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Re: Names - July issue of Echoes

Dear Russ,

Sorry about the paper (my  
sons school paper) and the long  
hand. I will not be in the office  
for a few days so have this  
typed - so here go's -

I can <sup>add</sup> a few items to your  
list of plane names. First I have  
a picture stamped on the back "Official  
USAAF Photo-Station 111" and it shows  
Lt's Ferman (Jack) Millette and  
Malcom C (Mal) Fragee in the  
cockpit of a B-17 F (I think it's a "F"  
because it's painted and most "G"  
models were not painted) with  
the name HELGA printed in large  
white letters under the pilots window.  
Millette and Fragee were in the 423rd

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with me and flew most of our missions in another plane on your list - Choo-Z-Suzzy. It was assigned to the 423rd. The crew chief was M/Sgt Edward Bergeron. (His brother Walter was a line chief in the Eager Beavers) they both were from Newmarket, N.H. The other officer on Choo-Z-Suzzy was the navigator, Lt Robert H. Holquist. Millette was the pilot, Frayce copilot (later checked out as pilot of his own plane) and it was the bombardier. We were assigned to the 423 on S.O. # 118, Station 111, April 30, 1944. Following is the balance of the crew: Flight engineer S/Sgt William H. Gaylord, Radio operator Raymond (Pop) Pauline and gunners Sgts Warren M. Rudel, Frank E. Lancia, Robert K. Zack and Loyd M. Nixon.

I can not find the serial number of the plane and I do not who named it or when it arrived in the E.T.O.

After our 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> mission we checked out as a lead crew

and flew most of the group and wing lead in Choo-z-Suzzy. This included 7 missions on D-Day. I don't know how she ended her days. While I flew her, she took a lot of flak and ~~shoot~~ shot. Once we counted over 300 holes after landing from Berlin and gave up counting the rest of the holes - they were too many. Another time Millette landed with the nose section of a "88" shell in #3 engine - also the brakes shot out. I know of 2 men killed in her, a navigator and a gunner and 2 wounded, a navigator and myself.

As soon as I can have some prints made I'll send you some of Choo-z-Suzzy and some of the crew.

Sincerely yours

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