

**444th SUB DEPOT**  
**303rd BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)**  
**MOLESWORTH, ENGLAND**  
**1942-1945**

Personnel of the Sub Depot first arrived in England in October 1942, as the 328th Air Service Squadron. A year later the 444th Sub Depot was formed under the command of Lt. Col. **Horace G. Cotton**. He was replaced in December 1944 by Major **Benjamin B. Ramsey**, who was formerly the Group S-4 officer. The primary responsibility of the Sub Depot was to make major repairs to battle damaged aircraft. These men were under constant pressure to complete repairs on a damaged aircraft and send it back to the Squadrons for another mission.



**444th Sub Depot Officers — (photo taken in 1943)**  
(L-R) unknown, unknown, Col Horace G. Cotton (WWI Fighter pilot),  
Capt Jack Hill (Eng), Lt Fred Wolfe (Tech Supply), CWO Ed Giza (Eng)

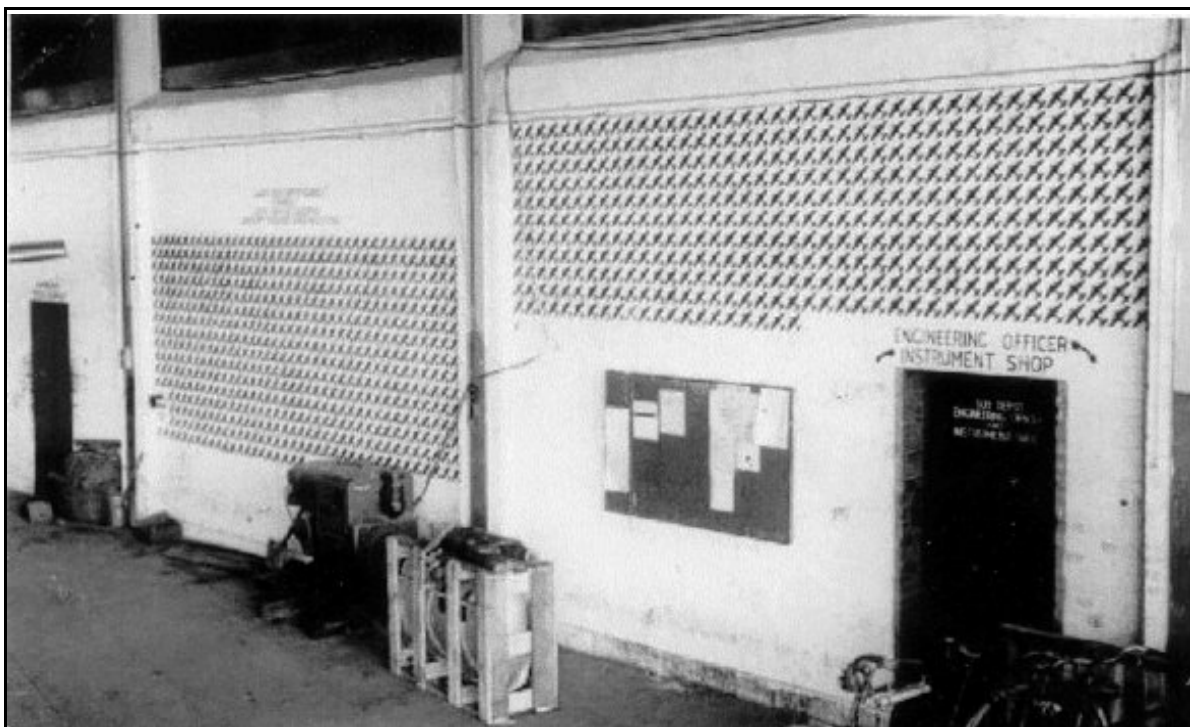
The 444th was under the command of the Air-Depot located at Alconbury, near First Air Division Headquarters. It was the home of the 92nd Bombardment Group. All sub depots and Air Depots were a part of the 8th Air Force Service Command. They were under the control of the Commanding General of Burtonwood, near Liverpool, which was the major Air Force repair and supply facility for the entire European Theater of Operations. This line of command was a back

breaker to many of the officers and men who struggled long and hard to get the B-17s back on the Squadron pads in a timely fashion.

The magnificent accomplishments of the 303rd Bombardment Group would never have been possible without the assistance and close cooperation of hard-working officers and men of the 444th Sub Depot. Given the job of making repairs to the Fortresses with major battle damage, the hanger crews consistently repaired badly damaged planes in record time.

The 444th Sub Depot Engineering Officer at Molesworth, was Major **Melvin T. McCoy**, who has been commended for his outstanding devotion to duty in keeping the 303rd flying. He and his men performed outstanding engineering feats that included the splicing of the front section of one B-17 to the tail section of another. For that big job he had help of Boeing field service representatives, as he did whenever he attempted a major B-17 re-assembly, and he did several of these.

Repairs to aircraft were not the only job done by the 444th Sub Depot. The Air Corps supply section was responsible for seeing that no Fortress stayed on the ground long for need of a new part, and furnished the thousands of gallons of aviation fuel and oil needed by the bombers. The transportation section provided the rest of the 303rd Bombardment Group with everything but roller skates and pogo sticks for transportation of supplies and personnel where they were needed. The Headquarters section coordinate the efforts of all of the other departments.



**444th Sup Depot Scoreboard — (photo taken in early 1945)**

Each airplane silhouette represents one battle damaged aircraft repaired. Total was 1093.

The sign on the wall above the silhouettes on the left reads:

**444th Sup-Depot Class-1**

**Formerly 328 Service Squadron**

**Aircraft Repaired Since Nov. 22, 1942**

Work of this support organization began with the group's first mission in November 1942, and progressed at an increasing pace until the war concluded. It is almost impossible to estimate the total work done by the 444th and the men in the organization. But here is a short summary of output during a six-month period: Crews repaired 569 battle damaged Fortresses; set up 298 engines for installation by the Squadron Crew Chiefs; accomplished 1871 work orders; and packed 5,000 parachutes. The Air Corps Supply section issued 15,000 serviceable items; shipped 8,426 repairable items to depots; issued 283 engines; returned 308 old engines to depots; and issued more than 200 airplane fuel and oil tanks. This was just in a six-month period.

Very few of these jobs have been easy. With nearly every mission to some heavily defended Nazi target, the hangars have filled up to overflowing with B-17s needing new engines, wing sections, tails, fuselage repairs or sheet metal work. This meant working under pressure when the group needed all the planes as soon as possible to keep up their formation strength. Sometimes the hangar crews were working around the clock and more than once all passes were cancelled until the big job was completed.

Although personnel of the Sub-Depot didn't have much of an opportunity to meet the enemy in combat, they managed to win a few decorations. The Soldier's Medal for heroism was awarded to T/Sgt **Lewis A. Maresh** and Sgt **Orvel O. Burnett** after they extinguished a gasoline fire in the hangar that might well have reduced the hangar and all the airplanes in it to a mass of burned wreckage.

Major **Melvin T. McCoy** received the Bronze Star Medal for development of maintenance devices and exceptional effort in connection with the repair of airplanes after a mission on which the Group suffered very heavy battle damage.

M/Sgt **Victor A. Dietz** received the Certificate of Merit for developing various maintenance devices and for an excellent job of repairing a crash landed Fortress.

T/Sgt **Walter Nieman** and his crew outdid themselves by almost rebuilding one Fortress, involved in a perimeter crash and classified "Salvage," in only 21 days. This job required putting on a new tail section from the tail wheel well, and rebuilding the trailing edge of the left wing. In between times, they also did a major repair job to another Fortresses.

The **Engineering Department** was the larger of the two sections in the 444th Sub Depot. It was responsible for the 2nd and 3rd echelon maintenance and repair of all 303rd Bombardment Group assigned aircraft, aircraft parts, assemblies and accessories. This consisted of the repair of any and all battle damage beyond the capability and equipment of the Bomb Squadron sheetmetal specialists. This responsibility was handled by 2 repair and 12 support shops with their assigned specialists. Three airplane hangers, with the integral support shops, housed this activity. Following is a listing of the responsibility of each of these sections and shops. Personnel assigned to each of them at some time during the 33 months that Molesworth was the home of the 303rd Bombardment Group (H) are listed below.

**Aero Repair Section:** These men removed aircraft parts, assemblies and components for repair or routing to a support shop for repair. They removed aircraft assemblies for the Sheetmetal Section crews to gain access to battle damaged internal aircraft areas. They removed damaged or unserviceable assemblies and replaced sub-assemblies. They reinstalled serviceable components and assemblies. In the end they functionally tested each aircraft system that was damaged or disassembled.

This section operated with 2 man teams having special skills in the various disciplines of aircraft repair. Two hanger chiefs and several team leaders directed the work. Shop specialists assisted the teams complete highly complex repairs. Personnel assigned were:

Avant, Wiley T.	Pfc	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Brandon, Dwight L.	S/Sgt	Team Leader--Acft Eng Mechanic
Brummel, Harry P.	Pfc	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Burnett, Orvel O.	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Camara, John	Pfc	Aircraft Engine Mechanic

Chappel, Paul E.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Chilstrom, Allen W.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Colbeck, Leland K.	S/Sgt	Team Leader--Acft Eng Mechanic
Coleman, John W.	S/Sgt	Team Leader--Acft Eng Mechanic
Connell, Edward D.	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Cook, Ole G.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Copenig, George H.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-- Acft Eng Mechanic
Davis, Kenneth	Pfc	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Dowd, Robert P.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Enzi, Arthur E.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Esbig, Alfred R. Jr.	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Fortner, Kenneth L.	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Galanas, August L.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Acft Eng Mechanic
Gwinn, Robert S. Jr.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Hanna, William E.	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Harman, Louis S.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Houbler, Donald D.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Jordan, John N.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Kobold, Kenneth M.	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Levin, Philip I.	T/Sgt	Team Leader-Acft Eng Mechanic
Lentz, William M.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Lopes, Albert	S/Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Lynn, Alexander	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Maresh, Lewis A.	T/Sgt	Team Leader-Acft Eng Mechanic
Masterson, Lowell C.	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
McAuliffe, William K.	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
McGurk, Thomas F.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
McLellan, Bruce H.	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Moon, William H.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Acft Eng Mechanic
Myrick, Walter P.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Moyik, Steve A.	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Ocamb, Frederick E.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Parker, Bernard M.	(Unk)	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Ragel, Dale E.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Ranusch, George J.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Acft Eng Mechanic
Ricotti, John W.	Corp	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Scotney, Herbert M.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Acft Eng Mechanic
Travis, Gilbert P.	Pfc	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Wagner, Charles R.	Pfc	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Waterman, Alvin E.	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Witt, Paul J.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Cable Mech NCO

