



306th Bombardment Group Association



Troops Ready To Invade Las Vegas

While the hotel is expected to be near capacity at Las Vegas, the welcome mat will be out for any late arrivals who drop in at the 306th reunion, opening 30 Oct and continuing through 3 Nov. The site is the Hacienda Resort and Hotel on the south end of the Strip.

Ed Hennessy and Barney Rawlings, co-chairmen for the event, promise an interesting time for 306th members, ranging from Monday excursions to the Nevada Atomic Test Site and Nellis Air Force Base, home of the AF Thunderbird flying team; shopping; a ladies' tour of Las Vegas, and the kinds of entertainment for which Las Vegas has long been famous.

Some 306th oldtimers may have been here during the war when Las Vegas was the site of a flexible gunnery school. Obviously, others have visited since!

Many feel that this reunion will probably be the largest that the 306th will have, with numbers anticipated now around the 1000 mark. Hennessy states that there are some losses in the late days before the start of the reunion, but that there are late registrants to fill the gaps.

For those who joined the 306th in the States, there is a flying excursion to once more look at Wendover Field. It still is on the Utah salt flats, and it isn't much prettier than it was in 1942. There are more people living in the area, and the town of Wendover has improved a bit.

There are also excursion flights to the Grand Canyon, for those who want a low down and quick look at the scenery without the pain of driving.

One of the things that some conferees may miss is a speaker at the final banquet of the association. This is being replaced by a video presentation, with lots of music used to set the proper mood in historical time.

Las Vegas is another opportunity for the annual gathering of the 306th clan, a group that we feel is unique, and one that is still growing and changing. Some have dropped by the wayside as time takes its toll, but the additions to date far outrank the losses, so we are a growing, dynamic organization.

President Reginald Robinson will preside at the banquet as his final act of service to the group while president. He will already have been superceded in the office

Unknown Rosky Chapter Reveals a Son He Never Knew

Michael Roskovitch was one of the great legends of the 306th, in part because he was a free spirit with an antic disposition, and in part because he became the first man to complete a tour of 25 missions in the entire Eighth Air Force.

This came about because he seldom took leave and applied himself diligently to the task at hand. What motivated him was never established, but his desire to meet the enemy and to win was great.

Stars and Stripes carried a lengthy article about him, authored by Andy Rooney, seeking to get inside Mike.

His tour came to an end 5 Apr 43 at Antwerp, a disastrous day for the Group but one of triumph for Rosky and those who came home with him. Like most of his missions, this was with his original crew and pilot, Capt. Pervis Youree. After that Rosky was commissioned a second lieutenant and became a gunnery officer, for as a radio operator he had proven to be a mean man with a .50 caliber machine gun.

He later returned to Thurleigh as a gunnery officer and it was while on this duty that he took a joy ride to Scotland with a group of 306th officers. On takeoff for home 4 Feb 44 the plane crashed and all were killed.

This not only saddened the base, but it was an event that reached into one English home especially, and is central to our retelling of the Michael Roskovitch story. Even at this time, he did not know that the little boy he sometimes saw in Bedford was his son. But let's let Mary Smith tell her own story:

"The latter part of 1942 (I was 16 but looked older) I met dearest Michael in the shop I worked in. I took him home to meet my parents and we all loved him. . . . I fell hopelessly in love with Michael. Sometimes he would stay the night at home and to me then—as now—he was the someone special you only meet once in a lifetime. . . . It was not just because I was young and impressionable, because these feelings have lasted my whole life.

"He was my first real love and first lover, and of course, the inevitable happened. I became pregnant.

"When my mother knew all hell broke loose, but in those days you obeyed your parents. I refused to get rid of it so my parents agreed to see me through on condition I married my poor unsuspecting boyfriend and stopped seeing Michael. I suppose they were afraid of losing me (I was an only child) to America, which was as good as going to the moon to them in those days.

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Little Rock Chosen for '89 Meet

The well-traveled road ahead will take you to Little Rock, AR, between 21-24 Sept 1989, if you are already making plans for 1989 and want to attend the 306th Bomb Group Association reunion.

Hugh Phelan, 367th, will be the chairman for the event, and has recruited a committee of other 306th people living in Arkansas.

The Excelsior Hotel, along the river in downtown Little Rock, is an excellent facility, and its physical layout will provide well for food, visitation, and all the kinds of activities that 306th men and their spouses enjoy.

Plan on 21-24 Sept 1989 in Little Rock.

Telephone Directory

The secretary of the association has been assembling a telephone directory of 306th people, and wishes to acknowledge the help of Ralph Bordner, John Prescott, Daryl Phillips, Charles Dimter, Ed Ronczy, Glen Bryant, William Carlile, William Slenker, Leo Gallegos, Demetrius Chakiris, Richard Weisen, Holl Flood, Chris Christianson, Don Bouchelle, Joe Bowles, Ted Czechowski, Bill Houlihan, Hugh Phelan, Dick O'Hara, and John Corcoran.

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Son 'Meets' Father Thru 306th Records

This letter was received by the secretary of the 306th Association after he had responded to a request for information about a 367th gunner who was KIA on Edwin Jacobs' aircraft in the three-plane collision on a Berlin mission 8 May 44. It is indicative of numerous requests that come for data.

"Your quick and gracious response to my inquiry about my father, Robert H. Bolin, is much appreciated . . .

"You have provided much more detail than I ever expected to get and I am deeply grateful. I knew that my father died due to a collision but the capricious nature of the sequence of events leading up to it (Ed.: see **First Over Germany**, chapter 18) was unsettling to me. These kinds of accidents have always happened in war but they are harder for me to accept and after reading it I had a good little cry—which I needed. The first time I cried over my father was about ten years ago when my mother revealed for the first time that she had his personal effects which were shipped home after his death, and that she had never opened them.

"My wife and I went through them one evening and afterwards I had a good cry. It was as if he had come home after 34 years. He was only twenty years old and less than three years married when he died and my mother is still reluctant to talk about it. She lost a second husband to an accident after about two years, also.

In working over his collection of sketches from Stalag Luft III, Al LaChasse says his favorite is the one pictured at the right. If you too are amused and wish to add this fall color sketch to your collection, send a stamped, addressed envelope to

Al LaChasse
1321 N. Howard St.
Glendale, CA 91207

Evadee List Corrected

Two names were inadvertently omitted from the evadee list appearing in the March issue of **Echoes**.

They were Ivan Glaze, a 368th navigator on W. Dale Reed's crew at Halberstadt 11 Jan 44, and George Clements, navigator on Virgil Dingman's crew 17 Jun 44 at Noyen, France.

Also, the copy erred in labeling R. Eugene Gustafson as being deceased. He continues to make his home in Geneva, FL.

The editor regrets the omissions and error.

"Please add the enclosed photograph of my father to your 306th Bomb Group data. I am a great believer in historical records and archives and would very much like this to be included. Ironically, the Confederate Air Force's B-17G, "Sentimental Journey," was in Evansville this past weekend. I spent a considerable amount of time there.

"Your assistance has meant a great deal to me."

/s/Robert W. Bolin

Roskovitch's Son (from page 1)

"Michael was very hurt (he did not know of the baby), confused and cross, but he gave me a record, "Her Name is Mary" and some giant tins of food for the wedding. My heart just broke. I married Feb. 13, 1943, and our son David was born September 14, 1943.

"It was a silly mistake of a marriage and by January 1944 was over. I decided, in spite of my parents, Michael was to be told. But he died before I could. I have never forgiven myself and have lived with this guilt ever since.

"I married again to a person called Englehart—this is the name my son has taken, and about that time I took David up to Cambridge Cemetery to "tell" Michael what I was doing. (Ed: That marriage also ended in divorce.)

"Since 1966 I have been happily married to a very nice, kind and long suffering man.

"David stammered badly as a child and lost all his hair through nerves. However, he overcame all of this and became one of the youngest solicitors (Ed: lawyer) to qualify in this country.

"I'm afraid I did not tell David about his father until late 1986 and at first everyone in the family was difficult with me over it."

But all of that has changed. Mary became acquainted with Connie Richards, and through Connie learned a great deal more about Mike Roskovitch and the 306th Bomb Group.

Last May 22 at the annual Memorial Day ceremonies at Madingley Cemetery, Cambridge, David Englehart laid the wreath for those of the 306th Bomb Group who gave their lives in the service of their country, and with special meaning because his father is also buried there.

In a letter to Russell Strong, **Echoes** editor, David Englehart explained his feelings in part: "I am a firm believer in hereditary traits. For that reason it was quite a relief that my actual father seemed to have an abundance of guts plus a sense of humor. Additionally, my previously supposed father was five feet, six inches tall. As I and both my sons are six feet three inches, this had always puzzled me a bit."

"Why I left telling so late," adds Mary, "I don't know, except that it would have been terrible if anything had happened to me and the truth was never known. The saddest thing I felt was that I had no photo or anything belonging to Michael I could show or give to David."

That part has been rectified through the efforts of Connie Richards. Russ Strong sent Mary the original sketch which is reproduced at the opening of this article, in addition to a lengthy piece that appeared in **Stars and Stripes**, authored by Andy Rooney.

The story has had other ramifications as well, as Mary has been in contact with Chuck Roskovitch of Miami, FL, a nephew of Mike, and who attended the reunion in Las Vegas this year. He is hoping to do some writing about his late uncle and his exploits with the 306th.



20mm Shell Shortened His Leg, Jim Wirth Still Had AF Career

The saga of James W. Wirth defies belief at some points.

He arrived at Thurleigh 27 Nov 43 as the bombardier for Kenneth Dowell's 369th crew and began his combat flying.

On the mission to Halberstadt, 11 Jan 44, while firing at attacking FW 190s, he himself was the target of a plane he never saw, and a 20mm projectile went through his right leg, removing one and one-half inches of the femur in the process. The force of the shell against Wirth's body also broke the back of the bombardier's seat, but his seat belt was fastened and he remained there.

The bullet exited the aircraft on the right side of the nose and exploded in front of the plane. This all occurred about a minute after the #3 engine of Dowell's ship had taken a fatal blow from another wave of FW 190s.

