

RECORDS UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish to, fold and mail as per address on reverse side. Or, if obtained at a reunion, hand to Russ Strong)

LAST NAME: Murphy FIRST NAME: John A. "Jack" TITLE: Colonel
STREET ADDRESS: 9713 PETSWOOD DR. TELEPHONE: (714) - 968-1285
CITY: Huntington Beach STATE: Ca. ZIP: 92646

DATE JOINED 306th ASSOCIATION: 1982

REUNIONS ATTENDED: (Years) 5

WIFE'S NAME: _____

LAST EMPLOYMENT: USAF

COLLEGE(S) ATTENDED: Syracuse Univ. DEGREE(S): DATE:
UNIV. SANTA CLARA BA JULY 1956

SERIAL #: 554-05-2704 FR SQDN: 423rd MOS: Pilot/ops. Officer

DATE ARR: June '44 CREW: Alyea, Harry

DATE DEPARTED: Oct '45 HIGHEST RANK IN 306th: Capt.

SERVICE RETIREMENT DATE: 4 Oct '69 RANK or GRADE:
Colonel

DECORATIONS WITH 306TH: DFG Award Medal w/3OLC
EAMECM; ACM; DWM

TOP SERVICE ASSIGNMENT AFTER 306TH: Director of Procurement/Production
Manned Orbiting Lab.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS WITH 306TH:
423rd Operations Officer

QUESTIONNAIRE

CATERPILLAR CLUB - IRVING CHUTE COMPANY

NAME: John A. Murphy Col. USAF (ret)

COMBAT JUMP DATE & MISSION: 15 Dec '44 - Kassel (May 22nd)

HEIGHT WHEN BAILED OUT: UNDER 2000'

ANY PROBLEMS WITH PARACHUTE: NONE

306th Bombardment Group. SQDN: 423rd

Russell Strong
St. Andrews Presbyterian College
Laurinburg, N.C. 28352

26 Aug 76

Dear Russ:

Re your request for info on the latter days of the 306th I have a few photos of ^{423rd} air crews as well as ground crew personnel taken during the period June 1944 to the end of the war. If you can make copies of these I'd gladly send them to you with the understanding that the originals be returned to me. Included among them are photos of some of our aircraft complete with "art" work. Perhaps the British devotee can determine the plane number, some of which are visible on the nose section. Or perhaps the name of the plane ~~is~~ will provide a clue.

Mine was "Milkrun Special". The original ship was lost in a mid-air collision over England while returning from a mission to Kassel on 15 December 1944. Lauren Wilkie, Captain, and myself managed to bail out, the other crewmen in both ships perished in the crash. Milkrun Special II survived the war. The last three digits on the original ship were 019.

You might add Colonel James McKinney to your list of deceased, although I cannot pinpoint the date of his death it was in the late 50s. Mac was the 369th Sqdn Commander during the latter part of the war.

Cordially
John A. Murphy
Colonel USAF (Ret)

9713 Petwood Dr.
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92646

30 August 1976

Col. John A. Murphy
9713 Pettswood Dr
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of 26 Aug, which arrived in the morning mail. I am most appreciative of your answer.

I did know that Col. McKinney was dead, and don't know how I left his name out of the list. I had checked him in the West Point directory early, so had known it for some years.

I would be very interested in any pictures you might be willing to loan me. I could get them copied, probably on the day of receipt, and returned to you immediately. That is the process I have used in the past, and it has worked well.

I would also be interested in knowing more about the midair collision. What happened to cause it, how did you get out of the ship, etc., anything you can now remember about it.

Sometimes such reminiscences are quite painful, I know, but I hope you can tell me a little more about it. I am just beginning to check in to how many survivors there were of such collisions. Several had just one, but I think some had several. I have thus far found seven mid-air collisions in the 306th, one involving three planes over Germany.

And how many near misses all of us went through!

I was one of those who witnessed the 305th midair collision over Tharleigh, the one that is so frequently pictured. It was one of my most frightening combat experiences, although I was not flying at that time but was working in intelligence.

I will appreciate any items you might be willing to loan me, will copy them, and return them almost immediately.

As our search for others in the 306th goes on, can you give us any help--such as WWII hometowns, or colleges attended, or do you know the whereabouts of any of your crew or barracks mates?

I shall look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

1, Scotch Meadows Drive Laurinburg, NC 28352

7 March 1977

Dear Russ:

After sealing my package to you it occurs to me that I can recall a few names & possible locations of 306th personnel:

(Capt) Habert Underwood - 369th Great Falls, Montana
(Lt.) Marwin E. Traver - 423rd Denver, Colo
(Capt) Lemmon E. Smith - 423rd Punxsutanung, Pa.
(Maj) John H. Buie - 423rd ? Texas

And whatever became of Major "Pop" Wendling, one time 423rd Operations Officer whom I succeeded as Ops. Officer?

I'll be looking forward to reading your finished product when it comes on the market.

Cordially,

John A. Murphy

7 Mar 77

Dear Russ:

My apologies for not responding to your letter before this. The mid-air collision occurred on returning from a mission over Kassel on 15 Dec 1944 where we had bombed the marshaling yards I believe. As we approached the coast of England we were flying parallel to some rather heavy cloud build-up. I was leading the low squadron & St. Wilkie was at the controls at the time. The Group Leader called for a turn although it was apparent that we could not complete the maneuver to our new heading before entering the soup. Myself & a number of others in the formation suggested a 270° turn to the left which would have allowed us to enter the clouds straight & level on the desired heading. However the Lead chose to ignore the suggestion & we entered the soup about one-quarter way through the turn. Shortly thereafter & before the completion of the turn the tail-end Charlie in the Lead Squadron apparently lost sight of his wing man & continued to veer down & away to his right. Miraculously he missed the ship on our left wing & collided with us, shearing off our left wing. His ship exploded upon impact, fortunately ours did not.

Only the good Lord knows why Wilkie & I had our chutes on & leg straps fastened. Shortly before the collision I had been sitting in the radio room smoking with some of the crew. Upon returning to the cockpit I slipped into my chute & buckled up, but left the leg straps loose for comfort. Again, fortunately neither of us had fastened our seat belts after switching seats.

The impact threw me across the cockpit with such force that my puny 140# knocked 185# Wilkie right out of the plane. Judging from my appearance, after the crash, I must have rotated around the cockpit several times trying to make an exit with my head. Blinded by blood I found a hole

1 Apr 77

Dear Russ:

It's been 5 or 6 weeks since I forwarded pictures of the 423rd, together with an account of my mid-air collision.

I didn't expect the photos to be returned the following day per your statement, "I could get them copied, probably on the day of receipt, and returned to you immediately", however I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of the pictures.

Cordially
Jack Murphy

Russ you & I had to be at Shurligh together for some period of time as I was flying a training mission that day (305th mid-air) and had to wait while they cleared the debris before landing.

I'm enclosing a few photos of the 423rd Squadron which you may copy & return to us. I trust some of this will permit you to complete the puzzle.

Cordially,

John A. Murphy

P.S. In your search for former members have you ever turned up Charles Robert Diinter, last known address St. Petersburg, Fla.?

5 April 1977

Dear John:

I have been remiss in not telling you that your pictures did indeed arrive safely. In fact, they came just as I had completed a very large copying job from Rudy Skalak's files.

And then I got very busy on my job and with some traveling, and I just have not gotten to it. However, I hope to have it out of the way sometime this week, and have added to the stack some pictures I borrowed last week in Florida from Jim Cheney, onetime group navigator.

They are in safe keeping, and I will return them very shortly.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

5 May 1977

Mr. John A. Murphy
9213 Pettswood Dr.
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Dear John:

Sorry to have been so long in getting these pictures copied, but the pressure of the job just didn't give me any spare time until now.

There were some good pictures here, and several I had not seen before, so I was happy to get them into my list.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

15 June 1977

Mr. John A. Murphy
9213 Pettswood Dr.
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Dear Jack:

Was reading over your description of your collision, and noted some questions that I had probably not answered before. By now you have seen the directory information, so won't refer to the specific names you mentioned. Since that Newsletter we have added more than 100 names to the list, and it keeps on growing. And we have finally located all squadron commanders and above.

We were at Thurleigh at the same time. I came in June 7 and out Dec. 3. But, you know, I have no recollection of that Oct. 22 midair collision. I was working in PID at the time, and it never has rung a bell with me. I have corresponded with Hastings Key, the sole survivor, however.

There was a midair in May 1944 between three planes north of Berlin. And I recently discovered there were three survivors out of it, all EMs, but have not been able to locate any of them, and don't even have a good lead.

I know nothing about Dimter's whereabouts, but have added him to my search list.

