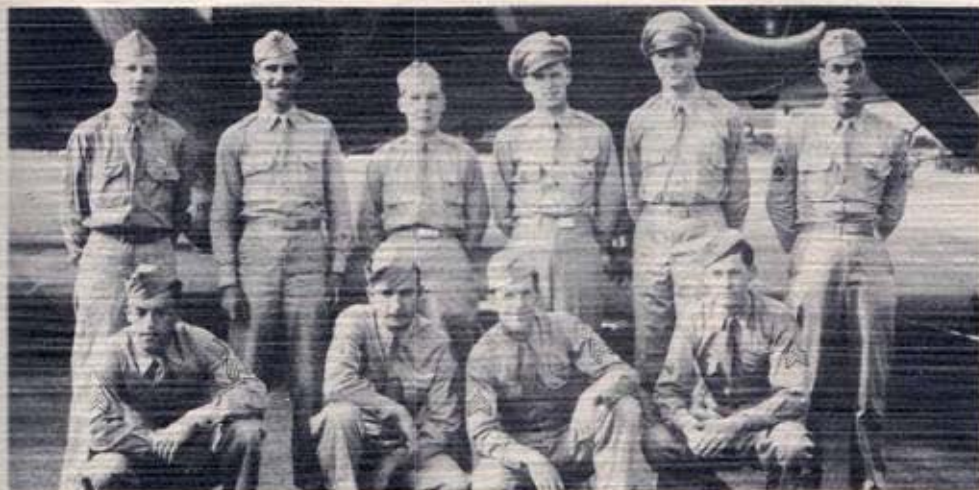
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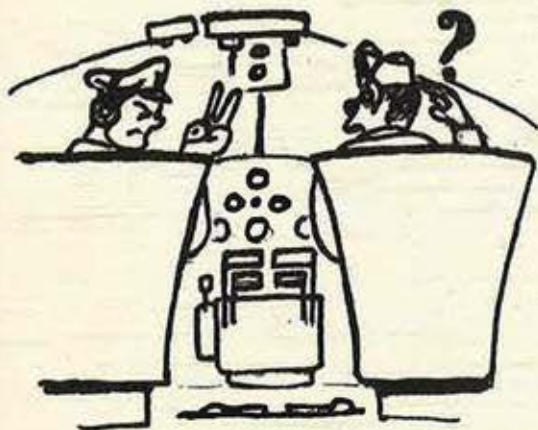
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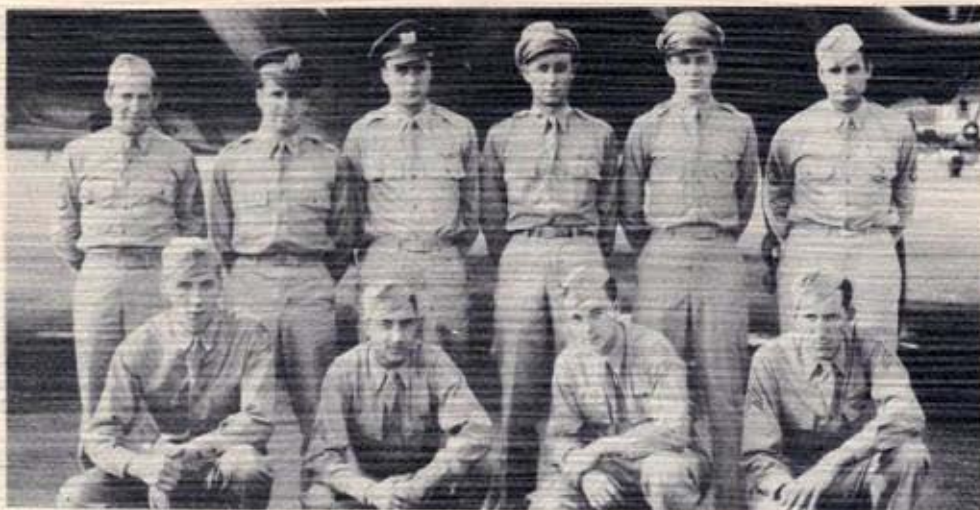
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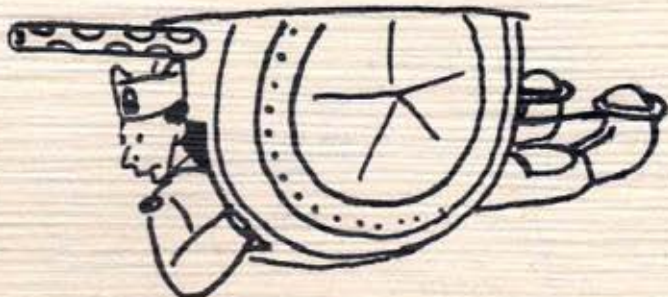


