

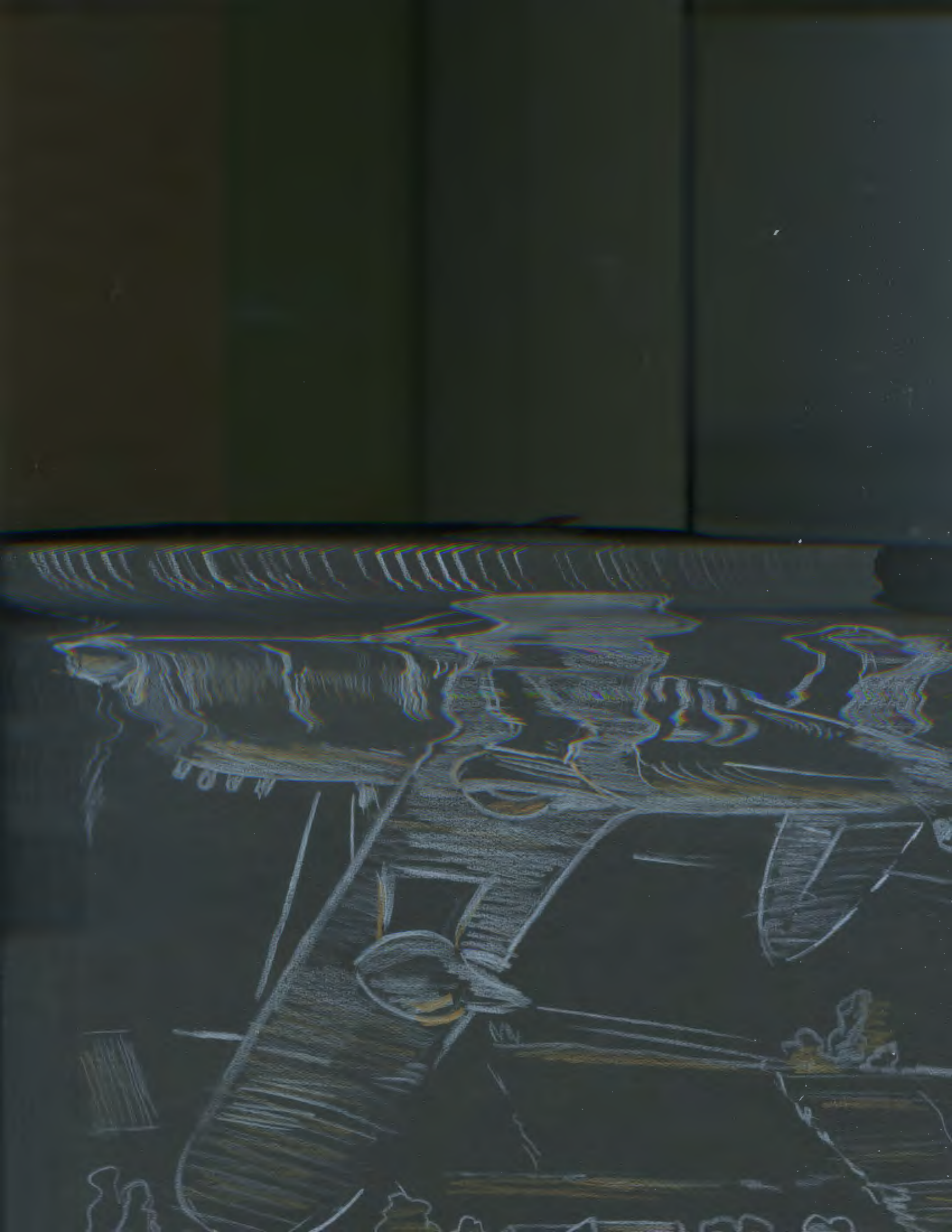


GABENKO



Michael Gareenko enlisted in the R.C.A.F

SEPT. 25, 1941



by Cpl. Garen





His Majesty King George VI

Hoppe



Royal Canadian Air Force



Yank in the R.C.A.F.



Collected Sept 25 1941



"ON DUTY"

"A Bloody Yank on the Watch"





" ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE "





Jarvis,
Ontario

Bombing &
Gunnery School



Pilot Officer "Will Krapp"

"Tough
Canadian"



MS GRATH from Ottawa, Ont.

