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Joseph Roberge reunites with B-17 crewmate Richard Carrigg after 70 years

By Cathy Meinhold - News Writer, The Tide Of Moriches

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Nearly 70 years have passed since Joe Roberge and Richard Carrigg flew their last mission together over Germany as members of a B-17 bomber crew at the height of World War II, but for the two men, the memories are as fresh as ever. Roberge recently made his way to Buffalo for a reunion with Carrigg, the only other living member of that crew.

Roberge, of Moriches, will celebrate his 90th birthday on September 1. Richard Carrigg just celebrated his 91st. The two met when they were assigned to the 398th Bomb Group in January of 1944. They along with the rest of their crew trained together at Rapid City, South Dakota for four months and made the journey to England the week after Easter, 1944. "We flew to Newfoundland, and flew across the northern Atlantic at night in individual ships," said Roberge, who remembers every detail and date of this time in the Army Air Corps. "We arrived in Ireland, and I was ready to surrender to the Germans, because I can't take Irish food," he joked.

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Pictured above; Joeseph Roberge and Richard Carrigg of the 601st Squadron's Darner Crew

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"We didn't realize at the time that we were the last complete group of B-17s leaving the United States as a unit. Everything else was replacements," he said. "And we joined the first combat wing of the 1st Division. In those days each wing had three groups, but the first combat wing only had two groups, so we made the third group. There were five wings in the 8th Air Force, each wing with three groups, so we had 45 groups of 400 aircraft." Roberge and the others in his unit ended up flying as many as six missions in seven days, far exceeding the average. "The schedule was grueling, but it made the time overseas shorter," he said. "I started on the 7th of May and finished on the 5th of August; in 91 days I flew 32 missions," said Roberge. "Most people take six months or more to fly 32 missions."

On the B-17 bomber, Roberge was the navigator, and Carrigg was the engineer and top turret gunner. "Real Irishman from way back when, that was the only thing I held against him," joked Roberge. "Awfully nice, and very hard working- he saved our lives." There were many near misses the crew dealt with in combat situations.

Almost fifteen years ago, Roberge remarried, to his second Dorothy. "I've been very lucky to be loved and accepted into this family," said Dorothy Roberge. Her husband jokingly calls her "D3," since his granddaughter is also named Dorothy.

Several years ago, Dorothy answered the phone to find Richard Carrigg on the other end of the line; he'd been looking for Roberge for a long time.

Roberge and Carrigg corresponded and spoke on the phone, but phones are difficult for Roberge with his hearing issues. So when Carrigg said "why don't you come for a visit?" Roberge was ready to go. Roberge's two sons-in-law accompanied him on the trip, where the old friends spent a day and a half reminiscing.

"The sons-in-law were amazed that all our stories matched, to a Tee!" said Roberge proudly. "Rick said the same thinghe hasn't forgotten it, you can't forget it. I guess because we were so young, there was nothing in our minds, so we retained everything."

As Roberge said, it was a unique experience. "In the morning, to see the line of aircraft out in front of you and behind you, it was amazing; there would be a minimum of a thousand aircraft a day," he said. "There was nothing like the 8th Air Force- there never will be anything like the 8th Air Force.

Army Second Lieutenant Jospeh Roberge is nearly 90 years old. He flew 32 bombing missions over Germany in a B-17 in very difficult conditions, saw many young men killed and wounded, lost his first wife to a terrible disease and his Air Force pilot son to a tragic accident. What did he take from his experience in WWII?

"Every day is a great day," he said of his life attitude. "I don't care what the weather, I don't care. Every day is a great day."



Darner's Crew - 601st Squadron - 1944

Standing Back Row, Left to Right: S/Sgt. Ambrose Gerstner, Ball Turret Gunner and S/Sgt. Clyde D. Burton, Waist Gunner.

Front Row, Left to Right: S/Sgt. Ray L. Smith, Tail Gunner; 2nd Lt. Joseph Roberge, Navigator; T/Sgt. Robert E. Doran, Radio Op; 1st Lt. Leroy Darner, Pilot; 2nd Lt. Harold Reeves, Bombardier; T/Sgt. Richard F. Carrigg, Engineer/Top Turret Gunner; 2nd Lt. Richard Adler, Co-Pilot.

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B-17 gunner 'lucky' to escape harm in 32 missions

By Lou Michel, News Staff Reporter

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After graduating from Canisius High School in 1941, Richard F. Carrigg went against his parents' wishes that he enroll in college, instead, he went to work for what was supposed to be a year before continuing his education.

