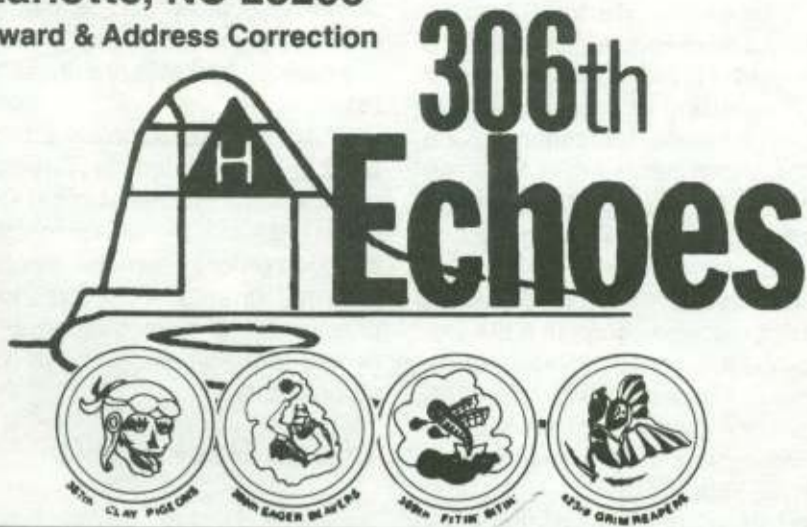


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## 363 Reserve Places for the '92 Reunion in England

### Plans Are Refined for Our Foray Into WWII Memories

By the time you read this there may be only four to six weeks remaining before the planes fly from all over the United States towards the great Heathrow and Gatwick airports near London, carrying an increasing number of 306th men, their spouses, children and friends to a grand reunion.

It will really begin when the plane doors come open, the passengers disembark into the passport control and luggage retrieval areas. Within minutes after the customs work is over, the 306th people from these various flights will be gathered into holding areas to once again meet old friends and to await briefly for another departure.

**Boarding our own buses, you will be taken out on the high speed London Orbital highway. A stop for snacks and other necessities will be made at a hotel just off the Orbital at Watford. Then the M5 north will be located and it won't be long before the buses arrive at the Swan and Moat House hotels, which face each other across the stone bridge spanning The Great Ouse.**

Greeters will be waiting at the two hotels, and a speed up room assignment and key retrieval system will be put in effect so that those on the first bus will be out of the way by the time a second bus arrives.

The first bus will be out of Gatwick at 8:30, and a second departs at 9:30, and that one will pick up additional passengers at Heathrow. Buses will go from Heathrow at 8:30, 10, 11:30, 1:30 and 3:30.

#### There is Still Time

If you have not yet made your reservations for the trip, and finally conclude that you can do so, do not hesitate to contact Witte Travel, 800/253-0210. The standard registration form again appears on the last page of this issue of Echoes. If you need a copy of the full reunion brochure, contact Russ Strong.

At a recent meeting in Minneapolis with committee, travel consultants, and Ralph Franklin from Bedford in attendance, plans were carefully gone over for the entire event. Franklin reports that enthusiasm for the reunion is very high among British friends of the 306th in the Bedford area, and that he is receiving a high degree of cooperation from many people who have fond memories of the three years that the 306th was a part of Bedfordshire.

Those at the Minneapolis meeting were startled and pleased to learn that at that point ticket sales to British for the hangar dance had been halted at 1,500! This will be a Wednesday night event on the old base, and the hangar in which it will be held may have been the one in which you danced in 1942-45. (Two of the old hangars remain, although they have been relocated from the line that once stretched along one side of the field.)

**Tuesday night's welcome reception at the Corn Exchange is by invitation only, as that old structure that echoed to the music of Glenn Miller in 1944, will only hold we Americans and a limited number of British. It is a very short stroll from the two hotels to the Exchange.**

A major event will be the memorial service to be held at the 306th Bomb Group monument at Thurleigh, which stands in front of what was once the 40th Combat Wing headquarters. As space is very limited close to the memorial, no one will be admitted to the area until our buses have arrived and let their passengers off so that they can be seated or find good places to stand to witness the ceremonies there.

Donald R. Ross, 306th president and reunion chairman, will preside. A USAF chaplain will offer the invocation, and later the benediction, and a color guard will come from RAF Chicksands, an American unit. Col. Robert Brotzman, vice commander of the Third Air Force at RAF Mildenhall, will speak briefly and Russell Strong will present a short history of the 306th.