**Sheet Metal Section:** These men repaired any damaged aluminum part or assembly removed from an aircraft, such as flaps, control surfaces, all types of doors, outer wing panels, wing tips, horizontal & vertical stabilizers, etc. They repaired basic structures on the aircraft itself, such as wing spars & skin, fuselage frames, bulkheads, skin, and nacelles. They fabricated necessary repair parts. A repair team of two mechanics accomplished all repairs under the direction of a hanger chief. Personnel assigned were:

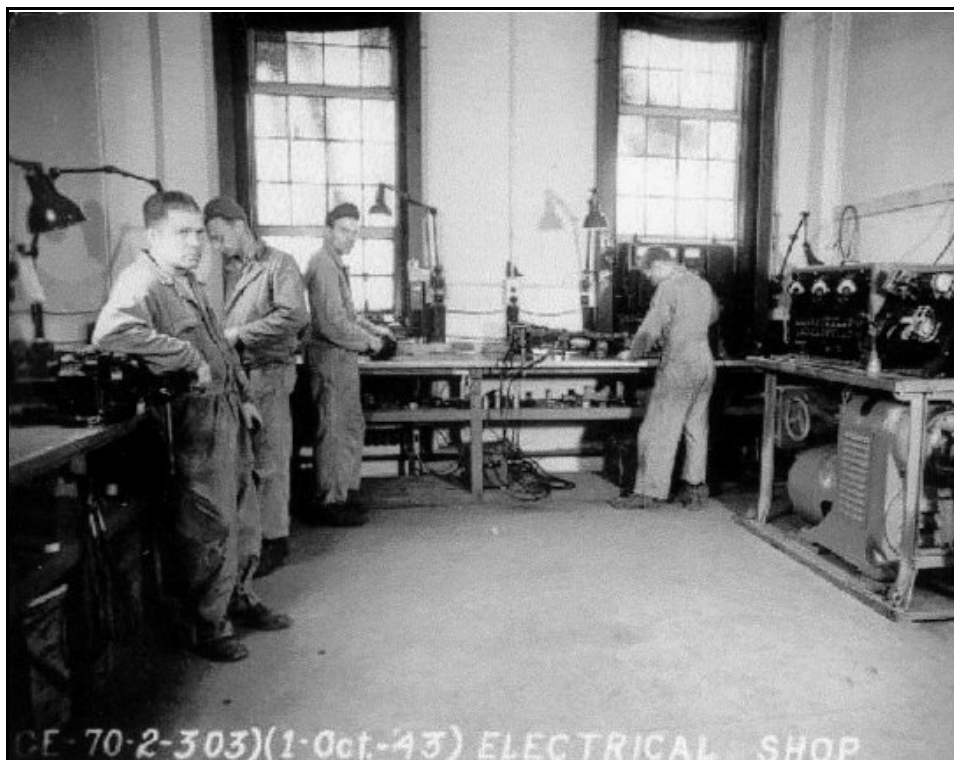
Battaglia, Ralph	Corp	Sheet Metal Worker
Bowman, Joseph E.	Sgt	Sheet Metal Worker
Bucho, Michael E.	Pfc	Sheet Metal Worker
Denisi, Vincent J. Jr.	Corp	Sheet Metal Worker
Diel, John S.	Sgt	Sheet Metal Worker
Dudzik, Edward J.	Sgt	Sheet Metal Worker
Ends, Raymond T.	Sgt	Sheet Metal Worker
English, Vern L.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Sheet Metal NCO
Esposito, Hugo T.	Sgt	Sheet Metal Worker
Estabrooke, Leonard H.	T/Sgt	Team Leader-Sheet Metal NCO
Felice, Aldo	Sgt	Sheet Metal Worker
Ippelito, Antonio	Corp	Sheet Metal Worker
Kelsey, Franklin E.	Corp	Sheet Metal Worker
Kennedy, Robert S.	Sgt	Sheet Metal Worker
Ligenfelter, Clifton A.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Sheet Metal NCO
Marquardt, Julius J.	Corp	Sheet Metal Worker
Mauk, Philip	Pfc	Sheet Metal Worker
McNeill, James J.	Sgt	Sheet Metal Worker
Megee, Lee L.	Sgt	Sheet Metal Worker
Mondy, Clarence E.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Sheet Metal NCO
Murphy, John P.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Sheet Metal NCO
Neimann, Walter T.	T/Sgt	Team Leader-Sheet Metal NCO
Neilhammer, Carl L.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Sheet Metal NCO
Persyns, Julius C.	Sgt	Sheet Metal Worker
Petersen, Robert S.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Administrative NCO
Powell, Joseph W.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Sheet Metal NCO
Richmond, James W.	Sgt	Sheet Metal Worker
Rodriquez, Transito	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Sheet Metal NCO
Rosenstein, Charles S.	Corp	Sheet Metal Worker
Russell, Edwin C.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Sheet Metal NCO
Savage, Jack C.	Sgt	Sheet Metal Worker
Sequin, Anthony	T/Sgt	Team Leader-Sheet Metal NCO
Shell, Elbert P.	Corp	Sheet Metal Worker
Simon, William W. Jr.	Corp	Sheet Metal Worker
Stuart, Roy W.	M/Sgt	Hanger Chief-Sheet Metal NCO
Svare, Neil J.	Corp	Aircraft Sheet Metal Specialist
Swindell, Robert M.	Sgt	Sheet Metal Worker
Trosi, Frank P.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Sheet Metal NCO
Van Hazebroek, Louis C.	Corp	Sheet Metal Worker
Zehring, Clarence D.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Sheet Metal NCO

**Aircraft Battery Shop:** These men received new batteries from supply, filled each with acid solution, and charged them. They were responsible for keeping a supply of fully charged batteries for the Bomb Squadrons. They processed dead or damaged batteries for return to the air depot. Personnel assigned were:

Eimann, Walter	Corp	Aircraft Electrical Specialist
Kinsall, Robert M.	S/Sgt	Team Leader-Acft Elect Spec
Stankan, Albert	Pfc	Aircraft Electrical Specialist

**Aircraft Dope, Fabric, & Pain Shop:** They repaired, recovered, and rebalanced aileron, elevator, and rudder fabric control surfaces. They maintained a bulk supply of paint and dope. They provided specialists to the Aero Repair Shop for touch up and repainting of damaged insignia and identification marks on aircraft. Personnel assigned were:

Akre, Clifford L.	T/Sgt	Shop Chief-Paint & Dope Spec
Bodine, Leon R.	S/Sgt	Paint & Dope Specialist NCO
Cartmell, Loren E.	Sgt	Paint & Dope Specialist
Fallier, Eugene C.	Sgt	Paint & Dope Specialist
Martinez, Candalarie B.	S/Sgt	Paint & Dope Specialist NCO



**Electrical Shop (1 Oct 1943)**

(L-R) Harry Freestone, Thomas Struck, Joseph Cunningham, Willard Ristow

**Aircraft Electric Shop:** These men tested, repaired and recalibrated electrical components, such as starters, generators, pump motors, landing gear actuators, flap actuators, etc. They repaired and tested electric flight suits and shoes. They provided aircraft electrical specialists to assist the Aero Repair Shop in the repair of battle damaged aircraft wiring harnesses.

Personnel assigned were:

Cunningham, Joseph R.	S/Sgt	Eng Electrical Accessory NCO
Foreman, David B.	Corp	Engine Elect Accessory Specialist
Freestone, Harry	Sgt	Engine Elect Accessory Specialist
Kintner, Howard J.	Corp	Engine Elect Accessory Specialist
Phipps, Raymond P.	Sgt	Engine Elect Accessory Specialist
Ratliff, Leander P.	S/Sgt	Eng Electrical Accessory NCO
Ristow, Willard A.	T/Sgt	Team Leader-Eng Elec Acc NCO
Shapiro,	Sgt	Engine Elect Accessory Specialist
Stevens, William M	Corp	Aircraft Electrical Specialist
Struck, Thomas H.	T/Sgt	Shop Chief-Eng Elec Acc NCO



**Electrical Shop Test Boards (18 Mar 1945)**

Raymond Phipps, Howard Kinter

**Engine Build-up Shop:** These men assembled Quick Engine Change units for all 4 airplane positions. They removed all accessories, wiring harnesses, control cable assemblies, tubing and fluid hoses, and finally the engine mount itself from a damaged or failed engine. They cleaned and routed each accessory to its designated shop. They inspected and repaired the engine mount. Serviceable engine mounts, were reinstalled, along with serviceable accessories and other equipment necessary for the engine installation on an aircraft. They packaged the failed engine for return to the Air Depot. Personnel assigned were:

Espinosa, Raymond A.	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Frickel, George J	T/Sgt	Shop Chief-Acft Eng Mechanic
Heins, Erwin E.	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Hogan, Thomas	S/Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic NCO
Maas, Willard W.	S/Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic NCO
Masinton, Samuel	T/Sgt	Crew Chief-Acft Eng Mech NCO
McIntyre, James L.	S/Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic NCO
Migliarini,	Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Parrott, Robert G.	S/Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic NCO
Phillips, Robert J.	S/Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic NCO
Piodomani, Ignatius	S/Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic NCO
Rake, Jack	S/Sgt	Aircraft Engine Mechanic NCO



#### **444th Sub Depot Engine Shop Crew**

(Back L-R) unknown, unknown, S/Sgt Jack Rake, unknown, T/Sgt Sam Masington (Shop Chief), S/Sgt Doal L. Yocum, Jr., Sgt William E. "Ox" Hanna – (Front L-R) T/Sgt George J. Frickel (Shop Chief), unknown, Sgt Raymond A. Espinoza, Sgt Miglerina S/Sgt Thomas Hogan

**Aircraft Hydraulic Shop:** These men tested and repaired engine hydraulic pumps. They rebuilt and tested aircraft landing gear brake assemblies. They formed and manufactured aluminum tubing for various systems. They provided hydraulic specialists to assist the Aero Repair crews in repairing aircraft hydraulic systems. Personnel assigned were:

Presynchak, Nicholas	S/Sgt Hydraulic Specialist NCO
Price, Edmond P.	S/Sgt Shop Chief-Hyd Specialist NCO
Tetterton, Hunter A.	Sgt Hydraulic Specialist

