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Gordon Graham was born in Mount Ida, Arkansas, on August 25, 1919. He was a B-24 Aircraft Commander in Europe in World War II. On April 23, 1944, during an attack on an aircraft factory near Vienna, Austria, his aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters and sustained severe damage following three direct hits by rockets. With one engine dead, rudder controls destroyed, fuel flowing from his right wing and two gun turrets inoperative, Graham ordered his crew to bail out. With great skill he held the aircraft under control until all 8 live members of his crew had safely cleared the aircraft before he also bailed out. All nine survivors became prisoners of war at Stalag Luft III and Stalag VIIA until liberated on April 29, 1945.

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