

26 September 1986

Dear Dale:

I suppose that as I am writing this you are wandering off in strange, idyllic places having a glorious time, and without a care in the world. Sounds delightful and I hope you don't run into any snow in the process.

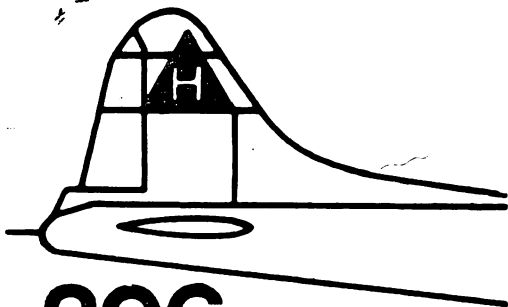
I have written a letter to Kieth Jackson asking him if he has any influence or wishes to help in any way in our acquisition of a computer.

The old board, before going out of existence authorized me to make such a purchase and I have checked in to a Leading Edge machine and printer for under \$30,000. I am sure that Kieth will respond in some way or other, and perhaps by the time you are back in San Antonio it will be up and running.

While our data processing is now done at no cost by Western Michigan University, there are a number of inconveniences in it, and I am only trying to prepare for the day when I will move away from here and not have that opportunity to use the university's equipment. Additionally, I would like to be able to add a number of items to our data collection and to put it to some research use.

I am enclosing a copy of a missive which I send along to newly found men, along with an Echoes and a directory. I will include in the packet an envelope with your address on it so that they can send contributions directly to you. I am using a small envelope with your name stamped on the front, so you will know what the checks are all about.

Hope the trip went well.



367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations
Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England – September 1942-April 1945

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March 23, 1987

To: Don Ross
Russ Strong

Dear Don and Russ:

Beti and I just returned from our two weeks tour of England during which we were blessed with excellent weather. Needless to say the highlight of our trip was our visit to Thurleigh and Bedford--my first since WWII.

As recommended in the January 1980 issue of Echoes, I wrote to Keith Paull concerning our desire to visit the air base. Although seven years have passed since the Echoes article and even though I was quiet late with my letter to him, Keith was present and had the base and "all gates" ready for our visit when we arrived.

Keith gave us a complete tour of the remaining 306th facilities supplemented by photos of the base as it was when we were there. The tour included not only the facilities on the base but also the villages nearby, the pubs and the churches--in fact, his tour was limited only by my inability to remember sites which were important to me in the past.

Following the tour Keith took us to his home where we met his wife June and were treated to a delicious lunch. We spent the next few hours looking at their collection of WWII photographs of the 306th while at Thurleigh.

That evening John Felce picked us up at our hotel (the Moat House Hotel--which we found great for our purpose) and took us to his home where we met Cindy, their two sons, and their English wolfhound, Louisa--a 150-200

pound lap dog. The Paulls joined us for cocktails following which we went for dinner at the Bedford Arms--we also recommend the Bedford Arms to future Thurleigh visitors. After dinner we all returned to the Felces. We viewed the video cassette of the 1982 reunion at Bedford and relived the past until 2AM.

The following day John Felce and his son took us to visit the Cemetary in Cambridge. This trip included a drive past the commercial airship factory, a small village noted for its thatched roofs, and as before a look at anything Beti and I indicated an interest in. Again, our tour ended only at our request when the bodies began to feel the so called "jet lag" or it is possible we were victims of a combination of "high living" and advancing age. We also had to regret both a party that night arranged by Cindy Felce and the tour planned by John for the following day so we could get on with our plan to see more of England and Scotland.

We cannot adequately describe the warm hospitality given us by the Paulls and Felces whom we had not met previously. It is apparent to us that in addition to the combat record recorded in "First Over Germany", members of the 306th can be proud that their involvment with the local community resulted in such sincere and lasting friendship as demonstrated to us.

Sorry prior commitments prevented our making the trip with the Group in May but we are delighted we made this trip. It was greater than we had anticipated or hoped for. In the future our Association should continue to look for opportunities to give both recognition and support to our friends in England.

Sincerely,

Dale

Dale Briscoe

Our trip was great and we were overwhelmed by the gracious treatment we received throughout.

One thing which you may be aware of is that our "friends" around Bedford are not necessarily friendly with one another. Will tell you more when I see you next.

Dale

Also, I am enclosing pages from two magazines re reunion notices. Could help get our message across. Can't remember if you have used them in the past

31 March 1987

Dear Dale:

Got your letter today, and happy that you and Beti had a great trip to England.

Our planned venture is still iffy, as we have only 13 signed up, plus June and I. The travel people will make a decision of some kind in the next 7-10 days.

I have sent our reunion notice to 14 magazines, mostly national, but several state magazines with significant circulation statistics. We also send it to a Colorado Springs group that publishes a listing, Service Reunions, that is sent out nationally to newspapers.

Last year I sent the notice before the beginning of the year, and decided that was too early. This year I mailed them in February, so they should be appearing in the next two months.

As to the relationship of the Bedford people, it has been a power struggle, with no one willing to cooperate. The Pauls wanted to keep it to themselves, and the Richards wanted a part of the acton with a group they had put together. Now I hear that the Richards group has disintegrated to some extent because the Richards won't brook any interference. It is THEIR show!

Ralph Bordner, Bill Collins and I decided a long time ago to keep the whole thing at arm's length and try to stay out of their internecine battles. Personally, I have tended to stay pretty clear of the whole group, although I did stay for several nights with the Richards back in 1982.

Much more heat than light comes out of the whole matter, and if we aeen't careful it will spill over here with our people taking sides. I think one must remember, or at least I feel, that they need us a hell of a lot more than we need them.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Don Ross

9/27/87

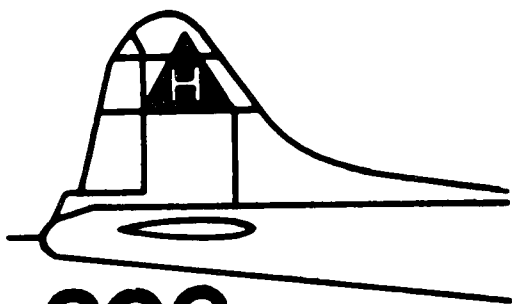
27 September 1987

Col. C. Dale Briscoe, 11025 Whisper Valley, San Antonio, was elected to a second one-year term as treasurer of the 306th Bomb Group Historical Association, election having taken place September 19 at the group's annual reunion in Washington, D. C.

Col. Briscoe completed thirty years of service in the USAF, and more recently retired as executive vice president of USAA in San Antonio.

During 1943 he served as a pilot of a B-17 aircraft in the group's 369th squadron, flying 25 missions over Germany and German-occupied Europe.

More than 700 people participated in the Washington reunion, and the group will meet next October in Las Vegas, NV.



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June 8, 1987

Dear Russ.

Hope your trip was a success again. this year. We are eager to hear all about it.

Enclosed are notes received with recent donations. Those requiring actions are marked in red. Also, an address change:

Richard A. Hill
2001 Eastbrook Ave
Casper, Wyoming 82601

Russ, why shouldn't the cost of our memorial in England be paid from the "Museum Fund". Although I was a contributor I have no idea how the money is being used and by whom. A good question for our next meeting.

Sincerely

Dale



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To: Officers and Directors:

Gentlemen;

Enclosed are the financial reports for the quarter ending June 30, 1988. You will note that the Association surplus decreased some \$4,900 during the quarter. The primary reason for this decrease is the publication of the new directory. The expenses for the directory are included in this statement (some \$3,500) and the income from the directory which is expected to offset these expenses had just begun. The directory donations are now coming in at a rate of about twenty per day. The first ten days of July we received Echoes/Directory donations in the amount of \$1,658 which were not included in the report.

Another reason for the temporary decrease in surplus is that our annual operating budget is financed, in part, from Reunion income which is received in the last quarter of the calendar year. Consequently, in the interim, the surplus will decrease.

Sincerely,

Reg. Bill and Russ-

I am enclosing for your information a very quick analysis of our annual budget. While we do not have a precise cost accounting system and my forecasting assumptions are subject to question, I do think a periodic look as to what we are doing in relation to our approved plan is wise. I see no problems except that to operate in the black our reunion must return about \$9,000 this year which is well within Ed Hennessy's estimate - but when we look into the future we can not expect a Las Vegas every year. My point is that we must guard against escalation of our operating expenses in the good years which could lead to problems in the future.

I did not send Budget Sheet to the Directors

306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
OPERATING STATEMENT
Quarter Ending June 30, 1988

REVENUE	APRIL-JUNE 1988	FISCAL YEAR 1987
DONATIONS:		
Echoes	\$ 1,718.00	\$ 8,524.50
Directory	435.00	-
Endowment Fund	-	100.00
REUNION:		
Operations	-	5,976.46
T-Shirt Donations	-	1,364.00
Interest	-	613.38
OTHER:		
Gen'l Fund Interest	198.14	798.73
Misc.	32.00	125.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,383.14	\$17,502.07
 EXPENSES		
ECHOES/DIRECTORY:		
Printing	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,533.67
Postage	500.00	943.93
Reply Envelopes	161.86	-
SEC'Y OFFICE:		
Sec'y Svs	1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Office Expense	733.23	2,809.82
Spec. Printing	-	249.20
Photography	-	90.00
Misc.	40.00	197.64
OTHER:		
Treas. Expense	-	12.01
Computer Deprec'n	141.64	566.56
British Assn	-	250.00
Memorial Seats	-	716.98
Decal Purchase	-	450.81
Misc	-	112.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 7,276.73	\$12,433.12
SURPLUS INCREASE/DECREASE	\$(4,893.59)	\$ 5,068.95

306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1988

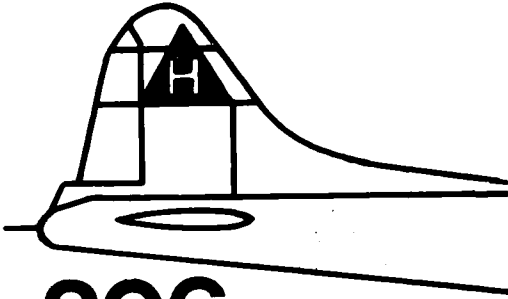
<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>6/30/88</u>	<u>3/31/88</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Cash:			
Gen'l Fund	\$13,630.05	\$16,472.16	\$(2,842.11)
Museum Fund	3,447.80	3,447.80	-
Endow. Fund	3,300.00	3,300.00	-
Sec'y Acct.	26.77	10.00	16.77
Reunion Fund	3,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Other Assets:			
Computer	1,984.62	2,126.26	(141.64)
Sqdn Emblems	773.39	-	773.39
TOTAL ASSETS	\$26,162.63	\$26,356.22	\$ (193.59)
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS			
Liabilities:			
June Sec'y Svs	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Printing	4,200.00	-	4,200.00
Surplus:			
Unrestricted	8,956.82	16,482.16	(7,525.34)
Restricted:			
Museum Fund	3,447.80	3,447.80	-
Endowment Fund	3,300.00	3,300.00	-
Reunion Fund	3,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Property:			
Computer	1,984.62	2,126.26	(141.64)
Emblems	773.39	-	773.39
Total Surplus	21,462.63	26,356.22	(4,893.59)
TOTAL L & S	\$26,162.63	\$26,356.22	(193.59)

306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

BUDGET - CALENDAR YEAR 1988

REVENUE	YEAR TO DATE	CURRENT ESTIMATE	1988 ESTIMATE * BUDGET
Donations	\$ 3,412	\$ 7,700	\$ 9,000
Directory	435	3,000	-
Interest	415	715	600
Reunion	-	10,000	10,000
Other	147	147	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 4,409	\$21,562	\$19,600
EXPENSES			
Echoes:			
Print	\$ 2,543	\$4,543	\$4,000
Postage	475	950	935
Directory:			
Print	3,191	3,191	-
Postage	475	475	-
Sqdn Histories	-	-	800
Secy Exp:			
Secy Svs	3,000	6,000	6,000
Office Exp	1,583	3,200	2,400
Spec Print	155	155	200
Misc.	200	400	350
British Assn	-	500	500
Computer Dep'n	283	565	565
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,905	\$19,979	\$15,750

* As approved by the Board in Washington



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Russ-

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I agree with you completely on the Arrieta/ Moriarty affair. We have neither authority nor responsibility to become involved in a disagreement between members of the Association, except in any instance where the conduct of Association business is questioned or is related in any manner.