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HEY LOOK, IT'S GOT
 STIRRIPS - JUST LIKE A
 HOSS !



CREW NO. 4110

Kneeling: Sgt. E. B. Snapp, Tucumcari, New Mexico; Sgt. A. O. Walila, Clatskanie, Oregon; Sgt. J. P. Papapostolos, Boston, Massachusetts; Sgt. S. Kerman, Chicago, Illinois.
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One sunny morning as I was standing on the corner of Great Yarmouth and Eastbourne and reflecting gloomily that the weather looked CAVU a civilian sidled up to me.

"Hey," he said.

"Who, me?" I said cagily.

"Yep," he replied, pointing to the general vicinity of my left breast. "What kind of wings are them?" I toyed briefly with the idea of telling him that I was a B-29 pilot then I said, "They're air crew wings."

"Hey," he said again. "I got a question to ask you."

Casually brushing a speck of dust from my stripes I turned and said, "Junior, if it's military information you want you can't have it. Nothing can make me talk, see?"

He considered this a moment and countered, "I don't mean no harm, I gotta son in the army."

"I wish I could say the same," I shot back.

He ignored this bon mot and said patiently, "Look I'm serious about this."

I sighed and said, "Buster, you are most persistent. Leave us not waste time. What's your query, bleary?"

"See them," he said, indicating the leather clad figures who were hurrying up and down the thoroughfare.

"Everyday stuff," I replied stifling a yawn.

"Yeah, but what are they carrying," he asked.

I looked again and said, "Parachutes, cameras, cigarettes, sandwiches, and kits."

"What's in them long canvas cases," he persisted.

This time I did not look. "Elmer," I said, "That is a good question. Even the men who are carrying those cases sometimes don't know what's in them." Armament says they're guns."

"Are those guys gunners," he asked in an awed tone.

"I assure you that they are not pilots," I said, eyeing one poor wretch who was staggering along with a waist gun and waving feebly at the G-ville bug.

"Looky here," he said, pulling out a tattered copy of the Saturday Evening Post.

I like the Saturday Evening Post. I looked.

He opened it to a two-page spread advertising the AAF combat crew.

"Is this true," he demanded pointing out the paragraph which described gunners as "courageous red-blooded, two-fisted" characters.

I pushed my cap farther over my eye and said, "That ain't the half of it Mac. Why back at Las Vegas we used to—"

But he had heard enough. "Thanks," he said, "I gotta go now."

I shrugged my shoulders and brought my mind back to my immediate problem which was how to be the tac officer out of a pass in case we had to fly.

Somehow I couldn't concentrate. The words "courageous, red-blooded, two-fisted" kept popping up in my mind.

Look I said to myself, "You're a gunner. Are you courageous, red-blooded and two-fisted?"

My conscience (which I cannot control) sneered and said, "Hell no. You're splay-footed and blind in one eye. Furthermore you're afraid of the ball turret."

"Just a minute," my conscious self half said indignantly, "I can strip and assemble my gun in nothing flat. I'm a wizard on malfunctions and ballistics."

"Besides, I practically invented position firing."

The inner man laughed nastily and cracked, "You could'nt hit the sleeve if you were inside it."

