

## John T. Deets Sr.

AMHERST, N.Y. — Funeral will be 11 a.m. Monday at the Johnson-Moore Funeral Home chapel in Pottsville for John Thomas Deets Jr., 79, of Amherst, N.Y., who died Thursday, Nov. 5, 1992, in Buffalo, N.Y. The Rev. Hugh Davis will officiate, and burial will be in Georgetown Cemetery.

Masonic graveside rites will be administered by George R. Reeves Lodge No. 396, and Masons will serve as pallbearers.

Deets was born July 13, 1913, in Ovala, Texas, (near Abilene) to John and Mary Deets. He went to Ector schools.

He married Ruby Odell on Jan. 19, 1944, in Dallas, and she died in 1977. He married Lois E. Miner on Feb. 27, 1982, in Rockport.

Deets was retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1960, and was with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was a member of George Reeves Masonic Lodge No. 396, A.F.&A.M.; served in the U.S. Army from 1935 to '38; played minor league baseball in the Cincinnati Reds organization from 1936 to '39; served in the U.S. Air Force from 1940 to 1960; and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Bonham.

Deets was a waist gunner on a B-17 over Germany during World War II. He won the DFC and Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters.

His baseball days included stints with Savoy in the Red River League where he was seen by Reds scout Hank Severid. He played with Muskogee, Okla., in 1938, and Waterloo, Iowa, in the Three-I League in 1939. He was sold to Indianapolis in 1940, and later assigned to Durham, N.C., but service in World War II interrupted his career.

He pitched for the Armed Forces camp championship nine in 1944, and was nominated for inclusion in the Fannin County Sports Hall of Fame in August of his year.

Survivors include his wife; son John III of Pottsville; daughters Jan Marotz of Corpus Christi, Judy Nix and Helen Hohenberger, both of Irving; two brothers, Clifford of San Diego, Calif., and George Frelan of Bonham; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Family hour will be 3-4 p.m. today at the Johnson-Moore chapel in Pottsville.

Memorials may be made to the Fannin County Sports Hall of Fame.



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## Fannin County Sports Hall of Fa

(Editor's Note: This is another in a series on nominees to the Fannin County Sports Hall of Fame.)

John Deets was born on July 13, 1913, near Abilene. He

then moved to Fannin County and graduated from Ector high school in 1930. He played baseball for Savoy in the old Red River Valley League and worked on his father's farm west of Bonham.

Enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1935, Deets was stationed at Fort D.A. Russell in Marfa, Tex., until February of 1938. He was pitching for military teams and was scouted by Cincinnati. Hank Severeid, National League Scout

traveled South and saw I who proved to be all reports had indicated. C holdup was that he was in Army. A hasty meeting of Reds' Board of Strategy called with the results t Deets' release from the A was purchased. Cincinnati never regretted the money cost to get him out. De proved to be a v investment and was one of best prospects in the en farm system f the Reds. had speed to burn as well good curve ball.

during two years professional baseball, 1 with Muskogee, Oklah and 1939 with Waterloo, I of the Three-I League, D turned in a total of 31 mc victories and 26 losses. individual record Muskogee was 19 wins an losses. In 1940, Deets tur in 12 victories against losses for the Wate championship team of year.

On Jan. 14, 1941, D received a letter from F C. Lane, vice president Columbia Baseball C notifying him of his cont assignment to Indianap which was A-1 ball at time. Later in 1941, contract was sold to Dur N.C.

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Deets that again in the service and stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C., only the received a letter from W.G. Bromham, president of the Durham team, informing him that he was placed on the National Defense Service list of professional baseball players. In addition, he was informed that if he desired, when released from the service, he would be placed back on the active list.

During this time, Frank Lane, general manager of the Cincinnati farm system, watched Deets pitch a game for the Waterloo Red Hawks against Grand Rapids. Deets cracked a homerun in the tenth to win his own game. Lane made this statement: "See him," pointing to the big Texas, "He's going to be the future Dizzy Dean of the National League. He has what it takes."