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Arrieta's letter does not tell us that he has in any manner made his feelings known to Moriarty. It is quiet possible that he could get his "pound of flesh" or personal satisfaction he desires by dealing direct. It is quiet possible that there are misunderstandings on the part of either or both the individuals involved. If this is the case, the letter in Echoes would not be the solution but could only serve to make matters more difficult.

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Russ, the letter did accomplish one thing - I intend to find a copy of the book and find what one aircrew might say about another, in print, which could be interpreted in this manner. Might want to use the same thing some day.

John L. Ryan
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Sincerely,

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THOMAS R. CRAMER, O-23925, Captain, 44th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while serving as Pilot of a B-24 airplane on a bombing mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 15 February 1943. As a result of severe damage caused by anti-aircraft fire, the airplane was forced to leave the formation. Enemy fighter planes immediately attacked in large numbers, disabling all but one engine. Displaying great courage and skilful airmanship, Captain Cramer returned his heavily damaged airplane to the coast of England and accomplished a crash landing without further injury to his crew. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Captain Cramer on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 5701 Chevy Chase, Parkway, Washington, D.C.

WILLIAM DAWSON BEASLEY, O-442764, 1st Lieutenant, 91st Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 4 March 1943. Enemy fighter airplanes attacked incessantly in large numbers causing unusually heavy damage to the formation before the objective was reached. Displaying great courage and skilful airmanship, Lieutenant Beasley continued on to successfully bomb a highly important military objective and returned his airplane, with three engines disabled, to his home base without injury to any member of his crew. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Beasley on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 107 N. Westland St., Tampa, Florida.

CARROLL D. BRISCOE, O-441827, 1st Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 8 March 1943. Before reaching the objective the airplane sustained severe damage from enemy aircraft fire. Displaying great courage and skilful airmanship, Lieutenant Briscoe, despite the serious damage to his airplane, successfully bombed the target and returned to a friendly base without further injury to his plane or crew. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Briscoe on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 3606 Olive St., Texarkana, Texas.

ALBERT R. KUEHL, O-438009, 1st Lieutenant, 305th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 8 March 1943. Before reaching the target enemy fighter airplanes attacked in large numbers, causing serious damage to the plane and wounding a large number of the crew. Displaying great courage and skilful airmanship, Lieutenant Kuehl continued on to successfully bomb the objective. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Kuehl in returning his plane to a friendly base, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Route 2, Box 53, Riesel, Texas.

2 February 1989

Col. C. Dale Briscoe
7829 Timber Top Drive
Boerne, TX 78006

Dear Dale:

Writing for myself, and for Don Ross and Reg Robinson, let me express our-thanks and appreciated for your recent gift to the 306th BG Project Fund.

Your concern for the Association as evidenced by your gift, is much appreciated, and you will hearing further from from us on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

William F. Houlihan
President

Amount received: \$200.00

6 December 1988

Dear Dale:

I am preparing for the printer tonight the letter to be sent to the favored 200 or more, asking for a major gift to the Association.

I have been mulling over in my mind during the past couple of weeks this endeavor--and heartily concur with its conduct and objectives.

But, I am concerned that we ought to have a systematic way of recording gifts, effective 1 January 1989, when these gifts will start to come in. I think this is as much for the Association's protection from an IRS look-in as anything.

My computer basic program has a gift recording section in it that could be used. All I would need would be the donor's name, date of gift, and the amount received. Once that was in we would have a continuing tally on gifts and would be able to update donor files at any time.

I would assume that we would keep a tally on all gifts and not just those for this special purposed.

I shall be interested in your reaction.

Sincerely,

RECORD UPDATE

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and give)
(to Russ Strong at the Las Vegas reunion, or mail to his ad-)
(dress: 5323 cheval Pl., Charlotte, NC 28205)

Date completed 10-30-1988

LAST NAME: BRISCOE FIRST NAME: DALE Title:

Street address: 7829 TIMBER TOP DRIVE Telephone: (512) 755-2321

City, state, zip: BOERNE, TX 78006

Date of birth: 2-9-1921 Wife's name: BETI

College(s) attended: UNIV. OKLA - SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIV. MARYLAND Degree(s): BS Year(s):

Last employment & job title:

EXECUTIVE VICE PRES. USAA LIFE INS. CO.

Year joined 306th Association:

Reunions attended: (by year or location)

FT WORTH '84 - COLD SPRINGS '85 - DAYTON '86 - WASH DC, '87
LAS VEGAS '88.

Serial #: 447-01-6681 (last) Sqdn: 369th Speciality: PILOT

0-441827 (1942) 40-40811 (1946) 8507A (1948)
Date joined 306th: JAN 1943 If combat, what crew?

SPECIAL DUTIES OR ASSIGNMENTS W/306TH: BRISCOE

A-FLIGHT COMMANDER 369th

If commissioned w/306th, date & speciality:

Date departed: AUG 1943 Highest rank/grade w/306th:

Other 8thAF units served with: CAPT
1ST DIV SCOUTING FORCE (BUCKEYE RED/BLUE)

Top service assignments after 306th:

EXEC. SECY AIR STAFF BOARD HQ USAF (PENTAGON)
USAF retirement date: Rank/grade:

1969 COLONEL

Most memorable experience w/306th: (use back of sheet, too)

MAY 1, 1943 BREAST HARBOR



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3 May 1989

Author

First Over Germany
Command and Staff
Officers, 8th Air
Force, 1942-45

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306th Echoes
306th Directory

To: Dale Briscoe
Fred Sherman
David MacGhee
John Hickey

In talking with Fred the other day in Little Rock, I learned that all of you retired from the USAF as colonels, a feat that I do not believe was matched by any other crew coming to the 306th. Therefore, because I would like to write a little something for Echoes, I need some information from each of you:

Where and When did the crew come together?

EL PASO, TX. AUG. 1942

When did you leave the 306th, and with what rank?

CAPT - AUGUST 1943

Did you fly in Korea?

NO

How long did you continue to fly with USAF?

TO AGE 45 - 1966

What area of endeavor did you later concentrate in the USAF?

PLANS, PROGRAMS AND COMPTROLLERSHIP

What was your last job title and with what agency?

When did you retire?

SEPT. 1970

Have you been employed since retirement? If so, job title and

employer? **USAF**

College degrees: Date, institution, and specific degrees:

I look forward to your response,

ALWAYS FIRST

FIRST OVER GERMANY

Russ - Attached in my history as published last year on the occasion of the 50th Reunion of the Tipton, OK High School Class of 1938. MORE THAN YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT DALE BRISCOE BUT MORE COMPLETE THEN MY ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

Dale

C. DAYLE BRISCOE
11025 Whisper Valley
San Antonio, TX 78230

Wife: Beti Bretherton

Children:

2 Daughters

4 Grandchildren

The first three years after high school Dayle attended the University of Oklahoma where he gained limited knowledge in financial management and much experience in soda fountain operation, short order cooking, waiting on tables, and girl watching. Naturally, this vast knowledge and experience led him to the Army Air Corps Flying Cadet Training Program in 1941. Graduating as a pilot in the spring of 1942, he promptly used his first pay check as down payment on rings and full payment on a marriage license for a wedding (May 3, 1942) to Beti Dunn Bretherton of Altus - whom he had met two years before at O. U. (Dayle assures us that the rings are now paid in full but he finds he is still paying on the marriage.)

The Army Air Corps, an apparent believer in "absence makes the heart grow fonder", separated Beti and Dayle a few months later by sending him to England to join an organization engaged in pioneering daylight bombing -- a B-17 Flying Fortress Group, the 306th. since known as "First over Germany". Dayle served in that organization for one year as Airplane Commander, Flight Commander and Group Leader. For this unusually interesting work he was awarded the Eighth Air Force Certificate of Valor, the Distinguished Flying Cross on two occasions, and the Air Medal on seven occasions. After returning to the States for a year as Operations Officer for a B-17 Combat Crew Training Unit, he returned to England and flew P-51s in the Eighth Air Force Scouting Force until VE Day.

After WW II, Dayle continued in the Air Force in numerous flying and staff jobs which took them, in addition to residence in fifteen different states, to Libya for three years, Germany for three years, and two assignments (four years each time) in the Pentagon. Along the way, by attending night school whenever possible, Dayle completed his requirements for a college degree. He accumulated some 160 hours credits spread among O. U., the College of Great Falls, Montana, San Francisco State University, the University of Maryland, and San Antonio College. However, it was the University of Maryland staff who said this old guy has tried long enough and awarded him with a BS Degree.

In the Pentagon, after three years as Executive Secretary of the Air Staff Board, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Dayle was awarded the second highest non-combat medal, the Legion of Merit. He retired from this nomadic life with the rank of Colonel one Friday in 1970 and began a second career the following Monday with USAA. USAA is an insurance cooperative specializing in the insurance needs of current and former military officers. His initial job was with the department responsible for development and administration of the Association's first Long Range Plan. In 1973, he moved to the Life Insurance Division where he spent the next thirteen years as Vice President, Operations, followed as Senior Vice President, Finance and Treasurer, and finally as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Dayle retired from this interesting and rewarding second career in the summer of 1986. He takes special pride in the fact that during his thirteen years with the Life Company it's assets grew from \$80 Million to more than \$1 Billion in 1986. Also, the company was cited by six national publications during the past three years as having the best life insurance products on the market. These ratings continue today, most frequently in the Money magazine personal investment articles.

In his civilian career, Dayle earned the professional designation of Fellow, Life Management Institute (FLMI) and served on the Service Committee of the Life Office Management Association. He also served on the Board of Directors of USAA Life Insurance Company, USAA Annuity Company, and the USAA Employees Benefit Association. Now in retirement, Dayle is a member of the Air Force Village Foundation Board of Trustees, Treasurer and member of the Board of Directors of the 306th Bomb Group Memorial Association, and occasional consultant to the USAA Life Insurance Company.

Now for Dayle's most important subject, his family. His marriage to Beti was by far his most important achievement these past 50 years -- as those of you who have met her are quick to point out. The standards for quality of life she established for their family are reflected by their two daughters, two sons-in law, and four grandchildren. Their older daughter, Jun, a speech therapist, born while Dayle was in England in 1943, is married to U. H. Martz, publisher of the Pottsville Republican, winner of the Pulitzer Prize 1981, and member of the Board and Chairman of the Telecommunications Committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association. "Al" and Jun have two sons who are destined to become Presidents of the United States or Marine Lt. Colonels like North, whichever is more

important in their future.

Their younger daughter, Beti Ann, a Special Education specialist, born in 1948, is married to Paulo Sickert, a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force. Paulo is Commander of the Strategic Air Command squadron having responsibility for facilities maintenance and modification of all strategic missile sites in the United States. Their two daughters are destined to become "stars"! You name a talent - they either have it, will develop it or fake it on the spot.

WARNING -- WHEN SPEAKING OF GRAND CHILDREN, IF I LOOK AT YOUR SLIDES, YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO LOOK AT MINE.

