Editors Note: Franklin S Ennis passed away October 13, 1996. He was the radio operator on Austin R Stanford’s crew 824 Squadron. He was one of the early members of the association and attended many reunions including last year’s San Diego reunion. The following letter is from his daughters.

Dear Bud

Thank you so much for the letter of condolence on the death of our father, Franklin S. Ennis, of Newark, Delaware. As you mentioned, he was an active member of the 484th Bomb Group Association for over fifteen years.

After his service as a radio operator on the European Front, he returned to Delaware where he was employed as a methods analyst by the Du Pont Company for 42 years. In 1948, he and Henrietta Sartin, an army nurse, were married and raised a family of four daughters. They had been married for 43 years at the time of her death in 1992. They had 11 grandchildren and one great-grand daughter.

The same devotion to the common good that served Franklin Ennis in his military career was translated into an active volunteer life after World War II. He was a member of his local Masonic Lodge, treasurer of his church, a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Methodist Men’s Association. After his retirement in 1982, he donated his time to feeding the poor at a local dinning room, delivering Meals on Wheels to the elderly and transported patients to the hospital for the American Cancer Society. He had traveled extensively around the world and was an avid bowler and gardener. The reunions of the 484th Bomb Group Association were always eagerly anticipated by him and his wife.

Our father had battled prostate cancer for five years. He died at home, surrounded by his family on October 13, 1996.

Sincerely,
His daughters

His crew standing from left: George L Boley-B, James B Nesby-N, Jack F Breen-CP, and Austin R Stanford-P.
Bottom Row: Joseph M Heimerl-BG, Elva E Hahn-E, Harold B Miller-UG, Lloyd O Wakefield-NG, Franklin S Ennis-RO, and Frank R Casagrande-TG.