**Aircraft Instrument Shop:** These men tested, repaired, adjusted and recalibrated aircraft flight instruments, engine operation instruments, gun sights, oxygen valves and gauges. Personnel assigned were:

Alaimo, Robert J.	S/Sgt Instrument Repair Specialist NCO
Bishop, William C.	Sgt Bomb Sight Maint. Specialist
Clayton, Kenneth	Corp Instrument Repair Specialist
Franklin, Robert T.	T/Sgt Shop Chief-Inst Repr Spec NCO
Knight, James T.	Sgt Aircraft Instrument Specialist
Matthews, Lawrence E.	Corp Aircraft Instrument Specialist
Miller, George J.	Corp Aircraft Instrument Specialist
Oliver, Luke	S/Sgt Aircraft Inst Specialist NCO
Parker, George J.	S/Sgt Power Turret-G/Sight Spec NCO
Terrell, Russell F.	Corp Power Turret & Gun Sight Spec
Waffle, Ormal J.	S/Sgt Instrument Repair Specialist NCO



**Machine Shop:** These men provided general machine shop support to all the repair shops and other base organizations such as the Base Utilities Section, Ordnance Company, Chemical Company, Fire-Fighting Engineers, and Base Motor Pool. Personnel assigned were:

Hiscock, Carl V.	T/Sgt	Machinist
Johansen, Henry G.	S/Sgt	Machinist
Lakaszcyck, Emil	Sgt	Machinist
Leslein, Clarence J.	S/Sgt	Machinist
Patella, Pasquale J.	Pfc	Machinist
Raos, John J.	M/Sgt	Shop Chief
Trondlone, Anthony J.	Corp	Machinist



**Machine Shop**

(Back) Vincent Denisi, Kennedy, Carl Hiscock, Clarence Leslein.  
 (Mid) Emil Lakaszcyck, John Raos, Henry Johansen  
 (Front) unknown, Thomas McGurk

**Parachute Rigging & Repair Shop:** These men provided repair, rigging and repacking of all parachutes. They repaired and repacked parachute harnesses. Parachute Rigger personnel for each of the Bomb Squadrons were assigned to the parachute shop to assist the Sub-Depot personnel. As a part of this Shop was the Air/Sea Rescue Unit that was in responsible for maintenance of life rafts, survival instruction, and assistance in any actual search missions. Sub-Depot personnel assigned were:

Arber, Richard F.	Corp	Parachute Rigger Repairman
Bausone, Joseph R.	Sgt	Air/Sea Rescue Specialist
Butler, Jacob L.	Corp	Parachute Rigger Repairman
Dedera, Victor M.	Sgt	Parachute Rig Repairman NCO
Featherstone, Robert W.	S/Sgt	Chief, Air/Sea Rescue Unit
Herrara, Steve	Corp	Parachute Rigger Repairman
Kalkbrenner, Carl B.	M/Sgt	Shop Chief-Para Rig Repr NCO
Marker, Vernon G.	S/Sgt	Parachute Rig Repairman NCO
Matthews, Lawrence E.	Corp	Life Raft Maintenance
Nobles, Carl W.	S/Sgt	Parachute Rig Repairman NCO
Roden, Troy	S/Sgt	Parachute Rig Repairman NCO
Spring, Vincent J.	S/Sgt	Parachute Rig Repairman NCO

**Aircraft Propeller Shop:** These men disassembled and cleaned every propeller removed from a failed engine. They replaced damaged parts, reassembled, tested and rebalanced each propeller. Personnel assigned were:

Banks, Leonard L.	Sgt	Aircraft Propeller Specialist
Edgeton, Laverne R.	S/Sgt	Acft Propeller Specialist NCO
Goll, William G.	Sgt	Aircraft Propeller Specialist
Lingo, Lee A.	Corp	Aircraft Propeller Specialist
Middleton, Alvin D.	Corp	Aircraft Propeller Specialist

Roy, Joseph A.	Corp	Aircraft Propeller Specialist
Schrimpscher, Matthias	T/Sgt	Shop Chief-Acft Prop Spec NCO
Taylor, Joseph B.	S/Sgt	Aircraft Propeller Specialist NCO
Vassar, John G.	Pvt	Aircraft Propeller Specialist
Vincent,	T/Sgt	1st Shop Chief-to pilot training



**Propeller Shop**

(Top) unknown, (Bottom) Leonard Banks, Matthias Schrimpscher, Laverne Edgeton

**Welding Shop:** These men provided welding support to the other repair shops and base units by maintaining a limited foundry process for casting various non-structural parts. Personnel assigned were:

Bilderback, Charles L.	S/Sgt	Welder NCO
Guerin,	Sgt	Welder
Gursky, Andrew	Sgt	Welder
Jones, David N.	Sgt	Welder
Mosier, Paul E.	S/Sgt	Welder NCO
Olson, Vernon E.	T/Sgt	Welder NCO
Swaffer, Johnnie W.	Sgt	Welder
Yontis, Ferdinand F.	M/Sgt	Shop Chief-Welder NCO

**Woodworking Shop:** These men provided woodworking and carpenter services to other shops, Air Corps supply department, and the Bomb Squadrons. They fabricated repair stands, jigs, fixtures, aircraft support cradles and packing crates. Personnel assigned were:

Allen, Glen M.	S/Sgt	Carpenter NCO
Powell, Walstein T.	T/Sgt	Shop Chief-Administrative NCO
Ramsey, Glennis L.	Sgt	Aircraft Woodworker
Wagle, Albert	Corp	Carpenter

**Engineering Office:** These men managed the entire overhaul, repair and testing activity of the organization. They scheduled and maintained records of each aircraft processed through the facility, inspected and certified each repair for compliance with technical orders and/or on-site design by the Engineering officers and/or Boeing factory representatives. Personnel assigned were:

Aguirre, Robert	Sgt	General Clerk
Canning, Walter F.	T/Sgt	Production Control NCO
Dietz, Victor A.	M/Sgt	Hanger Chief
Frischolz, Frank	S/Sgt	Aircraft Inspector NCO
Giza, Edward S.	2/Lt	Engineering Officer
Hill, John C. Jr.	Capt	Engineering Officer
Konsuvo, Nicholas	Pfc	Draftsman
La Croix, Joyce H.	M/Sgt	Hanger Chief
Mc Coy, Melvin T.	Major	C/O & Engineering Officer
Mizera, Norbert	M/Sgt	Aircraft Inspector NCO
Noa, George B.	Sgt	Records Clerk/Typist
Wallerstadt, Marvin	M/Sgt	Aircraft Inspector NCO

The Sub-Depot, together with its predecessor organization, the 328th Air Service Squadron, repaired over 1500 major battle damaged aircraft. It requested assistance from the 1st Air Depot for fewer than 1% of that total. It was forced to salvage, or "Hanger Queen" fewer than ten aircraft during its existence. And these "were beat up old war weary birds." It did, however, as workload and manpower availability permitted, reclaim two aircraft from the junk yard, by splicing a repairable tail section aft of the radio room, to a recoverable front fuselage section with inner wing panels attached. The other instance was when they replaced an entire inner wing panel assembly, including nacelles to a serviceable fuselage section. According to Boeing Field Service personnel, no other 8th Air Force Bomb Group Sub-Depots attempted such extensive overhaul depot repairs.

Along with the Engineering Department, was the Air Corps Supply Department, that completed the responsibilities of the 444th Sub-Depot. The Air Corps Supply Department provided the lifeline that helped keep military airplanes in a flyable condition. Without a serviceable replacement for a failed engine, without a replacement supply for damaged or otherwise unserviceable parts and accessories, and without a readily available supply of aviation fuel and oil, the flying activity of each and every airplane in any operational unit would eventually grind to a halt.

The **444th Sub-Depot Air Corps Supply Department** was not only charged with providing aircraft parts, they were also responsible for maintaining a supply and inventory control of air crew personal equipment, such as electric flying suits, oxygen masks, head phones and head sets. They also provided replacement parts and supplies for airborne radio navigation, photo and armament equipment.

Altogether over a score of different classes of aircraft related equipment and supplies were ordered, stored, issued, and inventory controlled. Repairables were packaged and returned to the European Theatre Air Force Air Depot in Burtonwood, England. This was the largest American wartime overhaul and supply base of the U. S.

Army Air Forces. At Burtonwood, all engines and most accessories for the 8th Air Force, the 9th Air Force, and the European Theatre Air Transport Command were overhauled and repaired.



**Air Corps Supply Building and Crew - 15 May 1944**

(Front L-R) Sgt Miles "Knobby" Walsh, Woiceki, T/Sgt R.W. "Pete" Petersen, Cpl "Pappy" Lenz, T/Sgt Theodore Essock, Capt Joseph T. Freedman, PFC Roland "Lolly" Lalumiere, PFC Eddie Warchol, S/Sgt Leo "Mike" Michalski, Cpl Gilbert "Poncho" Pacheco, S/Sgt Robert "Quig" Quigley – (Middle L-R) T/Sgt Lyon Callahan, Sgt Danny Mullaney, Sgt William Zellum, PFC Stanley Stzurma, Sgt Wayne "Sud" Sudborough, S/Sgt Wayne Baker, Cpl Leroy "Connie" Connelly, Cpl Leonard Butler, Cpl Wilhelm "Willie" Kruetz, M/Sgt Thomas "Tommy" Fennell, Cpl George Quailey – (Back L-R) Cpl Albert "Pap" Wagle, PFC Buford Gislar, Sgt Olen Obar, S/Sgt Harry "Junior" Guenther, T/Sgt Richard "Dick" Woolfe, Sgt Maurice "Slim" Paulk, S/Sgt Frederick "Fred" Gruenberg, Cpl Travis Cummings

The 444th Sub-Depot Air Corps Supply Department was essentially a centralized parts handling operation having a satellite fuel and oil handling section. It also had administrative control of a transportation section that was assigned to the base motor pool for functional control. How well this Department handles its parts supply responsibility is somewhat attested by the 364 combat missions flown by the 303rd Bombardment Group, the most by any Bomb Group in the 8th Air Force.

Five separate sections of the Air Corps Supply Department participated in fulfilling the 444th Sub-Depot responsibilities. They were:



**Air Corps Supply Office**

(clockwise) Sgt Leroy Connelly, Sgt Maurice Paulk, Cpl Leonard Butler, Sgt Wayne Sudborough, S/Sgt Harry Guenther, M/Sgt Thomas Fennell, S/Sgt Wayne Baker, PFC Roland Lalumiere

**The Central Office Section:** These men accepted parts requisitions from any base unit for any part listed in the twenty odd classes of Air Corps materiel. The more frequently used parts and supplies were stocked in house, the others in the supply hanger and warehouse. Inventory control for all was maintained in this office. Serviceable parts were issued directly.