Lunch will be provided at the base. During the afternoon tours of the present base, with particular attention to those 306th relics still existing, will be provided each of the buses. Then people will return to the hotels for rest and refreshment before going out to the hangar dance.

**It is hoped that during the time spent at Thurleigh on Wednesday that a few "antique" and current aircraft may be on display.**

On Thursday morning we will go back to the buses for the short trip to the American

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A delighted librarian at the Bedford Library receives a full set of microfiche of 306th Echoes, covering the papers from 1976 through 1991. It will now be available to anyone patronizing the Bedford Library, and the fiche includes a full index to those issues. Jim Richwine, left, who spends a part of each year in Bedford, was on hand to make the presentation on behalf of the Group.

## Seattle Set For 1993

Seattle is it for our 1993 reunion, a journey to where the B-17 made its maiden flights and the aircraft manufacturing capitol of the world.

Dates are Thursday, 9 September, through Saturday, with the annual reunion banquet that night.

Warren Wilson, 368th engineer and POW, and Dinwiddie Fuhrmeister, 367th pilot and operations officer, have agreed to share the chairmanship for the event. Wilson lives in Port Ludlow and is a Boeing retiree, while Fuhrmeister lives in Tacoma and was promotion director for the newspapers there for a number of years.

The Red Lion Inn Sea-Tac, immediately adjacent to the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, will be the headquarters for the reunion. A number of

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### Address Labels Have a New Look

In the past couple of months the computer program for addressing your mail has been upgraded, affording a considerable addition to information that can be stored and utilized.

Although the secretary has not mastered it all, he has found that printing your mail label with the addition of YOUR unit designation on it may ease the trepidation that some of you have mentioned, and also lead to more accurate listings.

Take a look at your mail label and its upper right hand corner. The label should reflect the organization which you first joined at Thurleigh; or, you may have already requested that another designation be used.

If you want something different, please notify the secretary, and then watch your next issue of **Echoes** for changes.

# Last Chance for '92 Reunion in England!

## Reunion in England (from page 1)

cemetery at Madingly, just to the west of Cambridge. Again, Ross will preside, and there will be a chaplain and USAF color guard from RAF Mildenhall to assist with the service. William A. Houlihan, former president of the Association, will deliver a eulogy here. After the ceremony there will be sufficient time for everyone to view the Wall of the Missing, to check out the graves of our comrades who are there, to inspect the beautiful rose garden and reflecting pool, and no one will want to miss the chapel at the far end of the pool.

American military cemeteries abroad are really impressive places to visit.

Leaving Madingly, the buses will take us a few miles southwest of Cambridge to Duxford, which served as a WWII American fighter base, and is maintained today as such a facility. Here we will have lunch, with a place service available at 12:30 and 1:30 in the Officers' Mess.

### The Groups Split

In mid-afternoon the buses will begin to leave, those going on to London's Cumberland Hotel by one route, and those returning to Bedford by another.

The registration as of 26 June shows 250 have selected the **A** program, which includes two nights in Bedford and the remainder in London, and 85 who will be in the **B** program, which spends two more nights at Bedford before moving on to London.

In addition to these two large groups, another 28 persons as of 26 June have elected to participate in various parts of the reunion program.

On Friday the **B** group, operating out of Bedford, is scheduled to make bus visits to the villages of Thurleigh, Keysoe and Milton Ernest. At each stop there will be an observance staged and the Americans will have an opportunity to mingle with the townspeople. This group will leave then on Saturday morning for London.

A pub crawl is being planned in London for Saturday night with opportunities to visit three or four pubs in the general area of the Cumberland hotel.

### Special London Tours

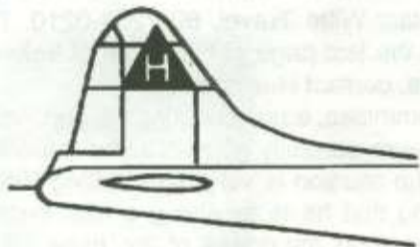
On Friday in London there will be a half day city tour in the morning, and in the afternoon there will be tours to Windsor Castle or to the RAF Museum at Hendon and the Cabinet War Rooms. These may also be repeated on Saturday afternoon in order to accommodate those who arrive from Bedford.

Sunday morning's optional event is a choral mass at St. Paul's Cathedral. In the afternoon the annual meeting of the Association will be held, and it is likely that all present officers and directors will be on hand. Voting will be for a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and one director for a three-year term. The nominating committee will report at that time.