Life has been and continues to be great to the Briscoe family -- due to a great degree to their experiences and associations with friends like each member of the Class of '38.

1. WHERE DID YOU LIVE DURING WW II?

I WAS BEGINNING MY SOPHOMORE YEAR AS A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, IN THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - MAJORING IN ACCOUNTING, WHEN WW II BEGAN IN EUROPE WITH THE INVASION OF POLAND BY NAZI GERMANY IN SEPTEMBER 1939. THIS INVASION WAS FOLLOWED QUICKLY WITH THE INVASION OF NORWAY IN APRIL 1940 AND HOLLAND AND BELGIUM ONE MONTH LATER. SUBSEQUENTLY, FRANCE'S DEFENSES COLLAPSED AND NAZI GERMANY OCCUPIED NORTHERN FRANCE AND BEGAN AERIAL ATTACKS ON GREAT BRITAIN. IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT ITALY JOINED WITH GERMANY IN THE OBVIOUS OBJECTIVE OF WORLD DOMINATION. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND OUR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS SAW CLEARLY THE NEED FOR THE UNITED STATES TO ASSIST OUR ALLIES (WITH SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT) THROUGH A "LEND/LEASE PROGRAM" WHILE BUILDING UP OUR OWN MILITARY STRENGTH TO DEFEND OURSELVES IF OR WHEN NECESSARY.

IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT ALL YOUNG PEOPLE BEGAN TO THINK BEYOND THEIR EDUCATION OBJECTIVES TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO SUPPORT OUR NATION'S DEFENSE EFFORTS. AT BREAKS BETWEEN CLASSES THE PRIMARY TOPIC OF CONVERSATION WAS HOW EACH INDIVIDUAL COULD BEST FIT INTO THE PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS. IT WAS AFTER MANY DISCUSSIONS WITH MY FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES THAT I DECIDED TO APPLY FOR ACCEPTANCE IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS FLYING CADET TRAINING PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM WAS QUITE POPULAR BUT THE REQUIREMENTS WERE VERY STRICT AT THAT TIME. REQUIREMENTS WERE AT LEAST TWO YEARS COLLEGE - PERFECT PHYSICAL CONDITION - AND AT LEAST 20 YEARS OF AGE. THE ACCEPTANCE RATE OF APPLICANTS AT THAT TIME WAS LESS THAN 10%. CONSEQUENTLY, I WAS ELATED TO BE ACCEPTED IN FEBRUARY 1941 FOR ENTRANCE INTO ONE OF THE FALL CLASSES. I ENTERED THE PRIMARY TRAINING CLASS AT PARKS AIR COLLEGE IN EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS IN OCTOBER 1941 AND FINISHED MY FLIGHT TRAINING AT THE ADVANCED FLIGHT TRAINING BASE OF FOSTER FIELD, VICTORIA, TEXAS IN MARCH, 1942. I SPENT THE REST OF WW II IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS WITH ASSIGNMENTS AT MANY LOCATIONS, BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN THE EUROPEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS.

2. WHAT WERE YOU DOING WHEN THE JAPANESE BOMBED PEARL HARBOR AND HOW OLD WERE YOU?

AT THE TIME I WAS 20 YEARS OLD AND WAS STATIONED AT GOODFELLOW FIELD, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, FOR MY BASIC FLIGHT TRAINING. IT WAS SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND WE CADETS HAD A PASS TO GO TO TOWN. WE WERE DOING WHAT ALL YOUNG MEN DID AT THAT TIME, WE EACH HAD A DATE WITH A CUTE GIRL FOR THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES. WE WERE PROBABLY HOLDING HANDS WITH OUR GIRL FRIENDS WHEN THE MOVIE WAS STOPPED AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THAT THE JAPANESE HAD BOMBED PEARL HARBOR. FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE, THAT ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE TO RETURN TO THEIR BASES. WE WENT BACK TO THE BASE WHERE WE WERE TOLD TO MAIL ALL OUR CIVILIAN CLOTHES HOME AS WE WOULD BE IN UNIFORM AT ALL TIMES IN

THE FUTURE. EARLY THE FOLLOWING WEEK WE FLYING CADETS WERE TOLD THAT OUR TRAINING PROGRAM HAD BEEN SHORTENED FROM NINE TO SEVEN MONTHS AND THAT WE WOULD GRADUATE AS PILOTS IN MARCH 1942 WITH SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNMENTS TO COMBAT UNITS.

3. WHAT WERE YOU DOING WHEN YOU HEARD THE ATOMIC BOMB WAS DROPPED ON JAPAN - HOW OLD?

I WAS IN ENGLAND AND 24 YEARS OLD. SINCE THE WAR IN EUROPE HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL AND SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION, WE WERE AWAITING TRANSPORTATION FOR OUR COMBAT UNIT TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES FOR POSSIBLE REASSIGNMENT TO THE PACIFIC THEATRE OF OPERATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WAR WITH JAPAN. NEEDLESS TO SAY WE WERE DELIGHTED WITH THE NEWS THAT OUR ASSIGNMENT TO THE PACIFIC THEATRE AND MORE AERIAL COMBAT WOULD NO LONGER BE REQUIRED!

4. WHAT ONE THING (PHRASE, PICTURE OR ACTIVITY) COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF THOSE WAR YEARS?

THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS THAT COME TO MIND IT IS DIFFICULT TO CHOOSE JUST ONE. BUT IF I AM TO CHOOSE ONE, I THINK THE MOST PREDOMINATE WOULD BE THE WORD "UNCERTAINTY". ALTHOUGH WE COMBAT PILOTS DID NOT LACK CONFIDENCE, NOR WERE WE NEVER IN DOUBT ABOUT THE FINAL OUTCOME OF OUR WAR EFFORTS, WE WERE NEVER QUITE SURE AS TO WHEN, WHERE OR WHO WOULD BE AROUND TO SHARE OUR VICTORY WITH US. THIS UNCERTAINTY WAS NOT LIMITED TO COMBAT SITUATIONS BUT ALSO EXISTED IN TRAINING ACTIVITIES AND WAS TRULY BROUGHT HOME TO OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WITH THE FREQUENT CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENTS WHICH REQUIRED UPROOTING AND REESTABLISHING A RESIDENCE IN A NEW LOCATION THAT WAS TO BE OUR HOME FOR DAYS? OR MONTHS? OR YEARS? IN FACT, MY WIFE BETI AND I LIVED IN FIFTEEN DIFFERENT CITIES DURING WW II.

5. HOW DID FOOD AND GAS RATIONING WORK?

THE OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION OPERATED A PROGRAM TO CONTROL THE DISTRIBUTION OF SCARCE MATERIALS. INDIVIDUALS REGISTERED AND WERE GIVEN A SUPPLY OF RATION STAMPS, COUPONS OR CERTIFICATES REPRESENTING EACH INDIVIDUAL'S SHARE OF THE RATIONED PRODUCT. THESE COUPONS/CERTIFICATES WERE PRESENTED TO THE MERCHANT WHEN A PURCHASE WAS MADE AS THEY REPRESENTED BOTH YOUR RIGHT TO MAKE THE PURCHASE AND THE MERCHANT'S AUTHORITY TO SELL THE ITEM TO YOU. THE RATIONED ITEMS I RECALL MOST CLEARLY WERE SUGAR, SHOES, ALL RUBBER PRODUCTS INCLUDING TIRES, MEATS, PROCESSED FOODS, AND GASOLINE.

EACH INDIVIDUAL RECEIVED A BASIC RATION OF EACH OF THESE ITEMS AND AUTOMOBILE OWNERS RECEIVED A BASIC RATION OF GASOLINE PLUS AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR "HOME TO WORK" DRIVING. THIS

ADDITIONAL AMOUNT WAS BASED ON THE DISTANCE ONE LIVED FROM PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. ALTHOUGH THE RATIONS WERE ADEQUATE FOR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS IT DID LIMIT THE ABILITY TO BUY A NEW PAIR OF SHOES FOR EVERY SPECIAL OCCASION AND IT STOPPED THE TEENAGE PASTIME OF "CRUISING" AROUND TOWN IN THE FAMILY AUTOMOBILE. ALSO MANY CHILDREN FOUND IT BOTH NECESSARY AND POSSIBLE TO WALK TO SCHOOL.

IN ADDITION, AS A CONSERVATION MEASURE A NATIONAL SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MILES PER HOUR WAS ESTABLISHED - DULL, BUT QUITE EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING GASOLINE CONSUMPTION AS WELL AS REDUCING THE WEAR AND TEAR ON TIRES.

ALTHOUGH THE RATIONING SYSTEM WAS INCONVENIENT ON OCCASION IT WAS EFFECTIVE AND VERY ACCEPTABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND IT PROVIDED AUTOMATIC PARTICIPATION BY EACH CITIZEN IN THE WAR EFFORT. HOWEVER, AS IN ANY SITUATION REQUIRING PERSONAL SACRIFICE THERE WERE A FEW CHEATERS AND OCCASIONALLY AFFLUENT INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD BUY RATION STAMPS FROM THE MORE NEEDY AND USE THEM WITH THE FEW MERCHANTS WHO DID NOT PROPERLY POLICE THE SYSTEM.

6. WHAT WERE VICTORY GARDENS AND DID YOU HAVE ONE?

VICTORY GARDENS WERE PLOTS OF GROUND NEAR CENTERS OF POPULATION WHICH WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BY THE OWNERS AS SPACE TO GROW THEIR OWN VEGETABLES, THUS SUPPLEMENTING THE NATION'S FOOD SUPPLIES AND REDUCING THE NEED FOR RATIONED ITEMS. AGAIN, THIS WAS A WAY IN WHICH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WHO WERE NOT IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OR WORKING IN DEFENSE PLANTS COULD CONTRIBUTE INDIRECTLY TO THE WAR EFFORT. EXCEPT ON RARE OCCASIONS WE IN THE COMBAT ARMS OF THE MILITARY FORCES DID NOT HAVE VICTORY GARDENS SINCE OUR FREQUENT TRANSFERS DID NOT PROVIDE THE LEAD TIME NECESSARY TO START THEM. THIS LIMITATION WAS OVERCOME SOMETIMES BY MILITARY PEOPLE WHO WOULD START GARDENS ON LAND SET ASIDE FOR THIS PURPOSE ON MILITARY BASES AND WHEN TRANSFERRED PASS THEIR GARDEN ON TO A FRIEND WHO WAS REMAINING BEHIND OR TO A NEW ARRIVAL TO THE BASE.

7. DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE SCRAP DRIVE?

YES. THE SCRAP DRIVE COVERED MANY SCARCE MATERIELS. THE ONE WHICH COMES CLEAREST TO MIND WAS THE LEFTOVER GREASE FROM COOKING (FRYING). THIS WAS AN ALMOST DAILY OCCURENCE SINCE IT WAS IN A PERIOD WHEN FRIED FOODS WERE STILL ACCEPTABLE ON MOST INDIVIDUAL'S DIETS. WE ALSO SAVED ANY TIN FOIL WE ACCUMULATED FROM CHEWING GUM WRAPPERS AND CIGARETTE PACKAGES. THE OTHER ITEM OF SCRAP WITHIN THE HOME WAS TIN CANS FROM THE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. THESE WERE ALL SAVED AND TURNED IN PERIODICALLY TO THE SCRAP DRIVE.