We are making some changes in the next 306th Echoes and should have a lot more information in it, and a lot more questions that need answering.

I got some good negatives from your pictures, and am most appreciative for the loan. Got a print the other day of a 306th plane with the nose heavily damaged. I think it may have occurred in April 1944, when both a bombardier and a navigator

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were killed. I'm working on two contacts now to try to identify the plane.

But my picture collection is growing, and I got a nice set this week from a ground crewman that is quite different. They are slowly coming in, and Col. Regan sent along a couple Monday that although of poor quality are identified and I have other prints of some of the same people whom I had been unable to identify.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

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Hohn A. Murphy
9213 PETTSWOOD DR
Huntington Beach
California, 92646

ment Group Association

YORKTOWN VILLAS
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

24 Jan 78

Wm. M. Collins Jr
2973 Heathbrae Dr.
Poland, Ohio 44514

Dear Bill:

I had intended forwarding my check for a copy of the forthcoming publication "History of the 306th B.D.," however, I misplaced the issue containing the application. Please send me another.

Also the computer or someone seems to be having a helluva time keeping my address straight (see enclosed). Please correct it to read:

9713 Pettswood Dr.
Huntington Beach, Calif. 92646

Thanks,

John A. Murphy

...moved down to Kaesong and repatriated
... two years, nine months and 26 days from the date of
... capture."

HELPING THE 306th

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c, MI.

Your continued support of newsletter and research activities is making possible the success of the various 306th ventures. But, we need to remind you that assistance must continue if these activities are to be carried on.

I enclose my check for \$ 51⁰⁰ to support the production and mailing of ECHOES, and reunion activities of the 306th Association. (Mail your check to Wm. M. Collins, Jr., 2973 Heatherbrae Dr., Poland, OH 44514)

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Name John A. Murphy
Address 6713 Parkside Dr
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92641

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Name John A. Murphy
Address 913 Pottswood Dr
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92646

John A Mungley

10/13/80

Mungley

at Huntington Beach,
CA

2200ft
Pullover

hit on bomb run by flak
knocked by ~~the~~ hole in top on bomb run
Radio censors blown into Nabe's lap.
kept warm with heated mitts on hands
& feet.
let down after target

Frage later crashed on air - see
recon quadron

Nabe - after 2nd - 2nd - landed
at base w/ no brakes, plane on side
of runway. Frage tried to ground loop,
but other plane. Wrecked both planes.
Both planes had bombs still in.

Oct 1980

At Huntington Beach, CA

John Murphy

15 Dec

Turn by group leader that put them
into song.

Flying low under lead.

Went out hole.

Flame stayed w/ him.

Popped chute, & pulled away.

Face cut up.

Landed w/ chute in trees 2' off ground.

Two men in jeep there immediately, cut stopped
him, & in hospital in a few minutes.

hauled in hoop evac base.

Don R Spencer CP 423rd
711 Trembley
Grass Route Park 48230

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O 306th Boulevard T Orange Aris
2973 Heatherlee Dr.
Osland Ohio, 44114

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The Brennan Company

ALL FORMS OF INSURANCE
18544 BEACH BLVD. PHONE 962-5597
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF. 92648

Date 2 March 82 Memo-letter only, no reply needed. Reply Requested — Please respond by: _____

Dear Russ:

It seems that months have elapsed since
posting my check for the patent issue of the 8th
A.F. Custony. Has there been a delay in publishing
or what?

Please advise.

Thanks,

Jack Murphy

9213 Petwood Dr.

Huntington Beach, Ca, 92648

P.S. Paul Reiox recently sponsored a mini-mini reunion at his home
in Carlbad attended by ^{Larry} Nohobedian, ^{Harry} Wilke, ^{Harry} Bill Daniels,
Hollis Baker, Leo Van Dusen and myself. Was both wet + enjoyable.

MESSAGE

REPLY

FOLD HERE FOR CENTER WINDOW ENVELOPE

26 Apr '85

Dear Russ -

John Ryan's article in the February issue of Echoes reminded me that I had not yet made my usual contribution to the publication of this very fine news letter.

Enclosed is my check for \$50⁰⁰.

See you in Colorado Springs.

Stay well,

Jack Murphy

13 June '86

Dear Russ -

An enclosing snapshot of "Milk Run Special" and "Milk Run Special II."

Harry Alyea & I flew the original in which Harry & his crew, except for Keys the tail gunner, lost their lives in a mid-air collision.

I flew "Milk Run Special II" with several different co-pilots, not the least of whom was A.J. "Nobby" Kobabedian. This aircraft survived the war I believe. When Wilke & I were involved in a mid-air collision we were flying his o/c. We were leading the group & I was flying Command.

I'm unable to decipher the o/c No. on II, my best guess is 43-38076.

Please return the photos.

See you in Dayton.

Jack

Ret 6/24/86

Dear Jack:

Sorry I haven't answered sooner on the photographer.

It was: Photo Solutions
627 King St
Alexandria, VA 22314

18 Dec 87

3x10 color prints are \$12 each.

All the best,

and A Merry Christmas

Lot Ind.
Dear Russ, I was sure my underhanded approach of including a check with my inquiry would prompt a response, and I was right! However, now I'm confused. My photo as well as Knott's arrived over a week ago. Whom do I thank now? A Merry Xmas & a Happy New Year, Jack

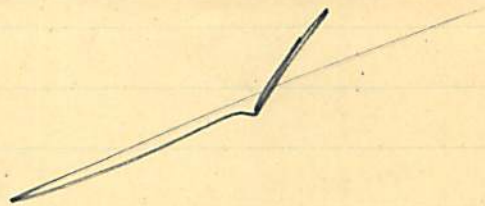
Russ:

5/31

ENJOYED YOUR WORK IN PAST ISSUES OF "ECHOES" RECEIVED FROM BILL COLLINS. LOST MY CREW (PILOT WM. C. MCKEE III) ON #33 INBOUND MID-AIR COLLISION - I WAS IN DEPUTY SHIP HAVING TRADED NIGHT BEFORE WITH BOMBARDIERE BRITT WHO TOOK MY PLACE IN LEAD. OTHER SURVIVOR BRUCE LEE JONES, JR. (CO. PILOT) ROTATED TO STATES AROUND # 17. BRUCE LAST SEEN ON TV ART LINKLETTER SHOW FROM WEST COAST - NO KNOWN ADDRESS. FROM DIRECTORY WHICH I ALSO ENJOYED, ONLY RECOGNIZABLE CLOSE FRIEND "AHA" - "NAHA" - AKA ADAM NAHABEDIAN ON YOUR REGISTER. OUR HOT NAMED "10 DOWNING" -
423RD B.S.
REVIVED DURING KOREA WHEN OLD 306TH NAVIGATOR (NAME CAN'T RECALL) JOINED ME AT 3RD BOMB GROUP AND WE HAD SIGN PAINTED FOR JAPANESE (ABANDONED) FAMILY HOUSING UNIT WE OCCUPIED THERE. SECOND C.O. (ALSO "GRIM REAPERS") LTC JOE BELZER WHO I JUST LEARNED FROM "ECHOES" WAS HOT-SHOT 306TH PILOT. NEVER KNEW THAT ACCTO I SERVED ON HIS STAFF AND WE WERE OLD FORMER PALS. ALSO, FOR YOUR INFO, TOY HUSBAND'S STORY ABOUT B-36

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AND CARSWELL LAKE "DITCH" IS CORRECT. I WAS JUST REPORTING
IN TO NEWLY FORMING 11TH B.G. (B-36s) WHEN CRASH OCCURRED.
NEXT DAY EXAMINED FUSELAGE ALONG WITH MOST OF OTHERS INCLUDING
CONVAIR ENGINEERS. SHIP ^(SHEARED) SPLIT AT FOREWARD BULKHEAD JUST
FORWARD OF COCKPIT AS I RECALL. NOT TOO ENCOURAGING TO SOMEONE
REPORTING IN AS "TRIPLE THREAT" WHO WOULD BE RIDING IN THE
NOSE! ENOUGH FOR NOW - LOOKING FORWARD TO BOOK -



① OH! - HOW DO YOU HANDLE LOST CREWS? I WILL BE
FORWARDING AT LATER DATE COPY OF ORDERS WITH NAMES
OF CREWMEN.

25 Sept 57

Dear Russ:

Re your list of aircraft + pilots:

The original "Milk Run Special" 43-38019 arrived at Thurbigh 5 Sept '44 + was involved in a mid-air collision on 15 Dec '44. The original pilot was Harry Alyea who was lost in a mid-air collision on the way to Hannover on 22 Oct '44. I don't know who else besides Harry + 2 piloted this Alc.