Wirth said at first he thought he had been hit in the back, and then he saw his right foot flapping loosely, and so he grabbed it to slow down any further damage.

Dennis Sharkey, now a physician but then traveling as a navigator with an eye on medical school, cut a piece out of the bomb release control cable, made it into a tourniquet with a .50 calibre shell used to tighten the grip. Wirth says it was effective and slowed the bleeding down to oozing. Sharkey put two morphine ampules in his mouth to thaw them out. But when he pushed the first needle into Wirth's wrist the container shattered. The second worked better a few minutes later, and Wirth was comfortable.

When it was time to land, the few healthy crew members wrapped Wirth in his parachute, fashioned a splint for his leg, and tied him to the plane so he wouldn't bounce around. But he recalls that Dowell greased the plane in with only one bounce.

Then began his odyssey through military hospitals: 121st Station Hospital; 1st General Hospital at Potters Bar; 298th General Hospital at Bristol; Halloran General Hospital, New York; Winters General Hospital, Topeka, Kans., and finally to Denver.

It was not possible then in America to do anything about the missing inch and a half of femur, so Wirth ended up with one leg an inch and a half shorter than the other. He walked with a limp, and still does.

But, there is more to the story!

He was recalled to active duty during Korea and even ended up on flying status once again. During the Vietnam period he flew another forty-two combat missions in B-52s and filled other staff jobs. He laughs today, as his first Air Medal was awarded 11 Jan 44, the day he went to Halberstadt, and his second was received in 1968.

Finally, Wirth retired with 26 years and five months of active duty. He was at that time chief of avionics for the 15th Air Force with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

He knows a German doctor now living in the States, who tells him that it was too bad Wirth hadn't fallen into German hands. In 1944 they knew how to handle such an injury as he had and he would have eventually had legs of equal length.

Dowden Looks for Book Borrower

Leland Dowden, 369th bombardier, is looking for someone in his barracks who borrowed his copy of **Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo** on the night of 13 Oct 43.

How could he remember such a date?

As he loaned the book, one of the other officers in the barracks warned Dowden that the borrower had earlier taken a book from another man, and that man had been shot down the next day.

The same thing happened to Dowden, who was forced to jump on Black Thursday's flight to Schweinfurt.

If you were that borrower, or were present and remember who that man was, please contact Dowden.



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Data Needed On Duties of Combat Men

In the study of rated officers assigned to the 306th, we are still lacking information as to the specialties of some persons: pilot, navigator or bombardier. Below is a list of these persons, along with any known data that places them in time or squadrons. Please send any information you can on these men:

- William Benton, 368th, departed Jun 44.
- Richard L. Carlson, 423, departed Jun 44.
- Wilfred Forster, 368, present in 45.
- William D. Garden, 368, present in 44-45.
- Thomas Hensley, 423, present in Feb 44.
- Ray W. Hygher, 367, present in Jan 44.
- K. M. Jarvas, 368, present in Mar 44.
- Bennie Jones, 368, present in Feb 44.
- Byran E. Jones
- John Jones, Jr., 368, present in Feb 44.
- Lloyd E. Jones, 368, present in Jul 44.
- William S. Kalay, 368, present in Oct 43.
- Manuel A. Legna, Jr., 368, present in Feb 44.
- Rodger C. Lewis, 368, arrived 8 May 44, departed in Jul 44.
- Edward Luban, 367, present in Mar 45.
- Herman D. Martin, 368, present in Jan 45.

NAVIGATORS



Above is the license plate Joe Bowles displays in the Roanoke, VA, area. He says it is a conversation starter. Below is the plate Harold Lightbown shows to every one in Wakefield, MA. Peter Pappas prepared the plate for Lighty.



- William Rose, 423, present in Feb 45.
- John W. Seaver, 368, present in Jul 44.
- Carl P. Smith, 423, present in Oct 44.
- William H. Springsteen, 367, arr 10 Nov 44.
- Wylie W. Swapp, 368, departed Oct 44.
- William F. Wagner, 423, present in Jul 43.
- William F. Warner, 423, present in Feb 44.

Continuing our feature of listing 306th personnel, this month we highlight navigators and radar operators. The listing by squadrons is alphabetical, and includes all of those persons whom the historian has been able to identify.

One of the reasons for running this listing is to fill out data, to correct squadron assignments, and to add to it names which may have been omitted for some now unknown reason.

If you have additions, deletions or corrections, please send them to the historian, Russell A. Strong, 5323 Cheval Pl., Charlotte, NC 28205.

The first column shows the date of arrival with the group, usually obtained from Special Orders. However, in the early days and even throughout the history of the group, such dates may have been obtained from squadron diaries. The second column lists the date of departure: KIA, shot down, transferred or completion of tour. Where any of the dates show a "00" the historian has been unable to come up with anything accurate.

If you have pertinent information, particularly Special Orders from the Group, Squadron, or some other source, please send copies along to be added to the Group collection of such papers. If you were not a navigator, but have information pertaining to one or more navigators and can assist in the completion of this task, please contact the historian.

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NAME	ARRIVAL	DPT	LOST?
ALLEN, RAYMOND D	4-08-21	45-02-00	TOUR
AMEN, CLARK R	43-11-27	44-02-04	MIA/POW
ANDERSON, FRED W	44-08-21	45-01-00	TOUR
AVITT, JAMES L	44-10-28	45-04-00	TOUR
BALLARD, ALLEN T		44-04-24	INTERNEDED
BARMACK, GERALD L	44-02-26	44-03-29	KIA
BARON, ISIDOR R	44-11-28		
BECKER, PAUL A		45-02-03	KIA
BENNETT, GEORGE D	42-12-11	44-06-00	TOUR
BERK, SYDNEY		42-12-20	
BERKEY, DONALD W		43-10-08	KIA
BJORNSGAARD, CALVIN O	43-03-12	43-04-17	KIA
BODENHEIMER, VERNON B	44-04-29	44-08-00	TOUR
BOVICH, EDWARD R	45-01-13		
BOYER, NORMAN P	44-06-05	44-09-00	TOUR
BURKE, WILLIAM T JR	45-02-13		
CALLAGHAN, RICHARD S	43-05-04	43-05-15	KIA
CARELLA, JOHN M	43-10-16	44-06-00	TOUR
CHAPMAN, PAUL O	44-04-27	44-06-12	MIA/POW
CHRISTENSEN, RICHARD A		44-09-10	MIA/POW
CLAYTON, EVAN D	43-04-12	43-05-01	KIA
CLEMENTS, GEORGE W	44-02-25	44-06-17	EVADEE
CONNALLY, ROY E	45-02-16		
CONSOLMAGNO, JOSEPH E	42-06-00	43-04-05	MIA/POW
CREED, JOSEPH A JR	42-06-00	42-11-09	KIA
DOUGHERTY, JOHN L		44-01-11	KIA
DURAN, EDWARD N	44-12-11		
EILAR, NORMAN W	44-04-27	44-09-06	TOUR
ENTREKIN, OTHEL L JR	45-04-02		
ETKIN, MEYER		43-03-06	KIA
EUBANK, WILLIAM L	42-06-00	43-04-00	
EYLER, CARL G			
FEELEY, JR., JOSEPH E	43-11-27	44-02-24	KIA
FELTZ, GLENN L	43-11-19	45-02-00	2 TOURS
FERGON, EDGAR P		43-07-29	MIA/POW
FOGARTY, JOHN G	43-04-11	43-07-29	KIA
FORTMAN, FRED J	44-09-25	45-03-00	TOUR
FOSTER, R PIERCE	45-01-13	45-02-03	MIA/POW
FOWLER, JOSEPH C F	44-01-30	44-06-00	TOUR
GISE, WILLIAM J	42-06-00	42-10-09	EVADEE
GRACE, GEORGE H	44-04-21	44-05-08	KIA
GROSSMAN, BERNARD A	43-12-01	43-12-13	MIA/POW
GUSTAFSON, RAGNAR E	44-01-24	44-06-17	EVADEE
GUTMAN, GEORGE	45-01-31		
HAMMOND, ARTHUR B	44-05-15	44-09-00	TOUR
HAWKINS, CLAUDE R	44-04-21	44-05-08	KIA
HERMANN, ROBERT B	42-06-00	43-03-06	MIA/POW
HOLLAND, JR., DANIEL J	44-07-17	44-12-00	TOUR
HOUCK, ROMULUS V JR		44-02-00	
HURSTHOUSE, MORRIS S	44-08-29	45-03-00	TOUR
IANZITO, LEONARD P	44-12-23		
IRVINE, RALPH L	44-08-29	45-03-00	TOUR
JANG, HARRY	44-05-09	44-09-06	TOUR
JOHNSON, OWEN W	43-10-00	44-01-04	MIA/POW
JONES, DANIEL P	43-12-01	44-01-11	KIA
JONES, ROBERT F		43-12-22	MIA/POW
KAUFMAN, WILLIAM B	44-07-17	44-12-05	KIA
KIELY, VINCENT J	44-02-25	44-07-00	TOUR
KUHLMAN, WILLIAM H	42-06-00	42-10-02	K-CRASH
LANE, HAROLD E	43-04-04	43-04-17	KIA
LE COMPTE, HOWARD F		45-04-14	K-CRASH
LEASMAN, FRANK B	42-06-00	42-11-09	MIA/POW
LEVINSTONE, LIONEL		2-4/45	TOUR
LEVY, JOSEPH M	43-04-04		
LYNCH, JOSEPH G	45-02-03		
MALAY, RICHARD E	44-07-17	45-01-00	TOUR
MARCHANT, THOMAS S	42-12-08	42-12-20	MIA/POW
MARSH, DONALD C	44-06-04	44-09-12	MIA/POW
MC CALEB, HAROLD R		43-10-14	MIA/POW
MC COURT, ROBERT J	44-06-11	44-11-00	TOUR
MC KENNA, WILLIAM J JR		44-10-00	TOUR
MEANS, LOUIS S	43-04-23	43-05-15	POW/WIA
MILBURN, GEORGE A	44-01-20	44-02-22	KIA
MILLER, SIDNEY S	43-03-21	43-04-05	MIA/POW
MOORE, CLARK D	43-04-23	43-11-00	TOUR
MORRIS, WALTER D	44-04-05	44-05-08	MIA/POW
MULL, STANLEY G	44-07-01	45-04-00	TOUR
MYERSON, MATTHEW A	44-06-11	44-09-12	KIA
NEFF, ARCHIE N	44-08-20		
NEILSON, WILLIAM R	45-01-31		

