

MARCH 26, 2001

DEAR RUSS:

THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING TO MY E-MAIL TO YOU.
ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A PICTURE OF MY BROTHER,
RUDY, AND HIS CREW. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS
PICTURE WAS FROM CREW TRAINING BACK HERE IN THE U.S.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, KNEELING:

RUDY HORST, PILOT

FRANK WRIGHT, CO-PILOT

JOHN JOPLIN, NAVIGATOR

HENRY SCHMITZ, BOMBARDIER

UNFORTUNATELY, I AM UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE REST
OF THE CREW (2ND ROW), BUT THIS CONSISTED OF: BILL
OSGOOD, ENGINEER; ART COOK, RADIO; LAUREL KLOSTER, BALL
TORRET; ED JUSTICE, WAIST; ED RYAN, WAIST; JOE
THREKELD, TAIL. (HOWEVER, WHAT ORDER THEY ARE IN,
I'M NOT SURE).

IF ANY OF THE GROUP ASSOC. MEMBERS KNEW MY
BROTHER AND HIS CREW, OR COULD PROVIDE ANY DETAILS RE-
GARDING THEIR FINAL MISSION OVER BERNBURG ON FEB. 22,
1944, I WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN HEARING FROM THEM.

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SINCERELY,

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