The "Milk Run Special II" 43-38376 arrived at Thurbigh on 24 October 44. I do not know who besides myself piloted this Alc.

Enjoyed seeing you at D.C. and God willing + the creek don't rise, I'll see you in Las Vegas.

Stay well,
Jack

7 Nov '87

Dear Russ -

Re Hollis Baker's letter of 7 Oct '87, his suggestion certainly has merit and I heartily endorse it. What can be done to implement his idea as it surely would go a long way towards perpetuating the memory of the 306th.

Stay well,
Jack

P.S. Knobby & I somehow missed out on obtaining a copy of the 423rd group photograph, can you provide us with the name & address of the photographer.

17 Nov '83

Dear Russ:

Sorry to hear that the size of the groups overwhelmed the photographer Port Knobby. I would still like to obtain copies of the 423rd Squadron. Once again can you provide me with the name + address of the photographer, as well as the cost, if you can.

Thanks,

Jack Murphy

4 Dec '87

Dear Russ -

Did I offend the Board members at the last reunion or am I asking for classified information for which I'm not cleared or what?

I wrote to Gen. Raper Rader requesting the name & address of the photographer who took the pictures at the reunion. Seems to me I even wrote to Russ Strong also. Enclosed a stamped, self addressed envelope to Rader & he did not even have the courtesy to respond.

Please steer me to whomever might have the answer Russ.

A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family.

Stay well,
Jack Murphy

P.S. Enclosed check for whatever useful purpose you choose to apply it, Memorial fund, stamps whatever.

29 Feb '88

Dear Russ:

While browsing through an old footlocker I ran across the enclosed. Hope they will be of assistance in completing your data on the 306th pilots.

Please note I did graduate from co-pilot to pilot.

Stay well,
Jack Murphy

P.S. Also as you will note from the records, I departed the U.K. with a clear conscience. (see Certificate dated 30 August 1945)

2 February 1989

Col. John A. Murphy
9713 Pettswood
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Dear Jack:

Writing for myself, and for Don Ross and Reg Robinson,
let me express our thanks to you for your recent gift
to the 306th BG Project Fund.

Your interest in the Association, as evidenced by your
gift, is much appreciated and you will be hearing again
from us on this matter,

Sincerely yours,

William F. Houlihan
President

Amount Received: \$25.00

7 Mar '89

Dear Russ —

I'd like to express my sincerest appreciation to the many members who sent cards & letters wishing me a speedy recovery from my recent operation. I am now well on my way to recovery and the many cards & letters gave me the incentive I needed to regain my health.

If it is possible please include a note of thanks in the next issue of the Echoes.

God willing 'I'll make the next reunion at Little Rock.

Stay well,

Jack

responded
3/16/89

Updating the 306th

Name Colonel John A. Murphy
Street address 9713 PETSWOOD Dr.
City, state Huntington Beach, CA. Zip 92646-4128
Telephone (714) 968-1285

306th Organization: (If you prefer an organization other than that shown on the label, please indicate _____)

Military Rank: That for regular retired officers is shown as indicated in the **1972 USAF Register**. If yours is incorrect or unlisted, please indicate that which is correct:

Rank COL. Regular X Reserve _____

Title: Professional titles are indicated if known. If you would prefer to have one used, please indicate it _____
If you would prefer to have no title used, check here _____

Do you know the present or former location of any 306th people whom you do not find in the current directory? If so, please list them below with last known location. This may be a complete present address, a WWII address, or only a city and a state. We will endeavor to locate such persons as time permits.

Searching: If you care to assist in searching out information on people in your area, the secretary will be happy to send you his State Lost List. Please check _____

Send this form to:

Secretary
306th BG Assoc.
5323 Cheval Pl.
Charlotte, NC 28205

15 June '90

Dear Russ —

Just in case my phone call did not get through, Knobby passed away the night of 13 June '90. Sad! Sad! I can understand us old bastards going, but, Knobby was just a kid. I'm sure we'll all miss his companionship & humor.

See you in San Antonio,
God willing.

Stay well,
Jack

P.S. Russ I misplaced my 306th Directory, can you send me another?

16 June '20

Dear Russ. —

Hollis Baker & I attended funeral today & I will be at graveside services at VA Cemetery in Riverside, March Field.

Spoke to Addie & she would appreciate continuing to receive the Echoes.

Not surprizingly the Church was standing room only. Nobby had a lot of friends. We'll all miss him.

If the Good Lord willing & the creek don't rise I'll see you in San Antonio. Oh yes & I've asked Dale to cancel Nobby's reservations & refund any money if possible.

Stay well,
Jack

6 Aug '90

Dear Russ -

I feel slighted, I know that I've sent you pictures of Milk Run Special I & II in the past. However, I've never seen one published in any of our books.

Please return the photos to me and I hope that they're included in the next issue of Eclipses.

See you in San Antonio.

Stay well,
Jack

P.S. The check is not a bribe!

P.S.S. What happened to the "Grim Reapers" on the 423rd patch?

Returned
Jim



Paul J Reioux
613 Luana Place
Kihei, Maui, HI 96753
808 879 0090

25 Jan 1996

Dear Russ,

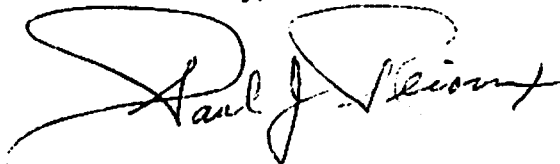
I'm sorry to have to inform you of the death of Col John A. Murphy a 423rd Pilot and a very dear friend of mine. Jack died at 1:00am on Wednesday the 24th of January 1996. He had just turned 80 years old. Jack was hospitalized in Huntington Beach California on September 19, 1995 for lung surgery and remained in the hospital until his death.

I'm sure you have information on his military career but for what it is worth here is some information that I know about him. He graduated with me as a pilot in class 44-A at DAAF Douglas, Arizona and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt on 7 January 1944. I met him again in Sept 1944 in the 306th. I think he retired in 1972 after 28 years of service and I believe his last duty was as a purchasing officer in the Los Angeles area. He also flew a tour during the Berlin Air Lift in C-54s.

I met him again at the 1979 reunion and he attended nearly every reunion after that through 1991. He planned to attend the 1992 reunion in England but his health was such that he could not make the trip and he had been unable to travel since that time.

Russ, would you please send a copy of the "ECHOES" with his obituary in it to his son Tim Murphy at 9713 Pettswood Dr. Huntington Beach, CA 92646. If you want more information you can contact Tim at 714 963 2973

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul J. Reioux". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Russell A. Strong
Sgt, 306TH Bombardment Group
5323 Cheval Pl
Charlotte, North Carolina 28205

7-11-00

DEAR Russell

I am hopeful that this letter either reaches you or a representative of The 306TH Bomber Group. A friend of mine, a WWII G B-17 vet, provided me with the name and address.

My deceased father flew a B-17 (Milkrun Special), with the 306TH. I am enclosing his DD 314 and an excerpt from, "First over Germany," for your information.

I am trying to find an appropriate place to send the paperwork (orders, etc) that I inherited after my father's death. I would appreciate your advice and counsel.

Sincerely,

Richard Murphy

P.O. Box 1826

Glenn Ellen, CA 95442

17 July 2000

Richard Murphy
PO Box 1826
Glen Ellen, CA 95442

Dear Richard:

I was pleased to get your letter a couple of days ago, and to realize that you were the son of a very good friend of mine. Your father and I became well acquainted after the war through this association.

When I made business trips to Southern California I always tried to have lunch with your dad and Aram Nahabedian, whom you may have come to know, as well. We'd spend a great two or three hours on these occasions as I learned more about the war from their vantage points. Both of them had some hairraising experiences, and I was deeply grieved by their deaths.

Please send any paperwork along so that I can make copies of it for my files where it can fill in, and I will retain it all in your Dad's file so that it will ultimately go with my entire collection to the Mighty 8th AF Heritage Museum in Savannah, GA. That will be the repository for my extensive collection of 306th memorabilia and records.

Your father was a fine man and I sorely miss visiting with him. If it would be helpful to you I would be happy to reimburse you for any shippings charges involved.

Sincerely yours,

24 September 1944

(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

1. I certify that I have studied all available operating instructions and have received instructions in the operations of all instruments, controls, starting, ignition and fuel systems and other special installations of the type B-17G airplane, and I have answered the questionnaire as set forth by the Operations Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), and am familiar with the combat crew duties of this particular type airplane.

John A. Murphy

JOHN A. MURPHY, O-764399
2nd Lt. Air Corps.