Reparable parts were received from the base units and directed to the reparable warehouse for shipment to an overhaul facility. Close coordination with the Engineering shops was the order of the day for such items as engine QEC's (quick engine change), propellers, and other components that could be made serviceable within these shops. Parts not available locally were back ordered to the Air Depot. When a part was back ordered, it was common practice to borrow a serviceable part from an aircraft undergoing repair or otherwise non-flyable. Liaison with the on-site RAF Lend-Lease Officer was maintained within the office. This involved local procurement of generic hardware and supplies as well as contracting for overhaul of certain common accessories. Personnel assigned to the Central Office Section at some time during the 33 months at Molesworth were:

Baker, Wayne	S/Sgt	Office Clerk
Bethel, Alvin E.	Corp	Clerk/Typist
Butler, Leonard H	Corp	Office Clerk
Connelly, Le Roy R.	Corp	Medical Secretary
Essock, Theodore S.	T/Sgt	Lend-Lease NCO
Fennell, Thomas G.	M/Sgt	Chief Technical Supply NCO
Freedman, Joseph T.	Capt	A/C Supply Officer
Guenther, Harry E.	S/Sgt	Technical Supply NCO
Warren Hume	Corp	Chaplain's Clerk
Kruetz, William	Corp	Office Clerk
Lalumerie, Roland E.	Pfc	Clerk/Typist
Paulk, Maurice J.	Sgt	Administrative Office Clerk
Peterson, Raymond W.	T/Sgt	Administrative Supply NCO
Quailey, George J. Jr.	Corp	Supply Clerk
Rattay, August A.	Sgt	Clerk, General Duty
Ruefer, Jacob	M/Sgt	Chief Technical Supply NCO
Schatzman,	T/Sgt	Technical Supply NCO
Sudborough, Wayne	Sgt	Office Clerk
Wolf, Frederick G.	1/Lt	Asst A/C Supply Officer



**Air Corps Supply on the Bomb Shelter**

(Back L-R) Pfc Roland Lalumiere, Pfc Buford Gislard, S/Sgt Robert Quigley, M/Sgt Tommy Fennell, Sgt Henry Paepers, Cpl Leonard Butler, Cpl Albert Wagle, T/Sgt Ted Essock, S/Sgt Wayne Baker  
 (Front L-R) Sgt Maurice Paulk, S/Sgt Leo Michalski, T/Sgt Dick Woolfe, S/Sgt Harry Guenther, Sgt Danny Mullaney, Cpl George Quailey

**The Main Warehouse Section:** These men received serviceable parts and stored them in designated locations. Engines and propellers were routed to the appropriate Engineering shop for assembly. All other parts were stored in appropriate storage locations. Personnel assigned were:

Buckner, Wiley A.	Sgt	Technical Supply Clerk
Callihan, Lyon	T/Sgt	Technical Supply NCO
Clay, Joseph R.	T/Sgt	Technical Supply NCO
Michalski, Leo W.	S/Sgt	Chief-Technical Supply NCO
Mitchell, Robert B.	Corp	Supply Clerk
Mullaney, Daniel A.	Sgt	Technical Supply Clerk
Obar, Olen H.	Sgt	Technical Supply Clerk
Paeper, Henry G.	Sgt	Technical Supply Clerk
Ramsey, Loy J.	Sgt	Technical Supply Clerk
Warchol, Edmond	Corp	Supply Clerk
Ward, Sydney	Sgt	Technical Supply Clerk
Wilson, Robert C.	Sgt	Supply Clerk
Woolfe, Richard W.	T/Sgt	Technical Supply Clerk NCO
Zellum, William	Sgt	Technical Supply Clerk

**The Warehouse Repairable Section:** These men handled repairables which were crated, if necessary, and routed to an overhaul facility. Personnel assigned were:

Quigley, Robert E.	S/Sgt	Chief-Technical Supply NCO
Sexton, Charles E.	S/Sgt	Technical Supply Clerk NCO
Walsh, Myles J.	Sgt	Technical Supply Clerk
Woeceki,	Corp	Supply Clerk

**The Fuel Service Section:** These men accepted delivery of aircraft gasoline and engine oil from the British Transport. They monitored the dumping of the fuel into the station storage system and the oil barrels into the oil storage facility. They loaded Bomb Squadron fuel tank trucks with gasoline and issued barrels of oil to them. The magnitude of this operation might better be realized by noting that the station fuel storage facility held approximately 145,000 Imperial gallons (about 165,000 U. S. gallons). To fill and top off 40 B-17s for a mission the next morning would require approximately 90,000 U. S. gallons. On 'D' Day, June 6th 1944, 73 individual aircraft sorties were dispatched from Molesworth, each one filled and topped off. Personnel assigned were:

Block, Stanley M.	Pfc	Fuel & Oil Supply Specialist
Gruenberg, Frederick H.	S/Sgt	Chief-Fuel & Oil Supply NCO
James, Leon T.	Corp	Fuel & Oil Supply Specialist
Lenz, Walter H.	Sgt	Fuel & Oil Supply Specialist
Pacheco, Gilbert J.	Corp	Fuel & Oil Supply Specialist
Simons, Harry D.	Sgt	Fuel & Oil Supply Specialist

**The Transportation Section:** These men operated as a part of the base motor pool. They provided motorized services for the entire Sub-Depot. This consisted of hauling parts and supplies to and from the overhaul facilities and hauling Sub-Depot and other base personnel on official business trips and liberty runs. Personnel assigned were:

Barnes, Lewis M.	Pfc	Truck Driver, Light
Black, Eugene A.	Sgt	Automotive Mechanic
Cummins, Travis E.	Corp	Truck Driver, Light
Gislar, Buford	Pfc	Truck Driver, Light
Goodwin, Lavern F.	Pfc	Truck Driver, Light
Grant, Earl	Corp	Truck Driver, Light
Hall, Walter	Sgt	Truck Driver, Light
Hostetter, Adolphys L.	Sgt	Truck Driver, Light
Isabella, Patsy	Pvt	Truck Driver, Light
Johnson, Charles O.	Sgt	Driver-Motor Pool
Jones, Kenneth L.	Sgt	Automotive Mechanic
Perez, John R.	Pfc	Truck Driver, Light
Peterson, Lewis W.	Corp	Truck Driver, Light
Ready, Herman P.	Sgt	Automotive Mechanic
Schallhorn, Carl	T/Sgt	Chief-Automotive Mechanic NCO
Stzurma, Stanley	Pfc	Truck Driver, Light
Tobel, Julius Jr.	S/Sgt	Automotive Mechanic NCO
Wells, Franklin R.	Corp	Automotive Mechanic
Wheeler, Roland E.	Pfc	Driver-Motor Pool
Whitmore, Harold N.	Sgt	Truck Driver, Light

We find no mention of the Headquarters for the 444th Sub Depot, and it is possible that some of the men that are included below, could have been assigned to these types of responsibilities. There are, additionally, several enlisted men that we have not been able to place within the various elements of the 444th Sub Depot as outlined above. We have listed them below, in alphabetical order, in the hope that former members of the 444th Sub Depot, when reviewing this record, will help to provide complete names, serial numbers, and to properly place them in their respective functional responsibilities.

Pvt	Wilson R. Adams	32085645	Airplane Handler
Sgt	(Unk) Alger	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
S/Sgt	(Unk) Arterian	(Unknown)	Site Duty NCO (& barber)
Pfc	Marion P. Beckham	20441998	Airplane Handler
Pvt	Irving H. Benedon	32882979	Clerk, General Duty
Pvt	Frank J. Billow	35468990	Clerk, General Duty
Sgt	Raymond F. Buckley	35477242	Aircraft Armorer
Corp	Duane A. Bush	17099737	Clerk, General Duty
Pvt	(Unk) Buxton	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
(Unk)	Jimmie W. Clark	19047536	Tool Room Orderly
Sgt	Russell L. Clinton	12036094	Orderly Room NCO
Sgt	(Unk) Cochren	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
F/Sgt	Frank J. Collette	6581171	First Sergeant
S/Sgt	(Unk) Cox	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Pfc	(Unk) Dahle	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Sgt	John P. Dennis	34422008	Aircraft Armorer
T/Sgt	Edward A. Derpsiewski	6558667	Clerk/Typist NCO
Corp	Charlie D. Dickerson	19004332	Clerk, General Duty
S/Sgt	John J. Dickerson	35031757	Administrative NCO
Pfc	Dante Di Martino	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Pvt	(Unk) Egan (or Ehan)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

Pfc	Lenville Fleming	35642936	Airplane Handler
Sgt	Jobe Francis	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
T/Sgt	(Unk) Fries	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Corp	Charles Geridano	(Unknown)	Cook/Bakery Specialist
Corp	James V. Guaragna	39007656	(Unknown)
Sgt	(Unk) Guerin (or Geurin)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Sgt	Daniel Gutter	35310001	Orderly Room Clerk
Pfc	Chester S. Gzik	35333045	Airplane Handler
Sgt	Harold S. Haas	3312383?	Personnel Clerk (303rd)
Pfc	Paul F. Heitman	12216127	Airplane Radio Mechanic
Pfc	Ralph Hines	19039682	Cook/Bakery Specialist
Corp	Melvin H. Hommen	16047988	Cook/Bakery Specialist
Corp	Edward G. Kettwig, Jr.	19088142	Clerk/Typist
Pvt	Jeff W. Lee	38293001	Airplane Handler
Corp	(Unk) Lehoczeki	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Pvt	Henry J. Mark	14168403	Airplane Handler
T/4	Tom L. Messer	6356567	Cook/Bakery Specialist
Sgt	Joseph L. Michel	13040651	Hanger Tech Supply Clerk
1/Lt	Curtis D. Neill	(Unknown)	Adjutant
Pvt	George A. Nelson	14016723	Cook/Bakery Specialist
S/Sgt	(Unk) Norris	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
(Unk)	Bernard M. Parker	(Unknown)	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	Douglas L. Parsons	36591528	Clerk, General Duty
Corp	Renza Pascal	(Unknown)	Medical Corpsman
(Unk)	John F. Paul	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Pvt	Franklin Pettitt	33641964	Airplane Handler
Sgt	Arthur T. Sandau	39207299	Duty NCO
Capt	Morris B. Sjoberg	0430711	4825
F/Sgt	Blair S. Steed	(Unknown)	First Sergeant
S/Sgt	(Unk) Strasburg	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
S/Sgt	(Unk) Thompson	(Unknown)	Aircraft Mechanic NCO
M/Sgt	(Unk) Toressani	(Unknown)	Crew Chief
S/Sgt	Allan R. Untiedt	37120855	Technical Supply NCO
S/Sgt	Robert Veach	(Unknown)	Aircraft Mechanic NCO
S/Sgt	Joseph G. Visconti	32087396	Supply Clerk NCO
Pfc	David H. Weil	18137270	Supply Clerk
S/Sgt	(Unk) Whitney	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Corp	Braxton B. Williams	38102022	Supply Clerk
Pfc	Robert D. Willman	36482251	Supply Clerk
Pvt	William M. Wilmot	32719227	Cook/Bakery Specialist
T/Sgt	Stanley Wisniewski	(Unknown)	Aircraft Mechanic
M/Sgt	(Unk) Wright	(Unknown)	Crew Chief

In the spring of 1945, the conflict between the Bomber and Service Commands was resolved by 8th Air Force Headquarters. On 1 April 1945, they established Air Service Groups on each 8th Air Force Bombardment Group Stations. These Air Service Groups became part of Bomber Command and reported both functionally and administratively to the Bombardment Group Commanding Officer. All of the non-combat organizations on the Bomber bases were assimilated by the new Air Service Group organizations. All personnel and former outfits on the bomber bases, including some officers and enlisted



men from the Bomb Group organizations, were transferred into the Headquarters of the new 425th Air Service Group and its Air Engineering and Air Materiel Squadrons. This action took place on April 15, 1945.

