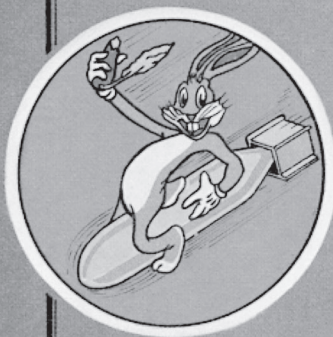
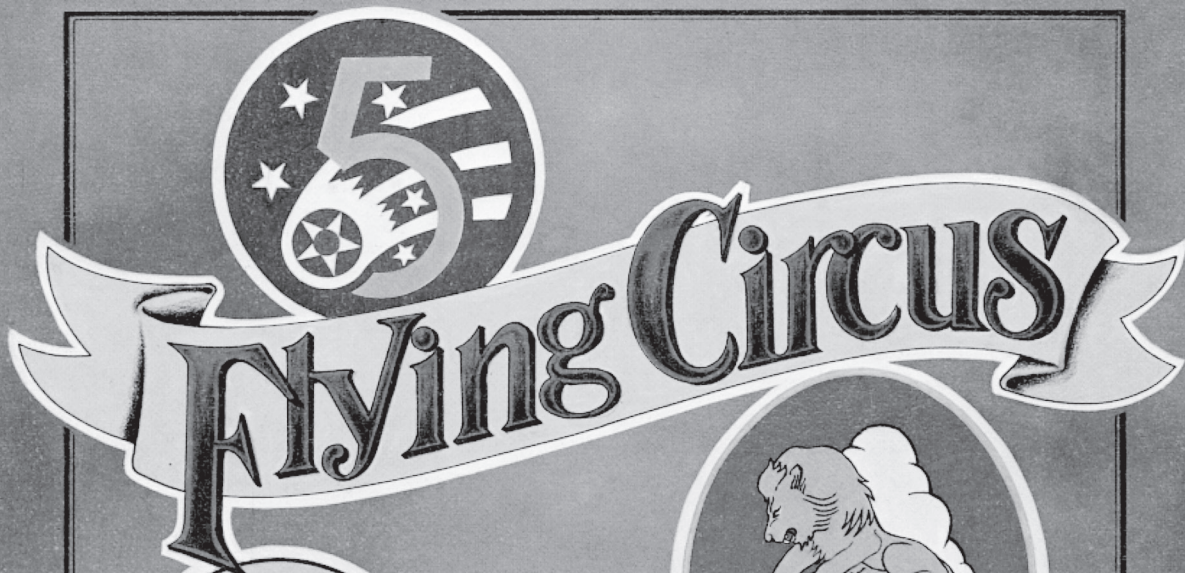


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Francis Johnston



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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

– Winston Churchill

"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."

– Christopher Reeve

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us."

– Helen Keller

"Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give."

– Eleanor Roosevelt

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

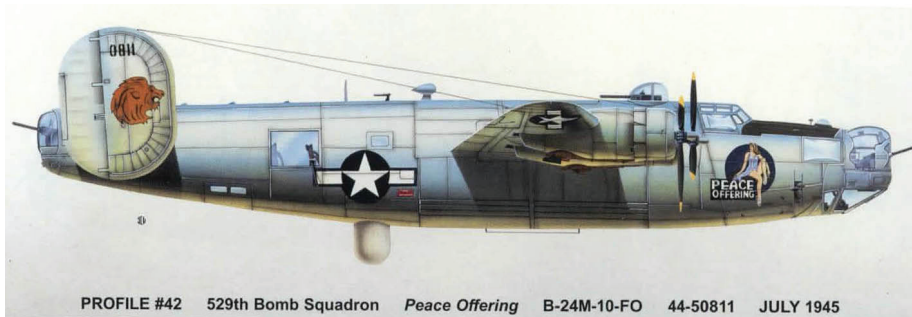
– Carl Bard

"In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity."

– Albert Einstein

"I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it."

– Groucho Marx



B-24 Source: Horton, BEST IN THE SOUTHWEST

2020 HOPI CODE TALKERS EVENT CANCELLED

The 2020 Hopi Code Talkers Recognition Day had been scheduled for April 30, 2020, but has now been cancelled. If it is rescheduled, Geno Talas will let us know. He reports that he and his family are all safe, but on stay at home orders per Tribal Directive.

This year's featured Hopi Code Talker was to be Warren Kooyaquaptewa, U.S. Army.

