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885 Bomb. Sq. (H) (Special)  
2641 Special Group (Provisional)

"A UNIQUE Squadron in the 15th Airforce"

Predecessors:

122 Bomb. Sq. (H)  
122 Liaison Sq. / 68 Tactical Recon. Gp.  
122 Liaison Sq. / 68 Recon. Gp.  
122 Observation Sq. / 68 Observation Gp.

Additions to Roster:

Thomas S. Bonna  
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"TS" B-24 Navigator.  
Originally from 464 BG.  
40 missions with 885 & 20 others.

Thomas Paul Lins  
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Houston, Tx 77017  
Phone 713/946-4827

"Tom" B-24 Radio-Opr./Gunner "Miss Judy".  
37 missions with 885.

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Phone 315/781-1395

"Joe" B-24 Navigator. "Miss Judy" & others.  
37 missions with 885.

Jack E. VanTuil  
Deceased 11 December 1977

Communications/Executive Officer.  
(My superior 3 months summer '44)

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Our 2nd loss in supplying the Underground was "Miss Charlotte" (1st loss  
B-17F #42-30500 the night of 10 September 1944. over enemy terri.)

Crew: Pilot John R. Meyers - 2nd Lt.  
Co-pilot Darl J. Heffelbower-2nd Lt.  
Navigator Ian S. Raeburn-2nd Lt.  
Bombardier Raymond L. Wilson - 2nd Lt.  
Engineer Donald C. Pullis - T/Sgt.  
Radio Operator Ernest G. Kolln - Sgt.  
Gunner Robert B. Lloyd - Cpl.  
Gunner Louis H. Simpson - Cpl.  
Gunner Walter M. Bildstein - Cpl.

The plane and remains were located 2 August 1945 on Mt. Gran Mioul or  
Mt. Gran Miule near Sestriere, Italy and later removed to U.S. Military  
Cemetery at Mirandola, Italy. All eventually were returned to the U.S.  
with the exception of Raeburn and Bildstein. They are in Florence  
American Cemetery, Florence, Italy.

Philippe Castellano of Mandelieu, France (just outside Cannes) is a  
historian and mountain climber and has pin-pointed Gran Mioul/Miule  
mountain and will go there this summer and will try to find "Miss Charlotte".  
He says this mountain is 2974 meters high and 10 kilometers by plane  
from Sestriere - east - but by car it is 20 kilometers (because of roads).  
Sestriere is in the extreme northwest part of Italy.  
We wish him GOOD LUCK!!!



**A MUST SEE!!!**

Louisiana National Guard Military History & State Weapons Museum - Jackson Barracks - 6400 St. Claude Ave. New Orleans, La. 70146. (Info. from John Freche)

John & 9 other aircraft mechanics of the 122nd Observation Sq. secretly under heavy guard assembled the first P51 Mustangs shipped to North Africa in crates - not long after the invasion of N.A.

Just in - 2 more names to add to the roster.....

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Bill Z. tells about his 40&8 ride in June 1991 issue of Travel Holiday. Your friend "Gerb" tipped me off on the article. I swear it was exactly the same trip I took. This is or was mine: Left Newport News March 7, '44 on General Mann transport - arrived Casablanca afternoon March 16 - got off ship later that night - left on 40&8 boxcars March 20 - arrived Tunis March 26 - arrived in camp near small village south of Tunis - I believe the same day. What was the name of that little town??

15th AF Magazine featured 885th on their "Honor Roll" page in July 1983 for Unit Citation for mission of 12 August 1944. Also May 1985 issue for 2641st Unit Citation for mission of 17 February 1945. Their address is 15 AF Assoc. Box 6325, March AF Base, Ca. 92518. Dues \$20.



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"Red" Bearden - JKM - Jack Bernstein  
Brindisi, Italy late '44

"J.K.M."  
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