He found employment at the Curtiss Wright airplane factory off Geness Street in Cheektowaga, where the P-40 Warhawk fighter plane was produced. On Dec. 8, 1941, one day after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Carrigg showed up for work and realized just how serious the situation was.

"We had a tunnel entrance to the factory and as I entered it, I looked up and there was a soldier with sand bags and a .30-caliber machine gun. I said, 'Oh boy' to myself," recalled the 91-year-old World War II veteran.

Building airplanes, he said, inspired the direction he would take in the war effort.

"I knew what I wanted to do when I was drafted. I went to the old post office in downtown and signed up for the Army Air Corps."

The soldier manning the .30-caliber machine gun had appeared imposing to young Carrigg, but a year later at 19, he was airborne in a B-17 G model serving as both the engineer and the top turret gunner with two .50-caliber machine guns at his command.

"The .50-caliber was a deadly weapon and I had two of them. I flew 32 missions and saw a lot of combat. I was given credit for shooting down a German ME-109 fighter plane," Carrigg said.

His first mission was on May 3, 1944.

"We went on a bombing run to Berlin and let me tell you, that was a way to break you in," he said. "Berlin was protected by some 1,500 anti-aircraft guns."

After his seventh mission, he remembers settling into his bunk in a Quonset hut back in England, listening to a trumpet player's melodic notes coming over the radio when several fellow gunners charged into the hut blaring discontent.

"I said, 'What's wrong?' and they said, 'Go see the notice on the bulletin board. See what's waiting for you.' So I went out and there was a notice from Gen. (James 'Jimmy') Doolittle saying, 'Attention all flying personnel of the 398th Bomb Group, you will now fly 25 additional missions to the ones you have flown.' I had seven missions in on my original 25, and now I had to start from scratch."

The justification behind the increase, Carrigg said, was that P-51 Mustang fighter planes had been introduced to the European Theater and had the capability of accompanying bombers going to and from their distant targets.

"Doolittle felt that since we were now getting better protection he could up the ante," Carrigg said. Doubling as the engineer, it was Carrigg's job to make sure the mechanics of the plane functioned. If the bomb bay doors refused to close, which happened three times on his flights, he had to crank them shut by hand.

"The pilot would be screaming at me, 'Get those damn doors closed.' They would be a big drag on the plane and we would be falling out of formation.

Other times when an engine was shot up or busted on its own, he transferred fuel intended for that engine to the plane's three other engines, making sure the shift in weight from the fuel did not cause an imbalance.

"I'd have to set up a special fuel transfer pump to feed the other tank engines," he said.

But it was up in his turret, a bubble of plastic on top of the plane, where Carrigg carried out some of this most crucial duties, shooting at German fighter planes looking to knock out the Flying Fortresses and their payloads of bombs as they flew in formation to and from their strategic targets.

In recalling the ME-109 he shot down, Carrigg said, "An alert came over the radio, 'Bandits in the area.' I swiveled the turret around and spotted the fighters maybe a mile away. They started to move ahead of us. Of course they were faster than we were. They did a pursuit curve and tried to strafe our squadron."

Carrigg set his sights on one of the fighters that was up higher than the others, having procured a dangerous perch from which to pick off B-17s.

"I could see the flashes coming from his wings where his guns were mounted. He was coming in at about 10 o'clock and our plane was on the outside of the formation. I had a clean crack at him. He's firing and I'm firing. But with the .50-calibers, you could only do short bursts before the plane's instrument panel started vibrating. The pilot shouted to me, 'Short bursts.'

I had him right in my sights and with a short burst, the next thing you know, there's a big cloud of black smoke and the fighter just went nose down. Our pilot screamed out, 'You got 'em!' It happened on our way home from a bombing run above Munich."

Carrigg succeeded in escaping injuries during his 32 missions. His entire 10-member crew was fortunate, except for the bombardier, who suffered minor flak wounds once.

"When I think about it, bombing oil refineries in Hamburg... going to Berlin, I don't know how we got through it. The flak was so damn thick, how we didn't get shot down, it's just a miracle. We were lucky, very lucky."

Back home, his good fortune continued. He married the girl he left behind, the former Betty McCabe, and raised a family of three daughters. He found work in the auto industry and retired in 1982 as the chief engineer at the Ford Stamping Plant's powerhouse.

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NEW! An Interactive Archive for the Air War On October 1st 2014, IWM Duxford launched a new crowd-sourcing website for the American Air Museum (<u>www.americanairmuseum.com</u>)

Jenny Cousins, Project Leader, American Air Museum

The American Air Museum website is an online record of the memories and stories of the men and women of the US Army Air Forces (USAAF) who found themselves serving their country from the UK during the Second World War. It also records the memories of the British people who met and befriended them.

We're collecting photographs, memories and information about the American airmen and women and we need help to grow this digital resource. At the heart of the site is a sophisticated searchable and editable database, which allows the website to link each photograph to the serving unit, person, aircraft, mission or place it represents.

There are already lots of pictures on the website, because we have digitized the Roger Freeman Collection, a compilation of approximately 15,000 prints and slides assembled by the late historian Roger Freeman, a respected figure who will be familiar to many of you. The photos depict the different roles undertaken by American servicemen and women and also off-duty leisure time, the aircraft, missions, events and local communities.

The website also hosts 225,000 names and biographies from

the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force in Savannah, Georgia, USA, alongside fascinating material from museums and individuals in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Perhaps you recognize the people or the place in one of the photographs. You might be a keen researcher of Second World War history and have some facts and figures to contribute.

We hope that people will add their own pictures and tell us their stories. We would love American veterans and their families to upload their photographs and stories.

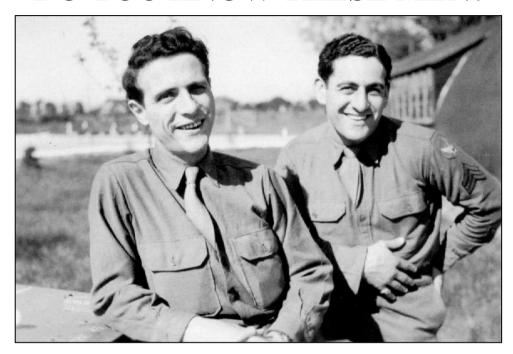
The site presents an opportunity to capture the experiences of the Second World War generation and build inspirational veterans' stories into a unified resource for future generations to appreciate. The website content will inform the new exhibition we are creating for the American Air Museum to open in 2016. Your information might provide the vital link in a remarkable story.

The American Air Museum website has been made possible through the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and through the donations made by the public in the US and the UK.

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In the never ending pursuit of crew identification we present...

DO YOU KNOW THESE MEN?



M/Sgt. Edward D. Pennylegion, 398th Group Sergeant Major, is on the left in this photo... but who is the man on the right?

Photo courtesy of Clayton Pennylegion, son of Edward. Clayton would love to know who that man is posing with his Dad and is asking our membership for help.

Do you recognize the unknown man? Please contact Geoff Rice!

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"Crates of Thunder"

By Allen Ostrom

The original play, "Crates of Thunder," was designed especially for the seventh grade Humanities Class at Seattle's Northwest School.

To the "real" 8th Air Force veterans who were invited guests, it was a classic reminder of those days in England in World War II. Only this time it was the "kids" who touched all the bases as they played the roles of the day, from the B-17 airmen, those who built them, the local villagers, the communities of the people from disparate cultures from both sides of the Atlantic... plus the appropriate music as offered by the class members.

"Crates of Thunder" was presented last summer in England by the same class members, all of whom paid their own way on the tour. Presentations were offered in Cambridge, Duxford and London, plus a special show at the Woodman Inn at Nuthampstead.

At least some of the players will move on to Aviation High, a new high school near to the old B-17 plant in Seattle and across the highway from the Museum of Flight.

The B-17 lives on.

Photo of Allen with the "Crates Of Thunder" cast on Page 12

Marilyn Gibb-Rice enjoyed "Crates of Thunder" play...

"They were a great group of kids and they tailored their performance to the place where they were performing. They used names of our planes and other information about Nuthampstead when they performed there last July. They got to see our Nuthampstead Air Field Museum too. One of the teachers knew the Ike Alhadeff (600th SQ Pilot) family. We had the opportunity to see and enjoy their play at Duxford as well as when they performed at the Woodman Inn."

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"Crates of Thunder"

The seventh grade humanities class of Seattle's Northwest School poses with the writer and director of the 8th Air Force play, Laura Ferri and two 8th veterans, J.W. Roundhill of the 379th BG and Allen Ostrom of the 398th. The two were invited guests at the Seattle performance. They and others had been previously interviewed by the class members in preparation for their parts in the original play.

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