



FORWARD ECHELON  
HEADQUARTERS VII BOMBER COMMAND  
APO 240

ADJ-2

3 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 820th Bombardment Squadron (M) Ella Island.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 41st Bombardment Group (M) Ella Island.

I wish to commend you for the efficient manner in which your Squadron has carried out its first two combat missions. Your mission against the town of Jabor, Jaluit on 30 December 1943 was unusually successful for a unit new to combat. Bombs were dropped on that target so well that the destruction was very great, fires were seen burning seven hours after you left. The method with which you completed these two missions reflects credit on your unit and on the military services of the United States. Please express to all of your Officers and Men my congratulations for a job well done.

(S) T. H. Landon,  
(T) T. H. LANDON,  
Brigadier General, U. S. A.,  
Commanding.

BASIC: Ltr Hq VII BC, Subj: "Commendation", dtd 3 Jan. 44

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HQ 41ST BOMB GP (M) (R) APO #240, 15 Jan 44.

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TO: Commanding Officer, 820th Bomb Sq (M)(R) APO 240.

1. It is indeed a pleasure to forward this commendation on to you and to add my additional congratulations and recognition for the excellent performance of duty and the outstanding results obtained.

2. Your Squadron has set an excellent pace for the Group to follow.

(S) Murray A. Bywater,  
(T) MURRAY A. BYWATER,  
Lt. Col., Air Corps,  
Commanding.

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HQ 41ST BOMB GP (M)

A P O # 240

10 Apr 44

C O N S O L I D A T E D

1. With concurrence CG VII BC, FOL Os & HM, AC, organs indicated, are placed on DS with Hq & Hq Sg VII BC, APO#952, for period of 10 days eff upon arrival thereat. Upon completion of DS they will rpt to their proper organs & stas for dy. Par 4, Ltr Hq VII BC (F/E), File 210.711, sub "Rest Leaves, Medium Bombardment Crews", dtd 6 Feb 44, will be compiled with. MP.

47TH BOMB SQ (M) APO#242

1ST LT EDWARD G KELLEY  
 2D LT KENNETH T FARNER  
 2D LT FRANK N LYNN  
 1/Sgt (757) Robert C Wade  
 S/Sgt (748) Evan H Llewellyn  
 S/Sgt (612) William J Gober  
 2D LT JAMES D BLAIR  
 2D LT ALGER T HART JR  
 1/Sgt (757) Richard J Armstrong  
 S/Sgt (748) William R Sheppard  
 S/Sgt (612) Ivan E Crawford Jr  
 Pfc (612) Ira Morrison  
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820TH BOMB SQ (M) APO#240

CAPT CHARLES N BANNERMAN  
 2D LT CHARLES A GOUKER  
 S/Sgt (757) James R Conway  
 S/Sgt (757) Luke C Fyffe  
 S/Sgt (748) Alton L Gausby  
 Sgt (612) John H Mosher  
 2D LT EMERY W TUTTLE  
 2D LT WILLIS W MARSHALL  
 2D LT JOHN P LYONS  
 1/Sgt (757) Charles H Fort Jr  
 Sgt (748) William R Hoadley  
 S/Sgt (612) Thomas F Orbon  
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FLOYD H. HART,  
 Major, AC,  
 Adj.

## A Tribute to Sergeant Volney "Pop" Bartlett

by Leonard A. Doreilly



I first met Volney Bartlett while serving in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Unlike the young men in our outfit, Volney was a much decorated veteran of World War I and close to forty years old. Of course, he was immediately nicknamed "Pop" by all the men in the Squadron. Pop was amusing, witty, likeable, a wild type of guy who loved the Army.

Pop had served with distinction in the Army Infantry during World War I. He was wounded and gassed while participating in several major battles including Chateau-Thierry, Verdun, and the Argonne Forest in France.

I remember on several occasions when our outfit was standing inspection, the visiting inspecting officers would stop and carry on a conversation with Pop when they noticed his many decorations. Everyone really admired Pop for re-enlisting when he could have sat out the war. All of us young guys took pride in the fact that we had a guy like Pop in our outfit.

It always took some prompting to get Pop to talk about his World War I experiences except when he was asked about the "wine, women and song" in Paris, France. Then he became very fluent. He must have been a real hellion and we loved to hear him relate his stories.

Next to the Army, Pop loved singing the most. Whenever we would go to town, we would always end up in some drinking Emporium and invariably sing all the popular Army ballads of both World Wars. Pop loved the song "White Cliffs of Dover," which was the favorite of the British sailors we used to buddy around with while stationed in Charleston, SC. His favorite song was a sentimental World War I ballad entitled, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." We always ended up the night singing that song and it always brought a tear to Pop's eyes.

Late 1943, our outfit was sent overseas to the Central Pacific as Air Support for the Marines and the Army Infantry. For Pop, this was a dream come true. Pop always wanted to be able to say that he had served in both World Wars.

Our outfit served with distinction and was awarded a Presidential citation along with several major Battle Stars. When the war ended, Pop and I corresponded for quite a few years, and on a couple of occasions visited with each other. Our correspondence lessened as the years flew by and we lost touch with each other. Then one day, many years later, while reading the **Disabled American Veteran**, I came across the name of my old war buddy. Unfortunately, it was in the obituary column called "Taps." Yes, old Pop had answered the Roll Call Up Yonder.

As I read his name, I sat stunned for a while but as reflections of our war time duty raced through my mind, somehow or other, only pleasant thoughts came to mind.

I found it hard to believe that old "Pop" had died even though some thirty years had elapsed since we had served together. Pop's passing reminded me that someday in the not so distant future, I will answer the Roll Call Up Yonder, too. When that time comes, I will say to the Supreme Commander, "Dear Lord, may I please be assigned to Pop Bartlett's outfit? In Your Name, we have served before with distinction."

This story is an expression of the respect and admiration I have for a great guy that I had the good fortune to soldier with. Farewell dear friend.











### TORN FROM MAST OF JAP SHIP

(See Souvenir Hunting—The Hard Way)

12 FEBRUARY 1942 SOUVENIR HUNTING—THE HARD WAY

Capt. James S. Brown, now a flight commander at Maui AAF, knows of several ways of obtaining a Jap souvenir, but they're simple compared to the way he inadvertently did it. While skip-bombing in a B-25, one of his engine nacelles cracked against the mast of a Japanese surfacecraft. When he got back to his home base there was a torn Jap flag fluttering from atop his plane. (See picture.)



SEVENTH AAF HEADQUARTERS, HAWAII, March 27 (delayed)—Technical Sergeant Frank J. Souza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Souza, Pine street, Norton, is shown receiving the Air Medal from Maj. Gen. Willie H. Hale, commanding general of the 7th Air Force. Turret gunner on a 7th AAF Mitchell medium bomber, Sgt. South (display)

ed high professional skill, courage and devotion to duty which reflects great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces," the citation read. Note that Souza wears the shoulder patch of the 7th Air Force, organization spearheading the American penetration into Jap-held territory in Central Pacific.—(7th AAF Photo.)

## Awarded

### Air Medals

THE AAF HEADQUARTERS, Central Pacific—Two medium bomber squadrons were decorated with the Air Medal by Lt. Col. Willie H. Hale, commanding general of the division, at their ceremonies at their home base. One was Technical Sgt. P. J. Souza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Souza, Pine street, Norton, a turret gunner on a 7th AAF Mitchell medium bomber. (See picture.)





