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As to the lead crew, four (4) of them were members of my original crew (Pilot Lt. Roberts who was shot down on his third mission.)

Reading from left to right #3 is Lt. Pleasant, Navagator; #4 Lt. Northway Bombodier; #6 Sgt. Ashwood, radio operator; and #9 Sgt. Curley Landrum, Ball turret.

I throughly enjoy the <u>Echo</u>, and plan to be at the next reunion. Please keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Russell

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