The war fortunately ended before there was much of a chance to see how well the new organizational structure would actually work. It is for that reason, and due to the fact that most members who were stationed at Molesworth remember how it was before the Air Service Group was organized, that we are covering the support units as they were organized during the greater part of their stay at Molesworth. We are indebted to Major **Melvin T. McCoy**, for providing a listing of the names and departments of the men that were assigned to the 444th Sub Depot at one time. The 444th Sub-Depot Officers and Enlisted Men are listed below, alphabetically, by rank.

#### Officers:

Lt/Col	Horace G. Cotton	0209264	Commanding Officer
Major	Benjamin B. Ramsey	0325050	Commanding Officer
Major	Melvin T. McCoy	0441198	Commanding Officer
Capt	(Unknown) Cook	(Unknown)	Engineering Officer
Capt	Joseph T. Freedman	0561041	Air Corps Supply Officer
Capt	John D. Hill, Jr.	0711202	Maintenance Officer
Capt	Morris B. Sjoberg	0430711	4825
Capt	(Unknown) Zuckerkorn	(Unknown)	Supply Officer
1/Lt	Curtis D. Neill	(Unknown)	Adjutant
1/Lt	Frederick G. Wolf	0433034	4902
2/Lt	(Unknown) Breckler	(Unknown)	Adjutant
2/Lt	Edward S. Giza	01999523	Maintenance Off (4823)

#### Enlisted Men:

F/Sgt	Frank J. Collette	6581171	Administrative NCO
F/Sgt	Blair S. Stead	(Unknown)	1st Sergeant
M/Sgt	Victor A. Dietz	17025506	Crew Chief
M/Sgt	Thomas G. Fennell	12006033	Chief Tech Supply NCO
M/Sgt	Carl B. Kalkbrenner	19040089	Parachute Rigger NCO
M/Sgt	Joyce H. La Croix	18042777	Crew Chief
M/Sgt	Norbert Mizera	7031299	Machinist NCO
M/Sgt	John J. Raos	19024000	Machinist NCO
M/Sgt	Jacob Ruefer	(Unknown)	Chief Tech Supply NCO
M/Sgt	Roy W. Stuart	19052140	Sheet Metal Metal NCO
M/Sgt	(Unk) Toressani	(Unknown)	Crew Chief
M/Sgt	Marvin Wallerstedt	(Unknown)	Crew Chief
M/Sgt	(Unk) Wright	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
M/Sgt	Ferdinand F. Yontis	32179999	Welder NCO in Charge
T/Sgt	Clifford L. Akre	17025331	Paint & Dope Spec NCO
T/Sgt	Lyon Callihan	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
T/Sgt	Walter F. Canning	12034424	Administrative NCO
T/Sgt	Joseph R. Clay	10009597	Technical Supply NCO
T/Sgt	Edward A. Derpsienski	6558667	Clerk/Typist
T/Sgt	Theodore S. Essock	36216703	Administrative NCO
T/Sgt	Leonard H. Estabrooke	12012000	Sheet Metal Worker NCO
T/Sgt	Robert T. Franklin	19056447	Inst. Repr Maint NCO

T/Sgt	George J. Frickel	17018643	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
T/Sgt	(Unknown) Fries	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
T/Sgt	Carl V. Hiscock	36151361	Machinist NCO
T/Sgt	Philip I. Levin	16011273	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
T/Sgt	Lewis A. Maresh	18042898	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
T/Sgt	Samuel Masinton	6954095	Crew Chief
T/Sgt	Walter T. Niemann	37158960	Sheet Metal Worker NCO
T/Sgt	Vernon E. Olson	19016163	Welder NCO
T/Sgt	Raymond W. Peterson	37008219	Administrative NCO
T/Sgt	Walstein I. Powell	14057603	Aircraft Woodworker NCO
T/Sgt	Willard A. Ristow	16048582	Engine Electr Access NCO
T/Sgt	Carl Schallhorn	(Unknown)	Chief-Auto Mechanic NCO
T/Sgt	(Unk) Schatzman	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
T/Sgt	Matthias Schrimpscher	6297820	Propeller Specialist NCO
T/Sgt	Anthony I. Seguin	19076716	Sheet Metal Worker NCO
T/Sgt	Thomas H. Struck	19052140	Engine Electr Access NCO
T/Sgt	(Unk) Vincent	(Unknown)	Propeller Specialist NCO
T/Sgt	Stanley Wisniewski	(Unknown)	Aircraft Mechanic NCO

(Stanley transferred to the 358th BS and was killed on the mission to Oschersleben, Germany on 11 January 1944.)

T/Sgt	Richard W. Woolfe	6911441	Supply Clerk NCO
S/Sgt	George J. Alaimo	16018199	Inst Repair Specialist NCO
S/Sgt	Glen M. Allen	37152166	Carpenter NCO
S/Sgt	(Unk) Artenian	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
S/Sgt	Wayne Baker	(Unknown)	Office Clerk NCO
S/Sgt	Charles L. Bilderback	19064479	Welder NCO
S/Sgt	Leon R. Bodine	38069698	Paint & Dope Spec NCO
S/Sgt	Dwight L. Brandon	14044766	Aircraft Engine Mech NCO
S/Sgt	Leland K. Colbeck	37120903	Aircraft Engine Mech NCO
S/Sgt	John W. Coleman	36051514	Aircraft Engine Mech NCO
S/Sgt	George H. Copening	18038510	Aircraft Engine Mech NCO
S/Sgt	(Unk) Cox	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
S/Sgt	Joseph R. Cunningham	38102001	Engine Electr Access NCO
S/Sgt	John J. Dickerson	35031757	Administrative NCO
S/Sgt	Laverne R. Edgeton	17033476	Propeller Specialist NCO
S/Sgt	Vern L. English	39092486	Sheet Metal Worker NCO
S/Sgt	Robert W. Featherstone	14070177	Para Rigger Repr NCO
S/Sgt	Frank Frischolz	(Unknown)	Aircraft Inspector NCO
S/Sgt	August L. Galanis	36042381	Aircraft Engine Mech NCO
S/Sgt	Frederick H. Gruenberg	37096384	Fuel & Oil Supply NCO
S/Sgt	Harry E. Guenther	36334013	Tech Supply NCO
S/Sgt	Thomas Hogan	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
S/Sgt	Henry G. Johansen	37173600	Machinist NCO
S/Sgt	Robert M. Kinsall	16051300	Acft Electrical Spec NCO
S/Sgt	Clarence J. Leslein	37110779	Machinist NCO
S/Sgt	Clifton A. Lingenfelter	33108342	Sheet Metal Worker NCO
S/Sgt	Albert Lopes	6571413	Aircraft Engine Mech NCO
S/Sgt	Willard W. Maas	19054804	Aircraft Engine Mech NCO
S/Sgt	Vernon G. Marker	39162256	Para Rigger Repr NCO
S/Sgt	Candelarie B. Martinez	18103211	Paint & Dope Spec NCO
S/Sgt	James L. Mc Intyre	6991528	Aircraft Engine Mech NCO

