

**Joseph D. Hutchison:** Oh, and remember, I told you about the forty-two year old guy that I met and he was a tail gunner?

**Janis Kozlowski:** Right. [Um-hum]

**Joseph D. Hutchison:** Well, he was the; we wrote back and forth. And he was sent to the Black Hills area. And I got a letter from him one day, telling me that he was a tail gunner on a B-17 and that they were going to go up to forty thousand feet the next day. And he was tickled as a little teenage kid. And so I answered his letter, and my letter came back marked deceased.

**Janis Kozlowski:** Oh, what a shame.

**Joseph D. Hutchison:** So, he crashed up there in the B-17 somewhere about that time.

**Janis Kozlowski:** Is that the only crew member that you lost during the war?

**Joseph D. Hutchison:** We didn't lose any on our crew. But after we got back, most of the officers eventually signed up, or volunteered for reassignment. And talking to Larry Reineke, our navigator; Lieutenant Smith, was on B-29s. And he had completed a tour, except for one mission. And his crew had gone, but he had been sick, or something, and missed one mission. He had to get that final mission in to complete his tour and come home. And he didn't return from that one final mission. So, he was lost or killed in action. And our copilot also was in B-29s; he became first pilot in a B-29 and...

**Janis Kozlowski:** Was that Stacy Hall?



Aleutian Islands, 1943  
 S Hall Co pilot, I Smith Navigator, I Wadlington Pilot, C Pfeiffer Bombardier  
 W Bohannon Engineer, C Ray RW Gunner, JD Hutchison Radar & Radio, Dog  
 W Ceely I.W Gunner J Valles Radio A Kremousch T Gunner

*Captain Irving L. Wadlington's second crew. April to October 1943. 21<sup>st</sup> Bomb Squadron shown on Amchitka Island. Led the third element at Parmushiru, August 11, 1943. Courtesy Joseph Donald Hutchison. Photo courtesy Joseph D. Hutchison, 21<sup>st</sup> Bomb Squadron, Staff Sgt., Adak, Umnak, Amchitka, Shemya and Attu.*

**Joseph D. Hutchison:** Yes. And Reineke told me that he had made an emergency landing on Iwo Jima. Reineke became the only intelligence officer on Iwo Jima. And he debriefed all of the bomber crews there. And he said that he debriefed Hall on one mission where he had landed at Iwo. But the rest of them, I don't have any idea what happened to them. I did hear that Ware had finished the war, but had died several years back.