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October 10, 1983

Mr. Russell Strong
2041 Hillsdale
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

Dear Mr. Strong:

In reply to your recent phone call, I have checked our index to the local newspaper, the Birmingham Eccentric.

Enclosed are two obituary notices which appeared, also the obituary for his mother.

I notice that his sister was said to be living in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They called her "Ruth Adams" but they may have mixed up her name with the mother's name. If this is true, perhaps the library in Tulsa would be able to help you.

If we may be able to assist further, please let us know.

Yours sincerely,

Lee Tuttle

Lee Tuttle
Reference Dept., Head

Sally Adams

Thank you again - Friday
Life home - Bill did!

You - come to ski country

I hope to someday meet

to me - so very thoughtful -

Also thank you for autographing

return -

to be in the same small

been thru many studies - and

Dear Mr. Strong - Sept. 25-72

I wanted to finish the book, before venturing to thank you for sending me "First over Europe" - but I am still reading it - It is wonderful that you wrote about the 306th - I am enjoying it very

13 October 1986

Mrs. Sallie Adams
1 Cantitoe Lane
Englewood, CO 80110

Dear Sallie:

Bill Walsh and I finally got together Sunday and thus I received your note.

It caused me to begin thinking, and this I want to ask you a couple of questions:

1. Did Dick ever write out any document about his experiences as an evadee? What I used in the book was that which came from official records on the matter, and was very much abbreviated because the British and Americans knew that the Free French were peddling any such documents to the Germans.

If you or your children are in possession of any such material I would very much like to get a copy of it for my 306th BE files. Evadee stories are some of the most exciting things that came out of the war.

2. Do you or your children have a WWII era picture of him which I might borrow to have copied? This also would become a part of the 306th archives.
3. Any other pertinent material about Dick to help round out the whole picture would be greatly appreciated. If you have his 201, or personnel file, from his active duty days, I would like to borrow it for examination and possible copying.

Please send any materials by registered mail and I will return them within 24 hours, also-registered.

I do hope that we meet one of these days. I feel I almost know you through Bill's vivid descriptions.

Sincerely yours,

17 August 1993

Mrs. Sallie Adams
1 Cantitoe Lane
Englewood, CO 80110

Dear Sallie:

It has been seven years ago since I last wrote you, so I may be taking a real chance that I will find you at this same address.

I have one more question about Dick that you may have an answer for, as I have not yet found anything anywhere else:

Do you remember what pilot class he was in? It would be a year and a letter, such as 41-E, as an example. Also, where did he get his wings? This would be his advanced training base.

Any assistance you can give me will be greatly appreciated. Oh, one more thing: did any of those men he went to Wendover with also finish pilot training in the same class? I have been able to sort out most of them, but not everyone as yet.

Many, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Dec 17th

Dear Russel

Your letter of Oct 13th
is here in front of me,
and I am embarrassed
not answering sooner
and there is a Xmas
card.

The answer to your
question 1, no he never did
write about his experiences.
He did. I believe you
knew walk across the
Pyrenees with a group —
over

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6 October 1994

Dear Sallie:

Bill Walsh kindly located your present address for me, as I had phoned him to report that I wanted some information about Dick and could not find you to ask the question.

And that is: What pilot class did he graduate in and where did he complete pilot training?

I haven't done any more writing about that early period except for what appears in the 306th newspaper. I don't know whether I ever asked you if you wanted to be on the mailing list, or not. Would you like to receive the quarterly Echoes? If so, I'll put you on for the October issue.

Thanks for your help,

Oct 11

Dear Russ

Please excuse the stationer
but I'm not at home &
I borrowed this.

Thank you for writing re:
the info on Dick. Dick's class
was '41 F. And I believe it
was at Kelly Field in Texas.

It would be nice to be
on the mailing list for
the quarterly Echoes - Thank
you.

Respectfully
Sally

p.s. Did you ever read "First
of the many" by Arthur Gordon.
He and his wife Pam are
good friends. Dick and I met
them way back - '49 or ~~50~~ '50
and they come to Denver often.

Sally

41-24472

SALLIE S. ADAMS
~~ONE CAMPUS LANE~~
~~ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO 80110~~

Dear Russ -

OCT. 30, '94

Thank you very much
for the '94 Directory of the
306th And priority as well.
I appreciate all the
news -

I am afraid I am
not much help on the
enclosed form. I do not
remember the Squadron-
serial number etc. The name
of the B-17 was "Grapes of
Wrath" He was shot down
on Nov. 8, 1942 - and
(over)

Inquiry to Rocky Mountain
News 10/21/83 concerning
Mrs. Saunders' obituary.

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degree of the importance of the various business to the war effort. The formula is pretty simple. For example, I know a florist shop that got 88.3 per cent of the mileage asked for on one truck. 55.9 per cent on another. One company got 77.2 per cent of asked mileage; one coal dealer got 68 per cent; another dealer got 91 per cent; a beer store got 28 per cent; a grocer and meat market got 62.3 per cent; a nursery, 38 per cent; a drug store 28 per cent; and a hardware store 23 per cent; a garage and service station 47.6 per cent; furniture shop 59.7 per cent. The Eccentric, 90 per cent in war work, with about 70 people on its payroll, for one truck got 15.4 per cent of requested mileage, for the other truck 17.5 per cent.