In 1941, while still in the service, Deets helped Durham, N.C. win the league title and repeated the same feat for Ft. Bragg, N.C. in 1942. 1943 found Tech Sgt. Deets as a waist gunner on a B-17, flying over Germany in the 8th AAF. A veteran of 25 heavy bombardment missions that ranged from the submarine pens at St. Nazaire to Heroya, Norway, Tech Sgt. John T. Deets won the DFC and Air Medal with four oak leaf



John Deets of Ector...Sports Hall of Fame nominee

clusters. He took part in attacks on Kiel, Raemen, Wilhelmshave, Paris, Schweinfurt, Hamburg, Hamoz, Lorient, St. Nazaire and Heroya Norway. "Keil was my toughest raid. I say my first burst from a German rocket gun. It scared me so I wanted to bail out."

After returning from overseas in 1944 to Alexandria, La. Air Base as a gunnery instructor, Deets pitched the Alexandria Nine to the AAF championship of the States: winning two of three games in the championship series with the Gowen Army Air Base of Boise, Idaho.

A citation letter was sent to John T. Deets of Bonham, Deets' father, from the

Honorable Sam Rayburn.

In 1957 while stationed at Perrin Field in Sherman, Deets pitched a double header. He was 44 years old at the time and hadn't pitched in several years. He still had the old stamina and "smoke" on the ball to win both games -- a great accomplishment to end a very colorful and successful baseball career as a pitcher.

Deets retired from the Air Force after 20 years, in 1960. He then worked for 19 years for the Corps of Engineers in Denison.

John Deets is currently in a VA hospital in Buffalo, N.Y.

*John T. Deets III, who now lives in Pottsboro, Tx., contributed to this article.*





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Hq VIII Bomber Command,

APO 634,

23 April 1943.

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AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR AIR MEDAL

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, and 1tr Hq Eighth Air Force, dated 16 April 1943, Subject "Awards and Decorations," the OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded.

Citation: For exceptionally meritorious service while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions were of the highest order and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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Chief of Staff.

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Lt. Col., AGS,  
Adjutant General.

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I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, and ltr Hq Eighth Air Force, 16 April 1943, Subject "Awards and Decorations", the AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men.

Citation: For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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21 June '43, cont'd:

"Awards and Decorations", an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded.

Citation: For meritorious achievement of the destruction of one enemy airplane, while serving as crewman on a bombardment mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this Enlisted Man upon this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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GEORGE B. MULROY, 12040520, Staff Sergeant, 365th Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 246 East 199th Street, New York, New York.

FRANKLIN A. BLUM, 36218446, Staff Sergeant, 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 415 Rural Street, Hartford, Wisconsin.

SELDEN M. WENTWORTH, 14013260, Staff Sergeant, 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 39 First Street, Panama City, Florida.

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BERTRAM L. FASSIG, 36361444, Sergeant, 369th Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 418 Grove, Aurora, Illinois.

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21 June '43, cont'd:

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III. So much of Section III, General Orders #35, this hq, 4 May 1943, as awards and Oak Leaf Cluster to ELMER W. DAWLEY, 12038113, Sergeant, 409th Bombardment Squadron (H), is revoked.

By command of Brigadier General LONGFELLOW:

CHAS. B. B. BUBB,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*Edward E. Toro*  
EDWARD E. TORO,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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Office of the Commanding General

27 December 1943.

This is to certify that the following personnel have been ordered to proceed to the United States: (All Casual Pool, 12th RCD.)

CAPT EDWARD J. REYNOLDS JR., 0732661 AC  
CAPT WILLIAM A. BURDICK, 0728823 AC  
CAPT GERALD T. SMITH, 0794714 AC  
1ST LT HOMER L. MORAN, 0727903 AC  
1ST LT DAVID H. BANKS JR., 0797233 AC  
1ST LT EARL E. VERMILLION, 0734402 AC  
1ST LT JOHN C. BARKER, 0727960 AC  
1ST LT DRAPER H. HAND, 0736854 AC  
1ST LT WILLIAM C. FOLIMER, 0667398 AC  
1ST LT JOHN E. KNIGHT, 0735319 AC  
1ST LT SELDON B. SMITH, 0735146 AC  
1ST LT HENRY J. RODGERS, 0733729 AC  
2ND LT CECIL E. TIPPER, 0800427 AC  
2ND LT ROBERT N. BROWN, 0740048 AC  
T/Sgt John T. Deets, 6261428  
T/Sgt Frank H. Stell, 20914465  
T/Sgt Dan W. Fuzear, 18057872  
T/Sgt Robert P. Schreppel, 12031179  
T/Sgt William W. Fahrenhold, 13087745  
T/Sgt Norman (NMI) Rowe, 11036118  
T/Sgt Raul (NMI) Galindo, 38076258  
T/Sgt Daniel A. Koballa, 13012462  
T/Sgt Robert E. Callahan, 12045324  
S/Sgt William R. Doughty, 35411114  
S/Sgt Charles F. Goyette, 36171770

The following is an extract of their orders which are dated 27 December 1943.

