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Dear Mr. Strong:

Recently I was in correspondence with Bill Houlihan. He suggested that I contact you. I am looking for information regarding the demise of my mother's cousin. He, according to Bill, was killed in a three plane collision, on a mission over Berlin on 08 May 1944. It is described on pages, 244 and 245, of your book. (I have it on order.)

My cousin's stats. are as follows:

Name: SSG Haudenshield, John David  
Service #: 33278503  
Unit: 369th Bomb Squadron, 306th Bomb Group  
Position: Tail Gunner  
Born: 20 Nov 16  
Died: 09 May 45 (officially), 08 May 44 (actually)  
HOR: Ramsey Ave. Carnegie, Pa.

If you have any pertinent information regarding John David, I am most interested. Specifically, the intell. debriefing of that mission, the names of his crew, the name or nose art of his plane, how many missions he flew, etc.

My family has little knowledge of John David. His demise has been a 50 year mystery to us. My great-uncle, now 92, recalls somebody visiting his parents after the war presumably to tell them of what happened. There are no records of this visit, and nobody alive who knows more of it.

Bill Houlihan, recommended the 369th combat diary. Would this or any other publication be relevant to my search? If so, enclosed is \$17.00 for the diary.

Thank you for help in the search for the cousin I never knew.

Sincerely,



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