8. WHAT OTHER WAYS DID CIVILIANS SUPPORT THE WAR EFFORT?

CIVILIANS OPERATED THE DEFENSE PLANTS PRODUCING ESSENTIAL WAR SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. THIS PERIOD WAS MARKED WITH THE ENTRY OF FEMALES INTO THE INDUSTRIAL WORK FORCE WHICH IS COMMONPLACE TODAY. IN ANSWER TO A CRITICAL NEED, MANY FEMALES LEARNED TECHNICAL SKILLS FOR THE FIRST TIME SUCH AS RIVETING AND WELDING AND WITH THEIR GREAT SKILL AND WILLINGNESS PROVIDED A SOLID WORK RESOURCE FOR THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY BUILDING THOUSANDS OF AIRPLANES, TANKS AND SHIPS AS WELL AS AMMUNITION SUPPLIES.

CIVILIANS OPERATED THE FARMS WHICH PRODUCED THE ESSENTIAL FOOD SUPPLIES FOR THE MILITARY, THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND FOR SOME EXPORT TO OUR ALLIES. AT LEAST ONE MALE FROM EACH FARM FAMILY COULD BE EXEMPT FROM MILITARY SERVICE SINCE IN KEEPING THE FARMS PRODUCING THEY WERE PROVIDING WAR ESSENTIAL SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY.

INDIVIDUALS BOTH MALE AND FEMALE, BOTH OLD AND YOUNG, WHO WERE NOT QUALIFIED FOR MILITARY SERVICE DUE TO AGE OR PHYSICAL CONDITION TOOK OVER THE JOBS VACATED BY THOSE ENTERING THE MILITARY SERVICE TO KEEP THE FUNCTIONS OF SOCIETY OPERATING.

ONE OF THE GREATEST SERVICES, AND ONE VERY IMPORTANT, WAS PERFORMED BY THOSE CIVILIANS LIVING NEAR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. WITHOUT EXCEPTION THEY PROVIDED A HOME AWAY FROM HOME ATMOSPHERE FOR THE YOUNG SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND AIRMEN - MANY WHOM WERE AWAY FROM HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR LIVES. THESE SERVICES COVERED A GREAT RANGE OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PARTIES, DANCES, MOVIE THEATRE PASSES, CHURCH SERVICES, SUNDAY DINNERS AND ASSISTANCE WITH ANY PERSONAL PROBLEMS.

I THINK IF WE WERE TO IDENTIFY THE ONE FACTOR WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR SUCCESS IN WW II IT WOULD HAVE TO BE THE WHOLEHEARTED AND UNSELFISH SUPPORT OF THE WAR EFFORT BY ALL AMERICANS, OLD AND YOUNG, MALE AND FEMALE, MILITARY AND CIVILIANS.

9. HOW DID YOU KNOW WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE WAR OVERSEAS?

WHEN I WAS NOT ASSIGNED OVERSEAS I FOLLOWED DAILY PROGRESS IN THE NEWSPAPER AND LISTENED TO THE RADIO. WE HAD SOME VERY EXCELLENT WAR CORRESPONDENTS BOTH OVERSEAS AND IN THE UNITED STATES WHO KEPT THE PUBLIC WELL INFORMED ON WHAT WAS HAPPENING ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS. IN ADDITION, MILITARY OFFICERS WERE GIVEN A WEEKLY BRIEFING BY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE WHICH COVERED PROGRESS WITH A BRIEF LOOK AT ALLIED MILITARY PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. OUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WERE ALL QUITE OBJECTIVE IN THEIR REPORTING TO THE PUBLIC AND FEW PEOPLE MISSED THE CHANCE TO LISTEN TO THE LIKES OF GABRIEL HEATER EACH NIGHT AND READING THE REPORTS OF ERNIE PYLE EACH DAY.

10. DID YOU DO ANYTHING SPECIAL TO KEEP TRACK OF THE WAR NEWS?

DAILY READING OF THE NEWSPAPERS AND LISTENING TO THE RADIO. WHILE OVERSEAS, BY PARTICIPATING IN COMBAT MISSIONS OVER GERMANY, BY ATTENDING DAILY INTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS AND BY LISTENING TO THE PROPAGANDA PROGRAMS OF "AXIS SALLY" WHICH WAS BEAMED TO THE ALLIED FORCES IN EUROPE BY THE GERMANS TO DISCOURAGE AND ADD CONFUSION TO OUR WAR EFFORTS. "AXIS SALLY" WAS A SOURCE OF GREAT ENTERTAINMENT TO THE COMBAT TROOPS WHO HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN THE MISSIONS OR BATTLES AND HAD FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE INFORMATION SHE WAS REPORTING. WE COULD GET A FAIR ESTIMATE OF OUR LOSSES IN THE DAY'S MISSION BEFORE OUR INTELLIGENCE REPORTS WERE COMPILED BY DIVIDING BY TEN THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN AIRPLANES AXIS SALLY REPORTED AS SHOT DOWN BY THE LUFTWAFFE THAT DAY.

11. HOW DID THE WAR EFFORT AFFECT YOUR FAMILY LIFE?

SEPARATION!! I WAS MARRIED ON MAY 3, 1942, FIVE MONTHS AFTER PEARL HARBOR AND OUR ENTRY INTO THE WAR. IN DECEMBER, 1942, I LEFT THE UNITED STATES FOR A COMBAT TOUR IN ENGLAND AND MY WIFE OF SEVEN MONTHS RETURNED TO THE HOME OF HER PARENTS IN TEXARKANA, TEXAS TO AWAIT MY RETURN - SHE WAS PREGNANT AT THE TIME. MY FIRST CHILD (DAUGHTER) WAS BORN WHILE I WAS OVERSEAS FLYING COMBAT MISSIONS AND WAS FOUR MONTHS OLD BEFORE I SAW HER FOR THE FIRST TIME - ON MY RETURN FROM ENGLAND IN SEPTEMBER, 1943. AFTER TRAINING B-17 (FLYING FORTRESS) CREWS FOR FIFTEEN MONTHS I WAS AGAIN SENT TO ENGLAND IN DECEMBER, 1944 FOR A SECOND TOUR OF COMBAT. AGAIN IT WAS NECESSARY FOR MY WIFE AND DAUGHTER TO RETURN TO HER FAMILY HOME IN TEXARKANA TO AWAIT MY RETURN. AFTER BEING SEPARATED SOME NINE MONTHS I RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES IN SEPTEMBER, 1945 WHERE I SPENT THE NEXT FEW DAYS GETTING REACQUAINTED WITH MY WIFE AND TWO YEAR OLD DAUGHTER.

12. HOW STRONG ARE YOUR MEMORIES OF THIS PERIOD AS COMPARED TO OTHER PERIODS OF YOUR LIFE?

THEY ARE WITHOUT QUESTION THE MOST MEMORABLE OF ANY PERIODS OF MY LIFE BECAUSE OF THE MANY THINGS THAT HAPPENED WHICH WOULD INFLUENCE THE REMAINDER OF MY LIFE.

- I BECAME QUALIFIED IN A NEW AND INTERESTING PROFESSION (MILITARY AVIATION).
- I WAS MARRIED TO A WONDERFUL LADY WHO WAS DESTINED TO SHARE AND SHAPE MY LIFE FROM THAT DAY FORWARD.
- MY FIRST DAUGHTER WAS BORN.
- I EXPERIENCED, FIRST HAND, THE PERILS OF WAR AND AERIAL COMBAT AGAINST A MOST PROFICIENT ENEMY
- I SUFFERED THE PAINS OF LOSING MANY DEAR FRIENDS ON COMBAT MISSIONS. THESE LOSSES WERE ALWAYS SO SUDDEN AND

UNEXPECTED. THEY WERE MEMBERS OF YOUR SOFT BALL TEAM IN A GAME ONE DAY AND SHOT DOWN ON A COMBAT MISSION THE NEXT. DURING WORLD WAR II THIS BECAME A NEAR DAILY OCCURENCE - WITH THE ABSOLUTE NEED TO PUT THE LOSS BEHIND YOU AND LOOK TO CARRYING THE FIGHT TO THE ENEMY THE NEXT DAY - WITH NEW REPLACEMENT COMBAT CREWS AND NEW FRIENDS.

13. WHAT PART OF THE MILITARY WERE YOU IN AND WHAT WAS YOUR RANK?

I WAS A PILOT IN THE U. S. ARMY AIR CORPS. WHEN THE WAR BEGAN I WAS A FLYING CADET AND WHEN THE WAR ENDED I WAS A CAPTAIN. I SERVED AS THE AIRPLANE COMMANDER AND ON OCCASIONS THE GROUP LEADER OF A B-17 (FLYING FORTRESS) IN COMBAT MISSIONS OVER GERMANY. LATER I SERVED AS OPERATIONS OFFICER AND SQUADRON LEADER FLYING P-51S (MUSTANG) IN THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE SCOUTING FORCE WITH THE JOB OF PRECEDING THE HEAVY BOMBERS INTO THE ENEMY TARGET AREA AND REPORTING BACK TO THE BOMBERS THE VISIBILITY OF THE TARGETS FOR DAY.

14. WHERE DID YOU SEE BATTLE AND WHAT WAS IT LIKE?

I FLEW OUT OF AN AIRFIELD IN ENGLAND TO BOMB TARGETS IN GERMANY AND OTHER GERMAN OCCUPIED EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. OUR INITIAL MISSIONS WERE AGAINST SUBMARINE DOCKS (PENS) TO DESTROY THE GERMAN SUBMARINE FORCES THAT HAD BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL IN SINKING ALLIED SUPPLY SHIPS IN THE ATLANTIC WHICH AT THE TIME WERE THE ONLY MEANS OF GETTING LARGE NUMBERS OF SOLDIERS, FOOD AND SUPPLIES ACROSS THE OCEAN. THE LARGE CARGO AND PASSENGER PLANES WE KNOW TODAY HAD NOT BEEN DEVELOPED AT THAT TIME.

AFTER LIMITED SUCCESSES AGAINST THE SUBMARINES WE NEXT CONCENTRATED ON GERMAN FACTORIES KNOWN TO BE MAKING WAR MATERIELS. THE MOST FAMOUS WAS THE REPEATED ATTACKS WE MADE ON THE SCHWEINFURT BALL BEARING WORKS. OUR STRATEGY WAS BASED ON TWO FACTS - GERMAN ABILITY TO PRODUCE BALL BEARINGS WAS LIMITED TO FEW FACTORIES OF WHICH SCHWEINFURT WAS THE LARGEST AND SECOND, BALL BEARINGS WERE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO THE PRODUCTION OF ALL MOBILE MILITARY VEHICLES (TANKS-TRUCKS-PLANES-ARTILLERY GUNS). OUR OBJECTIVE WAS TO DESTROY THE ENEMY'S ABILITY TO WAGE WAR THEREBY MAKING FURTHER WAR UNNECESSARY.

ALONG WITH THE TWO CONCENTRATIONS CITED ABOVE WE ALSO ATTACKED ENEMY AIRFIELDS TO WEAKEN THEIR DEFENSES SO OUR BOMBERS COULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE.

THE GERMAN AIR FORCE (LUFTWAFFE) HAD DEVELOPED A VERY EFFECTIVE FORCE OF FIGHTERS DURING THE EARLIER TAKE OVER OF EUROPE AND OUR NEW AND INEXPERIENCED PILOTS INITIALLY WERE AT A DISADVANTAGE IN BOTH EXPERIENCE AND NUMBERS OF AIRCRAFT IN THE AIR. HOWEVER, THESE DISADVANTAGES WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT OUR HIGH

LOSS RATE IN THE EARLY MONTHS WERE ELIMINATED IN LATE 1943 WITH THE CONTINUOUS BUILD UP OF U. S. FORCES OVERSEAS. OUR SUPPORT BY THE PEOPLE BACK IN THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS OUR TREMENDOUS INDUSTRIAL BASE WHICH WAS PROTECTED FROM ENEMY ACTION BY THE ENTIRE ATLANTIC OCEAN EVENTUALLY PRODUCED ENOUGH AIRCRAFT TO GIVE US NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY TO COMBINE WITH THE EXPERIENCE WE HAD GAINED FROM ONE YEAR IN COMBAT. IT WAS THEN THAT OUR LOSSES BECAME MORE ACCEPTABLE AND THE SUCCESS OF OUR MISSIONS BEGAN TO ACCOMPLISH OUR OBJECTIVES.