NIGGLE, HARRY T	45-04-04		
OLSON, ROBERT W	45-02-05		
OSBURN, PAUL V	43-11-27	45-03-00	2 TOURS
OSCHERWITZ, MILLARD S	45-02-05		
PALMER, HARRIS M	44-02-01	44-04-24	INTERNEDED
PAPPAS, JOHN S	45-02-05	45-03-09	K-CRASH
PARKER, HOWARD W	45-02-27	45-05-19	
PETTIT, CHARLES F	44-12-27		
PHILLIPS, DONALD E	43-08-20	43-09-06	MIA/POW
PLEASANT, WILLIAM E	44-01-20	44-09-00	TOUR
POCHILY, THEODORE M	43-07-15	43-08-12	MIA/POW
PRATT, HOWARD H	42-12-11	43-02-16	MIA/POW
PROCTER, GEORGE E	44-05-09	44-09-00	TOUR
PURDY, JAMES S	45-03-27		
PUTT, CARROLL E	44-09-22		
QUAN, WALTER	44-09-22		
RENFRU, HARRY M	43-10-16	44-01-05	K-CRASH
ROBBINS, FINLAY G	44-12-09	45-02-03	INTERNEDED
ROBERTS, THOMAS O	44-04-27	44-08-00	TOUR
RODENBERGER, RICHARD M	44-06-29	44-09-12	KIA
RONCZY, EDWARD L	44-04-28	44-09-00	TOUR
ROW, HARRY S	44-05-15		
SCHNEIDER, NORMAN	44-10-30	44-12-05	KIA
SENSENBRENNER, RAYMOND F	45-04-09		
SHIPMAN, FRANK W JR	44-06-15	44-10-00	TOUR
SIMPSON, NORMAN H	43-04-23		
SKONIECZNY, EUGENE A	44-09-22	45-02-00	TOUR
SMITH, LEMUEL B		43-01-07	KIA
SMYTHE, EARL F	44-08-29		
SORDEN, MYRON L	43-10-05	43-10-08	MIA/POW
SPADUZZI, PAUL A	43-02-15	43-04-05	KIA
SPENCER, GORDON A	44-08-01	45-01-00	TOUR
STRAND, NORMAN	44-09-01	45-01-00	TOUR
STRONG, RUSSELL A	44-06-07	44-11-26	TOUR
STROUD, ROY C JR	45-04-09		
TITUS, ARTHUR F	43-05-04	43-11-00	TOUR
TRANSETH, WILLARD A		44-04-26	KIA
TRIMBLE, ARTHUR P	44-07-17	44-08-25	WIA
URBAN, GEORGE H	45-02-10		
WALDEN, THOMAS H	42-12-08	43-04-17	MIA/POW
WALKER, JAMES O		42-11-18	MIA/POW
WEILER, GERALD A	44-06-29	44-09-12	WIA
WHITEMAN, HAROLD W		43-04-17	MIA/WIA
WIENER, ERNEST H JR	43-11-18	44-04-00	TOUR
WIESNER, STANLEY G	44-05-23	44-08-00	TOUR
WIGTON, ROBERT W	44-01-28	44-02-22	KIA
WOLFE, LAWRENCE E	43-04-23	43-05-15	MIA/POW
WRIGHT, RICHARD D	44-11-19	44-01-11	DOW
YOUNG, GEORGE W JR	43-08-29	43-10-14	KIA

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NAME	ARRIVAL	DPT	LOST?
ARNOLD, GEORGE M	43-04-23	43-10-31	TOUR
BECK, J WEBSTER	44-12-23		
BERGEN, LUTHER	42-07-07	43-07-00	TOUR
BIGGS, WILTON D	42-12-08	43-03-08	MIA/POW
BISCHOF, JOSEPH A	44-04-13	44-07-00	TOUR
BLATNICA, LEONARD P	43-09-03	44-05-00	TOUR
BLOUCH, WILLIS E	45-02-03		
BORING, WALLACE D	42-06-17	43-08-19	TOUR
BRAGE, MARCIL W			TOUR
BREMER, CHARLES H	45-04-09		
BROWN, CLAUDE R	44-05-03	44-09-00	TOUR
BROWN, OSCAR R			
BUCHANAN, ROY E	44-04-03	45-01-17	TOUR
BUCK, STANLEY N		44-03-06	INTERNEDED
BULLARD, FRANK E	43-08-11	43-11-03	KIA
BYCOTT, ANDREW T	43-04-23	43-09-00	TOUR
CARLINO, ANTHONY J	44-07-03	44-09-12	MIA/POW
CASINO, JOSEPH V	45-02-16		
CHEE, HON T	44-06-10	44-10-00	TOUR
CLAUSEN, ROBERT L	43-04-23	43-05-21	KIA
CONELLY, PAUL V	44-12-23		
CULLEN, WILLIAM L	44-03-08	44-06-12	WIA
CUMBERLEDGE, THEODORE C	44-04-29		
CUMMINGS, JAMES O		43-05-21	MIA/POW
CURRAN, ROBERT J	44-08-01	45-03-00	TOUR
DOBKOWSKI, JOSEPH T	45-02-16		
DONAHUE, CHARLES F	44-06-07	44-12-00	TOUR
DOUGHERTY, JAMES J	45-04-09		

Led by Col. George L. Robinson, veteran group commander, the 306th flew east into the winter sunrise on 11 January 1944, one of the "hairiest" missions of those flown by the 306th.

It later brought back memories of 14 October 43 at Schweinfurt, and 17 April 1943 at Bremen.

This was a day of heavy losses in a period that was to eventually see the demise of the German fighter force. But, today they were out in large numbers and were all over the 306th. The fighter contact charts show that a majority of the attacks came from the rear, but to those crews who met death or used their parachutes on this day it little mattered where the attacks had come from.

The mission out was fairly peaceful, and Col. Robinson was to remark later that from the command seat on the left side of his aircraft, it was a good day. Strangely, the lead aircraft was left alone, but it lost both wingmen and then lost heavily throughout the group that was leading the 40th Combat Wing.

Once the target had been reached, and the bombs dropped four seconds beyond the target, it became a Luftwaffe day. Halberstadt is a small town, with its aircraft industry then devoted to providing assemblies for the Junkers 88 twin-engined fighters. The target lies southwest of Magdeburg on a line between Leipzig and Hanover. Halberstadt is in the center of Germany, a penetration far beyond Schweinfurt, and it was an insult to the air defenses of Hermann Goering that the Eighth Air Force should even venture that far.

In that flight line that often extended from England to Berlin or thereabouts across Northern Germany there was an easily identifiable landmark, Dummer Lake, which lies to the north of Osnabruck. One of the larger inland bodies of water in that part of the world, Dummer Lake was a landmark that attracted the attention of American fliers and was very likely used as an orientation point by the Luftwaffe. Mention of it sometimes struck terror into Eighth gunners and other crewmen, because so many fighter assaults were linked to this area.

Dummer Lake was prominent in the life of the 306th on this occasion, for it was once again around noon and north of Osnabruck that the fury of the Luftwaffe attack hit the 306th and eventually drove five of its aircraft to the ground. The deputy leader was a radar "Mickey" ship from another group, and its loss has never been recorded with the 306th data now in National Archives.

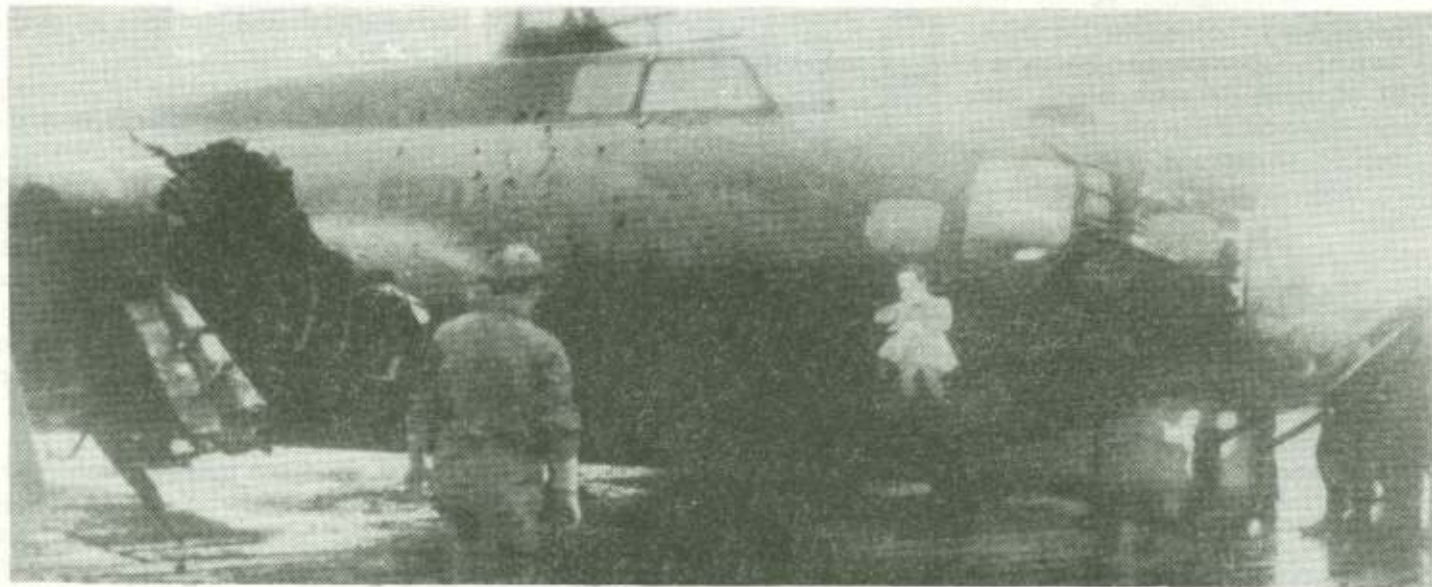
Of particular note to the 306th this day was the fact that out of fifty airmen lost, forty-three of them were killed, leaving a very few survivors.