Thus disturbed, I went into the barracks and settled myself in my favorite fighting pose on my sack. There, for the next half hour, I had it out with myself.

Finally, I gave up. The Saturday Evening Post had me licked. I could not meet their qualifications. Not only was I anemic, flabby, and gun shy, but I found that I would rather drink beer or go dancing than fly a high altitude mission.

The Saturday Evening Post had said nothing about women, but how did I know what they'd print in their next issue?

It was more than I could bear.

With a sob in my throat, I leaped from my sack and hotfooted it over to the dispensary.

I waited in line while a couple of goldbricks explained that they were allergic to the rubber in the oxygen masks. Then, finally, it was my turn.

"Doc," I cried to the flight surgeon, "You've got to ground me!"

He sprayed my throat and gave me some nose drops. Then he purred, "Now, what did you say?"

"Doc," I begged, "Please ground me!"

He gave me two tetanus shots and asked, craftily, "Why?"

"I'm yellow," I said, frantically, "I'm no good in the air!"

"Cough," he said, jabbing me in the appropriate place.

I coughed and waited while he made notations on a form 64.

Finally he turned and said, "As you wish."

I watched him stamp GDO after my name. Then I thanked him profusely, kissing his hand, and departed.

I was overjoyed. I could hold up my head among men again. The future was rosy!

It didn't turn out so badly, either. I'm used to the KP now. A private has less responsibility than a sergeant, anyway. I still see my buddies every day when they come in for chow.

I sure do envy them, though. They're gunners, real he-men.

I wish I could be like that.

"D" FLIGHT

"D" FLIGHT COMDR.



1st Lt. William R. Morton

STAFF



" THE GUN SELENOID
DONT WORK — "



CREW NO. 4111



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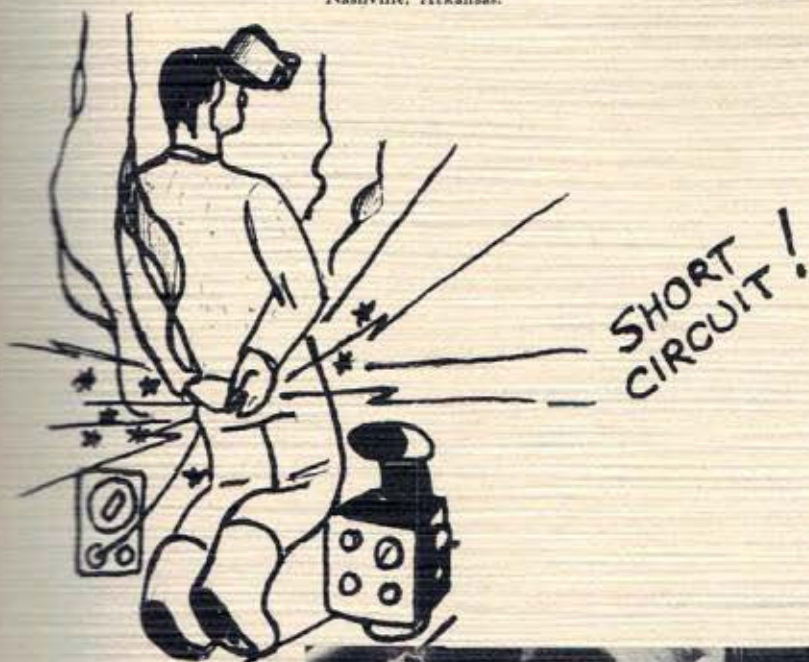
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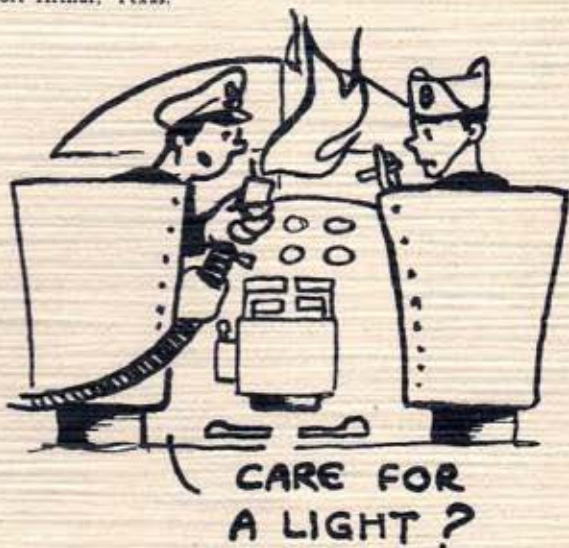