Warren Ray Kooyaquaptewa

BIRTH 20 Nov 1921

DEATH 25 May 1996 (aged 74)

BURIAL Tewa Cemetery

Polacca, Navajo County, Arizona, USA

MEMORIAL ID: 128473436

He served as a PFC in the US Army during World War II in the Asian-Pacific Theatre with the 81st Infantry Division, 223rd Infantry Regiment. Posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal on November 20, 2013.



<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/128473436/warren-ray-kooyaquaptewa>

MEDALS

The United States Armed Forces awards and decorations are primarily the medals, service ribbons, and specific badges which recognize military service and personal accomplishments while a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Such awards are a means to outwardly display the highlights of a service member's career.

Order of Precedence

While each service has its own order of precedence, the following general rules typically apply to all services:

1. U.S. military personal decorations
 2. U.S. military unit awards
 3. U.S. non-military decorations and awards in the following order:
 - Presidential awards (i.e., Presidential Medal of Freedom, Presidential Citizen's Medal)
 - National Medals (i.e., National Security Medal, National Science Medal, Gold Lifesaving Medal, Silver Lifesaving Medal)
 - U.S. non-military personal decorations of valor are not authorized
 - U.S. non-military campaign, expeditionary and service (CE&S) awards are not authorized
 - U.S. military society decorations and medals -- military societies covered by Title 10 US Code, Sec1123 (in order of receipt; if two or more from same society, then the applicable society precedence listing should be consulted)
 - (a) A military service member who is a member of a military society originally composed of men who served in an armed force of the United States during the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, or the Chinese Relief Expedition of 1900 may wear, on occasions of ceremony, the distinctive badges adopted by that society.
 - (b) A military service member who is a member of the Army and Navy Union of the United States may wear, on public occasions of ceremony, the distinctive badges adopted by that society.
 4. U.S. non-military unit awards
 5. U.S. military campaign, expeditionary and service medals
 - Campaign medals
 - Expeditionary medals
 - Deployed service medals (e.g., Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Expeditionary Medal)
 - Individual service medals (e.g., GWOT Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal)
 6. U.S. military service and training awards (ribbon-only awards)
 7. U.S. Merchant Marine awards and non-military service awards
 8. Foreign military decorations and awards (in order of receipt; if two or more from the same country, the applicable country precedence listing should be consulted)
 - Foreign personal decorations (e.g., French Legion of Honour; NATO Meritorious Service Medal)
 - Foreign military unit awards
 - Non-U.S. service awards (e.g., United Nations, NATO, etc.)
 - Foreign military service awards
 9. Marksmanship awards (Air Force, Navy & Coast Guard)
 10. Awards of non Title 10 USC Sec1123 U.S. military societies and other organizations
 11. State awards of the National Guard (Army & Air Force only)
- Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Awards_and_decorations_of_the_United_States_Armed_Forces

Air Force Awards and Decorations

Ribbons

					
Medal of Honor	Air Force Cross	Defense Distinguished Service Medal	Distinguished Service Medal	Silver Star	Defense Superior Service Medal
					
Legion of Merit	Distinguished Flying Cross	Airman's Medal	Bronze Star Medal	Purple Heart	Defense Meritorious Service Medal
					
Meritorious Service Medal	Air Medal	Aerial Achievement Medal	Joint Service Commendation Medal	Air Force Commendation Medal	Joint Service Achievement Medal
					
Air Force Achievement Medal	Air Force Combat Action Medal	Presidential Unit Citation	Joint Meritorious Unit Award	Gallant Unit Citation	Meritorious Unit Award
					
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	Air Force Organizational Excellence Award	Prisoner of War Medal	Combat Readiness Medal	Air Force Good Conduct Medal	Army Good Conduct Medal
					
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal	Outstanding Airman of the Year Ribbon	Air Force Recognition Ribbon	National Defense Service Medal	Korean Service Medal	Antarctica Service Medal
					
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal	Vietnam Service Medal	Southwest Asia Service Medal	Kosovo Campaign Medal	Afghanistan Campaign Medal	Iraq Campaign Medal
					
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal	Global War on Terrorism Service Medal	Korean Defense Service Medal	Armed Forces Service Medal	Humanitarian Service Medal	Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
					
Air and Space Campaign Medal	Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal	Air Force Overseas Ribbon - Short Tour	Air Force Overseas Ribbon - Long Tour	Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon*	Air Force Longevity Service Award
					
Air Force Special Duty Ribbon	Air Force Basic Military Training Instructor Ribbon	Air Force Recruiter Ribbon	Armed Forces Reserve Medal	AF NCO Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon	Air Force Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon
					
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon	Air Force Training Ribbon	Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross With Palm**	United Nations Medal	NATO Medal	Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
					
Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait	Republic of Korea Korean War Service Medal			

*The gold frame indicates the ribbon was awarded to individuals who were engaged in conducting or supporting combat operations in a designated combat zone; without indicates a non-combat area.

