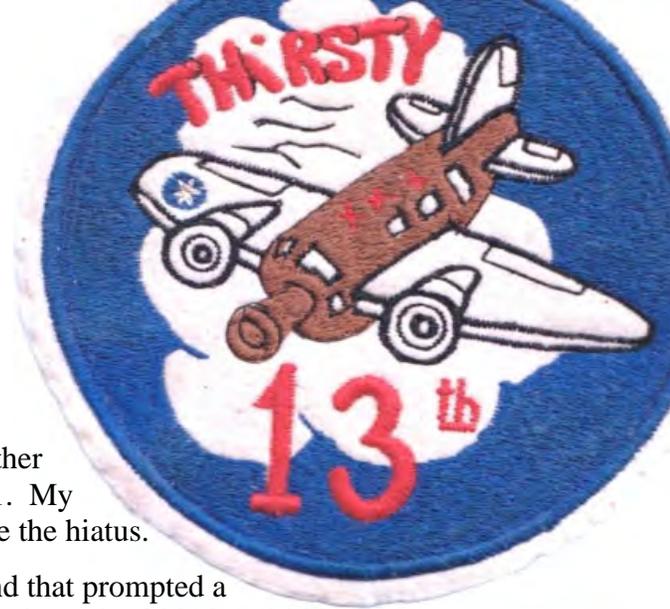


January 2022 Newsletter



Dear Thirsty 13th members, relatives, and friends,

After the newsletter June 19, 2021, I took time off for other projects, expecting to restart the research in November 2021. My projects took longer than expected and are continuing, hence the hiatus.

On December 21, I learned one of our members died, and that prompted a search on others. Sadly, we lost four members, including one in each of 2018 and 2020.

For years I have had four men for whom I could not find a death date. On January 6, I learned that one of these four was still alive, and contacted his daughter-in-law. For the other three, I was amazed that after 6 years and maybe 40 hours each, I learned death dates for all three. I learned the last one, and completed this aspect of the history, on January 21 at 2:42 p.m.

In January, the daughter of Evans shared notes her dad wrote, which were helpful, and the daughter-in-law of Gagliardi shared six photos. This carries my sincerest best wishes for you,

Seth P. Washburne, Squadron Historian
January 31, 2022

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1. Additional History

a. 1945: Notes from Willard A. Evans, Supply Clerk – Mail, 8/5/44 - 5/1/45

On January 24, 2022, I received an email from the daughter, Carol, of Willard A. Evans, who was in Squadron Supply, working with the mail, from 8/5/44 to 5/1/45, when he moved to the 403rd. He wrote notes, at left, on the 5/27/45 edition of the 403rd newspaper Skytrain, for which he was the Sports Editor. I have had the photo above at Biak (Korty Collection, colorized – the pants should be khaki, not blue) and was happy to read that the cocks did not use spurs.

Evans (Squadron Supply, 8/44-5/45, from notes on 5/27/45 issue of Skytrain):

“Last night they had a cock fight between halves of the basketball game (the 13th wallopped Hq 48-29). They had no spurs. Cocks are scarce here – if they kill each other off there can be no more fights, so the policy is no spurs. But you can’t imagine how fascinating it is to watch them if you haven’t seen it. The cocks are amazingly clever.

“Capt. Hapiana’s cock ‘Charlie’ is the undefeated champion.”

(And in a note on the Sports Shorts page:)

“The 13th bb team is one of the best I’ve ever seen.”

His 5/27/45 edition of Skytrain had the paragraph below: “When we came overseas, Chaplain DeVore was crestfallen when advised by regulations that the divinity were not permitted the use of firearms.” My January 2021 newsletter, on page 8, presenting the 403rd Group’s Table of Organization, noted guns were not allocated to medial staff, or “1 in headquarters.” This now identifies the Chaplain as the one who was not allocated a gun.

Thank you, Carol, for sharing these items.