The planes returned to England in miserable weather, landing on runways all along the east coast as they sought relief from the rigors of contrails and 20mm cannon shells.

In the *Army Air Forces in World War II*, it says of 11 Jan, "As actually flown, this mission gave proof, if proof were needed, of the extremely complicated factors involved in such an operation, and it helps to

HALBERSTADT — Contrails & Fighters

Cost Group Five Crews at Dummer Lake



Daniel Antonelli receives his well-deserved WW II decorations while serving with the USAF.

explain why more frequent attacks were not made against aircraft industry targets during the winter months." Originally, 663 B-17s and B-24s were sent on this mission. Because of rapidly deteriorating weather, only the First Division and the first combat wing of the Third Division made it into the target areas: 137 bombers attacked Oschersleben, 52 were at Halberstadt, and 47 dropped on a target at Brunswick.

As one might guess, the weather had a deleterious effect on the fighters as well. A group of P-51s got the planes into the target areas, but there was no one to take up the patrol duties on the way home, accounting for the heavy losses.

By now the Germans were using belly tanks on their fighters, and they were able to shadow the bombers until the escort fighters left for home. That's when the trouble began for the 306th.

Bombing this day was visual, and the 306th was the first to drop. The lead bombardier had an unobstructed run with positive target identification. The lead plane was on AFCE for the final run of 60 seconds. BUT, the bomb release failed, and the bombardier had to salvo the bombs, which left the plane four seconds late. This threw the bombs over the target, although some of the later planes in the formation may have hit the target.

The thirteen 306th planes flying as the lead and low squadrons of a composite group for the 40th Wing, with the 92nd group, came in on a different heading and hit the target well.

Antonelli Set Group Record for E/A Downed on Mission

S/Sgt Daniel A. Antonelli didn't know when the planes took off into the murk over England on 11 January 1944 that this was the dawn of one of the greatest days in his life.

This Tuesday over Germany he set a 306th record that was never eclipsed and earned himself a Distinguished Flying Cross in the bargain.

It was this activity, and Antonelli's fortunate position as the tail gunner in F/O Loren Page's 367th plane leading the low squadron that provided the opportunities. At noon Dan picked up his first attacker, the plane boring in from 500 yards when the tail gunner's first burst reached it. There then followed a series of short bursts into the enemy craft in to about a 100 yards, where the canopy blew off and the plane dipped under "Prayers and Patches" (42-40053), and then blew up at 1130 about 150 yards from the 367th plane.

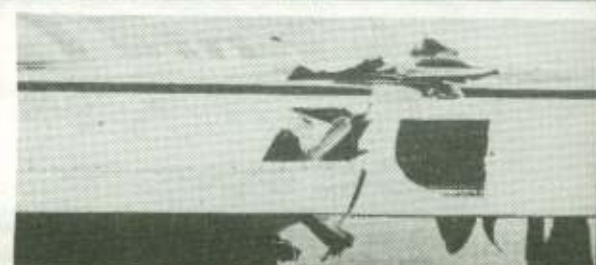
At 1210, he unlimbered his twin fifties again, this time contacting a GAF fighter and destroying it 150 yards behind his plane. Immediately, four more Luftwaffe ME-109s turned to the attack, and Dan had one of those at 200 yards when it blew up. At this point he could sit back and smile a bit into his oxygen mask as he had accomplished something which only a few other gunners in the 8th had ever done.

About an hour later, at 1320, opportunity came his way again, and this time an enemy aircraft came into his view. Antonelli began ranging him at 500 yards and continued firing in short bursts until at 150 yards he gave the enemy plane a long burst, and it blew up.

By this time the formation was reaching into the Netherlands and was bound across the Channel for home.



Dearly Beloved, flown by Billy Cassidy to Halberstadt, made it back to Foulsham, after being battered by GAF fighters. His co-pilot, Bob Crowley, was seriously wounded and needed medical attention. Crowley never flew again.



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COMPOSITE GROUP, 40CBW

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306th Insignia Now Displayed At Duxford

306th squadron insignia, in resplendent color, are a part of the "Insignia Exhibition" at Duxford Airfield, near Cambridge, England.

Duxford was the wartime home of American fighter groups, and has been restored as it was in the 1940s. Operated by the Imperial War Museum, it has a host of interesting displays, devoted in large measure to planes and other military equipment, including two B-17s, one of which is flyable.

The Insignia Exhibition features most units of the 8th Air Force, and is the first part of a much larger exhibition which is now being put together at Duxford on the 8th.

"It is hoped many visiting Americans will come to Duxford to see the unit insignia displayed in this tribute to all personnel who earned a place in history while serving with that great American Armada, the Mighty Eighth," says George Paul of the education and exhibitions department at Duxford. "Only the generosity and cooperation of many persons, groups and associations on both sides of the Atlantic has made this possible."

Duxford is located seven miles south of Cambridge on the east side of the M 11 motorway.

Its address is Cambridge, CB2 4QR, England, and its telephone is Cambridge (0223) 833963.

'Dear Abby' Item Leads to Lost 306th Man in Washington

One morning in August Russ Strong and his wife were enjoying breakfast, and he was reading the morning newspaper. "Dear Abby's" column that morning featured a letter setting Abby straight on a matter of Texas history. It was signed by Robert Hogg, Issaquah, WA.

Russ held the page up for his wife to see, and said: "I'll bet that's Bob Hogg who was a 306th intelligence officer. We lost him off the mailing list several years ago."

A call that evening proved the hunch was right. It was indeed Col. Robert Hogg, a retired USAF officer, and a 306th intelligence officer at one time. He now lives at 4253 Providence Point Dr., Issaquah, WA 98027, where he is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Name Change Confounds Editor

Edward McLario had his name added to the 306th roster in time to make the new directory—but he was listed as a "friend."

Now we have learned that as a member of the 369th squadron, he was Edward Migliarrio, and the records have been changed.

He came to the 369th in September 1943 as a radar mechanic. Late in 1944 he began flying as a radar counter measure operator, earning an Air Medal and one oak leaf cluster by the end of hostilities.

Migliarrio served in the Casey Jones project before leaving the 306th in November 1945.

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- Brolin, Donald W., Rt. 1, Box 198, Gustine, TX 76455 423.
- Clark, James B., Rt. 1, Box 534, West Point, MS 39773 423.
- Clark, Ralph F., 40 Inverness Way, Hillsborough, CA 94010 423.
- Crabtree, Lloyd, 1200 Mira Mar #409, Medford, OR 97504 367.
- Dickenson, William H., 4157 Sunnyslope Ave., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 423.
- Doncer, Ray R., 9117 S. Richmond, Evergreen Park, IL 60642 423.
- Dykeman, Jr., George S., 1804 Cedar Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918 368.
- Elliott, Byrl, Rt. 4, Box 151, Cherokee, IA 51012 CJ
- Ferguson, Francis E., 817 Sutmum Path Lane, Milwaukee, WI 53217 369.
- Fiore, Eugene V., 329 40th St., Brooklyn, NY 11232 423.
- Frazee, Malcolm C., 18851 Paradise Mountain Road, Escondido, CA 92082 423.
- Garr, Walter W., 9904 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, IL 60465 369.
- Getty, Daniel E., Rt. 3, Box 109, Holdredge, NE 68949 369.
- Goodhue, Leo, 446 Girard Apt. 201, Gaithersburg, MD 20760 368.
- Harrison, Lester A., 220 Buchanan Avenue, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920 369.
- Heitman, Eric C., 911 Elizabeth, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 423.
- Hogg, Col. Robert, 4253 Providence Point Drive, Issaquah, WA 98027 367.
- Keilt, Walter H., 2095 S. Whatcor Blvd., Bellingham, WA 98225 368.
- Kindred, Charles, PO Box 428, Winchester, KY 40391 CJ
- Kuykendall, Reed, 1252 Whitewater, Memphis, TN 38117 367.
- LaBella, Albert C., 401 Main Street, Everett, MA 02149 423.
- Massengale, Herbert, Rt. 3, Box 80, Rockdale, TC 76567 CJ.
- Melton, Royster S., Rt. 2, Maidsonville, KY 42431 368.
- Moxley, Mrs. Charles H., 460 S. State St., #208, Newton PA 18940 W.
- Murdock, William L., 3749 S. Fourth Avenue, #250, Yuma, AZ 85365 368.
- Neuhauser, Laurence W., W6516 Neuhauser Road, Pardeeville, WI 53954 367.
- Pomykal, Woodrow A., 8725 Guadalupe Road, Ft. Worth, TX 76116 369.
- Reid, Robert E., 6 Malvern Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02861 367.
- Roberts, James, 971 S. Rustic Circle, Dallas, TX 75218 367.
- Roberts, William N., 7728 Colebrook, Dallas, TX 75217 368.
- Schonekas, Russell J., 6733 River Road, Harahan, LA 70123 368.
- Thomas, Woodrow W., 6603 Alta Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21206 367.
- Tordoff, Arthur J., PO Box 2943, Palmer, AK 99645 369.
- Van Dragt, Robert C., 329 Grove Circle, Avon Park, FL 33825 367.
- Aigner, Willis K., Box 390130, Kailua Kona, HI 96739 367.
- Beck, Robert H., 9109 Bengal Rd., Randallstown, MD 21133 423.
- Bunn, John C., Tokatee Rt., Box 63A, Idleyld, OR 97447 369.
- Champlin, Hubert F., 1469 W. Word Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85029 368.
- Christian, William, 2433 SW 24th, Topeka, KS 66611 368.
- Di Betta, Geno, 804 49th St., Vienna, WV 26105 423.
- Fann, William C., 123 C St., Tracy, CA 95376 368.
- Gooch, John E., 550 Ratcliff Place, Natchez, MS 39120 367.
- Kruger, Roy, 6927 Coleshill Drive, San Diego, CA 92119 369.
- McCullagh, Frank M., 42 Oakfield Road, Toms River, NJ 08757 367.
- McKillop, MSgt William R., 621 Kristy Circle, Melbourne, FL 32940 369.
- Puente, Francisco, 2319 Elm, Laredo, TZ 78040 449.
- Rose, Woodie N., 414 W. Ash, Brinkley, AR 72021 369.
- Sicard, J. Ray, 13 Whitaker Avenue, Rumford, RI 02916 369.
- Spencer, Donald H., 1403 Pitman Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94310 GP.
- Trumble, R. B., 15229 Gramercy Place, Garden, CA 90249 368.
- Vickroy, James G., 304 Hannah Lane, Conemaugh, PA 15909 369.