**Also awarded with gold, silver, or bronze devices. The gold frame on the ribbon denotes a unit citation; without denotes an individual citation.











This chart and the one on the next page were provided by William Shek, Jr., for our website page, "Medals" at <http://380th.org/Medals.html>

U.S. Army Ribbons

Correct Order of Ribbon Wear

Left Breast					
	Medal of Honor	Distinguished Service Cross	Defense Distinguished Service Medal	Army Distinguished Service Medal	
					
Silver Star	Defense Superior Service Medal	Legion of Merit	Distinguished Flying Cross	Soldier's Medal	Bronze Star Medal
					
Purple Heart	Defense Meritorious Service Medal	Meritorious Service Medal	Air Medal	Joint Service Commendation Medal	Army Commendation Medal
					
Joint Service Achievement Medal	Army Achievement Medal	Prisoner of War Medal	Army Good Conduct Medal	Reserve Components Achievement Medal	American Defense Service Medal
					
Women's Army Corps Service Medal	American Campaign Medal	Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal	European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign	World War II Victory Medal	Army of Occupation Medal
					
Medal For Humane Action	National Defense Service Medal	Korean Service Medal	Antarctica Service Medal	Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal	Vietnam Service Medal
					
Southwest Asia Service Medal	Kosovo Campaign Medal	Afghanistan Campaign Medal	Iraq Campaign Medal	Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal	Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
					
Korea Defense Service Medal	Armed Forces Service Medal	Humanitarian Service Medal	Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal	Army Sea Duty Ribbon	Armed Forces Reserve Medal
					
NCO Professional Development Ribbon	Army Service Ribbon	Overseas Service Ribbon	Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon	Foreign Decoration	Philippine Defense Ribbon
					
Philippine Liberation Ribbon	Philippine Independence Ribbon	United Nations Service Medal	Inter-American Defense Board Medal	United Nations Medal	NATO Medal
					
NATO Kosovo Medal	Multinational Force & Observers Medal	Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal	Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)	Kuwait Liberation Medal (Emirate of Kuwait)	ROK War Service Medal

Army Unit Awards

Right Breast					
	Army Presidential Unit Citation	Joint Meritorious Unit Award	Army Valorous Unit Award	Army Meritorious Unit Commendation	
					
Army Superior Unit Award	Philippine Presidential Unit Citation	Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation	Republic of Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation	Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation	Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation

Note: Per Army regulations, no row may contain more than four ribbons or three (3) unit awards.

GILLESPIE CREW -- RAAF 531st SQUADRON



Greetings from here in Sydney, Australia. I hope you are doing OK through this dreadful time.

My father, Adam Gillespie, was Milady's Commander and he had a tight knit crew who flew many missions together on B24s. Gillespie

Sadly we lost Dad on 10 August 2005 but he did get to 88 - a bonus he always said after flying through the War in the UK, West Africa and the Pacific.

Regards, Jane Hutton
(Nee Gillespie)
10 April 2020

Crew List Australia: Northern Territory, Fenton Airstrip (NT). An informal group portrait of the crew of a Consolidated B-24 Liberator bomber aircraft of No. 21 Squadron RAAF beside their aircraft. March 1945

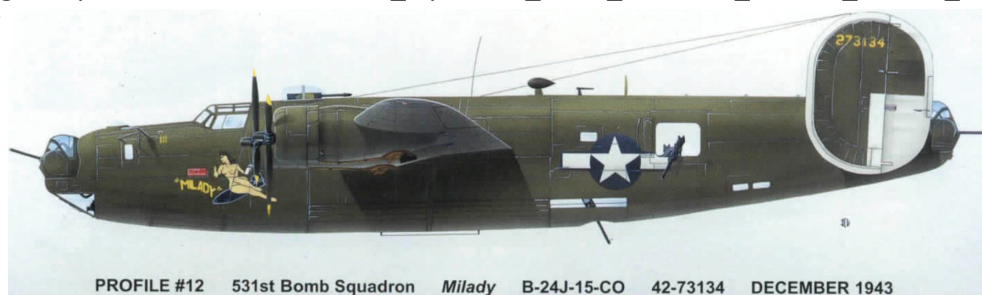
Left to right: Back row:

