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## SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND
## DEPICTING
## AAF STATION 124 TIBENHAM, NORFOLK

## AND THE MEN OF THE 445th
## BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

## 702nd BOMBER SQUADRON



## WHO LIVED, FLEW AND DIED FROM THERE

## 1943 – 1945



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*Russell, Cunningham, Shurk, Brunson*



*Front Row L to R: Bidney, Musbach, Triolo, McCray*
*Back Row L to R: Morrow, Lt Johnson, Barnum, Davis, Snyder, Bashore*

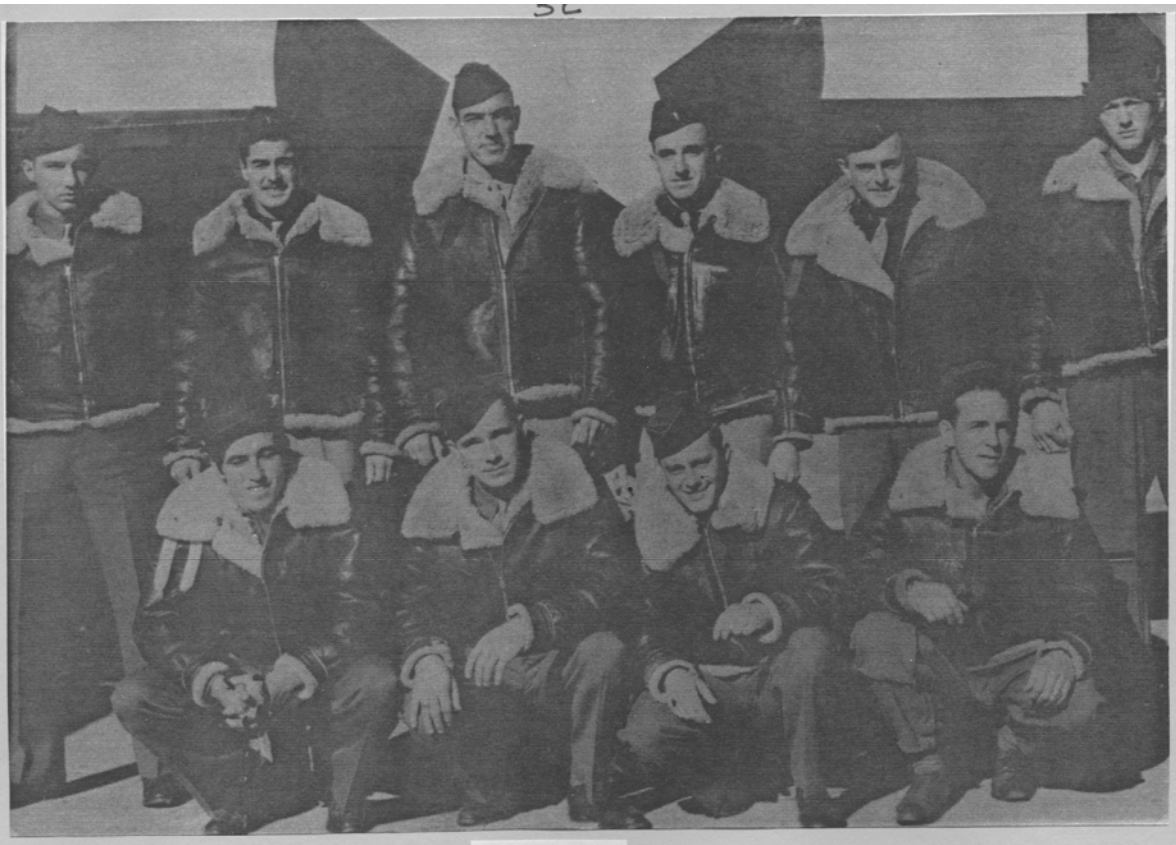


*Bloom, ?, Lennon Wright and Benny Madamba*
*Hunting in South Dakota, 1943*

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Josh Feingold



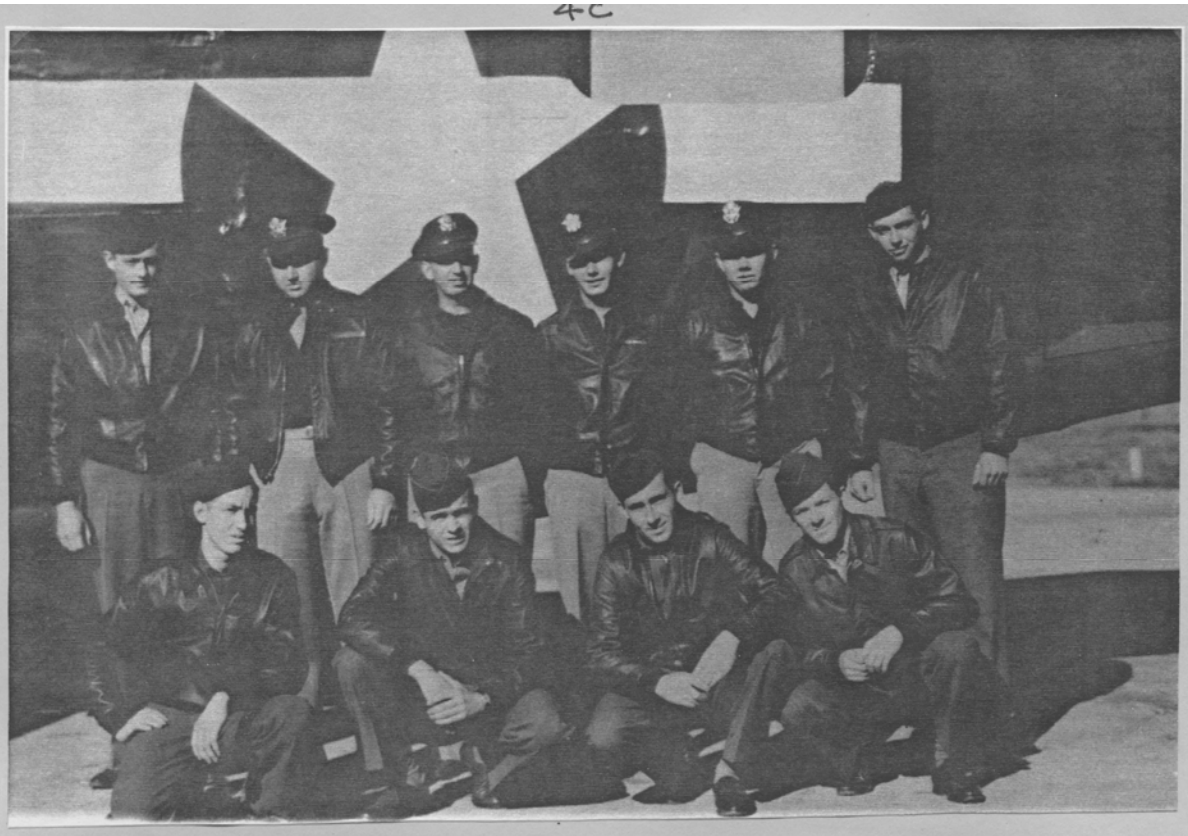

*Front Lto R: Lively, Harlow, Madamba, Tucker*
*Buddy Wright's chow dog had its own parachute made by the personnel in the parachute shop.*
*Back Row L to R: Drebo, Bussing, Wright, Feingold, Massey, Bloom*



*Pavelka*



*Schenk, Decker, Painter, Brooks*
*Back Row-Left :S/Sgt Archie Sloman, Engineer; Right S/Sgt Albert Urbanik*



*Front Row L to R: Shurd, Bryant, Dumas, Last*
*Back Row L to R: Roist(?), Baker, Dunmire, Looney, Drob, Hittelt(?)*



*Menaker, Pirog, Schrivner, Lee*



*Gray, Dawes*
*Back L: S/Sgt Arnold J. Swanson*
*Front L to R: ?, S/Sgt Herbert G. Simmons, S/Sgt T.J. Bays, ?*



*Front Row L to R: John C. Miner, Donald C. Woodruff, Raymond W. Hass, Donald E. Meyer*
*Back Row L to R: James C. Parker, Nelson R. Bohn, George C. Sfarnas, Jean H. Sefton, Philip C. Dana, Linsey A. Patrick*




Am not sure if this was painted on A1C or on A-2 jacket- from Jim Parker

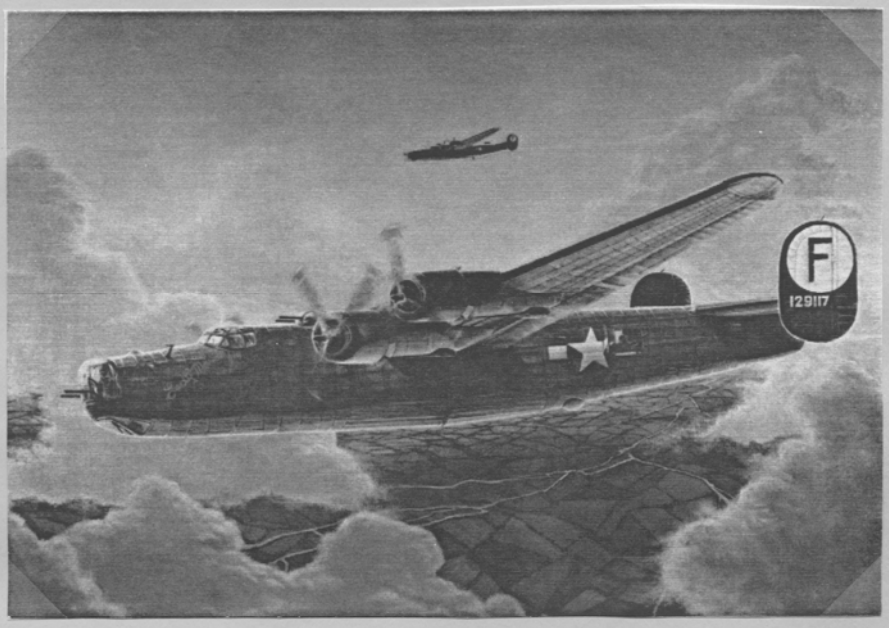


*L to R: Lt. Sfarnas; Lt. Sefton; S/Sgts. Parker, Patrick, Hass, Lt. Bohn; S/Sgts. Meyer, Miner, Woodruff; Lt. Dana*



