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DEAR RUSSEL,

MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BOOK
FIRST OVER GERMANY. I CAN STILL SMELL THE CORDITE
AND FEEL THE COLD OF THOSE FLIGHTS.

AS I TOLD YOU WHEN I SENT FOR A COPY OF
THE BOOK I SERVED WITH THE 306TH FROM ~~JAN~~ DEC 1944
TO APRIL 1945. APRIL 14 WAS MY LAST MISSION TO
ROYAN, I WAS THROWN IN THE LAKE AND PAWDED
WITH THE 35 ON MY CHEST. AN ARROW ALSO SHOWS
WHERE I WAS HIT. ~~MY CREW~~

MY CREW WAS 3920 (IVE ENCLOSED A COPY OF A
PHOTO OF THE CREW) - MY LEAD PILOT WAS ("JACK") W. W.
YOUNG. COPILOT WAS ALFRED NORMAN, NAVIGATOR BEN
BURWICK, ^{MSgt} MSgt McKellop. (Fogaliev), ARMORER GUNNER, AND
FORMER WAIST GUNNER), ^{MSgt} GEO STEPHENS ENGINEER, ^{MSgt} MSgt.
MERLIN RADIO OPERATOR, ^{MSgt} CHAS CROOK BALL TURRET, ^{MSgt} GEO WILSON
TAIL GUNNER -

JACK WAS MENTIONED AS HAVING HAD AN
APPENDICITIS, ATTACK ON A RUN TO WESEL - SECONDARY
DULMEN, - THE ACTUAL SCENARIO WENT LIKE THIS:

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BEN BURWICK WAS ASSIGNED AS SQUADRON NAVIGATOR.
BGT MCKELLOP WAS PUT IN THE BOMBARDIER'S SEAT.
INSTRUCTED TO BOMB OFF THE SMOKE TRAIL BOMBS
OF THE LEAD. WE LEAD THE HIGH FLIGHT OF
THE HIGH SQUADRON. WHEN WE APPROACHED THE
DUTCH COAST JACK COMPLAINED OF PAINS IN THE STOMACH
AND ~~THAT~~. I HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO STUDY MEDICINE
BEFORE THE WAR DESPITE MY ENGINEERING EDUCATION SO
I ASKED JACK WHERE THE PAIN WAS. I SURMISED THAT
HE HAD AN APPENDIX PROBLEM. HE SAID THAT
WE'D CONTINUE. I PLOTTED A COURSE TO SWEDEN BUT
JACK VOTED ME DOWN. (I WAS FLYING AS NAVIGATOR)
DURING TRANSITION TRAINING JACK LET ME FLY THE
B-17. INCLUDING STOODUP LANDINGS. I WAS AN ADVANCED
WASHED OUT PILOT - TRAINED AS A BOMBARDIER-NAVIGATOR.
WHEN WE DROPPED THE BOMBS, JACK PASSED OUT
NORMAN TOOK THE SHIP OUT OF FORMATION AND
THEN ASKED ME FOR A COURSE TO LIEGE. JACK REVIVED
AND COUNTERMANDED THE ORDER. WE HEADED OVER
THE NORTH SEA. JACK PASSED OUT AGAIN. NORMAN
ASKED ME TO GET UP TO THE COCKPIT. I PUT THE
PLANE ON AUTO PILOT. STEPHENS AND I HELPED
TO PUT JACK IN THE RADIO ROOM. IT WAS HEAVY
GETTING THROUGH THE BOMB-BAY RACKS - WE
SET HIM UP IN THE RADIO ROOM. HEARD OUT