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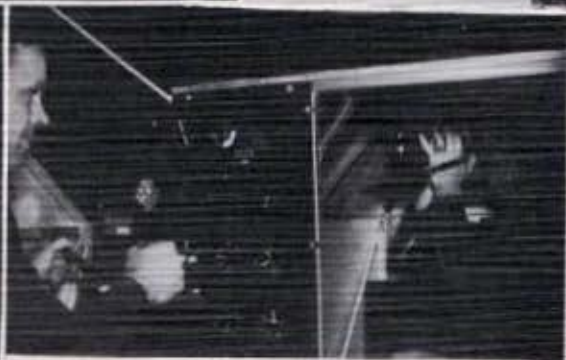
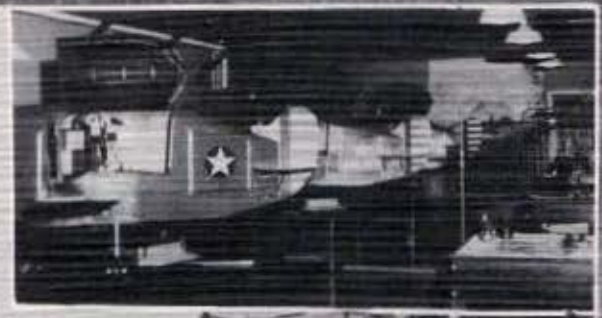


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HOW THE H—— DID THIS GET IN HERE?



"E" FLIGHT

"E" FLIGHT COMDR.



Capt. Frank E. Boyd

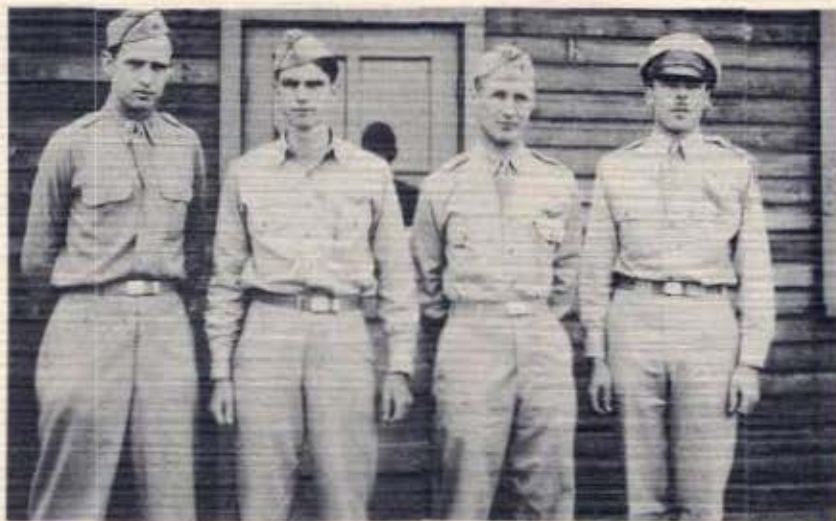
"NO MALFUNCTIONS TONIGHT!"

Life for E flight started out to be strictly gravy with bad weather keeping us in the sack while other flights got gray hair and hours. We lived like butterflies, only tried not to fly quite so much. It couldn't last and didn't. Capt. Frank E. Boyd traded jobs with genial Capt. Wilson and became our new flight commander. On short acquaintance, West Point tradition and a bounden determination to teach us everything he could to assure our coming back, made us all a wee bit leery of the change. The local boys agreed that he was going to be "rouger'n a Cob!" But with further association came a deep respect and a desire to do our damndest to keep him satisfied. What did we think of him? Ask any of the pilots who had trouble with formation or rusty instrument flying?