John Miner and Jean Sefton in Switzerland

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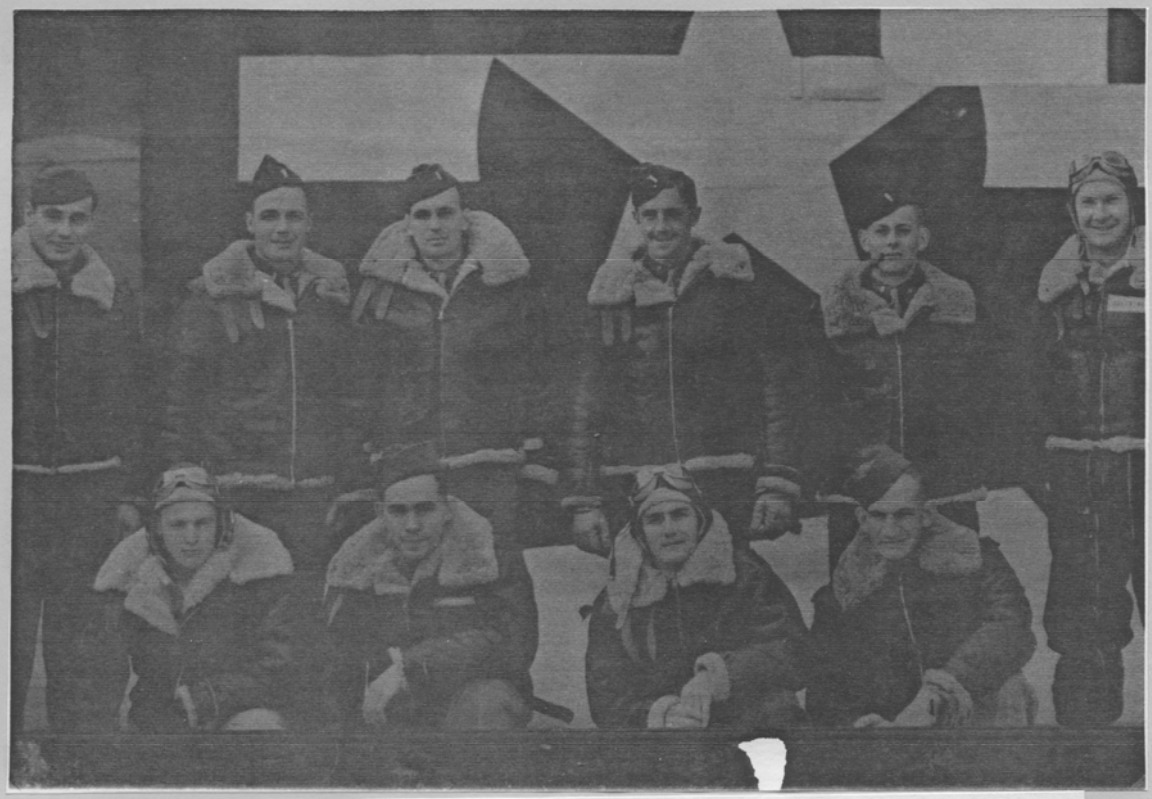

*From a painting of Lady Marie, the A/C that led the 445th on the Gotha Mission, February 24, 1944*



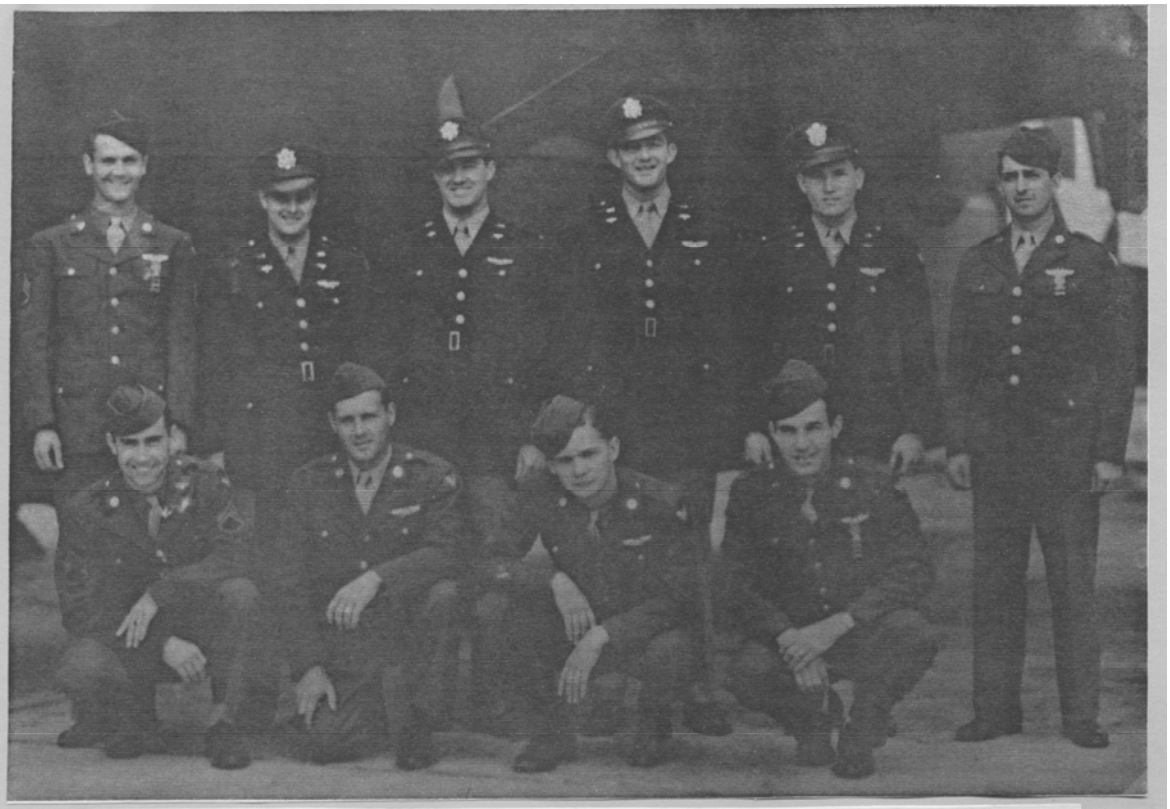
*From the museum in Herborn, parts from the crash site near Rodenroth of 42 7579 , Paper Doll, crashed on February 24, 1944*



*Front Row L to R: William F. Powell,George R. Kuehn(Kehn?), Jedediah G. Folker, Herman G. Maier*
*Back Row L to R: Samuel Mastrogiacomo, Robert E. Tobin, Francis J. Phelan, Charles E. Rowland, Howard E. Van Horn, Vernon E. Goedeke*



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*Front Row L to R: Jerry P. Richardson, Herbert M. Buckner, Fauntley M. Jones, William J. Trudell*
*Back Row L to R: Edward E. Oliver, Robert W. Benson(N), John R. Steinbacher(P), Henry E. Hester(CP), Eugene D. Dennis(B), Eugene E. Clever*



*Lt Pear*



*Standing L-R:*

*James Owens, John Allen, Sam Ellicott, Joe Gill, Tony Destro and Joe Pavelko*

*In Front L-R:*

*Romuald Firewicz, John Elder, Everett Odom and Harry Henry.*

*The name of their aircraft was "This Is It."*

*Allen's crew was shot down over Holland on 22 December1943. On that mission, Oscar Robbins replaced Firewicz and Erwin Bevins replaced Ellicott.*



*Putnam, Field, Bush, Adler, Goldstein*

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*Front Row L to R: S/Sgt Czerwonka(TT),S/ Sgt James Gennity(BT),*
*S/Sgt James Biggins(RW), S/Sgt George Lyons(RO)*
*Back Row L to R: S/Sgt Harold Hartner(LW), Lt James Madden(CP),*
*Lt Hanna(B), Lt Wilson(N), Lt Hardin E Miller(P,)*
*S/Sgt Lester Johnson(Top Turret)*

