

APRIL 26, 2000
DELRBY HETH, Pa.

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FOUND THIS ADDRESS IN
LAST ISSUE.

Dear Secretary, my name is Harry Brown formerly with
the 367th Squadron, originally and therefore, until
I recd. a battlefield commission, and the Colonel would
not let me stay with my buddies. He insisted on me
transferring to another group, only to maintain respect,
which I didn't give a damn about.

Buskey was my pilot, who unfortunately
passed away before to heart. But believe it or not I kept
a diary against orders, and if I can find it after all
these many years -- I will check out those missions!
The only mission I would like to know
about is who the Hell sent us over St. Maximo sub
seas at 8,000 feet. That's when they shot the Hell out
of whole group. Thank God I returned. Never forget that
one!!!

By the way -- I have my reservation
all in tech for the reunion, can't wait -- looking forward!

P.S. CHECK ENCLOSED FOR ORDER.

Best Regards,

Harry M. Brown



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

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Dear Harry:

In a letter to me last April you asked about the mission to St. Nazaire of 9 Nov 42. I apologize for not answering earlier, but I am enclosing materials from various sources to give you some further information on the event.

Col. Overacker's very vocal disagreement over this mission, both before and after, led to his dismissal in Jan 43, so said LTC Delmar Wilson, then deputy CO of the 306th. Wilson told me that he heard the phone discussion at Thurleigh and then went with Overacker to Wing headquarters to further his protest, labeling the raid as a terrible decision.

Good to hear from you,
and to see you in San Diego, some moons ago,

HARRY M. BROWN

March 24, 2001
DeBary Area, FL.

DEAR RUSSELL (ONE OF THE BEST HISTORIANS)

YOU THINK YOU WERE TARDY IN
GETTING YOURSELF TOGETHER TO WRITE BACK FOR
THE ORIGINAL INQUIRY. JUST LOOK AT ME?

BUT, I HAVE A TALE --- AND
A VERY TRUE TALE OF THE SCENARIO OF THAT
RAID ON ST. NAZAIRE FLYING IN AT 8-10,000
FEET. AND COL. CHARLES B. OVERAKER DESERVED
(2) DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSSES NOT ONE!

I JUST HOPE I LIVE LONG
ENOUGH TO IMPLANT A FEW NICE WORDS ON THOSE
RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE DAMN ORDERS!

OLE GEORGE BUCKEY WAS MY
PILOT AND A DAMN GOOD ONE! BUT TRUTHFULLY HE WAS
A QUIET-BACKWARD FELLOW, AND I'M ONLY SORRY HE
IS NOT AROUND ANY MORE. FROM COL. SPRINGS, COL.

BUT I'M STILL LOOKIN' DOWN
AT THE GRASS, AND HAVE I GOT DETAILS ON THAT
MISSION --- ALL IN MY LITTLE OLE HEAD!

BUCKEY SAVED US ALL ON
THAT TRIP BY GROUNDING ON A LITTLE
FIGHTER FIELD NOT TOO FAR FROM THE WHITE
CLIFFS OF DOVER. ONLY LOSS -- OUR TAIL
GUNNER WAS KILLED, HELL OF A NICE KID!

BUT THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, MY
GOOD MAN, RUSSELL A. STRONG. SEE YOU ON AN
OTHER NICE OCCASION!

BEST REGARDS,

Harry M. Brown

(NEW ADDRESS)
SEE CARD

JAN 27, 2003
Delroy Beach, Fla.

Dear Russell A. Strong
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as our HISTORIAN, and a
damn good one, I must compliment on your
book "First over Germany".

I don't wish to up-date
you by no means - but I feel I must
quit writing my story. Those literary agents
you deal with suck. ^{DOUG AT}
I ~~had~~ a book on them

from Barnes & Noble. They are all Blood Thirsty
thales I deal with them the letter. (WRT LIND)
a commission they must

receive, and I decided the only outside money
hang on to offer the ^{the 8th 20 to 25%}
of all the other will bring in. ^{8th AIRBORNE 8th}

I ~~had~~ A DIARY from Day 1 you don't know what I
did and ~~it~~ goes to NO NO. I ^{WROTE IN FROM DAY ONE}
and after my ^{of my own} ^{I am not kidding}
it was done good ^{only sent out 3 chapters}
for the agents to think ^{out}, 'course I think
I started out very ^{brightly}



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which brings me to point # 1

Your Book only carried my
excellent Pilot Lt. Col. GEO. R. BUCKEY 8 TIMES,
TSgt. WILLY HICKS 2 TIMES (BALL TURRET) ~~CONFIRMED~~
KILL! KENNEDY YOU ACKNOWLEDGED
NOW COMES THE TRUTH ABOUT

~~WALLY~~ STANDISH, WAIST GUNNER; HARRY BROWN
RAID GUNNER, & appending. NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.
STANDISH REFUSED 2nd Lt. HARRY BROWN ACCEPTED
AND BECAME - GUNNER OFFICER "I WAS PUT IN CIRCLE
WITH ALL HIGH STAFF OFFICERS. I CHASE GUNNER OFFICER.
① QUESTION WAS THROWN AT ME WHY? I EXPLAINED
SERIOUSLY TO THOSE HIGH STAFF OFFICERS. DID YOU EVER TRY
TO SHOOT DOWN AN ONE ARMY YELLOW NOSE BOSS WITH A RAID??
THE ANSWER IS OFFICERS IN CIRCLE. IT CAME TO THE LAST
OFFICER - HQ RMARBY 'Brown YOU ARE A GUNNER OFFICER.
MEAN ① MORE GUNNER NAMED BROWN were transferred
to SUPREMO (SHAPE) HEADQUARTERS TO DO OUR DUTIES.