2. I certify that I have, this date, completed the check flight of 2nd Lt. JOHN A. MURPHY, O-764399, on the type B-17G airplane, and that he is now qualified as Airplane Commander and Pilot of same.

Check Pilot.

Carl N. Grending
CARL N. GRENDING, O-677720
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Commanding General

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 308)

11 November 1944

E X T R A C T

* * * * *
11. The following O, AC, are DP, temp promoted to the gr indicated
in AUS w/rank fr date of this order. (Auth Cir 90, Hq European T of Opns, USA,
17 August 1944)

1ST BOMBARDMENT DIV

2d Lt to 1st Lt

* * * * *
RICHARD E. GARD, 0771869

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JOHN A. MURPHY, 0764399

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SAMUEL A. GOLDBERG 0720059

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RALPH S. TERRELL, 0720034

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IRVING I. GREENBERG, 0719931

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Lindsey L. Braxton,
/t/ LINDSEY L. BRAXTON, Colonel,
Adjutant General

JOHN S. ALLARD,
Brigadier General, USA,
Chief of Staff.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY

Robert F. Morris
ROBERT F. MORRIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant

27 January 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 27)

E X T R A C T

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11. The following O, AC, are DP, temp promoted to the gr indicated in AUS
w/rank fr date of this order. (Auth Cir 90, Hq European T of Opns USA, 17 August
1944):

1ST AIR DIVISION
1st Lt to Capt

STEVE C. KIACZ, 0735317
JOHN A. MURPHY, 0764399

OBERLIN O. SCHWESTKA, 0757304
BONATO (NMI) YANNITELLI JR, 0819378

* * * * *
By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE.

JOHN S. ALLARD,
Brigadier General, USA,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

Lindsey L. Braxton
LINDSEY L. BRAXTON
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

Harold G. Taylor
HAROLD G. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

APO 557.
Date 7 FEBRUARY 1945

INSTRUMENT CHECK

PASSED FAILED

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| 1. Cock-Pit Blind Fold Test. | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| 2. Instrument Take-Off, Gyro Zero, Altimeter Zero, Climb Straight to 2,000 feet at 500 feet per minute. | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| 3. Level off at 2000, trim ship, and do a 180° timed turn to the right and to the left with directional gyro caged. | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| 4. Do a double needle width turn to the right and to the left with both the directional and flight gyro caged. | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| 5. Trim ship and glide down to 1000' at 500' per minute. | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| 6. Do a beam problem in accordance with SOP outlined in "Suggestions For Weather Flying." | | |
| 7. The let-down will be continued until the check pilot gives the signal to go around at which time a normal go around procedure will be affected. | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |

Note: Allowable Variations:

1. Airspeed within plus or minus 10 MPH.
2. Altitude within plus or minus 200 feet.
3. Course within plus or minus 5°.
4. Vertical speed within plus or minus 300 feet per minute.
5. Standard rate turns within plus or minus 5° per 90° of turn.

QUALIFIED X UNQUALIFIED

I certify that I have, this date, instructed and checked JOHN A. MURPHY,
0-764399

Captain, Air Corps, on the above instrument test.

Paul Horvay
PAUL (NMI) HORVAY
Captain, Air Corps,
Flight Commander.
Check Pilot

OFFICE OF THE GROUP SURGEON
306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 557

AAF Station 111

30 August 1945
(Date)

C E R T I F I C A T E

As directed by Letter, Hq., Eighth Air Force, Office of the Commanding General, APO 634, Subject: "Personnel infected with Venereal Disease," dated 22 October 1944, This is to certify that:

Captain John A. Murphy, ASN: 0-764399, 423rd Bomb Sq.

306th Bomb Group (H), APO 557, has been examined this date and at the present time shows no evidence of venereal disease, communicable disease, scabies, body lice, and other vermin infestation.

S. M. Wilson Capt. MC

For. JAMES E. McCLUNG
Captain, Medical Corps

In Endorsement:

What else could one expect from such a clean living boy.

John A. Murphy
JOHN A. MURPHY
Captain, Air Corps

23 August 1945

SUBJECT: Operational History.

TO : Whom It May Concern.

1. Captain JOHN A. MURPHY, O-764399, has for the past six (6) months held the position of Squadron Operations Officer and is at present fulfilling the duties as Squadron Commander. As of this date he has 820:30 hours pilot time of which 213:20 hours are actual combat time. He has completed twenty-six (26) combat missions flown in a B-17C type aircraft.

2. Captain Murphy has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three (3) Oak Leaf Clusters and the E.T.O. Ribbon with five (5) Battle Participation Stars.

3. He left the United States for overseas duty on 16 June 1944.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

J. A. LA MOTTA,
Major, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

Incl III

25 August 1945

SUBJECT: Return of Personnel to the United States.

TO: Commanding General, 1st Air Division, APO 557.

In compliance with the provisions of paragraph 19b, WD Circular No. 8, 6 January 1945, and Section I, Circular No. 104, Hq U. S. Forces, European Theater, 26 July 1945, the following named Officer is recommended for return to the United States in accordance with the provisions of Section I, Circular No. 104, Hq USFET, 26 July, 1945 and para 4, 1st AF Instruction, 17 August 1945, request (1) Name: JOHN A. MURPHY United States for (2) ASN: O-764399.

(3) Rank or Grade: Captain (4) Arm or Service: Air Corps

(5) Home address at which furlough or leave of absence is desired if returned to the United States: 304 E. Vine St., Stockton, California

(6) General or Limited Assignment: General (7) Age: 29, (8) Race: White

(9) Present Duty Status: Sq Operations Officer and Actg Sq Commander

(10) MOS: 2161 (11) ABR: 106

(12) Physical profile index: Q1 (13) Date of arrival in theater: 18 June 1944

(14) Officer is qualified in every respect to perform efficiently the duties of his grade in his Arm or Service.

(15) Dates of all promotions in this theater to cope with the situation:
1st Lt., A. C. 11 November 1944
Captain, A. C. 29 January 1945

(16) Officer has demonstrated his fitness for promotion.
J. A. Murphy
JOHN A. MURPHY, Commanding.

(17) Duty assignments, other than paragraph 9 above, held since arrival in theater: Pilot

(18) Record of Courts-Martial: None

(19) Officer is not undergoing reclassification, courts-martial or similar proceedings at the present time.

- 3 Incls:
Incl #1 - Ltr, Capt J. A. Murphy, with (2) inclosures.
Incl #2 - Statement by Unit Surgeon
Incl #3 - Operational History (Capt Murphy)

H. H. UPHAM
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

OFFICER'S DUTY PERFORMANCE RATING
FOR MONTH OF JUL 1945

Murphy
(LAST NAME)

John
(FIRST NAME)

A.
(INITIAL)

Captain
(RANK)

423rd Bomb Sq (H)
306th Bomb Gp (H)
(ORGANIZATION)

Squadron Operations Officer
(DUTY ASSIGNMENT)

RATING BY IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR

	UNSAT							U.S.	TOT. VAL.	
	-4	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	-
1. Physical Activity and Endurance							X			6
2. Stability Under Pressure					X					5
3. Attention to Duty						X				6
4. Cooperation							X			7
5. Initiative					X					6.5
6. Intelligence					X					6.5
7. Force					X					6.5
8. Judgment and Common Sense					X					6.5
9. Leadership						X				6
10. Ability to Obtain Results						X				6
Totals										5.6

Earl W. Kesling Lt Col.
(Signature) (Rank)

Earl W. Kesling Dept for Ops
(Print Name) (Duty)

Numerical Rating 5.6
Adjectival Rating Sup

RATING BY UNIT COMMANDER

	UNSAT							U.S.	TOT. VAL.	
	-4	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	-
1. Physical Activity and Endurance								✓		5
2. Stability Under Pressure								✓		5
3. Attention to Duty								✓		5
4. Cooperation									✓	7
5. Initiative								✓		6
6. Intelligence								✓		5
7. Force								✓		6
8. Judgment and Common Sense								✓		6
9. Leadership								✓		6
10. Ability to Obtain Results								✓		6
Totals										57

John H. Buie
(Signature) (Rank)
JOHN H. BUIE, Sq. Commander
(Print Name) (Duty)

Numerical Rating 5.7
Adjectival Rating Sup

EXPLANATION OF UNSATISFACTORY RATINGS: _____

OFFICER WAS NOTIFIED OF UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE ON _____ 1945.

ANY OTHER REMARKS: _____

701
13 Aug 1943
(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

1. I certify that I have studied all available operating instructions and have received instructions in the operations of all instruments, controls, starting, ignition and fuel systems and other special installations of the type UC64A airplane, and I have answered the questionnaire as set forth by the Operations Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), and am familiar with the combat crew duties of this particular type airplane.