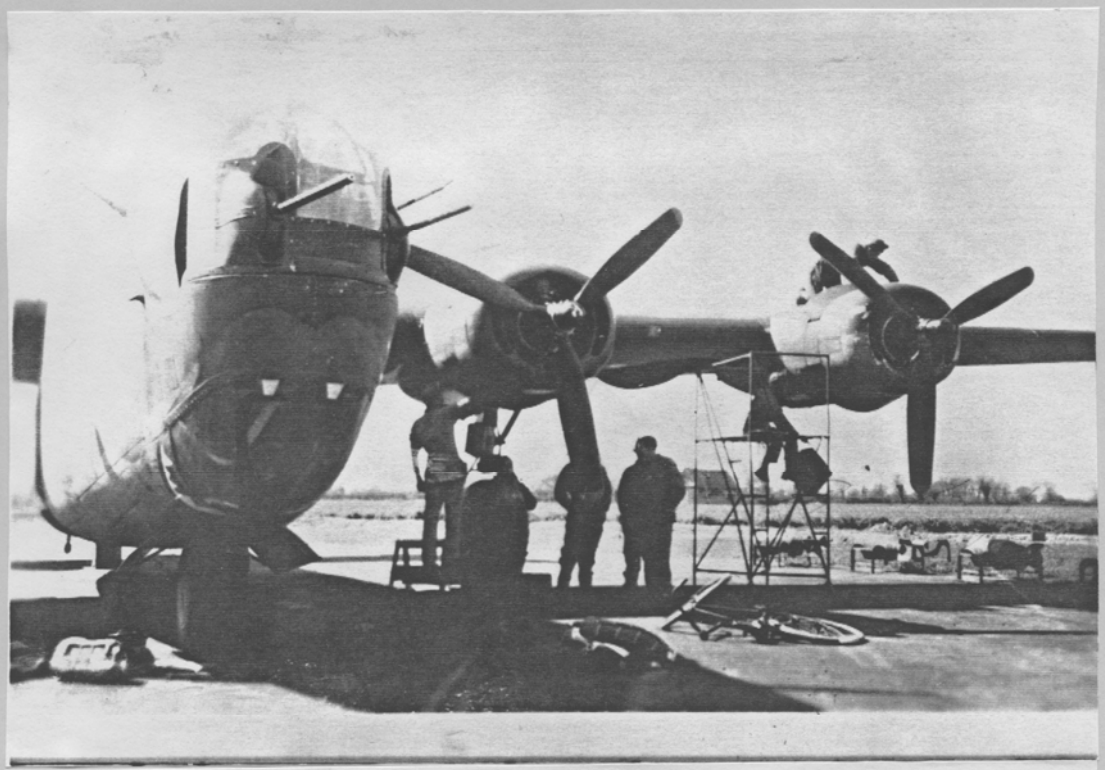
*Crew Photo taken prior to departure for England, probably Watertown, SD, Fall, 1943*

*Lt. Madden was designated pilot upon arrival in England and assigned his own crew. He was later shot down.*
*Lt. Hanna left the crew for medical reasons in West Palm Beach, FL, prior to departure overseas.*
*Lt. Wilson left crew upon arrival in England for medical reasons.*
*Sgt. Czerwonka left crew prior to departure for England. He broke his arm while hunting pheasant in ND.*

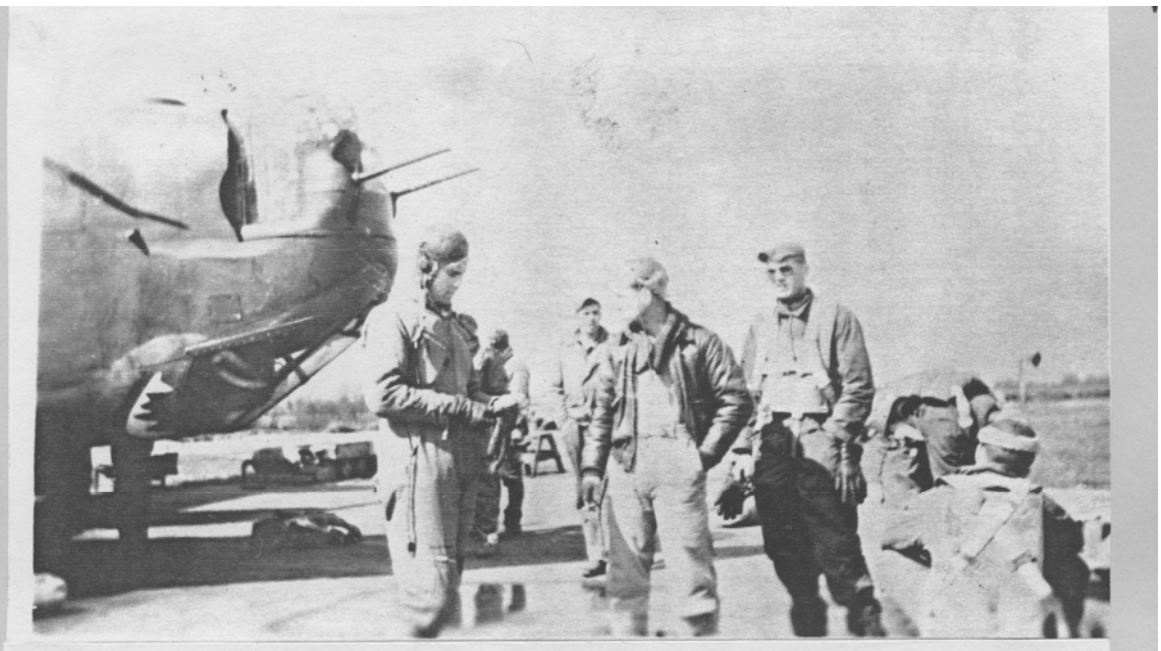
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*Unknown*



*Getting ship ready for mission April 1944. Probably to V2 rocket site on the coast of France (time of day)*
*Under wing, in front of landing gear, is Lt. Adler (N). Hardin Miller (P), stands behind the prop blade.*

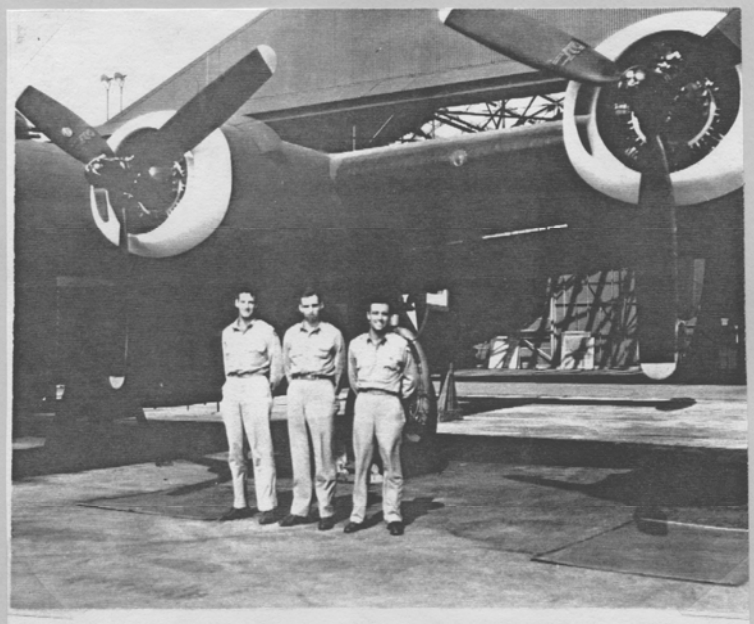


*Getting ship ready for mission (same day).*
*L to R- Lt. Smith (B), S/Sgt Geo. Lyons, S/Sgt Lester Johnson, S/Sgt James Biggins(Back to camera,squatting)*
*Regular crew members of Lt Hardin Miller:*
*Lt Field replaced Lt Madden(CP)*
*Lt Smith replaced Lt Hanna(B)*
*Lt Adler replaced Lt Wilson(N)*
*Sgt Elmo Mizner replaced Sgt Czerwonka(Tail Gunner)*
*Sgt Lewis replaced Sgt Mizner about halfway through completion of 30 missions*



*Somewhere over England 1944.*
*L to R- S/Sgt Harold F. Hartner (Left Waist/Armorer), S/Sgt James Biggins (Right Waist/Asst Engineer), S/Sgt Lester Johnson (Top Turret/Engineer)*
*His "fatigue" Hat went on all missions.*

