

FACT FILE



B17 43-38697 M of 398 Bomb Group

(David Martin)

12 December 1944. A B17 of 398 Bomb Group returning at dusk after a raid on Meresberg became lost and by chance saw the runways of Fairlop. They landed without use of runway lights with 10 minutes of fuel remaining. On take off a few days later, it reached the runway end before becoming unstuck and with flames from exhausts just cleared the factories in Forest Road.

The crew were

Capt. William Scott, 1/Lt. Jack Brandstatter, 2/Lt. Bill Frankhouser, Capt. William P. Campbell, T/Sgt Johnny Muir, T/Sgt. John S. Bourquin, S/Sgt. James A. Humbert, S/Sgt. Floyd A. Lynch and S/Sgt. Irving Zuckerman.



Brandstatter's Crew - 603rd Squadron at Nuthampstead on 6 February 1945

(398 Bomb Group Memorial Association, USA)

Back row left to right:

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| 1. | S/Sgt. Dick Mills | Tail gunner | |
| 2. | S/Sgt. Frank Anderson | Radio? | |
| 3. | S/Sgt. Irvine Zuckerman | Gunner | part of Fairlop crew |
| 4. | T/Sgt. John Muir | Engineer | part of Fairlop crew |
| 5. | S/Sgt. Floyd Lynch | Gunner | part of Fairlop crew |

Front row left to right:

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| 1 | Lt. Bernie White | Bombardier | |
| 2 | Lt. Bill Frankhouser | Navigator | part of Fairlop crew |
| 3 | Lt. Lew Burke | Co-Pilot | |
| 4 | Lt. Jack Brandstatter | Pilot | part of Fairlop crew |