John A. Murphy
0-764399
Captain A.C.

2. I certify that I have, this date completed the check flight of Capt. John A. Murphy 0-764399, on the type UC64A airplane, and that he is now qualified as Airplane Commander and Pilot of same.

Check Pilot Jensen E. Smith
0-770848
Capt MC.

22 Aug 1945
(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

1. I certify that I have studied all available operating instructions and have received instructions in the operations of all instruments, controls, starting, ignition and fuel systems and other special installations of the type P 47 D airplane, and I have answered the questionnaire as set forth by the Operations Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), and am familiar with the combat crew duties of this particular type airplane.

John A. Murphy
JOHN A. MURPHY
Captain, Air Corps.

2. I certify that I have, this date completed the check flight of JOHN A. MURPHY, Capt. AC, on the type P 47 D airplane, and that he is now qualified as Airplane Commander and Pilot of same.

Check Pilot.

William J. Haase
WILLIAM J. HAASE
Captain, Air Corps.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq Eighth Air Force, File 200.6, 4 August 1944, subject, "Awards and Decorations", an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded, for wear with the AIR MEDAL previously awarded, to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men, organizations as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over Germany and German occupied countries. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

423 306th Bombardment Group (H)
* JOHN A. MURPHY, O-764399, 2nd Lt. Clermont, Florida.
* STOCKTON, CALIF.
* By command of Major General WILLIAMS:

OFFICIAL
ROBERTS T. JOHNSON, JR.,
Lieut. Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

BARTLETT BEAMAN,
Brigadier General, U.S. Army.
Chief of Staff.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 404)

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EXTRACT

Hq 1st Bombardment Division,
APO 557, 8 October 1944.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq Eighth Air Force, File 200.6, 23 September 1944, subject, "Awards and Decorations", an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded for wear with the AIR MEDAL previously awarded to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men, organizations as indicated; Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over Germany and German occupied countries. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

423 306th Bombardment Group (H).

* JOHN A. MURPHY, O-764399, 2nd Lt. Clermont, Florida.
* STOCKTON, CALIF.

* By command of Major General WILLIAMS:

BARTLETT BEAMAN,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL
OFFICIAL
ROBERTS T. JOHNSON, JR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq Eighth Air Force, File 200.6, 23 September 1944, subject, "Awards and Decorations", an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded for wear with the AIR MEDAL previously awarded to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men, organizations as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

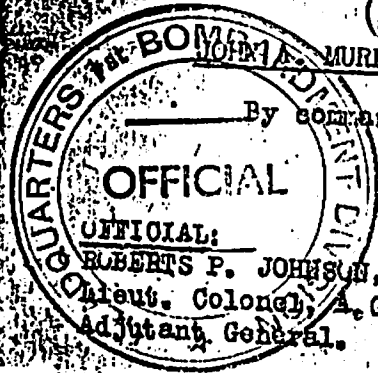
Citation: For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over Germany and German occupied countries. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

(v) 306th Bombardment Group (H)

MURPHY, O-764399, 1st Lt., ~~Stockton, Calif.~~ ^{Clermont, Florida.}

By command of Brigadier General TURNER:

BARTLETT BEAMAN,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.



OFFICIAL:
ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.,
Lieut. Colonel, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AIR DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General
APO 557

GENERAL ORDERS)

20 July 1945.

NUMBER 498)

I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq Eighth Air Force, File 200.6, 23 September 1944, subject, "Awards and Decorations", the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following-named Officer.

JOHN A. MURPHY, O-764399, Captain, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on bombing missions over enemy territory from 17 July 1944, to 10 April 1945. In the performance of these operations Captain Murphy exhibited a high degree of flying skill and devotion to duty. The exemplary manner in which this officer executed assigned tasks in the face of hazardous opposition from the enemy contributed materially to the effectiveness of the formations in which he flew and the safety of aircraft and crew. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Captain Murphy on these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from ~~Stockton, Calif.~~ CALIF.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL TURNER:

BARTLETT BEAMAN,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

MONTHLY DUTY PERFORMANCE RATING
FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1945

MURPHY JOHN A. Captain 423rd Bomb Sq (H) Operations O
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial) (Rank) (Squadron)

Rating by Immediate Superior who knows him best applies to this month only	Superior	Excellent ✓	Very Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	+
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John S. Chalfant
(Signature)
CHALFANT, John S. Lt Col
(Print Name) (Rank)
Group Operations Officer
(Duty)

Over-All Rating CO would give if officer were transferred today	Superior	Excellent ✓	Very Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	+
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John H. Buie
(Signature)
BUIE, John H. Major
(Print Name) (Rank)
Commanding
(Duty)

+Explain unsatisfactory ratings here _____

+Officer was notified of unsatisfactory performance on _____, 1945

Any other Remarks: _____

+Note: This form to be completed on every officer to reach Station Executive by the 2d of each month.

MONTHLY DUTY PERFORMANCE RATING
FOR MONTH OF May, 1945

MURPHY John A Captain 423rd Bomb Sq (H) Sq operations officer
(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial) (Rank) (Squadron)

Rating by Immediate Superior who knows him best applies to this with only	Superior	Excellent	Very Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
	X				

Over-All Rating CO would give if officer were transferred today	Superior	Excellent	Very Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
	60				

Earl W. Kesling
(Signature)
EARL W. KESLING Lt
(Print Name) (Rank)
Op for Opns.
(Duty)

John H. Buie
(Signature)
BUIE, J.H. Major
(Print Name) (Rank)
Commanding.
(Duty)

+Explain unsatisfactory ratings here _____

Officer was notified of unsatisfactory performance on _____, 1945

Any other Remarks: _____

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John A. Murphy AKA "JACK"
423rd Sqdr Ops Officer

Mission No	Location	Target	Hours	Date	Target	Alt Nos.
1	Jesse, France		5	7 July 44	Bridge	505
2	Echelsbuch		8 ³ / ₄	21 July 44	BALL BEARING WORKS	418
3	ST. LO, Fr.		5 ¹ / ₂	24 July 44	Front Lines	196
4	ST. LO, Fr		4 ³ / ₄	25 July 44	" "	196
5	Mersburg, Gr.		9	28 July 44	Gas Plant	019
6	Munich, Gr		9 ¹ / ₂	31 July 44	MARKETING YARDS	019
7	Merkelen, Fr.		7 ³ / ₄	3 Aug 44	Oil Plant	019
8	Dollbungen, Gr		7 ¹ / ₂	5 Aug 44	" "	180
9	Caen, Fr.		6	8 Aug 44	Front Lines	616
10	Raven, Fr		5	13 Aug 44	" "	055
11	Reenwurde		9 ³ / ₄	25 Aug 44	Missile Plants	180
12	Hydenwerkes		7	26 Aug 44	Oil Refinery	153
13	Kiel, Gr.		8	30 Aug 44	Naval Yards	418
14	Kehlband, Gr.		10	12 Sept 44	Oil Refinery	616
15	Uutke, Holland		6 ¹ / ₄	17 Sept 44	Air base	019
16	Kassel, Gr.		8 ¹ / ₂	2 Oct 44	MARKETING YARDS	616
17	Cologne, Gr.		2 ¹ / ₂	5 Oct 44	"	153
18	St. Alseid, Gr		10	6 Oct 44	Power House	153
19	Ruhlant, Gr		9 ¹ / ₂	7 Oct 44	?	196
20	Mannheim, Gr		6 ³ / ₄	19 Oct 44	MARKETING YARDS	467
21	Munster, Gr.		6 ¹ / ₂	30 Oct 44	"	963
22	Kassel, Gr.		8	15 Dec 44	"	019 Mid-air Collis
23	Neckarsulm		8 ¹ / ₄	1 Mar 45	"	671
24	Ulm, Gr		8 ¹ / ₄	4 Mar 45	"	362
25	Bremen, Gr.		8 ¹ / ₄	30 Mar 45	Bridge	443
26	Oranienburg (Berlin)		9 ¹ / ₄	10 Apr 45	Air Field	662



FIRST OVER GERMANY

A History
of the 306th Bombardment Group

By Russell A. Strong

HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR FORCES WESTERN FLYING TRAINING COMMAND AGA 40E/k1
1104 WEST EIGHTH STREET, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

201

7 January 1944

MURPHY John A
44-A Pilot (12-1-43)

SUBJECT: Temporary Appointment.