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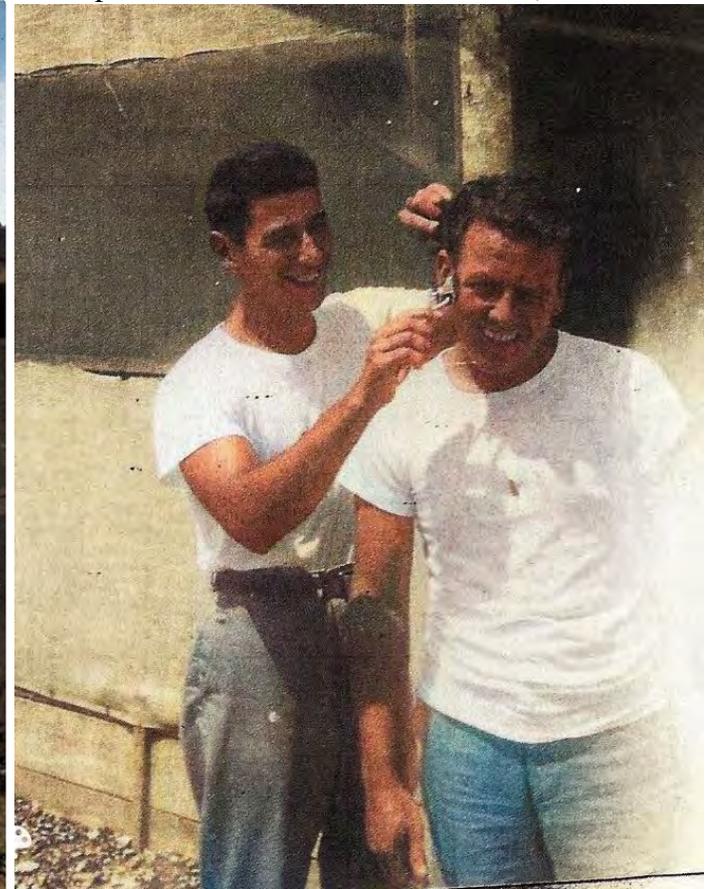
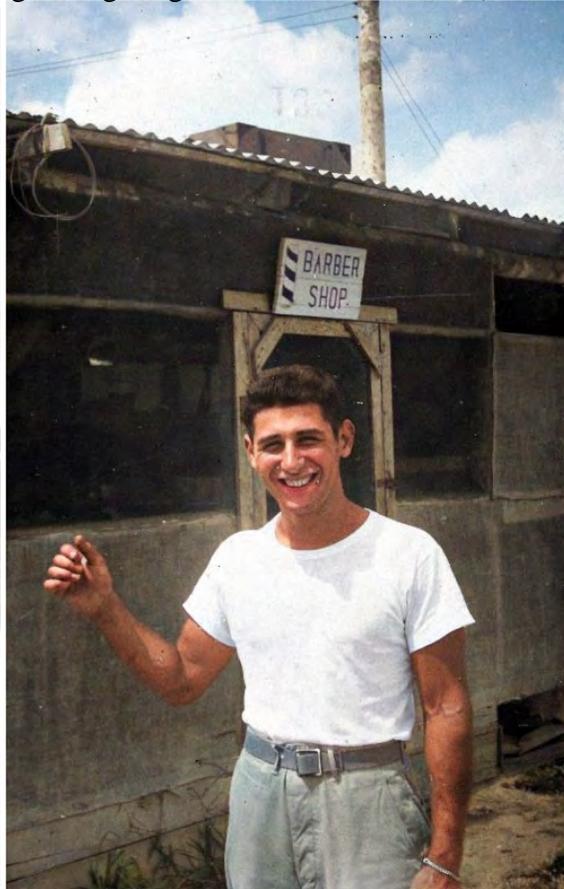
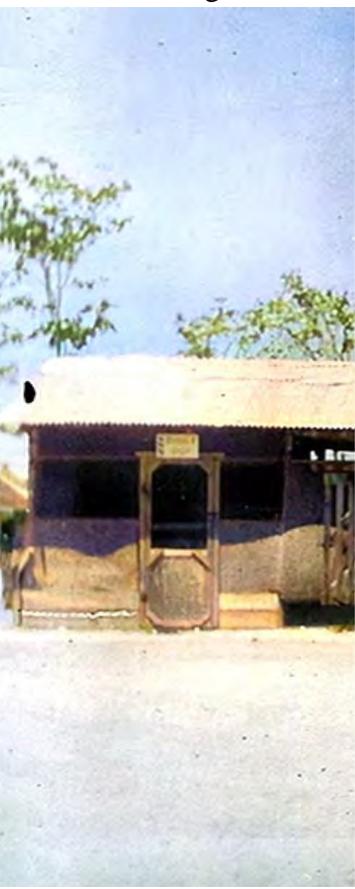
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b. 1945: Joseph A. Gagliardi, Aircraft Mechanic, 6/19/45- 9/23/45

On January 6, I contacted Gagliardi's daughter-in-law, Judy, and learned he is still alive, at 97. She shared photos and spoke to him January 31 and shared some stories. Above is Gagliardi over the nacelle of a C-47B. A tarp covers the engine because the top cowling, at right, is off. (Some colors were distorted when colorized.) He joined us at Biak 6/19/45, as an aircraft mechanic. He is not in the morning reports as flying any overnight missions, but said he flew the 4-hours/month minimum to maintain flight pay.

Gagliardi said at some point he started cutting hair every weekday, perhaps after the barber moved to Dulag 8/18. He used to look around when he was in the chow line, and everyone had the same haircut - he had a good laugh with Judy about that. He was surprised that everyone tipped him when he was already being paid to do this job. Below left is the Biak camp barber shop, then again, and Gagliardi giving a haircut to an officer (with his rank pinned to his shirt as was common).