#1
Bombing and
Gunnery School
Jarvis, Ontario



"GROUP CAPTAIN WAITE" C.O.
"A Real Skipper"



"Sweetest a note to my old Toronto"



"48-hour
passes"
to
"TORONTO"



"The
mainway"
in
Toronto,
Canada

"The
happiest day
of my life"
"Toronto"





Toronto
Ontario,
"Happiest day
of my life."



"Little
Norway"
in
Toronto,
Canada.



"48-hour
Passes"
to
"TORONTO"

Manning
Pool
in
Toronto
Ontario
1941



COULD IT BE "THE RUSSIAN"



"A
★ Flying
Brick
House
★
★

B-24 Liberator



"Oh!
for a bit of
feminine
pulchritude
★

★
Note the
shoes—
Shiny eh!



Hit One,
Mister!



Wireless Operator
Instructor



"Fairy Battle"



*Flying over the Great Lakes —
also used in "Dunkirk"*





#1
Bombing &
Gunners
School
1941

"Bristol Blenheim"



"A stop-over to Winnipeg"

A-
Spare
Moment."
Here's its
Initiation
time.





#3 Winlass & Guntery School





#3 Wireless & Gunnery School

Winnipeg, Manitoba



Sgt.
Air
Gunner
R.C.A.



Sgt. Gladish
"Royal Canadian
Air Force"
Best of Luck
"Map"

★
"A
Loyal
English
Bloke" ★

Winnipeg, Manitoba



"Going
back
to
United
States"



"Foolosophy"

Winnipeg,
Manitoba
Canada.

*"On to
Winnipeg."*



*Swell
non-
coms*

*"have it
to"*



*A potential
"Gentleman."*



*"Lad
from
Windsor
Ontario"*



*"California here
we come."*

*★
"Special Delivery
from
Canadian"*

*"A potent
Gentleman."*



*"Lad
from
Windsor
Ontario"*



*"California he
will come."*

*★
"Special Delivery
from
Royal Canadian
Force"*



"Canadian Islander"





" Flying is Great "