429329 Warrant Officer (WO) Clarence James Kelly of Toowong, Queensland
417376 WO Kenneth George Hiscock of Torrens Park, South Australia
402116 Flight Lieutenant (Flt Lt) Adam Forsyth Gillespie of Leura, NSW
428293 WO (later Flying Officer [FO]) Desmond George Brophy of Coburg, Victoria
410532 WO Clifford George Craven of Nowra, NSW
403908 WO Robert Frederick Clemow of Randwick, NSW

Front Row:

25185 Flight Sergeant ([Flt Sgt later WO]) Hector George Lutton of Rockhampton, Queensland
406775 Flt Lt Edward James Daniell of Mt Lawley, Western Australia
121390 Sergeant (Sgt, later Leading Aircraftman [LAC]) Phillip Gregory Hollis of Northcote, Victoria
413241 Sgt William Arthur Patterson of Kingsford, NSW
433272 FO Warren Lindsay Vaughan of Homebush, NSW
FO Vaughan was killed in a ground accident on 21 May, 1945 while serving with the squadron at Fenton, Northern Territory. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery.

Source: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/ad/21_Squadron_RAAF_Liberator_aircrew_Fenton_NT_Mar_1945_AWM_NWA0728.jpg



PROFILE #12 531st Bomb Squadron Milady B-24J-15-CO 42-73134 DECEMBER 1943

B-24 Source: Horton, BEST IN THE SOUTHWEST

BOYD CREW - 531st SQUADRON

Dominique Van de Straete of Belgium recently requested to join the 380th's Facebook page. She has the following photos of the Boyd Crew that she bought 10 years ago or so ago on eBay. She buys personal items like these photos and then researches them, because they often have a family story and historical value as well. Dominique has made friends with some of the WWII veterans she's researched.

She also has a Facebook group called keepingww2alive. She doesn't want people to forget but to always remember. She says, "the greatest generation made the ultimate sacrifice and therefore must be remembered." People can also post on this group's page interesting stories, photos, questions, items they own,...anything as long as it's related to WW2.



We're grateful to her for sharing these photos with us and helping preserve our group's history!

BOYD CREW (76)

Acft Cmdr: Boyd, Lee C., O-758680 (TAPS 3 May 1999, Connecticut)
 Pilot: Cornwell, Thurlow K., Jr., O-764243 (TAPS 22 Dec 1995, California)
 Navigator: French, Fred E., O-707256 (TAPS 21 October 1996, Massachusetts)
 Bombardier: Self, Frank P., O-762955
 Flt Eng: French, Charles W., 35038323 (TAPS 5 July 1985, Indiana)
 Flt Eng: Lazarus, James P. J., 36741636 (Crew Chief) (TAPS, date and location unknown)
 Radio Opr: Hoskins, Robert W., 13098067
 Asst Flt Eng, Gunner: Pacheco, Joseph (NMI), 11063991
 Asst Radio Opr: Jemerson, Robert (NMI), Jr., 34630676
 Gunner: Parrott, Charles A., Jr., 17079747 (TAPS, 1 April 2010, Colorado)
 Gunner: Shultz, John (NMI), 33513175 (TAPS 22 November 2007, Pennsylvania)



Lt. Lee Boyd, Pilot, Los Angeles CA, 19 yrs old



Lt. Thurlow Cornwell, Co-pilot, Los Angeles, Calif, 21 yrs old



Lt. Frank Self, Bombardier, Alabama, 19 yrs old



Lt. Fred French, Navigator, Hollywood, Calif, 23 yrs old



S/Sgt James Lazarus, 1st Engineer, Chicago, 19 yrs old



S/Sgt Robt W. Hoskins, I Radio Operator & Top Turret Gunner, Penn, 24 yrs old



Sgt Joseph Pacheco, Assistant Engineer, Rhode Island, 24 yrs old

Cpl Lewis Monroe, Assistant Armor, Virginia, 23 yrs old



Cp Charles Parrott, Tail Gunner, Pollock, South Dakota, 22 yrs old

Captions are as on the back of each photo. Additional info on the back of Parrott's says: Tonopah, Nevada; April 1944; 422 AF Base Unit; Crew 120

380th Bomb Group Association
GEAR ORDER – as of 8 APRIL 2020

PATCHES

(Mark on line # requested)

Squadron/Group patches:

\$10.00 ea. (used patches \$5.00 ea.)

Group: _____ 528th: _____

529th: _____ 530th: _____

There are no 531st patches left (Donald Duck)



Group-6"x4-1/2" 528th-5"x5"



529th-5"x5"



Limited supplies available.

380th Members only

530th-4-3/4"x4-3/4"

Wings patches: \$3.00 ea.