"SOPS" WERE WHERE WE DID 100% OF THE TIME
I TOLD THE STAFF GARTERS WASHED MUCH FOR ME.
TANATOTER BROWN, SAYS I CAN GET ORDERS TO
YOU TO TRASPEN. IF YOU ARE NOT HARRY NOW, I WILL
BE A CAPTAIN IN SHORT TIME WITHOUT YOU HERE!
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RUSSELL A. STRONG

JUST TO CONTINUE --- NO MENTION

OF STANDISH, NOR HARRY M. BROWN,

WAS MENTIONED BY THE OTHER APPENDIX

OF INDEX - OTHER NAMES PLEASE

NOTE. I REALIZE YOU STATED YOU WOULD

PICK UP MORE OVERSIGHTS IN YOUR NEXT

ISSUE. I WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE ONE,

RUSSELL, FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS, YOU WRITE

GOOD, VERY GOOD, STORY OF OUR ^{own} FORCE

PERILS! AND I REPEAT. I DO NOT WANT

UPSTAGE YOUR ISSUE. MY DIARY TOOK ME ^{ALL}

YOUR MISSIONS -- BUT A ~~HELL~~ LOT MORE COLOR

AND FACTS. AS YOU TOLD IT!

MAYBE I SHOULD START AFTER

A TRANSFER to another ^{group} as a ^{summary} OFFICER

WHEN I WENT DOWN THE LINE TO SEE WHAT I

WOULD DO MY JOB. WHAT DO I SEE ON THE

THE OFFICE. -- GUNNERY OFFICE --

CAPT. CLARR GABLE BOY, DID THAT MAKE ME

LIVE A MILLION and Good company! TOOK ME OVER

A WEEK TO FIND HIM. AND THAT'S ANOTHER

STORY. BUT I FOUND HIM AND WHAT I

FOUND out, AS I SAID THAT'S ANOTHER

STORY - TO BE CONTINUED

SUPK



SABLE, AFTER LOCATING HIM, SAID
TO ME-- YOU ARE THE SUNNY OFFICER
I AM HERE ONLY TO TAKE PICTURES

I THINK I WROTE YOU THE
CROUCH OF THIS LETTER; SIR AND IF
PERHAPS YOU WANT TO HAVE MORE INFO.
AS MAY WISE TO ASK COME UP AND
SEE ME SOMETIME, YOUR MOVE RUSSELL.

RESPECTFULLY
YOURS,

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OVER 6 OUT.

HARRY M. BROWN

20 JANUARY 2001
DELRAY BEACH, FL.

DEAR RUSSELL) JUST A BRIEF NOTE TO SAY
HOW I APPRECIATE YOUR PATRONAGE OF FORWARDING
THE NOTES YOU SENT ME ABOUT THE HISTORY OF ST.
NAZAIRE, 9TH NOVEMBER 1942. MANY WATERS HAVE
PASSED UNDER THE DAM SINCE THEN --- BUT YOU DID
A GREAT THING ABOUT ADVISING ME --- FOR WHICH I
WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW ENLIGHTENING IT WAS FOR ME!

THAT RAID WAS A REAL
"KILLER" AND WHAT I OBSERVED ON SAME IS NOT EASY
TO FORGET. YOU COULD WRITE ANOTHER BOOK ON THAT
ONE MISSION FLYING AT 8000 FEET AND SEEING
THOSE GERMAN OFFICERS FIRING AT US WITH THEIR
SIDE ARMS!

I AM SURPRISED BUCKLEY, OUR
GOOD PILOT - DID NOT RELATE ANY VERSIONS OF THAT
MISSION. I REALIZE HE WAS A VERY QUIET - LOW KEY
GENTLEMAN, BUT I SURE AS HELL AM NOT. I CAN
UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY ABOUT COL. OVERACKER'S VOCAL
DISAGREEMENT ABOUT SAME WHICH AS YOU RELATED
LED TO HIS DISMISSAL IN JAN. '43. I AM NOT A SUPERIOR
OFFICER ---- BUT I WOULD SURE UPHOLD AND SCREAM TO
HIGH HEAVENS CONCERNING HIS THOUGHTS OF SAME. THAT ONE
IS VERY HARD TO FORGET AND SOME DAY I WILL SURE EXPRESS
MY THOUGHTS! I AM BUZZING OFF NOW --- BUT THERE
WILL BE OTHER DAYS FOR MORE. THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR
COOPERATION, AND HISTORY FACTS.

SINCERELY,

HARRY M. BROWN

SIDE NOTE: LOTS OF FOLKS
SEE ME READING THAT
BOOK "FIRST OVER
GERMANY"
AND LOOKING TO PURCHASE SAME!

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