On Sunday night the Annual Banquet will be held.

Then, Monday morning will arrive all too soon, and about half of the group will be leaving the hotel for flights homeward.

Perhaps the earliest risers will be those 77 persons who have signed on for the extension trip to Belgium and France, visiting 15th Century Bruges, Paris, Bayeux and the Normandy Beaches, and returning for flights home Monday, 8 September. The extension tour northward to Scotland, plans to leave the hotel at 8 a.m. on 31 August, heading for Oxford, and then on north to Coventry, York, and Edinburgh. They will go back south through Carlisle, Chester, Gloucester and Bath, before arriving at London Saturday night for Monday departures.



The 306th Bombardment Group Historical Association: Donald R. Ross, president; Forrest J. Stewart, vice president; Russell A. Strong, secretary; C.F. (Casey) Jones, treasurer. Directors are: Rex C. Barber, William R. Carlile, George G. Roberts, Victor L. Rose; M.E. Christianson, immediate past president; Donald R. Ross, 1992 reunion chairman.

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## Index Available

A hard copy index of **Echoes** from 1976 through 1991 is now available. The cost is \$10, which includes postage, etc.

This is the material which is included on the update of the microfiche copy of **Echoes**, but is a handy addition for those who have kept all or most of their **Echoes**.

Orders can be sent to the Secretary, with your check made out to the 306th Bomb Group Association.

## Pilot Survey

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cadet Class \_\_\_\_\_

Adv. Trng. Location \_\_\_\_\_

# Combat Missions \_\_\_\_\_

Date leaving 306th \_\_\_\_\_

Rank on leaving 306th \_\_\_\_\_

Did you fly with the Casey Jones Project in 1945-46? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Obituaries

LTC **James W. Barkwill**, 369th navigator (William Haase crew), died 16 Oct 71 in New Haven, CT. He was chief of USAF recruiting at Madison, CT, at the time of his death. Reentering service in 1949, Barkwill served with SAC, Air Rescue and Air Transport Command. He came to the 306th 21 Aug 44 and served until Mar 45.

**Andrew Bezak** followup: Bezak, a 423rd engineer who completed his tour with the 306th, was KIA 25 Nov 44 on a mission to Merseberg with the 447th BG, when the plane crashed one km NW of Merseberg. On his second tour, this was his 40th mission.

**Robert H. Clark**, 367th ordnance worker and orderly room clerk, died 13 Jun 92 in Chicago Heights, IL. He retired as a clerk for LTV Steel, and had lived of late in Sauk Village, IL. He leaves his wife, three sons, 12 gc, and seven ggc.

**Daniel Dolinka**, a parachute rigger who became a 368th gunner and POW, died 24 Mar 92 in Chicago. He was on Fred Gillogly's crew that disappeared at Bremen 17 Apr 43. Dolinka ended up in Stalag Luft III.

**Harry E. Holms**, 369th waist gunner (Allan Lingwall crew), is deceased. He arrived with the Group 15 Jun 44 and completed his tour in October.

**Edwin J. Irwin**, 369th tail gunner (Allan Lingwall crew), is deceased. His combat tour was from 15 Jun 44 to October.

**Owen K. Nabors**, 367th waist gunner (Dinwiddie Fuhrmeister crew), died 9 Jun 88 in Redmond, WA, where he had lived for many years. He was the 118th EM to complete a combat tour, arriving with the Group 4 May 43 and leaving 18 Nov 43.

**William H. Owens**, 369th and 367th navigator and POW, died 31 May 91 in Tullahoma, TN, following serious health problems. He joined the group 17 Jan 43, and transferred to the 367th 7 Apr

## Record Keeping!

You can perform signal service for the 306th Association and its membership by making yourself aware of those who live near by and who are on our mailing list.

Check the geographical listing in the back of the new directory. (We couldn't make it come out alphabetical and hope to in 1994, but the cities do appear in zip code order.) Learn the names of the men in your area, and if you should see one of these names pop up in the newspaper, please send a clipping along to the editor.

## Wants Becker Info

Paul A. Becker, 367th bombardier, was KIA 3 Feb 45 when the "Rose of York" disappeared over the North Sea on the return from Berlin. Vernor Daley was the pilot.

Now John E. Becker, brother of Paul, is seeking more information about his brother, who came to the 306th 25 Sep 44 with Raymond Overstreet's crew. He was flying his 35th mission on 3 Feb 45.

