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I was called in army

306 Echo:

GENTLEMEN:

I WAS SURE SURPRISED
TO SEE THE PICTURES OF THE PLANE COMING IN
ON ONE WHEEL, AS I WAS THE GROUND
CREW CHIEF.

I WENT OUT TO CONGRATULATE THE LT.
ON THE GREAT LANDING, AND THE COLONEL
CAME UP AND STARTED TO CHEW HIM OUT
FOR NOT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM THE TOWER TO GO TO THE RIGHT
OR OUTSIDE AND HE TOOK IT INSIDE.

ANYWAY THE LT. WAS A LITTLE THIN MAN
AND HE WAS WEARING A CARRISON OFFICER
CAP TIPPED WAY BACK ON HIS HEAD, AND
HAD A FRESH LIT CIGARETTE LIT AND
IT WAS DANGLING OUT OF THE RIGHT SIDE
OF HIS MOUTH, SO HE JUST LOOKED SIDE
WAY GLANCE AT THE COLONEL AND SAID
"TOUGH S--- COLONEL". THE COLONEL

TOOK OFF AND I'D SAY HE WAS MAD AS HELL

YOU DON'T GET TO PRACTICE LAND ON ONE
WHEEL. I NEVER SAW A BUNCH OF G'S
MOVE SO FAST AS THE MEN DID GETTING
OUT AND SLIDING DOWN THE WINGS.

The day of the first and explosion.

LITTLE JOE ALBERTSON GOT UP IN HIS PLANE AS IT WAS NEXT TO MINES AND TOOK IT OFF TO A SAFER SPOT, HE GOT SOME KIND OF MEDAL FOR IT, WHICH HE DESERVED.

I NEVER GOT CLOSE TO THE COMBAT CREWS AS IT WOULD BE BAD ON ME IF THEY GOT SHOT DOWN, BUT I ONLY LOST ABOUT 1, AND NEVER HAD ONE TO HAVE TO COME BACK ON ACCOUNT OF ENGINE TROUBLE. I CAN'T THINK OF THE NAME THEY CALLED IT. OH YA "ABORT".

I AM 76 NOW AND LIVING IN FLORIDA. I WAS UP TO AKRON LAST SEPT. BUT MY FOOT HURT ME SO BAD I COULDN'T ENJOY MUCH.

IT WAS NOTHING FOR THAT JOB. THEY USED TO SEND A PLANE OUT TO SOME DEPOT FOR A 1000 HR INSPECTION, WHICH TOOK 6-8 WEEKS. WE HAD A CREW DOE ONE IN 10 DAYS AND THEN THEY WANTED ANOTHER DONE IN 5 DAYS AND IT WAS DONE IN 4RS, EVERYTHING COMPLETELY TAKEN OFF AND REPAIRED OR REPLACED.

"ALL THE BEST" J.P. Morgan