Walsh, Eugene J (AC)	0564553	1st Lt.
Gagliardi, Joseph A.	32891088	sgt
Above off and EM WIDY Biak Island		
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At right is Gagliardi on the parade ground at Biak.

Gagliardi was the last enlisted man to move to Dulag, moving 9/22, above, with ground officer Eugene Walsh.

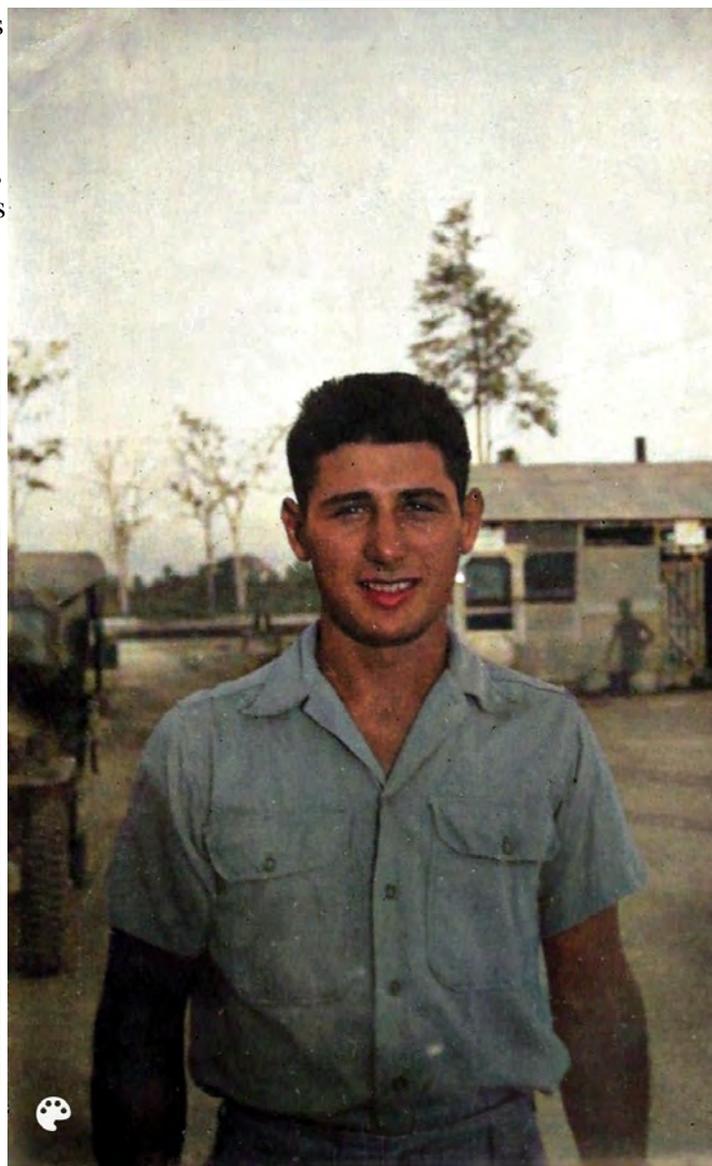
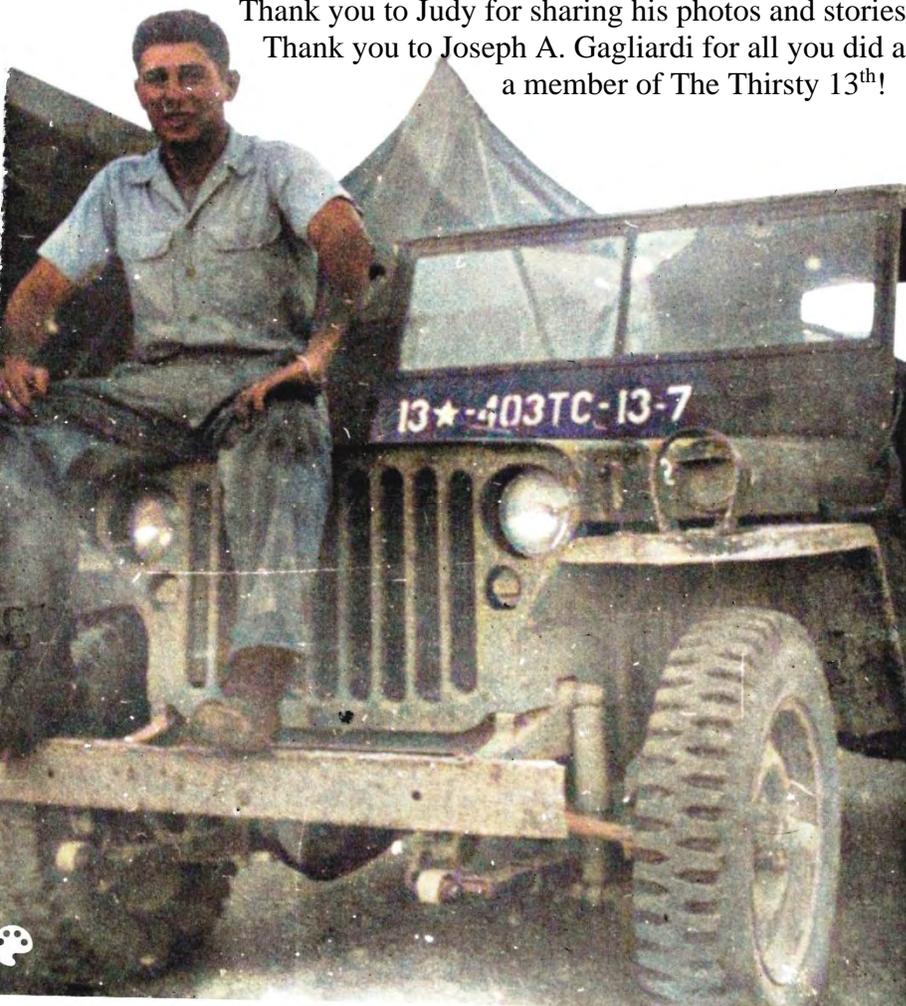
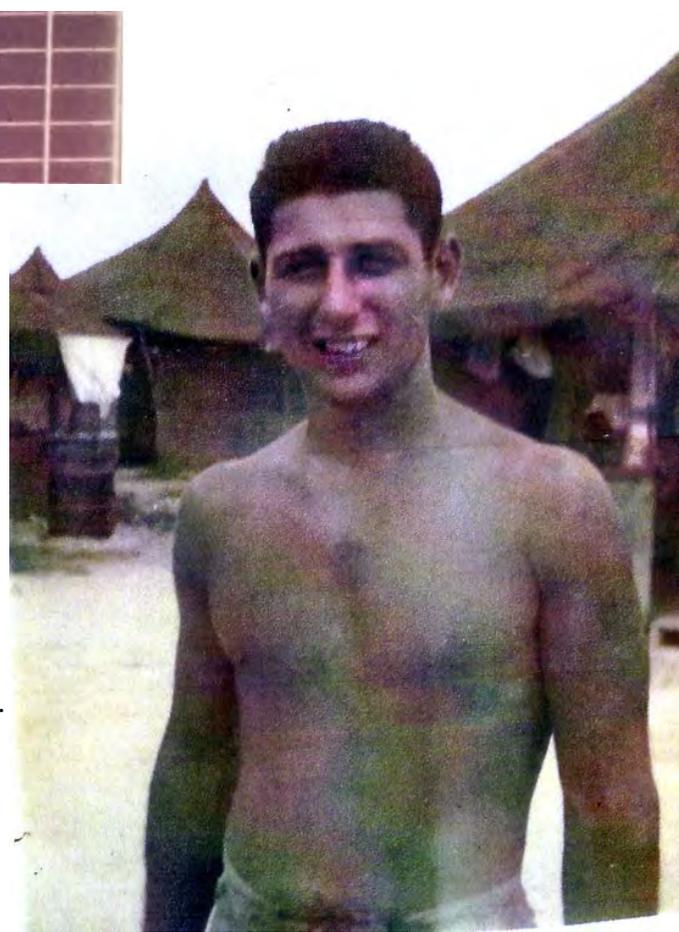
On 9/10, eleven men moved from Biak to Dulag, and on 9/15, seven men moved, leaving only him, Walsh, and medical corpsman Donovan. The PDFs of our flights sent with the May 2020 newsletter show a crew flew in 9/15-9/17 and left with Donovan, leaving only Gagliardi and Walsh in the camp 9/17-21. A 5-man crew of Nitrauer (p), Goodman (cp), Kelty (n), Kelly (m), and McGinnis (ro – who Gagliardi joined with in June) flew from Dulag to Biak 9/21, and he and Walsh flew to Dulag with them 9/22.