IN ADDITION TO THE LUFTWAFFE, THE GERMANS HAD HIGHLY ACCURATE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS WHICH THEY USED IN CONCENTRATION AROUND THEIR MORE IMPORTANT TARGETS. MANY OF OUR LOSSES WERE FROM THE UNSEEN ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN FROM WHICH WE HAD LITTLE DEFENSE EXCEPT EVASIVE ACTION WHICH COULD WHEN USED MAKE OUR BOMBING LESS ACCURATE.

THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS REFLECT ACTUAL RESULTS OF THE EARLY MONTHS OF COMBAT BY THE ORIGINAL 315 COMBAT CREW MEMBERS OF MY BOMBER GROUP:

- 106 WERE KILLED IN ACTION.
- 10 WERE WOUNDED AND REMOVED FROM CREW DUTY.
- 88 WERE PRISONERS OF WAR
- 9 WERE SHOT DOWN BUT EVADED CAPTURE BY THE ENEMY.
- 68 COMPLETED THEIR TOUR
- 34 WERE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DUTIES.

15. WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER MOST ABOUT MILITARY SERVICE IN WW II?

THE CAMARADERIE AND LIFE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS THAT RESULT IN A VERY SHORT TIME WHEN SHARING THE DANGERS AND EXCITEMENT OF MILITARY COMBAT. THE WILLINGNESS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL TO PUT HIS OWN LIFE AT RISK TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE "GROUP" AND ASSURE THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE "GROUP" OBJECTIVES. INDIVIDUAL SAFETY TAKES SECOND PRIORITY TO THE GROUP MISSION. BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE MISSIONS THE REAL HEROS OFTEN ARE NOT RECOGNIZED OR DECORATED FOR THEIR EFFORTS BECAUSE THEY ARE MISSING IN ACTION.

16. WHAT WAS THE SADDEST THING THAT HAPPENED TO YOU DURING THE WAR?

IT WOULD HAVE TO BE A TOSS UP BETWEEN:

- HAVING TO LEAVE MY WIFE AND DAUGHTER TO GO BACK FOR A SECOND TOUR OF COMBAT IN 1944
- NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF MY GRANDFATHER WHO DIED WHEN I WAS IN ENGLAND THE FIRST TIME.
- THE LOSS ON COMBAT MISSIONS MANY CLOSE AND DEAR FRIENDS.

17. WHAT WAS THE MOST REWARDING THING THAT HAPPENED DURING THE WAR?

OUR VICTORY IN THE WAR WHICH RESULTED IN MANY OF OUR ALLIES BEING RELEASED FROM CONTROL OF THE DICTATORSHIP REPRESENTED BY HITLER AND THE NAZI GOVERNMENT. WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS WERE AGAIN ABLE TO ENJOY THE FREEDOM WHICH IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR WAY OF LIFE AND THE THREAT OF FURTHER NAZI EXPANSION WAS STOPPED

18. AT THE TIME WHAT DID YOU THINK YOU WERE FIGHTING FOR AND WHO WAS THE ENEMY?

INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND THE ENEMY WAS CLEARLY THE NAZI GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY WHO, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ADOLPH HITLER HAD SET OUT ON A MISSION OF WORLD CONQUEST. UNTIL OUR ENTRY INTO THE MILITARY CONFLICT THE NAZIS HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITH FEW SET BACKS. IT WAS APPARENT THAT ONLY TIME AND THE ATLANTIC WAS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ATTACK FROM THE NAZIS ON THE EAST AND THE JAPANESE ON THE WEST.

19. HOW HAVE YOUR WAR EXPERIENCES CHANGED YOUR LIFE?

FOLLOWING WW II, I DECIDED TO REMAIN IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS FOR A CAREER AS A PILOT RATHER THAN RETURNING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA AND COMPLETING MY STUDIES IN ACCOUNTING AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT. IN MY SPARE TIME WHILE IN THE AIR FORCE, I TOOK NIGHT COURSES IN COLLEGES TO COMPLETE MY REQUIREMENTS FOR A DEGREE. I WAS AWARDED A DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND WHICH COMBINED WITH MY AIR FORCE EXPERIENCE SERVED ME WELL IN MY SECOND CAREER WITH THE USAA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

20. WHAT ONE LESSON DO YOU THINK I (LISA) SHOULD LEARN FROM STUDYING ABOUT WW II?

THE FACT THAT THE FREEDOM WE ENJOY TODAY WAS BOUGHT AT A TREMENDOUS PRICE OF SACRIFICE, BECAUSE A WHOLE NATION WAS DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE IDEALS AND LIFE THAT HAVE EXISTED SINCE OUR FOUNDING FATHERS FIRST MADE IT POSSIBLE. ANOTHER EXTREMELY IMPORTANT LESSON IS THAT PREPAREDNESS AND ALERTNESS MUST NEVER BE ALLOWED TO DWINDLE.

21. WHAT MEDALS - HONORS - BOOKS - THAT MADE YOU UNIQUE?

FOR MY COMBAT MISSIONS I WAS AWARDED THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE CERTIFICATE OF VALOR BY GENERAL IRA EAKER, THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS ON TWO OCCASIONS AND THE AIR MEDAL ON SEVEN OCCASIONS. I WAS SUBSEQUENTLY AWARDED THE LEGION OF MERIT. THE

HIGHLIGHTS OF MY COMBAT ASSIGNMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN THE BOOK, "FIRST OVER GERMANY", A HISTORY OF THE 306TH BOMB GROUP BY RUSSELL A STRONG. OTHER REFERENCES TO MY COMBAT MISSIONS WITH PICTURES ARE CONTAINED IN THE BOOK, "FIRST OF THE MANY", BY JOHN R. MCCRARY AND DAVIE E. SCHERMAN, "A JOURNAL OF ACTION WITH THE MEN OF THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE".

Copy of letter to Lee Jenks

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DEAR LEE:

THIS IS TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION ABOUT THE USE OF THE \$25 REGISTRATION FEE CHARGED BY THE 306TH BOMB GROUP AT EACH REUNION FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS. THIS FEE IS TO PROVIDE WORKING CAPITAL TO THE REUNION COMMITTEE TO COVER THE MYRIAD OF EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE REUNION BEYOND THE INDIVIDUAL COSTS OF FOOD FOR EACH OF THE SCHEDULED EVENTS.

THE \$22 BANQUET CHARGE IS THE AMOUNT WE WILL HAVE TO PAY THE HOTEL FOR FOOD FOR EACH PERSON SERVED. OTHER EXPENSES OF THE REUNION MUST COME FROM THE REGISTRATION FEE. EXAMPLES OF ADDED EXPENSES WE EXPECT ARE:

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE BANQUET - THIS YEAR WE PLAN TO HAVE A DANCE BAND AS WE DID THE PAST TWO YEARS.

FOOD COSTS OF ANY GUEST WE HAVE - THE GUEST SPEAKER, THE HONOR GUARDS AND THE COLOR GUARDS.

COFFEE, SOFT DRINKS, VIDEO TAPES AND OTHER TYPES OF ENTERTAINMENT IN THE UNIT MEETING AREAS.

PRINTING OF THE NAME TAGS, PROGRAMS, TICKETS, AND OTHER INFORMATION BROCHURES.

POSTAGE AND OTHER RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

TRANSPORTATION COST SUPPLEMENTS.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND SOUVENIRS.

AS IN THE PAST, ANY SURPLUS FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE REUNION WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND TO HELP PAY THE COSTS OF PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTING ECHOES THROUGHOUT THE FOLLOWING YEAR. IT IS THROUGH THIS SYSTEM, COUPLED WITH THE GENEROUS DONATIONS WE RECEIVE FROM MANY OF OUR MEMBERS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE ECHOES ON A QUARTERLY BASIS TO SOME 2,300 OF OUR BUDDIES WITHOUT CHARGING ANNUAL DUES AS CHARGED BY MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. THIS ENABLES US TO CONTINUE, AS MEMBERS, THOSE OF OUR COMPATRIOTS WHO ARE UNABLE OR FOR SOME OTHER REASON CAN NOT CONTRIBUTE TO OUR ASSOCIATION OPERATING EXPENSES.

LEE, LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SPEND THE FUNDS WISELY TO BENEFIT THOSE ATTENDING THE REUNION. ALSO, LET ME POINT OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF VOLUNTEERS WHO SPEND CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME BEFORE AND DURING THE REUNION PROVIDING SERVICES AT NO COST THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

I HOPE YOU WILL COME TO THE REUNION. I BELIEVE YOU WILL GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH. ALSO, THOUGH THIS FEE AND YOUR OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ECHOES AND THE DIRECTORY YOU CAN FEEL THAT YOU HAD A HAND IN ASSURING THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF OUR ASSOCIATION FOR BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

I HOPE THIS IS A SATISFACTORY ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION.

DALE BRISCOE
REUNION '90 COORDINATOR

19 January 1992

Dear Dale:

Thought maybe I'd give you a bit of an accounting of those names which you had researched:

65 were on the original list

27 have been good and are now on our list

2 were from the 305th and shouldn't have been on our list

2 are deceased

3 I haven't been able to reach yet, but still trying

5 were either the wrong man or the wrong phone number

3 phones had been disconnected

2 mailing was returned

21 had no information from your source

So that wasn't too bad. I think we did quite well and it certainly stretched the list that appears in the January Echoes. Hope we can still find some of these people. On the attached sheet I have given you a few of the names again, and perhaps they can be run by once more to see if we can pick them up.

Keep smiling and 31 March will arrive,

Carl A. Johnson	504 24 8184
James R. Prince, Jr.	567 30 6106
William F. Ross	359 10 8820
Rexford O. Shadowen	514 40 5346
Van Dycke McKelvey	555 26 0300
Jay R. Weiselberg	046 07 7450
William D. Wills	059 03 2046

HEADQUARTERS
FOSTER FIELD, VICTORIA, TEXAS,
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

SPECIAL ORDERS)
)
NO. - 55)

March 6, 1942.

E X T R A C T
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SINGLE ENGINE ADVANCED

15. Pursuant to authority contained in telegram, WD AGO, dated March 6, 1942, the following named Aviation Cadets, Aviation Cadet Detachment, this station, will be discharged on this date, for the purpose of accepting appointments as Second Lieutenants, Air Corps Reserve.