Lead Crew

- Col George L. Robinson Pilot
- 1Lt Russell S. Lund Co-pilot
- Capt Maynard D. Dix Navigator
- 1Lt Jack R. Samway Navigator
- Capt Stanley Silverstein Bombardier
- S/Sgt Paul R. Ward Engineer
- S/Sgt Lester F. Carter Radio
- Sgt Richard M. Bowman Ball
- S/Sgt Wilbur E. Collier Right Waist
- S/Sgt William D. Jackson Left Waist
- 1Lt Stanley N. Buck Tail

Dowell's crew

- Lt Kenneth F. Dowell Pilot
- Lt Charles W. Young Co-pilot
- Lt Dennis A. Sharkey Navigator
- Lt James W. Wirth Bombardier
- S/Sgt John E. Mellyn Radio
- S/Sgt Hugo O. Honkonen Engineer
- Sgt Tom G. Overn Ball
- Sgt James E. Cannon Right Waist
- Sgt Harry Yamka Left Waist
- Sgt Eugene B. Steinman Tail

Page's crew

- F/O Loren E. Page Pilot
- 2Lt Thomas P. Kenny Co-pilot
- 1Lt Allen T. Ballard Navigator
- 1Lt Thomas P. Ciiney Navigator
- T/Sgt Earl E. Harbour Engineer
- T/Sgt Theodore Piechowski Radio
- Sgt Marvin F. Burlison Ball
- Sgt Milo A. Anderson Right Waist
- S/Sgt Harold K. Twing Left Waist
- S/Sgt Daniel J. Antonelli Tail

**Crews Lost on Mission
(Survivors are in bold face)**

- 1Lt W. Dale Reed** Pilot
- 1Lt Thomas J. Brady Co-pilot
- 1Lt Ivan E. Glaze** Navigator
- 1Lt Myron J. Dmochowski** Bombardier
- T/Sgt Orian G. Owens Engineer
- T/Sgt Charles A. Nichols Radio
- S/Sgt Joseph G. O'Connell** Ball
- S/Sgt John J. Gembrowski Waist
- S/Sgt Albert C. Scheffler Waist
- S/Sgt Warren W. Cole** Tail

- 2Lt Donald W. Tattershall Pilot
- 2Lt William E. Grisham Co-pilot
- 2Lt James Crabtree Navigator
- 2Lt John T. Whittle Bombardier
- S/Sgt LeRoy K. Johnson Engineer
- T/Sgt James A. Hobbs** Radio
- S/Sgt Carmen A. Melita Ball
- Sgt Robert H. Hogg Waist
- Sgt Elmer J. Sweitzer Waist
- Sgt William E. Dobson Tail

- 2Lt Ross McCollum Pilot
- 2Lt Marcum E. Thomas Co-pilot
- 2Lt Daniel P. Jones Navigator
- 2Lt Lloyd G. Crabtree** Bombardier
- S/Sgt Wayne A. Warner Engineer
- S/Sgt Henry A. Stelmach Radio
- Sgt Howard L. Chatelain Ball
- Sgt Leander J. Aurie Waist
- Sgt Warren B. Goss Waist
- Sgt Andrew P. Barrus Tail

- 1Lt George Campert Pilot
- 2Lt Gerald C. Coots Co-pilot
- 1Lt John L. Dougherty Navigator
- 2Lt Joseph A. Sparks Bombardier
- T/Sgt Patrick F. Murray Engineer
- T/Sgt Cyril E. Lebert Radio
- S/Sgt Adolf Graubart Ball
- S/Sgt Welton P. Teston Waist
- S/Sgt Perley E. Colburn Waist
- S/Sgt Kneeland H. Hudson Tail

- 2Lt Perry Cavos Pilot
- 2Lt Michael D. O'Grady Co-pilot
- 2Lt Richard D. Wright Navigator
- 2Lt Julius J. Monticone Bombardier
- T/Sgt Gerkin C. Norris Engineer
- S/Sgt Howard Kline Radio
- S/Sgt George P. Amoroso Ball
- S/Sgt James J. Allie Waist
- S/Sgt Samuel C. Sin Waist
- S/Sgt Roger W. Collins Tail

43-E pilot graduates out of the Southeast Training Command and the West Coast Training Command are asked to contact Paul J. Murphy, 7013 Bellrose NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. He is interested in locating these onetime aviation cadets for a reunion.

EVANS, CHARLES H JR	44-06-16	44-08-26	K 44-08-28
FARRER, KENNETH M	43-11-27	44-04-02	HOSP/US
FEINSTEIN, SEYMOUR N	44-09-25	44-10-15	MIA/POW
GILLESPIE, WYATT L	44-12-26		
GLAZE, IVAN E		44-01-11	EVADDEE
GREENE, DONALD R	42-06-00	43-01-03	KIA
GRIMES, CHARLES G	42-06-02	42-11-19	KIA
GRIMES, THOMAS C	45-03-27		
GROESBECK, CARL A		43-10-09	MIA/POW
HAINING, ROGER W	44-11-28	45-04-00	TOUR
HALL, FRANK J	44-02-26	44-04-24	INTERNEED
HEPPLE, MURRAY F	44-12-01	45-04-00	TOUR
HOGAN, JOHN J	42-06-00	44-04-24	TOUR
HOLDEN, IRA B JR	44-06-00	44-12-00	TOUR
HOLMES, CARL W	43-04-23	43-10-11	TOUR
HOUSER, ROBERT N	44-05-28	44-09-00	TOUR
HUGHES, WILLIAM T	43-11-03	44-03-27	TOUR
JAEGER, JOSEPH M	44-12-13		
JAMES, JOHN W JR	43-12-01	44-05-24	MIA/POW
JOBE, ROBERT G	43-12-01	44-02-22	KIA
JOHNSON, CARL A	44-04-23	44-07-00	TOUR
JONES, CARL G	42-06-19		
KALISH, MICHAEL	43-10-21	44-02-25	MIA/POW
KENNY, PETER G JR		44-03-27	MIA/POW
KUESEL, DONALD C	45-04-02		
LATSCHA, WALTER V	45-04-04		
LE KASHMAN, RAYMOND L	44-12-11	45-04-00	TOUR
LEAKE, CHARLES W	43-11-18		
LEMON, CHARLES R	45-02-03		
LEWANDOWSKI, ROBERT L	44-06-04	44-09-00	TOUR
MARINOS, PETER		43-11-03	KIA
MC CARTHY, MARTIN J	43-11-27	44-06-00	TOUR
MC CAULEY, DANIEL	43-10-12	44-02-25	MIA/POW
NEBEKER, HENRY G	45-04-09		
NORTON, IRVING R	44-04-21	44-09-00	TOUR
O'KONSKI, ADRIAN E	44-06-15	44-09-00	TOUR
O'NEILL, EDWARD P	44-04-05	44-04-29	KIA
OWENS, GEORGE W JR		43-03-04	KIA
PAVIN, JOE M	44-07-28	45-01-02	TOUR
POLLARD, THEODORE E	44-09-22	44-12-29	MIA/POW
REMAL, ALFRED J	45-01-13		4/45
RODGERS, WENDELL F	44-09-22	45-01-21	TOUR
RODRIGUEZ, LOUIS	43-11-18	44-02-25	EVADDEE
ROSEN, MILTON	44-09-22	45-04-00	TOUR
ROSS, JR., FRANK E	42-06-00		
RUBENSTEIN, CYRUS B	44-12-27	45-04-00	TOUR
RUSCH, FRED W	45-04-04		
SAMWAY, JACK R	43-09-13	44-06-26	TOUR
SCHMIELAU, ROBERT E	44-03-28	44-04-24	MIA/POW
SCHWET, JOSEPH C JR	44-06-15	44-10-00	TOUR
SEIFORD, FRANK M	44-08-08	45-01-03	TOUR
SHELLEY, JAMES C	43-04-11	43-04-17	MIA/POW
SHEPPARD, RALPH O	45-03-27		
SHIELDS, EWING III	43-10-31	43-11-13	KIA
SILVERMAN, STANLEY S		43-11-26	MIA/POW
SIMMEN, ALFRED E		43-11-00	TOUR
SKRAINAR, ERNEST A	44-04-29	44-08-00	TOUR
SLATER, RAYMOND L	43-04-23	43-09-29	TOUR
STEVENSON, CHARLES L		44-01-11	KIA
STEVENSON, ROBERT E	44-05-09	44-09-06	TOUR
STILLWELL, ALFRED W	43-10-31	44-06-00	TOUR
STRAUSS, MARTIN M	42-06-00	43-04-17	KIA
SWARTZ, ROBERT R	44-07-17	44-09-11	MIA/POW
TANNER, SHELBY L	43-12-01	44-04-00	TOUR
TELKAMP, EDWARD A	44-05-15	44-09-06	TOUR
THOMPSON, LOUIS F	44-10-30		
TOMASELLA, PHILIP A	44-04-13		
TOMLINSON, ROBERT S	44-09-01	45-01-28	TOUR
TRUDE, ORLO J	44-07-28	45-02-00	TOUR
VARNADO, ALBAN F	44-12-09		
VOEHRINGER, JOHN L	43-08-20	43-10-08	KIA
WAGONER, BILLY D	44-07-08	45-01-00	TOUR
WARNER, KEITH L	44-08-21		
WIGHAM, REGINALD E	43-03-12	43-04-17	MIA/POW
WILSON, HARRY	44-04-30	44-08-00	TOUR
WILSON, JOHN C	43-11-19		
ZALUSKY, ISAAC	45-02-10		