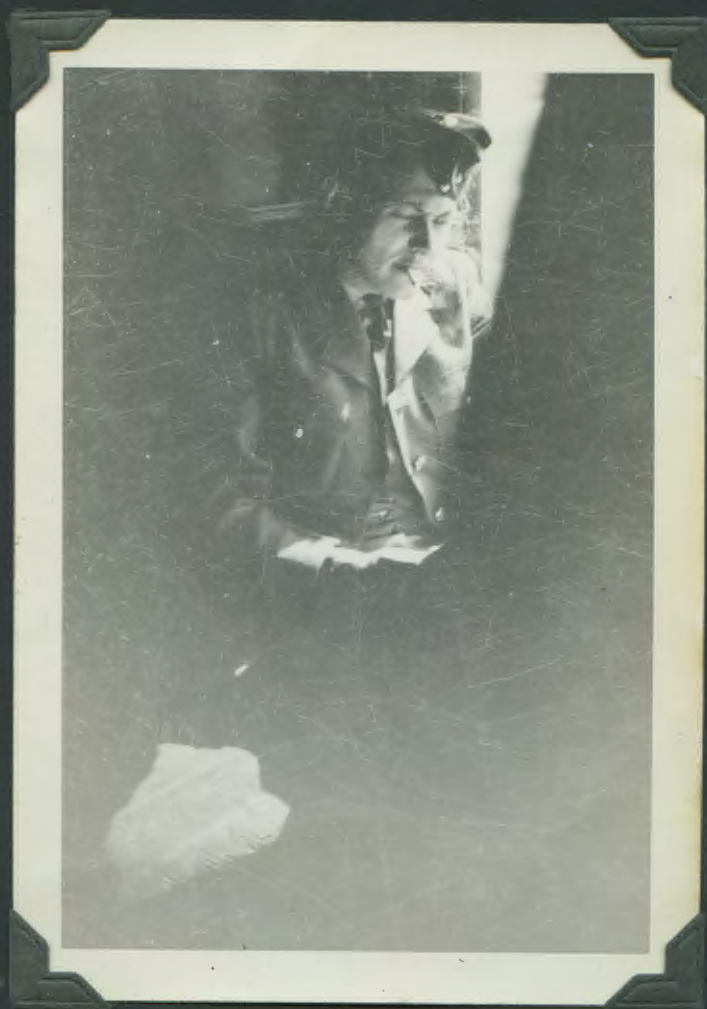


★ "Hunting ferries" ★



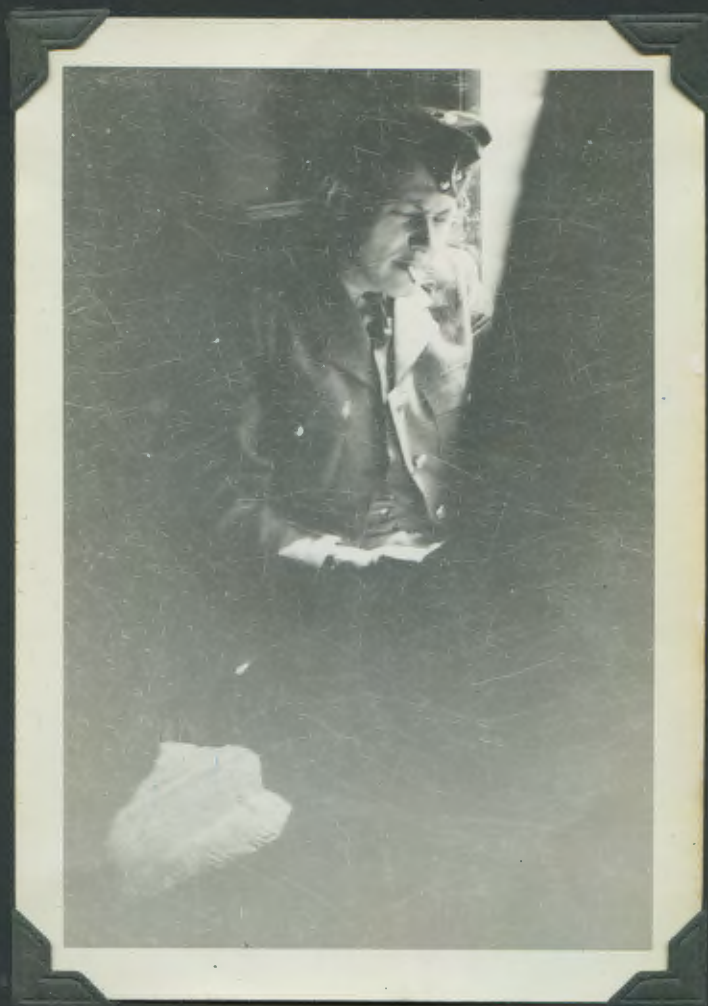
Horseshoe Falls, Canada

Gentlemen, by an act of King George I



"What time is it?"

Gentlemen, by an act of King George.