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. ALL THE WAY UP. HE HAD A FEELING. I GOT SOME
IKE OUT OF THE CANTINE ON BOARD. AND GAVE
JACK A MORPHINE SURETTE. BUT THE ICE ON HIS
STOMACH. MEAN WHILE AL BROUGHT THE SHIP
1 - ~~MAN~~ DOWN TO 8000 FEET. INDICATING 180-200
. WHEN I GOT BACK HE ASKED ME TO GET THE
NEAREST LANDING WE COULD MAKE. I PICKED
HARDWICK 2ND DIV HEAD QUARTERS. ON THE
COAST. ~~WE~~ I JOINED NORMAN AS COPILOT.
WE ACTUALLY SET THE PLANE ON AUTO PILOT.
(A3 SYSTEM). I CHECKED FUEL CONSUMPTION WE
HAD PLENTY. - WE WERE OUT ABOUT 50 MILES
AND WE CALLED PARKY WHO CAME OUT TO
LEAD US IN. THE WIND WAS FROM 40°. .
SO WE CAME STRAIGHT IN FOR OUR BASE.
I WENT BACK TO THE G BOX TO GET AN ACCURATE
INSTRUMENT FOR THE GLIDE PATH OF THE ILS.
CLOUDS STARTED TO FORM SO I WANTED TO BE SURE
WE DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME. WE GOT DOWN
AND AN AMBULANCE MET US. WE HAD ALSO
ASKED THAT JACK'S BROTHER LE ROY. FLYING
WITH KIMBOLTEN 379th. - BE NOTIFIED. HE
MET US WHEN WE LANDED. JACK WAS OPERATED ON
AND AL AND - I - FLEW THE SHIP BACK TO THURLOCK
THE NEXT DAY

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WHEN WE GOT BACK WE HAD TO GET BACK OUR - FLIGHT JACKETS - AND BIKES AND UNPACK OUR PERSONALS - THE GROUP ASSUMED WE WENT DOWN - SEEMED. AT BEST COMMUNICATIONS WERE JUST GOOD ENOUGH TO GET MISSIONS OFF BUT OTHER INFO JUST DOESN'T SEEM TO FUNCTION.

THE ORIGINAL BOOK FIRST OVER GERMANY DID HAVE MY PICURE AND MEL - BRECHER - MEL WAS WITH THE 367. HE NOW LIVES AT 35 RITTEN HOUSE RD -

BROOMALL, PA
(BROUGH HALL?) PA. 199008.

HE WAS A BOMBARDIER WHO WENT TO CIS IN MIDLAND WITH ME.

I ALSO HAD AN INCIDENT INVOLVING FLACK DAMAGE ON THE BIELEFELD - PAID OUR ~~6th~~ MISSION. ON THE BOMB RUN WE WERE HIT BY FLAK IT KNOCKED OUT OUR RAM INTAKE MANIFOLD - AND BLEW A HOLE IN THE NOSE PLEXIGLASS - A PIECE OF FLACK HIT ME IN THE CHEST IN MY FLACK SUIT AND KNOCKED ME OFF THE BOMBARDIER'S CHAIR. WE LOST 3 + 4 ENGINE BECAUSE WE WEREN'T GETTING ANY SUPER CHARGING SO WE LEFT THE FORMATION AND DROVE TO 5000 INTO BELGIUM + FRANCE. WE LANDED IN ROSIERRES. AT AN ~~ABANDONED~~. ABANDONED ME 110 BASE - NOW OCCUPIED BY THE RAF

NEXT DAY WE PATCHED UP THE MANIFOLD WITH SOME PARTS FROM A SCRAPPED GERMAN AIRCRAFT AND FLEW BACK TO THE BASE. AGAIN WE HAD TO RE COLLECT OUR PERSONALS AS WE DID THE FOUR SUCCEEDING TIMES. WE LANDED AWAY FROM HOME - BUT THIS TIME WE HAD JUST STARTED TO FLY AND IT WAS SORT OF EERIE. BUT CONNECTED WITH THIS SORTIE WAS THE FLACK HIT IN MY CHEST. I FOUND ONE PIECE OF FLACK IMBEDDED IN THE FLACK SUIT. BUT IT WASNT UNTIL A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER THAT WHILE FEELING MY MASK ON A MISSION DID I FIND THE SECOND PIECE OF FLACK. IT WAS IMBEDDED IN MY OXYGEN MASK. I PASSED OUT. LITERALLY. BURWICK REVIVED ME - WITH THAT HAD HAPPENED. THAT I TOOK OFF MY MASK TO CLEAN THE CONDENSATION AND NOTICED THE JAGGED PIECE OF METAL. I GUESS AT 27000' I PASSED OUT. WHEN I CAME TO, I CHANGED WITH THE SPARK

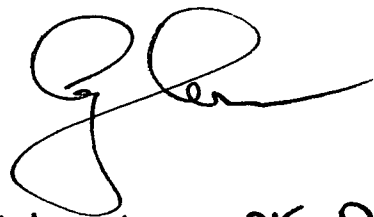
I ALSO NOTED THAT THE APPENDIX LISTED THE 30 MARCH 1945 (C) - BREMEN + FARGE - ACTUALLY THE 309 FLEW "DISNEY BOMBS" TO VEZESACK - THOL OLDS WAS THE GROUP LEADER. THE DUNKY BOMB WAS A BRITISH INVENTION DESIGNED TO HIT THE SUB PENS

THEY WERE MOUNTED ON EACH WING BETWEEN EACH
 ENGINE 1+2, and 3+4, THEY WEIGHED 3000 LBS
 EACH CONSEQUENTLY WE HAD A HELL OF A TIME TO
 HOLD FORMATION. IF YOU FELL BACK IN FORMATION IT WAS
 HELL TO RECAPTURE W/O OVERSHOOTING. THE AIRCRAFT
 TRIM WAS TERRIBLE. WE WERE INSTRUCTED VISUAL
 RUN ONLY. CONSEQUENTLY WHEN WE GOT TO THE TARGET
 COL OLDS INSTRUCTED THE GROUP, "DO NOT BOMB -
 GO AROUND AGAIN AT 15 000'." AT THIS POINT
 I GOT SCARED TO DEATH - NOT ONLY DID THE
 NAZIS KNOW OUR TARGET THEY KNEW THE HEIGHT
 ALTITUDE AND BY NOW OUR SPEED. WHEN
 WE CAME IN AGAIN I ACTUALLY HEARD THE
 FLACK SAW THE RED FLASH HEARD THE IMPACT
 AND SMELLED THE SMOKE. COL OLDS DROPPED
 I THINK HE WAS HIT - BECAUSE HE INDICATED.
 A DIVE AFTER BOMBS AWAY. HE HAD 3 ENGINES
 WHEN WE GOT BACK TO BASE I WENT OVER TO
 HIS (COL OLDS) PLANE AND SAW A HOLE AS BIG
 AS A BARRACKS BAG IN THE WING: (HE PASSED OUT)
 THE ~~IN GENERAL~~ DISNEY BOMB WAS A SPECIAL-WEAPON"
 IT HAD AN ANEROID TRIGGER ATTACHED TO A ROCKET.
 IGNITION SYSTEM - WHEN THE BOMB DROPPED TO 10000'
 THE ROCKET CUT IN. THERE WAS A 2 SECOND
 DELAY FUSE THAT WENT OFF AFTER THE BOMB

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PENETRATED THE CONCRETE AND THE EXPLOSION ACTED LIKE A MINE CHARGE DESTROYING. FROM WHAT I RECALL THE BOMBS MISSED THE TGT AND RUINED SOME BRUSSEL-SPROUT PATCHES FOREVER.

I'VE ENCLOSED A PICTURE OF MY CREW, THE OXYGEN MASK WITH THE FLIGHT IN AND OUT AND A LIST OF MISSIONS I FLEW. YOU CAN HAVE THEM - IF YOU DO DECIDE TO SERIAL THE BOOK FROM THE INCIDENTAL RATHER THAN THE HISTORICAL SINCE I'D BE GLAD TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY I CAN

Horace 

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P.S. I'm still involved in this business I design and build (participate in) EAGS Jammers - similar to the Carpet-Jammers used at Thuwliq - Remember Lt. Slot - He was our Radar officer. He's still in it too but as a psychologist for another builder of this type of equipment

SORTIE RECORD

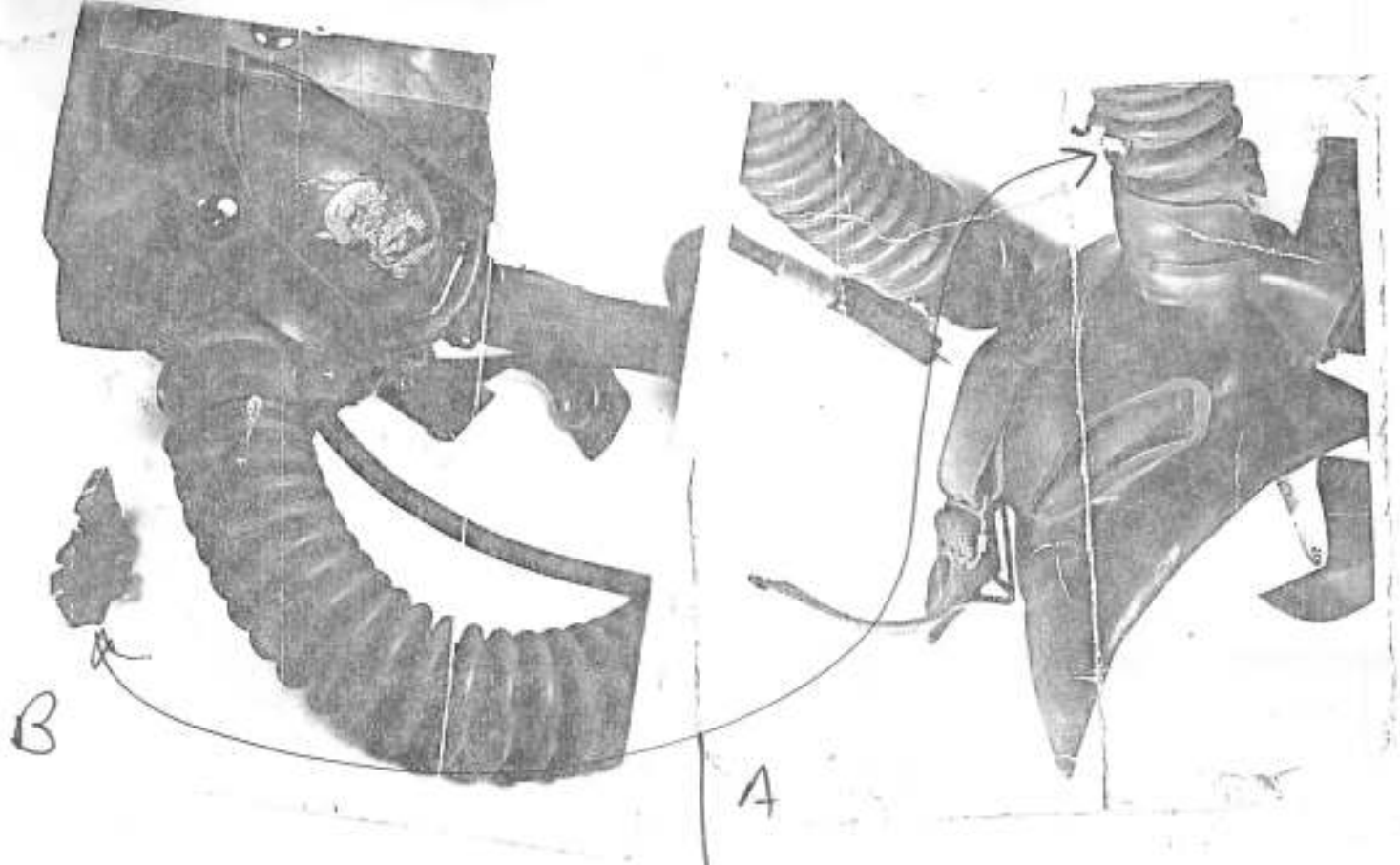
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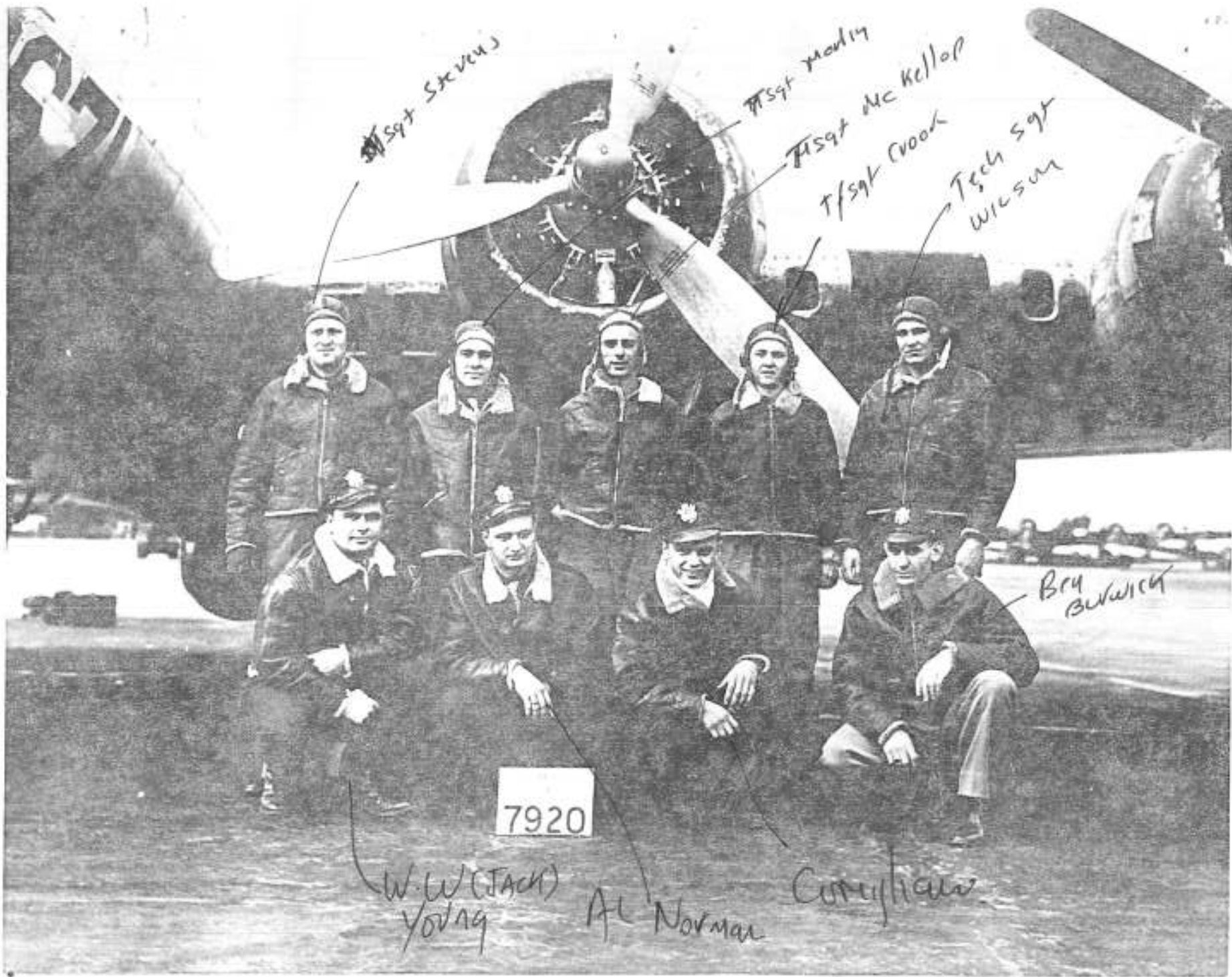
1. 6 Jan 45 Koln, Germany ✓
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6. 17 Jan 45 Bielefeld, Germany ✓
7. 28 Jan 45 Koln, Germany ✓
8. 29 Jan 45 Koblenze, Germany ✓
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12. 10 Feb 45 Dulmen, Germany ~~xxx~~
13. 16 Feb 45 Dortmund, Germany ✓
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16. 26 Feb 45 Berlin, Germany ✓
17. 28 Feb 45 Hagen, Germany ✓
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20. 7 Mar 45 Giessen, Germany ✓
21. 8 Mar 45 Gelsenkirchen, Germany ✓
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23. 19 Mar 45 Plauen, Germany ✓
24. 22 Mar 45 Dorsten, Germany ✓
25. 24 Mar 45 Vechta, Germany ✓
26. 30 Mar 45 Vegesack, Germany ~~xxxx~~
27. 31 Mar 45 Leipzig, Germany ✓
28. 3 Apr 45 Kiel, Germany ✓
29. 4 Apr 45 Fassberg, Germany ✓
30. 6 Apr 45 Leipzig, Germany ✓
31. 7 Apr 45 Wesendorf, Germany ✓
32. 8 Apr 45 Halberstadt, Germany ✓
33. 11 Apr 45 Kraiburg, Germany ✓
34. 13 Apr 45 Neumanster, Germany ✓
35. 14 Apr 45 Royan, France ✓

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 Asst. Personnel Officer.

XX Book indicates Lutzkendorf
 xxx I missed Dresden Jack was
 in the hospital
 *XXX- This really was a Leipzig
 secondary for Nurnberg or ~~Dresden~~
 xxxxx Book says Braunschweig + Farge
 xxxxxx The Book is correct it was Halle





Sgt Stevens

T/Sgt Manly

T/Sgt Mc Kellop

T/Sgt Cook

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Oct. 17, 1987

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Dear Russel Strong,

I have just received a call from Evelyn Cook, Brooke cook who was the squadron-gunner for the 369th in Thurleigh. Evelyn had called to let me and my wife to tell us that Brooke had died Wednesday, Oct. 14. Brooke had attended services with Evelyn and he had leaned his head back and died. Brooke was a small in structure but big in the things that man requires to show courage determination and faith. Brooke had completed his tour and was commissioned as a 2nd. Lt.. He and several others were responsible for rigging the gun-turret simulator, but in those days we didn't call them simulators. If you recall many of us bombardiers and navigators never had gunnery school so we went to combat raw. I benefited from Brooke's coaching and it sure decreased the terror the balance of my tour held for me, at least I could man the gun-station I was near without total ignorance. At the reunions of the 306th, starting with the visit to Thurleigh I became close to Brooke, and I regret that I didn't get closer. Brook sat next to me during the church services in Kelsoe and we had gone to London a couple of days earlier than the group in Bedford. We wanted to visit some of our old haunts. Ronnie had received the call and when I was told of Brooke I called back to see if there was anything I could do. She indicated that a Brooke so admired the comraderee of the 306th that he would have appreciated a donation to the 306th Association, a group of people he admired and respected. Brook had intended to attend the last reunion in Washington, but wasn't feeling too well. I believe Brooke was 72 years old when he died. He died peaceably. He was a quiet man and strong in character. I will miss him as a close friend and as a comrade in arms. I'm sending \$50.00 as a donation to the Association in the memory of Brooke Cook.

Horace and Ronnie Corigliano

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Mr. Russell A Strong
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Dear Russell,

I have changed my mailing Address to that shown in the address of this letter. The former address was a Private Postal Box< which I am abandoning this December. Please change the address as soon as possible. I had mailed you a letter on October 17, regarding the death of Brooke Cook. (See letter enclosed.) I received the October issue of 306th Echoes this morning and did not see any reference to Brooke's sudden death. I have been having quite a problem with the postal service it's almost as bad as "VEE" Mail. I also included a check to be used by the association at the request of Evelyn, Brooke's wife. Please have my address changed to reflect my correct address, and write me if you didn't receive the previous letter.

Very truly yours,


HORACE CORIGLIANO