

395th BOMB SQUADRON, 40th BOMB GROUP

From, 1944 to October 20, 1944

(By George Lowry; March 1985)

The 395th Squadron listed below was not the same as that which returned with the 40th Bomb Group from Caribbean Anti-Sub Patrol Duty in June 1943 to become Pioneers in development of the B-29 Program. Those earlier members, along with members of the 25th Bomb Squadron, were transferred to Victoria, KS from Pratt, KS to form half of the new 462nd Bomb Group of the new 58th Bomb Wing, XX-Bomber Command, 20th Air Corps. New personnel were assigned from a big pool of B-29 crew applicants who came from old combat units in the Pacific and Europe, Training Command, Aviation Flight Schools, and other U.S. Army Air Corps outfits during the summer/fall of 1943. They were selected!

Crew # & Plane #	Aircraft Commander	Comments:
1.	Col Walter Lucas;	Crew broken up when Squadron was deactivated Oct 1944 in India 303 - TYPHOON McGOON (lost: Ball bailout over HUMP 11-21-44)
2.	Maj Edwin Glass;	Crashed on HUMP near Likiang with all crew in #240 MIA 306 - PAMPERED LADY (Flown to USA by ATC as War Weary)
3.	Maj Alex Zamry;	Ditched in Bay Bengal 6-05-44 return from 1st Bangkok Msn two drowned; one mentally afflicted & discharged & one hospitalized over year. 304 (No Name)-Zamry flew it to CBI & lost life in ditching
4.	Maj Perier (Chick) Koenig;	Flew eight missions & returned to USA as combat instruct <u>276-OLD CRACKER KEG</u> (Bail out over HUMP;12--19-44 by Air Raid)
5.	Maj John Keller AC & ten of crew killed on 1st Bangkok msn take-off except CP 318 (No Name) (Other planes had to take-off thru his smoking debris)	
6.	Capt Richard McGlinn;	Plane damaged on 1st YAWATA daylite raid 8-20-44 & bailed out NW Vladivostok, Russia. & interned as "Guests" & all II returned to US 291 (No Name) McGlinn flew to CBI but crashed by Hills crew 7-26-44 on fire in India. (McGlinn crew bailed out of #829 - CAIT PAOMAT II)
7.	Capt John Nelson Sanders;	Ditcled near Chittagong, Burma on 1st Bangkok msn. 282 (No Name) on 6-5-44. Three crewmen drowned
8.	Capt Chester Woolsey;	Crew flew by ATC to CBI. Bailed out #466 China 12-19-44 "Red" & crew transferred into 45th with some injured in base accidents
9.	Capt Ernest Turner;	Bailed out near Hsinching, China. Two killed in plane crash in 342 - SISTER SUE 10-16-44. Transferred into 25 th . Stayed in 40 th . later in USA
10.	Capt George Varoff Crew flew to CBI by ATC. Crew bailed out after plane damaged over Mukden msn of 12/7/44. All 11 men rescued by Mao Tse Tung Communists. 363 - MARIETTA MISFIT: and all returned to USA early in Feb 1945	
11.	Capt Keith Lindley;	Forced landing in Cairo, Egypt dust storm & crew transferred to CP Lt. Walter Ball. He/crew bailed out at night over HUMP near Yunnanyi 7-30-44 240 - HAP'S HOPE. Was only used as tanker & cargo
12.	Capt William A Howard;	Completed 11 missions & returned USA to instruct B-29s Had spectacular landing at A-1 avoiding tower & planes/people on ground
13.	Capt William Schaal;	Flew ATC to CBI; Bailout over HUMP in #425 "B" SWEET" 8-19-44 with all 13 rescued by natives (Lolo Tribe)
14.	1/Lt Alvin Hills;	Crew flown to CBI by ATC. Nine of crew killed in #291 India crash after takeoff on 1st Anshan, China mission. Four rescued. Two engines out & on fire.
15.	1/Lt George Lowry;	Crew flown to CBI by ATC. Only 395` Crew to complete 35 combat missions from CBI and Tinian; no accidents one wounded. All returned USA