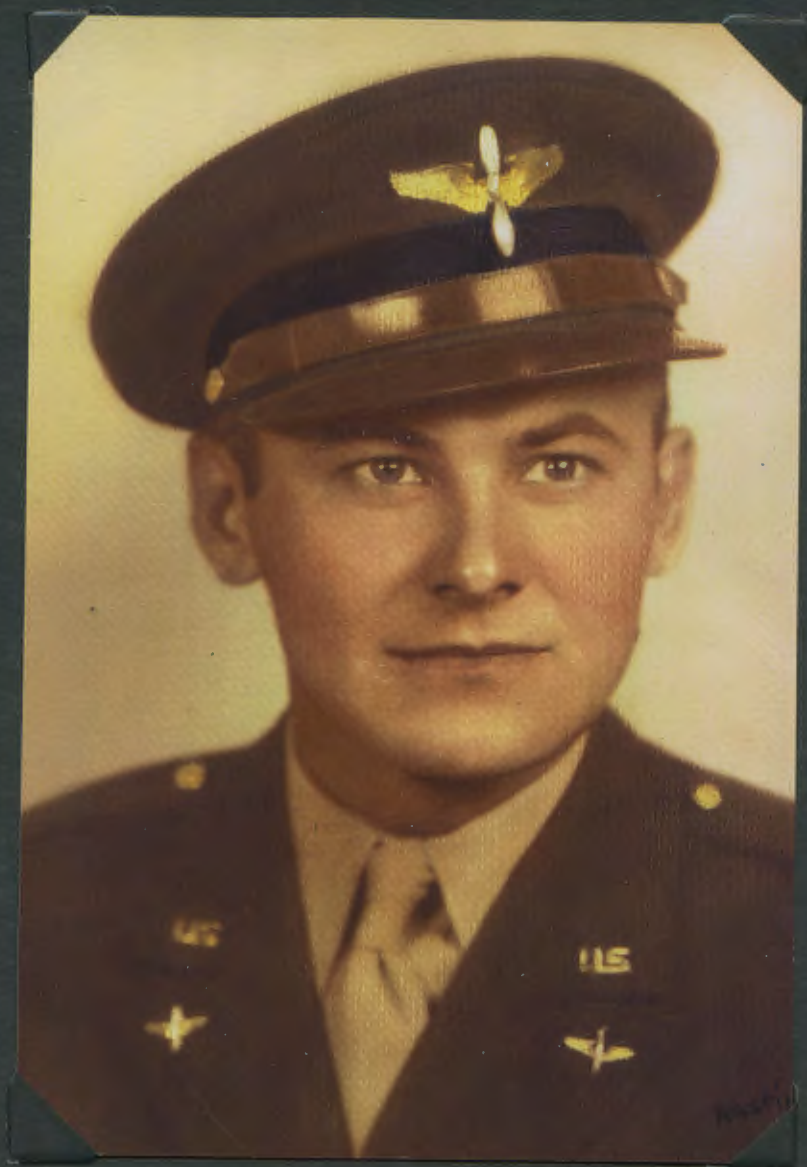


"What time is it?"





Amintore



9 11 13
HOT
PILOT!



"I'll get
there,
n"



"No more dog
fights 'till Toki

"What -
another
Army
check?"



LE'S GO!



"Personal
Inspection."
I hope I
get it





MICHAEL'S
BED

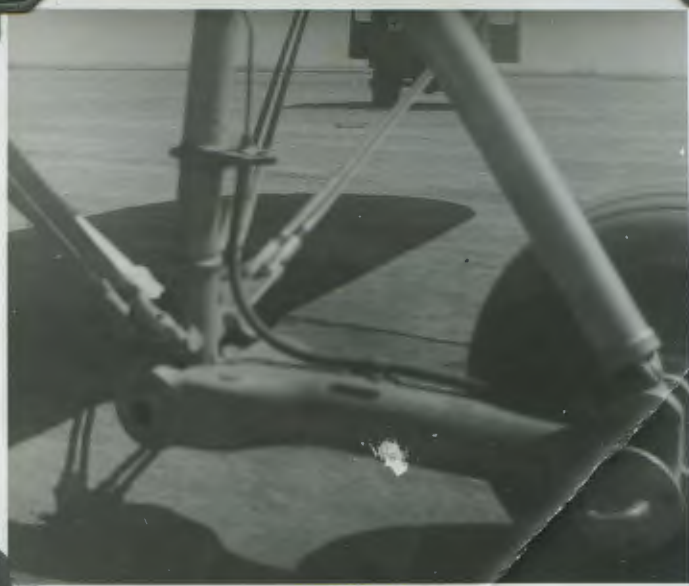
A—
Spare...
Moment!



King City,
California
July - 1942



"Kites"
"FLIGHT LINE"
Ryan's P.F. 2



California
is
Grand!
Riverside
California



In
"Sandy"
★
Santa Ana,
California
1942

"MASS PARADE" AVIATION CADETS

Pilots?
Well?
★





"Home was
never like this"



Sgt. 6
H. Hooker

"Chain Gang at Work"

"Some
got out,
and
some aint."

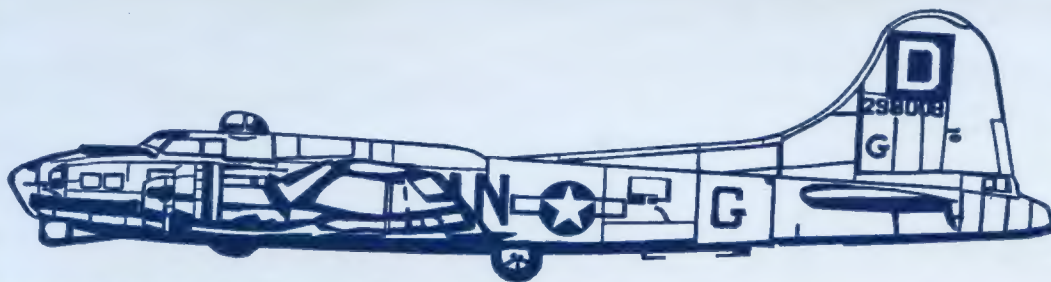
A.C.A.F.



