

My father, Emil Thomas Petersen, radio operator, is farthest left in the front row. He missed the mission where this plane was lost ( along with all crew members) as he was ill. He was then transferred to the Texas Mauler B-17

Rear L-R William Borman, Lt Richard Ralls, Alfred Salsgiver, Lynnford Smith, LT Gay Rieder, LT Bert Brooks

Front L-R T/Sgt Emil Petersen, John Heller, LT Irwin Williams, Lester Mann



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### **William Borman**

MILITARY | STAFF SERGEANT | LEFT WAIST GUNNER, WAIST GUNNER | 94TH BOMB GROUP

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## **Hugh Hardgrove**

MILITARY | FLIGHT OFFICER | CO-PILOT | 94TH BOMB GROUP

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## **Theodore Hathaway**

MILITARY | SECOND LIEUTENANT | BOMBARDIER | 94TH BOMB GROUP

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## **Lester Mann**

MILITARY | TECHNICAL SERGEANT | TOP TURRET GUNNER | 94TH BOMB GROUP

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## **Francis Markwell**

MILITARY | STAFF SERGEANT | RADIO OPERATOR, RADIO OPERATOR GUNNER | 94TH BOMB GROUP

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## **Richard Ralls**

MILITARY | LIEUTENANT | PILOT | 94TH BOMB GROUP

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## **Alfred Salsgiver**

MILITARY | STAFF SERGEANT | TAIL GUNNER | 94TH BOMB GROUP

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## **John Smith**

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MILITARY | SERGEANT | RIGHT WAIST GUNNER, WAIST GUNNER | 94TH BOMB GROUP

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### **Lynnford Smith**

MILITARY | STAFF SERGEANT | BALL TURRET GUNNER | 94TH BOMB GROUP

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### **John Thompson**

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MILITARY | SECOND LIEUTENANT | NAVIGATOR | 94TH BOMB GROUP  
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Prisoner of War (POW). POW

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## Places

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### Bury St Edmunds

MILITARY SITE : AIRFIELD

The airfield was purpose-built for American bomb groups and as such had a 2,000 yard main runway that lain in concrete with a tarred and wood-chipped surface. The scale of bases such as this meant that very often the technical, administrative and...

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