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Dear Russell:

Thank you for remembering me and sending the orders on Simpson and Spevak. I truly appreciate this gesture on your part.

The 306th Echoes came a few weeks ago and I genuinely enjoyed reading it. Reading the dates of the 306th BG men shot down and killed, the cemeteries they were buried in, refreshed my mind to the losses incurred in the 306th BG while we were flying with them. As I made all the missions the 94th BG flew with the 306BG (all but the first mission was rough) I remember the missions well.

It was these first missions that our love for the Flying Fortress grew as we saw shot up Forts coming home from these missions. The Forts coming back to England with Noses shot off, tails shot off, Horizontal and Dorsal stabilizers shot off and the Forts still valiantly flying towards England and arriving at our bases. In these first missions we knew we had the best bomber in the world.

May 13, 1943 Meaulte-raid was easy we met thirty fighters and walking in the Intergation Room after the raid listening to the men claiming shooting down all the German fighters. Did you know this mission the Groups claimed over three times the fighters we saw this mission? May 14, 1943 the first Kiel-raid was not an easy mission. May 15, 1943 when we bombed the Islands was the mission we saw all the shot-up Forts making their way back to England, how they stayed in the air we did not know, but they did make it home.

Keep up the good work on your 306th Bomb Group Newspaper, *Echoes*. This letter is to let you know how much I appreciate your sending me any article you find on the 94th Bomb Group. Thank you for remembering me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald".

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