GORDER, EDWIN W		44-05-08	KIA
GRAHAM, RUSSELL A	45-02-16	45-05-19	
GREENBERG, IRVING I	44-07-17	44-12-00	TOUR
HAMILTON, JACK M	43-12-01	44-03-29	MIA/POW
HARRISON, LESTER A	44-07-26	45-02-14	MIA/POW
HOCKER, FREDERICK C	45-04-04		
HOWENSTEIN, BERNARD E	43-01-15	43-07-00	TOUR
HUDSON, JR., FREDERICK H	44-10-25	45-03-00	TOUR
INSARDI, DAVID J	44-04-12	44-07-00	TOUR
ISRAEL, HILLIS S	44-08-29	45-01-21	TOUR
JACKNIK, FRANK J	42-06-19	43-01-43	MIA/POW
JACOBS, ALFRED H	44-02-25	44-06-26	TOUR
JEWELL, FREMONT H	43-12-01	43-01-05	MIA/POW
JONES, CHARLES F	42-11-25	43-07-28	TOUR
JONES, PAUL S		44-02-04	KIA
JOPLIN, JOHN C	43-12-01	44-02-22	KIA
KANE, ROBERT E			2-4/45
KESTER, ALTON A	44-07-17	45-02-00	TOUR
KIRKPATRICK, WALLACE B	42-06-00	43-01-13	MIA/POW
KNIGHT, RALPH M	45-03-02		
KROHN, ROBERT I	44-04-12	44-04-24	MIA/POW
KURRASCH, ROY W	44-12-20	45-05-19	
LATCHFORD, JOHN A JR A	42-06-19	42-11-08	MIA/POW
LAYFIELD, RAYMOND L	44-08-29	44-10-22	KIA
LEBEN, JOSEPH J	44-02-20	44-09-00	TOUR
LEEKER, WALTER C	42-06-00		
LEGGETT, WENDELL C	44-05-15	44-08-00	TOUR
LINDSAY, ROGER S	43-03-12		TOUR
LISEC, VICTOR	44-12-13		TOUR
LOCKE, RICHARD T	44-05-15	44-08-16	MIA/POW
MAC GHEE, DAVID F	43-01-15	43-08-13	TOUR
MAC PHERSON, JOHN D	44-05-27		TOUR
MADDEN, EUGENE P	43-07-15	43-12-31	TO HOSP
MAZANEK, JOHN B	43-04-11	43-12-13	TOUR
MC DANIEL, LAWRENCE M JR	45-03-02		
MELTZER, GEORGE F	43-02-15	43-10-00	INJURED
MEYER, HERMAN J	44-04-03	44-07-00	TOUR
MIDDLETON, WARREN W	44-04-03	44-07-00	TOUR
MINIHANE, OLIVER P	44-12-13		TOUR
MUSSELWHITE, LEON S	43-10-01	44-03-00	TOUR
MYER, DARRELL W	44-04-29		
O'HARA, JOSEPH J JR	44-04-30	44-09-00	TOUR
ODOM, OLIN O JR	44-04-12	44-04-24	MIA/POW
OSSUSKY, HERBERT R	44-04-03	44-04-11	MIA/POW
OSTROW, ARNOLD W	43-11-27	44-02-22	KIA
OWENS, WILLIAM H	43-01-17	43-04-17	MIA/POW
PASVOLL, HAROLD	44-07-21	44-08-16	MIA/POW
PETERS, LUCIEN F JR	44-08-01	45-01-00	TOUR
PETERSON, DAN H	43-08-08	43-10-14	MIA/POW
RANSDELL, WILLIAM H	44-07-01		
RODGERS, JOHN W	43-11-17		
SANDLER, IRVING J	44-12-09	45-05-19	
SCHOONOVER, ELLIS L	44-06-11	44-09-00	TOUR
SCHULSTAD, ALBERT E	43-01-16	43-07-00	TOUR
SECKINGER, C L	44-10-25		
SEIBERT, JOSEPH A	44-09-01	44-10-05	KIA
SHARKEY, DENNIS A JR	43-11-27	44-05-00	TOUR
SHARPE, JAMES W JR	44-04-27	44-05-11	MIA/POW
SHAW, LAWRENCE C JR	44-10-25	45-01-10	MIA/POW
SICARD, JOSEPH R	44-12-11	45-02-14	MIA/POW
SILVASY, ANDREW W	44-07-26		
SINGER, CARLYLE		44-04-11	KIA
SOVIS, FRANK H	43-10-31	44-04-00	TOUR
SOWERS, J C JR	45-04-09		
SPELMAN, GEORGE J	42-06-00	43-06-05	TOUR
STANSBURY, OLIN M JR	45-03-27		
STEIN, DAVID L	44-06-11	44-11-00	TOUR
TRELFORD, ALBERT J	44-07-14	44-08-15	KIA
TUNSTALL, JOSEPH JR	44-04-21	44-07-00	TOUR
UHRICH, RAYMOND	44-04-18	44-04-24	MIA/POW
WEAVER, CHARLES H JR	44-06-29	44-07-16	EVADDEE
WEINSTEIN, BERNARD F	44-07-21	44-09-13	KIA
WELDON, JOSEPH B	44-04-05	44-04-24	MIA/POW
WELTON, PAUL N	43-08-29	43-10-14	KIA
WHITE, DONALD H	43-11-19	44-03-26	MIA/POW
WILSON, LEWIS L	44-12-11	45-01-01	KIA
WOOD, ELBERT S JR	43-08-29	43-10-14	KIA
WOODRUFF, ELWOOD M	45-02-27		
WRIGHT, JOHN A	44-07-08	44-12-00	TOUR

369th

NAME	ARRIVAL	DPT	LOST?
ANDERSON, FREDERICK I	42-06-19		
ANDERSON, PHILIP D	43-08-18	43-10-14	KIA
BARKWILL, JAMES W	44-08-12		
BECKER, WARREN A	44-11-28	45-02-14	MIA/POW
BELKNAP, GEORGE M	43-08-08		
BENNINGER, ROBERT J	43-10-21		
BLOKER, RAYMOND E JR	44-04-27		
BOLLENBACH, DUANE	43-04-12	43-07-24	WIA
BROWN, JAMES P	42-06-00	43-07-28	TOUR
BRYAN, JOHN H	43-10-31		
BRYANT, CHARLES W	44-06-29	44-11-00	TOUR
BURNS, CLIFTON W	44-04-12	44-07-00	TOUR
BURWICK, BERNARD	44-12-23		
BUSH, CYRIL F	44-08-21	45-04-01	TOUR
BYER, PAUL E	42-06-28	43-01-03	KIA
CAMPBELL, WILLIAM J	44-05-03	44-05-08	KIA
CARNAHAN, KENNETH R		45-05-19	TOUR
CARNEY, THOMAS P	45-04-09		
CAVEDO, KERMIT B	43-03-12	43-08-19	TOUR
CHRISTENSON, JOHN H	44-09-25	45-02-00	TOUR
CLEMETSON, DONOVAN S	45-02-16	45-04-10	EVADDEE
COCHRAN, WALTER C	45-04-09		
COLANTONI, WILLIAM	42-12-30	43-06-05	TOUR
CONREY, CALVEN P	43-10-10	44-06-26	TOUR
CRABTREE, JAMES JR		44-01-11	KIA
EWELL, MATSON G	44-04-13	44-07-00	TOUR
EXLEY, WILLIAM M	45-02-10		
FAY, DUDLEY H JR		43-12-11	MIA/POW
FITZSIMMONS, JAMES J	44-09-12	45-02-00	TOUR
FLANAGAN, WILLIAM W	44-12-00		
FLYNN, WILLIAM J	43-10-10	44-04-11	MIA/POW
FRYER, PETER J	42-06-00	42-11-23	MIA/POW
GALLAGHER, ANDREW F	45-02-13		
GEYSER, RICHARD P	45-02-03		
GIOSSO, DOMINIC J	44-02-21	44-03-26	KIA
GOLDBERG, SAMUEL A	44-07-17	44-12-00	TOUR

423rd

NAME	ARRIVAL	DPT	LOST?
ALLEN, WILLIAM D	44-04-28	44-06-15	MIA/POW
ATHERTON, ROY A	44-11-28		
BALTUNAS, ANTHONY P		44-04-24	INTERNEED
BARBERIS, DANIEL J	43-05-04	43-07-28	MIA/POW
BARNES, WILLIAM B	43-10-21		
BARTON, ROGER D	43-07-04	43-12-04	TOUR
BERNSTEIN, BERNARD A	43-10-06	43-10-14	MIA/DOW
BLANCHETT, MILTON P	42-06-00	43-06-26	TOUR
BOGGS, WILLIAM A	42-12-09	43-02-26	
BOLLERUP, KEITH E	44-08-21	45-02-00	TOUR
BOWERS, CHARLES G	43-05-00	43-09-06	INTERNEED
BROCKWAY, FRED A	44-04-03	44-07-00	TOUR
CAMPAGNA, JR., ALBERT P	45-03-02		
CAREY, EDWARD J	44-04-28	44-08-00	TOUR
CARVALHO, JOSEPH M	43-05-04	43-06-13	MIA/POW
CASEY, DONALD J	44-10-28	45-05-19	
CHENEY, JAMES S	43-04-04	45-01-07	TOUR
CHENEY, ROBERT C	44-09-25	45-04-00	TOUR
CLARIDA, WILLARD J	43-07-25	44-01-08	TOUR
CLARK, MELVIN E	44-06-07	44-08-00	TOUR
CULBERT, JR., SAMUEL J	44-10-25	44-12-05	KIA
DICKENSON, WILLIAM H	43-08-08	44-02-00	TOUR
DORNBROOK, EUGENE F	43-05-08	43-06-25	MIA/POW
DORUSHKIN, ISIDORE	44-08-29	45-01-09	TOUR
DRAGOO, ERNEST R	45-02-16		
EGGLESTON, GEORGE R P	45-01-31		
ELGIN, JOSEPH	43-10-16	44-02-24	MIA/POW
ELLWOOD, ROBERT J	43-07-05	43-07-26	MIA/POW
ELROD, LLOYD A	45-01-13		
FARNER, ROBERT C	43-03-12	43-05-01	KIA
FEILBACH, RAYMOND F	43-09-14	44-02-11	MIA/POW
FLOWER, LELAND J	43-03-01	43-05-01	KIA
FRAZER, JOHN P	44-05-29		
FULTZ, KENNETH H	43-06-22	43-07-28	MIA/POW
GALLAGHER, JOHN W	44-05-15	44-08-00	TOUR
GARLAND, JOHN J		43-10-08	KIA
GASLIN, HAROLD E	42-06-00	43-00-00	TOUR
GEHRLEIN, EDWARD F	45-04-02		
GLASS, WILLIAM E	44-07-01	44-07-20	MIA/POW
GONCHER, STANLEY	44-07-01	44-11-00	TOUR

