

Mr. Russ Strong:

On Oct. 2 - 1944 while on a combat mission to Kassel, Germany, we were deep in enemy territory, when heavy flak straight ahead caused the formation to veer to the left.

This caused a B-17 on the far left side of the formation to lose air speed & I saw it suddenly roll to the left and go into a diving spin. After about $1\frac{1}{2}$ turns it pulled out and assumed a proper flying attitude, far behind the formation.

I was very amazed that this could happen and mentioned it at a breakfast in Phoenix last year while at the 8th A.S. Reunion.

Mr. Paul Reivot who was at the table stated that it was his plane that had gone into the spin. We compared our flight logs and were both on the mission and it is most evident that it was certainly his plane.

My name is Charles Gibson (Hoot)
and I hope to make next years reunion.
Yours truly,
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Dear Mr. Strong

I am writing in response to the article in
the "Echoes" concerning, a search for lost 306th mes.
I have a name to have you search for, a mister
John Russell, who was a co-pilot in the 423rd
squadron from mid 1944 until the end of war, and
later the "Casey Jones project" in France. He lived in
"Dingle-Berry Hall".

He lived in Seattle, I saw him last in 1960 when
he came to visit me. I have tried to find him in the
last several years, with no luck.

I wish you good luck & maybe we could meet him
at the reunion at the Sea-Tac. Red Lion.

I also don't have any crew pictures of my crew,
but would like if you can find one to let me know.
When I went overseas, my crew was as follows, pilot,
Charles "Hoot" Gibson, C.P. Howard Keith, N.W.C. Larson,
B.M. Lundberg, Eng. Al. Sepe, R. P., B.T. Reno, The Joe
Borum. W.C. case adrowyze. The plane we were assigned
was "Sweater Girl". I had 32 missions & lot of
different crew members. Good luck finding pictures &
mainly Mr. Russell whereabouts. Sincerely,
Charles H. Gibson