

Doran Gillette

9/18/80

303/423-1215

hit 7 times

knocked off wing tip on left
#2 engine
half of plywood nose.

out at 21,000 ft.

hit on head w/ own 45 by Gena officer

not crew together two days later

De Wolf, White, Simpson in bomb didn't see.

3-26-92

Dear Sir: Reference Echoes Vol 1990.

p2 The New Directory - Please place me
in the right organization, - the 369th.
(I was listed in the 368th) (last Directory)

p1 Who went First - I was one of
the very first members of the 306th
& 369th at Galt Lake Camp, and I was
in the nose of the B-18 that landed
in Wendover on 4-1-47 - our new base.
This was right - at 50 yrs. ago.

late summer we arrived in Glasgow &
on the Queen Elizabeth & Thurleigh 2 by
at 50 feet.

I started Flying Combat missions on
March 4, 1944 as bombardier. I was to
receive Commission after 50 combat hours,
which I required as I (we) were shot-

down March 26, 1944. I was to have
received my Tech Sergeant stripes (again)
and a 1st Lt. Com. shortly after, &
I never heard from the 369th, 88th or
the 8th AF. again. I should pursue this!

The only crew names that I have seen
in the Echoes are White, Dewitt, Miller,
& Kotbach (Deceased).

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Dear Sir:

The '92 Directory 306th has my name placed
in the wrong organization - again - for the
second Directory in a row. Even tho P. 2
of the Vol. '92 Echoes stated 'Don't worry
about it', I sent a hand written note to
you in Feb (I believe, or maybe Mar) requesting
relocation of my name from the 365th
back to the 369th where I was one of the
Originals from Feb or Mar '42. I also
included this info in the aforementioned Note.

Anyway, - I would appreciate being changed or
relocated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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'42 - '45

8-10-92



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Dear Russ:

Thanks for switching me back to the
Fightin' Bitin' 369th, - my squadron from
day-one.

In answer to your questions 8-4-92, -
I was sent to Scott Lake City Air Field in
Van '42 from Armament School - Lowry
Field, Denver to join the 306th Group.
I believe it was April Fools day '42 that
we flew to our beautiful Wendover Base
in an old B-18, - I think it was our only
plane at that time. After returning from
Cannon School in Lansing, Mich (Oldsmobile),
I served as an Armorer & Tow Target
Operator on the old B-18.

Arrived at Thurleigh early Sept '42, served
as Armorer & flew some precise missions
& North Sea Search missions till end of

'43, when they reduced my rank from T/Sgt. to S/Sgt. for (they said) over crowding in the T/Sgt rank. Any way, - I finished my self-training for Bombardier rating and was given a check-flight over the Wash Bomb Range by the Squadron Bombardier (I think the Group Bombardier was strong too). I successfully dropped 70, 100# practise Bombs and was recommended for a Commission as Bombardier. Bomber Command informed our Group that I would have to have 50 combat hours first, - so I was assigned to combat as an enlisted Bombardier (they weren't Topgrading yet) and was told that I would get my T/Sgt rating back while waiting for a Commission. Well, - none of this ever happened and they now tell me the may 44 regulations didn't cover me. I informed them (recent years) that I had earned the Commission based on regulations in effect while I was flying.

Well, nothing more has been heard.
my first ^{combat} mission was 3-4-44, I don't
remember the Pilot's Name, but Denott C.P.,
White Nav., Hotback Engin, etc.
The Pilot was wounded on 3-24-44 raid
and Barney Price was our pilot when we
were shot down (Flak) 3-26-44 in a brand
new G-model (1st mission) over Pas De Calais,
near St. Omer. This was my 7th combat
mission.

All of us ended-up at Stalag Luft I
except White & Decker. They were badly
injured and stay elsewhere.

Thanks, Boss, for letting me bore you
with all of this, - but it feels good to
review it occasionally!

Sincerely
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