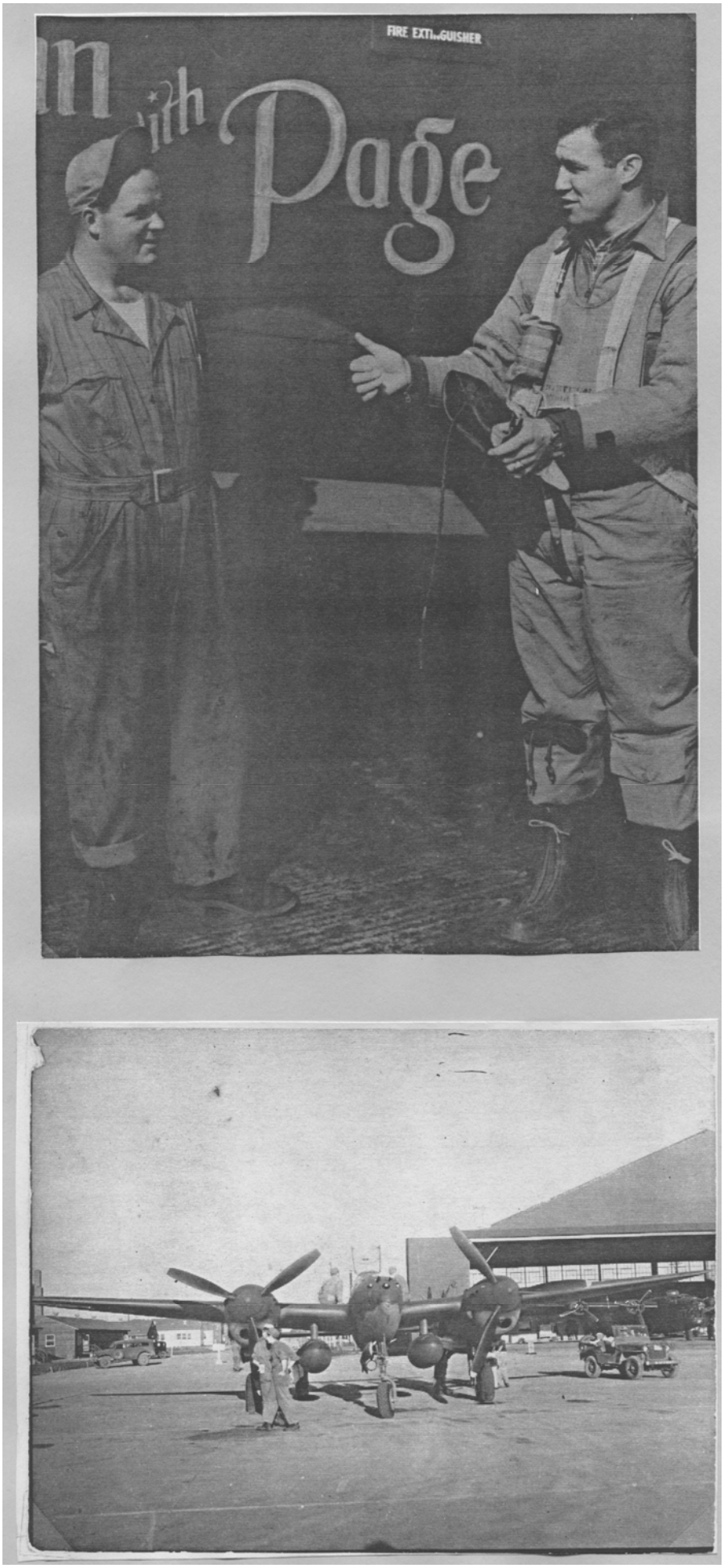
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*Blumencranz, Graham, Cassini*




*"Q" for Queenie on the hardstand with crew chief Sgt. Forstall, March 1944. Queenie was taken out of service and possibly scrapped for parts after she returned from a mission with 228 fuselage holes (flak) and 2 engines out. The only injury to crew was a buttock wound suffered by Hartner.*


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Lt. Jacobi

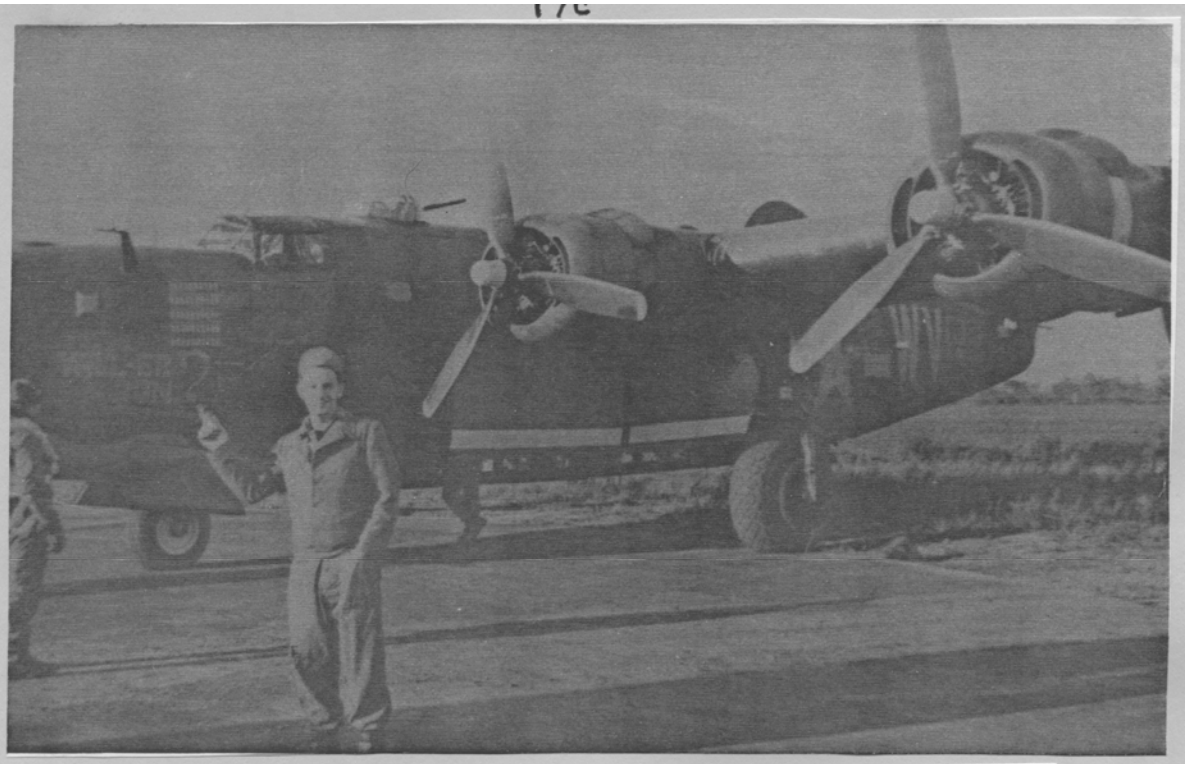


James Evans



Lt. Hardin Miller & WIFE. (GEORGIA)

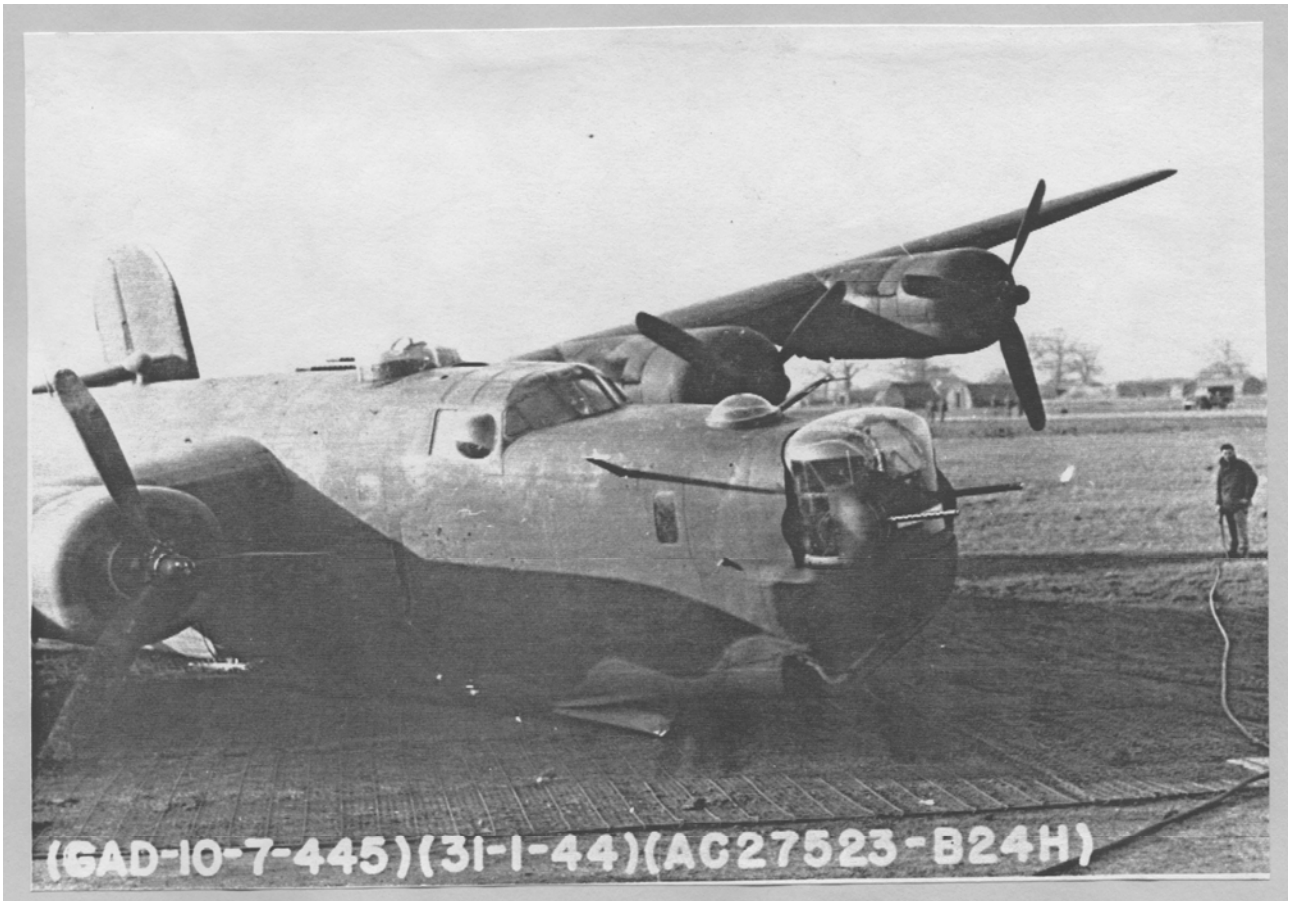




*Original aircraft, Will-er Run 42-7526, arrived in the UK 11 Dec 1943*



*31 January 1944*
*B-24H 42-7532*
*Lead Poison*


(GAD-10-7-445)(31-1-44)(AC27523-B24H)


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*Standing (l - r) – Madamba (Tail Gunner), Bloom (Gunner), Harlow (RO), Drebo (Gunner), Lively (Asst. Eng./Gunner), Tucker (Eng/Gunner).*