Pilot: _____

Navigator: _____

Bombardier: _____

Gunner: _____

Air Crew Member: _____

Size: 3-1/8" x 1-1/4"



Pilot



Navigator



Air Crew



Bombardier



Gunner

REUNION PATCHES

\$3.00 ea. Size: 4-1/8" x 3/4"

Tucson/2018: _____

Older: Year _____

Place: _____



RAAF wings patches:

\$3.00 ea. (limited supplies available)

These are the only two left:

Bombardier: _____

Engineer: _____

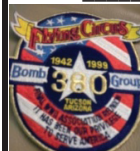
Size: RAAF4-1/4" x 1-1/2"

Others: 3-1/2" x 1-1/4"



Tucson 1942-1999 patches:

FREE .



Size: 4-1/2" x 5"

CAPS, \$4.00 ea. (mesh, solid bill)

One size: _____ (NEW sale price)

(limited supplies available)



One used cap: \$2.00: _____

Shoulder patches:

\$4.00 ea.

5th Air Force: _____

USAAF: _____

Size: 3" round



5th Air Force



USAAF

1981-2018

**Commemorative
Reunion Patch**

\$10.00 ea. _____

Size: 3-1/2"x5-1/2"



JACKETS (long sleeves)

Blue nylon, \$12.00 ea.

(NEW sale price)

These are the only sizes left:

Unlined: Small: _____

Lined: Small: _____

Lined: Large: _____



Back



Front

T-shirts (short sleeves)

Blue cotton/polyester,

\$5.00 ea. (NEW sale price)

Small: _____

Medium: _____ (only one left)

(Logo on shirt front only)



Front



Closeup of logo on front

PLEASE send email to 380th.ww2@gmail.com before submitting order to check on current availability of items. Limited quantities of items are in stock. Once the current supply of **jackets, caps, and t-shirts** (and some patches) runs out, please check on possibility/availability of re-orders. Please allow 6-8 weeks (or more now due to current COVID-19 business restrictions) for re-stocking and shipping of these items.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR POSTAGE CHARGES ARE WELCOMED!

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mail to: **Barbara Gotham, 130 Colony Road, West Lafayette, IN 47906-1209 USA**

Cash or checks only, made payable to: 380th Bomb Group Association (no credit cards)

If you have a PayPal account, PLEASE ADD \$2 to your order for PayPal transaction fee. You can transfer your payment using the

Send & Request Tab –PayPal email account: bjgotham@gmail.com –

(Note: You still need to mail or email the completed form in order to get the gear you want!)

380th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

2020 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION INFORMATION

New _____ Renewal _____ Date: _____

WWII Squadron (528th, 529th, 530th, 531st, Group, or RAAF) _____

Your Name _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Your Address: _____

City/State/Zip/Country _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

380th Duty (if known, e.g., Gunner, Crew Chief, Mechanic, etc.) _____

Please check the appropriate box(es):

To reduce printing and USPS mailing costs, we recommend you get your newsletter (PDF) by email:

☐ **380th Veteran**

☐ **Please send my FLYING CIRCUS newsletter by email**

☐ **380th Wing Member**

☐ **I'd prefer to receive a hard copy of the newsletter**

☐ **Family Member of 380th Veteran** Name of Veteran _____

Your relationship to veteran _____

☐ **Other** If other, please explain here why you wish to join the group _____

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If you send a donation by PayPal, you still need to send the completed form by mail (to address above) or email the information to 380th.ww2@gmail.com to get on the newsletter/reunion mailing list.

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Newsletter #69 - April 2020

MAIL CALL

14 October 2019

My dad (Flight Sergeant Charles Graham Jones, Armourer A.G.) was part of Australian Air Force 24th Squadron and also flew with 380 Flying Circus (18.3.44-11.12.44) as part of US Air Force 529 Sqdn. (Napier's Crew #43).

He was awarded an "Air Medal" by the US for participating in aerial flight on 24th April 1944.

Attached is a couple of his old photos you might be interested in. Sadly (again) there are no names written on the back of the photos. So I'm not even sure if my Dad is in those photos or was he the photographer?