"I'm from
Kentucky"

"Holbrook"





THE PICTURES, LAYOUT, COMMENTS ARE
THE WORK OF SGT. GAREMKO HIMSELF
UP TO THIS POINT. FROM HERE ON,
HIS SON, MICHAEL, JR. HAS TRIED TO
COMPLETE THIS KEEPSAKE IN HIS HONOR
AFTER HIS DEATH, IN THE SPRING OF 2002.
I VISITED THORPE ABBOTTS & DISS THAT
SUMMER AND I FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT
TO PUT A TRIBUTE TO HIS SERVICE
TOGETHER FOR FAMILY HISTORY. I HOPE
I HAVE CAPTURED HIS CREATIVITY & STYLE.
I REGRET THAT THE RCAF PICTURES THAT ARE
MISSING WERE LOST WHEN I FOUND THIS
ALBUM. THIS WAS COMPLETED IN 2003.

ALL DRESSED UP
NOWHERE TO GO



SEPTEMBER 1944
CREW of Heaven's
AWARDED 1st AIR MED
TOP: HERRON, CIOFFI, S
& GARENKO
FRONT: KLECKER, SCHM
FRATUS, ANDERSON

Nose Art
Painted by
T/SGT Mike
Garenko



Foggia Italy 9/44
Operation Frantic



FROM THE LEFT:
GAREMKO, SMILEY
FRATUS, HERRON
CIOFFI, & JERELL

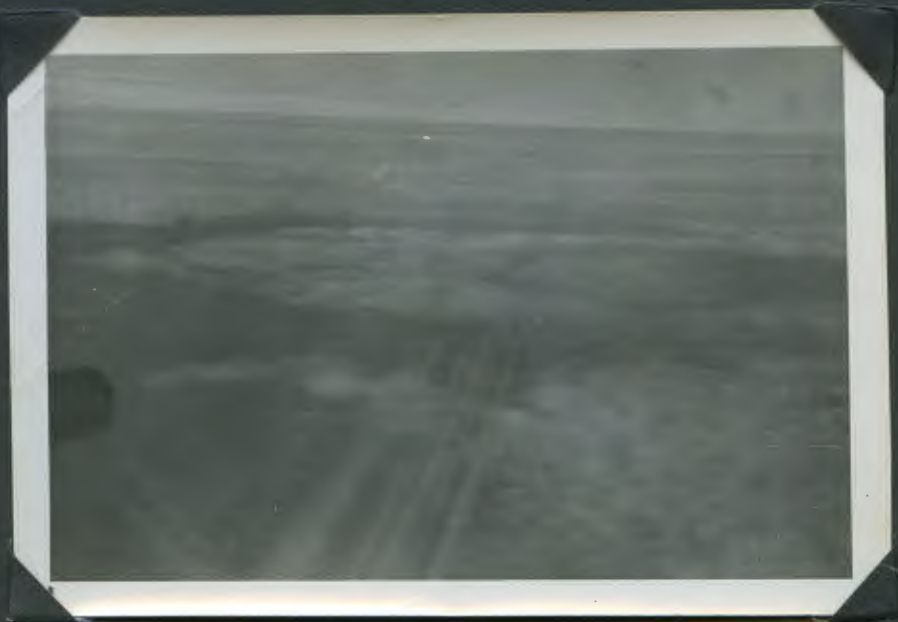
"Heaven Sent"

STANDING: HERRON, SMILEY, KIECKER
& JERELL
FRONT: GAREMKO, ANDERSON
FRATUS, CIOFFI, SCHMIDT
ON THE PSP @ FOGGIA



ITALIAN ON WAY
TO MARKET





BLOODY 100
on the way to w

FLYING TO RUSSIA
"OPERATION FRANK"



OVER THE CLOUDS ABOVE
BILL FRANK & MIKE
GAREMKO SPEAKING
RUSSIAN TO A RED
SOLDIER IN MIROGROD
SMILEY REPORTED GAREMKO
WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN A
BOTTLE OF VODKA.



MIROGROD:
DOWNED

III-222



HUNDRETH MAKES
ANOTHER DELIVERY
TO HERR HITLER
"OVER THE TARGET..."



FIGHTERS AT
12 O'CLOCK



SMILEY, AUSTIN, HERRON
CIOFFI

"Let's keep our
eyes open stay
alert!!"