*Seated (l - r) – Feingold (Bomb.), Bussing (P), Wright (CP), Massey (Nav.)*




*Kneeling from L: Sgt R.V. James, Sgt G. Vayo, Sgt M. Odelli, Lt D. F. Keefe, Lt R.D. Russell, Sgt K.C. Baldwin, Sgt E.G. Maynard, Sgt A. Celloti*
*Standing: ??Co-Pilot for the day.*

*Russell's crew in front of B-24H 42-50383 "King Kong". WV X, piloted by Lt. Baynham, crashed 2km NE of Braunhausen on September 27, 1944.*



*Back Row: Ira P. Weinstein (B), Richard Horton (P), James Lacey (N), Glen Lowe (CP)*
*Front Row: Emil Kozcur (WG), Jim Ely (BT), Jhue Bigelow (TT,E), Benton Tom North (NG-AE), Bob White (TG), Bill Logan (RO/WG)*



*John E. Queenan,Jr.*
*second from left*



*Back Row L to R-*
*William C. Reid; John E. Queenan,Jr.; Stephen M. Skvarenina; Hubert E. Holcomb*
*Front Row L to R-*
*Rudolph J. Dokoupil; Robert G. Sprunger; George E. White; Elmer J. Norton; Howard O. Myers; Brian J. Hurt*

*Crew #FX200-FJ19 left Kansas on Feb. 6, 1944, flying B-24 #42-109837 to England.*




*Albert R. Cwiklinski, Gunner and John R. Ruehle, Pilot*



*Kneeling - Barnes (Flew couple of missions with our crew), T/Sgt. Fred H. Simmons, Sgt. Louis H. Frederick*
*Seated - 2nd Lt. Robert C. Barnes, Sgt. Donald H. Johnson, 2nd Lt. Richard V. Dixon , Sgt. Joseph F. Fercsak, S/Sgt. Joseph W. Lynch*
*Standing - (rear) 1st Lt. Roy J. Farnsworth, T/Sgt Joe C. Jones (front)*

*Photographs from Bill Vinton's album*



*Hare Force*







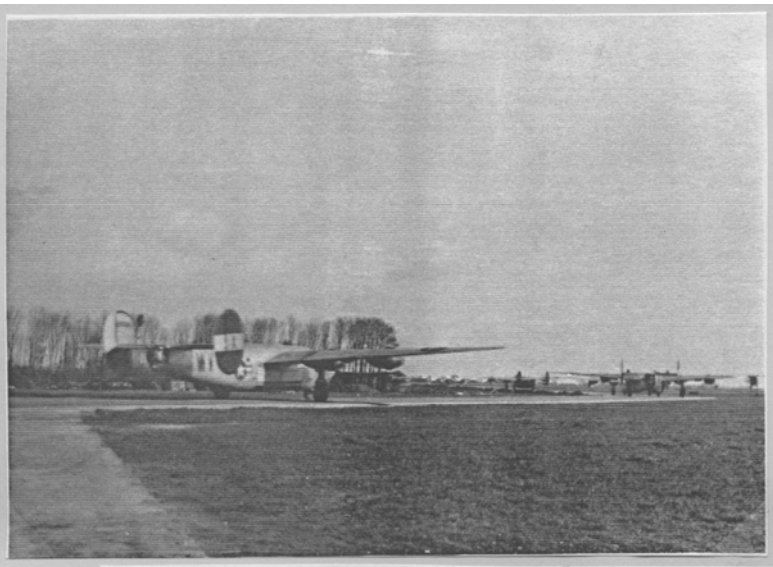
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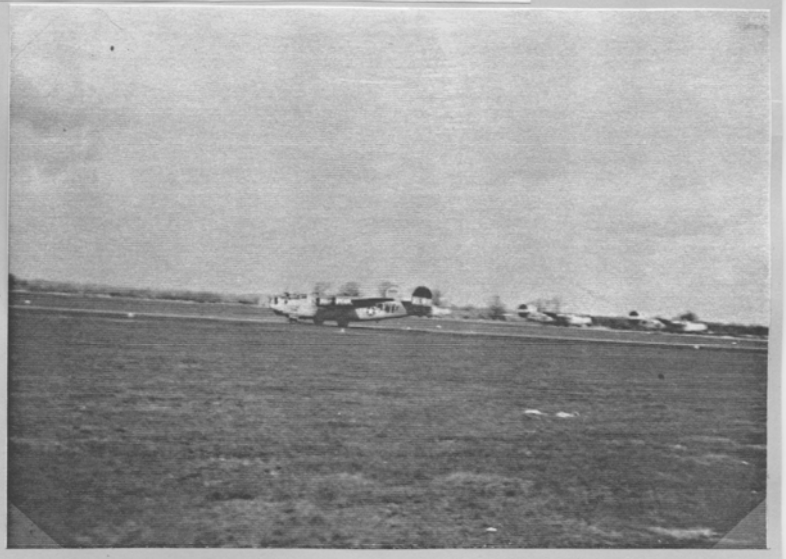
(SAV-445-503- )/13-8-44)(A/208-7-1500)







*WV X, possibly King Kong, on the runway at Tibenham. Note the Bomb Dump in the background.*





*WV L 250619 over the target*



*L to R - Larry Bowers, Asst Eng/Waist gunner; Frank Bertram, Navigator; Reg Miner, Pilot*



*James W. Schaen*



*L to R - Reg Miner, Pilot; Virgil Chima, Co-Pilot; Nicholas Chima, Navigator, 91st Bomb Group; George Collar, Bombardier*




*Front Row L to R: 2nd Lt Francis J. Bertram; 2nd Lt Virgil Chima; 1st Lt Reginald Miner; 2nd Lt George Collar.*
*Back Row L to R: Cpl Arthur Lamberson; Cpl Larry Bowers; Sgt Robert Ault; Sgt Edward Weddle; Cpl Mertes Thornton; Sgt Alvis Kitchen.*

*Sgt Weddle, the Radioman, had his foot shot partly off on a raid to Saarbrucken in July, so was not on the Kassel raid. Collar was replaced by a radarman, and was flying with Lt. Schaen that day.*

*Virgil Chima was found dead in the woods weeks afterward. His parachute had been stolen. It is uncertain whether he was dead at the time, or the victim of foul play.*

*The replacement radioman, Sgt Joe Guilfoil of Boston, was KIA. His was one of the bodies picked up by American prisoners that day.*




*Front Row L to R: 1st Lt. Schaen(P), 2nd Lt. Bobby McGough(CP), 2nd Lt. Corman Bean(N), 2nd Lt. Richard Aarvig(B). Aarvig replaced by G. Collar on the Kassel Raid.*

*Back Row L to R: Unknown (May have been S/Sgt Bryan Hurt(TG), T/Sgt Robert Collins(R), S/Sgt Edward Johnson(WG), T/Sgt George Eppley(E), S/Sgt Jos Gilfoil(G) [Was transferred to crew of Capt. Miner, prior to Kassel Raid], S/Sgt Richard L. Parsons(WG)*

*The following men were KIA on Kassel Raid: Lt. Schaen, S/Sgt Johnson, S/Sgt Parsons, S/Sgt Hurt, and S/Sgt Gilfoil. All the rest were captured, with the exception of Lt. Aarvig( Not on the raid).*



*2nd Lt. George M. Collar 0-703028*
*Commissioned 24 Dec 1943*
*Big Spring, Texas*
*Photo taken at Jackson, Michigan*
*28 Dec 1943*




*2nd Lt. George M. Collar*
*POW # 6107*
*Taken at Stalag Luft I*
*Barth, Pommern Germany*
*Early October 1944*




Fred Bromm
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*Simonson's crew after 3rd mission, December 1944*
*Standing, L to R - Joe Weckesser, gunner; C. L. Harris,*
*Harry Hodges, Co-Pilot; Cliff Simonson, Pilot;*
*John Barksdale, Radio Operator*
*Kneeling, L to R - Roy Wagner, Navigator; Fred Bromm, Bombardier,*
*Bruno Gora, gunner; Fred Wilsdorf, Engineer*