Write John E. Becker, 1040 Greenfield Circle, State College, PA 16801.

43 with William J. Casey's crew. Owens went down with Casey 17 Apr 43 at Bremen, and spent the rest of the war in Stalag Luft III.

## 306th Family

**Catherine Z. Brennan**, widow of Joseph Brennan, 369th, died 14 May 92 in Falls Church, VA. She attended the very first reunion of the 306th in Miami Beach, FL, in 1975. He died in 1976. Since then she had been a faithful attendant at 306th reunions until cancer slowed her down. Her daughters, Judith Hermley and Nina Leary, continue to attend and are scheduled to go to England in '92 with the Group.

## 306th Publications

Published materials now available from the Group will help you follow the 306th through the combat period, 1942-45:

### Combat Diary of the 369th Squadron

Day-by-day diary, kept by intelligence officers, of the squadron combat activities, with some other information. 144 pages, plastic bound.

### 306th Echoes, on microfiche

Now available from 1976 through 1991, with a 41-page index covering those years. Can be viewed at any library.

### Men of the 306th, on microfilm

A role of 16mm film duplicates the 306th card file of nearly 11,000 men, including data extracted from various 306th records, and personal data on some of the men.

Other materials will be advertised in **Echoes** as they become available. Work has been started on the **367th Combat Diary**, and at the 1993 Reunion it is hoped to have all of the Squadron diaries available.

