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AAF STATION 124 TIBENHAM, NORFOLK

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

703rd BOMBER SQUADRON

WHO LIVED, FLEW AND DIED FROM THERE

1943 – 1945





Back Row (standing)

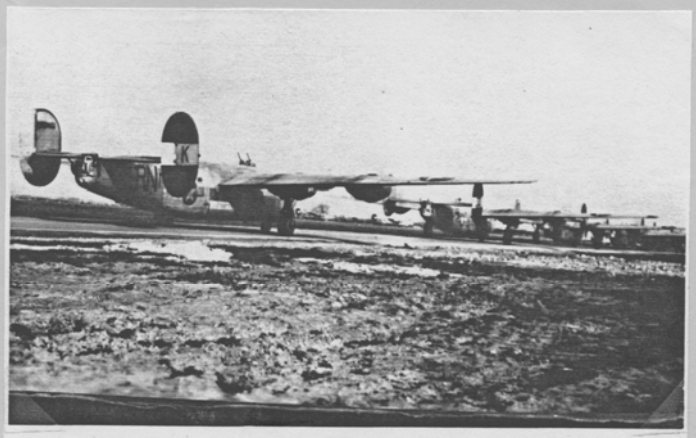
Wright (P), Alexander (Nav.), Kroll (CP), Wittmann (Bomb.)

Middle Row (kneeling)

Dabbs (Tail Gunner), Robinson (Left Waist Gunner), Cook (Top Turret/Eng.), Cross (Ball Turret), Van Bogelen (R/O)

Front Row (sitting)

Tyler (Right Waist Gunner)



RN K 250461



1943 - Dakar, Gold Coast , Africa
Pete Abell crew members heading for England
L - R at the side of "Star Baby", #41-29129
Allen Alford, Ned Dougherty, and
2 unidentified ground crew passengers



