



ing, he went to radio school in Savannah, Ga., where he was trained as a radio operator and gunner. After training, Matthau was assigned to the 453rd Bomb Group and went overseas to RAF Station 144, Buckenham, England as part of the 8th Air Force.

Matthau was a ground radio operator and cryptographer and saw service in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He remembers serving with Jimmy Stewart, who was then an operations officer giving mission briefings. He returned to Reno, Nev., as part of the Air Transport Command. Matthau was discharged in October 1945 from Sacramento, Calif., as a staff sergeant.

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