

885 Bomb Sq. (H) (Special)  
"A Unique Squadron in the 15th Air Force"

2641 Special Group (Provisional)  
In December 1944 859 BS (H)  
joined 885 to make up the Group.

Early squadrons to make up 885th were:  
122 BS (H) - 122 Liaison Sq. -  
and 122 Observation Sq.

No new names to add to our 122/885 Roster - sorry to say!

More on "Miss Charlotte" : -

According to Philippe Castellano, his team member and Vice-President Christian Vigne talked to a farmer near the crash site of "Miss C." and the farmer said his father told him when he was a little boy that the plane came from the west and first hit the west side of Mont Gran Mioul and because of the speed and apparently the angle of fall, it fell breaking up on the north side with most of the wreckage on that side. After that report from the farmer, the team was able to find several pieces on the west side too.

Received a letter from another RAF man station<sup>d</sup> at Blida: -

Syd J. Short 22 Brynderwen Road Newport, Gwent NP 9 8LQ England

Syd was Squadron Gunnery Leader and he also took a parachuting course with the Americans at Blida. Stanley M. David also took this course. Really enjoyed it.

Stan Roberson called a few weeks ago and wondering about a reunion of 122/885 sometime! If there is enough interest maybe we should try to do something about it. Please let me or Stan know your thoughts on this.

Stan's new address: - 1191 West Parks Dr. Raymond, MS 39154-9603  
Phone 601-371-3371.

Correction : Proper spelling of French Resistance Forces is MAQUIS and not as I have it in my T.F.T.#5.

The attached leaflet was given to me by Bob Pritchard, RAF Flight Mechanic - reported in error earlier as air crew member - my mistake. The RAF along with the Americans dropped these over No. Africa. Besides this one signed by "Ike" - when he was a Lt. Gen'l. - another one signed by "FDR" was dropped. "Stars & Stripes" London Edition Volume 3 Number 7 dated November 9, 1942 describes the leaflets and the drops on the front page. My thanks to Bob Pritchard for donating this rare document! Anyone have the one from "FDR"?

*Bob was with Hudson 233 Sq. while he dropped these leaflets.*

My friend Edward "Red" Bearden - one, and the only one, that I kept in contact with all these years from 122/885 tells me how he was able to get a bottle of "4 Roses" for a few lira - I take that back - quite a few lira from Lt. Rose - my superior in the Communications Department and celebrated V-E DAY in our room on the top floor in Count Pasquini's Castle in the little town of Castiglioncello with all our buddies. During the night I walked around that castle many, many times after the celebration was over! WHEW!!

8 MAY 1945 - 1995 50 YEARS WHEW (AGAIN) !!

T.F.T. #8

John Kenneth Mattison  
Ground Radio Operator  
Call signs : 24A

32R

and 43M

(The last one was  
used when we joined  
the 859th BS in Dec.  
1944 at Brindisi, Italy  
to become Group.

WHERE ARE YOU??

My good friends that worked with me in the radio room : -

Alex M. Kelemen ASN 31332328

Robert B. Paxton ASN 15195495

Salvatore J. Palmaccio ASN 32891112

All were from 122/885 along with Audie E. Lee who passed away 25 Feb. 1968.

Also in Dec. '44 three operators joined us from the 859th BS when we became Gp.

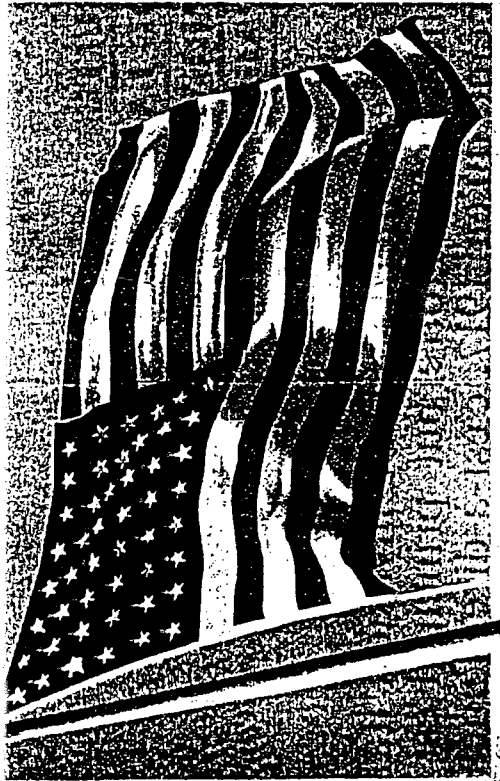
G. P. Chapman

E. R. Felker

J. A. Hughes

Sure would like to find these guys!

- JKM



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## Français de l'Afrique du Nord:

**F**IDELE à l'amitié traditionnelle et séculaire du gouvernement et du peuple des Etats Unis pour la France et pour l'Afrique française du Nord, une grande armée américaine débarque sur votre sol.

Notre mission immédiate est de protéger l'Afrique française du Nord

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contre la menace d'une invasion italo-allemande. Notre but principal est le même qu'en 1917, c'est-à-dire, l'annexionnement de l'ennemi et la libération complète de la France envahie.

Le jour où la menace italo-allemande ne pèsera plus sur les territoires français nous quitterons votre sol.

La souveraineté de la France sur les territoires français reste entière.

Nous savons que nous pouvons compter sur votre concours pour frayer le chemin qui mène à la victoire et à la paix.

Tous ensemble, on les aura!

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER,  
Lieutenant Général,  
Commandant en Chef des  
Forces Expéditionnaires Américaines.

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