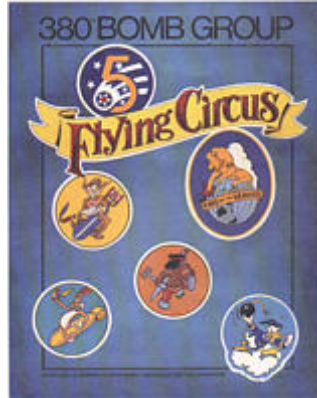


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## *Part I: A WWII Wartime Roster of the 380th Bomb Group (H)*



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## ***CREWS – GROUP HEADQUARTERS***

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The format of each entry is as follows:

***Duty Assignment:***    **Last Name, First Name, Initial(s), ASN | Aircraft Commander's Name, (Air Crew Number) | Airplane Name When Claimed | Date and Title of Order Joining Group, Entering Rank | Date and Title of Order or Cause When Leaving Group, Highest Rank Attained | Notes**

**Notes, Glossary, and Rank Table can be found at the end of this Crews Listing.**

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## LIST OF GROUP HEADQUARTERS AIRCRAFT COMMANDERS

Last Name	First Name	Initial(s)	Flight Duty Post	Air Crew	Air Crew #	Airplane Name	Notes
Banks	Jack	R.	Acft Cmdr				
Barnett	Aurelius	P.	Acft Cmdr; Asst Group Opns Officer				
Brissey	Forrest	L(ee), Jr.	Acft Cmdr; Group Opns Officer; Group Cmdr	Ware's Overseas Crew (Co-Pilot), Brissey's Fly Home Crew (Acft Cmdr)	Staff Extra	POOCHIE, ROUGH KNIGHT	
Cesario	Joseph	M.	Acft Cmdr; Group Operations Officer				
Colleran	Robert	J.	Acft Cmdr; Group Opns Officer; Dpty Group Cmdr	Colleran's Overseas Crew	Staff Extra	80 DAYS MAJOR	
Connery	Augustus	V., Jr.	Acft Cmdr; Group Opns Officer; Group Tactical Inspector; Dpty Group Cmdr				
Cox	Gayle	S.	Acft Cmdr; Group Air Inspector; Group Opns Officer; Base Opns Officer; Dpty Group Cmdr; Group Cmdr				
Craig	Richard	M.	Acft Cmdr; Group Air Executive; Dpty Group Cmdr				
Edminster	Francis	K.	Acft Cmdr; Asst Group Operations Officer; Cmdr Advanced Echelon, APO74				
Forest	Stuart	V.	Acft Cmdr				
Garn	Robert	A.	Acft Cmdr; Dpty Group Cmdr				
Garrison	Edward	H.	Acft Cmdr; Group Opns Officer; Group Tactical Insp				
Hahn	Howard	G.	Acft Cmdr; Group Operations Officer; Deputy Group Cmdr				
Henschke	John	M.	Acft Cmdr; Group Air Inspector; Group Opns Officer; Dpty Group Cmdr; Group Commander				
Huet	Allan	W.	Acft Cmdr; Asst Group Opns				
Jensen	Christian	J.	Acft Cmdr				

Johnson	Robert	F.	Acft Cmdr; Operations Officer	Johnson's Crew, Brissey's Fly Home Crew (3rd Pilot)	30		(In 529)
Kunz	William	E.	Acft Cmdr; Asst Group Opns Officer; Group Operations Officer				
Martin	Ernest	M.	Acft Cmdr				
Miller	Fred	W.	Acft Cmdr; Group Opns Officer				
Miller	William	A.	Acft Cmdr; Group Commander	Miller's Overseas Crew, Group Staff Crew	Staff Extra	MISS MARY, ALLEY OOP	
Porter	John	W.	Pilot; Acft Cmdr				
Robertson	Frank	W.	Acft Cmdr, Pilot	Robertson's Overseas Crew, Group Staff Crew	14	SNAFU, ALLEY OOP	
Seale	Francis	M.	Acft Cmdr; Cmdr Advanced Detachment (Darwin)				
Smith	Zed	S., III	Acft Cmdr; Group Opns Officer; Group Air Exec				
Stark	John	J.	Acft Cmdr				
Taylor	Francis	W.	Acft Cmdr; Group Aerial Gunnery Officer; Group Movements Officer	Colleran's Overseas Crew (Passenger)	Staff Extra	80 DAYS MAJOR	
Tovaraz	Anthony	M.	Acft Cmdr; Group Opns Officer; Group Tactical Insp				
VanPelt	James	H.	Acft Cmdr; Group Tactical Inspector; Base Opns Officer; Dpty Group Cmdr				
Ware	Everett	H.	Acft Cmdr; Dpty Group Cmdr	Ware's Overseas Crew	Staff Extra	POOCHIE	
Woodward	Herbert	L.	Acft Cmdr; Group Operations Officer	Brissey's Fly Home Crew (Co-Pilot)			(In 529)