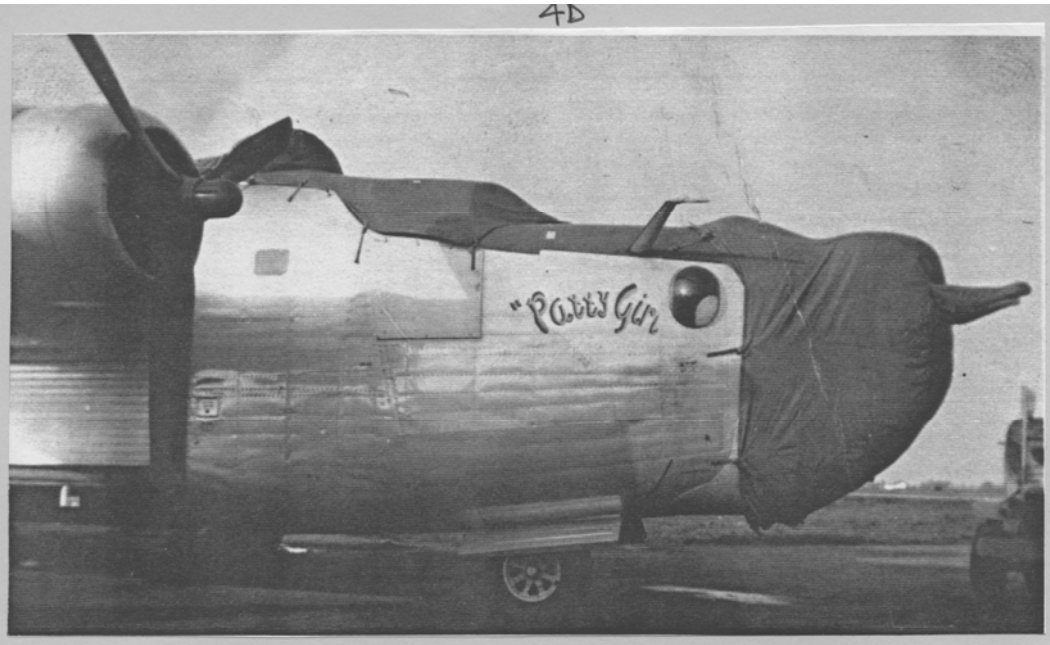
Tennessee Dottie 41-28652



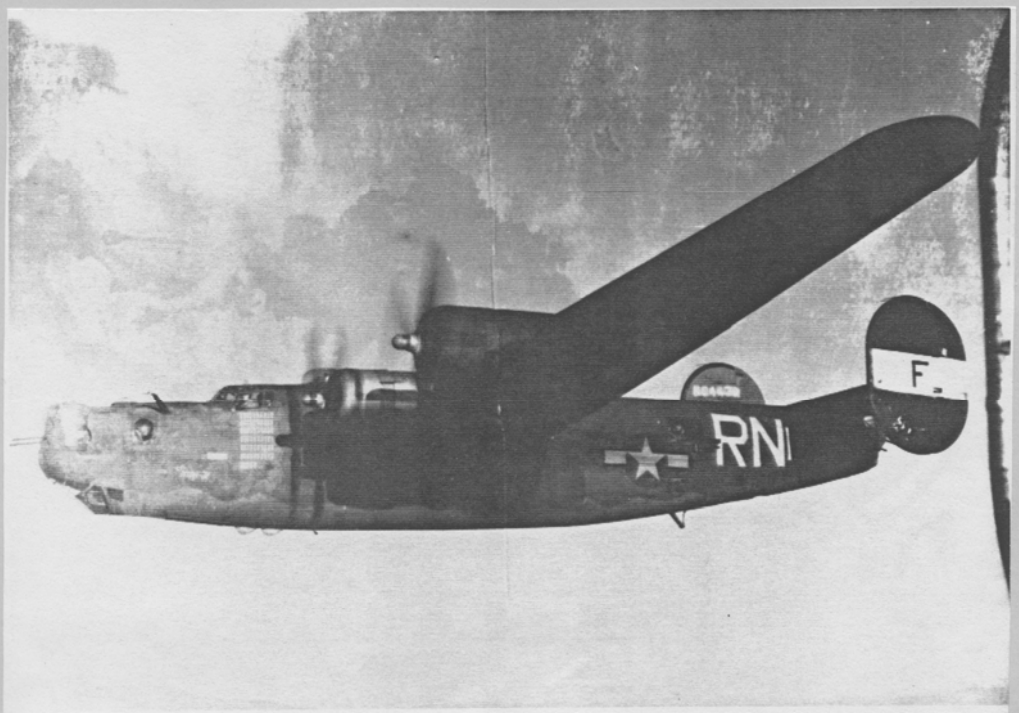
Crew Chief of Tennessee Dottie,
named for his girl friend from Chattanooga.
The Bugs Bunny insignia was painted on Dottie
by Cross and Robinson of George Wright's crew.



Kenneth Dabbs
Tail-gunner
George Wright crew



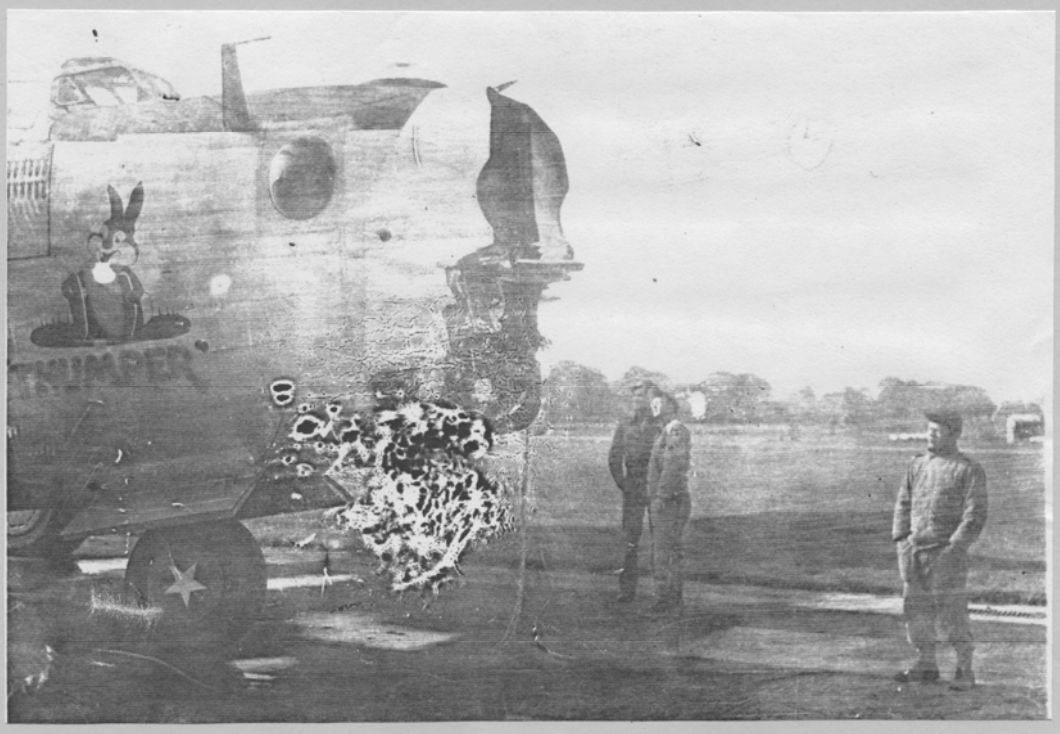
B-24 Patty Girl Flown by Isom on Kassel Mission



