

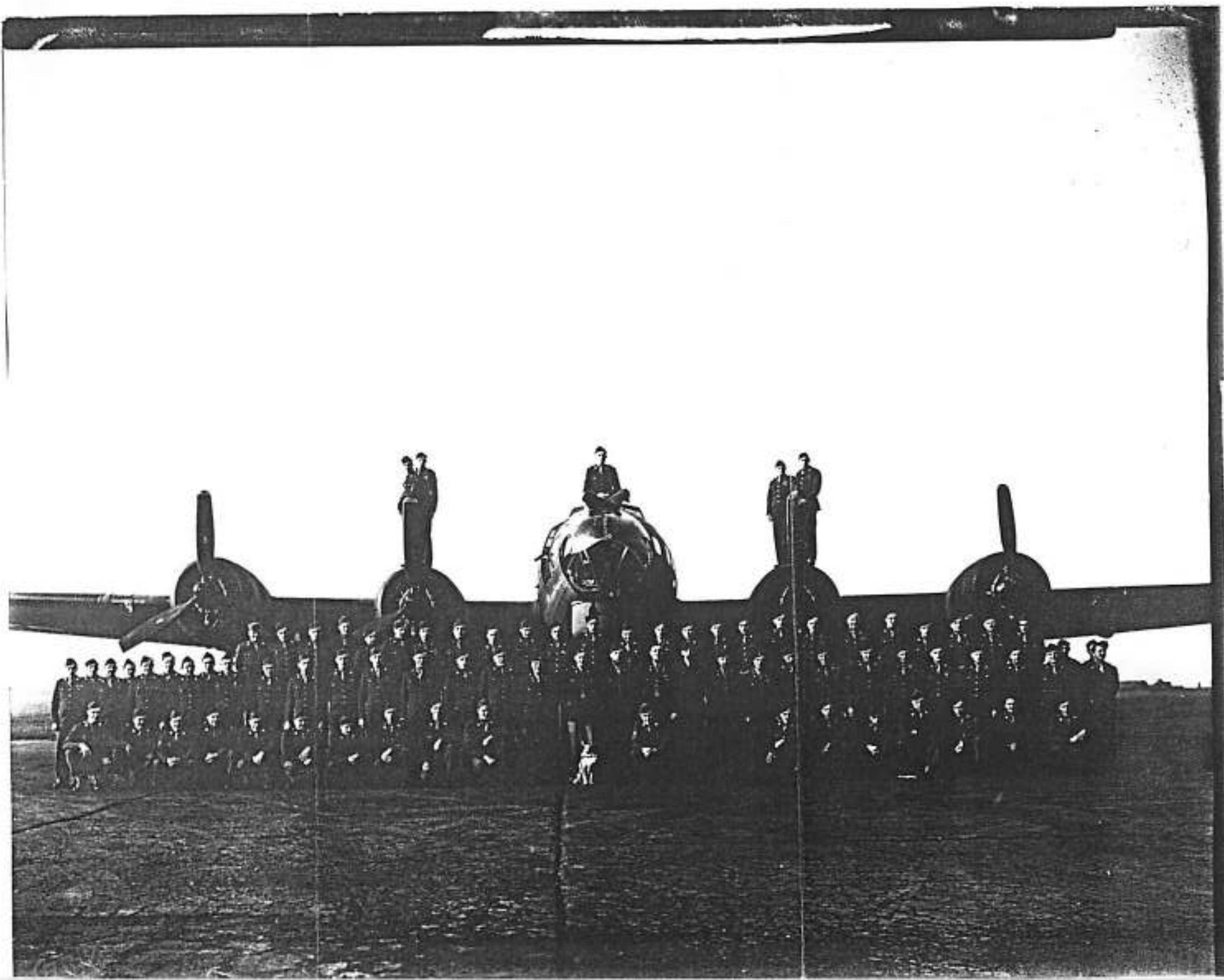
1628TH ord

On B-17 L. to R.
 Thompson
 GERALD Farrell (DEC)
 Paul J. Frankenberg JR
 Sudholy
 King

Back Row L. to R.
 Eberly
 Joseph E Lucia JR
 Eberly
 Donald C. Nayler
 Napoleon
 Wm E Withrow
 Brown J. G.
 Ray G. Klatt JR
 Wm E. Butler
 Albert J. Gilman
 James V. Gordon
 Wm H. Buffington
 ANDRE Planck
 Jerome B. Zlotowski
 Hoke
 Jacob J. Lehrlein
 Armando Taliani
 Rudlac
 Robt S. Byers, JR.
 Wheeler Bishop
 Brown R. A.
 Savelli
 Joe Bateman
 Thomas E. McEnty