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2. Travel by rail, surface vessel, belligerent vessel, and/or air in military or commercial aircraft is atzd. O are atzd per diem of \$7.00 while travelling on official business and while absent from permanent station in accordance with existing law and regulations. At such time as messing facilities are available and Govt quarters or billets are provided this per diem allowance will be suspended. If travel is performed by air EM are atzd a flat per diem of \$7.00 in accordance with existing law and regulations. If travel is performed by commercial aircraft, a maximum baggage allowance of fifty-five (55) pounds is atzd.

3. TCNT. TDN. 1-5600 P 431-02, 03, 04, 07, 08 A 212/40425.

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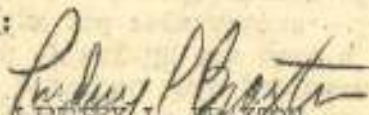
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By command of Lieutenant General EAKER:

  
LINDSEY L. HIXTON,  
Lt Col., ACE,  
Asst. Adj. General.

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4. The following named crews WP by air in the aircraft as indicated below at the proper time from Grenier Field, Manchester, New Hampshire, via North Atlantic Route to Gioia, Italy, reporting upon arrival thereof to the Responsible Representative, 15th Air Force, Gioia, Italy, for further assignment and duty with the 15th Air Force.

Shipment No. FM- -AY-34  
B-17G

Project No. 90946-R  
Crew No. FM- -AY-34

APO No. 16634-AY-34  
#4-6669

2nd Lt.	WALDMAN, LEONARD	01578004	(P)
2nd Lt.	STEWART, CLAYTON L.	0764151	(OP)
2nd Lt.	KRAUS, HOWARD J.	02065574	(N)
2nd Lt.	BLOOM, MILTON	0769246	(B)
S/Sgt.	Price, Thomas A.	15084452	(APWG)
Cpl.	Storey, John B.	19172224	(ROMG)
T/Sgt.	Deets, John T., Jr.	6261428	(AG)
Cpl.	Schultz, William D.	38592038	(CG)
Cpl.	Walker, Charles E.	38441270	(CG)

Shipment No. FM- -AY-35  
B-17G

Project No. 90946-R  
Crew No. FM- -AY-35

APO No. 16634-AY-35  
#4-6673

2nd Lt.	DUNIGAN, LOUIS J.	0414790	(P)
2nd Lt.	GARRISON, JAMES W.	0828149	(OP)
2nd Lt.	WISULA, RALSEY S.	02065604	(N)
F/O	MC QUISTON, DONALD H.	T5460	(B)
Cpl.	Dwight, Clyde, Jr.	38133667	(APWG)
Cpl.	Vignes, Malcolm A.	18137599	(ROMG)
Cpl.	Joyce, Michael E.	31127369	(AG)
Cpl.	Taylor, Jack R.	18229143	(CG)
Cpl.	Tucker, Kenneth S.	34792107	(CG)

Shipment No. FM- -AY-28  
B-17G

Project No. 90946-R  
Crew No. FM- -AY-28

APO No. 16634-AY-28  
#4-6651

2nd Lt.	ANTON, LESLIE	0812530	(P)
F/O	BICKART, HARRY L.	T62494	(OP)
1st Lt.	BAUGHER, JACOB E., JR.	0690335	(N)
Sgt.	Moore, Edward W.	32200138	(APWG)
Cpl.	Smith, Arthur L.	16138834	(ROMG)
Cpl.	Mc Call, Tillman O.	34653106	(AG)
Cpl.	Hilger, Fred P., Jr.	38629965	(CG)
Cpl.	Gitter, Earl R.	16095204	(CG)
Cpl.	Wiczkowicz, Andrew J.	6910316	(CG)

EXTRACT 4, Operations Orders No. 70, Eqs., Grenier Field, 1377 AAF Base Unit  
(MAD, ATC), Manchester, N. H. 17 October 1944 P 2

This is a PERMANENT change of station.