By direction of the President, the following named 2nd Lieutenant Air Corps, are ordered to extended active duty, effective March 7, 1942, and will remain on duty at this station until further orders. These Officers will rank from March 7, 1942:

<u>NAME AND AVIATION CADET ASN</u>	<u>OFFICER ASN</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>
EMMET D. ATKINS, Jr., 34026397	O-441730	512 Leo St., Gastonia, N.C.
JAMES R. BAILEY, 14051100	O-441731	2501 Kenmore Dr., Raleigh, N.C.
RICHARD E. BALLARD, 11032988	O-441732	740 King St., Bristol, Conn.
CHARLES L. BARBOUR, 14054544	O-441733	135 North St., Cleveland, Miss.
WILLIAM R. BARKER, 11009050	O-441734	8 Heath Street, Worcester, Mass.
DAVID F. BAYLE, 12006030	O-441822	Garrison Rd., Glen Falls, N.Y.
THOMAS R. BELL, 14051101	O-441823	Shawboro, North Carolina
WILLIAM E. BETHEA, 14052714	O-441729	Kenly, North Carolina
EDWARD S. BIPPUS, Jr., 15069729	O-441824	77 16th St., Wheeling, W. Va.
MAURICE R. BLAIS, 11031490	O-441825	54 Fairfield Ave., Providence, R.I.
SAMUEL B. BLEDSOE, Jr., 14051102	O-441826	47 National Av., New Bern, N.C.
CARROLL D. BRISCOE, 18052358	O-441827	General Delivery, Tipton, Okla.
ROBERT M. CALDARONE, 20155253	O-441828	12 Brighton St., Providence, R.I.
FRANK W. CAMPBELL, 14057879	O-441830	618 N. Penna Dr., Daytona Beach, Florida
JAMES M. CAMPBELL, 14052707	O-441831	Rt. #5, Box 325, Greensboro, N.C.
LUTHER P. CANUP, 14052756	O-441832	Route #3, Salisbury, N. C.
WILLIAM S. CHAIRSELL, 13032681	O-441828	2511 The Terrace, Richmond, Va.
EDWARD J. CHILDERS, 12032399	O-441833	604 Part Av., Plainfield, N.J.
WILLIAM J. COLLINS, Jr., 11010631	O-441835	1961 Broad St., Hartford, Conn.
CHARLES C. COOK, Jr., 14052735	O-441836	323 W. Main St., Brevard, N. C.
NORMAN (n.m.i.) COSBY, 12032314	O-441727	New Rochelle, New York
JOSEPH T. CRANCE, Jr., 15069726	O-441726	2017 Quarrier St., Charleston, West Virginia
JAMES E. DUGGER, JR., 14052283	O-441725	Maryland Av., Alexandria, La.
CHARLES H. FELLER, 15069727	O-441802	Mullens, West Virginia
GEORGE F. GERMAN, 11032992	O-441840	30 Princeton St., Elmwood, Conn.
ROBERT A. GRAY, 20467712	O-441841	4516 Clairmont Av., Birmingham, Alabama
EMERSON R. GROSS, 17026276	O-441803	Madison, South Dakota
WILLIAM T. HALTON, 11031489	O-441842	135 Walnut St., E. Providence, Rhode Island
RANDALL (n.m.i.) HENDRICKS, 6667849	O-441804	53 No. Brockway, Youngstown, Ohio

S. O. No. 55, Hq., Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, March 6, 1942, Cont'd;

EXTRACT

Par. 15, cont'd:

<u>NAME AND AVIATION CADET ASN</u>	<u>OFFICER ASN</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>
ELWIN F. H. OLMES, 14051108	0-441844	Route 3, Dunn, North Carolina
GEORGE D. H. OLMES, 12029255	0-441805	20 Llewellyn Pl., West Orange, New Jersey
FREDERICK B. JONES, 15063646	0-441806	210 North 3rd St., Rockport, Ind.
DONALD H. KING, 16039096	0-441792	818 Lincoln Av., Ann Arbor, Mich.
JOSEPH J. LADABOUCHE, 11015791	0-441807	17 Park St., Proctor, Vermont
ARTHUR H. LaMontagno, 11032995	0-441946	102 Cherry St., Millford, Conn.
LEE G. LEFFORGE, 15063649	0-441847	Oakland, Indiana
LITTLETON L. LEFFORGE, 15063650	0-441809	R. R. #3, North Manchester, Ind.
ARMIT W. LEWIS, 20529523	0-441848	R. R. #5, Shelbyville, Ind.
CHARLES H. LEWIS, Jr., 34047950	0-441898	40 Acre Store, Ferriday, La.
WILLIAM R. LONG, 15069716	0-441810	600 Beebe Pl., Holden, W. Va.
JOHN S. MACK, 12012050	0-441793	790 Stuyvesant Av., Trenton, N.J.
JOHN A. MATHEWS, 12012046	0-441794	Box 335, Red Bank, New Jersey
DONALD (n.m.i.) MINNICK, 36010837	0-441795	18 Clover Dr., Great Neck, N.Y.
RAYMOND H. MITCHELL, Jr., 14052720	0-441814	2125 Charlotte Dr., Charlotte, North Carolina
LONNIE F. McCASKILL, Jr., 14051114	0-441849	East Rockingham, North Carolina
RAY S. McCLUNG, 14052711	0-441811	Robbinsville, North Carolina
RICHARD L. McCLYMONT, 38052952	0-441812	701 Grant St., Holdrege,
WILLIAM A. McCORMICK, Jr., 14051115	0-441850	McDonald, North Carolina
LAURENCE P. McINTOSH, 14048442	0-441813	1096 W. 4th St., Winston Salem, North Carolina
MAURICE R. McLARY, 15063642	0-441851	123 West St., Pennington, Ind.
ROY B. NICHOLS, Jr., 13028236	0-441796	Mechanicsville Rd., Torresdale, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
WILLIAM C. NICHOLSON, 14057894	0-441797	Route #2, Hahira, Georgia
JOHN A. PATTON, 13028721	0-441815	Wallingford, Pennsylvania
JORDAN M. PENNOYER, 6912682	0-441816	2812 Kerxes Av., Minneapolis, Minnesota
ALBERT S. POULIOT, 15069404	0-441817	138 Raleigh Av., Pawtucket, R. I.
CHARLES E. RAMSEY, Jr., 14016316	0-441818	Greensboro, Alabama
CHARLES C. ROACH, 13024857	0-441798	3718 Van Ness St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
DAVID B. SAUNDERS, 36204117	0-441799	413 Chamberlain Av., Madison, Wisconsin
FORRESTER M. SMITH, Jr., 14055395	0-441800	Prattville, Alabama
ARLAND (n.m.i.) STANTON, 12022790	0-441801	Route #1, New Milford, Penna.
ROBERT E. SWEET, 13024852	0-441820	3601 Rittenhouse, N. W., Washington, D. C.
EUGENE P. ULAK, 12029276	0-441790	310 New York Av., Newark, N. J.
CHARLES D. WICKLIFFE, 14051098	0-417676	Calumet, Michigan
RAYMOND D. WYNGARDEN, 14044390	0-441792	3905 N. E. 2nd Av., Miami, Fla.

S. O. No. 55, Hq., Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, March 6, 1942, cont'd:

EXTRACT
Par. 15, cont'd:

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By order of Lieutenant Colonel CARTER:

PAUL M. WILEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

PAUL M. WILEY
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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NAME C, DALE BRISCOE
ADDRESS 7829 TIMBER TOP DRIVE
CITY, STATE, ZIP FAIR OAKS RANCH, TX 78006
TELEPHONE # (512) 755-2321

WIFE'S FIRST NAME BETI
YOUR BIRTHDATE FEB 9, 1921
SOCIAL SECURITY # 447-01-6681

RETIREMENT DATE / PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT / JOB TITLE

9 / 30 / 70 HQ USAF EXEC. SECY, AIR STAFF BOARD
5 / 31 / 86 USAA LIFE INS. CO., EXEC. VICE PRES.

Russ - this is an advance copy for you. In

DALE BRISCOE
7829 TIMBER TOP DRIVE
FAIR OAKS RANCH, TX 78006

sending the copy & forms to Casey today

Jan 24, 1993

Dear Casey:

Here are the reports and copies of the IRS forms for a 1099 report for Russ. I think the forms are self explanatory. Remember in filing anything for the Association our "home office" is in Charlotte, N.C.

The financial status of the Association is in the best condition it has been since I have been associated with it. With Operating Cash of more than \$26,000 and another near \$10,000 set aside for the Special Projects and the Memorial Fund there is no reason to think that operations can not or should not continue in the future as in the past so long as the Association is serving the membership satisfactorily - and from the everflowing donations we get from the same people year after year current operations appear to be about what they want.

Note that donations for Echoes is \$9,272 for the year with one quarter remaining. We should equal or exceed for this year the \$12-13,000 we have been getting in the past and we will also get some more from the Directories that are now about \$1,500 short of paying for the printing/ mailing costs. This directory shortage should be pointed out in the financial briefing to the general membership at Seattle this fall if we are still a sizeable amount behind.

I hope the report is satisfactory and clear to you. If you have any questions give me a call. I leave Sunday the 31st and will return on the 18th. *of Feb.*

Sincerely,

306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
Quarter Ending December 31, 1992

ASSETS	12/31/92	9/30/92	CHANGE
CASH:			
Gen'l Fund	\$32,860.10	\$13,606.95	\$19,253.15
Sec'y Acct	88.66	81.33	7.33
'92 Reunion	-	19,000.00	(19,000.00)
'93 Reunion	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
RESTRICTED ASSETS:			
Memorial Fund	3,260.55	3,240.30	20.25
Endow. Fund	7,161.93	7,161.93	-
Note Rec. Strong	1,514.06	2,118.25	(604.19)
OTHER ASSETS:			
Office Equipment	530.26	93.12	437.14
Merchandise	4,452.09	4,262.00	190.09
TOTAL ASSETS	\$50,867.65	\$49,563.88	\$ 1,303.77
<u>LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS:</u>			
LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SURPLUS:			
Unrestricted:			
Operating Cash	\$26,368.76	\$ 7,108.28	\$ 19,260.48
Special Projects	6,580.00	6,580.00	-
Reunion Fund	1,000.00	19,000.00	(18,000.00)
Restricted:			
Memorial Fund	3,260.55	3,240.30	20.25
Endowment Fund	7,161.93	7,161.93	-
Note Rec. Strong	1,514.06	2,118.25	(604.19)
Property:			
Office Equip.	530.26	93.12	437.14
Merchandise	4,452.09	4,262.00	190.09
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$50,867.65	\$49,563.88	\$ 1,303.80
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$50,867.65	\$49,563.88	\$ 1,303.77

306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
OPERATING STATEMENT
Quarter Ending December 31, 1993

REVENUE	OCT-DEC	JULY-SEPT	FY TO DATE
DONATIONS:			
Echoes	\$ 5,559.00	\$ 2,156.00	\$ 9,272.00
Directory	507.00	1,611.00	2,133.00
Mission Reports	195.00	150.00	480.00
Diaries	289.00	51.00	626.42
REUNION:			
Activities (Net)	618.47	12,750.00	13,368.47
Memorabilia (Net)	240.34	168.17	548.86
'91 Reunion Refund	(184.00)	-	(184.00)
INTEREST:			
Gen'l Fund	187.83	125.92	491.82
Memorial Fund	20.25	21.25	68.31
Misc. Revenue	-	20.00	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 7,432.89	\$17,053.34	\$26,824.88
EXPENSES			
ECHOES:			
Print	\$ 1,416.00	\$ 1,871.36	\$ 4,265.56
Mail	722.30	524.78	1,526.29
DIRECTORY:			
Print	-	2,829.80	2,829.80
Mail	-	830.56	830.56
OTHER:			
Mission Reports	-	617.25	617.25
Diaries	-	-	887.22
SEC'Y OFFICE:			
Sec'y Services	2,400.00	2,100.00	6,600.00
Office Expense	1,042.67	1,050.00	3,097.39
Travel	-	410.29	410.29
MISC:			
Treas. Exp.	348.42	23.91	439.30
Treas. Supplies	97.61	-	91.61
Equip Dep'n	102.12	208.44	519.00
Eight Air Force	-	-	5.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 6,129.12	\$10,466.39	\$22,119.27
NET SURPLUS CHANGE	\$ 1,303.77	\$ 6,586.95	\$ 4,705.61

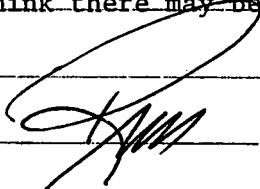
MISSING OR CORRECTIONS + ADDITIONS

FEB 14 GP 19 BREMEN MISSING BREMEN
FEB 14 BRISCOE'S 1ST MISSION
MARCH 4 GP 23 BRISCOES NAME MISSING HAMM
6 GP 24 BRISCOES NAME MISSING LORIENT
7 GROUP TURNED BACK AT COAST CLOUD COVER LORIENT
MARCH 22 GP 29 BRISCOES 5TH NOT 1ST
MAY 1 GP 36 BRISCOE'S PLANE LEFT AT SOUTH ENGLAND FOR SALVAGE,
JULY 10 GP 52 CAEN - CARPIQUET

1 March 96

Dear Dale:

I think the above refers to the problems in the 369th Diary. But, when I found this on my desk, I went ahead and did Mission Reports for you again on these dates. I think there may be a few new items, particularly route maps that you may not have.