S/Sgt	Leo W. Michalski	16038937	Tech Supply NCO
S/Sgt	Clarence E. Mondy	37065155	Sheet Metal Worker NCO
S/Sgt	William H. Moon	37077152	Aircraft Engine Mech NCO
S/Sgt	Paul E. Mosier	15196094	Welder NCO
S/Sgt	John P. Murphy	17071090	Sheet Metal Worker NCO
S/Sgt	Carl L. Niethammer	6984366	Sheet Metal Worker NCO
S/Sgt	Carl W. Nobles	14069374	Para Rigger Repr NCO
S/Sgt	(Unk) Norris	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
S/Sgt	Luke Oliver	39826449	Instrument Specialist NCO
S/Sgt	George J. Parker	34207332	Power Tur/Gun Sight NCO
S/Sgt	Robert G. Parrott	18012589	Aircraft Engine Mech NCO
S/Sgt	Robert S. Petersen	19077956	Sheet Metal Worker NCO
S/Sgt	Robert J. Phillips	19024002	Acft Engine Mechanic NCO
S/Sgt	Ignatius Poidomani	16038720	Aircraft Engine Mech NCO
S/Sgt	Joseph W. Powell	37137554	Sheet Metal Worker NCO
S/Sgt	Nicholas Presynchak	13045875	Hydraulic Specialist NCO
S/Sgt	Edmond P. Price	19010036	Hydraulic Specialist NCO
S/Sgt	Robert E. Quigley	37008329	Tech Supply NCO
S/Sgt	Jack Rake	(Unknown)	Aircraft Engine Mech NCO
S/Sgt	George J. Ranusch	36042449	Aircraft Engine Mech NCO
S/Sgt	Leander P. Ratliff	14095002	Engine Electr Access NCO
S/Sgt	Troy Roden	(Unknown)	Parachute Rig Repair NCO
S/Sgt	Transito Rodriquez	18015838	Sheet Metal Worker NCO
S/Sgt	Edwin C. Russell	18051461	Sheet Metal Worker NCO
S/Sgt	Herbert M. Scotney, Jr.	33064248	Aircraft Engine Mech NCO
S/Sgt	Charles E. Sexton	18008057	Supply Clerk NCO
S/Sgt	Vincent J. Spring	19018033	Para Rigger Repr NCO
S/Sgt	(Unk) Strasburg	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
S/Sgt	Joseph B. Taylor	(Unknown)	Propeller Specialist NCO
S/Sgt	(Unk) Thompson	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
S/Sgt	Julius Tobel, Jr.	19123428	Automotive Mechanic NCO
S/Sgt	Frank P. Trosi	19003464	Sheet Metal Worker NCO
S/Sgt	Allan R. Untiedt	37120855	Technical Supply NCO
S/Sgt	Robert Veach	(Unknown)	Aircraft Mechanic NCO
S/Sgt	Joseph G. Visconti	32087396	Supply Clerk NCO
S/Sgt	Ormal J. Waffle	16027779	Inst Repr Maint Spec NCO
S/Sgt	(Unk) Whitney	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
S/Sgt	Paul J. Witt	19012394	Cable Mechanic NCO
S/Sgt	Clarence D. Zehring	37158702	Sheet Metal Worker NCO
Sgt	Robert Aguirre	37158598	Clerk, General Duty
Sgt	(Unk) Alger	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Sgt	Leonard L. Banks	32286896	Propeller Specialist
Sgt	Joseph R. Bausone	36301918	Air/Sea Rescue Specialist
Sgt	William C. Bishop	(Unknown)	Bomb Sight Maint.
Sgt	Eugene A. Black	39083328	Automotive Mechanic
Sgt	Joseph E. Bowman	35331165	Sheet Metal Worker
Sgt	Raymond F. Buckley	35477242	Aircraft Armorer
Sgt	Wiley A. Buckner	19055763	Technical Supply Clerk
Sgt	Orvel O. Burnett	39554317	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Sgt	Loren E. Cartmell	19061830	Paint & Dope Specialist
Sgt	Russell L. Clinton	12036094	Duty NCO

Sgt	(Unk) Cochren	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Sgt	Edward D. Connell	34602568	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Sgt	Victor M. Deder	36322831	Parachute Rigger Rep'man
Sgt	John P. Dennis	34422008	Aircraft Armorer
Sgt	John S. Diel	36360366	Sheet Metal Worker
Sgt	Edward J. Dudzik	12135242	Sheet Metal Worker
Sgt	Raymond T. Ends	11111463	Sheet Metal Worker
Sgt	Alfred R. Esbig, Jr.	31129348	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Sgt	Raymond A. Espinoza	39168892	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Sgt	Hugo T. Esposito	33323699	Sheet Metal Worker
Sgt	Eugene C. Fallier	19062271	Paint & Dope Specialist
Sgt	Aldo Felice	38085063	Sheet Metal Worker
Sgt	Kenneth L. Fortner	15333888	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Sgt	(Unk) Francis	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Sgt	Harry Freestone	(Unknown)	Engine Electr Access Spec
Sgt	(Unk) Guerin (or Geurin)	(Unknown)	Welder
Sgt	William G. Goll	32071845	Acft Propeller Specialist
Sgt	Andrew Gursky	12203720	Welder
Sgt	Daniel Gutter	35310001	Clerk/Typist
Sgt	Walter Hall	34279685	Truck Driver, Light
Sgt	William E. Hanna	37497432	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Sgt	Arshavir Harmaian	32077251	Supply Clerk
Sgt	Harold S. Hass	3312383	Clerk/Typist
Sgt	Erwin E. Heins	37270240	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Sgt	Adolphys L. Hostetter	38085453	Truck Driver Light
Sgt	Charles O. Johnson	35024420	Driver-Motor Pool
Sgt	David N. Jones	36105018	Welder
Sgt	Kenneth L. Jones	37199164	Automotive Mechanic
Sgt	Robert S. Kennedy	11087816	Sheet Metal Worker
Sgt	James J. Knight	36701802	Acft Instrument Specialist
Sgt	Kenneth M. Kobold	19106733	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Sgt	(Unk) Krismanick	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Sgt	Emil Lakaszcyck	11021576	Machinist
Sgt	Alvin F. Lawellin	39082349	Cook/Bakery Specialist
Sgt	Walter H. Lenz	38101793	Fuel & Oil Supply Spec
Sgt	Alexander Lynn	10600449	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Sgt	Lowell C. Masterson	39292510	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Sgt	William K. Mc Auliffe	37?18552	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Sgt	Bruce H. Mc Lellen	36199806	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Sgt	James J. Mc Neill	13076924	Sheet Metal Worker
Sgt	Lee L. Megee	17128549	Sheet Metal Worker
Sgt	Joseph L. Michel	13040651	Supply Clerk
Sgt	(Unk) Migliarini	(Unknown)	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Sgt	Steve A. Moyik	32533941	Aircraft Cable Mechanic
Sgt	Daniel A. Mullaney	31246186	Tech Supply NCO
Sgt	George B. Noa	32683816	Records Clerk/Typist
Sgt	Olen H. Obar	19063670	Tech Supply NCO
Sgt	Henry G. Paeper	37127546	Supply Clerk
Sgt	Maurice J. Paulk	17041473	Administrative Office Clerk
Sgt	Julius C. Persyns	32144137	Sheet Metal Worker
Sgt	Raymond P. Phipps	39041878	Engine Electr Access Spec

Sgt	Glennis L. Ramsey	6842463	Aircraft Woodworker
Sgt	Loy J. Ramsey	38098999	Tech Supply NCO
Sgt	August A. Rattay	33269279	Clerk, General Duty
Sgt	Herman P. Ready	14071242	Automotive Mechanic
Sgt	James W. Richmond	18045782	Sheet Metal Worker
Sgt	Arthur T. Sandau	39207299	Duty NCO
Sgt	Jack C. Savage	17057768	Sheet Metal Worker
Sgt	(Unk) Shapiro	(Unknown)	Engine Electr Access Spec
Sgt	Harry D. Simons	37175609	Fuel & Oil Supply Spec
Sgt	Wayne Sudborough	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Sgt	Johnie W. Swaffer	18181389	Welder
Sgt	Robert M. Swindell	17078313	Sheet Metal Worker
Sgt	Hunter A. Tetterton	34665172	Hydraulic Specialist
Sgt	Myles J. Walsh	12036176	Tech Supply NCO
Sgt	Sidney Ward	(Unknown)	Tech Supply NCO
Sgt	Alvin E. Waterman	32382373	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Sgt	Harold N. Whitmore	35019345	Truck Driver Light
Sgt	Robert C. Wilson	15070134	Supply Clerk
Sgt	William Zelle	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
T/4	Tom L. Messer	6356567	Cook/Bakery Specialist
Corp	Richard F. Arber	32733399	Parachute Rigger Rep'man
Corp	Ralph S. Battaglia	32257450	Sheet Metal Worker
Corp	Alvin E. Bethel	35411724	Clerk Typist
Corp	Duane A. Bush	17099737	Clerk, General Duty
Corp	Jacob L. Butler	(Unknown)	Parachute Rigger Rep?man
Corp	Leonard H. Butler	39186080	Supply Clerk
Corp	Jacob L. Butler	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Corp	Paul E. Chappel	15067628	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	Allen W. Chilstrom	37175389	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	Kenneth Clayton	32528104	Instrument Repair Spec
Corp	Le Roy R. Connelly	19113682	Medical Secretary
Corp	Ole G. Cook	34639310	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	Travis E. Cummins	15062496	Truck Driver, Light
Corp	Vincent J. Denisi, Jr.	31294407	Sheet Metal Worker
Corp	Charlie D. Dickerson	19004332	Clerk, General Duty
Corp	Robert P. Dowd	34463736	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	Walter Eimann	(Unknown)	Aircraft Electrical Spec
Corp	Arthur E. Enzi	37252086	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	David B. Foreman	31164137	Engine Electr Access Spec
Corp	Charles Geridano	(Unknown)	Cook/Bakery Specialist
Corp	Earl Grant	38102056	Truck Driver Light
Corp	James V. Guaragna	39007656	(Unknown)
Corp	Robert S. Gwinn, Jr.	32470032	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	Louis S. Harman	39409163	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	Steven Herrera	38166033	Parachute Rigger Rep'man
Corp	Melvin H. Hommen	16047988	Cook/Bakery Specialist
Corp	Donald D. Houbler	15334791	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	Warren Hume	(Unknown)	Chaplain's Clerk
Corp	Antonio Ippelito	39130241	Sheet Metal Worker
Corp	Leon T. James	32288818	Truck Driver Light
Corp	John N. Jordan	15118252	Aircraft Engine Mechanic

Corp	Franklin E. Kelsey	39906636	Sheet Metal Worker
Corp	Edward G. Kettwig, Jr.	19088142	Clerk/Typist
Corp	Howard J. Kintner	38227723	Engine Electr Access Spec
Corp	William Kruetz	37405372	Clerk, General Duty
Corp	(Unk) Lehoczki	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Corp	Lee A. Lingo	37214142	Acft Propeller Specialist
Corp	William M. Lentz	35357376	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	Julius J. Marquardt	18101772	Sheet Metal Worker
Corp	Lawrence E. Matthews	39252441	Life Raft Maintenance
Corp	Thomas F. Mc Gurk	33184860	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	Alvin O. Middleton	17065025	Acft Propeller Specialist
Corp	George J. Miller	13153257	Acft Instrument Specialist
Corp	Robert B. Mitchell	35716991	Supply Clerk
Corp	Walter P. Myrick	39126922	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	Frederick E. Ocamb	12200538	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	Gilbert J. Pacheco	19082401	Fuel & Oil Supply Spec
Corp	Douglas L. Parsons	36591528	Clerk, General Duty
Corp	Renza Pascal	(Unknown)	Medical Corpsman
Corp	Lewis W. Peterson	37418957	Truck Driver Light
Corp	George J. Quailey Jr.	32323500	Supply Clerk
Corp	Dale E. Ragel	36434441	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	John W. Ricotti	39041341	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Corp	Charles S. Rosenstein	12134157	Sheet Metal Worker
Corp	Joseph A. Roy	39089336	Acft Propeller Specialist
Corp	Elbert P. Shell	39842356	Sheet Metal Worker
Corp	William W. Simon, Jr.	32930647	Sheet Metal Worker
Corp	William M. Stevens	15326764	Acft Electrical Specialist
Corp	Neil J. Svare	17055917	Acft Sheetmetal Specialist
Corp	Russell F. Terrell	16129928	Power Turret & Gun Sight
Corp	Anthony J. Tronolone	32239887	Machinist
Corp	Louis C. Van Hazelbroeck	36335337	Sheet Metal Worker
Corp	Albert Wagle	37322447	Carpenter
Corp	Franklin R. Wells	16047089	Automotive Mechanic
Corp	Braxton B. Williams	38102022	Supply Clerk
Corp	(Unk) Woeceki	(Unknown)	Supply Clerk
Pfc	Wiley T. Avant	34624146	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Pfc	Lewis M. Barnes	36060885	Truck Driver, Light
Pfc	Marion P. Beckham	20441998	Airplane Handler
Pfc	Stanley S. Block	(Unknown)	Fuel & Oil Supply Spec
Pfc	Harry R. Brummel	36883285	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Pfc	Michael E. Bucko	32355085	Sheet Metal Worker
Pfc	John Camara	31094666	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Pfc	(Unk) Dahle	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Pfc	Kenneth Davis	36651886	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Pfc	Dante Di Martino	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

(Dante transferred to the 358th Bomb Squadron and was killed on the mission to Oschersleben, Germany on 11 January 1944.)

