

CHAPTER 12 – GIBBY COMES HOME

POSTSCRIPT

Ten young men perished on December 1, 1943. Eight sets of remains were recovered. Five of these eight sets of remains were linked directly to the crew of the Apocalypse lost that day.



Pilot, John E. McLaughlin was interred at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas, on July 8, 2024.



MC KOWN ELDEN L . . . CAPT . . . 31 INF REGT . . . CALIFORNIA
MC LAUGHLIN JOHN E JR . . . 2 LT . . . 436 BOMB SQ 7 BOMB GP(H) . . . MICH
MC LAUGHLIN EMORY W . . . PFC . . . 31 INF REGT . . . WEST VIRGINIA
MC LAUGHLIN JOSEPH R . . . CAPT . . . 31 INF REGT . . . CALIFORNIA



Bombardier, Gilbert A. Rauh will be interred at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, NY



RATON FRANCISCO . . . CPL . . . 57 INF REGT (PS) . . . PHILIPPINES
RATTNER SIDNEY M . . . PVT . . . 192 TANK BN . . . TEXAS
RAUCH RUSSELL L . . . 1 LT . . . 491 BOMB SQ 341 BOMB GP(M) . . . OHIO
RAUH GILBERT A . . . 2 LT . . . 436 BOMB SQ 7 BOMB GP(H) . . . NEW YORK
RAUH THEODORE A . . . 1 LT . . . 394 BOMB SQ 5 BOMB GP(H) . . . MASS
RAUHAUSER GLENN M . . . CPL . . . 60 CA REGT . . . WASHINGTON
RAUSA ROBERTO . . . PVT . . . 57 INF REGT (PS) . . . PHILIPPINES
RAVELO JUAN . . . PFC . . . 12 SIG CO (PS) . . . PHILIPPINES
RAY JUAN PEDRO . . . PVT . . . 14 ENGR REGT (PS) . . . PHILIPPINES
RAWLEY JAMES X . . . 2 LT . . . 372 BOMB SQ 307 BOMB GP(H) . . . MICHIGAN
RAWSON WENDELL P . . . 2 LT . . . 321 BOMB SQ 90 BOMB GP(H) . . . MINN
RAY CLAUDE A . . . S SGT . . . 320 BOMB SQ 90 BOMB GP(H) . . . KANSAS



Gunner



PUTT JOHN C . . . SGT . . . 126 INF 32 DIV . . . MICHIGAN
PYKA JAMES M . . . 1LT O . . . 2 WEATHER RCN SQ . . . TEXAS
PYLE EDWARD K . . . S SGT . . . 436 BOMB SQ 7 BOMB GP(H) . . . OHIO
PYRON ALBERT J . . . CPL . . . 320 BOMB SQ 90 BOMB GP(H) . . . D C
QUAAL ORTIS L . . . T SGT . . . HQ SQ V BOMB COMD . . . SOUTH DAKOTA



Radio Operator, Harold I. Seifreid will be interred at Marana, Arizona



SEIFF HARRY M . . . PFC . . . 20 PUR SQ 24 PUR GP . . . CALIFORNIA
SEIFREID HAROLD L . . . T SGT . . . 436 BOMB SQ 7 BOMB GP(H) . . . PA
SEIFER FREDERICK A . . . 1 LT . . . 490 BOMB SQ 341 BOMB GP(M) . . . ILLINOIS



Gunner, Frank J. Tedone was interred At Arlington National Cemetery, July 2024



PYKA JAMES M . . . FLT O . . . 2 WEATHER RCN SQ . . . TEXAS
PYLE EDWARD K . . . S SGT . . . 436 BOMB SQ 7 BOMB GP(H) . . . OHIO
PYRON ALBERT J . . . CPL . . . 320 BOMB SQ 90 BOMB GP(H) . . . D C

Complicating further identifications, Charles W. Morley, Roman J. Ropinski, and Elden W. Watts do not have any DNA references and Claude E. Nixon does not have any maternal DNA references available for comparison. There was no reference at all to Pershing Bowes in the Discovery Debriefing DNA Analysis.

Of the remaining five, three have been recovered but not identified. Their identities are only known to God. Two sets were never recovered and remain missing. Again, only God knows which two and where they lay.



Elden W. Watts
Co-Pilot



Roman J. Ropinski
Engineer



Claude E. Nixon
Gunner



Pershing E. Bowes
Navigator



Charles W. Morley
Gunner