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## **COLLERAN OVERSEAS CREW (Staff Extra)**

***Acft Cmdr; Group Opns Officer; Dpty Group Cmdr:***

**Colleran, Robert J.**, O-23817 | Colleran's Overseas Crew (Staff Extra), 80 DAYS MAJOR | PAR2, SO364, Davis Montham Field, 30-Dec-42, Capt | /, /, Lt Col |

***Pilot:***

**Portillo, Richard L.**, O-902064 | Colleran's Overseas Crew (Pilot) (Staff Extra-530), 80 DAYS MAJOR | Initial Deployment, Apr-43, 2/Lt | /, /, 2/Lt |

***Flt Eng:***

**Hoke, John M.**, 13023647 | Colleran's Overseas Crew (Flt Eng) (Staff Extra-530), 80 DAYS MAJOR | Original Cadre, Nov-42, M/Sgt | /, /, M/Sgt |

***Radio Opr:***

**Griffin, James R.**, 20828937 | Colleran's Overseas Crew (Radio Opr) (Staff Extra-530), 80 DAYS MAJOR | Original Cadre, Nov-42, S/Sgt | PAR2, SO227, VBC, 16-Aug-45, M/Sgt |

***Passenger:***

**Conner, Benjamin F.**, 13008865 | Colleran's Overseas Crew (Passenger) (Staff Extra-530), 80 DAYS MAJOR | Original Cadre, Nov-42, S/Sgt | PAR2, SO227, VBC, 16-Aug-45, M/Sgt |

***Passenger:***

**Herrmann, William C.**, O-858090 | Colleran's Overseas Crew (Passenger) (Staff Extra), 80 DAYS MAJOR | Initial Deployment, Apr-43, 2/Lt | /, /, 2/Lt |

***Passenger:***

**Lavato, Tony V.**, O-565941 | Colleran's Overseas Crew (Passenger) (Staff Extra), 80 DAYS MAJOR | Original Cadre, /, 2/Lt | /, /, Capt |

***Passenger:***

**Lyman, Richard W.**, O-380376 | Colleran's Overseas Crew (Passenger) (Staff Extra), 80 DAYS MAJOR | Initial Deployment, Apr-43, Maj | /, /, Maj |

***Passenger:***

**Taylor, Francis W.**, O-855938 | Colleran's Overseas Crew (Passenger) (Staff Extra), 80 DAYS MAJOR | Initial Deployment, Apr-43, 1/Lt | /, /, Capt |

***Note:*** An Air Transport Command (ATC) navigator was employed.

## **MILLER OVERSEAS CREW (Staff Extra)**

### ***Acft Cmdr; Group Commander:***

**Miller, William A.**, O-299054 | Miller's Overseas Crew (Staff Extra), MISS MARY | Original Cadre, Nov 42, Maj | /, /, Col |

### ***Pilot:***

**Geddes, John W.**, O-390221 | Miller's Overseas Crew (Co-Pilot) (Staff Extra), MISS MARY | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, Capt | KIA (as Observer on Mission), 21 May 43, Capt |

