

May 28, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Dan E. Moldea, son of USAFR Lieutenant Colonel Emil Moldea (1918-1983)
TO: FILE

SUBJECT: Emil Moldea's Photo Collection of WWII Aces in the 357th Fighter Group



Lieutenant Moldea

* Photo credits: U.S. Army Air Forces (USAAF), 1943-1944

* The photos, below, are presented in order of the pilots' enemy shoot-down credits (in parenthesis)

* The photos were collected by our father, then-Lieutenant Emil Moldea—an accomplished athlete at Ohio State University before and after the war. Nicknamed "Muscles," as noted in many of the pilot-photo inscriptions, Dad served as one of the 357th's top physical conditioning and hand-to-hand combat trainers in England.

* Notably, Moldea typed the names of several of the pilots on their pictures—although some of their nicknames and ranks subsequently changed.

* The 357th's Top Guns, below, are in bold type. (#) denotes those killed in the line of duty.

Major Leonard K. "Kit" Carson

Major John B. England

Major Clarence E. Anderson

Major Richard A. Peterson

Major Robert W. Foy

Major Donald H. Bochkay

Captain Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager

Lieutenant Colonel John A. Storch

Captain Fletcher E. Adams

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas L. Hayes

2nd Lieutenant Otto D. Jenkins

Major Joseph E. Broadhead

1st Lieutenant Robert M. Shaw

Captain Robert H. Becker

Captain Glendon V. Davis

Captain James W. Browning

1st Lieutenant John B. Carder

1st Lieutenant Joseph F. Pierce

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew J. Evans

Captain William R. O'Brien

Major Arval J. Roberson

Captain Robert G. Schimanski

2nd Lieutenant Frank L. Gailer

1st Lieutenant Robert P. Winks

Lieutenant Colonel Irwin H. Dregne

Captain Thomas L. Harris

Major Edwin W. Hiro

Captain Chester K. Maxwell



**Major Leonard K. "Kit" Carson
(18.5)**



**Major John B. England
(17.5)
Killed in the line of duty**



Major Clarence E. Anderson
(16.25)