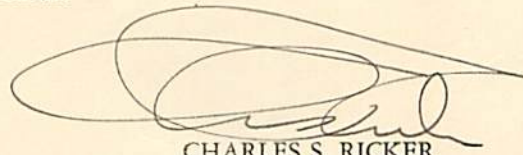
TO : Second Lieutenant JOHN ARTHUR MURPHY
Army of the United States
(Stockton, California)
DAAF, Douglas, Arizona

A 0-764399

1. The Secretary of War has directed me to inform you that the President has appointed and commissioned you a temporary Second Lieutenant, Army of the United States, effective this date. Your serial number is shown after A above.
2. This commission will continue in force during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being, and for the duration of the war and six months thereafter unless sooner terminated.
3. There is enclosed herewith a form for oath of office which you are requested to execute and return. The execution and return of the required oath of office constitute an acceptance of your appointment. No other evidence of acceptance is required.
4. This letter should be retained by you as evidence of your appointment as no commission will be issued during the war.

By command of Major General COUSINS:

1 Inclosure:
Form for oath of office.



CHARLES S. RICKER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Actg. Asst. Adjutant General

Appointment accepted, Oath administered..... 1/7/44

Ordered to active duty:

At..... Douglas, Ariz.

On..... 1/7/44

PERSONNEL ORDERS)

No. 2)

HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR FORCES WESTERN FLYING TRAINING COMMAND

1104 West 8th Street, Santa Ana, California

7 January 1944

EXTRACT

25. Pursuant to authority contained in Paragraph 8 a (1) (a) AAF Regulation 50-7, 26 July 1943, the following-named Second Lieutenants, Army of the United States (Air Corps), graduates of Class WFTC 44-A, AAF Pilot School, Douglas Army Air Field, Douglas, Arizona, are rated Pilot under the provisions of Army Regulation 95-60, 20 August 1942, and Paragraph 3 c (1), AAF Regulation 50-7, 26 July 1943.

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Harold Leonard Abrams | Charles Warren Burnham | James Bryan Edmiston, Jr. | Richard Francis Irigoyen |
| Sheldon Leon Abrams | John Oliver Buslee | Jack Edwin Eldridge | Ernest William Jackson |
| George Clark Ackley | Anor Eugene Buswell | Harry Nulon Elgee | Warren Le Roy Jackson |
| Orin Wesley Adair | Myron Himes Buswell | Glen Humphrey Ellerman | Robert William James |
| Edward Croy Adams | Doyle David Cabaniss | Basil Elwin Ellis | James Jackson Jarvis, Jr. |
| Wayne Guy Adler | Norman Eugene Caldwell | William Henry Emhardt | Clarence Ernest Jensen, Jr. |
| Wallace Irving Akerman | Robert Burns Campbell | Howard Richard Erkel | Daniel Clayton Johnson |
| Leilan Albright | Robert Thomas Cannon, Jr. | Eugene Clay Estes, Jr. | Leroy Herman Johnson |
| Evan Edward Allan | William Boyd Cannon | Harold Stanton Falkenberg | Edward Robinson Jolley |
| John Allen | Tilmon Bosworth Cantrell | Curtis Tilberg Fallgren | A Winfield Jones |
| Kenneth Pennington Allmond | Robert Leroy Cardon | Ray Redmond Faust, Jr. | Chester Calvin Jones, Jr. |
| Robert Eugene Anderson | Herbert Austin Carter | James Joseph Fielding, Jr. | John Willard Jones, Jr. |
| Mark Anthony | Daniel Casey | Michael Henry Fisch | William Clarence Jones |
| Gene Gervase Arnold | Harold Archie Caskey | John Jacob Frank | Robert Francis Joyce |
| Leonard Capron Ashton, Jr. | John Louis Cathiey | John Edward Fraynd | Erwin Joseph Kaidy |
| Donald Carey Askew | Jack George Cauthen | Bernard Gale Freeman | Frank Stephen Kakos |
| Robert Melvin Atchison | Charles Mac Chambers | Jack Junior Frost | William John Kapitzke |
| Richard Lambert Auten | John Weems Chastain | Stephen Fuda | Alfred Ralph Karahadian |
| Alfred Bernard Baker | Bruno John Chiarello | Luther Covington Furlow, Jr. | Alfred Pruden Kelley, Jr. |
| Myron Burch Baldwin | Enlo Palmer Chisholm | Harold Luvern Galitz | Earl Preston Kelley |
| Claude Leon Ball | Roland William Chivers | Thomas Edward Gallenkamp | Leon Keith Kidwell |
| George Harold Bamford | Robert James Chrisjohn | Glen Albert Gardner | Greene Augustus King, Jr. |
| James Edward Barbour, Jr. | William Laurie Claiborn | Aldo Dionigi Gavazza | Raleigh William King, Jr. |
| Day LaMar Bassett | Charles Ellis Clifton | George Alvin Geissel | Carroll Benjamin Kinseth |
| Frank Ricks Bauman | Louis William Cochran | Emil John Bernard Goeplein | Carl Edward Kious |
| Ernest Charles Bean | Lynn Gordon Cochran | Raymond Wilson Goode | Donald Harold Kitzman |
| Edwin Edward Beckmann | Robert Carder Coe | M Jay Goodman, Jr. | LeRoy Peter Kohl |
| Morris Valentine Beddoe, Jr. | Otha Vester Coke | Willard Stirling Goodrich | Gayle John Kral |
| Edwin Conrad Berg | Roy Dale Collier | Sidney Van Antwerp Gottlieb | Orval Carl Kroening |
| Ralph Sheldon Bergstrom | Thomas William Collins | Thomas Daniel Graves | Floyd Everett Kuehnis, Sr. |
| Donald George Berry | Donald Orie Conklin | Carl Louis Griffis, Jr. | LeRoy Herbert Kutscher |
| Carl Lamont Bess, Jr. | Jeremiah William Conrow | Kenneth Gordon Gurnee | Stephen Henry Lakatosh |
| Bill William Biddle | Leo Warren Cook | Roscoe Barker Hamblin | Kenneth Wayne Lake |
| Paul Woodrow Binford | Allan Gordon Cooper | Robert William Hamilton | Richard Blaine Lamborn |
| Samuel Bourgeois Blanchard | Charles Hartly Cooper | Ralph Emory Hamlin | Robert Pierce La Moreaux |
| John Robert Blunk | Woodrow Cornelison | Dee Ras Hansen | Lawrence Drewery Lampton |
| Leslie Richard Boehm | Thurlow Kemper Cornwell, Jr. | George Washington Harben, Jr. | Arthur Humphrey Lancaster, Jr. |
| Richard Frederick Boepple | Earl William Craig | Roger Claude Hardin | Dwane Edward Lape |
| William Clayton Boggess | James Donald Craig | Robert William Harley | Graham Donald Lardner |
| John Joseph Bowen | Harold Lee Creel | James Cecil Harris | Robert A. Laurence |
| Herman Boyd | Albert Harvey Criss | William Richard Harrison, Jr. | Francis Michael Lee |
| Justin Baird Bradshaw | Thomas Cogswell Daniel, Jr. | Gilbert Randolph Hay | Paul Edward Lee |
| Russell William Branham | M C Davis | Delmont Hayes | Edward Clark Lehnhausen |
| Harry Linn Branscomb | Billy Bartee Dement | Charles Herbert Heintz | Harry Lemly |
| William Luther Briggs, Jr. | Alfred Weldon Depner | James Hubert Heinzen | James Peter Lemon |
| Robert Matthiesen Brimmer | Robert Elden DeVaughn | Paul Henneberry, Jr. | Lester William Levin |
| James Gaillard Bristol | David John Dickie | Le Roy Fremont Hildebrand | Alvin Zalman Levine |
| Dan A. Brown, Sr. | Howard Lamar Dickson | Carl Hintze, Jr. | William Buford Lewallen |
| Garner Edwin Brown | John William Dillman | Eugene Leonard Hite | James Rudder Lewis |
| Harold Brown | Gordon William Dixon | John Henry Horn | Henry Ralph Liles |
| Wayne Verle Brown | Richard Dobry | Robert Gayle Houghton | Roger Madison Lindell |
| Dellon Edward Bumgardner | Donald Corwin Douglas | Louis Philip House | James Boyd Lindsey |
| Brian Randolph Bumpass | Elbert Randolph Downing | George Guinn Howe | Francis Louis Lisciotti |
| Paul Kress Bupp | Thomas Allen Duncan | William Orville Hubbs | Henry John List, Jr. |
| Robert William Burman | Richard Wagner Eckels | William Llewellyn Hughes, Jr. | Edwin T Long |
| Harry Clifton Burmester | George Anthony Edge | Robert Ray Ireland | Frederick William Lovins |

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ARMY AIR FORCES ADVANCED FLYING SCHOOL
Douglas, Arizona