DEATHS

Dean C. Allen, 368th pilot and POW, was killed 4 May 1980 in a civilian small plane crash, it has been learned. A longtime resident of the Atlanta, GA, area, Allen joined the group 5 Jun 44 and was MIA 26 Aug 44 at Gelsenkirchen, Germany.

Harold P. Anderson, 367, died 7 Jan 84 in Chicago, IL.

Jack Cameron, 367th, died 22 July 88 in Frazeyburg, OH.

Joseph H. R. Caron, a food and dairy inspector for the 11th veterinary section at Thurleigh, died 6 Jan 86 at Fall River, MA.

LTC Ervin R. Clark, 367th bombardier with Richard L. Breed's crew, Aug 44-Jan 45, died 14 Jun 88 in Spokane, WA.

Leon W. Currie, 368th gunner (Alvin Schuering's crew), died in February 1987, it has been learned. He was MIA 20 Mar 44 at Brunswick (w.Schuering) and a POW.

John L. Eskew, 367th assistant crew chief, died 12 May 86 in New Smyrna Beach, FL, He was with the 306th throughout the combat era.

David M. Hovis, 367th engineer, and the last surviving member of the three who lived out of James E. Winter's plane 22 Dec 43 at Osnabruck, Germany, died 24 Mar 88 in Shelby, NC.

Roy J. Law, 367th, has passed away.

1Lt Wendell C. Leggett, a 369th navigator (Ethan Allen's crew, 15 May 44-Aug 44), died in May 82 in Baxley, GA, where he was the postmaster. He retired from the USAAF because of the loss of peripheral vision in one eye in combat. Wendell was a 1938 graduate of the University of Georgia.

Dr. H. Deane Munal, a flight surgeon with the 306th from 15 Apr 42 until the end of the war, died 24 Jun 88 at San Juan, TX, where he had practiced medicine since leaving the service. He started as flight



Robert Stevens

surgeon for the 368th squadron and became group surgeon 12 Nov 43, following the departure of Dr. John J. Manning. Doc Munal attended the Fort Worth reunion in 1983.

Bertram H. Perlmutter, 369th gunner (Schoolfield's crew), died 8 Jun 88 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, of a ruptured aorta. He was the 152nd EM to complete a tour with the 306th, counting second Schweinfurt among those. He was commissioned a second lieutenant as a gunnery officer 29 Feb 44. He leaves his wife and two daughters.

Robert L. Scales, 369th armament worker, died 23 Oct 64 in Marietta, OH.

Robert A. Siavage, 367th radio operator with Earl Tunnell's original crew, died 31 Mar 88 in Eynon, PA. Tunnell's crew was MIA at Lorient, 6 Mar 43 and Siavage was a prisoner of war.

LTC Robert S. Stevens, 368th engineering officer, died 12 Jun 88 in Memphis, TN, after a long illness. He joined the 306th 21 May 42 at Wendover, UT, and continued to serve until late in the war. At one time he was also supply officer for the 449th Subdepot. Stevens joined the Army 20 Dec 20, received his commission 12 May 42, and retired 31 May 54. He leaves his wife, Frances, and three sons.

Aaron L. Swire, 423rd gunner in 1945, is now deceased.

Col. William C. Tarr, 369th pilot and POW, died 19 May 88 in San Antonio, TX, where he had lived

since retiring from active duty. His last assignment was a pilot for the special unit flying VIPs out of Washington, DC. Tarr had a tumultuous combat career. He came to Thurleigh 21 Feb 44, and on the 26 Mar had a bombardier killed on his plane, then on 11 April lost his bombardier and navigator when the nose was blown off the plane. Tarr's combat tour ended 24 Apr 44 on the mission to Oberpfaffenhofen that cost the 306th ten aircraft and crews. His combat experiences appear in **First Over Germany** and in the Jan 80 issue of **Echoes** (Vol. 5, No. 1, Page 8). He received a Silver Star for the mission of 11 Apr 44.

Las Vegas

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by a newly-elected president in the hours before the banquet.

Omaha, Fort Worth, Colorado Springs, Dayton and Washington have all been outstanding gatherings, and there is no reason to believe that Las Vegas will be any less than these. If you have not been able to attend as yet, plan now for Little Rock.

Code of Conduct

As Revised 28 March 1988

I. I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country, and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

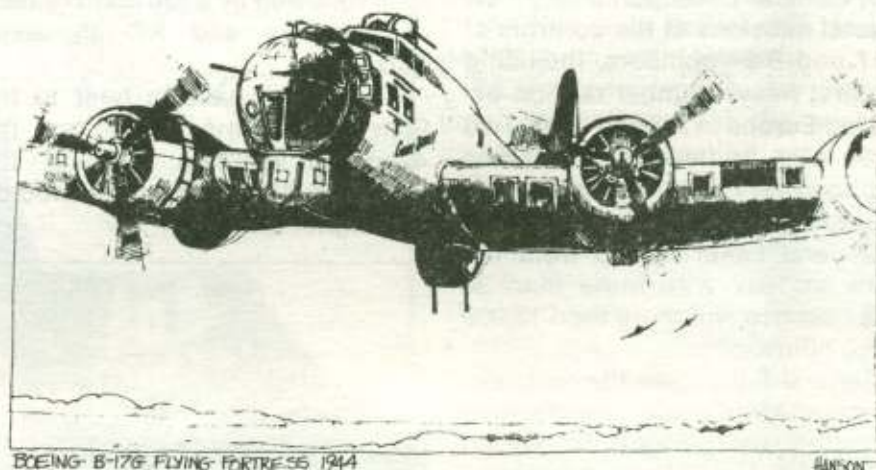
II. I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.

III. If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

IV. If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any actions which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

V. When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

VI. I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of



BOEING B-17G FLYING FORTRESS 1944

THE DEATH OF THE BALL TURRET GUNNER

*From my mother's sleep I fell into the State,
And I hunched in its belly till my wet fur froze.
Six miles from earth, loosed from its dream of life,
I woke to black flak and the nightmare fighters.
When I died they washed me out of the turret with a hose.*

Randall Jarrell (1914-1965)

NAME	SODN	ARRIVAL	DPT	LOST?
GREEN, HAROLD		43-12-01	44-06-00	TOUR
GREEN, ROY A				
GREZLAK, TED			43-07-26	MIA/POW
GUDGER, VONNE L JR		44-04-29	45-01-31	TOUR
GUILFOYLE, WILLIAM A		44-07-17	45-01-15	TOUR
GUNKEL, WESLEY W		44-10-28	45-05-19	TOUR
HALL, THOMAS D		42-06-00	42-11-09	KIA
HALLQUIST, ROBERT A		44-04-30		
HAMILTON, ORMAN L		42-12-11		INJURED
HANDLER, CHARLES F		44-07-17	44-10-22	KIA
HARTIN, FORREST D		42-06-00	42-11-09	EVADDEE
HAYES, GEORGE W		45-03-27		
HEITMAN, ERIC C		44-12-26	45-04-00	1945
HILDEBRAND, FREDERICK B JR		45-02-13		
HORGAN, WILLIAM R		45-04-09		
HORKULIC, JR, JOHN		44-04-03	44-08-00	TOUR
HOWE, DAVID B		44-07-08	45-01-00	TOUR
HOYT, ANDREW J		42-06-00	42-09-05	LOST AT SEA
JARVIE, EDWIN O		44-04-21	44-05-13	KIA
JOHNSON, HAROLD O			44-08-00	TOUR
KEY, GEORGE W		44-12-20		
KNOWLES, RICHARD T		43-11-28	44-03-29	MIA/POW
KUEHN, CHARLES R			43-10-14	MIA/POW
LANYON, PHILLIP D		43-10-16	44-03-24	TOUR
LARSON, RICHARD C		45-02-03		
LAWRENCE, EDWARD L		44-05-28	44-10-00	TOUR

