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Mr. Russell Strong
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Dear Mr. Strong:

Thank you very much for the information you sent concerning Harris Palmer and plane No. 42-31172, and the events leading up to the plane being shot down April 24, 1944; also for the addresses of Frisbie and Dufau. I have written them already.

Pages from FIRST OVER GERMANY that you sent (236-237) do not give the background information about the mission, so I am enclosing two dollars in hopes that will cover the cost to have photocopies made that do explain the overall background data.

Somehow, Palmer did leave Switzerland before 1945. He has a record that shows on 16 November 1944, he was assigned to Headquarters AAF Redistribution Station, Miami Beach, "after return to the United States." And his Certificate of Service dated 8 July 1947, shows he received a wound on 30 August 1944, in France, and that he departed for the USA on 5 October 1944, arriving 6 October 1944.

Wonder why he did not return to his squadron in England instead of returning to the USA?

One last request. I am trying to make a frame on Palmer that would contain his medals, insignia, rank, etc. I have almost everything he would have worn except a navigator wing. So you have an extra one I could buy, or do you know where I might obtain a genuine WW II example? Would such a request be allowed in the 306th ECHOES?

Should you like a copy of the records mentioned above, just let me know.

Thank you again for all your assistance in this matter. It is genuinely appreciated.

Sincerely,


Vernon Brook