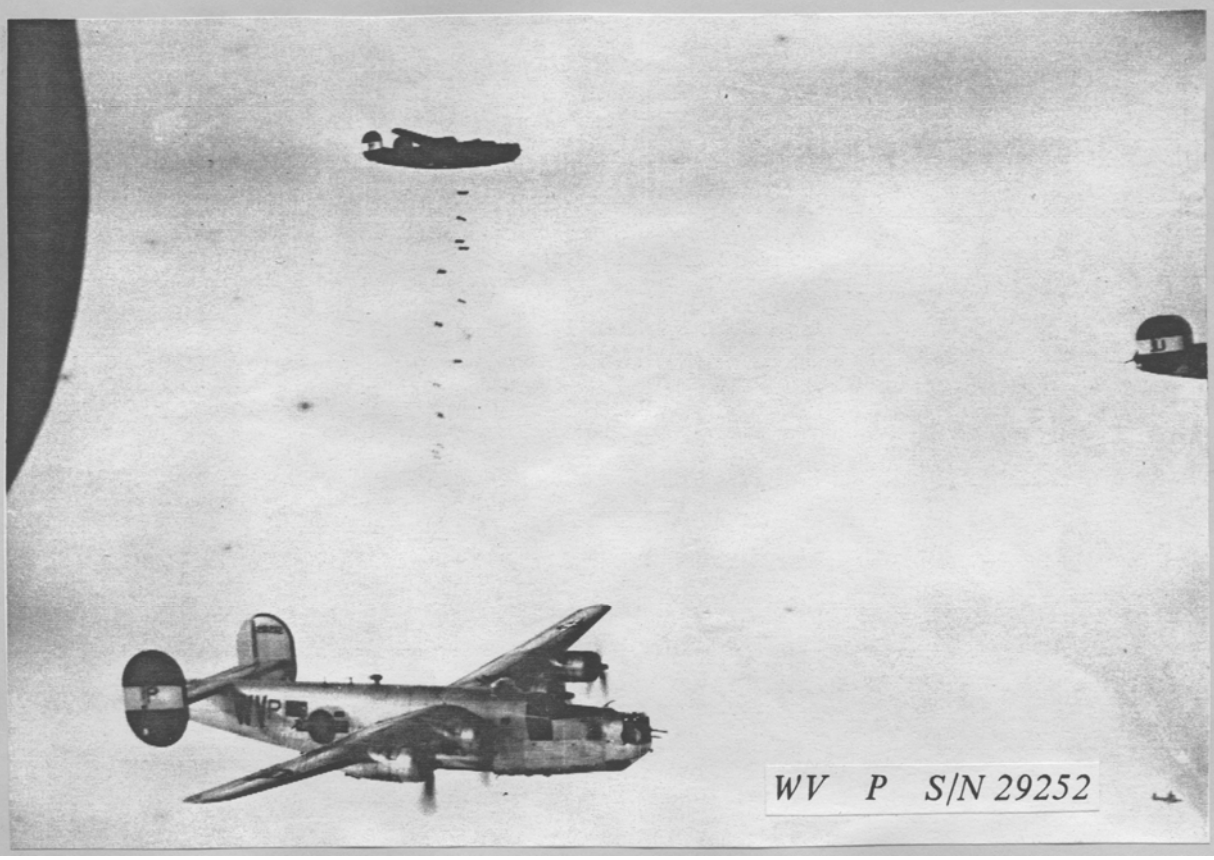


Bob Volonte,
ground crew
maintenance
for Judy
WV J

*Simonson's crew #2*
*Roy Wagner, Navigator; Fred Bromm, Bombardier; Joe Weckesser, gunner;*
*Cliff Simonson, Pilot; Harry Hodges, Co-Pilot; C. L. Harris, gunner*
*Front: John Barksdale, Radio; Bruno Gora, gunner; Fred Wilsdorf, Engineer*



*WV Q 42-100308*
*Our Gal*
*Lost 27 Sept 1944*
*2nd Lt. Warman, Pilot*



*WV P S/N 29252*

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WV C Lady Marian

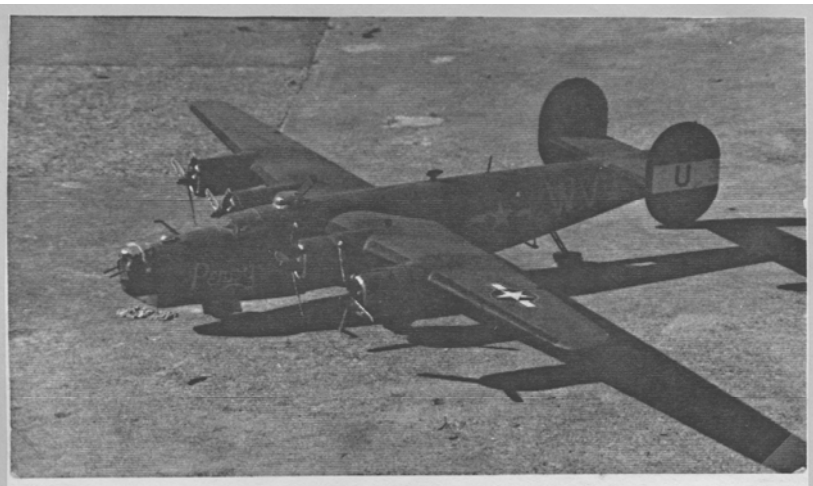
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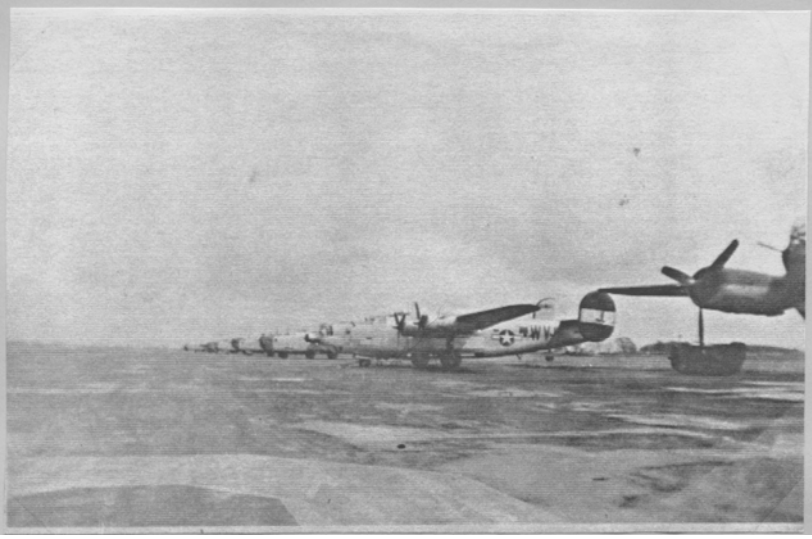


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*Model of B-24 "Percy"*
*(Flown by Lt. Krivik on Kassel Raid)*



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*Lt. Simonson's NCO crew*
*L to R: Wilsdorf, Harris, Weckesser,*
*Henson, Gora and Barksdale*



*T/Sgt John M. Barksdale,*
*Radio Operator*



*Joe Weckesser*

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*Standing - William J. Sorgel, Max A. Taylor, ?, ?JEEP, MACK H SHUMATE*
*Kneeling - Donald P. Anderson, William H. Zoller, Orvile R. Williams,*
*John M. Knizeski, Albert M. Stuart, Robert M. Libby*




*nlisted men of Matthews/Berthold's crew in front of the Ft. Worth Maid at*
*benham.*
*ack Row: Pietruszewski, Martin, Hilpert*
*ront: Sherard, McGuire, Cronan, Jr.*

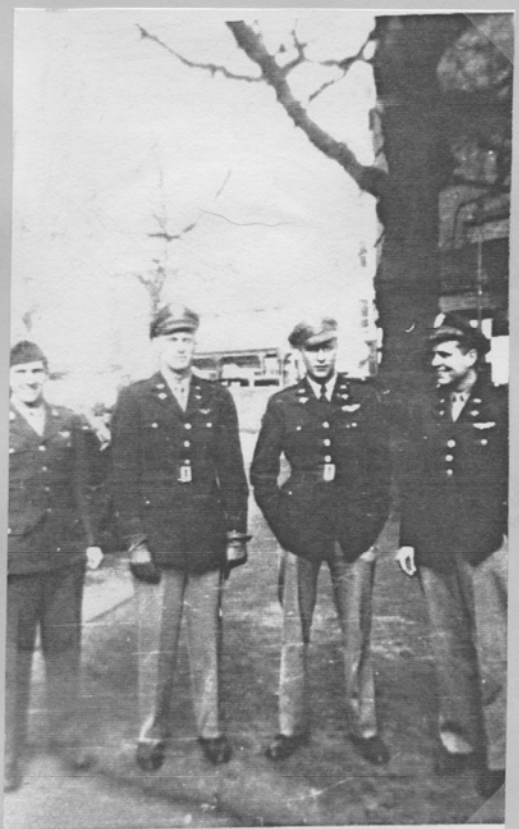
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*Nichols, Berthold and Matthews on Leave in London*



*Standing: Barksdale, Wilsdorf, Henson*
*Front: Harris, Gora, Weckesser*
*Trafalgar Square*
*London*



*T/Sgt Barksdale, Lt. Simonson,*
*Lt. Hodges, Lt. Wagner*

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*The Palace Hotel, Liverpool*

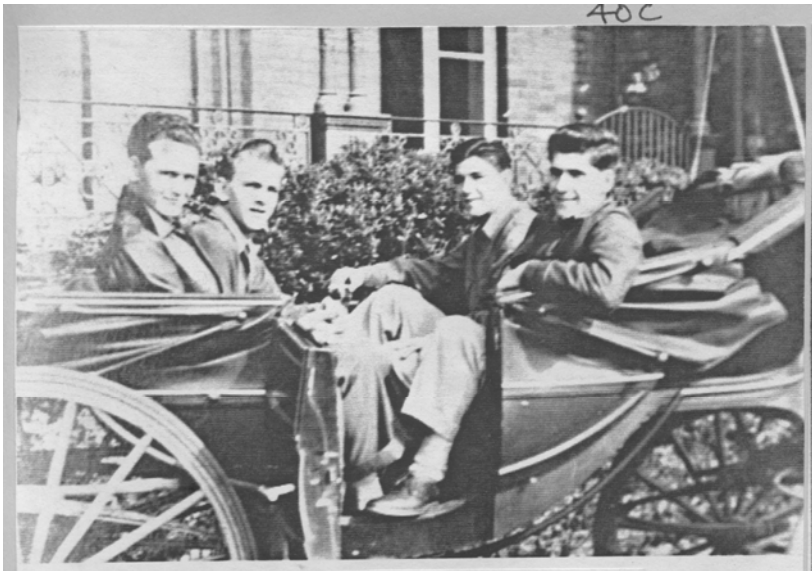


*Wilsdorf and Henson*



*Weckesser, Simonson, Hodges and Wagner in London*

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*Henson, Gora, Barksdale and Weckesser on flak leave in Liverpool*