**Major Richard A. "Pete" Peterson
(15.5)**



**Major Robert W. Foy
(15)**



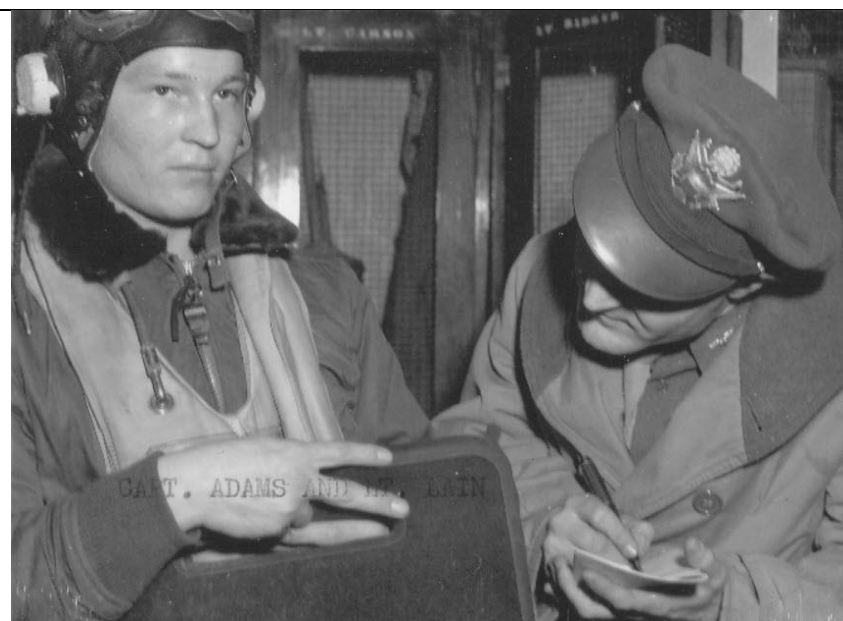
**Major Donald H. Bochkay
(13.75)**



**Captain Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager
(11.5)**



**Lieutenant Colonel John A. Storch
(10.5)**



**Captain Fletcher E. Adams
(9)
Killed in action**



**Lieutenant Colonel Thomas L. Hayes
(8.5)**



**2nd Lieutenant Otto D. Jenkins
(8.5)
Killed in the line of duty**



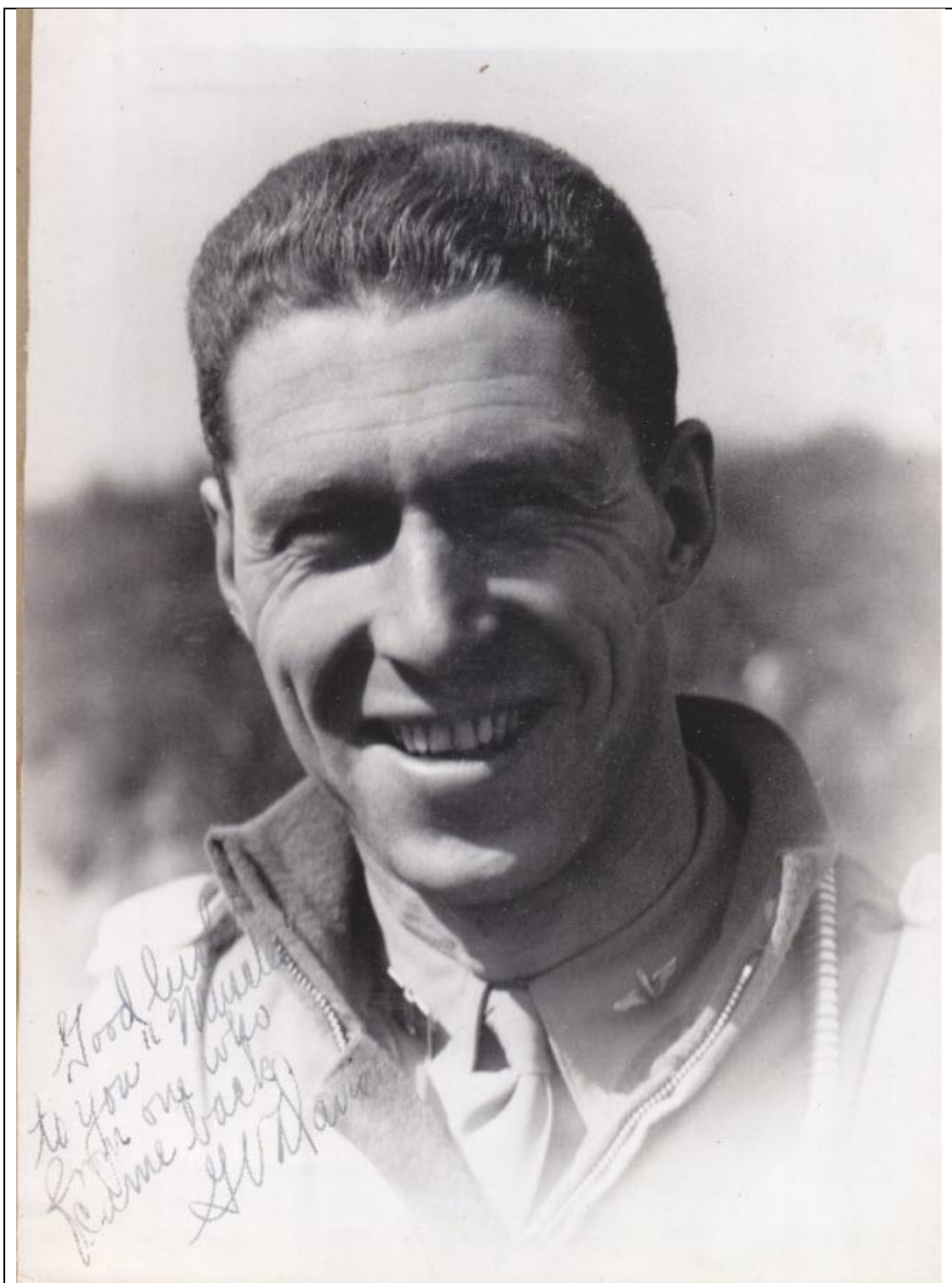
**Major Joseph E. Broadhead
(8)**



1st Lieutenant Robert M. Shaw (r)
(8)



Captain Robert H. Becker
(7)



Captain Glendon V. Davis
(7)



Captain James W. Browning (r)
(7)
Killed in action



1st Lieutenant John B. Carder
(7)
Prisoner of War



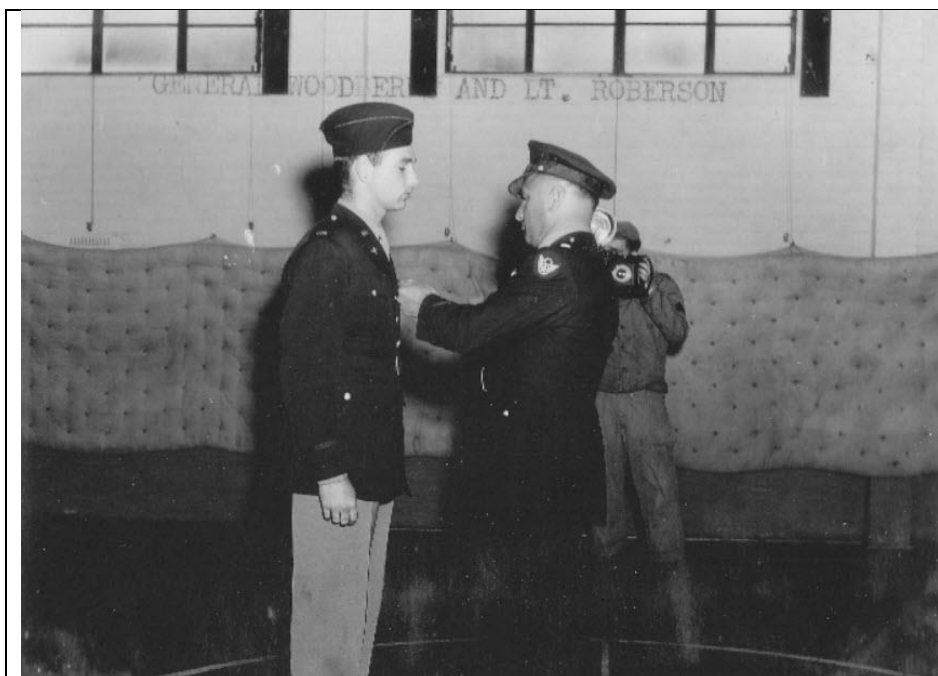
**1st Lieutenant Joseph F. Pierce
(7)
Killed in Action**



Lieutenant Colonel Andrew J. Evans
(6)



Captain William R. O'Brien
(6)



Major Arval J. Roberson (1)
(6)



Captain Robert G. Schimanski
(6)



2nd Lieutenant Frank L. Gailer (I)
(5.5)
Prisoner of War



1st Lieutenant Robert P. Winks
(5.5)



Lieutenant Colonel Irwin H. Dregne
(5)



**Captain Thomas L. Harris
(5)
Prisoner of War**



**Major Edwin W. Hiro
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Killed in action**



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