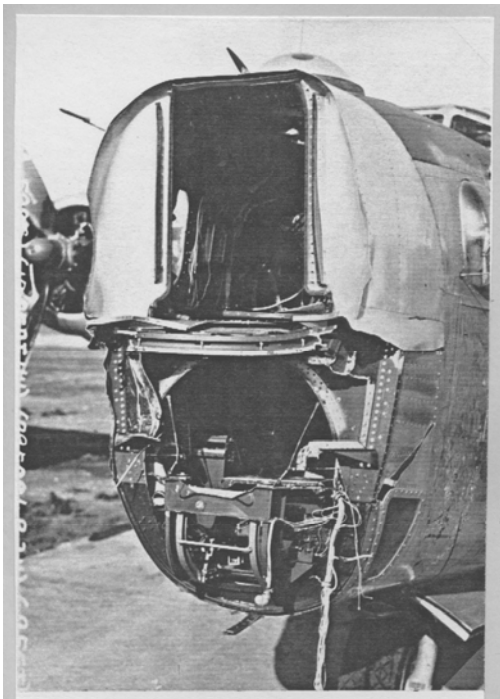
The Nini R RN F, showing 65 missions.



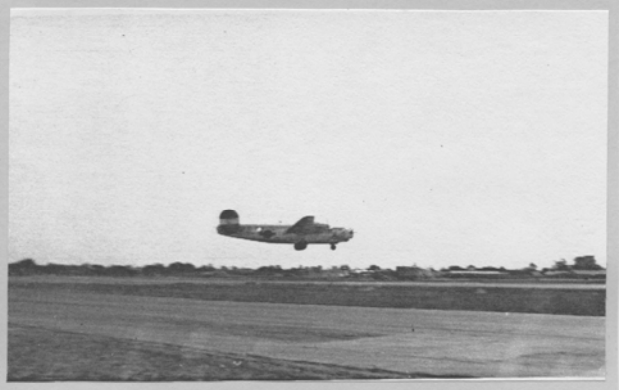
42-95291 RN L Thumper



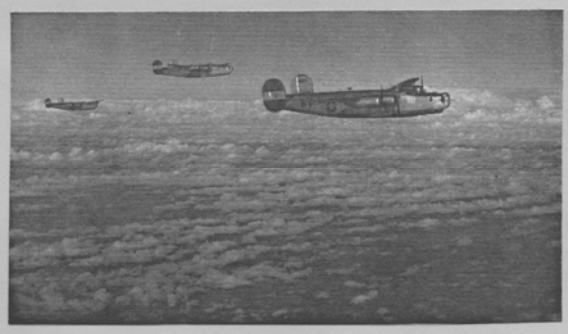
42-95291, Thumper, lost its nose turret in collision with 42-95308 on 9 Sept 44 mission to Mainz. Repaired at Leiston, Suffolk, 10-25 September 1944.



(13 Sept 1944) 295291 Thumper



42-95291 RN L Thumper



Hitler's Hearse, RN $\bar{X}$, center
WV V, 250574, front



B-24 HITLER'S HEARSE



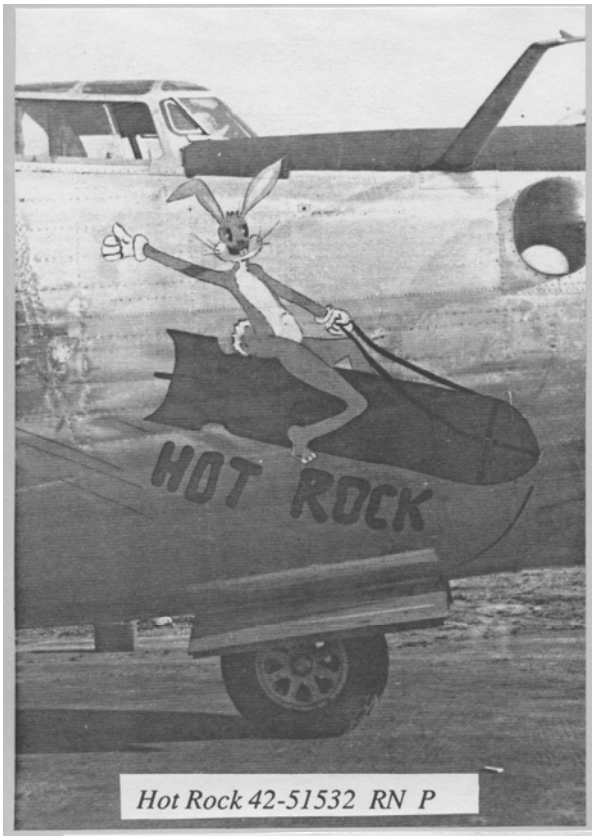
Kenneth Dabbs, Bill Cook, ? , ?



Sweet Sue 42-95042 RN X

Isom dead-stick landed Sweet Sue in a nose down crash at Croxton (Aug 44). Everyone but Bunting walked away from wreck. He suffered a broken back.

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Hot Rock 42-51532 RN P



Hot Rock, ex 446th BG, lost 27 Sept 44 - crashed 1 1/2 km north of Honebach(Kassel). Mowat crew - Meyers and Plesa survived



Topeka April 26, 1944
Back (L-R) Billy Buzbee (BT), Robert Bennett (W), James Cammack (R/O), Lee Effner (TG), Everett Williams (Nose), E.J. Dittlinger (TT/E)
Front(L-R) Jay Heisel (N), Robert Stoneburner (B), Keith Porter (CP), Roy Schmidt (P)



Williams (P), Pillow (CP), Cummings (Nav.), Heany (Bomb.), Snook (APMG)
Minton (CG), Fields (AG), Mangan (RO/MG), Rasmussen (Crew Chief), Culver (CG), Going (CG)



Jimmy Stewart receiving the Air Medal from Major Paul Schwartz



Jimmy Stewart and unidentified personnel stand outside the Operations Building await the return of ships. April 1944.



You're Safe At Home
42-94828
Served with the 489th, 490th, 445th, and 448th Bomb Groups



Back (L-R)-Jesse Stone (E), Al Ciesliga (WG), Ray Berardinelli (NG),
Lauri Niemela (WG), LeRoy Elfstrom (RO)
Front (L-R) Joe Kelley (CP), LeRoy Sandee (N), Ralph Lindamood (P)



Crew of 2nd Lt. Robert O. Kiser Went Down in A/C Bullet Serenade No. 439 on the Brunswick Mission Feb. 20, 1944.

Third From Left, Front Row is T/Sgt. Joseph A. Wilkins, Radio Operator

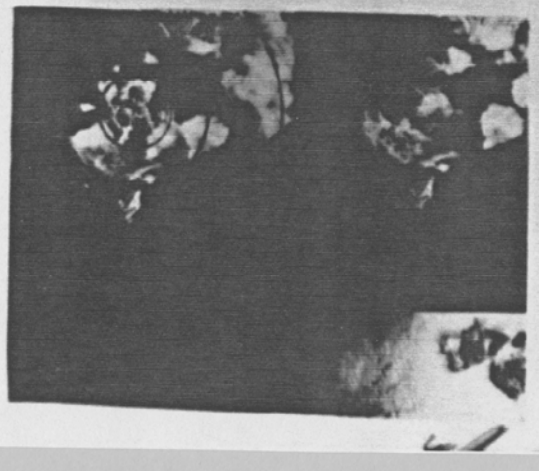


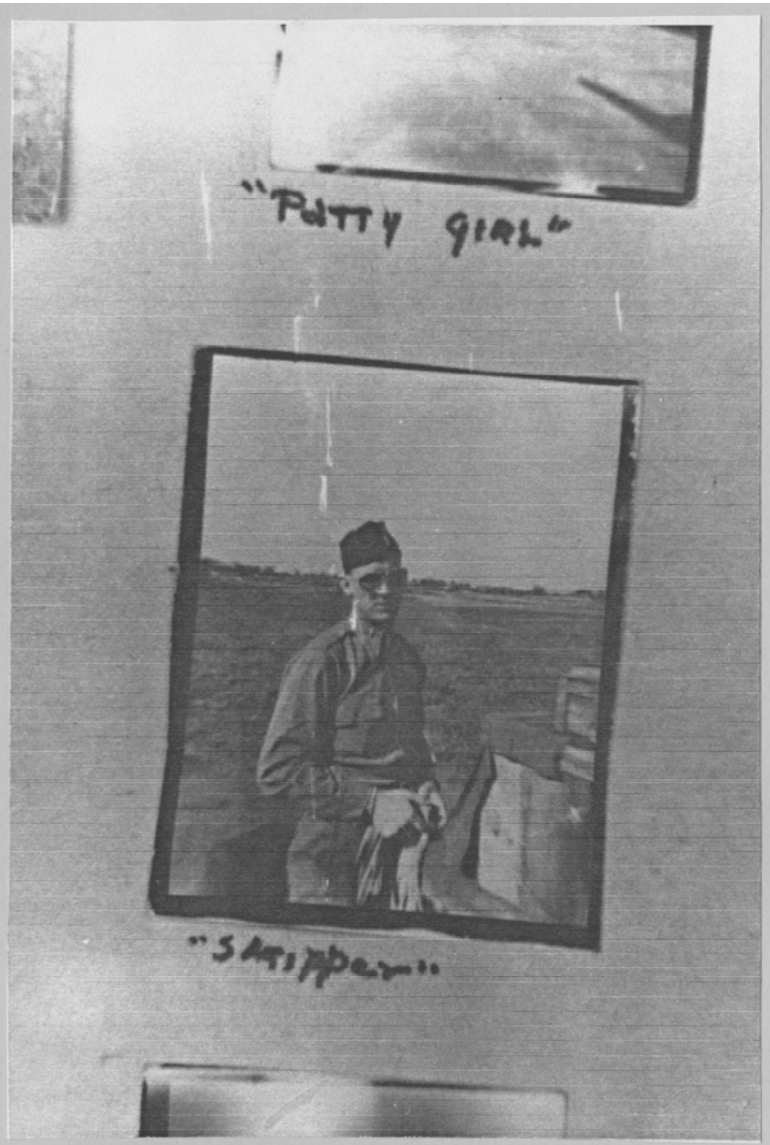
Digris (Bomb), Livingstone (Nav.), Burrington (CP), Butts (P)
Wunluck (RO), Gerstner (Eng/Waist Gunner), Tumelavich (Top Turret), Summers (Nose Gunner)
Hannigan (Waist Gunner), Howe (Tail Gunner)

Land Crew Commendation

On this 13th day of August nineteen hundred and forty four the members of the following crew of the 445th Bombardment Group, leading the High Right Sqdn. are awarded this token for their meritorious achievement in the destruction of the targ at St. Malo, France

PILOT- C.T. Isom R.OP- J.J. Reinman GUN- R.R. Phillips
CO-PILOT- L.G. Justus ENG- E. Barnes GUN-
NAV- J.L. Heisel GUN- P.M. Dickerson Nose- A Shay
BOMB- C.W. Bunting GUN- W.E. Wagner







Back Row – *Phillips (Tail Gunner), Wagner (Ball Turret), Barnes (Eng.), Rienman (RO), Bailey (Top Turret), Dickerson (Nose Turret)*

Front Row – *Bunting (Bomb), Shay (Nav.), Justus (CP), Isom (P)*


FIRE EXTINGUISHER

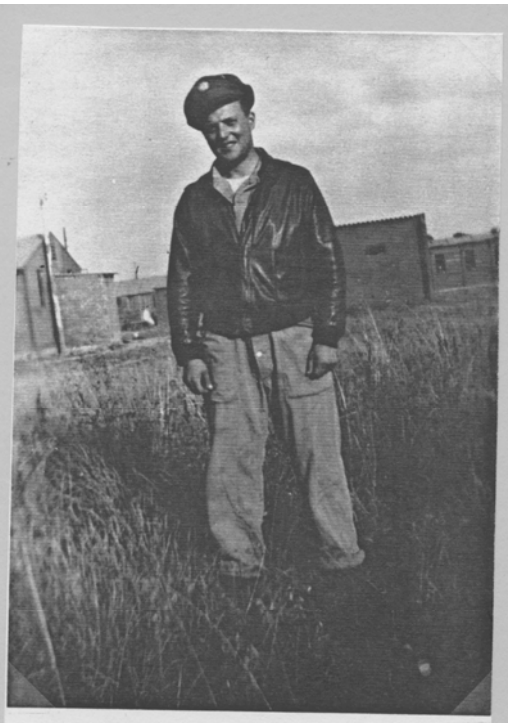
Cecil Isom's crew after the Kassel mission on Sept. 27, 1944.

L-R (standing) 1st Lt. Jay Heisel (A Navigator), 1st Lt. Wayne Sprague (B), 1st Lt. Arthur Shay (N), 1st Lt. Lonnie Justus (CP), 1st Lt. Cecil Isom (P)*
L-R (kneeling) S/Sgt. Kyle Bailey (TT), S/Sgt. Raymond Phillips (TG), S/Sgt. William Wagner (RWG), T/Sgt. Edward Barnes (E), S/Sgt. Paul Dickerson (LWG)
John Rienman (R/O) not in photo.
**Unremembered why Heisel (N) was flying with Isom that day.*





This 703rd veteran was with the 448th at the end of the war, but it still carries 445th tail & RN squadron markings. Identity?



Mandel



703 Boys
Mandel, Raymond, Muruskin



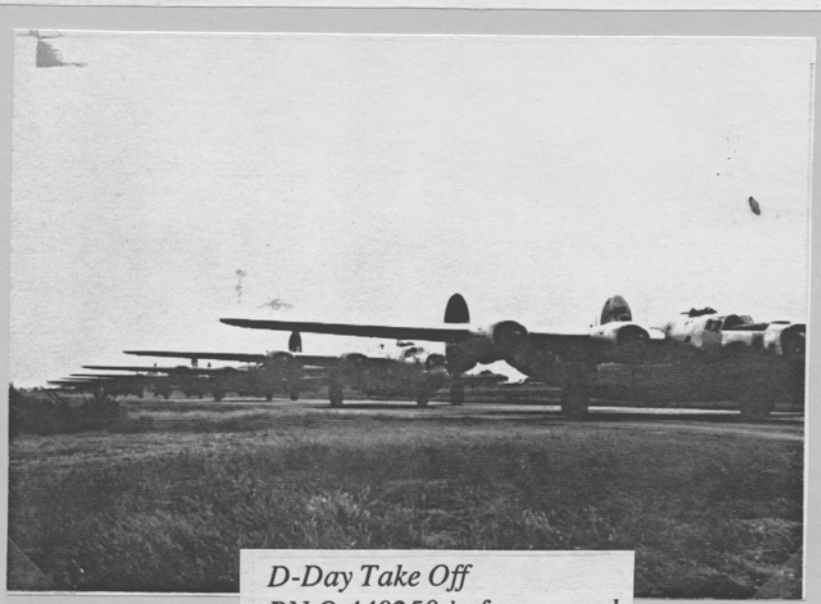
Back Row — George Gerstner, Wm. Tumelavich, Al Wunluck
Front Row — Cecil Howe, Quinn Summers, John Hannigan

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Mowat crew on the way to England
(L-R) 1st Lt. William Mowat (P),
S/Sgt Stanley Jenkins (LWG){ sick call 9/27/44],
S/Sgt. Frank T. Plesa(TG), T/Sgt. Earl Groves (R/O),
F/O John Springler(BN), S/Sgt. John Neher (RWG),
T/Sgt. T.J. Meyers(EG)[kneeling]

Missing in photo:
2nd Lt. Orville Smetz (CP), S/Sgt. Sylv. Lello (NG),
S/Sgt. Everett Williams (LWG)[flew spare for Jenkins- was on his 30th & last mission]



D-Day Take Off
RN O 440250 in foreground



William Wagner, Alfred Wunluck, Jake Steinberg



T/Sgt. George Gerstner

- Flight Engineer/Waist Gunner



Bill Tumelavich, Turret Gunner

and Keith Jones, Pilot



Elmer Fischer (right) With Pet Crow Named "One and Eight."



703 "Stand Down" Barracks With Bicycles Parked in Front

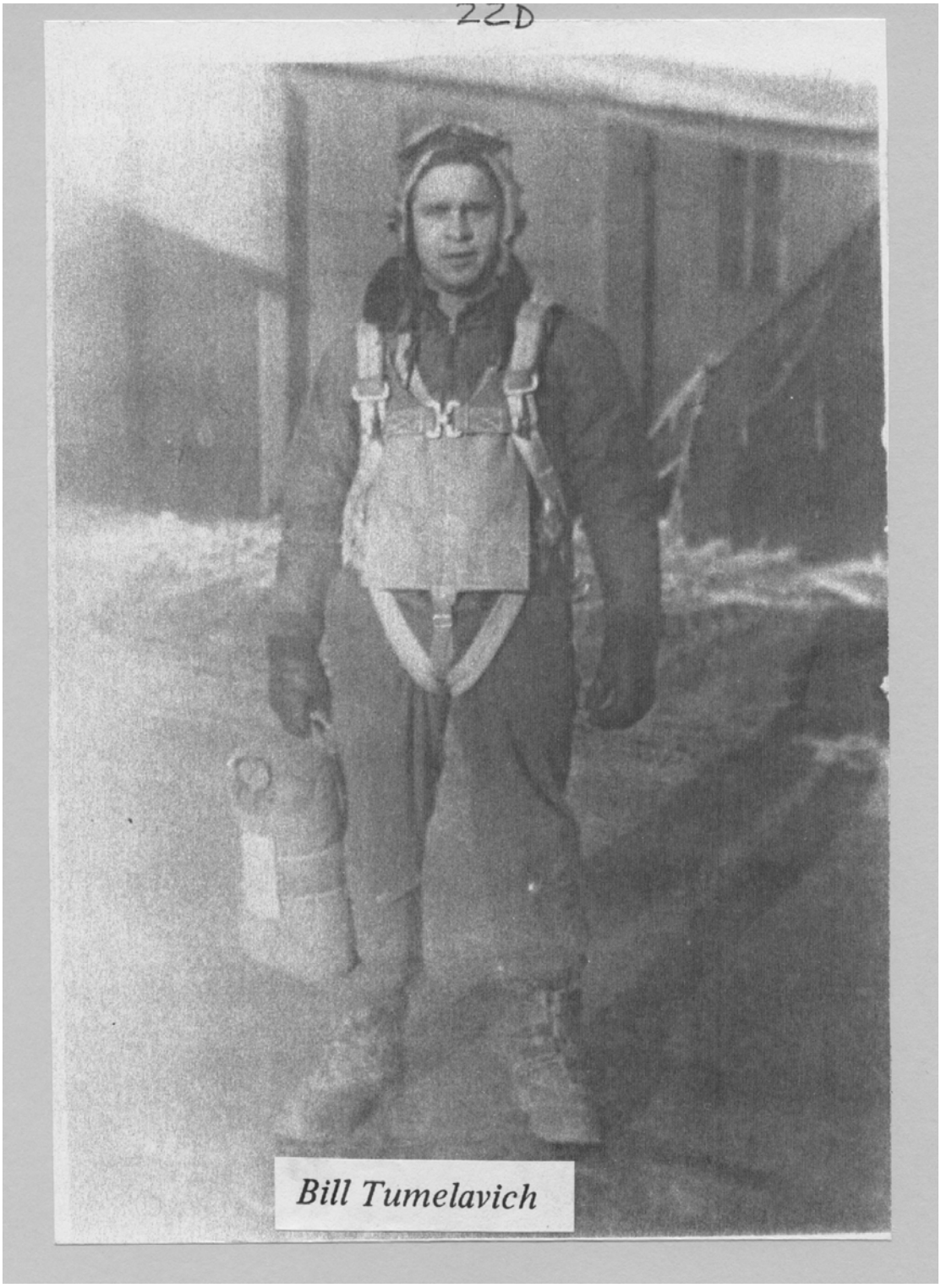


Tumelavich, Wunluck



Jesse Crossley and Curt Brown

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Bill Tumelavich



Back Row – *Schlosser (Eng.), Fishman (P), Tierney (CP), Parrot (Nav.), Magee (Bomb.), Bowlby (Nose Gunner)*

Front Row – *Sawyers (RO), Fischer (Tail Gunner), Randolph (Top Turret Gunner), Lynes (Armorer)*



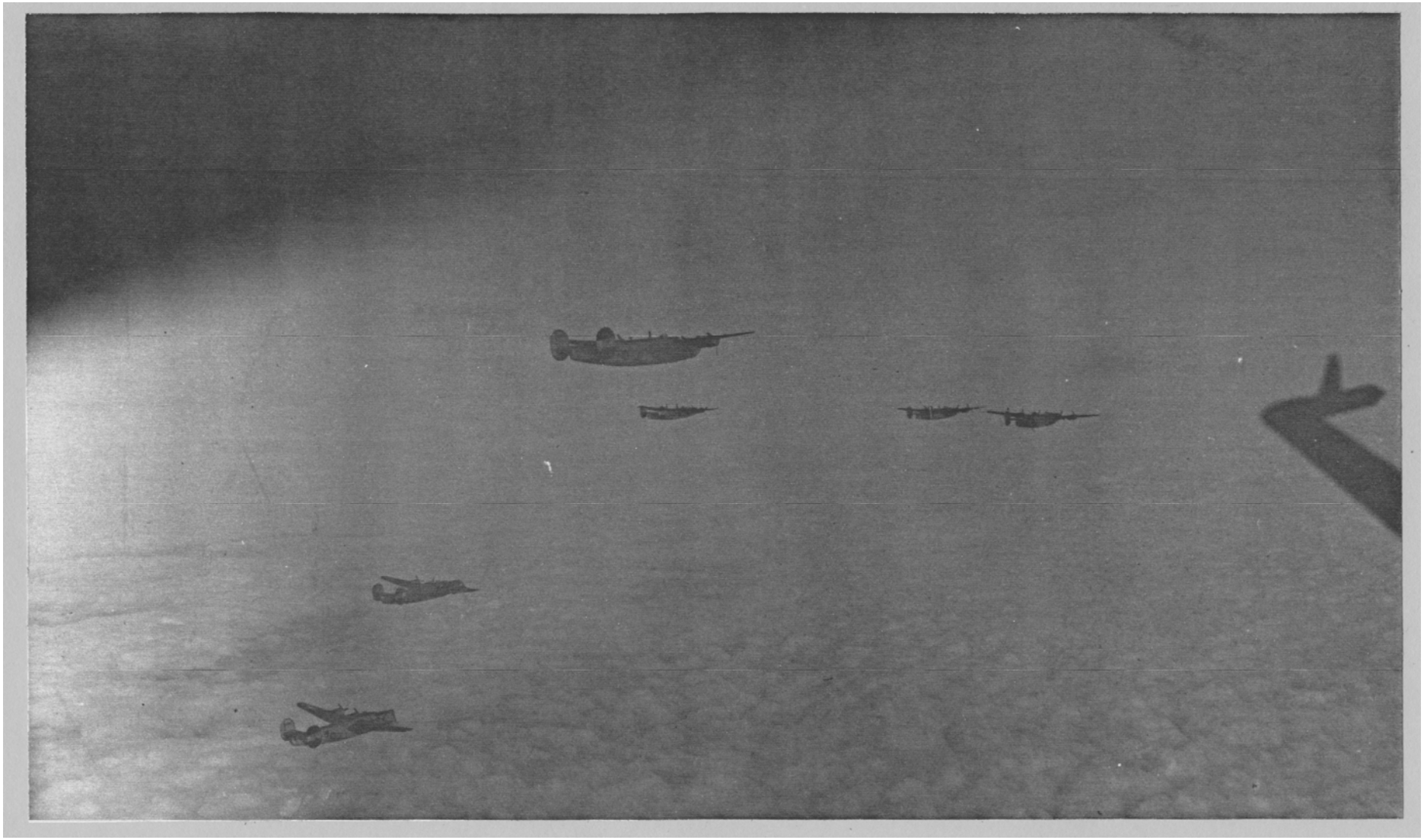
Back Row – *Smith (CP), Fagerquist (P), Goffe (Nav.), James (Bomb.)*

Front Row – *Firestone (Tail Gunner), Misenheimer (Nose Gunner), Minter (RO), Marooney (Waist Gunner), Maines (Eng/Top Turret Gunner), Wesson (Waist Gunner)*



Back Row, L to R: Harold Clark, Navigator; John Rohal, Co-Pilot; Robert Murray, Pilot; Arthur Contos, Bombardier

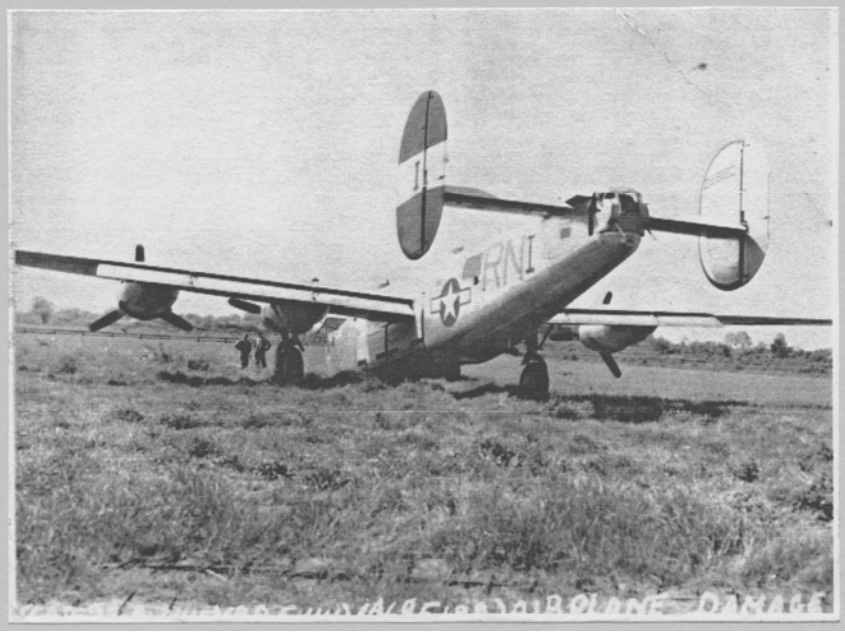
Front Row, L to R: Roy Williams, Radio Operator; Ted Kaye, Nose Gunner; Karl Goff, Waist Gunner; Vincent Rispoli, Waist Gunner; Jim Houston, Tail Gunner; Joel Roberts, Engineer



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Silver Streak, 42-95192





This photo was in the 703rd section of the microfilm records - No information on date, identity, etc -

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Kassel Flimsy