MAIL FILE: JUNE.MST / Last Update: 13

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Record: 1278

Last Name: Briscoe
First Name: Col C Dale
Name Display Col C Dale Briscoe
Company:
Address 1: 7829 Timber Top Dr
Address 2:
City: ~~Boerne~~ FAIR OAKS RANCH
State: TX
Zip Code: 78006-4571
Phone: (512)755-2321
Fax: ()-
Country Code:
Title Code:
Gender Code:
Selection Code: 369
Memo 1: Beti
Memo 2:
Memo 3:
Memo 4:
Date Entered:
Date Updated: 12 JUL 92
Followup date:

**Russell A. Strong, Secretary
306th Bomb Group Association
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, NC 28205**

C. Dale Briscoe
7829 Timber Top Dr.
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX
78015-4571

November 28, 2000

Dear Russ:

After 58 years we finally have a picture of our original crew members who departed from Salina, Kansas on December 11, 1942 and arrived at Thurleigh on Jan 13, 1943 along with the Dick O'Hara and John Magoffin Crews. It was an interesting experience so I have included a copy of our orders, a picture of our flight route and the flight time between stops along the way.

At West Palm Beach, we got our new aircraft equipped with bomb bay tanks, over water equipment and navigation charts for the southern hemisphere. We were told to send our winter clothes home as we would be operating out of a hot dry climate, possibly the CBI. We were given sealed orders, not to be opened until we were airborne. Needless we were quite nose heavy immediately after take off as all crew members came to the cockpit to learn where we were going. Our orders directed us to go to Accra, Gold Coast of Africa where we would receive further orders. Along the way we granted ourselves a few days leave for Christmas in Belem, Brazil where we spent the day listening to two records, Bing Crosby's White Christmas and the Andrews Sisters' Beer Barrel Polka. After Christmas, we left for Ascension Island, a fly speck in the middle of the southern Atlantic. This was an exciting trip considering the limited navigation aids we had available to us and the size of the Island.

On arriving at the Ascension Island we received new orders to go to Marrakech, French Morocco instead of Accra. This was a few weeks after the Allies invasion of North Africa, and I assume the reason for the change. After ten days in Marrakech we were ordered to England and subsequently Thurleigh. I would guess the 306th had experienced some heavy losses and we were needed there. It was great arriving at Thurleigh in January with nothing but khakis to wear. We were given a pass to London to visit the Quartermasters warehouse and buy winter uniforms.

Thought this information might be an interesting addition to our 306th history. I think we three crews were the only 306th to take this route.

Merry Christmas to you and June.

Dale

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE

Salina, Kansas,
December 10, 1942.

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER.....88)

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

2. TIC confidential ltr, Hq, 2/F, Ft Geo Wright, Wash, file 370.5 (E-3) dd Nov 28, 1942, subject: "Movement Order, Heavy Bombardment Crews, ~~Segment~~ AF-633-A", the following named O, WO and EM of orgn indicated, will proceed from this sta at once by such mil TP as may be asgd, or com TP or rail, if practicable to Continue Journey by air, to Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Florida, reporting upon arrival to the CO thereat for further orders. Such stops as may be necessary for service, maintenance and/or safety, for not more than seventy-two (72) hours at any one place, are auth. This is a permanent change of station.

Major WALTER E. ARNOLD, JR., O-339832, Prov Gp Comdr, will upon arrival at Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Florida, report to the CO thereat for further orders.

WO (JG) HOWARD A. GATES, W-2116253, Prov Gp Adj, will accompany crews to Morrison Field, on temp duty, and upon completion of temp duty at that sta will return to proper sta without delay by rail.

Under the prov of Sec VI, WD Cir 150, dd May 19, 1942, WO (JG) HOWARD A. GATES is auth a flat per diem of six dollars (\$6.00) per day in lieu of subs and travel expenses while traveling on official business and away from proper sta. TDN. FD 34 P 434-02 A 0425-23.

PROVISIONAL GROUP COMMANDER

Major ARNOLD, Walter E. Jr. O-339832

502ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

CREW # 66-X-6			
1st Lt O'HARA, Richard K. 0428414 (P)	2nd Lt SMITH, Robert H. 0725541 (CP)		
2nd Lt TILLERY, Otis B. 0790489 (N)	2nd Lt WHELAN, Hugh E. 0726068 (B)		
S/Sgt SHEFFIELD, Charles A. 14048748 (E)	S/Sgt NELSON, Maynard E. 17035875 (AR)		
S/Sgt MOUNTAIN, William H. 11029959 (R)	S/Sgt STROM, Harold F. 37268476 (AE)		
S/Sgt FETKIV, Paul 32254194 (G)			

CREW # 66-Y-2			
1st Lt MCGOFFIN, John G. 0417036 (P)	2nd Lt VINNEDGE, Roy A. 0725555 (CP)		
2nd Lt HOVENSTEIN, Bernard E. 0725270 (N)	2nd Lt TRAVIS, Clyde J. 0726092 (B)		
T/Sgt HINEBUUGH, Dan L. Jr. 13046375 (E)	S/Sgt SPARKS, Delbert W. 18064470 (R)		
S/Sgt NOLANCO, Peter P. 19083982 (AE)	S/Sgt GLAVI, Frank M. 12064235 (AR)		
S/Sgt ROSATO, Theodore A. 33058132 (G)			

503RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

CREW # 67-Y-8			
1st Lt BRISCOE, Carroll D. 0441827 (P)	2nd Lt SHERMAN, Fred L. 0661979 (CP)		
2nd Lt MCGRATH, David R. 0790271 (N)	2nd Lt HICKEY, John K. 0661626 (B)		
T/Sgt WENTWORTH, Erland J. 11035925 (E)	S/Sgt TRAYNOR, Edward L. 39021728 (AR)		
S/Sgt ROLLER, John R. 38175915 (AE)	S/Sgt ROSEK, Stephen W. 332 5168 (G)		
S/Sgt ROSE, Victor L. 12073183 (R)			

Equipment and Baggage of crews not carried in airplanes will be prepared for shipment to Port of Embarkation marked as follows:

TO: Port Transportation Officer
New York Port of Embarkation
Brooklyn, New York.

FOR: AF-633-

Shipment of equipment and baggage is chargeable to FD 33 P 433-05 A 0425-23.

B-17 Flight Itinerary

Salina Kansas to Thurleigh England

1942-43

Date	Route	Time
Dec 11	Salina, Kansas to Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Florida.	7:45
Dec 20	Morrison Field to Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico.	6:15
Dec 20	Borinquen Field to Waller Field, Trinidad.	6:00
Dec 21	Waller Field to Belem, Brazil	8:00
Dec 27	Belem to Natal, Brazil	7:05
Dec 30	Natal to Ascension Island	8:45
Dec 31	Ascension Island to Roberts Field Freetown, Sierra Leone	4:50
Jan 2	Roberts Field to Lumdum Field, Bathurst, Gambia	4:35
Jan 2	Lumdum Field to Marrakech, French Morocco	9:45
Jan 12	Marrakech to St Eval, England	10:00
Jan 13	St Eval to AAF Station 111, Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England	1:50

75.50

Donald R. Ross
Senior United States Circuit Judge
Roman L. Hruska Courthouse
111 S. 18th Plaza, Suite 4226
Omaha, NE 68102-1322

October 19, 2001

Col. and Mrs. C. Dale Briscoe
7829 Timber Top Dr.
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 780154571

Dear Dale and Betty,

You will remember that I talked to you in September in Minneapolis about sending some prints of 8th Air Force paintings to Ralph Franklin to be framed and hung in our new museum at Thurleigh. I have purchased and mailed three prints of paintings to Ralph Franklin for that purpose. I enclose a copy of my letter of transmittal to Ralph.

The cost of the three prints was \$405.00. If you are still interested in participating that amounts to \$135.00 for each of the three of us, including Cap Langley and me.

I enjoyed seeing you both in Minneapolis and look forward to our next reunion.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Ross

From: Grandale@aol.com <Grandale@aol.com>
To: KingHickey@aol.com <KingHickey@aol.com>
Cc: russell.a.strong306@worldnet.att.net <russell.a.strong306@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Sunday, March 17, 2002 9:06 AM
Subject: England Trip

Sorry we can't make the trip to England with the Group. The trip in 1992 was outstanding and well worth a repeat but this year our daughters are having our family reunion to celebrate Beti's 80th and our 60th in Tallahassee where we were married. All family members plus some in laws and outlaws plan to attend. Sorry they didn't plan to have it in Covington, KY.

Beti's health is fine now, back to aerobics three times a week and the hair dresser on Friday. Our only problem is keeping up with all the programmed activities here at the Towers. Something interesting every day. Small apartment but excellent services 24 hours each day.

Down sizing is difficult but we have successfully adjusted to the change.

See you in Septembet, Dale and Beti

Good luck on the Reunion plans. We will be there. Dale

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Date: Friday, September 28, 2001 7:36 AM
Subject: Change of Address

Friends:

We will be moving Monday, 1 October, and our new address will be: Dale and/or Beti Briscoe

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Our current address and phone # will be fine until 1 Nov, but our answering system will be on the new number. We plan to sleep around a lot this next month as we continue to sort out which of all the treasures we have collected these past 60 years will make the trip to the new address and which will star in an estate sale. As we sit here looking we see many treasures becoming trash, right before our eyes!

Dale and Beti Briscoe

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June 6, 2002

Dear June and Russ:

I'm sure we have told you many times about our wedding but we would like to share the enclosed documentation of our 60/80 celebration with you two.

May 3d was our 60th wedding anniversary and May 27th was Beti's 80th birthday. Now you know why the flags were flown at half mast on Memorial Day, May 27th. Because of these events coupled with our daughters' birthdays (Jun's May 1 and Beti Ann's May 31) and Mother's Day, our children, Jun and Al Martz and Beti Ann and Paul Sickert organized and hosted a family reunion in Tallahassee.

Every member of our family was able to attend including our great granddaughter, Sarah Elizabeth, who is planning to be born on June 14, Flag Day. Also, all in-laws, Beti's sister and her husband and a few outlaws were there. Our flight surgeon grand son-in-law, Steve Ward returned from his tour of duty in Afghanistan the week before. In all, seven states and Afghanistan were represented.

The Martzs and Sickerts had written the Tallahassee Democrat and the current Minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Tallahassee giving them the story of our wedding in 1942 and you can see by the enclosed documents it really turned them on. Apparently no Ryder trucks or recounts were in the news in Tallahassee that weekend so we got top billing in the paper and shared the spotlight with Peter John, James and Mary in the minister's sermon.

Hope your trip to England is as exciting as the others, especially the "92" trip. We are looking forward to Covington in September.