### ***Navigator; Group Navigator:***

**Hillman, Ronald T.**, O-724314 | Miller's Overseas Crew (Staff Extra), MISS MARY | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, 1/Lt | /, /, Capt |

### ***Bombardier; Group Bombardier:***

**Nichols, Willard A.**, O-728305 | Miller's Overseas Crew (Staff Extra), MISS MARY | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, 1/Lt | /, /, Capt |

### ***Flt Eng:***

**Piner, Robert G., III**, 18063257 | Miller's Overseas Crew (Flt Eng) (Staff Extra), MISS MARY | Original Cadre, Nov 42, T/Sgt | /, /, T/Sgt |

### ***Radio Opr:***

**Dunlap, Leon N.**, 17020528 | Miller's Overseas Crew (Staff Extra-528), MISS MARY | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, T/Sgt | /, /, T/Sgt |

### ***Passenger:***

**Barter, John W.**, O-855959 | Miller's Overseas Crew (Staff Extra), MISS MARY | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, 2/Lt | /, /, 1/Lt |

### ***Passenger:***

**Brandle, Edward J.**, 33266994 | Miller's Overseas Crew (Passenger) (Staff Extra), MISS MARY | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, S/Sgt | /, /, S/Sgt |

### ***Passenger:***

**Cochran, John C.**, O-903874 | Miller's Overseas Crew (Passenger) (Staff Extra), MISS MARY | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, Capt | /, /, Capt |

### ***Passenger:***

**Poor, Samuel S.**, O-649539 | Miller's Overseas Crew (Passenger) (Staff Extra), MISS MARY | Original Cadre, Nov 42, 2/Lt | KFA (Miller Crash), 25 Aug 43, Capt |

### ***Passenger:***

**Warren, John K.**, 34287964 | Miller's Overseas Crew (Passenger) (Staff Extra), MISS MARY | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, T/Sgt | /, /, T/Sgt |

## WARE OVERSEAS CREW (Staff Extra)

***Acft Cmdr; Dpty Group Cmdr:***

**Ware, Everett H.**, O-23134 | Ware's Overseas Crew (Staff Extra),  
POOCHIE | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, Maj | TRANS, Aug 43, RM, Maj  
|

***Acft Cmdr; Group Opns Officer; Group Cmdr:***

**Brissey, Forrest L(ee), Jr.**, O-427437 | Ware's Overseas Crew (Co-Pilot)  
(Staff Extra), POOCHIE, ROUGH KNIGHT | (Fr 531), /, Maj | ACFH,  
Oct 45, Col |

***Flt Eng:***

**Carpenter, William L.**, 15069814 | Ware's Overseas Crew (Flt Eng)  
(Staff Extra-528), POOCHIE | Original Cadre, Nov 42, Sgt | PAR2,  
SO227, VBC, 16 Aug 45, M/Sgt |

***Radio Opr:***

**Spaid, Max J.**, 13047615 | Ware's Overseas Crew (Radio Opr) (Staff  
Extra), POOCHIE | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, M/Sgt | PAR2, SO227,  
VBC, 16 Aug 45, M/Sgt |

***Passenger:***

**Campbell, John D.**, 18052827 | Ware's Overseas Crew (Passenger) (Staff  
Extra-529), POOCHIE | Original Cadre, Nov 42, Sgt | PAR2, SO227,  
VBC, 16 Aug 45, M/Sgt |

***Passenger:***

**Noonan, William S.**, 38046721 | Ware's Overseas Crew (Passenger)  
(Staff Extra-531), POOCHIE | Original Cadre, Nov 42, Pfc | PAR1, SO72,  
VBC, 13 Mar 45, M/Sgt |

***Passenger:***

**Shirkey, Philip C., Jr.**, O-855358 | Ware's Overseas Crew (Passenger)  
(Staff Extra), POOCHIE | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, 1/Lt | /, /, Capt |

***Passenger:***

**Snyder, James R.**, 33268136 | Ware's Overseas Crew (Passenger) (Staff  
Extra-530), POOCHIE | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, T/Sgt | /, /, T/Sgt |