*Barksdale and Harris*

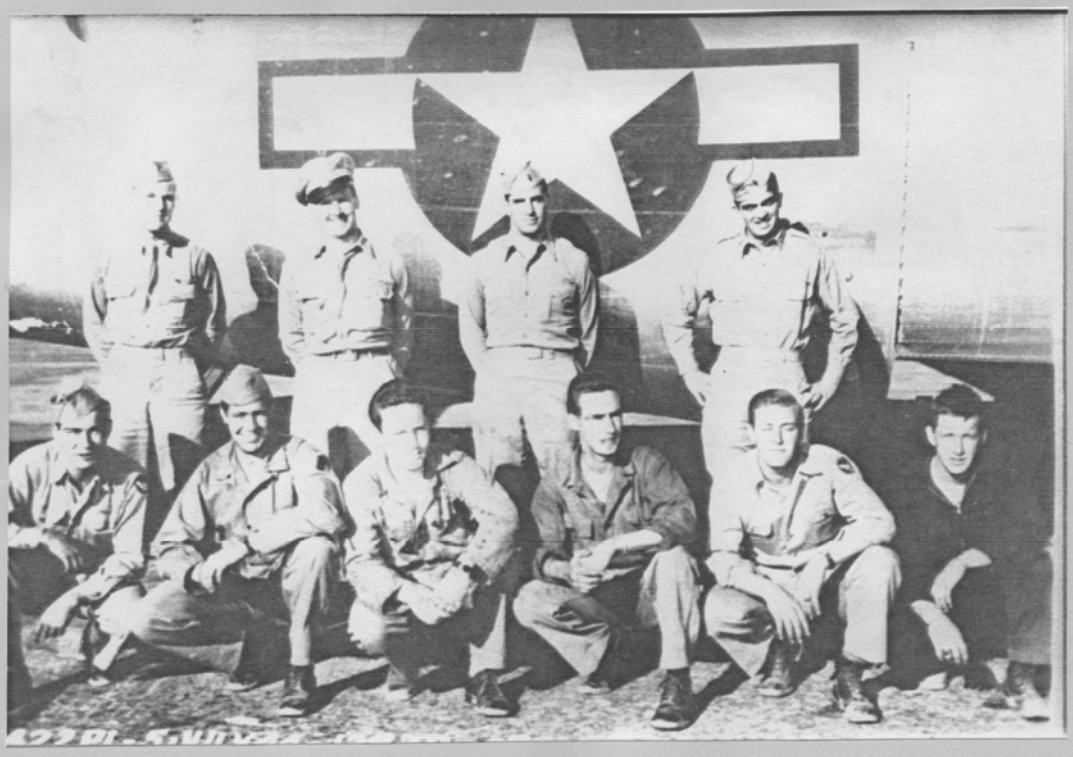


*C. L. Harris, H. W. Henson, F. C. Wilsdorf & Joe Weckesser*



*Wilsdorf, Barksdale, Henson, Weckesser, Gora and Harris in front of "Lonesome Lois"*



*Back Row* – *Howard (P), Stevens (CP), Mallery (N), Hurd (Bomb).*

*Front Row* – *Holloway (Gunner & Eng.), Hammock (RO), Vanlandeghem (Armorer/Gunner), Barnes (Nose Gunner), Hilton (Tail Gun), Gold (Top Turret Gunner)*

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WV C Lady Marian

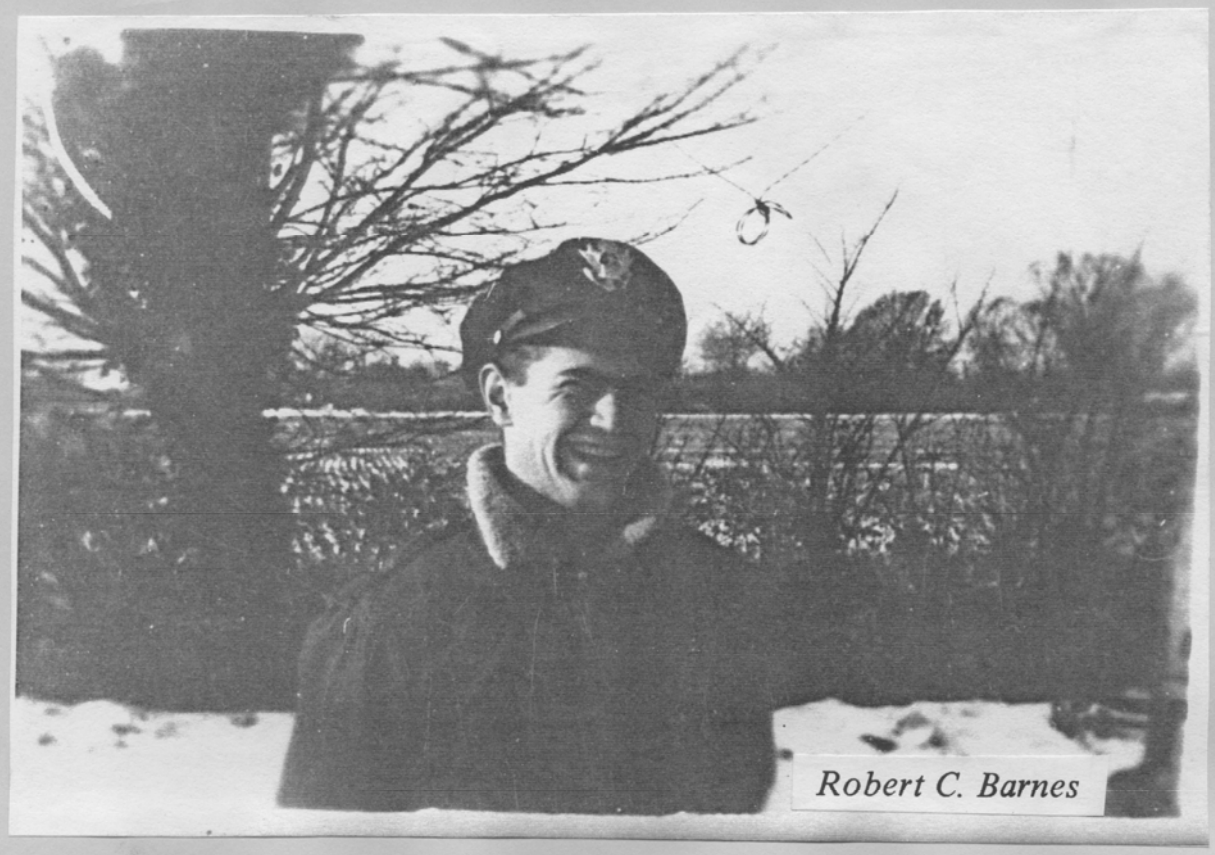


702 crew in front of 700 Sq. A/C — 701 Sq insignia on jacket of airman in back row ?

*Linford's crew, 1945*
*Standing; John Thomas Steel, Co-Pilot; Unknown; Unknown;*
*Harold E. Coon, Navigator*
*Kneeling: John T. Pierce, Radar; John A. Linford, Pilot; Unknown;*
*Fred Bromm, Bombardier; Unknown; Unknown*

Fred Bromm VE Day 5/8/95

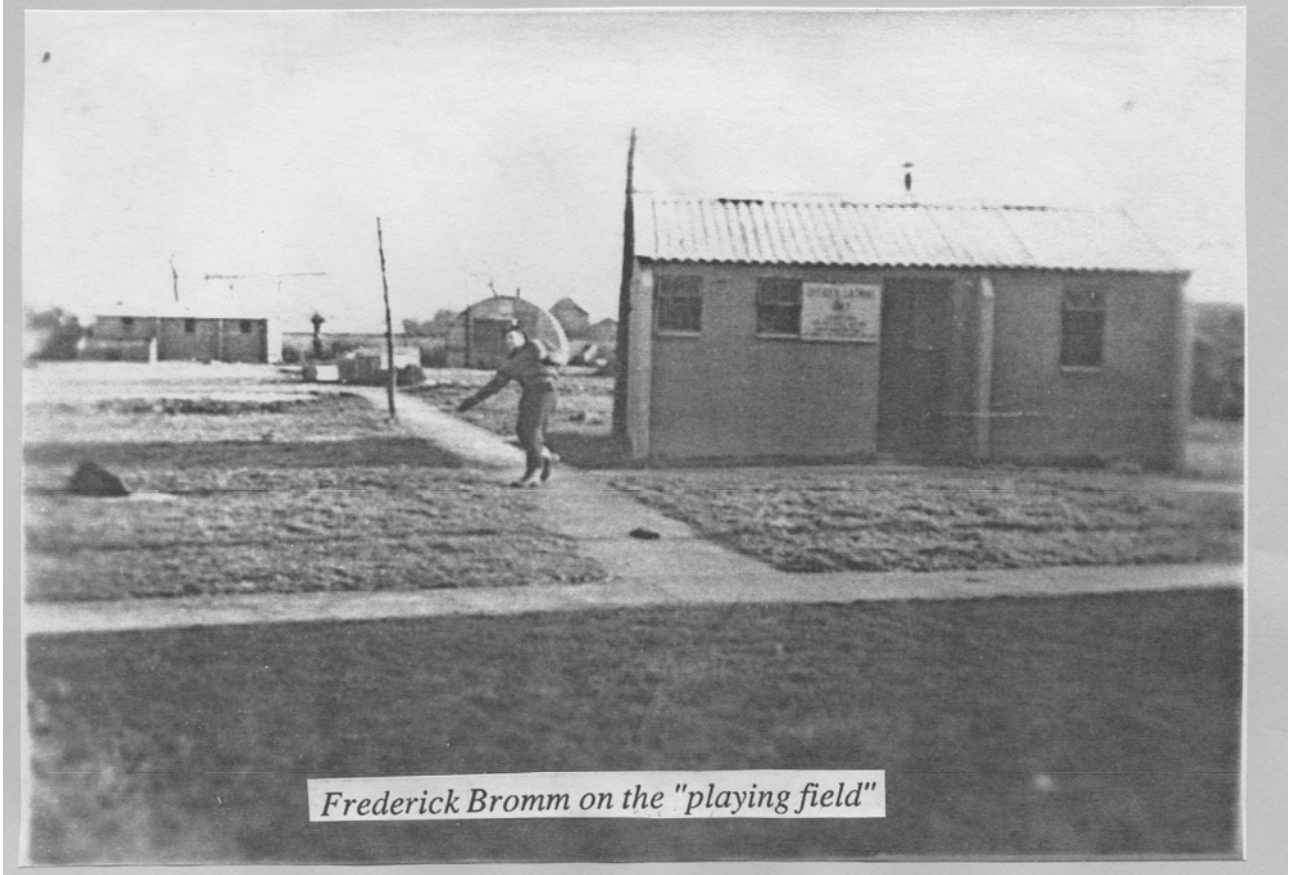
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*Robert C. Barnes*