AUSTIN
WAIST
GUNNER



Mike Gavemko
FLIGHT ENGINEER
& TOP TURRET
GUNNER
AT HARDSTAND 3

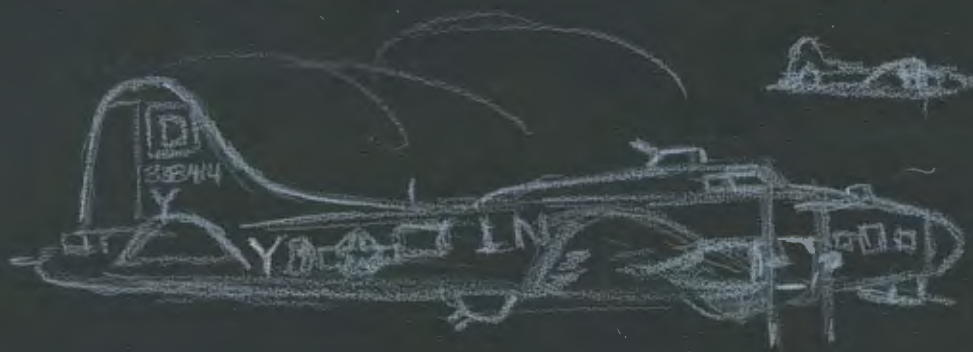
THORPE
ABBOT



MESS HALL ITALY
SEPTEMBER 1944



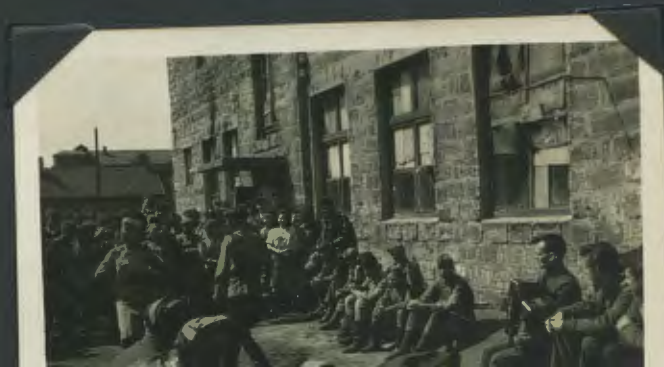
"ROAD TO TOWN
IN FOGGIA, ITALY"



GUARD TOWER, Well

RUSSIA

SEPTEMBER 18, 1944



CELEBRATING E



ANGELO COFFI, MIKE
GARENKO
& GREAT TUPPIES
DISS, ENGLAND

Wartime Buckingham
Palace
1944



"TIGHTEN
UP, KEEP
IT CLOSE"



LN

350th AC
ABOVE THE CLOUDS

"CLIMBING FOR
ALTITUDE"





TO

Bloody
Hundred

COMES HOME TO

THORPE ABBEY



"THE OFFICE NEXT DOOR"



NOSE ART CLOSE-UP BY GAREMKO

"Heaven Sent"



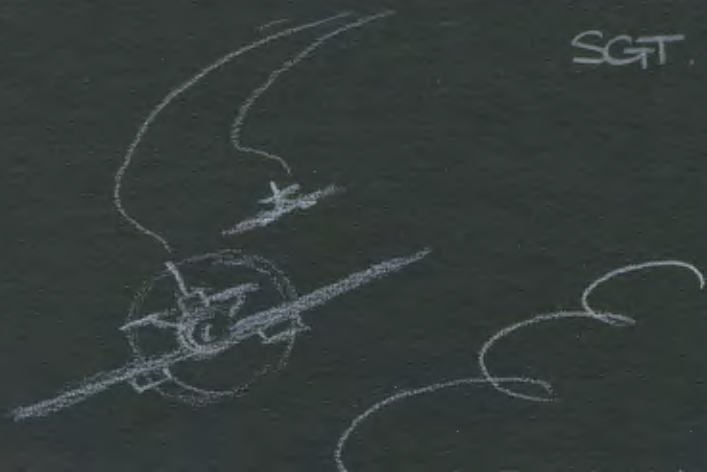


FLAK OVER MERSBERG, THE 100th READIES
THE DELIVERY...

GROUND CREW
KEPT "HEAVEN
SENT" IN
READY STATUS



SGT. BRENDALL FROM CALIF.