### ORDER FORM

**369th Combat Diary** \$17.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**306th Echoes, microfiche** \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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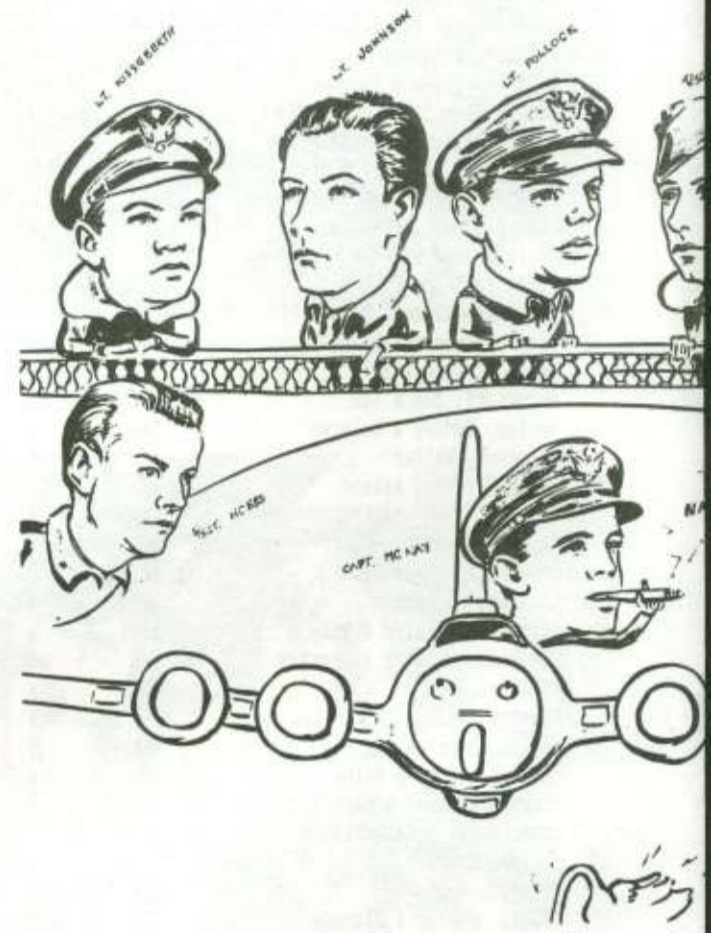
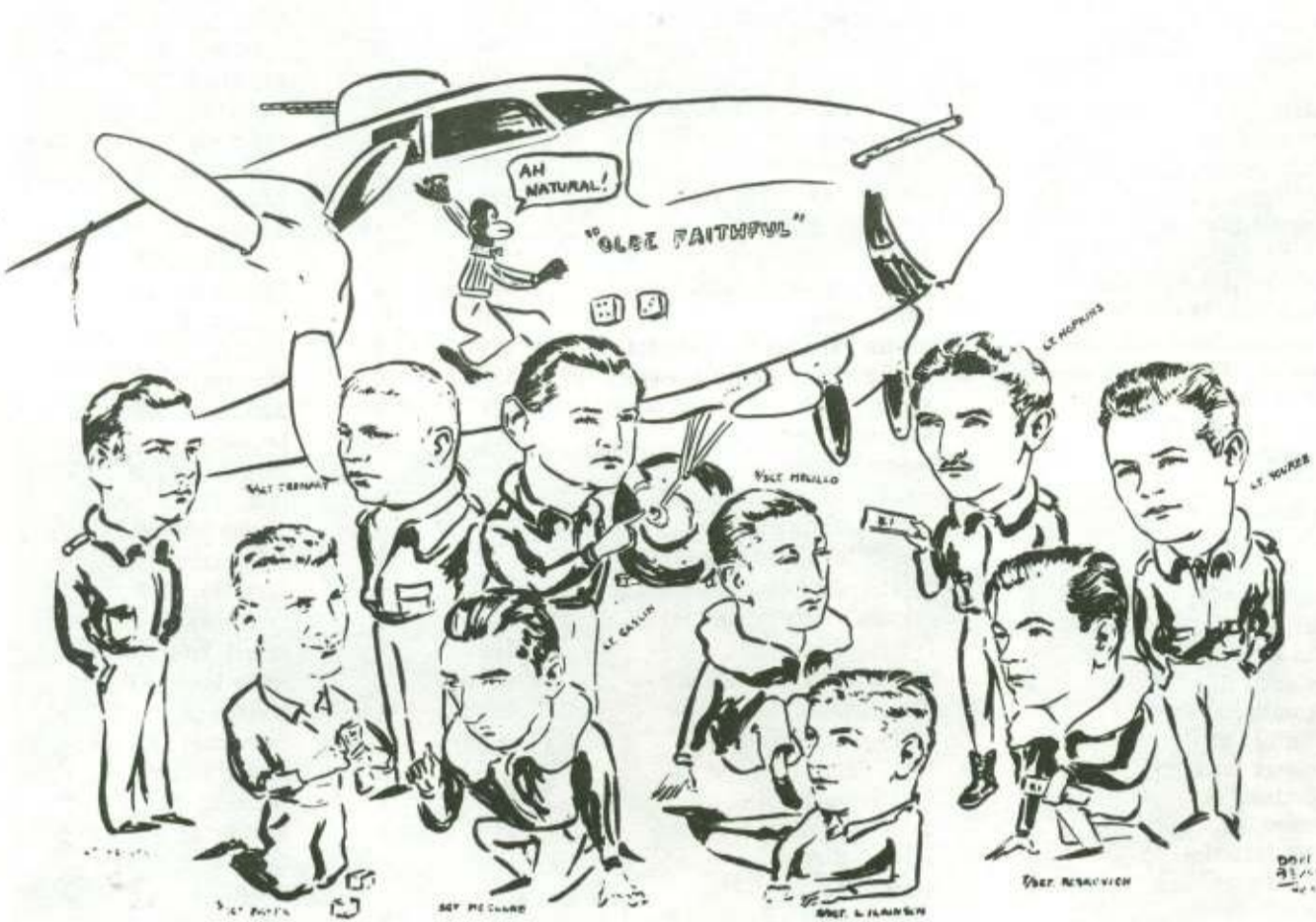
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# England '92 Reunion Participants

Family designations, when known, follow the Squadron identification. The Program column shows an A for those who will spend two nights in Bedford and the remainder in London; Program B is for those who elected four nights in Bedford and the remainder in London. Program I indicates those who have purchased only specific parts of the schedule, usually providing their own transportation and housing.

