

Robert Buchanan: In the squadron there was 144 people in that squadron and there's a lot of them that, you know, really I wasn't close friends [with] or hardly knew them out of that 144. [I] probably knew them at one time, you know, but didn't associate with them that much and they've, over the last 60 – 70 years kind of ... I've lost any idea of them.

I've got pictures here, you know, I have pictures of different people that were in squadron 61 and I remember names. I can't remember anymore, a lot of them I can't put the name with the picture that I can recollect, you know, seeing at one time. I can't put them together. An awful lot of them I can, one's that I knew real well. I've got one picture up there, you know, I know in that picture there's several of them that were killed, were in the one crew that got killed. But only one of them that I remember and he's the only one that I can remember, that I can put the name and the picture together, the rest of them I can't.

Janis Kozlowski: Was that Woody?

Robert Buchanan: No, Woody was ... this guy was Woody's ordnance man. His name was Joe Heldorfer. And he was the ordnance man in Woody's crew, that's right. And the rest, some of the rest in that picture, I'll bet were part of Woody's crew but you know, I cannot ... there's two other guys on there that I know their, I remember them and they weren't in Woody's crew: one whose name I do are Chester Brokos who was from Cleveland, and the other one was Bob Custer who really lived in Akron here after the war for quite a while. He was originally was from West Virginia. I remember them too I can place the names in the pictures there no problem at all, but the rest of them ... Joe Heldorfer I can remember. The only reason I remember him is because he was a big tall lanky guy and he always used to remind me of ... he looked like Li'l Abner. He was real quiet and just a big raw boned guy but the rest of them I can't ... I remember their faces but I cannot put a name with them.

Janis Kozlowski: Well there's ... it sounds like there was a lot of guys in your squadron so it'd be hard to remember them all.

Robert Buchanan: Like I say, we had 144 guys in the squadron and that's not counting our Yeoman, because we had 145 guys in the squadron. The Yeoman never flew. Matter of fact he just died not long ago, he was from California.

Janis Kozlowski: Who was he?

Robert Buchanan: His last name was Jewett. Now, you know, his first name has escaped me.