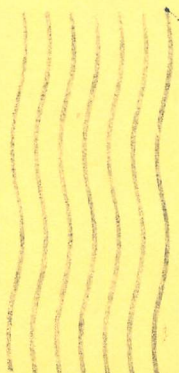


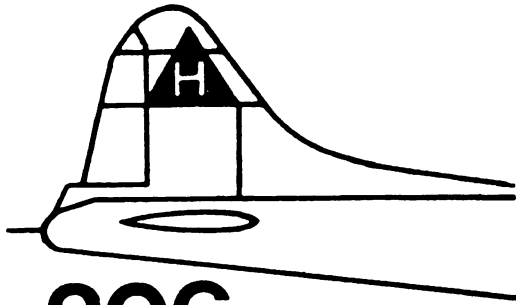
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Dear Jan:

Guess I should have opened with Wayward, and I hope Vic will forgive me.

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Rex C. Barber
2252 South 1000 West
Syracuse, UT 84041

You were going to get me the last name of the British guide in London, the man whom people thought very good. Haven't seen it.

William R. Carlile
1304 Dartmouth Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21234

Had a chat today with Ken McClure, in which he mentioned that he had paid \$16 for a trip to Windsor, and when it had been over-booked, he was unable to join it, also his wife. Says he had written asking about a refund, but has had not response at all.

M/Gen James S. Cheney
630 Cinnamon Court
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Could you look into it?

Victor L. Rose
Rt. 2, Box 238A
Vestal, NY 13850

Hope all is well with Witte and the Waywards. I assume winter is beginning to raise its white, ugly head. Guess we'll avoid it for a bit, probably going to Ohio for New Years.

Past President

Donald R. Ross
P.O. Box 307
Omaha, NE 68101

All the best,

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May 3, 1993

Mr. Russell A. Strong
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, N.C. 28205-4937

Dear Russ:

Enclosed is a print of Earl Youree's original crew in 1942.
Please add to your files. There is not need to return.

You might want to contact William Knar as a new member. A
mutual friend gave me his name and address. He didn't
know the squadron.

William Knar
8-S 815 Toronto St.
Big Rock, Illinois 60511
Tel. (708) 556-3464

I finally found a post office box in our little village
of 400. Note change of address card.

Will see you in Seattle. We are taking AmTrak out of Chicago.
It takes two days but is a relaxing trip.

Cordially,

Ken

Ken McClure

August 17, 1993

Mr. Russell A. Strong
306th Bomb Group Assoc.
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, NC 28205

Dear Russell:

Here are the names and addresses of the former Navy fliers who are interested in joining the 306th. I am also enclosing copies of letters they have written me to give you an idea of their sincerity.

Delbert B. Mitchell
1426 Gardenia Avenue
Camarillo, CA 93010
(805)484-1403

Delwynn Mitchell
P.O. Box 1178
Wendover, Utah 84083

Looking forward to seeing you in Seattle.

Cordially,

Ken

Ken McClure
P.O. Box 460
Sunman, IN 47041
(812)623-4410

2 August 1993

Dear Ken & Polly,

I received your note and the enclosed pamphlets and the two newspaper clippings. I was very much interested in all of the articles. It is so neat to be able to talk to or to meet people such as yourselves, especially since you lived through this time period and had all these glad, bad, and sad experiences. I sometimes feel that I have maybe missed something in my life or maybe I was ~~just~~ just born too late.

Anyway, I'm glad that you arrived back in Indiana safe and I hope that your vacation and journey was pleasant and enjoyable. I contacted my brother about meeting you both and told him about you and I gave him your address. He is the historian when it comes to all of the B-17 squadrons and he has a lot of books of each squadrons tail letters and where they were stationed in England. I am going to call him and let him know that I have heard from you and perhaps he will start his correspondence with you. He was very interested when I told him about meeting you both.