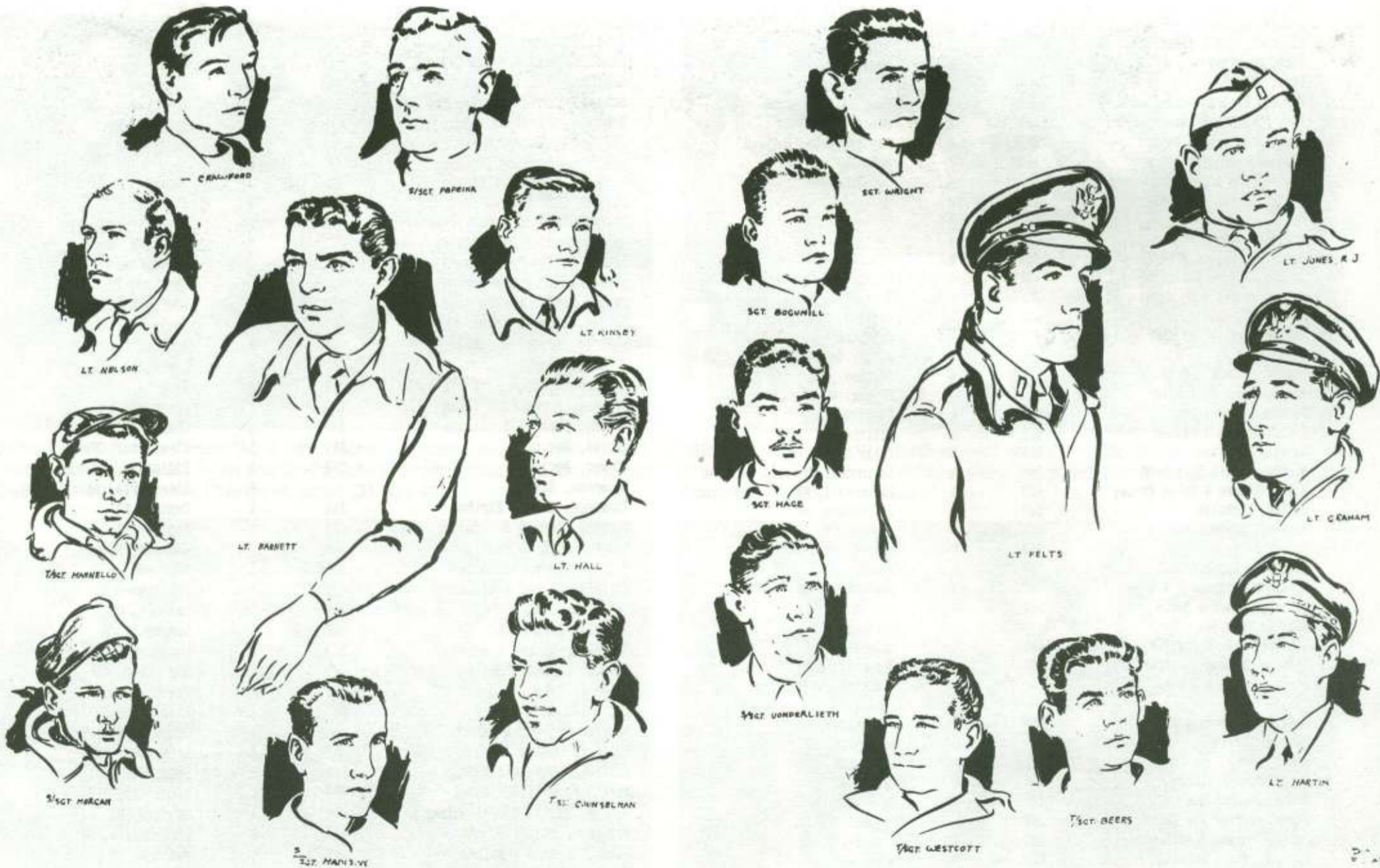
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Allen, John & Doris	369	A	Charlton, IA			
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Audilet, Margaret		A	Tucson, AZ			
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Bozick, Robert & Ruth	367	A	Van Nuys, CA			
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Butschek, Walter	423	A	Yorktown, TX			
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Carrasco, William & Ruby	368	A	Caliente, CA			
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Hill, Richard & Helen Fraley	423	A	Pittsfield, MA			
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Hopkins, Royce & Mollie	367	A	Brookshire, TX			
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Wood, Robert H & Carol	369	A				Marietta, NY
Young, John & Kay	367	A				San Gabriel, CA
Zach, Robert & Marjorie	423	A				Riverton, IA

# Combat Crews: The Originals



**PERVIS YUREE** — Pervis Earl Youree, James Hopkins, Harold Gaslin, George Horner, Michael Roskovitch, James Melillo, Richard Trenary, William Baker, Kenneth McClure and William Wilkison.

**MACK MCKAY** — Mack McKay, L.P. Johnson, Alleman, Gerald Kruzynski, Raymond Henn, J.



**JOHN BARNETT** — John Barnett, Lowell Kinney, Thomas Hall, Norman Nelson, Frederick Mannello, Francis Counselman, Bernard Papeika, Walter Crawford, Walter Morgan and Jack Madison.

**LOYAL FELTS** — Loyal Felts, Robert J. Jones, Andrew Graham, Forrest Hartin, John Westcott, Charles Vonderlieth, Eldon Wright, Richard Beers, Richard Bogumill and Doane Hage.



