

398th Bomb Group – Christmas 1944 Menu

As follows are scans and a transcription of the 398th Bomb Group's Christmas 1944 Menu that took place at Nuthampstead, England. The 398th was a B-17 Bomb Group that was part of the 8th Air Force 1st Air Division during WWII and was one of many B-17 Bomb Groups stationed in England.

Color scans of the Christmas 1944 Menu are provided first and the transcription follows. The color scans are interesting to see just as they were printed long ago.

The transcription is particularly helpful in clarifying words that are hard to read from the scanned menu and also in providing electronic text that is searchable via the World Wide Web. Because of the numerous men's names mentioned and their role at the time, it is hoped that provision of a searchable document will be helpful to families and relatives in the identification of their loved ones as members of the 398th in 1944 and 1945.

We thank Lynn Julius, daughter of Corbett H. Julius, Engine Mechanic with the 398th, 600 Squadron who found the 398th Bomb Group's Christmas 1944 Menu in her dad's papers and provided us an excellent scan for the 398th website.

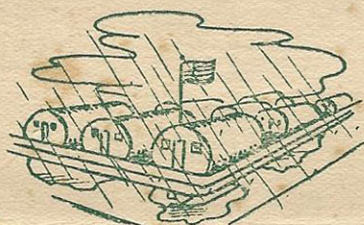
We also thank Ruthanna Doerstler, widow of 398th veteran Wayne Doerstler, 602nd Engineer for her careful transcription of the 398th Bomb Group's Christmas 1944 Menu.

Dave Jordan
398th Webmaster
February 2010

CHRISTMAS -MENU-

398 BOMBARDMENT GP (H)
APO 557

600th



601st

325 S.C.

1226 QM.

-OUT WITH THE NEW!

860 CHEM.



1142 M.P.

-IN WITH THE OLD!

602nd

206 FIN.

478 S.D.

1449 ORD.

244 MED.

603rd

Merry Christmas 1944

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Merry Christmas



The Men who Work

Station Commander
Colonel FRANK P. HUNTER, Jr.

600 Bombardment Squadron	..	Major Wm. C. Markley
601 Bombardment Squadron	..	Major Tracy J. Petersen
602 Bombardment Squadron	..	Major Peter J. Rooney
603 Bombardment Squadron	..	Major Jean B. Miller, Jr.
325 Station Complement Squadron	..	Major Heyward M. Braddock
478 Sub Depot	..	Major Floyd R. Clafford
244 Medical Dispensary	..	Major James G. Martindale
18 Weather Squadron Detachment	..	Capt. John R. Berger
1226 Quartermaster Company	..	Capt. David I. Kaminsky
1449 Ordnance	..	Capt. John D. Varn
860 Chemical Company	..	Capt. John C. Wygant
2015 Engineers F/F	..	Capt. Michael J. Embreus, Acting Commander
1142 Military Police Co.	..	1st Lt. Frank S. Guiner
206 Finance Section	..	1st Lt. Nathan Turen

The above Commanding Officers and their respective units heartily commend the following mess personnel for a good job well done.

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Sgt. Albert Leone	Sgt. Albert Pichette
Sgt. John Valente	Sgt. John Dunham
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Cpl. Robert Clark	Cpl. Theodore Stamutelos
Cpl. Anthony Gomez	Cpl. Lupe Figueroa
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Christmas Menu, 25th December, 1944

Tomato Juice

Turkey Broth

•
Roast Young Turkey
Sage & Celery Dressing
Giblet Gravy
Cranberry Sauce

Whipped Potatoes

Buttered Asparagus

•
Mixed Salad

Oranges

Apples

•
Pumpkin Pie

•
Hard Candy

Hot Rolls

Jam
Coffee

Butter

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~ MENU ~

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SAGE & CELERY DRESSING
GIBLET GRAVY
CRANBERRY SAUCE

WHIPPED POTATOES
BUTTERED ASPARAGUS

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