Heaven Sent

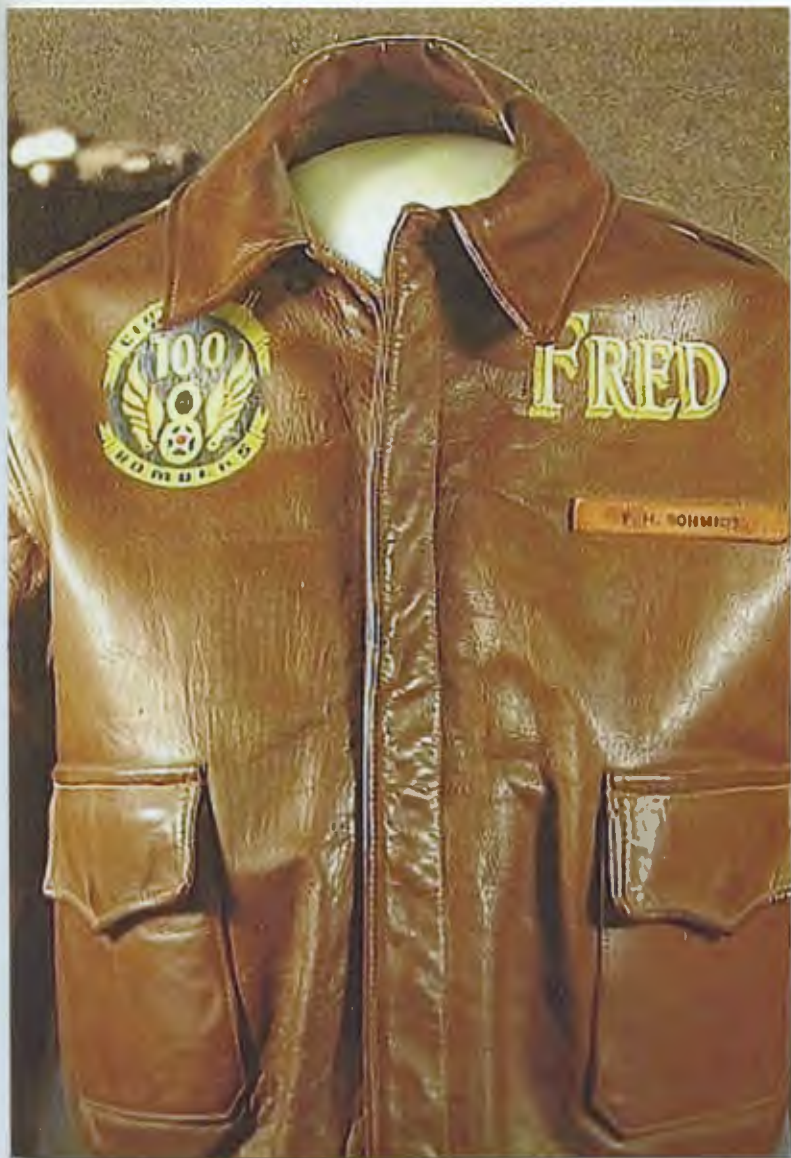
LN Y Serial Number 338414

Assigned to the 350th Sqdn. 100th Bomb Group

Initially flown in combat by 1st Lt. Thomas I. Anderson and his crew. T/Sergeant, Michael A. Garemko, the Flight Engineer, and Top Turret Gunner painted the nose art on the aircraft and the crew flight jackets. The Anderson crew flew this airplane on the last "Operation Frantic" Shuttle Mission to drop supplies to the Warsaw Partisans, and then on to Mirograd Russia. The flight was 11 hours and 20 minutes in duration and they encountered heavy Flak at 10,000 ft. over Warsaw and a challenge by FW190 German fighters. The next day they went on to bomb a railroad bridge in Solznok Hungary and then flew on to Foggia Italy. After taking in the local sights in Italy they returned to their home base, Thorpe Abbots, near Diss, in East Anglia. The Anderson crew was fortunate to complete 34 combat missions without serious incident. They missed the 9/11/44 mission when all 13 aircraft of the 350th Sqdn. were wiped out because their Bombardier, Lt. Fred Schmidt, took ill and could not fly. Heaven Sent went on to be flown by several other crews finishing the war intact and was returned to the US where salvage workers did what the Luftwaffe could not accomplish, the aircraft was scrapped in Arizona.



FRED SCHMIDT
HAS DONATED HIS
A-2 JACKET TO THE
8th AF MUSEUM IN
SAVANNAH, GA. WHERE
IT IS ON DISPLAY





World's
Best Thing I like to do

Surfing!

Sept. 23, 1942