## More Original Crews



**367th George Buckey crew:** Front, l. to r.: George Buckey, James Crouch, Walter Coons and George Bennett. Back row: George Klucick, Harry Brown, William Standish, Emil Miller, Gene Kennedy and William Hicks. (Apr 43)



**369th Clay Isbell crew:** l. to r.: Edward J. Hennessy, Clay Isbell, Abraham Burden, Frank Jacknik. (11 Nov 42)



**369th James Johnston crew:** Back, l. to r.: James Johnston, Charles Flannagan and Shedrick Jones.



**368th Marlen Reber crew:** Reber is front row, center. (22 Jun 43)



**369th Robert Riordan crew:** Back, l. to r.: Robert Riordan, Edward P. Maliszewski, Geroge Spelman, Gerald Rotter and Orville Schultz. Front: Anthony Santoro, William Owens, Raleigh Holloway, Charles M. Davis. (21 Nov 42)



**368th/423rd Robert W. Smith crew:** l. to r.: Fred Gillogly, Robert W. Smith, Lyle Edwards, Carl G. Jones, William Allan, Raymond Banks, Charles Fehr, Henry Warren, and James Haywood.



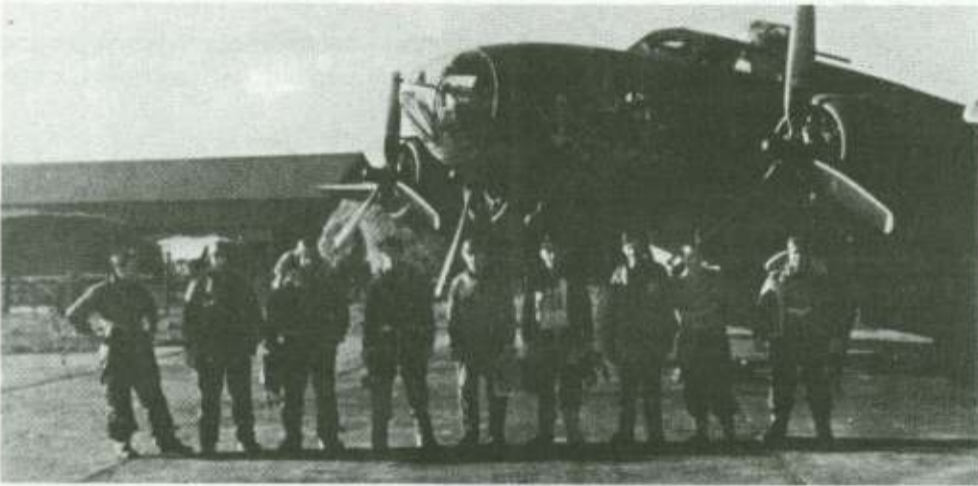
**369th Jack Spaulding crew:** l. to r., Jack Spaulding, Wallace Kirkpatrick, Gordon Grant, James Jones, Edward Nork, Dale Davis, Louis Morgan, Leon Williams. (11 Nov 42)



**367th James M. Stewart crew:** front, l. to r.: James Stewart, William Dickey, Raymond Schmoyer and Hugh Langan. Back row: Thomas McMillan, Charles Meriwether, Jack Wheeler and James Creamer. (5 Nov 42)



**367th Earl Tunnell crew:** front row, l. to r.: Charles Kirby, Robert Siavage, George Tracy and Donald Tunstall. Back row: Earl Tunnell, Robert Biggs, William Eubank, Andrew Friedrich and Charles D. Hill.



This picture was taken 11 Nov 42 in front of **Sons of Fury**. Can any of you possibly identify the crew members?

## Pictures and Names!

As you will note, not all of the above pictures are identified properly. Please send any additional information to the Secretary. This is also a call for more crew pictures, with their identifications. In the October issue we will run a group of identified crew pictures, hoping to begin with the earlier crews. We will also run a couple of unidentified crews that you may be able to help us put names to. In the group of pictures above, we have noted a date if one appeared on the photo we have. That will help your orientation as to who crew members were at a given time.

## Flyboy's Benediction

(with apologies to an old Irish poem)

May the runway rise softly to meet you,  
May tail winds favor your flight,  
And your destination be clear and unlimited  
Bright stars to guide when it's night.  
With trouble free "birds" at your beckon,  
Full serviced and ready to roll,  
May you savor each moment of freedom  
Unbound by earth's grasp on your soul.