I know of a worker who, through his local, practical ration board, obtained a total of 18,600 miles for the next year to take him from his home to his job—just one person, mind you—yet The Eccentric, with 70 employees depending upon the shipment of their product on 10 trucks, receives only 9,100 miles for that same whole year through ODT. The same proportionate inequity

Report Death Of Sgt. Saunders

Deaths were reported by Staff Sgt. Fred S. Saunders, Blackfield Hills, was received yesterday by his mother, Margaret Sterling Saunders. Reported missing three weeks ago, it has now been definitely established that he was killed in action during a bomber raid over Western Europe on Nov. 8. He was a turret gunner. Sgt. Saunders, who was born 23 years ago in Detroit on Sept. 4, was the son of Mrs. Saunders and of Lt. Col. John B. Saunders, a West Point graduate now in active service. He leaves also, a sister, Sally, and his grandmother, Mrs. Riddie Sterling.

He attended Cranbrook School and was a member of the first graduating class of Blackfield Hills High School, continuing then at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., and at Highland Park Junior College, of which he was a graduate.

A telegram from the Adjutant General stated that further de-

PART ONE

Obituary
Notices

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Porter
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Porter, who has been making her home at 950 South Bates, died early Friday morning in St. Joseph Memorial hospital after an illness of three weeks. Mrs. Porter came to Birmingham five weeks ago and had been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Caroline Isley, Community House director.

She was born in Stoyestown, Pa. on Oct. 5, 1878, and was married to the late Sherman Porter of Minneapolis in 1898. Mrs. Porter was a member of the First Methodist church in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Besides Mrs. Isley she is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. Carl Akers and Mrs. George K. Wile, Waterloo, Iowa; and a son, George S. Porter, Berwyn, Iowa. Two sisters, Mrs. Clara Fletcher, New Rochelle, N. Y., and Mrs. Ada Emsan, Chicago and one brother, Martin Johnson, of Gladwin, Iowa, also survive.

Her body was taken from the E. J. Bailey funeral home here to Cedar Falls, where funeral services were held Monday afternoon. Burial was in Reformed cemetery.

Sgt. John S. Saunders

Reburial services for Staff Sgt. John Sterling Saunders were held Saturday afternoon, with interment in Greenwood cemetery. The Rev. Robert DeWitt of Christ Church, Cranbrook officiated.

Sgt. Saunders, son of Mr. Roth S. Saunders and Col. John S. Saunders, was a private on an Air Force transport and was killed when his plane was shot down over France on Nov. 8, 1942.

Other survivors include his sister, Mrs. Ruth Adams of Topeka, Okla., and grandmother, Mrs. E. Sterling of Bloomfield Hills.

Dr. McGovern is
Final Speaker in
Baldwin Series

Dr. William Montgomery McGovern will be the final speaker of the series of lectures given for Birmingham teachers this year. He will speak on "The Great Powers in World Politics" at 3:45 Monday afternoon at Baldwin high school. As in the past, the public is invited to attend.

Dr. McGovern, born in Manhattan, spent much of his younger life in the Philippines, Japan and China, and speaks the language of the latter two countries as well as the native tongue. He worked his way through Harvard University in England by teaching Chinese at the University of London. Upon graduation he continued his education at the Universities of Paris and Berlin.

He has spent a considerable time as an explorer in the Amazon region and has dug up their ruins. In addition to this he has done research work in the Malayan and Near East, and has participated in the "Forbidden City" of Peking in China.

His name is almost legendary in the teaching world and he is regarded as an authority and well-read. He has written a book on Japanese language as well as a book on modern Japan and was one of the colloquists of that society. Other published works of Dr. McGovern have been an "Introduction to Mahayana Buddhism," "Mystic of Bodhi Tree Philosophy," "The East in America," "East, Frontier of Central Asia," "Jungle Paths and Love Rites," and "From Luther to Hitler."

Sergeant Marie Award

During the war he served in the capacity of sergeant and Officer of the month in the 100th Central Postal Directory.

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Obituary

Miss Mildred Haymaker

Funeral services for Miss Mildred Haymaker, 35, of 590 Mohegan, were held Tuesday in Defiance, Ohio. Miss Haymaker died Friday in Grace Hospital.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, she was a music teacher. Miss Haymaker was a member of the Episcopal Church, Daughters of the American Revolution and Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Muir W. Lind, Birmingham and two nieces.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Defiance Hospital or Grace Episcopal Church, Defiance.

Mrs. Ruth Saunders

Former Birmingham resident, Mrs. Ruth Saunders, 75, died Feb. 25 in Denver where she had lived four years. Services were held Saturday at Greenwood Cemetery, Birmingham.

She was a member of Christ Church Cranbrook.

Surviving are a daughter and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Kathryn Schwartz

Funeral Mass for Mrs. William (Kathryn) Schwartz, 61, 3240 Sylvan Lane, Beverly Hills, was offered Monday in Our Lady of Queen of Martyrs Church. Mrs. Schwartz died Feb. 27 in her home.

Surviving are her husband, William L.; a son, William J. Pontike; a daughter, Mary Kathryn and one granddaughter.

Funeral arrangements were conducted by Vasu-Lynch Funeral Home. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Lyle H. Evans

Funeral services for Lyle H. Evans, 58, 517 Westbourne Dr. Birmingham, were conducted Monday in Vasu-Lynch Funeral Home with burial in White Chapel Cemetery. Mr. Evans died Feb. 27 in Winchester Memorial Hospital, Winchester, V.

He was assistant to the president of Manufacturing of the Abex Corp., Troy.

Surviving are his wife, Jess G.; a son, Lee H.; two brothers