OFFICER'S DATA SHEET

1. Name Murphy, John A. Date 1-18-44
2. ASN O-764399 Rank 2nd Lt. (~~AUS~~) (~~AUS-10~~) Date of Rank 1-7-44
 Arm or Service Air Corps
3. Date of Birth 1-18-16 Height 5-8 1/2 Weight 140 Color Hair Brown
 Color Eyes Blue
4. Local Residence B.O.G.
 (Street) (City) (State)
 Phone: _____ No. of Rooms _____ Rent Per Month _____
5. Persons to be notified in emergency, give name, address, and phone number
 Name John W. Murphy Address General Delivery Clermont, Florida Phone _____
 Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____
6. Nearest Relative: Name J.W. Murphy Address General Delivery Clermont Florida
 Relationship Father
7. Father: Name J.W. Murphy Address Gen'l Delivery Clermont Florida
8. Mother: Name Deceased Address _____
9. Religious Preference: Catholic Married 1 Single
10. Wife's Name _____ Address _____
11. Children: Name Richard J. Murphy Sex Male Age 7
 Name Jacqueline M. Murphy Sex Female Age 5
 Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____
12. Service Schools Attended None
13. Education:
- | | Name of Institution | Graduate | Year |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Highschool | <u>Bellarmino College Prep</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>1933</u> |
| Univ. or College | <u>Univ of Santa Clara</u> | <u>No</u> | |
| Other | | | |

Station _____

OFFICER'S CLASSIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE
Read Instructions on Reverse Side Before Filling In

Name Murphy John Arthur Rank 2nd LT
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Branch A.C. Reverse _____ Regular A.U.S. Serial Number 0-764399

If Air Forces give all aeronautical ratings _____

Date Commissioned 1-7-44 Date of Rank 1-7-44 Total active duty excluding
CCC _____

Date originally commissioned in present rank 1-7-44 Total CCC duty if any _____

Present duties Instructor Date reported for extended active duty _____

Date of birth 1-18-16 Place of birth Grand Junction Colorado Married No Number of dependents 2

Present address B.O.D. Local home phone _____

Legal home address 304 E. VINE ST. STOCKTON CALIFORNIA

Name of Person to be notified in emergency J.W. Murphy Relationship Father

Address of this person General Delivery CLERMONT FLORIDA

Briefly outline your education, giving schools, dates, major courses and degrees, if any:

SCHOOLS ATTENDED	LOCATION	DATES ATTENDED	DEGREE	SUBJECT RECEIVED IN
<u>Bellarmine Collg. Prep.</u>	<u>Santa Clara Calif</u>	<u>1929-1933</u>		
<u>Univ. Santa Clara</u>	<u>Santa Clara Calif</u>	<u>1933-1935</u>		<u>Business Administration</u>

Briefly outline your military training including military specialities and service schools with course and date graduated: _____

Civilian occupation in order of experience:

1. Firm name Continental Can Co. Inc. Type of business Tin Can Mfg.
Position held Purchasing Agent Nature of work Purchasing
Dates of employment 1935-1943 Total time 8 years
2. Firm name _____ Type of business _____
Position held _____ Nature of work _____
Dates of employment _____ Total time _____

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL REPORT

1-18-44

(Station)

(Date)

Murphy
(LAST NAME)

John
(FIRST NAME)

Arthur
(MIDDLE NAME)

0-704399 2nd LT A.C.
(SERIAL NO)(RANK)(ARMY)

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: 304 E Vine St Stockton Calif

NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: J.W. Murphy (Name) Father (Relationship)

General Delivery Clermont Florida
(Complete Address)

SINGLE MARRIED WIFE'S GIVEN NAME

CHILDREN	NAME	AGE	SEX
	Richard J. Murphy	7	Male
	Jacqueline M. Murphy	5	Female

OTHER DEPENDENTS None

GOVERNMENT INSURANCE	AMOUNT	TYPE	BENEFICIARY
	\$10,000	N	J.W. Murphy - Father

OTHER INSURANCE COMPANY	AMOUNT	TYPE	BENEFICIARY

LOCATION OF POLICIES, WILL or other important papers:

RELIGION Catholic (Denomination must be shown)

REMARKS

John A. Murphy 2nd LT A.C.
(Signature)

PUBLIC RELATIONS QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name Murphy John Arthur Rank 2nd LT. Birth Date 1-18-16
2. Permanent Home Address 304 E. Vine ST Stockton Calif.
3. Address (Temporary) B.O.D.
4. RELIGION Catholic Married No Dependents Yes No. Two
5. FATHER'S NAME John W. Murphy Mother's Name _____
6. Wife's Name _____ Children's Names Jacqueline M. Murphy
Richard J. Murphy
7. High School Bellarmino College Prep. College Univ of Santa Clara
8. Graduated No Degree In _____ Major Business Administration
- Minor _____ Fraternities or Clubs _____
- Sports Basketball Lettered In Basketball
- Other Extra Curricular Activities _____
9. Civilian Occupation Purchasing Agent Hometown Newspaper(s) Stockton Record
10. Date of Original Appointment _____ Date of Promotion _____
11. Military Experience _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
12. Date of Marriage May 1935 Wife's Maiden Name _____
- Wife's Hometown _____ Parent's Names _____
13. Remarks: Divorced
- _____
- _____
14. Do you object to articles, etc., being published regarding you? No

R E S T R I C T E D

SO # 155, PAR 1, HQ 271ST STAGING BASE, KAAF, KEATNEY, NEBR., DD 3 JUNE 1944.

<u>POS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>
<u>CREW NO - 176-46 - SHIPMENT CREW NO FC-333-AA-33</u>				
P	2nd Lt	(1024)	WILLIAM D HURDIS	0815144
CP	2nd Lt	(1022)	ELMER MITTWOCH	0764743
N	2nd Lt	(1034)	MERTON L POND	0717495
B	2nd Lt	(1035)	MARK K MILLER JR	0769169
E	Sgt	(748)	Louis A Dahle	16034867
R	Sgt	(757)	Daniel W Richmond	19095141
AG	Sgt	(612)	Paul A Stencil	19143730
CG	Cpl	(611)	Lawrence C Johnston	39620103
CG	Sgt	(757)	Howard K Kirshman	18061880
CG	Cpl	(611)	Robert S McEwan	12191888

<u>CREW NO - 176-47 - SHIPMENT CREW NO FC-333-AA-34</u>				
P	2nd Lt	(1024)	JOHN H INGALLS JR	0815148
CP	2nd Lt	(1021)	WILLIAM D MOCK	0763707
N	2nd Lt	(1034)	HOWARD V QUINN	0717497
B	2nd Lt	(1035)	WILMOT J MILLER	0769074
E	S/Sgt	(748)	Robert E L Crunk	18051048
R	Sgt	(757)	Willard W Largent	19113064
AG	Cpl	(612)	Kenneth R Howard	37565137
CG	Cpl	(611)	Leonard F Johnson	37533986
CG	Sgt	(757)	Lawrence J Maher	36731585
CG	Sgt	(748)	Melvin Milbouer	32813868

<u>CREW NO - 176-48 - SHIPMENT CREW NO FC-333-AA-35</u>				
P	2nd Lt	(1024)	HARRY J ALYEA JR	0682757
CP	2nd Lt	(1022)	JOHN A MURPHY	0764399
N	2nd Lt	(1034)	MATTHEW I RADNOFSKY	0717500
B	2nd Lt	(1035)	CHARLES E MUELLER	0769171
E	Sgt	(748)	Frank Miller	32756638
R	S/Sgt	(757)	Donald W Coleman	39129086
AG	Sgt	(612)	Robert P M Capps	17146753
CG	Cpl	(611)	Gilbert H Terry	12145778
CG	Sgt	(757)	Vincent E O'Brien	36557569
CG	Cpl	(611)	Hastings S Key Jr	18058352

<u>CREW NO - 176-1 - SHIPMENT CREW NO FC-333-AA-36</u>				
P	F/O	(1024)	JAMES T McSTAY	E190746
CP	F/O	(1022)	MAX J BRUTON	E2374
N	2nd Lt	(1034)	ANTHONY J CARLINO	0716627
B	2nd Lt	(1035)	BENNETT R SCHWARTZ	0743901
E	Sgt	(748)	Everett L Findley	37047697
R	S/Sgt	(757)	Alexander W Chominski	6731394
AG	Sgt	(612)	Keith J Thompson	38471290
CG	Cpl	(611)	Frank L Watkins	39862479
CG	S/Sgt	(757)	Earl E Hall	6919468
CG	Cpl	(611)	John J Fredericks	35893073

OFFICIAL:

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 111
APO 557

23 August 1945

SUBJECT: Return of Personnel to the United States.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Air Division, APO 557.