Dale and Beti

*Dale Mabry was my P-39 transition base -
Tallahassee*

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2002

PASTOR COPELAND'S SERMON

Acts 1:6-14

Waiting Room

Today is the last Sunday in Eastertide, the season for concentrated celebration of the resurrection. Every Sunday, no matter the liturgical season, is a little Easter, but the seven Sundays of Eastertide are even more Easter-ly than others. For instance, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday in this season, simply to glory in the message: *Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.*

Another thing we do in Easter is to read from the Book of Acts. For seven weeks in a row, the first lesson comes not from the Old Testament, but from the New, emphasizing the continuity between God's people called Israel and God's new people called the Church. God's election by grace of Abraham and Sarah to be a blessing to the nations is renewed and confirmed in God's election of you and me to proclaim the wondrous deeds of **"the one who brought [us] out of darkness into God's marvelous light"** (I Peter 2:9).

To be a Christian is to marvel at how each of our stories intersects the larger story of God's faithfulness. The story of the early church – the Acts of the Apostles – is, by faith, *our* story, and each of *our* stories somehow intersects and continues, the *church's* story. Let me show you what I mean by telling you two stories.

The first story is about a young woman named Beti. She's all of nineteen years old, and she's sitting right now in the waiting room of the train station in New Orleans, Louisiana. She's not supposed to be there. She's supposed to be on her honeymoon by now. She packed her bags several days ago, checking many times to make sure she packed that notarized affidavit from her parents back in Texarkana, Arkansas, stating that she has permission to be married in Florida to a young man named Dayle. Dayle is all of 21, a brand new Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

Dayle had arranged everything. The chaplain at Dale Mabry Field in Tallahassee would marry them on Wednesday morning, April 29th, 1942. Dayle had their housing all arranged – an apartment in town. Beti boards the train in Texarkana bound for her wedding day.

Next come the floods. The tracks between New Orleans and Tallahassee aren't safe. No trains are running. Beti is stuck in the Big Easy. Knowing a young woman traveling alone can't hang about in the railway station, she goes to the fanciest hotel in the city and asks the clerk for a room for a few hours. She is informed that, even in New Orleans, rooms are not rented to young women for a few hours.

The hotel manager overhears her story and takes her under his protection. She may have a room, and is to take her meals in the hotel dining room. Under no circumstances is she to leave the hotel alone. When the trains start running again, the manager will make sure that she doesn't miss the first train to Tallahassee.

So, Beti is in the waiting room at the train station now. What was to have been her wedding day has come and past. By the time she arrives in Tallahassee, it will be Sunday morning, and – O yes – Dayle's orders have been changed. He's being transferred to Morris Field in Charlotte, North Carolina. He leaves on Monday. They will have less than 24 hours in Tallahassee.

The train is coming into the station now. It's time for Beti to board.

Let's leave Beti in that waiting room for now, and attend to another waiting room. It's the waiting room we just read about in Acts, chapter one. A bit like Beti, the people who are gathered there are full of anxiety mixed with anticipation. The past few days have been for them a jumble of surprises and heartaches. Like Beti, they are eager to seize the future, yet at the same time fearful of what it might hold.

Some of their names we know: Peter, John, James, Mary. They are an unimpressive lot, but soon they will undergo a marvelous transformation. Jesus, their risen Lord, has ascended to take his proper place upon the throne of heaven, but before his ascension, he promised that they will receive power from the Holy Spirit.

In some miraculous way, in some way no one could have imagined, they are to be changed. They will no longer be lost souls, gazing into heaven, but courageous disciples of Jesus Christ. No longer will they be a mismatched band of women and men, shaken by their Lord's death and baffled by his resurrection, but the church of Jesus Christ, "faithful, true, and bold." They will become saints whose powerful witness will soon turn the world upside down.

Their stories, you see, have become bound up with the story of Jesus, their lives intertwined with his. Soon they will come to know that, even in suffering, God is with them, that even in uncertainty, they belong to God. The room where they have gathered to pray has become a different kind of waiting room. Soon the locomotive of Pentecost will come barreling down the tracks and carry them into God's future. For now, however, they wait. They pray. They trust in the Lord.

Two waiting rooms -- one by the railway tracks in the early days of America's involvement in the second world war, another in the upper story of a house in Jerusalem early in the first century. You might think that these two stories would never intersect. But they do.

Now we're back to Beti. She gets on the train, at long last. It arrives in Tallahassee, two hours late. Now it's past noon. Forget for the moment where they might be married. How are they going to get a marriage license?

Well, Dayle knows the fountain manager at the Rexall Drug. That's where he's been having breakfast every morning. The manager knows the lady who issues wedding licenses at the courthouse. She eats lunch at the Rexall every day. The manager calls the courthouse lady. The lady opens the courthouse and issues them a license. (Dayle hasn't got any money, of course. He has to borrow the marriage license fee from Beti.)

Back to the Rexall. They ask the fountain manager, "Know anywhere we could get married?"

"Well, there's the Presbyterian Church two blocks away. The preacher there might marry you."

When Dayle and Beti knock on Dr. Caldwell's study door, he's getting ready for the Sunday evening service. "Come back after the service," he tells them. "I'll marry you then."

The service is over. Beti and Dayle are waiting in the vestibule. Dr. Caldwell comes out. "There are two little girls in the congregation," he tells them. "They've never seen a wedding. Would it be alright if they attend?"

But of course! Beti and Dayle have no family that night. There is no one to witness their vows except another couple from the base. Of course the little girls can come! Dr. Caldwell opens the door and leads the tiny wedding party into the sanctuary.

But as Beti and Dayle enter the church, they learn that Dr. Caldwell has not told them the whole story. The entire congregation is there. It seems that during his sermon, Dr. Caldwell announced that he is to marry a young lieutenant and his bride from Arkansas that night. What a shame that they have no family to share their wedding.

And here is where Beti and Dayle's story becomes intertwined with the story in Acts, Chapter one: *There is a family for Beti and Dayle*. They're sitting in these very pews, grinning as the couple comes down the aisle. They're guests at a wedding they didn't know they were coming to until they came to worship the risen Lord.

And so it is with the church of Jesus Christ. We are all of us guests invited to a feast not of our own making. We are all of us strangers in need of hospitality. We are all of us unintended bearers of God's welcome in a world fraught with turmoil and heartache. We are all of us Dayle and Beti. We are all of us Peter, John, James, and Mary. We are all of us guests at the wedding feast of the Lamb, who has received glory and honor and power.

In other words, we are the church, the people formed of water and the Word, the community where vows are made and honored, the family of God's welcome.

Today, sixty years later, Beti and Dayle have come back to celebrate their anniversary. They have brought their family with them. Judging from the crowd, they took literally Dr. Caldwell's admonition to be fruitful and multiply. A good looking family, this. But then again, as we entered these doors, we all became family.

And so the story goes on, the story that began in that waiting room in Jerusalem, and continued in that waiting room in New Orleans. It's the same story, you see. It's the story of God's working out God's purpose in our lives, blessing us when we are not aware of the blessing, holding on to us when we have lost our grip, calling us to bear Christ's welcome in an inhospitable world.

And to keep us going? A feast! Bread and wine for the journey. A foretaste of a wedding banquet prepared and waiting for guests who might not even be aware that they're guests.

Such is the love of God. Such is the story the church is called to tell. Such is the grace made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

RUSS,

THESE PICTURES ARE ALL EXTRA COPIES AND WHEN YOU FINISH WITH THEM YOU CAN TOSS THEM IN THE TRASH. I DIDN'T DO A GREAT JOB BUT SOME WILL PROBABLY MEET YOUR STANDARDS.

WE ENJOYED OUR VISIT WITH YOU TWO AND YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND WE WERE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO EMBARRASS THE PARENTS IN FRONT OF THE MANY CHILDREN WHO JOINED THE GROUP THIS YEAR. I THINK WE WILL HAVE MANY MORE NEXT YEAR.

THIS OBIT IS ONE I HAD IN A FILE HERE THAT HAS BEEN PREPARED AT THE REQUEST OF OUR DAUGHTERS. IT IS MORE THAN YOU WILL NEED BUT IT SHOULD GIVE YOU ANY INFORMATION YOU NEED.

Dale

Obituary:Dale

Carroll Dale Briscoe, Col. USAF Retired, passed away on_____date_____. Colonel Briscoe was born on Feb. 9, 1921 near Hess, Okla. son of Jefferson C. Briscoe and Bertha Gore Briscoe. He is survived by his wife of_____years, Beti Bretherton Briscoe of San Antonio, Tx,two daughters, Jun Martz and son in law Uzal Martz of Pottsville, Pa., Beti Ann Sickert and son in law Paulo Sickert of Layton, Utah, four grandchildren, Cameron Martz, Lisa Sickert Ward, Eric Martz and Jennifer Sickert and one great grandchild, Sarah Ward. Colonel Briscoe graduated from Tipton, OK high school in 1938 and attended the University of Oklahoma for three years before entering the Army Air Corps Flying Cadet program in August 1941. He completed advanced flight training at Victoria Field, TX becoming a pilot in March 1942. His wartime service included a tour 1942/1943 as airplane commander and flight commander of a B-17 Group conducting combat operations out of England (the 306th Bombardment Gtoup). For this service he was awarded the Eighth Air Force Certificate of Valor, the Distinguished Flying Cross on two occasions, The Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Unit Citation. On returning from his combat tour in 1943 he was assigned as Operations Officer of a B-17 Combat Crew Training Group for one year. In December 1944, he returned to England to join the First Scouting Force, an organization flying P-51 Mustangs with the job to lead the bombers through hazardous weather en route and reporting target conditions to the bombers prior to the bomb run.. This assignment continued until VE day. Following WW II Colonel Briscoe continued in the Air Force in varied assignments at numbered Air Force Headquarters in plans and programs and controllership duties and at Headquarters USAF, where his last assignment was three years as Executive Secretary of the Air Staff Board. For his staff officer duties, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal on two occasions. During this time he also completed requirement for a degree with the University of Maryland. Colonel Briscoe retired from the Air Force in 1970, as a Colonel and Command Pilot and immediately began a second career with USAA as a long range plans technician. Following sixteen years of employment with USAA in plans, underwriting, customer service, and financial management, he retired as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the USAA Life Company in 1986. From 1992 to 1997 he served on the Board of Directors of the USAA Investment Management Company. Following retirement from USAA he has served on these civic/community boards and committees: Board of Trustees and Finance Committee, Air Force Village Foundation; Board of Directors and Finance Committee, Air Force Village II; Board of Directors and Chairman, Nominating Committee, the Executive Service Corps of San Antonio; Board of Directors and President of the 306th Bombardment Group "First over Germany" Memorial Association; the Budget and Finance Committees of the United Methodist Church of Boerne, TX., and The Towers on Park Lane, San Antonio, TX.

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August 10, 2004

Dear Russ:

Thanks for sharing the "Boyd" book with me. After reading it I am amazed that in my four years (1964-1968) as Secretary of the Air Staff Board, a Board that reviewed all major initiatives requiring approval or the Chief of Staff of The Air Force that I never heard of Boyd or his "Acolytes.

I truly can't believe that every General Officer in the United States Air Force was of the quality they are given in this Book. I personally know and observed many who spent most of the adult life in sincere dedicated service to our country. To name a few: Jack Catton, Jack Lavelle, Pete Crow, and Lou Clay!!! These were dedicated officers who's interest were mission oriented not how to get promoted higher as is implied of all Generals in this book.

Beti and I leave on the 17th for a trip to visit kids, grand kids and great-grand kids in North Carolina and on the 24th to Moscow for the "Journey of t he Czars" , The Volga River Cruise from Moscow to St Petersburg and two nights in Helsinki, Finland. We return Sept 9 and arrive in Oklahoma City on the 15th for the reunion.

Thanks again for sharing the book. Sorry I couldn't give you a more educated assessment of the authors description of, in his opinion, the most brilliant military mind in this century.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale".