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Dear Sir,

I am a member of the "306th Bomb Group, Historical Association". I flew as a waist gunner with Jack Delapoer's crew, July, 1944. 423rd squadron.

The purpose of my letter is to bring to your attention the enclosed copies of an advertisement. This was clipped from the current publication of the "Veterans OF Foreign Wars", and advises of a search for the members of a B-17 crew. It was passed to me by a friend who is a member of that organization, in hopes that I might know some of this crew or be able to assist in finding them. I realize that this plane may have been from another group but as an effort to aid in the search, I have checked the 306th roster of 1986 and found two names that compared somewhat to two of the names listed in the ad. (Jack Neely of Las Vegas, NV and Edwin F. Thompson of Bristol, Pa.) Noted that they are from different squadrons, but I am forwarding copies of the ad to them also, just in case they might be some of the men of the crew they are looking for.

I felt that you might have a better possibility of being able to help locate these men ( with your contacts with the group and possibly better contacts with the pilots and officers of the many crews, and perhaps through records of crews) You may already be aware of the search for this crew but I wanted to explore every avenue of possibility. I am sure anything you could do to help will be greatly appreciated. Perhaps you could pass the extra copies along to anyone you might know who would have possible connections with these men.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. Had great times at  
Dayton and D.C. reunions  
and wife and I plan on  
being in Las Vegas this year.  
It should be a great time.

*Reply*  
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## **B-17 Crew Sought**

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For a plaque dedication ceremony at O'Donovan's Hotel in Clonakilty, County Cork, Ireland, July 23 and 24, I would appreciate help in locating former crew members of a USAAF B-17, "Taint a Bird" (serial number 42-3900) that force landed in Clonakilty April 7, 1943. The 11-man crew was not interned and was later released on May 2, 1943, but the mascot, a monkey named Jo-Jo, died of the cold. Their names were W.K. Thomas, J.B. Stapleton, C.P. Haynes, W. Prochaska, C.H. Cameron, R.J. Neely, M.J. St. Louis, W. Whitcombe, G. Tice, F. Thompson and A.G. Arneson. — *Gerard O'Regan, The Warplane Research Group of Ireland, "Blath-na-Greine," Ballinlouch Road, Cork, Ireland.*

# More Issues of 'Echoes'

Here's my help for future issues of Echoes!

I enclose \$ 10.00 to support the production and mailing of the 306th Echoes. I also want to support continuing reunion activities for those who once served.

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