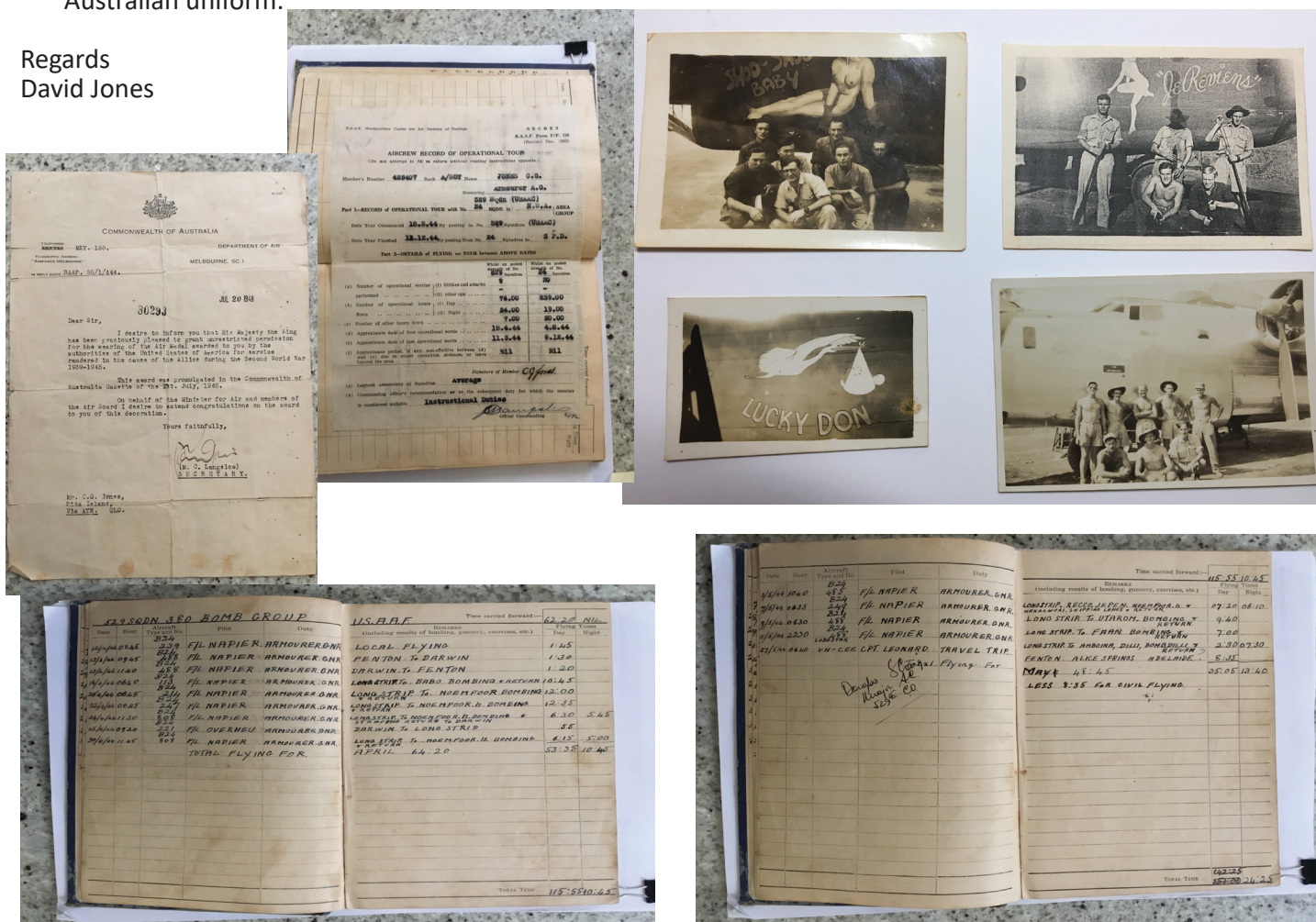
My Dad passed away in the late 90s.

I have many other photos which may be of active flying missions he may have taken part in. Sadly there are no notes on the photos, so the location and what was happening in those photos has now died with my dad.

I also have photos as follows:

- Two photos from his flying log book which are titled 529 SQDN 380 BOMB GROUP U.S.A.A.F with a signature from 529 SQDN C.O.
- Another entry in his flying log book for operational tour record to 529 SQDN for most of 1944
- A document which looks to have come from USA government? The document has "DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE WASHINGTON GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3 21 January 1948" on the first page. It lists the names and medals for many service men. On page 2 of the document, my Dad's name is listed near the pen tip.
- A document from Commonwealth of Australia granting permission for my Dad to wear a US war medal on his Australian uniform.

Regards
David Jones



MAIL CALL

23 February 2020

I have been researching a member of the RAAF (SGT Henry William Clapinson) who was killed on 19 Mar 44 aboard B24 ser no 42-72801 (Big Ass Bird II).

I note in a number of USAAF/B-24 documents/websites, that SGT Clapinson is listed as a member (observer) of the crew.

My research of Australian National Archive records show he was a passenger and part of the Australian Special Forces (Services Reconnaissance Department) in the role of Conducting Officer for the Australian army members (not Dutch) on the aircraft who were due to parachute into Dutch New Guinea (Hawk party on Operation Falcon).

