

From the desk of . . .

**WILLIAM H. DICKENSON**

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August 16, 1988

Edward J. Hennessy  
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Dear Ed:

Saw your notice of the 306th Bomb Group re-union in The Officer magazine and would like more information. Please send to the address below.

I served with the Group in the 423rd Squadron from August 1943, to February 1944 as a navigator.

Yours truly,

*William H. Dickenson*

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28 August 1988

Mr. William H. Dickenson  
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Dear Bill:

WELcome aboard the 306th organization.

As historian for the Group, I have endeavored to collect as many records as I can. Some of them are readily available, but 1943 records are difficult to find.

If you have your 201 file or your Form 5, I would appreciate it if you would go through them and make copies for me of any orders issued by 8th AF, 1st Bomb Division, the 306th Bomb Group or Station 111, or by the 423rd squadron.

Anything you can send along will be greatly appreciated.

Also, we are looking for people constantly, and I would appreciate any addresses that are current you might have for crewmates, or others from Thurleigh. Or, perhaps you have WWII hometowns for some of your crew members.

I believe you were on Jim Sylvester's crew. We have no information on him after his transfer 11 Oct 43.

Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Russell A. Strong, Director/Editor  
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Dear Russ:

Enclosed is picture of my crew that arrived in Thurleigh in August of 1943. The names from left to right in the top row are:

2nd	Lt Thomas R. Mc Galliard	0-680667	Co-Pilot
F/O	James F. Sylvester	1-60271	Pilot
2nd	Lt William H. Dickenson	0-735228	Navigator
2nd	Lt Woodrow S. Ellertson	0-741496	Bombardier

Bottom row left to right:

S/Sgt	James S. Porter	33279509	AEG	Top Turret
S/Sgt	Burl W. Ford	18149200	AAEG	Ball Turret
Sgt	Richard G. Mowrer	33326113	ROG	Radio Operator
S/Sgt	Jack W. Koeltor	35468471	AROG	Tail Gunner
Pvt	Martin A. Mitosenka	39535669	AG	Waist Gunner
S/Sgt	Howard C. Turner	33302840	AAG	Waist Gunner

As far as I know, McGalliard and I are the only ones still alive today. Also, I think I was the only member of the crew to complete 25 missions. Luckily, I didn't receive a scratch even though I flew some of the tougher missions like 2 Schweinfurts, Stuttgart, Bremen etc.

I flew with several different pilots like John Lewis, Charles Munger, Jeffries, Geno DiBetta, Col Robinson, etc. If you check Jeffries' crew, you will notice that several of my original crew wound up on his crew.

That's all I have for now and will be looking for the picture in the 306th Echoes.

Yours truly,



William H. Dickenson