*Roy Farnsworth and Simonsen at Tibenham*



*Frederick Bromm on the "playing field"*

Fred Bromm
Vk Day 5/8/95
Thank you Slider Club
for your hospitality

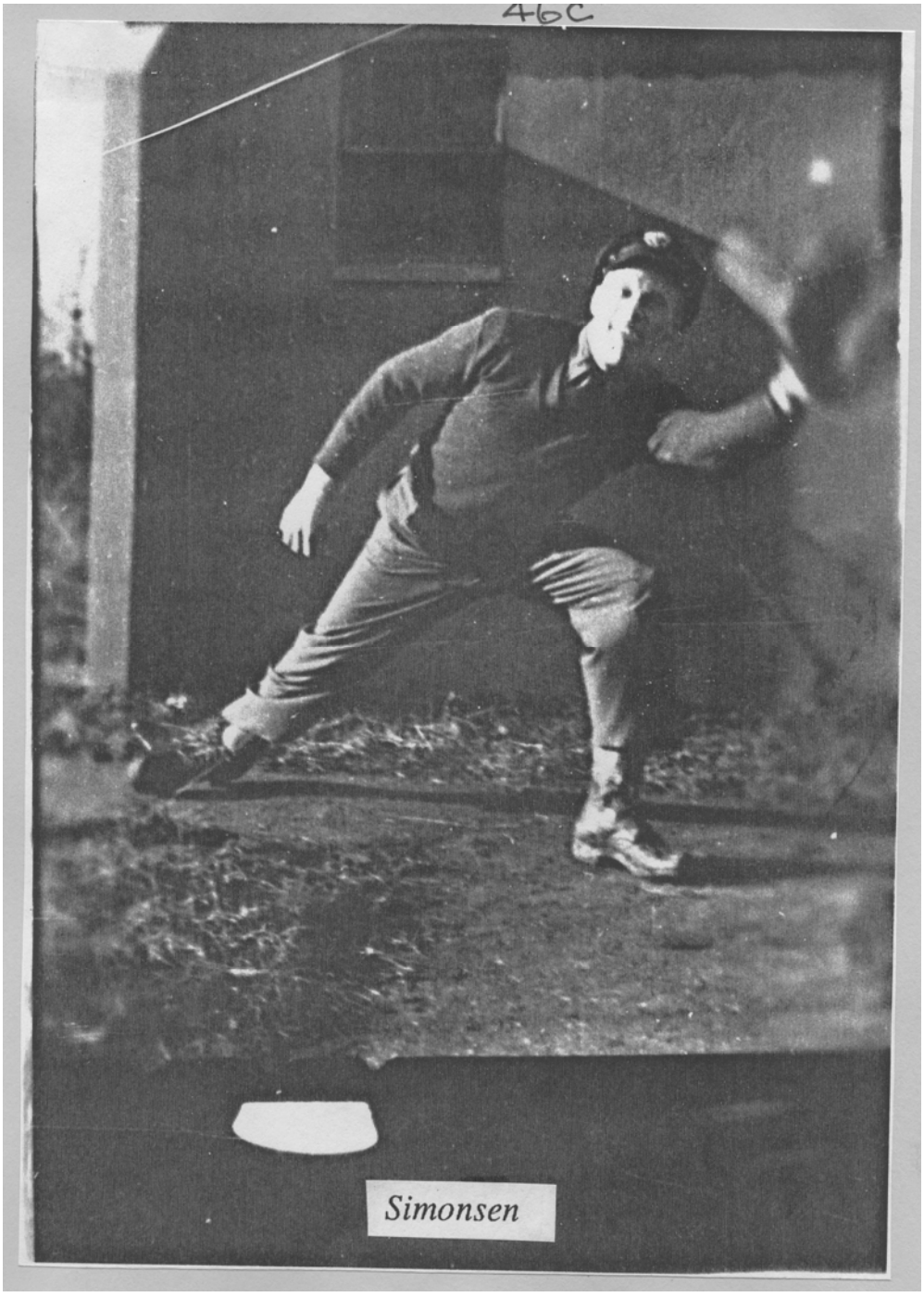
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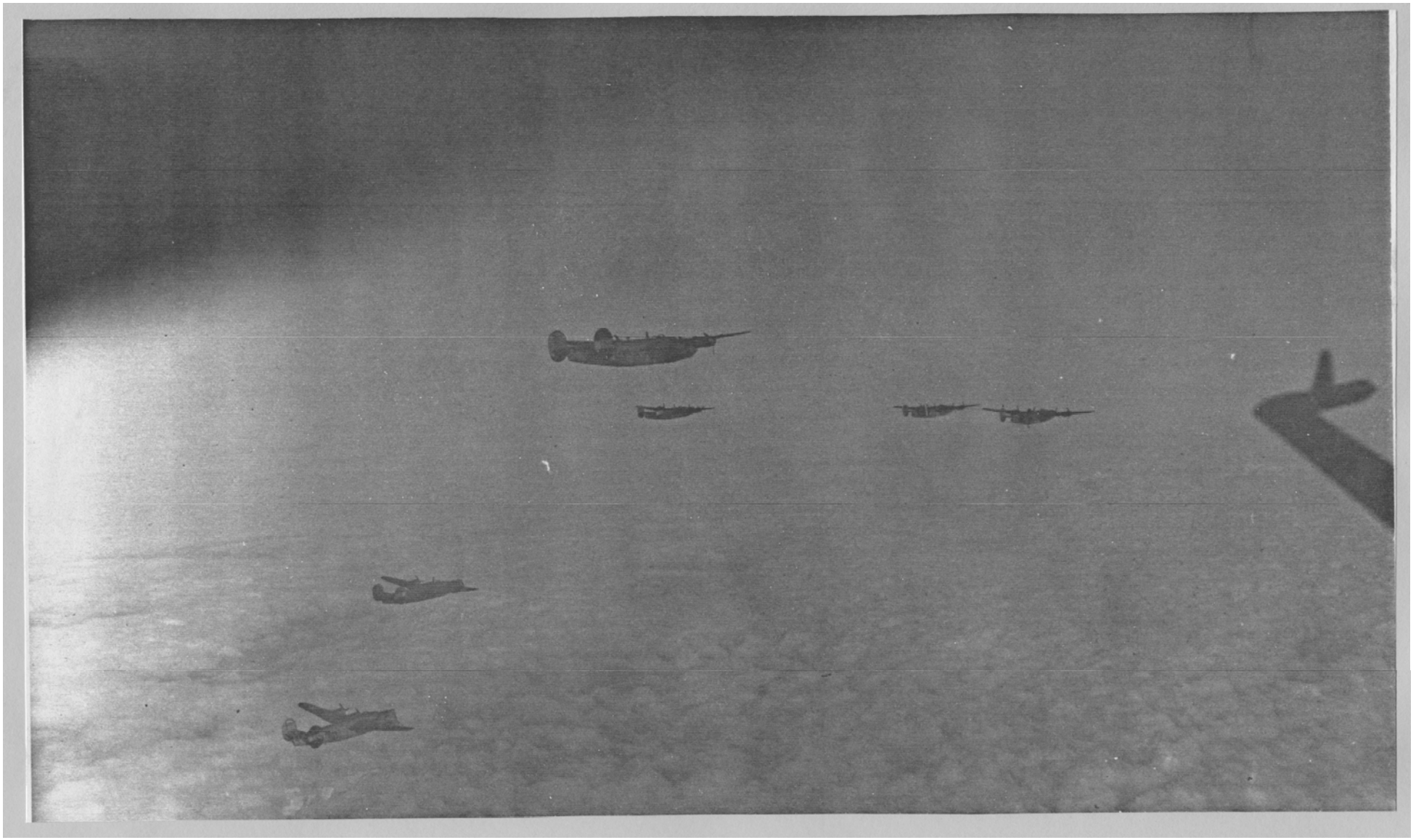
*Baseball was a favorite pastime at the base. Simonsen reaches for a throw.*

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*Simonsen*


Unknown



702 Sqn above the clouds