I have had other inquiries regarding the Odental Mission. The following is copied from a letter to Ladislav Fojit of the Czech Republic. You may publish any of the enclosed material as long as you credit "484th Bomb Group Assn. Torretta Flyer." 

Enclosed are:

a) Crew list of Roger A Martin from National Archives
b) Formation Xerox showing ship #38 outlined in yellow
c) Page 313 of the Log of the Liberators showing Ford production of ship 42-51835.
d) Odental Mission from issue No 29 Torretta Flyer.
e) Odental Mission from issue No 30 Torretta Flyer. Last page shows losses of B-24s of the 484th Bomb Group. You’ll note Martin’s plane crashed at Liebau. Where is that? Kindly describe the piece of the plane you found.
f) Selections from Mission Report 12/17/44.

The above may not be 100% accurate as I have found errors in archived documents and printed reports as well. I would appreciate any corrections and additional information you might have.

Sincerely,
Bud Markel, 484th Bomb Group Association

Karel Novak
Czech Republic
Dear Mr. Novak:

Thank you for your letter of December 30, 1997. Please excuse my delay in answering your letter.

I am enclosing a copy of our magazine "The Torretta Flyer" that contains the story of the 17 December, 1944 Mission when Lt Himmler and Martin and their flight crews were shot down. I hope this will fill in some of the blanks.

Sincerely,

Bud Markel, 484th Bomb Group Association

Zymon Serwatka
Swidnica, Poland
Dear Zymon:

Thank you for your E-Mail of yesterday. I am enclosing copies of the article Mission 132, 17 December 1944 taken from the Torretta Flyers No 29, and 30. At the present time I do not have geographical coordinate information on aircraft shot down. This information may be found in the Missing Air Crew Reports obtainable from the National Archives in Washington, DC. I am also enclosing the 461st Bomb Group aircraft lost roster that you might find of interest. Mission Reports 7/7/44, 8/7/44, 11/17/44, 11/20/44, 12/2/44, 12/12/44, 12/17/44, and 12/19/44 are included too.

Please do send me a copy of your writing project when it is finished. I want to thank you for your interest in the 484th Bombardment Group, 49th Bombardment Wing, Italian based 15th Airforce. It’s always nice to hear from you again.

Bud Markel, 484th Bomb Group Association

Jan Mahr
Czech Republic
Dear Jan:

I was delighted to receive your letter of June 23, 1998. Thank you for your compliments regarding the Torretta Flyer.

Because most of my photographs are originals, I can only send you second generations copies that are not of best quality.