***Passenger:***

**Stewart, Arthur B.**, 15099087 | Ware's Overseas Crew (Passenger) (Staff  
Extra-528), POOCHIE | Original Cadre, Nov 42, Pvt | /, /, T/Sgt |

***Note:*** An Air Transport Command (ATC) navigator was employed.

## GROUP STAFF CREW

### *Acft Cmdr; Group Commander:*

**Miller, William A.**, O-299054 | Miller's Overseas Crew, Group Staff Crew (Staff Extra), MISS MARY, ALLEY OOP | Original Cadre, Nov 42, Maj | /, /, Col |

### *Acft Cmdr, Pilot:*

**Robertson, Frank W.**, O-734134 | Robertson's Overseas Crew, Group Staff Crew (14), SNAFU, ALLEY OOP | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, 2/Lt | PAR5, SO47, 380BG, 16 Feb 44, 1/Lt | (Fr 529)

### *Group Navigator:*

**Beall, Edwin S.**, O-804775 | Group Staff Crew, ALLEY OOP | PAR8, SO162, VBC, 8 Jul 43, 2/Lt | /, /, 2/Lt |

### *Bombardier; Group Bombardier:*

**Nichols, Willard A.**, O-728305 | Miller's Overseas Crew, Group Staff Crew (Staff Extra), MISS MARY, ALLEY OOP | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, 1/Lt | /, /, Capt |

### *Bombardier:*

**Siple, Raymond E., Jr.**, / | Group Staff Crew, ALLEY OOP | /, /, F/O | KFA (in Miller Crash), 25 Aug 43, F/O | (In 530)

### *Flt Eng:*

**Cater, Clifford D.**, 16024274 | Baker's Overseas Crew, Group Staff Crew (32), LUCKY, ALLEY OOP | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, T/Sgt | KFA (Miller accident), 25 Aug 43, T/Sgt | (In 531)

### *Flt Eng:*

**Wilkinson, Harold J.**, 37287236 | Baker's Overseas Crew, Thomas' Crew, Group Staff Crew (32, 34), LUCKY, PUG, ALLEY OOP | Original Cadre, Nov 42, Sgt | PAR20, SO36, 5AF, 5 Feb 44, T/Sgt | (In 531)

### *Radio Opr:*

**Dunlap, Leon N.**, 17020528 | Miller's Overseas Crew, Group Staff Crew (Staff Extra-528), MISS MARY, ALLEY OOP | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, T/Sgt | /, /, T/Sgt |

### *Radio Opr:*

**Lynch, Harold P.**, 35259224 | Group Staff Crew, ALLEY OOP | (Fr 531), Jun 43, T/Sgt | (To 531), /, T/Sgt | (In 531)

### *Asst Radio Opr, Gunner:*

**Blessinger, Irvin J.**, 39609985 | Baker's Overseas Crew, Thomas' Crew, Group Staff Crew (32, 34), LUCKY, PUG, ALLEY OOP | Original Cadre, Nov 42, Sgt | PR Feb 44, RM, S/Sgt | (In 531)

### *Gunner:*

**Greenwood, Donald M.**, 31136269 | Connery's Crew, Vick's Crew, Group Staff Crew (25, 56), GUS'S BUS, ALLEY OOP | Initial Deployment, Apr 43, S/Sgt | PAR2, SO50, 380BG, 19 Feb 44, S/Sgt | (In 530)



***Gunner:***

**Poor, Samuel S.**, O-649539 | Miller's Overseas Crew (Passenger), Group Staff Crew (Staff Extra), MISS MARY, ALLEY OOP | Original Cadre, Nov 42, 2/Lt | KFA (Miller Crash), 25 Aug 43, Capt |

***Photographer:***

**Ballenger, Dewey P., Jr.**, 18116512 | Various Crews, Group Staff Crew, ALLEY OOP | Initial Deployment, May 43, Pfc | /, /, S/Sgt | (In 530)

## BRISSEY FLY HOME CREW

### *Acft Cmdr; Group Opns Officer; Group Cmdr:*

**Brissey, Forrest L(ee), Jr.**, O-427437 | Brissey's Fly Home Crew (Acft Cmdr) (Staff Extra), ROUGH KNIGHT | (Fr 531), /, Maj | ACFH, Oct 45, Col |