He is shown below on the parade at Biak estimated in September when few people were around, because a jeep on the parade ground seems unusual (his clothes were khaki, distorted by the colorization).

He remembered that they ate well, and that there was a weekly shuttle, “Fat Cat,” to Australia for provisions.

Gagliardi is our last surviving enlisted man.

Thank you to Judy for sharing his photos and stories,
Thank you to Joseph A. Gagliardi for all you did as
a member of The Thirsty 13th!



2. History-Related Activities

a. New Buildings in the Biak Camp Area

At right is the Biak camp, in a view looking south. At the top are the officers' tents, then the parade ground with the showers on the left, the operations building, and the mess hall on the right. The large tent area is for enlisted men, then a supply building, the motor pool, and the 403rd Group chapel. This is by a bend in the road.

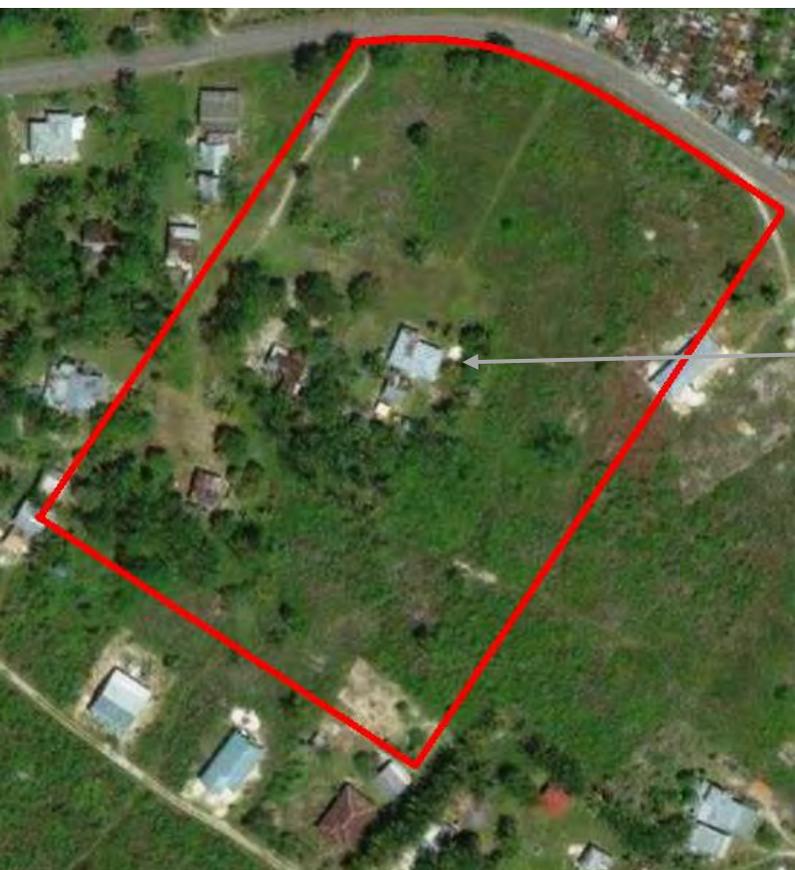


In 2011 when I published the book, I was excited that this area had never been developed since we left in 1945, in 66 years, as outlined at right. I dreamed of visiting and looking for any trace of the cement basketball court, the deep holes in the coral for the basketball court lights, and the cement slab officers' club floor. I daydreamed of rebuilding the camp as a tourist site, where people could sleep overnight in the tents like our dads did. In 10 years, I have not been able to visit.

Occasionally I check Google satellite view of this area, by typing in a search bar -1.1603 136.0568, nothing else. For most of the past 10 years there has been only the small building in the center. Bing Maps has the view below, with a 2nd building in the center, and one west of this.



On January 28 I was sending someone the coordinates, and typed them in again, and was surprised to see the Google satellite image below right, partially obscured by a cloud. The gray arrow is the building in the center perhaps with a new roof. From top-to bottom outlined in pink, there are now buildings in the motor pool area, the enlisted men's tent area, and part of the officers' tent area. How I wish I visited when it still looked the way Gagliardi left it!



3/6/46 - 245 E. 123rd St, NYC

FORM APPROVED
Budget Bureau No. 33-R012-42

REGISTRATION CARD (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1942)
(Also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1943.)

SERIAL NUMBER 1. NAME (Print) ORDER NUMBER
W 24 Joseph A. Gagliardi 17821

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
223 East 123rd St New York City N.Y.

3. MAILING ADDRESS
The same

4. TELEPHONE
None

5. AGE IN YEARS
eighteen

6. PLACE OF BIRTH
New York City

DATE OF BIRTH
August 30 - 1924

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS
John Gagliardi, 223 East 123rd St. N.Y.C. N.Y.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
Board of Transportation (Power Division), 123 West 56th St. N.Y.C.

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS
As above stated

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

DSS Form 1 (Rev. 11-10-42) 410-21630-4 (OVER) Joseph Gagliardi

Gagliardi, John J.

(Last name) (Other names)
223 E. 123rd St. NYC.

(Home address)

(Change of address)

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Co. B, 12th Regt. 2 5/11/43

(Enlisted in) (No. Yrs.) (Date enlistment)
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3. Members and Relatives

a. Found Another Still-Living Member

Uncle Joe is still alive I will try to contact my cousin and give him your info 10:05 AM

In November 2020 I finally had birth dates for each of our 815 squadron members. A second goal has been to have death dates. I had found this for all but 4 of our members (excluding those still-living). There was always the exciting possibility that one of these four could still be alive.

On January 5, 2022, I searched again on the four with no death dates, one being Joseph A. Gagliardi. His draft card, above left, had him and his relative John at 223 East 123rd St. I found a NY Guard Service Card above right for a John J (Joseph), born 1/11/26, at the same address, so John was Joe's brother. I then searched Ancestry for John and found a private family tree. I messaged the creator of that on January 5, 2022, at 3 a.m., after working on this for hours.