Pfc	Lenville Fleming	35642936	Airplane Handler
Pfc	Buford Gislard	(Unknown)	Truck Driver, Light
Pfc	La Vern F. Goodwin	16127932	Truck Driver Light
Pfc	Chester S. Gzik	35333045	Airplane Handler

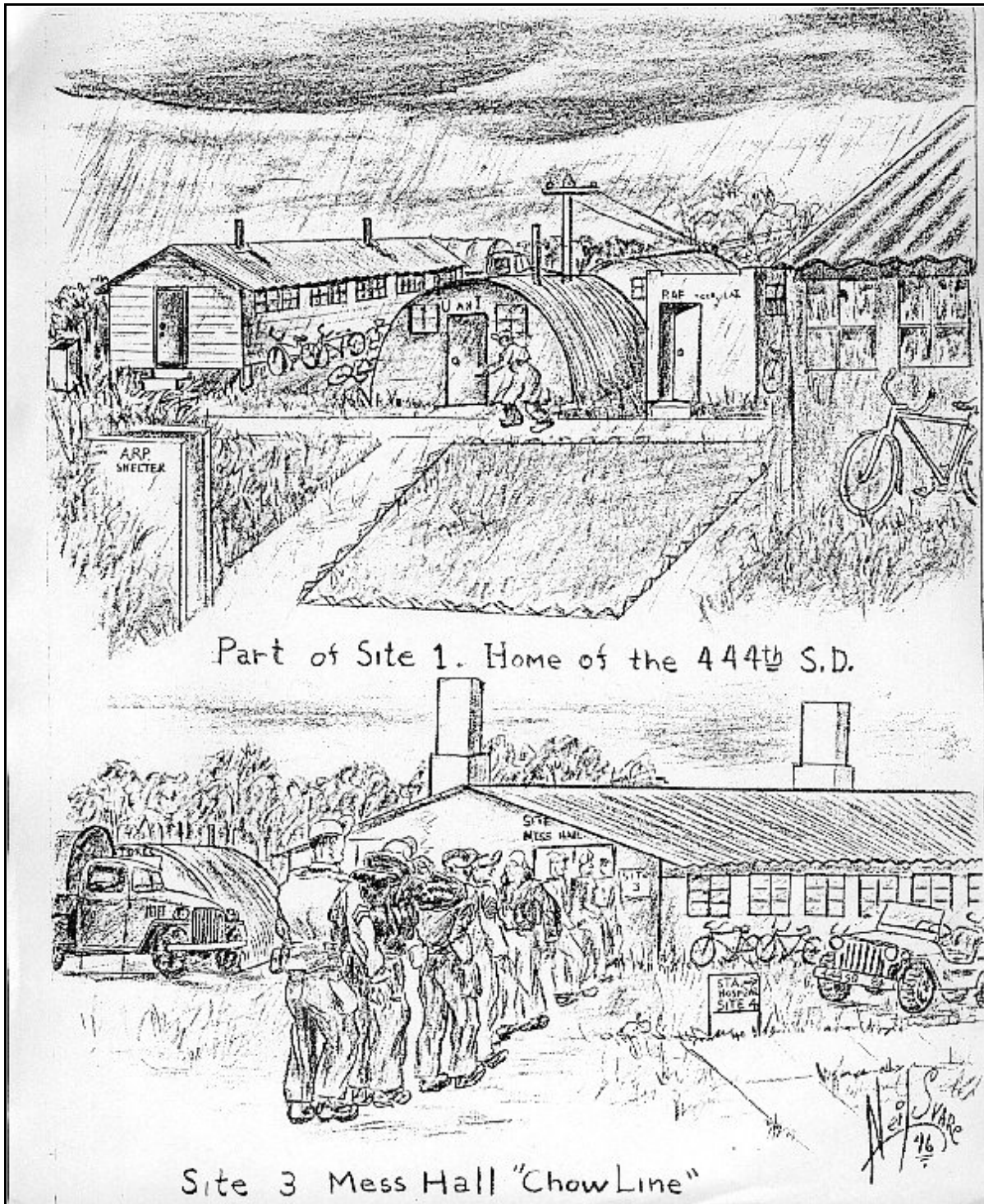
Pfc	Paul F. Heitman	12216127	Aircraft Radio Mechanic
Pfc	Ralph Hines	19039682	Cook/Bakery Specialist
Pfc	Nicholas P. Konsuvo	32926890	Draftsman
Pfc	Roland E. Lalumiere	31307034	Clerk/Typist
Pfc	Philip W. Mauk	18051464	Sheet Metal Worker
Pfc	Pasquale J. Patella	42002880	Machinist
Pfc	John R. Perez	39548587	Truck Driver Light
Pfc	Albert Stankan	33850104	Acft Electrical Specialist
Pfc	Stanley Stzurma	(Unknown)	Truck Driver, Light
Pfc	Gilbert P. Travis	39917237	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Pfc	Charles R. Wagner	18192436	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
Pfc	Edmond Warchol	(Unknown)	Supply Clerk
Pfc	David H. Weil	18137270	Supply Clerk
Pfc	Roland E. Wheeler	34175268	Driver Motor Pool
Pfc	Robert D. Willman	36482251	Supply Clerk
Pvt	Wilson R. Adams	32085645	Airplane Handler
Pvt	Irving H. Benedon	32882979	Clerk, General Duty
Pvt	Frank J. Billow	35468990	Clerk, General Duty
Pvt	(Unk) Buxton	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Pvt	(Unk) Egan (or Ehan)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Pvt	Patsy Isabella	15013128	Truck Driver Light
Pvt	Jeff W. Lee	38293001	Airplane Handler
Pvt	Henry J. Mark	14168403	Airplane Handler
Pvt	George A. Nelson	14016723	Cook/Bakery Specialist
Pvt	Franklin Petitt	33641964	Airplane Handler
Pvt	John G. Vassar	15340888	Acft Propeller Specialist
Pvt	William M. Wilmot	32719227	Cook/Bakery Specialist
(Unk)	Jimmie W. Clark	19047536	Tool Room Orderly
(Unk)	Bernard M. Parker	(Unknown)	Aircraft Engine Mechanic
(Unk)	John F. Paul	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
(Unk)	Troy Roden	(Unknown)	(Unknown)



