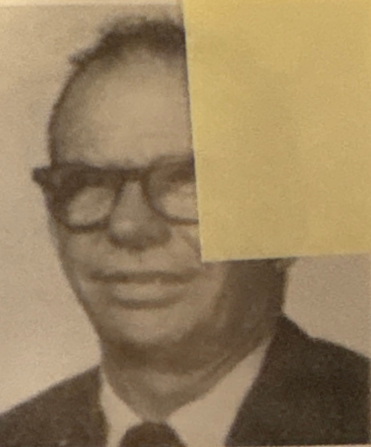


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HBEIN) was born in 1922 in
in Denver, CO. He joined the
ic training at Lowry AFB; avia-
dall Gunnery School; and was
m 1940-43. He served with the

d, Valley in Keifhiede, Stalag Luft IV. In February 1945 he went
r: by train to Nurnberg and was later marched to Moosburg
n where he was liberated by Gen. Patton and the 3rd Army.

Fitch was discharged on May 31, 1950, as a technical
sergeant. He received the Air Medal with two OLCs and the
POW Medal.

His wife, Bennie Lou Nell, passed away Aug. 11, 1973.
He has three daughters: Denise Lou Fitch, Sharon Ann
(Mann) and Celeste Leigh (Niederhofer); one son, Ben W.
Fitch; and grandchildren: Gillbert and Craig Mann, and
DeAnn and Dan W. Fitch.

EARL F. FITCH was born on Jan. 30, 1925. He was edu-
cated in Minneapolis, MN schools and entered the USAAF
on June 1, 1943. He received basic training in Lincoln, NE;
in August, he was at Lowry Field, Denver, CO; in December
at Gunnery School in Panama City, FL; and in February he
was assigned to a crew in Massachusetts.

After crew training at
Charleston, SC and picking
up a plane in New York City,
they went by southern route
to the Air Force Base in
Cerignola, Italy. He was as-
signed to the 15th AF, 455th
BG, 470th BS; he flew his
first mission on May 31, 1944.
On Aug. 22, 1944, his plane
was shot down over Hungary.
He was interrogated at
Budapest; and after solitary
confinement and interrogation, he was sent to Stalag Luft IV
in September 1944. On the morning of Feb. 6, 1945, they
started marching away from the Russians. They walked about
18 miles a day on less than one pound of potato rations and
slept in haystacks and barns until liberated on April 26, 1945,
in Bitterfeld, Germany.

Fitch went back home to Minneapolis on June 25, 1945,
to the girl he left behind. They were married in 1946 and are
the parents of a son and daughter. They also have five grand-
children and three great-granddaughters.

JOHN DAVID FLETCHER enlisted on April 20, 1942,
in the USAAF. Basic training was at Gulf Port, MS; Gun-
nery School at Harlingen, TX. He was assigned to the 446th
BG, 707th BS at Denver, CO and flew overseas with his
crew on a B-24 named the *Sad Sack*.

He was shot down on a Frankfurt raid and captured
after bailing out. He was sent to Dulag Luft for interroga-
tion, then sent to Stalag Luft VI and then to Stalag Luft IV.
They marched for 96 days prior to liberation.



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