Often on Ancestry I get no reply, or no reply for 1 or 2 years. I was amazed to get a reply just 7 hours later from the tree creator. She wrote, as shown above, "Uncle Joe is still alive"!

The family tree creator forwarded my info to her cousin, Paul, who forwarded it to Gagliardi's daughter-in-law, Judy. On January 6, I received an email from Judy, and she wrote "Joseph is alive and well." At age 97. She wrote that he had some photos and emailed these on pages 3-4. I prepared a write-up and emailed her this and the documents I had. Her son loved the details. It was wonderful to resolve one of these four with no death date by finding one still alive.

b. Found Death Dates for the Last Three Previously Not Found

On January 4, I searched Ancestry.com on one of the four with no death date, **E. Andrew Platt**, born 1/26/22. This time I omitted his first initial and name, and searched for everyone with the last name Platt, born in 1922, who lived in New York, thinking perhaps I could find a first name beginning with E, and his death date under his first name. This produced 478 results, on 10 pages at 50 results per page. While going through these, at 11:26 p.m., reviewing the 7th of 10 pages, I was excited to find "Elwood A. Platt," born 1/26/22, the same birth date as ours! His death details were under his first name, previously unknown to me. The Social Security Death Index then had his death date as 6/26/05. I have found no relatives yet. I had searched on him many times, and by this way finally found a death date for our E. Andrew Platt.

For **Thomas Richard Kelty**, I have tried to find a death date for him for years, and in March 2021 even drove to a house in Torrance, California, where he once lived, and knocked on the door, and talked to the occupant who said he never heard of him.

On January 4, after finding a death date for Platt, I searched again for Kelty. This time I searched on last name Kelty, born 1918, and, similar to Platt, did not include a first name or state. I found on Ancestry.com a family tree for someone with initials DNH. It listed Kelty's father as dying in 1986. I went to Newspapers.com and found an obit for Kelty's dad, listing his sister and brother, but not the grandchildren. I then searched for an obit for his brother who died in 2004 hoping it would provide the name of a niece or nephew, and it did! The next morning January 5, I called a number and reached his grandniece! She gave me the death date, March 16, 2013, from a family genealogy. She did not have an official document showing this and couldn't recall where she learned this. I emailed her the items I had. She said Kelty had a son. I found an email address and wrote him January 5. His son replied January 11. He had a death date one day different, of March 15. He provided the final resting place. He said his dad "wasn't much of a packrat, so there is very little of anything older than the 1970s," and had no WWII items.

For 6.5 years I had tried on 16 occasions to find Kelty, sometimes taking hours to review many databases, plus making calls, sending emails, writing a letter to an address in West Virginia, and even making an in-person visit. It was great after all this effort to finally connect with Kelty's niece and son, and to learn his death date and final resting place.

Irwin Cohen was the last of the four with no death date. I had searched for him on at least 10 occasions, starting 10/10/2015. I finally identified which one was ours on 11/6/20 by matching his signature on a short snorter to the registration below, but could not find a death date.

On 1/5/22, I spent hours on him, too. I had his enlistment card, below left, with his birthday 2/16/25. This time I found the draft registration card below right for his father, listing the same address at the red arrows. I eventually found a family tree, and contacted the tree creator, in Australia, but she replied January 8, that she had nothing more about the Cohens.

On 1/8/22, I spent from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. on this. I searched on his father, mother, two sisters, and one brother, and found no obits, or other relations at all. Finally, I searched on Irwin Cohen, born 1925, with no town. This produced 107 results. I searched these for ones born in February and found one born 2/5/25, ours 2/16/25, and one "Feb 1925" lived in Katonah, NY in 1993 and 1995. I searched SpokeO for the Katonah one, and it had him as 96, the age of ours! It listed a relative Ruth, and ours had a sister Ruth, so I had confirmed his address. The phone was disconnected, so I called synagogues, and the town, but could not learn about him.

On January 8, I left messages for neighbors. On January 20, I received a call back from a neighbor, who said she spoke to Cohen's step-grandson and gave me his number! I left a message for him. He called me January 21, at 2:41 p.m., and provided a death date, 7/16/15, the last one I needed! I was thrilled and took a selfie, at right. He also said he has a box of items!



2309 Halland Ave

FORM APPROVED
Budget Bureau No. 33-2015-42

REGISTRATION CARD (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1924)
(Also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1943.)