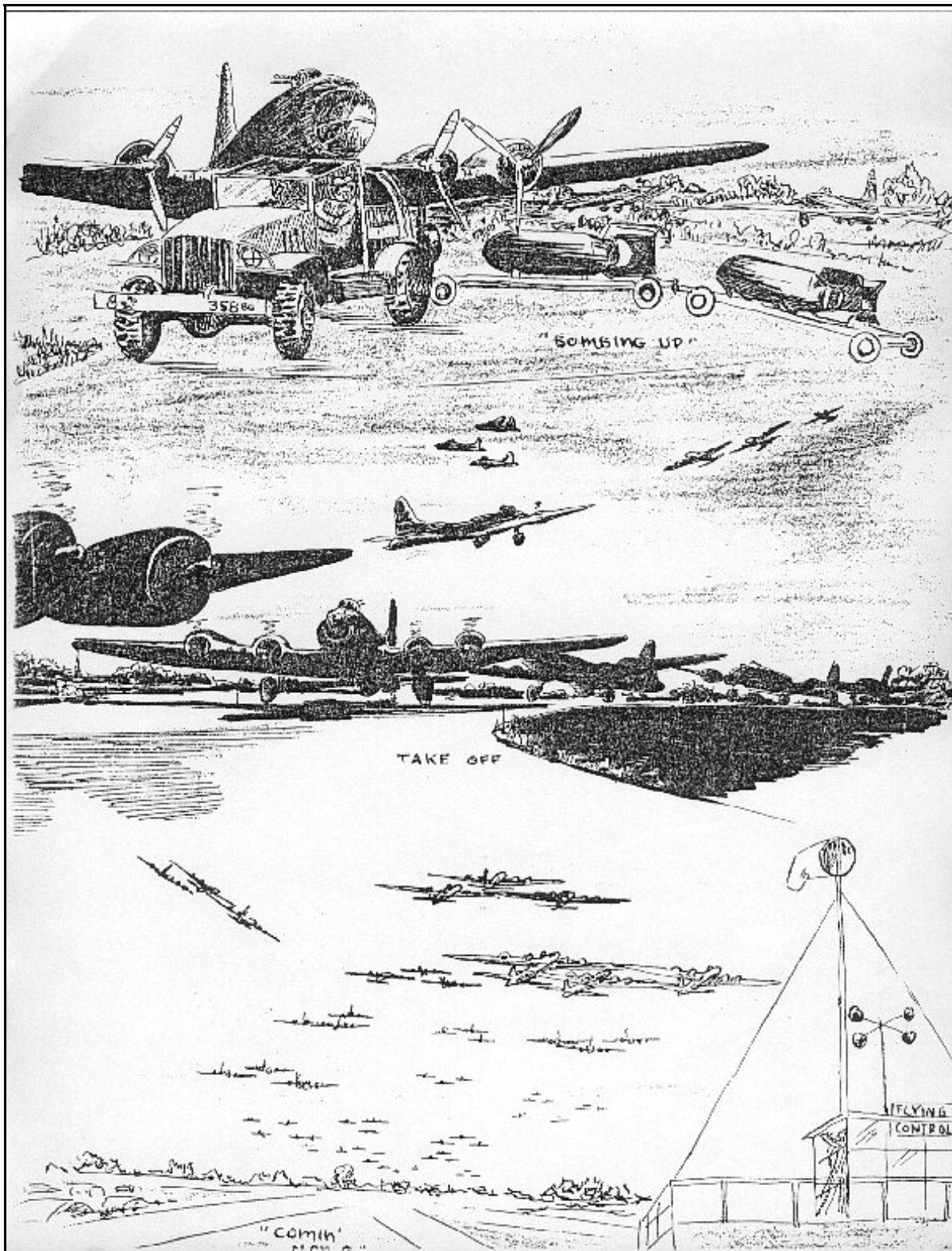
*444th Sub Depot Day Room*

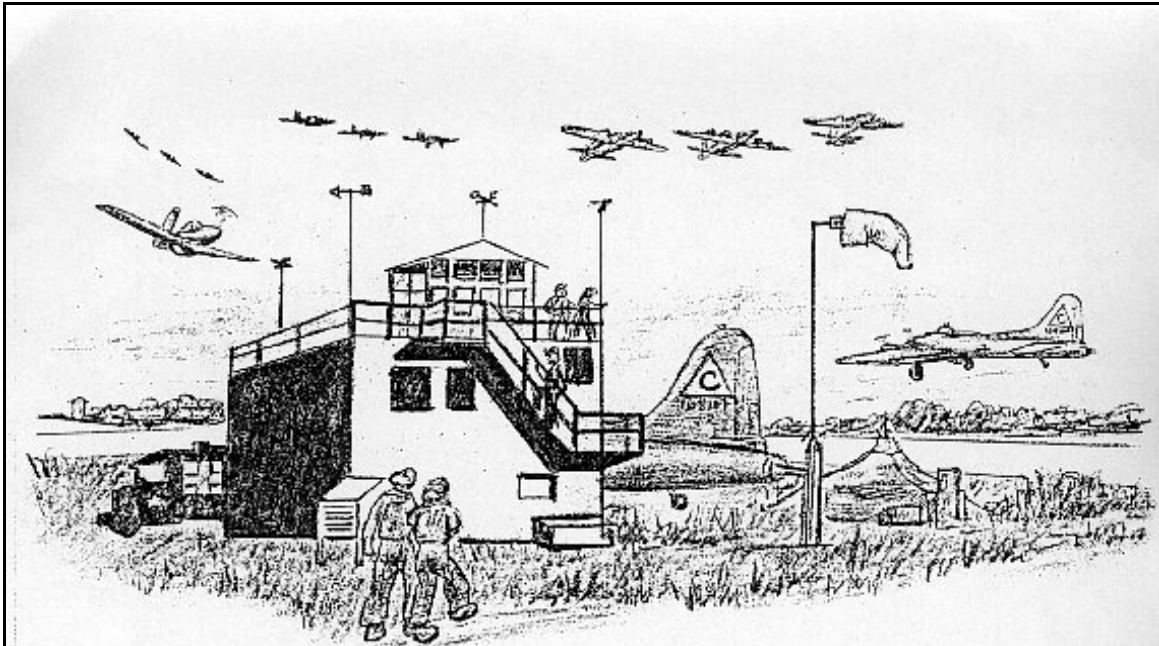
## SKETCHES of MOLESWORTH by Neil J. Svare

Below are some scenes and highlights of Molesworth drawn in 1945 by **Neil J. Svare**. Neil was a Sheet Metal worker in the 444th Sub Depot. We appreciate his permission to showcase his drawings.

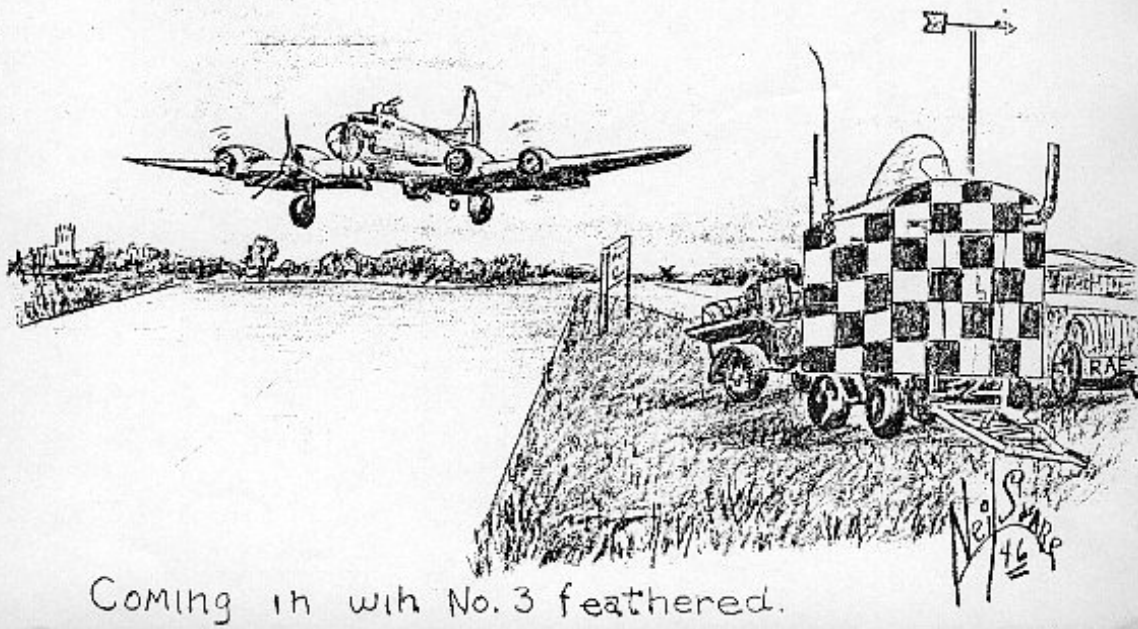








Scenes of the return of a mission.  
Top, the control tower, busy place at  
the return of a mission. Bottom, radio  
equipment at the end of main runway.



Coming in with No. 3 feathered.

# Dec '44 - Jan '45 Cigarette Shortage



Some lucky guys had pipes. Pipe tobacco was not too hard to get.....

"Junior" don't mind. He don't smoke.



The "Liberty Run kid" tries Will's Wild Woodbines. (British made) Says he, "Id rather smoke dried up cows."

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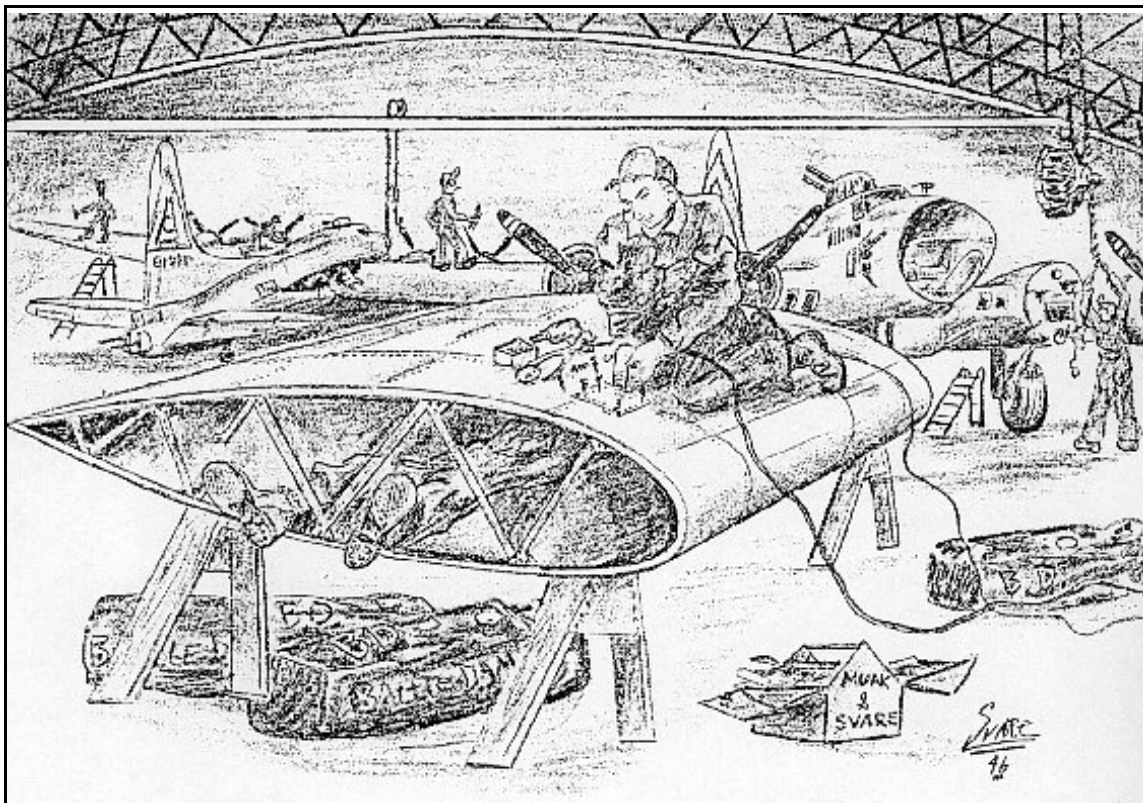
GULP!

"Red" tries a chew of cut-plug. Decides to stick to Hershey Bars.

"Pop" can still roll a little "Bull". "Better than Woodbines", he says.



"Bloody ruff in the B.I.O."



M/sgt. Tom Struck  
Electric Shop  
Foreman. A  
good boss  
that really  
knows his  
stuff.



PEC. "Shorty" Davis  
age 33½. Frisky as  
a pup. And can  
make more noise  
than any guy his  
size. The windy  
guy from the windy  
city.

I can do  
anything  
you young  
punks  
can!



Sgt. "Leaky" Bodine  
A Texan from way back,  
ah the biggest wolf in  
the E.I.O.  
also known as  
the "Notttingham  
Kid"



"SOME OF THE BOYS"  
of the 444<sup>th</sup>

"The Pollock" also  
known as "Rader,"  
he picks up any-  
thing after he  
has a couple beers



# LIBERTY RUN

OR 5 1/2 hours IN Northampton

SHOWER →  
MAIL ROOM



① 4:30 PM. Get off half-hour early get cleaned up in a hurry.

③ HAVE A FEW BEERS,...



② Get LOADED on the TRUCK AND TAKE OFF 5:15.



④ A Little Quick smoochin'... 11:00 PM.

⑤ 32 mile ride back to the base.