Records indicate all persons on the aircraft perished when the aircraft crashed into MT Baham about 50 miles west of Wewak (PNG).

I don't know if you can correct the records but thought your organisation may be interested.

Kind Regards,

Stephen Hart
WGCDR, RAAF Retd

The entry for 18/19 March 1944 in **BEST IN THE SOUTHWEST** (Glenn R. Horton, Jr.) says:

The 528th and 531st squadrons flew a dual mission to the Vogelkop Saturday evening, the 18th. Their assignment was to hit Babo town as a diversionary tactic while others attempted to insert Dutch saboteurs. The bombing portion of the mission went smoothly. Unfortunately, the aircraft carrying the Dutch parachutists slammed into a cloud shrouded mountain west of Babo. The early morning crash of 42-72801 *The Big Ass Bird II* carried 528th pilot 1/Lt. Otto Martens and his men to their deaths. Poor visibility, foul weather and unfamiliarity with the region proved to be a deadly combination for this volunteer crew. 531st navigator Ted Williams probably witnessed clouds surrounding one of the mountains. The difference in coloring caught his attention for the abundant lightning in the clouds was light yellow/blue, not red. The remains of Martens and his crew were never recovered.

Here's the photo of *The Big Ass Bird II* and the Otto Marten's 528th Crew that appeared with this entry on page 201, **BEST IN THE SOUTHWEST**.



OTTO MARTENS' 528th CREW

Standing, L to R: Cliff Odegaard-BOMB, Brian Kennedy-NAV, Ernest Hedges-CP, Martens-P. The enlisted men cannot be identified in this photo but include: Bill Rabbitt-ENG, Art Schechtel-R/O, Chas. Burtis-G, Henry Flanagan-G, Howard Musson-G, Walt Dellinger-G
Francis Johnston Collection



#801 *The Big Ass Bird II* flew at least 28 missions and claimed 1 fighter before being lost with the Martens' crew on 19 Mar. 44.

James Clark Collection

FENTON FIELD HOSPITALS QUERY

My father, Kenneth Heyman, served with the 529th in 1944 as part of the Thomas crew. He was injured in July of that year on a mission; I believe he was in a hospital in Adelaide. Are there any resources available where I can find out more about where he was and for how long?

Ken Heyman -- March 2020

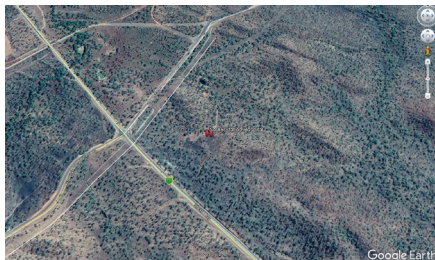
Ken's question was posed to Doug Tilley, friend of the 380th:

Question to Doug: In your research and visits around Australia regarding the 380th Bomb Group in WWII, did you run across anything about where the 380th men might have been taken if their injuries or illnesses were too much for the 380th doctors/medics to handle?

Doug's response: You came to the right place for info about a Hospital near Fenton! It was the No 86 Station Hospital that would have served Fenton and Long airfields, I don't have a lot of info but I had visited the site twice. Here's some photos.

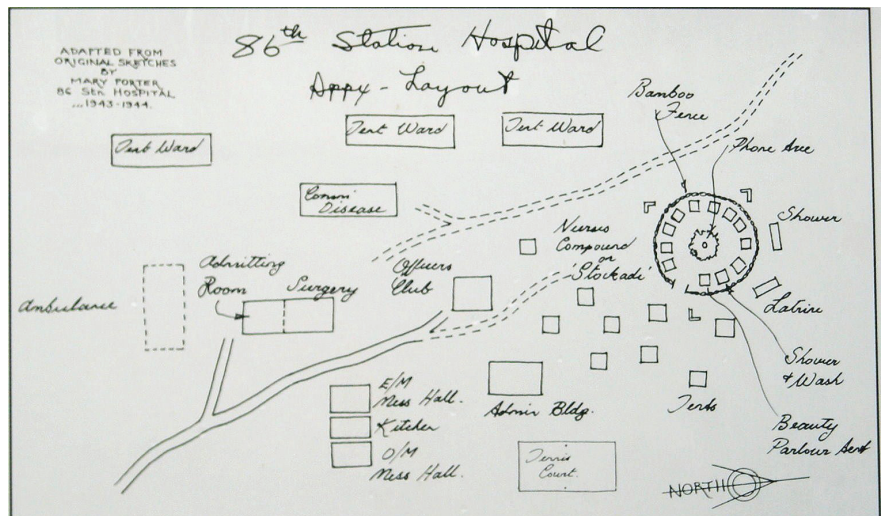


Above: Info Sign Below: Map of 86th Station Hospital



No 86 Station Hospital Location

Tent Ward at 86th Station Hospital



If anyone has any additional information on (a) the field hospitals at or near Fenton; (b) know how the 380th handled cases of severely wounded men that their doctors/medics couldn't handle; (c) were they flown/transported to Darwin or other cities? Any information on this issue would be appreciated! Email: 380th.ww2@gmail.com or send letter to address shown on "Contents" page of this issue



