As follows are scans and a transcription of the 398th Bomb Group’s Christmas 1944 Menu that took place at Nuthampstead, England. The 398th was a B-17 Bomb Group that was part of the 8th Air Force 1st Air Division during WWII and was one of many B-17 Bomb Groups stationed in England.

Color scans of the Christmas 1944 Menu are provided first and the transcription follows. The color scans are interesting to see just as they were printed long ago.

The transcription is particularly helpful in clarifying words that are hard to read from the scanned menu and also in providing electronic text that is searchable via the World Wide Web. Because of the numerous men’s names mentioned and their role at the time, it is hoped that provision of a searchable document will be helpful to families and relatives in the identification of their loved ones as members of the 398th in 1944 and 1945.

We thank Lynn Julius, daughter of Corbett H. Julius, Engine Mechanic with the 398th, 600 Squadron who found the 398th Bomb Group’s Christmas 1944 Menu in her dad’s papers and provided us an excellent scan for the 398th website.

We also thank Ruthanna Doerstler, widow of 398th veteran Wayne Doerstler, 602nd Engineer for her careful transcription of the 398th Bomb Group’s Christmas 1944 Menu.

Dave Jordan
398th Webmaster
February 2010
CHRISTMAS MENU

398 BOMBARDMENT GP (H)
APO 557

600th

325 S.C.

OUT WITH THE NEW!

601st

1226 QM.

IN WITH THE OLD!

860 CHEM.

1142 M.P.

602nd

206 FIN.

1449 ORD.

603rd

478 S.D.

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VSGT Wade
Merry Christmas 1944

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So to you all, all of the men who make Station 131 what it is—

Good luck and

Merry Christmas
The Men who Work

Station Commander
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600 Bombardment Squadron  Major Wm. C. Markley
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603 Bombardment Squadron  Major Jean B. Miller, Jr.
322 Station Complement Squadron  Major Heyward M. Braddock
478 Sub Depot  Major Floyd R. Clifford
244 Medical Dispensary  Major James G. Martindale
18 Westerly Squadron Detachment  Capt. John R. Berger
1226 Quartermaster Company  Capt. David I. Kaminsky
1449 Ordnance  Capt. John D. Varn
860 Chemical Company  Capt. John C. Wightman
2015 Engineers F/F  Capt. Michael J. Embeus, Acting Commander
1142 Military Police Co.  1st Lt. Frank S. Guiner
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Sgt. Albert Leon
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Cpl. Carl Schmitz
Cpl. Robert Clark
Cpl. Anthony Gomez
Cpl. John Krause

Ass't Mess Sergeant
Sgt. John Huey
Sgt. Paul Roy
Sgt. Albert Pichette
Sgt. John Dunham
Cpl. Howard Girior
Cpl. Theodore Stanutelos
Cpl. Lupe Figueroa
Pfc. Leslie Hauptman

WAITERS

Pfc. Frank Travis
Pfc. George Mania
Pfc. George Toth
Pvt. Gene McElmammas

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Pfc. Gilo Spagnula
Pfc. Speedwell Hall
Pfc. George Taylor
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Pvt. David McDowell
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S/Sgt Edward Spruill

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Sgt. Adolph Tafoya
Sgt. Albert Shaw
Sgt. B. Moffet
Cpl. Lloyd Mckinney
Cpl. Lewis Colburn
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Pvt. Raymond Gonzales

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Prt. Jodic Lindley
Prt. Ernest Martin
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Christmas Menu, 25th December, 1944

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Roast Young Turkey
Sage & Celery Dressing
 Giblet Gravy
 Cranberry Sauce

Turkey Broth

Whipped Potatoes

Buttered Asparagus

Mixed Salad

Apples

Oranges

Pumpkin Pie

Hot Rolls

Hard Candy

Jam

Butter

Coffee
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~ MENU ~

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APO 557
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SAGE & CELERY DRESSING
GIBLET GRAVY
CRANBERRY SAUCE

WHIPPED POTATOES
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Ass’t: Assistant

Pfc.: Private First Class

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Pfc. Walter Strehlow

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Pvt. W. L. Reed
   Pvt. Daniel Wygal
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**Mess Sergeant**: S/Sgt. Paul Cifrese

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Sgt. Newton Higgs          Sgt. Douglas McDonald
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