### *Acft Cmdr; Operations Officer:*

**Johnson, Robert F.**, O-700403 | Johnson's Crew, Brissey's Fly Home Crew (3rd Pilot) (30), ROUGH KNIGHT | PAR2, SO8, FEAF CR&TC, 10 Jul 44, 2/Lt | ACFH, Sep 45, Capt | (In 529)

### *Acft Cmdr; Group Operations Officer:*

**Woodward, Herbert L.**, O-676862 | Brissey's Fly Home Crew (Co-Pilot), ROUGH KNIGHT | /, /, / | PAR7, SO145, 380BG (To 529), 24 May 45, Maj | (In 529)

### *Navigator; Group Navigator:*

**Smith, Arthur J.**, O-807941 | Brissey's Fly Home Crew (Navigator), ROUGH KNIGHT | PAR3, SO72, 380BG (Fr 528), 12 Mar 44, 2/Lt | PAR15, SO222, FEAF, 10 Aug 45, Capt |

### *Bombardier; Group Bombardier:*

**Longeway, Frederick P., Jr.**, O-765817 | Brissey's Fly Home Crew (Bombardier), ROUGH KNIGHT | PAR1, SO240, 380BG (Fr 529), 27 Aug 44, 2/Lt | PAR15, SO222, FEAF, 10 Aug 45, Capt |

### *Flt Eng; Group Engineering Office:*

**Heckel, Ralph W.**, O-855297 | Brissey's Fly Home Crew (Flt Eng), ROUGH KNIGHT | SO80, 380BG (Fr 531), 20 Mar 44, Capt | /, /, Maj | (In 531)

### *Radio Opr:*

**Stuckey, Algernon L.**, 18137058 | Udall's Crew, Brissey's Fly Home Crew (63), ROUGH KNIGHT | PAR5, SO303, VBC, 29 Oct 44, Cpl | PAR4, SO210, 5AF, 29 Jul 45, T/Sgt | (In 530)

### *Passenger:*

**Perdue, William J.**, O-569728 | Brissey's Fly Home Crew (Passenger), ROUGH KNIGHT | PAR1, SO85, 380BG (Fr 531), 25 Mar 44, 1/Lt | /, /, Capt |

### *Passenger:*

**Hoke, John M.**, 13023647 | Colleran's Overseas Crew (Flt Eng), Brissey's Fly Home Crew (Mech) (Staff Extra-530), ROUGH KNIGHT | Original Cadre, Nov 42, M/Sgt | /, /, M/Sgt | (In 530)

### *Passenger:*

**Lehning, Thomas H.**, 34287051 | Brissey's Fly Home Crew (Passenger), ROUGH KNIGHT | Initial Deployment, May 43, Cpl | /, /, Cpl | (In 529)

### *Passenger:*

**Wilson, Malcolm D.**, 34134078 | Brissey's Fly Home Crew (Mech), ROUGH KNIGHT | Original Cadre, Nov 42, Cpl | /, /, M/Sgt | (In 530)

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**NOTES CONCERNING EACH LISTING**

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The format used in presenting the data concerning each individual flight crew member of the 380<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group is as follows:

Data Presented:

**Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial(s)**, if present; ASN | Aircraft Commander's Name (Air Crew Number); Airplane Name When Claimed | Title of Order Joining Organization, Date of Order, Entering Rank | Title of Order Leaving or Cause When Leaving Organization, Date of Order or Event, Highest Rank Attained While in Organization as Given by Available Data | Special Notes When Applicable

Format Used:

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5
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Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5
Personal Data	Air Crew Assignment	Assignment Orders	Transfer Orders	Special Notes

Remarks:

1. When data is missing at any point on the format, the punctuation marks indicated above are used to show this lack of data.
2. Any one individual may have had several assignments; all that are known are presented.

