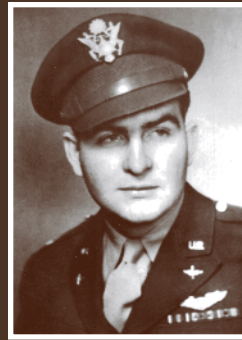






Tedford and the Reddy Teddy



My Dad, Captain Glenn E. Tedford, Sr., passed away April 26, 1997 in Wichita Falls, Texas. I feel he was a hero in the true sense of the word.

He entered the Army Air Corps, a private, just out of Wichita Falls High School. He graduated from flight school at Luke Field in Phoenix, Arizona, April 1943. He became a B-24J Liberator Pilot stationed in Hardwick, England close to Norwich. He was in the 328th Bomb Squadron, 93rd Bomb Group, 20th Bomb Wing, and 2nd Bomb Division of the 8th Air Force. He flew 30 missions over occupied Europe starting December 1, 1943 - March 23, 1944. One of his missions was to bomb Berlin on March 6th, 1944. I believe this was the first time Berlin was bombed. I am enclosing what he said about that mission. After finishing his tour, he was transferred to the 448th Bomb Group as Training Officer. He flew his last mission on D-Day; June 6, 1944 with the All-American Crew made up of members of many bomb groups. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air medal with 6 Oak Clusters.

Here is a picture of the crew of the Reddy Teddy, after finishing 30 missions. Officers standing from left to right. Pilot, 1st Lt. Glenn E. Tedford - Wichita Falls, TX; Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Kenneth E. Keene - Indianapolis, IN; Bombardier, 1st Lt. William M. Roberts - Omaha, NE; Navigator, 1st Lt. Norman C. Hansen - Boston, MA; Kenneth Keene flew another tour with Jimmy Stewart's group and became a Brigadier General.

Enlisted men sitting left to right. Engineer, Tech. Sgt. C. A. McAfee, Jr. - Worcester, MA; L. W. Gunner, Staff-Sgt. D. G. Wolfe - Roanoke, IL; Radio Op., Tech.-Sgt. C. E. Keenan - Philadelphia, PA; Ball T. Gunner, Staff-Sgt. J. J. Heim - Pocatello, ID; R. W. Gunner, Staff-Sgt. R. J. Williams-Grand Rapids, MI; Tail Gunner, Staff-Sgt. W. W. Dunkel - Flint, MI



After the war he trained Chinese Pilots in Pueblo, Colorado. He said that was almost as dangerous as flying his missions.

After the service, he helped start the Air Force Association in Wichita Falls, Texas. He also adopted a squadron at Shepherd Air Force Base and was awarded a citation from the Air Force for his efforts. I am including many of his papers and photographs to include in the article.

Sincerely, Walter W. Tedford (Son)

Glenn Tedford's brother, Clois W. Tedford, was a Gunner's Mate with the United States Navy in the South Pacific.

Captain Glenn Elwood Tedford from Wichita Falls, Texas graduated from Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona, in the Flying School Class of 43-D April 1943. He flew the B-24 Liberator Reddy Teddy in the 93rd Bomb Group, 328th Squadron, 2nd Bomb Division 29th Wing, with the 8th Air Force. He flew 31 missions over Germany then became the 448th Bomb Group Training Officer. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross and 6 Air Medals. He took 10 men, who had already finished their missions, on the "D" Day invasion flight to Coutance, France. This was their 31st mission. He helped train 6 groups of Chinese in Pueblo, Colorado. From 1966-1996 he had adopted a squadron at Shepherd Air Force Base, in Wichita

Falls, Texas. There they trained NATO Pilots training on T-37's and T-38's. He started the AFA in 1972 in Wichita Falls, Texas.

March 24, 1944

Reddy Teddy was a B-24J and named for Glenn E. Tedford by his crew. After the 4th mission, the crew decided to stay together and fly every mission. This was because Sgt. W. D. Wahrheit, Tail Gunner, was killed after being put on another crew that never came back from their mission. The *Reddy Teddy* crew was in the 93rd Bomb Group, 2nd Bomb Division, 20th Wing, and 8th Air Force flying out of Hardwick, England close to Norwich, England near the North Sea.