528th - **Davis, Walter Robinson Jr.**, Bombardier, Shaffer Crew (12), DOD May 10, 2019, Jacksonville, Florida, returned newsletter

528th - **Markowitz, Milton**, Pilot, Breece Crew, DOD November 16, 2019, Delray Beach, Florida, reported by his widow, Natalie

528th - **Rooth, Charlie A., Sr.**, Gunner/RCM Operator, Herbst Crew (10) and various other crews, DOD January 4, 2014, Alvin, Texas, returned newsletter

529th - **Bejoian, Sara**, widow of James Bejoian (TAPS August 21, 2008), DOD September 1, 2017, Watertown/Chatham, Massachusetts, returned newsletter

529th - **Houston, John Thomas**, Ground Staff, Communications, Radar Mechanic, DOD April 25, 2019; John's wife, **Mildred**, DOD 2011; reported by their son, Michael Houston

529th - **Steele, Lawrence Dwight**, Pilot, Horton Crew 934), Aircraft Commander, Steele Crew (39), DOD August 25, 2015, Lancaster, Ohio, returned newsletter

529th - **Werbner, Alfred P.**, Bombardier, Watkins Crew, DOD February 25, 2014, Manchester, Connecticut, returned newsletter

530th - **Campbell, David Clyde, Jr.**, Adjutant / Aircraft Commander, Campbell Crew, DOD September 4, 2019, San Mateo, California, reported by his daughter, Mary Droze

530th - **Peachey, Robert E., Sr.**, Gunner, Quinn Crew (57), DOD December 20, 2018, Huntley, Illinois, reported by his daughter, Barbara Conley

530th - **Perez, Robert**, Bombardier, Petre Crew (67), DOD December 27, 2019, Monterey Park, California, reported by his son, Stephen

531st - **Caldwell, David T.**, Gunner, Minck Crew (115), DOD May 25, 2018, Columbus, Ohio, returned newsletter

531st - **Jack, Donald L.**, Gunner, Cook Crew (112), DOD January 2020; Don's wife, **Nancy ("Nan")** DOD September 19, 2017, Goleta, California, reported by their grandson, Travis Gladstone-Burton.

PETRE CREW (67) - 530th SQUADRON
Photo Source: THE FLYING CIRCUS, 1947



L-R, Front: Don McPherson (Gunner), Joe Haefner (Flt Eng), Jim Raymond (Gunner), Lee Ward (Gunner), Milton Nothdurft (Gunner)
Rear: Elton Huber (Radio), Charles Petre (Pilot), John Speight (Co-Pilot), Weldon Luvisi (Nav), Robert Perez (Bom)

QUINN CREW (57) - 530th SQUADRON
Photo Source: Barbara Peachey Conley



L-R, Top: Joe Quinn (Pilot), Gene English (Co-Pilot), Tom Kier (Bom), Kutsch (Nav)
Bottom: Jim Kaiser (Mechanic), Dick Gormley (Radio), Bob Peachey (Gunner), Chuck Mason (Gunner), Carl Sciascia (Armament), Frank Kascak (Radio)

NOTICES

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NEWSLETTERS TO THESE MEMBERS WERE RETURNED (November 2019 issue). IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY OF THEM, please contact Barb Gotham.

George V. Ashley (Oklahoma) (it was marked "Deceased" but cannot find an obituary online)
William B. Lynch, Jr. (Florida)
Gene Brake (Virginia)
Benjamin H. Williams (Georgia)
Ron Henderson (Arizona)

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380th Bombardment Group (H) in World War II*

with special thanks to

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traditions, and personnel to organize, succor, and guide the
380th Bombardment Group Association, Inc. (our predecessor organization, from 1982-1999)*

and to Theodore (Ted) J. Williams

*for his dedication to preserving the 380th's history and for continuing the work of the
Thompsons in guiding our current organization from 1999-2006*

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Our everlasting thanks and love go out to them all.