



DURATION PLUS 42-31726, 367H



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Mr. William M. Collins, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Collins:

I was pleasantly surprised on receiving the "306th Echoes". You must of received my name from Bill Pitblado of Roseau, Mn., as I see his name listed.

I had many questions in the past years and the "Echoes" has answered most of them. I figured that Thurleigh was plowed under by now, but I see the base is still active.

Also, was very surprised to see old "Duration Plus" picture on the wanted list. Enclosed you will find a picture of Ben Peters crew. Short history: when we arrived at Thurleigh 42-31726 was a hangar queen, very shot up, we finished our mission and were the only O.D. color B-17 in the 4 squadrons. (November, 1943 - June 1944). Captain Peters painted the name and first 5 bombs himself. I see by your picture that it flew more missions after we left. Enclosed is my picture with the names I could remember.

Since I had no news of the Washington reunion, I'd like a 306 on our own, naturally close to Ohio.

Let me know to whom a check should be made out, to pay for a subscription to the Echoe.

Yours Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Hoffman

P. S. Enclosed is the address that I have, possibly that Bill Pitblado may have given them to you with my address.

KEH/lh



367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations
Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England - September 1942-April 1945

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306th Echoes

Dear Ken:

Here are a bunch of pictures that I would like to have copied. Make 5x7 prints, if some of them will blow up that far.

Thanks much for the prints which I received earlier.

Haven't had much time to work with such things, but activities are slowing down a little. I just need to quit traveling.

Thanks much;

Dear Russ,
Sorry for the delay next bunch I
love, will come soon. (35mm Negs) Will be in
Kil next couple months will give you a ring.