Pilot Glenn E. Tedford: This was the first mass daylight attack on Berlin. There was very heavy flak by extra heavy guns and rockets. Two engines were out leaving Berlin. Feathered two engines and was able to transfer gas to the engine giving us some power. That day, we could have gone to Sweden or Switzerland. If we went to either, we would lose our crew. On the crews advice we brought the B-24 Liberator, *Reddy Teddy*, home. After this experience, we were sent to southern England for rest (2 weeks). Our plane had the two engines replaced. We completed our missions on March 23, 1944. I was transferred from the 93rd Bomb Group to the 448th as group training officer. I flew one more mission on D-Day, June 6, 1944. I was promoted to Captain a few days after flying the last mission."

Log of B-24 *Reddy Teddy* on 22nd Mission
to Berlin March 6, 1944

Pilot; Glenn E. Tedford
Co-Pilot; Kenneth E. Keene
Navigator; Norman C. Hanson
Bombardier; William H. Roberts
328th Bomb Squadron
93rd Bomb Group
2nd Bomb Division
8th Air Force

9:05 Take off
10:03 Depart our base Hardwick, England
10:33 Leave splasher 5 at 16,000';
temperature 16' C; air speed 170 MPH
(148 knots)
11:21 Cross enemy coast (52' 43"N 04' 38"
E) altitude 22,000', temperature 29' C, air
speed 148k
12:13 First flak (52' 28"N 10' 45"E)
13:11 Fighter (ME 109's, ME 110's, FW
190's and Stukus)
13:34 Start bomb run. Flak was brutal
from 88mm guns and we guessed 150mm
guns because of size of bursts.
13:40 Bombs away 22,000', temperature
28' C, air speed 148k.
13:57 We have been hit. One prop
feathered for good and one feathered
off-and-on. Our altitude has dropped to
20,000' and Ken is calling in escort fighter
to drive off ME 109's attacking us.
14:12 We are at 18,000' out of formation
and on our own.
14:36 We are at 16,000'
15:13 We are at 14,500'
15:16 Crossed Dutch coast (52' 30"N O"
35"E)
16:00 Home



My Missions on the European Continent
Flying as Airplane Commander
B-24 #927 *Reddy Teddy*

1. December 11, 1943 Emden
2. December 13, 1943 Keil
3. December 16, 1943 Bremen
4. December 20, 1943 Bremen
5. January 14, 1944 Abbyville, France (I received my air medal on this mission.)
6. January 21, 1944 Abbyville, France (target-north)
7. January 31, 1944 Abbyville, France
8. February 4, 1944 Frankfurt
9. February 5, 1944 Chateaudun, France
10. February 11, 1944 Saracourt, France
11. February 12, 1944 Saracourt, France
12. February 13, 1943 Saracourt, France
13. February 20, 1944 Gotha
14. February 21, 1944 Munster (Airfield - Handorf)
15. February 24, 1944 Gotha
16. February 25, 1944 Furth
17. February 28, 1944 Bordeaux, France (Airfield- South)
18. March 2, 1944 Berlin (Coldest weather I had ever flown in. 62' below. Lead 2nd Section)
19. March 3, 1944 Frankfurt
20. March 4, 1944 Abbyville, France (construction works)
21. March 5, 1944 Berguae, France
22. March 6, 1944 Berlin
23. March 16, 1944 Friedrichshaffen (First raid after going to the rest home.)
24. March 18, 1944 Friedrichshaffen
25. March 22, 1944 Berlin
26. March 23, 1944 Munster (Airfield - Handorf. Finished my tour of duty. Also, received my D. F. C. Medal.)
27. June 6, 1944 Coutances, France (Mission made after finishing my tour, while working in the 448th Bomb Group as training officer.)