Middle Row L. to R.
 Francis R. La Belle
 Deacons
 George Pore Joseph H. Rie
 Charles Rankin Union
 Chester A. Mallinson Frederick
 Nicholas
 Sunford
 John P. Burr
 Stephen P. Shimak
 Wm A. Kauffman
 Wm J. Murphy
 Lord L. Elliott
 O'Conner
 DALE H. Lillette
 Wm S. MacMillan
 BERNARD Kuckie
 FRED Puhl
 Hubbard
 Jerome F. Sears LT 1024
 Foster G. Williams LT 1024
 Earl W. Rudolph LT 1024
 Herman B. Blumenthal CAPT 1628
 Purity LT 1628
 Thomas C. Bailey LT 1628
 JOHN E. McDonnell 1628 LT
 Edwin J. Giraty
 Doherty
 MICHAEL Lawrence
 Andrew F. Sick
 ALEX W. LeHay
 Sowel
 Farane

Front Row L. to R.
 Serman R. Bunch
 Earl H. Simons
 Jakilo
 Dinker
 JOHN Bruce
 Forte
 Roy G. Stokely
 FRED Kitch
 George S. Bardeky
 Melvin A. Riddell
 "Mac" Conner
 Leonard F. Mahoney
 Angelo J. Lollis
 Vinson
 ROBT Aiter
 Zebrowski
 John F. Healy
 Robert A. Schulty JR
 Henigman



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R A Strong:

I was amazed to see the photo of the 1024th 1622nd combined. This photo was taken to honor the Frankenberg on being accepted into the pilot training program. He left soon after for the USA.

The 1624th originated as the 705th ord in Boise AFB in July 1941. The rolling stock was the hot new B-26's. Lots of casualties at first. We spent spring of 1942 at Ecker Field, La (P39's) Then back to Boise. In June 1942 we went to Alamogordo AFB N.MEX (A20's). Late Sept. saw us on our way to embark for overseas.

It was thirteen days, by way of Iceland, an unforgettable experience followed by night only travel in Scotland & England in blackout conditions. At first we were in tents and were fed at a British mess. And it was!

The combining of the two organizations was a little difficult at first. I don't think it was the influx of new faces as it was the loss of the 1024th designation. Later a cadre was pulled for a B-24 gyp in Bethel near Norwich. Such names as Steadman, Arlymacher, Ketteburg, Cochrum and Risberg and others I can't recall are not in the photo. Thanksgiving day 1943 another cadre left for Rockwell near Norwich. The ones I recall are Plank, Ferrell, Lawrence, Ales, Rankin

and myself. We formed the 1451st ord there,
and so knowledge of the 1628th pretty much
ends there also.

I have enclosed a complete list taken
from the back of my photo. My list is most-
ly last names as that was the common
way to address everyone.

If I can be of more service let me
know. Keep up the good work and I
will remit a check to Bill Collins to help
you do it.

Sincerely
Fred J. Hecks

22 February 1987

Dear Fred:

Your most interesting information arrived during this past week while I was out of the state, but I was delighted to read it.

I will expect to rerun the picture with the identifications, as soon as I can work out all (or most of) the first names. I have a roster of about 10,000 names of men who served with the 306th, so I think I can locate most of the first names.

This is a "major" find for the group, as such pictures usually just remain unidentified.

I will also use most of your letter, combining it with a little other information I have on the ordnance detail, so it should prove interesting to a lot of people.

If you come up with any more data or lists of names concerning the 1024th or 1628th, let me have a copy of it.

When I have completed the list of first names, I'll send it along to you for any possible additions or corrections you may have.

Sincerely yours,

Merry Xmas
In memory of
Michael Lawrence
Robert Alter
George Poir
Andre Plante
Lester Williams
Stuart Latimer

and the many others who won't
be with us for this holiday
season

chk for 50

Sincerely

Ms + Mrs Fred J Hicks

I didn't count this as a
memorial fund gift

HICKS FRED J. T/SGT 36111539

ENTERED SERVICE 18 APR-41

SEPARATED SERVICE 27 SEPT-45

UNITS ASSIGNED TO

442 ORD CO.

705 "

1024 "

1628 "

1451 "

812 AIR ENGINEERS SQ

306 Bomb Gp Oct-42 - NOV 43 - STA 111

467 " " NOV-43 - JULY 45 - STA 145

Thanks for the memories

Fred J. Hicks

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6/11/45