No lie, brother, a belluva swell Joe! We think he had a personal feud with the weather gods who gave up the bad weather ghost when Capt. Boyd told us one morning before flight, "Today if we don't have good weather, we'll go find it." And certain of us felt that if he couldn't find it, then by God, he'd make some! At least, we have had flying weather ever since.

Soon life on other fronts got a little smoother too. We decided that Lt. Crepps and Sgt. Bradshaw were for us—although that probably doesn't include restriction-happy EMs like O'Shea, McCollum, and Hood. We became confident in ourselves as crews. We knew our jobs. We finally got in our hours and missions. We deserved a leave. (How did that get in here?) And, Brother, how we griped! Now it is done; another chapter finished. We're ready to go out to join any "formation of tail guns escorted by turbo superchargers." Yes, we gotta go. It's T S, but somewhere some Heinie observer is standing by on a raid alarm and, what the hell, there's no sense in keeping him waiting. Hate to say it, but—over to you and out.

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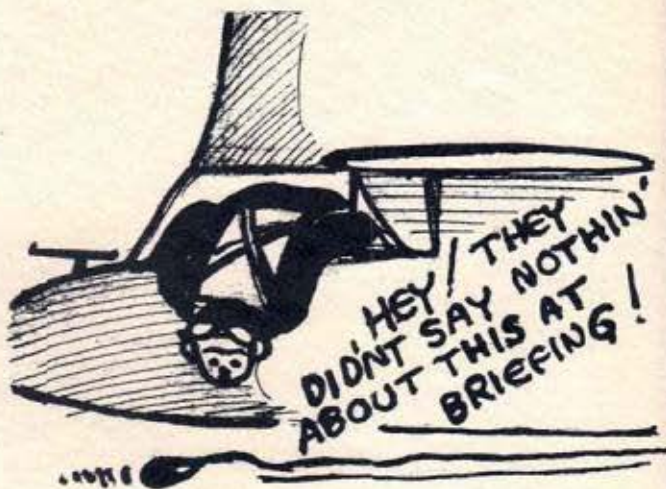


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"F" FLIGHT

"F" FLIGHT COMMANDER



Capt. N. W. Mandelbaum

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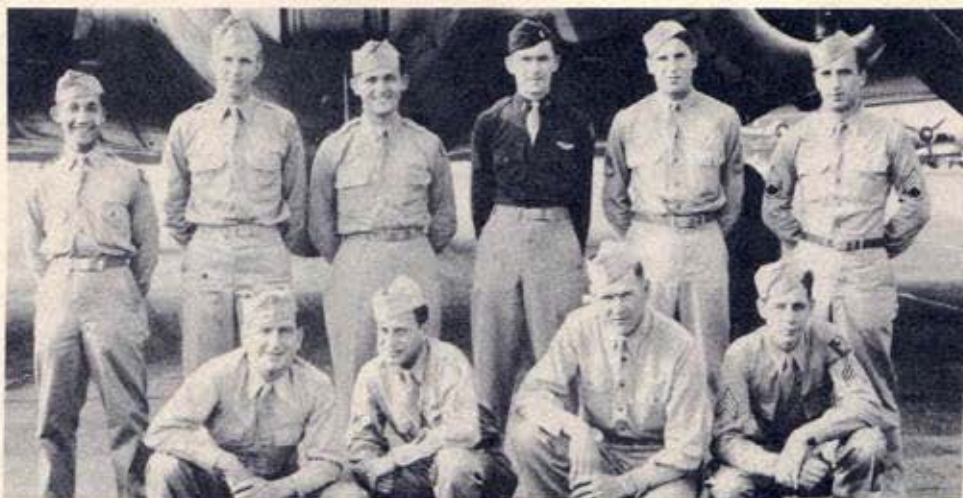
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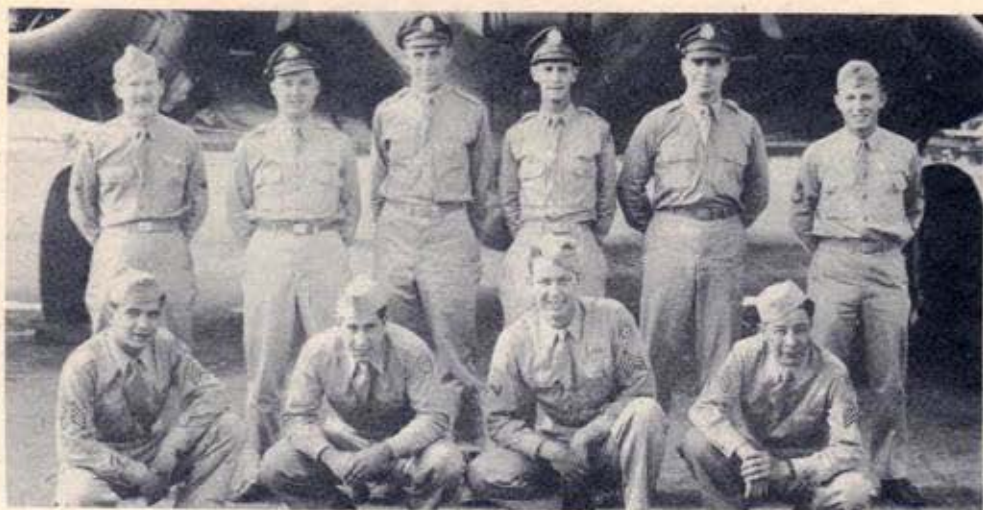
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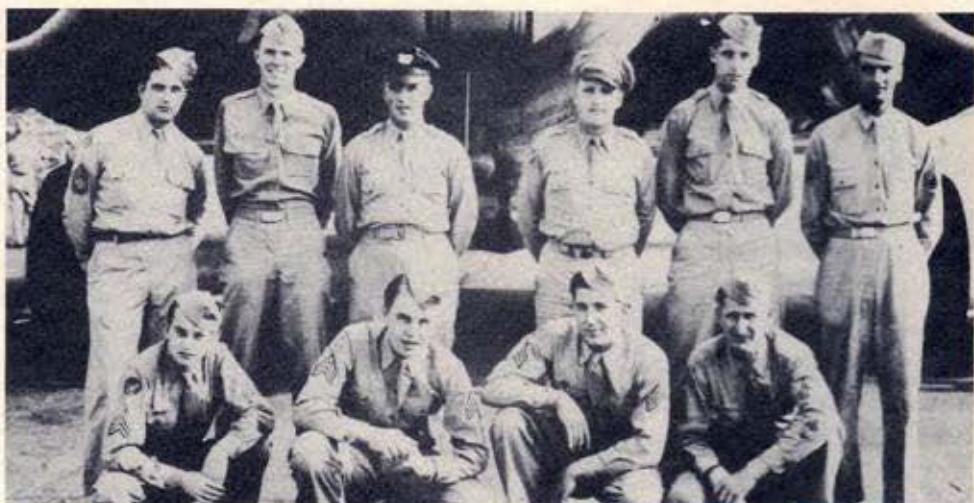


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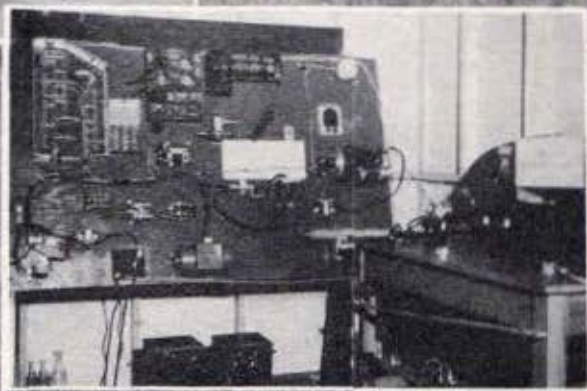
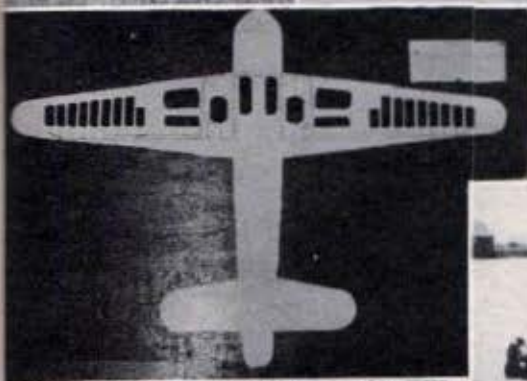
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Slowly down the ramp in the pale light of early dawn, while the rest of the world sleeps, the line "bug" carries us to our planes for the last time. The hush of morning is broken only by the blatant exhaust from a B-17, warming up in distant "G"-ville. The feeling of expectancy in the stillness, as we look at the sky, the planes and each other, is not new to us. We've had it many times, and now that our training is complete, the primary tenseness has changed to assurance and confidence, in our planes and in each other.



Beside us are our 'chutes, fleece-lined flying clothes, sextants, cameras and guns. In our planes out there are bomb sights, gun turrets, and the engines and controls to fly them. We've learned to use all these, and we've learned teamwork to perfection. Our practice games are over. Soon we're "going across" to meet our opponents, and we know we're ready!



Nazi Aerial Opposition Wilts Under Battering

Allied Bombers Anzored at Lack of Enemy Resistance

Nazi Resistance Weakening, but Battle Not Won

Stinson Is Optimistic, Yet Warns of Aerial Tests to Come

AMERICA'S BIG BOMBERS MAKE SURPRISE RAID

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Giant Bombing Armadas Span Nazi Territory

Germany, Poland, East Prussia Targets; 31 Bombers Lost

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1,750 Warplanes Drop 6,000 More Tons Explosives

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AERIAL INVASION PIONEERS' AGAIN SHOCK GERMANS

4,000 Planes Penetrate Defenses to Smash Nazi Targets

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5,000 Warplanes Shower 8,500 Tons of Bombs on Germany 24 Hours

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Huge Allied Bomb Fleet Smashes 10 Nazi Targets

2,000 Planes Carry Precision Day Into 25th Day

Thundering Blow Dealt Nazis from Airfields in Italy

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BOMBERS BASED IN ITALY KEEP AERIAL POUNDING

6,000 Planes Loose 9,000 Tons Bombs in 36 Hours

AMERICANS RAID SOFIA, BELGRADE

IMPORTANT JAP BASES BOMBED ALMOST DAILY

Kuriles, Ponape, Timor, Rabaul Hit-Cargo Ship Blasted

Bomb Thunder Signals Fateful Month for Nazis

Allies Raid with New Effects Opposite Fighters

Aerial Battles Waged As 2,000 Yank Planes Blast German Capital

BOMBERS BLAST NAZI SHORELINE

Antinvasion Defenses Given Systematic Hammering

4,000 WARPLANES DROP 7,000 TONS BOMBS ON REICHS

2,000 More Tons of Bombs Rain

Two-Way Aerial Blast Splatters 5 of Hitler's Cities with Airplants

Allied Bombers Swarm In from Both Italy and England

3,500 Bombers Hammer Hitler; R.A.F. Out Again

4,500 Tons Mark 20th Air Act

YANKS BOMB HITLER SUPPLY LINE TO RUSSIA

Bucharest Targets and Ploesti Oil Center Attacked

Germans Absorb Aerial Blows Sans Interruption

R. A. F. Mosquitos Toss 30 2-Ton Blockbusters on Berlin

Nazi Fliers Downed by Allies from the Italy Bases

LIBERATORS HIT 2 KURILE BASES