LEE, THEODORE W	44-06-16	45-01-00	TOUR
LEWIS, WARREN M	42-06-00	42-12-30	KIA
MALONE, JAMES R	44-06-04		
MANTHEY, STUART W	45-01-31		
MARCHETTE, JOHN	44-05-05		
MC COWAN, LEONARD H	44-04-13	44-07-00	TOUR
MC GOUGH, LEON B	44-12-27	45-04-00	TOUR
MEYERS, CLAYTON R	44-12-11		
MORRIS, ARTHUR S	43-04-11	43-10-05	TOUR
MURPHY, ROGER P	44-08-21		
NABORS, ROBERT E	44-06-03	44-08-03	KIA
NEIGHMOND, JOSEPH C	45-02-05	45-05-19	
NORDBERG, DAVID J	43-03-12	43-05-01	KIA
NUTTALL, ANDREW	44-02-25	44-06-20	MIA/POW
OLENICK, CHARLES C	44-07-03		
ORENSTEIN, RALPH	44-08-01	45-01-23	TRANS
PAPROCKI, STAN J	44-06-16	44-07-18	MIA/POW
PENPRASE, WILLIAM H	45-04-04		
PERLINE, ABRAHAM	43-11-28	44-06-00	TOUR
PIERCE, LUTHER S	43-04-12		TOUR
POLLOCK, EUGENE J	42-06-00	43-04-19	TOUR
PRENTICE, ALBERT J		43-10-14	MIA/POW
PULVER, ALBERT G JR	43-10-16	44-02-22	KIA
RADNOFSKY, MATTHEW I	44-07-03	44-11-21	MIA/POW
RAMSEY, FRANK L	43-11-01	43-11-26	MIA/POW
RAYMOND, RICHARD L	44-04-12	44-07-00	TOUR
REICH, JOSEPH E	45-02-10		
RUCKER, WILBORN B	43-06-30	43-12-01	TRANS
SALITRNIK, ROBERT J	42-06-00	43-04-15	DOW
SHAPLAND, EARL P JR	44-07-26	45-01-02	TOUR
SHIVELY, JACOB C	42-06-00	42-11-17	WIA
SILER, GORMAN W	44-06-15	44-10-22	KIA
SIMMONS, ANDREW V	42-12-11	43-04-17	MIA/POW
SMOLENSKI, EDWARD S	44-07-26	44-12-15	KIA
SOSCIA, SALVATORE	43-11-27	44-06-00	TOUR
STANSBERRY, CHARLES E	44-08-08	44-09-12	KIA
STEINHAUS, JOHN R	45-03-27		
TALLEY, JAMES C	44-09-01		
TELIFER, ALAN E	44-04-13	44-05-23	WIA
TERRELL, RALPH S	44-07-21	45-01-00	TOUR
TILLERY, OTIS B	43-01-15		TOUR
TRIGGS, VINCENT L	44-07-26	45-01-00	TOUR
UTLEY, LEWIS H		43-02-16	KIA
VALENTI, JASPER J	43-11-27	44-04-28	TOUR
VOGELSANG, RICHARD A	44-02-25	44-02-04	TRANS
WAGNER, PAUL C	44-08-29		
WEST, EDWARD F	43-11-27	44-05-00	TOUR
WILLIAMS, RICHARD P	43-11-19	44-07-00	TOUR
WOLFFE, HARLAN D	44-12-20		
YOUNG, OLIVER O JR	43-11-19	44-04-30	TOUR
ZAHNISER, PAUL N	45-04-02	46-06-00	
ZIMMERMAN, RALPH J	43-07-05	44-11-13	TRANS

Radar Operators

NAME	SODN	ARRIVAL	DPT	LOST?
BARNETT, JOE T	369			
BRIAN, JERRY E	368	44-10-02	45-01-23	TOUR
BUTUCEL, PETER J	369	44-11-05		
DOBBS, PAUL D	367			
GEARITY, JOHN T	367	45-03-02		
HALL, HOWARD L	368	44-10-01	45-02-00	TOUR
HAUCK, GEORGE C	367	44-11-05	44-11-21	MIA/POW
HEARD, JOHN F	367	45-02-16		
HOGAN, WILLIAM	369	44-12-02		
KELLY, WILLIAM A	367	44-12-13		
RICHINCOE, THEODORE N	423	45-01-20		
LUCAS, FORDIE K	368	44-07-30		
MC DANIEL, CLIFFORD C	368			3-4/45
MOCHARNUK, WILLIAM	367	44-12-02	45-01-10	MIA/POW
PIERCE, WILLIAM N	367			
VAN ARSDALE, DAVID P	423			
WESSLER, RICHARD H	423	44-10-00		
WHITE, JAMES G	367	45-01-25	45-02-03	INTERNEED

Eaker AFB In Arkansas Now Official

EAKER AIR FORCE BASE, ARK.—The name of Blytheville Air Force Base, Arkansas, officially changed to Eaker Air Force Base during a ceremony May 26. General Larry D. Welch, chief of staff, United States Air Force, officiated at the ceremony.

The name change honors General Ira C. Eaker, one of America's true aviation pioneers, and the first commander of the Eighth Air Force during World War II.

General Eaker was born in Field Creek, Texas, in 1896 and grew up in southeastern Oklahoma near Durant.

General Eaker assumed command of the VIII Bomber Command in February 1942, and later that year became the commander of Eighth Air Force in England, remaining until 6 Jan 44. During the war, General Eaker personally flew several missions at the controls of B-17 and B-24 bombers, including the first heavy bomber raid on occupied Europe in August 1942. Two years later, he flew a fighter plane supporting the invasion of southern France.

General Eaker retired from the Army in 1947 with more than 30 years service and more than 12,000 flying hours.

General Eaker was the recipient of many awards and decorations including the Wright Trophy in 1976 in honor of his lifetime devotion to American airpower. In 1979, General Eaker received a special Congressional Gold Medal named in his honor. The nation further recognized his pioneering efforts by promoting him to the rank of General on April 26, 1985.

General Eaker died August 6, 1987.

The Army Air Force first



Dr. Orlie Parker, 368th, points with pride to the new Eaker Air Force Base sign near Blytheville, AR, named to honor the first commanding general of the Eighth Air Force. Parker has made his home in Blytheville for a number of years.

established a flying operation near Blytheville in June 1942 as an advanced pilot training school and, after the war became a processing point for personnel being discharged from the Army. It was inactivated in October 1945.

The Air Force reactivated the field in July 1955 when the Tactical Air Command's 461st Bombardment Wing moved from Hill AFB, Utah, to Blytheville. The Strategic Air Command gained control of the base in 1958. The base received its first B-52 bombers in 1960 and was later followed by a full complement of bombers and KC-135 aerial tankers.

Today, the base is host to the 97th Bombardment Wing and the 42nd Air Division, part of the Strategic Air Command's modern day Eighth Air Force.



Year End Good Time for Giving

Because the 306th Association does not collect dues it is incumbent on as many members as are able to make at least annual contributions to the organization to do so.

Contributions are tax deductible, which should be of some assistance.

Treasurer Dale Briscoe reports that contributions to cover the production costs of the 1988 directory have nearly reached that mark. If you have not returned the envelope bound inside the directory, please do so, with your \$5 contribution.

It is hoped that those who can assist with the operating costs will do so as we know we have among our numbers some who cannot contribute. No real record is kept and all persons are treated equally as members.

government.

Nothing was done with it until March 1978, when the 512th Military Airlife Wing at Dover AFB, DE, volunteered its help in restoring the now-vintage aircraft. Work was done by a host of volunteers from all over the eastern U.S. as a community project and maintenance training project.

'Shoo Shoo Shoo Baby' at Museum

On your next "mission" to the Air Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, you will see a new inhabitant of the WWII section of aircraft—a combat B-17. The old plane had never left the States, but on 13 Oct 88 the Museum received "Shoo Shoo Shoo Baby," which went to Sweden in May 44 on its 23rd mission.

The Swedish government bought it after the war for \$1, transferred it to Danish Airlines where it retired in 1961. In 1971 the USAF received the plane from the Institut Geographique National, Paris, France, and the French

Full Card of Boxers for Thurleigh

In the first half of 1943, there was an inter-post boxing match between Thurleigh and Litchfield. No date appears on the program, but it was held at the American Red Cross snack bar and was sponsored by the Stars and Stripes athletic committee.

Representing Thurleigh in the ring that night were the following boxers: Pfc Glenn D. Hoke, 1024 Ordnance, lightweight; T/Sgt Doran "Punk" Gillette, 369th, middleweight; Pvt Wade Dunn, 449th Subdepot, lightweight; M/Sgt Waller J. Townsley, 369th, middleweight; Sgt Bill Fann, 368th, junior welterweight; Pvt Ernest Gilbert, 369th, light heavyweight; Sgt Jim Weaver, 369th, senior welterweight; Cpl Kirt Coburn, 423rd, light heavyweight, and Pvt Walter "Texas" Renn, 367th/369th, heavyweight.

Alternates for the 306th were Pfc Herb Nelson, 1024th ordnance; T-4 Tom McGinty, 1628th ordnance, and Cpl Johnnie Wohead, 423rd.

The promoter was Sgt Mark T. Donahue, 423rd; referee, T/Sgt Tony Grabowski, 352nd Service Sqdn; judges, LtCol Douglas R. Coleman, Maj H. G. Gray and Lt H. G. Hodenfeld; timekeeper, Cpl Louis Cohen, 369th; coach, Capt Seymour D. Ramby; medical officer, Capt Alfred W. Erb, and to present the trophies was LtCol Claude E. Putnam.

Now, the question remains: Who won? Does anyone having any such recollections?

Silver medals came from Rainbow Corner and Stars and Stripes.

The Red Cross clubmobile "Texas" was on hand and the girls provided donuts and coffee, while the Red Cross Aeroclub had cigarettes for everyone.



One last meeting: The last picture of Wild Bill Casey, at the right, was taken with three men who had all flown on Casey's crews at one time or another. From the left, Casey Jones, Parley Small and Wilson Elliott. Soon after the picture was taken early last spring, both Small and Casey passed on.

There may be no dues, BUT

it does take money to keep the 306th Association afloat. Those who are able are asked to make an annual contribution to keep everything running smoothly. No one is dropped from the mailing list for non-payment!

Please accept my 1988 gift to the 306th BG Association: \$ _____

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306th Unit

Send to: C. Dale Briscoe, Treasurer
7829 Timber Top Drive
Boerne, TX 78006



Al LaChasse was the first 8th flier to enter Stalag Luft III, following his plane's being shot down on the first mission, 9 Oct 42. On the 40th anniversary of the occasion, he is shown with a cake appropriately embellished, while one of his grandsons sports a T-shirt, similarly emblazoned. (While this is appearing a bit late, Al has more cartoons collected behind barbed wire and they will be featured in future issues of Echoes.)