SERIAL NUMBER 148 1. NAME (Print) Irwin (First) Cohen (Last) ORDER NUMBER 13154

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 454 Mace Ave, Bx N.Y. (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

3. MAILING ADDRESS Same (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE Olivville-2-2962 5. AGE IN YEARS 18 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Brooklyn (Town or county) (State or country)

DATE OF BIRTH February 16 1925 (Month) (Day) (Year) (State or county)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Ruth Berman 754 Mace Ave. Bx N.Y. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS M. + S. Sweet Shop (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 299 White Plains Ave. Bx N.Y. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

DSS Form 1 (Rev. 11-16-42) 16-21620-4 (OVER) Irwin Cohen (Registrant's Signature)

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER 408 1. NAME (Print) Harry Cohen (First) (Middle) (Last) ORDER NUMBER 75225

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 754 Mace Ave Bronx n.y. n.y. (Number) (Street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

3. MAILING ADDRESS Same (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE 01-2961 5. AGE IN YEARS 60 6. PLACE OF BIRTH n.y.c n.y. (Town or county) (State or country)

DATE OF BIRTH Oct 9 1881 (Month) (Day) (Year) (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Ruth Berman 754 Mace Ave (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS L. J. Beeper Co. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 2956 Grand Concourse Bronx n.y. n.y. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42) 16-21620-2 Isaac Harry Cohen (Registrant's Signature)

c. Corrected Identity of our Irving Abramowitz, Radio Operator, 7/10/44-10/16/45

Back on 12/10/15, 2 months after I started recording birth and death dates for our members, I sent a message through Ancestry.com to a man named Robin who created a family tree including an Irving Abramowitz, who seemed to be ours, born 3/1/17. I received no reply. Three years later, on 1/15/19, I again sent a message through Ancestry to Robin. Again, no reply.

On January 15, 2022, more than six years after my first message to Robin, and 3 years to the day after my second message, Robin replied! He said the Irving in his tree was his wife's aunt's husband, and that he had known him. But he also said this one never discussed WWII, and didn't strike Robin as technically savvy, so Robin "kind of doubt(ed) he would have been a radio operator." I spent January 16, 2022, from 5:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., 6 hours, reviewing this.

My prior analysis was that in April 2017 I obtained the 13th AF orders and found a serial number for ours, of 12120023. On 11/17/17, I spent 5 hours on him and found a 1940 census for people at ours' 1945 address, but he was not there in 1940. On 1/10/19, I searched a NARA site on his serial number, and found this went with one born in 1917, from Brooklyn, who enlisted in 1942. I searched Ancestry for those born in 1917 and found two - born 3/1/17 and 10/1/17. The latter had no military record that I could find and died in the Bronx. The 3/1/17 one, in 1940 when he registered for the draft, lived 1.2 miles from an address ours had in May 1945. A search on Fold3, for any Irving Abramowitz who served in the Army produced ones born 1911, 8/20/14, and 6/23/18, and in the Air Corps only the one born 3/1/17, so he seemed to definitely be ours.

On January 16, 2022, after many hours, I started to write a reply to Robin that yes, his 3/1/17 Irving was ours. As I wrote out my evidence, I at one point focused on the enlistment date of 7/17/42 that went with our serial number. This time I searched Fold3 with just his name, and did not limit this to the Army, Air Corps, WWII, etc. and had 226 results. I searched through these for "Jul." As shown below, a BIRLS (Beneficiary Identification Records Locator System) Death File listing appeared with this enlistment date, but for the other Irving noted above born 10/1/17! This never appeared when I limited the search to the Army or Air Corps and did not appear in 2017 when I searched Ancestry. I sent a message to the creator of a private family tree.

On Sunday, January 16, evening, right after the Dallas-49ers game, I received a call from a Florida number and picked up. This was the creator, Harold, of the family tree. He said he had 9,000 people in his tree, and Abramowitz's wife was his great, great, grandfather's brother's great granddaughter. He went through his files, and found the newspaper clipping below right, and the last sentence is "during World War II [he] served with the 13th Air Force in New Guinea"! I finally had the right one! Harold provided me names of children. On January 27, I found an email address for his son and sent an email, and he replied January 28. I sent him many items which he appreciated and said he would try to find items to scan and share with us. Harold also emailed me the handsome photo at right of Abramowitz. Thank you, Harold!



Irving Abramowitz (1917)
World War II
Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File ▾

Birth Date: 1 Oct 1917

Death Date: 26 May 2007

Enlistme... 17 Jul 1942

- Irving Abramowitz

Mr. Abramowitz, son of Morris Abramowitz of New York and the late Mrs. Abramowitz, is secretary-treasurer of the Phillip Phillips Distribution Corp., New York. He is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and during World War II served with the 13th Air Force in New Guinea.



d. Lost Four

Joventino Campos, Duty Soldier, 9/22/44-3/5/45. On 1/4/22, while drafting this section, I Googled Joventino Campos and was saddened to learn he passed away 8/20/18.

On 3/18/17, I drove from Dallas to San Antonio to meet him, but was not sure he was our man, because on the phone many details did not match with ours. At his home, I asked many questions, with his daughter, son, and neighbor sitting with us, and nothing clicked, e.g., he said he was based at Morotai, but we were never based there, and named friends who were not in the squadron. Finally, when it seemed I must have the wrong person, I asked if he ever heard of one of our members Carrasco, who also was of Mexican heritage. I didn't provide a first name.