Could you possibly send me a membership brochure about your squadron? I would like to join and pay some membership dues or perhaps contribute something. I appreciate the time that you both took to talk history to me. People like yourselves are the history and legends that we the younger generations look up to.

Well, I must quit writing now, mainly because I'm doing this at work and you know how employers frown on this type of work effort. Please be careful in all that you do and do write back again and provide me with some membership information. God bless you both and look after you.

Delwynn Mitchell

Delbert B. Mitchell
1426 Gardenia Ave
Camarillo, Ca. 93010

Dear Mr. McClure,

On a recent visit to Wendover, Nevada, and the Stateline Hotel and Casino, you met my brother Delwynn Mitchell, who was a security guard at the hotel. He has informed me that you are a veteran of the Eighth Air Force, flying with the 306th Bomb Group, 423rd Squadron. He also informed you that I was a history buff on the Eighth Air Force, and I am especially interested in the B-17 and the crews who flew them. I find this all kind of amusing, since both my brother and I are Vietnam veterans, and career Navy. We both served in the active Navy (four years), and spent the remaining twenty-six years in the Naval Reserve flying P-3 Orions. Since our retirement we have both developed a love for the Air Force, and especially the old Army Air Corps.

It has become a hobby of mine to collect memorabilia of the Eighth Air Force, study the history of the various bomb groups, squadrons, their planes, tail numbers, nose art, final disposition of the planes, and especially the individuals who served so gallantly in them. If it is not too much of an inconvenience, I would appreciate hearing from you, and learning more about your part in the Eighth Air Force, and the 306th Bomb Group. Please call me if you can as I would really like to collect some history about you. My phone number is (805) 484-1403. Thank you for your time, and most of all, thank you for the sacrifice you made personally to guarantee me and my family the continued freedom we enjoy today.

Respectfully yours

Delbert B. Mitchell

PS Currently, I am a member of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society, the 96th Bomb Group Association, the B-17 Association out of England, the Air Force Museum Foundation at Wright-Patterson AF Base, and the Air Force Association. Don't tell anyone I was in the Navy, they might think I'm a traitor.

DEAR RUSS

ANY THANKS FOR SENDING ME THE KURALT ARTICLE THAT WAS IN THE OBSERVER. THEY DID A BEAUTIFUL PIECE ON CHARLIE. THE STORIES IN THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER AND THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR WERE NOT NEARLY AS COMPLETE EVEN THOUGH THE TRIBUTES WERE WELL DONE.

ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR YOUR BOOK. I WANT TO GIVE IT TO MY SON-IN-LAW WHO WAS STILL IN THE CRADLE DURING THE WAR. PLEASE AUTOGRAPH THE BOOK AND SHIP TO:

CHARLES M. GILMORE
1031 KINGSWOOD DRIVE
AKRON, OHIO 44313

AGAIN, MY SINCERE THANKS FOR SENDING ME THE TEAR SHEETS.

CORDIALLY,


KEN McCLURE

P.O. Box 460

SUNMAN, IN 47041

2/26/97

DEAR RUSS:

ENCLOSED IS SOME SAD NEWS FOR THOSE OF US WHO KNEW AND WORKED WITH GOOSE GASLIN. WE BOTH FINISHED OUR TOUR ON THE SAME DAY, JUNE 13, 1943, AND IN THE SAME PLANE. I HAVE FORGOTTEN WHO THE PILOT WAS.

I APPRECIATE THE TROUBLE YOU WENT TO IN SENDING ME THE MATERIAL ON CHARLIE KURALT. FROM ONE OF THE PAPERS I NOTED THAT A&E HAD DONE A BIOGRAPHY ON HIM. SORRY TO HAVE MISSED IT BUT WILL CATCH IT ON A RERUN.

WE ARE LEAVING SUNMAN ON THE FIRST OF NOVEMBER AND WILL MISS THE REUNION. WE PLAN TO SPEND THE WINTER MONTHS IN ARIZONA. CORDIALLY,

Ken

KEN McCLURE