Abbreviations Used:

Block 1, Name and Serial Numbers

NMI	No <u>M</u> iddle <u>I</u> nitial; used when no middle name or initial was claimed by the individual, or if this information was unavailable
IO	Initial Only; may apply to first or middle name, or both
0-XXX	Serial Number for Commissioned Officer, U.S.
W-XXX	Serial Number for Warrant Officer, U.S.
T-XXX	Serial Number for Flight Officer, U.S.
RAAF	Designates a member of the Royal Australian Air Force

Block 2, Flight Crew Designations

*The Flight Crews were designated by their Aircraft Commander's name and by a numerical listing; both are given here. The crew numbers assigned by the 380<sup>th</sup> changed frequently (at least six times) as additional aircraft and crews were received. The number used for the longest time by each crew was used here. When crews completed their assignments, their existing number was given to the next crew that arrived. Crew numbering ceased abruptly on 15 May 1945. Crews that arrived after that date are designated as (NL) (None Listed).*

*The aircraft listed is that claimed by the individual in his 380<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Association Record, or the plane most often flown by that crew, or one in which they were shot down or crashed. The listing is made only when the aircraft carried a name. No serial numbers are used.*

*Note: Where individuals served for an appreciable time on different crews, then those crews and the corresponding aircraft are all given here, when available.*

Block 3, Entering Orders by Which Assigned

*This includes orders reassigning personnel within the 380<sup>th</sup>, between Squadrons or between Squadrons and Group as well as those assigning personnel initially to the 380<sup>th</sup>.*

ATO	Air Travel Orders
BG	Bombardment (Bomb) Group (e.g., 380BG = 380 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Group)
FM	Date of First Mission with 380 <sup>th</sup> (Month and Year only) to establish period of service; for Australian crews only
Fr	From (e.g., Fr Gp = From Group)

GO	General Orders, usually used for promotions, decorations, etc.
Gp	Group
Initial Deployment	First transfer of 380 <sup>th</sup> personnel by aircraft or ship from the U.S. to the South West Pacific War Theatre
LO	Letter Order, a simplified form of Special Order
Original Cadre	The first group of individuals who initially formed the 380 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Group
PA	Probable Arrival Date (Month and Year only) where records missing and supposition possible from other records
PAR	Paragraph, the section of the overall order dealing with the individual in question
RB	Replacement Battalion (e.g., 91RB)
SO	Special Order, the most common type of order
T.O.	Travel Orders
T.O.-NOL	Travel Orders (symbology used by Replacement Training Center, Charters Towers, Queensland, Australia)
TC	Troop Carrier (e.g., To 375 TC Gp)
VBC	Fifth Bomber Command

See [Rank Comparison Table](#) for usual rank abbreviations. Additional abbreviations are given in the [Glossary](#).

*Block 4, Orders Transferring Individual Between Units or from the 380<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, or Casualty Designation*

ACFH	Air Crew Fly Home (return of combat crew and their aircraft to the U.S. after close of hostilities)
AF	Air Force (e.g., 5AF = Fifth Air Force)
AGPE	Orders used for Red Cross Emergency Family Leave and other related special purposes
Evac Hosp	Evacuation Hospital
FEXE	Orders from a special program to allow ground personnel of long service in the theatre to return to the United States on leave; must return to the war theatre at end of leave
FEXO	Travel Orders for return to the United States as issued by Headquarters USAAFE (U.S. Forces in the Far East)
KFA	Death due to aircraft accident, includes those occurring on a combat mission but where enemy action not involved (killed in flying accident)

KGA	Death due to a ground accident (killed in ground accident)
KIA	Death due to event caused by known or supposed enemy action (killed in action)
LM	Probable Date of Last Mission (Month and Year Only); for Australian Crews only
MIA	Missing in Action, cause unknown
POW	Prisoner of War
PR (Date), RM	Probable Return Date (Month and Year), Records Missing; supposition based on other records
RHEW, RU	Returned Home After End of War, Records Unavailable; all archived records available ceased as of 1 October 1945
RM	Records Missing
RPBN	Replacement Battalion (RB)
RU	Records Unavailable
SW-US-###-AAF	Orders used by the South West Pacific Command to send USAAF personnel back to the United States
TRANS	Transferred from 380 <sup>th</sup> to Other Units within Theatre; records missing
USAFFE	United States Armed Forces in the Far East
USAFP	U.S. Army Forces, Pacific
USASOS	United States Army Services of Supply
VOCO	Vocal Orders of the Commanding Officer
Water Manifest	Collected names of those individuals who were to return to the United States by ship at the end of the hostilities

*Other abbreviations same as Block 3. See [Rank Comparison Table](#) for usual rank abbreviations. Additional abbreviations are given in the [Glossary](#).*

***Block 5, Special Notes***

*No abbreviations used.*

*Note that the terms Aircraft Commander and Pilot, as used in the modern air force, are used in this roster instead of the terms Pilot and Co-Pilot as actually used during the World War II period. This was done at the request of a large number of the personnel involved.*

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## *A GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS USED*

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5AF	Fifth Air Force
ABC	Air Base Command
ACFH	Air Crew Fly Home (return of combat crew and their aircraft to the U.S. after close of hostilities)
Acft Cmdr	Aircraft Commander
Adm	Administration
AF	Air Force (e.g., 5AF = Fifth Air Force)
AGPE	Orders used for Red Cross Emergency Family Leave and other related special purposes
AIF	Australian Imperial Force (Australian Army)
AM	Ammunition worker
Asst	Assistant
ATO	Air Travel Orders
BG	Bombardment (Bomb) Group
BS	Bombardment (Bomb) Squadron
Cmdg	Commanding
Cmdr	Commander
CNS	The radio net connecting the many far-flung units in the SW Pacific area
Cntl	Control
CR&TC	Crew Replacement and Training Center
Dpty	Deputy
Eng	Engineer
Eqpt	Equipment
ERC	Enlisted Reserve Corps
Evac Hosp	Evacuation Hospital
Exec	Executive
FEAF	Far East Air Forces
FEXE	Orders from a special program to allow ground personnel of long service in the theatre to return to the United States on leave; must return to the war theatre at end of leave
FEXO	Travel Orders for return to the United States as issued by Headquarters USAAFE (U.S. Forces in the Far East)
Flt	Flight
Flt Eng	Flight Engineer
FM	Date of First Mission with 380 <sup>th</sup> (Month and Year only) to establish period of service; for Australian crews only

Fr	From
GA	Ground Accident
GO	General Orders
GO	General Orders, usually used for promotions, decorations, etc.
Gp	Group
Gp Cmdr	Group Commander
Hqtrs	Headquarters
IFF	<u>I</u> dentification- <u>F</u> riend or <u>F</u> oe (a radio set that responds to a radar challenge with a code response to identify friendly aircraft)
Info	Information
Initial Deployment	First transfer of 380 <sup>th</sup> personnel by aircraft or ship from the U.S. to the South West Pacific War Theatre
Insp	Inspector
IO	Initial Only; may apply to first or middle name, or both
KFA	Death due to aircraft accident, includes those occurring on a combat mission but where enemy action not involved (killed in flying accident)
KGA	Death due to a ground accident (killed in ground accident)
KIA	Death due to event caused by known or supposed enemy action (killed in action)
Ldr	Leader
LM	Probable Date of Last Mission (Month and Year Only); for Australian Crews only
LO	Letter Order, a simplified form of Special Order
LORAN	<u>L</u> ong <u>R</u> ange <u>A</u> ir <u>N</u> avigation (a multi-station radio network for aircraft navigation)
Mech	Mechanical, Mechanic
MIA	Missing in Action, cause unknown
MOS	Military Occupational Specialty
NCO	Non-commissioned officer
NL	None Listed
NMI	<u>N</u> o <u>M</u> iddle <u>I</u> nitial; used when no middle name or initial was claimed by the individual, or if this information was unavailable
Off	Officer
Opns	Operations
Opr	Operator
Original Cadre	The first group of individuals who initially formed the 380 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Group
O-XXX	Serial Number of Commissioned Officer, U.S.
PA	Probable Arrival Date (Month and Year only) where records missing and supposition possible from other records
PAR	Paragraph, the section of the overall order dealing with the individual in question



POW	Prisoner of War
PR (Date), RM	Probable Return Date (Month and Year), Records Missing; supposition based on other records
RAAF	Designates a member of the Royal Australian Air Force
Radio Opr	Radio Operator
RB	Replacement Battalion (e.g., 91RB)
RCM Opr	Radar Countermeasures Operator
RHEW, RU	Returned Home After End of War, Records Unavailable; all archived records available ceased as of 1 October 1945
RM	Records Missing
RPBN	Replacement Battalion (RB)
RU	Records Unavailable
SO	Special Order, the most common type of order
Spec	Specialist
SPL	Specialist
SQDN	Squadron
Sqdn Cmdr	Squadron Commander
SSN	Service Specialty Number
Stat	Statistical, Statistician
SW-US-###-AAF	Orders used by the South West Pacific Command to send USAAF personnel back to the United States
T.O.	Travel Orders
T.O.-NOL	Travel Orders (symbology used by Replacement Training Center, Charters Towers, Queensland, Australia)
TC	Troop Carrier (e.g., To 375 TC Gp)
Tech	Technical, Technician
TRANS	Transferred from 380 <sup>th</sup> to Other Units within Theatre; records missing
T-XXX	Serial Number for Flight Officer, US
UNK	Unknown
USAAF	United States Army Air Forces
USAFFE	United States Armed Forces in the Far East
USAFP	U.S. Army Forces, Pacific
USASOS	United States Army Services of Supply
VBC	Fifth Bomber Command
VHF	Very High Frequency
VOCO	Vocal Orders of the Commanding Officer

Water Manifest	Collected names of those individuals who were to return to the United States by ship at the end of the hostilities
WGA	Wounded in Ground Accident
W-XXX	Serial Number for Warrant Officer, US
X	Special Mission Crew (usually RCM)

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***TABLE OF RELATIVE RANK TITLES AND ABBREVIATIONS***

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<b>USAAF</b>		<b>US NAVY</b>	
Major General	M/G	Rear Admiral	R Adm
Brigadier General	B/G	Commodore	Cmd
Colonel	Col	Captain	Capt
Lt. Colonel	Lt Col	Commander	Cdr
Major	Maj	Lt Commander	Lt Cdr
Captain	Capt	Lieutenant	Lt
First Lieutenant	1/Lt	Lieutenant Jr Grade	LtJG
Second Lieutenant	2/Lt	Ensign	Ens
Warrant Officer/Flight Officer	WO/FO	Warrant Officer	W/O
Master/First Sergeant	M/Sgt, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt	Chief Petty Officer	CPO
Technical Sergeant	T/Sgt	Petty Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	PO/1
Staff Sergeant	S/Sgt	Petty Officer Second Class	PO/2
Sergeant	Sgt	Petty Officer Third Class	PO/3
Corporal	Cpl	Seaman 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	S/1
Private First Class	Pfc	Seaman 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	S/2
Private	Pvt	Seaman 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	S/3

<b>AIR FORCE RAF/RAAF</b>		<b>NAVY RN/RAN/RNZN</b>	
Air Vice Marshal	AVM	Rear Admiral	R Adm
Air Commodore	A Cmd	Commodore	Cmd
Group Captain	G/C	Captain	Capt
Wing Commander	W/C	Commander	Cdr
Squadron Leader	S/L	Lt Commander	Lt Cdr
Flight Lieutenant	F/Lt	Lieutenant	Lt
Flying Officer	F/O	Sub Lieutenant	Sub Lt
Pilot Officer	P/O	Ensign	Ens
Warrant Officer	W/O	Commissional Warrant Officer	W/O
Flight Sergeant	F/Sgt	Chief Petty Officer	CPO
Sergeant	Sgt	Petty Officer	PO
Corporal	Cpl	Leading Rating	LR
Leading Aircraftman	LAC	Able Seaman	A/B
Aircraftman	AC		