Joventino immediately said "Gilbert Carrasco. He was my best friend from childhood until the day he died."! He said they went through all the service together, and I now notice they joined the 13th TCS on the same day. I was elated! The friends' names I didn't recognize were in a squadron camped next to ours, who spoke Spanish. He moved to Morotai with a later unit. I noted this in the March 2017 newsletter. He is pictured above. He was a wonderful man. I have for 4 years wanted to visit him, but he has been gone 3.5 years. God bless you, Joventino.

R. Taylor Cloud, Radio Operator 11/20/43-3/27/44. On 1/4/22, while drafting this section, I Googled Taylor Cloud, and found an obit for him that he died 7/27/20. I did not find him initially until January 9, 2019. On January 16, 2019, I interviewed him by phone, and went over 27 questions I sent him in advance. I typed up 5 pages of answers, some of which were in the July 2019 newsletter. He transferred to the 63rd TCS after 4 months with us, and so most of his memories were with the 63rd TCS, but he still helped, and had helpful photos, including that at right wearing the squadron patch.



In June 2019, on the Thirsty 13th scanning trip, I drove from Washington DC to Pottstown, Pa., and the route passed right through Lancaster, Pa., where he was in a care facility. I had contacted his daughter and said I eagerly wanted to at least shake his hand. At the last moment she emailed me he was a little under the weather, so it wasn't a good time for a visit, so I never met him. I enjoyed talking to him on the phone, though.

Thank you, Taylor, for your time in the Thirsty 13th, and adding to the squadron history!

John Payne, Airplane Mechanic, 8/27/44-10/16/45. While Googling the names of our still-living members, I learned that the oldest, John Payne, 100 years old, passed away **September 27, 2021**. I enjoyed meeting him in 2017, and he added a lot to the squadron history.

Granville Braham, Airplane Mechanic, 6/19/45-9/22/45. On 12/21/21, I received a call and then an email from his son-in-law, Rick Braveheart, that he passed away **December 11, 2021**, at age 96 years old. On June 25, 2017, I drove to his home in Kansas City, Kan, and enjoyed meeting him and his son at his home, as shown at right. His items were in the July 2017 newsletter. I called him several times after that to ask questions. He added a lot to the squadron history. Thank you, and God bless you, Granville.



e. Four Still-Living Members

Our last four surviving members, out of 815 who served overseas, are shown below. I have sometimes regretted devoting so much of my life to the squadron history, but I realized in 2008, and every day since then, that having these men alive was a great asset to writing their history, to be able to get first-hand stories, and ask questions. I realized the window was still open but was gradually closing. Hopefully some new stories still exist in diaries and letters.

13th TCS Living Members and Their Ages on January 31, 2022 (sorted by date joined)

#	Last	First	Role	Joined	Left	Born	Home Now	State	Age
Enlisted Men									
1	Gagliardi	Joseph	Airplane Mechanic	6/45	9/45	8/30/1924		NY	97.4
Officers									
1	Burder	Francis H.	Pilot	7/44	11/44	12/7/1924	Cadillac	MI	97.1
2	Laycock	George J.	Pilot	3/45	9/45	10/7/1924	Chicago	IL	97.3
3	Fitzpatrick	Albert A.	Pilot	4/45	9/45	3/25/1925	San Diego	CA	96.8

f. Latest Dashboard

The latest “dashboard” summarizing things is at right. **This shows the number of Death Dates needed is finally 0.** We added four death dates for men I had contacted who passed away, and 3 for men for whom I never could find dates. I added 9 final resting places, including for Bromberg and Stallings. I added 3 FindaGrave links and 4 new contacts, for Abramowitz, Gagliardi, Kelty, and Cohen. There are still 168 members for whom I have been unable to find a relative.

Members Identified and Contacts Found (of 815)

Members:	23-Jan-21	31-Jan-22	Add	Need
Birth Date*	815 100%	815 100%	0	0
Death Date***	804 100%	811 100%	7	0
Resting Place**	742 91%	751 93%	9	60
FindaGrave Link**	555 69%	558 69%	3	253
Contact	643 78%	647 79%	4	168
Have Book	532 65%	532 65%	0	283

** Percent and Need for 2nd to 4th exclude 4 living.

4. Conclusions and Thanks

2021 had five letters from January to June, but then I had to take a break. Recent progress was on death dates, but that was quite huge in that I have sought these for 6 years, and these last four (of men never contacted) seemed impossible. Thank you to Evans’ daughter for sharing her dad’s notes, and to Gagliardi’s daughter-in-law for sharing photos and stories. I am in touch with several people with items, and hopefully we can enjoy these later this year.

With best wishes, - Seth