Now until your tour of duty is over  
And you have filed your last flight plan,  
May God continue to comfort,  
And keep you safe in his hand.

William A. Lanford, 368th

(Author's note: The other evening after watching "Wings" on the tube, a bit of nostalgia hit me and I scribbled the above.)

## There may be no dues, BUT

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## Mission Report Status, and The Future

Mission Reports are coming! They aren't all in hand at the moment, but another 2800 pages of material is in process and will be ready for distribution by mid-September.

A June trip to National Archives permitted a complete review of the 306th files, and coupled with another visit yet to be planned may result in the accumulation of at least some materials on every mission. In the meantime, we will continue to process orders and hope to clear up a number of the "back orders" before mid-August.

**Even yet there are 21 missions for which materials cannot be found in the normal 306th files. They either disappeared in toto before the secretary began working in the files in 1976, or they have disappeared piecemeal since that time.**

Security at National Archives is now very tight, and for good reason. It is the only way the files can be preserved from predators. Also, demands on National Archives for military history files have increased many times since 1976, while at the same time the operational staff for Archives has been decreased as funds have become scarcer.

On this latest foray, the secretary brought home 350 pages that were copied on the spot. (A copier is available three minutes at a time, and with often a line waiting to use it.) Much of this material was where a single page was needed to complete a file, and a generous collection of mission route maps. Maps are more difficult to copy, and the secretary and his wife concluded that they could do a better job of copying than did the Archives staff.

April 1991 Order

The next to appear will be an order

originally placed in April 1991, and which disappeared during shipment to the secretary. These files had to be re-selected, and that has been accomplished. This included a few scattered missions in the second half of 1943, almost all of July 1944 and scattered missions throughout the remaining months of 1944.

The final group selected was scattered throughout 1944, a few in 1942 and 1943, and with major emphasis in January through March, 1945.

Through the generosity of individuals contributing to the Project Fund, and through appropriations of the general treasury all of this has been accomplished.

Men from other Bomb Groups, when hearing what we have readily available to our membership, express considerable envy, and we have yet to hear of a Group that has any appreciable mission report material available at all. A few have begun the collection, but then have just stored the paper away.

**Now, those missing missions! The dates are: 2 Feb 43, 14 Feb 43, 18 Mar 43, 6 Mar 44, 8 Mar 44, 26 Mar 44, 4 Aug 44, 6 Aug 44, 24 Aug 44, 25 Aug 44, 26 Sep 44, 6 Oct 44, 2 Nov 44, 30 Dec 44, 1 Jan 45, 8 Jan 45, 15 Jan 45, 9 Feb 45, 19 Feb 45, 19 Mar 45, 5 Apr 45.**

We are still searching for some crew lists from the mission loading list collection. We also are searching for some intelligence narratives. It is expected these may be found in some Eighth Air Force files we have not yet accessed.

If you have any navigation charts, formation sheets or mission filmsies, particularly of any of these dates, please make copies of them and forward them to the secretary.

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## Correcting the April Issue

In the front page picture of Bob Myllykoski, the other man in the picture is Tom Rissacher, the artist who painted the memorable presentation for Bob. They had not known each other before, but Tom was so moved by the story that he painted the plane and presented the picture. Ed Dostie and Norm Armburst, both crew members with Bob, were present for the ceremonies.

Jacob Quintis, mentioned in the Obituary column, was co-pilot for John J. O'Brien, assigned to the 423rd on 12 Apr 44.

# Seattle (from page 1)

hotels and restaurants in the immediate area of the Red Lion are also available, several within walking distance.

The Red Lion offers 24-hour limousine service between the airport and hotel, at 15 minute intervals. There are 850 rooms in the Red Lion, and it includes excellent facilities for visiting, for meetings and for dining.

The daily room rate will be \$79. After initial meetings in May with the Association secretary, and consultations with Red Lion personnel, they also met with a representative of the Seattle/King County

Convention and Visitors' Bureau and with the Convention Services Northwest.

During the second day of discussions, the threesome was joined by James H. Burgess, 368th, Seattle; Arnold Gunderson, 368th, Seattle; Carl G. Jones, 368th, Gig Harbor; R. Keith Miller, 368th, Edmonds; Berkeley Peterson, 423rd, Yakima; Franklin Schlager, Casey Jones, Mercer Island, and Herb Verdick, 367th, Sequim. It is also hoped that others in the Seattle area will assist with making this reunion another successful venture for the 306th.

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