

Statistically the group dropped seven times the tonnage of bombs in July '44 that it did in July '43. We put over the target eight times the number of aircraft and suffered only one-tenth the percentage of losses. All this was done without any increase in ground personnel. A brief summary of the two months is of interest:

July '44		July '43
17	Missions	7
596	A/C Airborne	142
34	A/C Aborts	20
474	A/C Attacking	59
1111.8	Tons of Bombs	155.5
543	Sorties Flown	120
6	Ships Lost	8
51	MIA, KIA, etc.	81
0.93%	Attrition Rate	6.7%
15930	Nautical Miles Flown	6950
65	Enemy A/C Claims	9
110	Fighter Attacks	3
1205 A/C	Fighter Encounters	27 A/C



Golf had its devotees—with Tom Kenny, and Don Hunter of the 584th about to tee off on the course Bury St. Edmunds.

Apart from such conveniences as clubs, theatre, beer hall, gym, social and cultural activities, dozens of little services which the men of the base performed for each other all made the station characteristic of a community in itself. If a watch needed repair, there was a man who could fix it; a strap needed for a wrist watch, a former leather worker was ready to supply one; an ex-tailor obtained a sewing machine and made repairs on uniforms; another made rings to send home for gifts. From useless chunks of plexi-glass, new crystals for watches were fashioned. The photo lab was set up to take personal pictures. And so it went. All these extras were just that and did not interfere with operations, but added so much to the comfort and convenience of all.



Old "Rum-Dum," one of the originals, still goes out and comes back to score another mission



Maj. Frank Bexfield and lead pilot, Capt. G. A. West, look satisfied with the mission from which they have just returned.