Except as may be necessary in the transaction of official business individuals are prohibited from discussing their overseas destination even by shipment number. They will not file safe arrival telegrams with commercial agencies while enroute and at domestic or overseas destinations.

A flat per diem of seven dollars (\$7.00) is authorized for enlisted men for travel and for periods of temporary duty enroute to final destination, in accordance with existing law and regulations, if travel is performed by air. For travel by rail and for periods of delay enroute to final destination, monetary allowance in lieu of rations and quarters is prescribed in accordance with AR 35-4520.

TDN. 501-31 P 431-01-02-03-04-05-07-08 212/50425.

From time of departure from the continental United States until arrival at permanent overseas station, payment of per diem is authorized for a maximum of forty-five (45) days:

The information contained in Paragraphs 26 and 27 of "Preparation for Overseas Movement for AAF Replacement Combat Crews", dtd 1 April 1944, constitutes an integral part of this order.

AUTH: Letter from CG, AAF to CG, ATC, Sub: "Assignment and Reassignment of Military Personnel of the AAF", 12/1/42 and 1st Ind from CG, ATC, to CG, MAW, 12/10/42 and AR 55-120 Par. 3b(2) 1943; MAW, ATC, by 1st Ind dtd 15 April 1944 to 1tr CG, ATC, dtd 7 February 1944; Movement Orders No. 1099 dtd 16 October 1944 and 1125 and 1126 dtd 17 October 1944 from Lincoln, Nebraska.

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By Order of Col. MOORE

J. E. SANDOW  
Lt. Col., AC  
Director of Operations

OFFICIAL:

*Kenneth Libby*  
KENNETH LIBBY  
W.O. (Jg) USA  
Ass't Operations Officer

The enlisted men named in this order arrived at  
MO 865 dtd 1.8.1944, departed this station OCT 22 1944  
while at this station and quarters were furnished  
them for the inclusive periods shown above.

*Richard D. ...*  
name, rank, component  
Asst. Personnel Officer



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AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL AND/OR OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL

Members of 429th Bombardment Squadron, 2nd Bombardment Group

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 89, NATOUSA, 10 July 1944, the Air Medal and/or Oak Leaf Cluster for the Air Medal, in the categories as listed, is awarded the following named personnel, Air Corps, Army of the United States, residence as indicated, for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy between the dates as indicated:

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FIFTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER (SILVER)

JOHN T. DEETS, JR., 6261428, Technical Sergeant, Bonham, Texas.  
16 December 1944 to 20 March 1945.

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL TWINING:

OFFICIAL:

R. K. TAYLOR,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

/s/ J. M. Ivins  
/t/ J. M. IVINS,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

  
FRED W. SIEBOTT,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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Awards of Air Medal and/or Oak Leaf Cluster for the Air Medal. .  
\* \* \* \* \*  
Members of 420th Bombardment Squadron, 2nd Bombardment Group.  
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SECTION -- AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL AND/OR OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE AIR MEDAL

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SIXTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE)

JOHN T. DEETS, JR., 6261428, Technical Sergeant, Bonham, Texas.  
25 March to 19 April 1945.

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL TWINING:

R. K. TAYLOR,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ J. M. Ivins  
/t/ J. M. IVINS,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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*Fred W. Silbott*  
FRED W. SILBOTT,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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Office of the Commanding Officer  
United States Forces

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AEO 634,  
1 September, 1943.

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18. UP of AR 35-1430 and in accordance with instructions contained in AAF Reg 35-29, dt 20 July, 1942, the fol named III, orgs indicated, are hereby required to participate in regular and frequent aerial flights, eff this date, and will remain on said status until told by competent auth:

306th Bomb Sq (H) - 306th Bomb Gr (H)

T/sgt JOHN T. DEES, JR. 6061428 Aerial Gunner

423rd Bomb Sq (H) - 306th Bomb Gr (H)

T/sgt WILLIAM W. FARRISFIELD 1308775 Aerial Engineer

By order of Colonel ROBINSON:

D. R. COLLINS,  
Lt. Col., A.C.,  
Executive.

OFFICIAL:

*Paul J. Ballin*  
PAUL J. BALLIN,  
2nd Lt., A.C.,  
Actg. Asst. Adj.