In compliance with the provisions of paragraph 19b, WD Circular No. 8, 6 January 1945, and Section I, Circular No. 104, Hq U. S. Forces, European Theater, 26 July 1945, the following named Officer is recommended for return to the United States:

- (1) Name JOHN A. MURPHY (2) ASN 0-764399
(3) Rank or Grade Captain (4) Arm or Service Air Corps
(5) Exact address at which furlough or leave of absence is desired if returned to the United States 304 E Vine St., Stockton, California
(6) General or Limited Assignment General (7) Age 29 (8) Race White
(9) Present Duty Status Sq Operations Officer and Actg Sq Commander
(10) MOS 2161 (11) ASR 106
(12) Physical profile index Q (13) Date of arrival in theater 18 June 1944
(14) Officer is qualified in every respect to perform efficiently the duties of his grade in his Arm or Service
(15) Dates of all promotions in this theater:
1st Lt., A. C. 11 November 1944
Captain, A. C. 29 January 1945
(16) Officer has demonstrated his fitness for promotion.
(17) Duty assignments, other than paragraph 9 above, held since arrival in theater. Pilot
(18) Record of Courts-Martial None
(19) Officer is not undergoing reclassification, courts-martial or similar proceedings at the present time.

3 Incls;

- Incl #1 - Ltr, Capt J. A. Murphy,
with (2) inclosures.
Incl #2 - Statement by Unit Surgeon
Incl #3 - Operational History (Capt Murphy)

H. H. UPHAM
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

423RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 557, U. S. Army

23 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Return to United States for Emergency Reasons.

TO : Commanding Officer,
AAF Station 111,
APO 557, U. S. Army.

1. In accordance with the provisions of Section I, Circular No. 104, Hq USFET, 26 July, 1945 and par 4, 1st AD Instructions, 18 August 1945, request that I be returned to the United States for emergency reasons.

2. The exact nature of the emergency is as follows:

(a) Approximately four years ago I obtained a divorce from my wife. At that time we had a verbal agreement that I should have custody of the children, Richard age eight and Jacquelin age six. About two and a half years ago my former wife remarried and now that she has a home to offer, is endeavoring to obtain custody of the children. Since my divorce I have been the sole support of the children and they have been well cared for by a responsible party, who has recently advised me of my former wife's intention of taking the children to Wyoming with her.

(b) It is imperative that I return to the States immediately in order to prevent this and also instigate proceedings to obtain legal custody of the children. If I can return immediately I will be able to save the time and expense of long drawn out court proceedings.

3. Name and relationship of adult family able to cope with the situation:
None.

2 Incls.
Incl. -1- Certified true excerpt, letter
Mrs. T. Craig.
Incl. -2- Sworn statement, Capt. Murphy.

JOHN A. MURPHY,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY ADDRESS BOTH
COMMUNICATION AND EN-
VELOPE TO COMMANDING
GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL
COMMAND, ATTENTION FOL-
LOWING OFFICE SYMBOL:

MCALXPL

MCALXPL/EW/HCL/jt
17 November 1949

SUBJECT: Army of Occupation Medal

TO: Captain John A. Murphy
Office of the AF Plant Representative
Allison Division, GEC
Indianapolis, Indiana

Inclosed herewith is an Army of Occupation Medal with Germany
Clasp as requested in your letter, undated, subject: "Army of
Occupation Medal".

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CHIDLAW:

1 Incl
Army of Occupation Medal

D. C. Sloan
D. C. SLOAN Major, USAF
for Colonel, USAF
Deputy Chief
Military Personnel Division

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

16 March 1951

PERSONNEL ORDERS)
NO. 53)

EXTRACT

1. The following-named officers are rated SENIOR PILOT under the provisions of paragraph 3b, AFR 50-7, dated 10 July 1946, as amended:

* * * * *
CAPT. JOHN A. MURPHY, AO764399, USAF

* * * * *

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

R. E. NUGENT
Major General, USAF
Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel

OFFICIAL:

John A. Murphy
JOHN A. MURPHY
Major, USAF
Deputy Chief,
Cleveland Regional Office

THIS IS A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF MILITARY SERVICE

Murphy, John A. Major

DATES		MOS	DUTIES	UNIT OR ORGANIZATION AND STATION OR THEATER
FROM	TO			
7 Sept 42	18 Mar 43		ERC	
19 Mar 43	7 Jan 44	A/C Pilot	Tng PT-22(62Hrs),BT-13(43hrs),AT-17(72hrs)	
8 Jan 44	19 Feb 44	1024	Co-Pilot,B17 Transition,32hrs	Army Air Base, Yuma,Ariz.
20 Feb 44	20 May 44	1024	Co-Pilot,B17,RTU 151hrs	AAB, Alexandria, La
21 May 44	3 Jul 44	0001	Deptd.US, 16 Jun 44. Arrd at Base in England 3 Jul 44	MOPR
4 Jul 44	23 Sept 44	1024	Co-Pilot B17, 14 Cmbt.Miss., 110 hrs Cmbt.182hrs Totflyg time	Combat Crew Repl US & Enroute 423rd BSq.306th BGp (H) 8th AAF, England
24 Sept 44	28 Oct 44	1091	Pilot B17, Combat Miss,60 Cmbt hrs,72 hrs total	Same
29 Oct 44	22 Nov 44	1091	Pilot B17, 14hrs flyg	Same
23 Nov 44	28 Feb 45	1091	Pilot B17, 1 Cmbt Miss,8Cmbt hrs; Asst Sq Opns Off	Same
1 Mar 45	20 Mar 45	2161	Sq Opns Off, 2Cmbt Miss, 19 Cmbt Hrs	Same
21 Mar 45	30 Jun 45	2161	Sq Opns Off 2 Cmbt Miss, 17 Cmbt hrs.	Same
1 Jul 45	31 Aug 45	2161	Sq Opns Off, 36hrs flyg time	Same
1 Sept 45	27 Nov 45	0001	Ret to US, Lv & Processing	AAFRS#4, 1041th AAFBU SAAAB, Santa Ana, Calif.
28 Nov 45	14 Feb 46	2700	Air Crew Returnee Student	SAAF, Smyrna, Tenn
15 Feb 46	1 Apr 46	4319	Chf,Allocation & Dispatching Br., in chg of Acft Allocations, asgmts & distribution for AAF.	4020thAAFBU(HqATSC)Sup Div,AcftDistrib Sec., W/F, Ohio
2 Apr 46	30 Jun 46	4319	Same Duties	Same
1 Jul 46	20 Oct 46	4319	Same Duties	Same
21 Oct 46	28 Oct 46	0001	Orientation pending asgmt as AAF Plant Repr.	4020thAAFBU (HqATSC)T-4 ProcDiv,W/F,Ohio
29 Oct 46	31 Dec 46	4319	Asst AAF Plant Representative	4020thAAFBU,w/s Allison Div,GMC(Pl Rep) Indianapolis, Ind.
1 Jan 47	30 Jun 47	4319	Asst AAF Plant Repr.Actg.AAF Pl Rep- 1 Apr 47	Same
1 Jul 47	31 Mar 48	4319	Asst AAF Plant Repr (261:30hrs C45,AT-6,P47,AT-11)	Same
1 Apr 48	24 Aug 48	TRFD	TO THE DEPT OF THE AIR FORCE PER TRANSFER ORDER I., NME 26 Sept47.	
		4319	Asst AAF Plant Repr (Ady-Actg AF Plant Repr, Allison Div, GMC Indianapolis, Ind. during absence AF Plant Repr-eff 23 Jun 48)	Non Duty Days 21 4020th AFBU (HqAMC) Proc Div, W/P AFB, Dayton, Ohio w/s Allison Div. GMC (Pl Rrer) Indianapolis, Ind.
25 Aug 48	12 Apr 49	4319	Same duties (Non-duty days 5	Same:RedesHqAMC,eff 28 Aug.48;Dir, Proc&Ind Plnng, eff 28 Oct.48
13 Apr 49	31 May 49	0001	Casual;Deptd US 15 May 49	1701stRepSqGTFalls, Montana
1 Jun 49	2 Jun 49	0001	Awtg Asgmt	Hq,317thTCW,APO 147
3 Jun 49	30 Jun 49	1024	Pilot 4E (Berlin Airlift)	Det"A",7013thAFAirRepl Sq,USAFE
1 Jul 49	11 Aug 49	1024	Pilot 4E (Berlin Airlift)	Same
12 Aug 49	20 Oct 49	0001	Lv & Travel (Non-duty days 22	AF Assembly Station, W/P-AFB, Dayton, Ohio
3 Oct 49		4319	Asst Plant Repr.Resp for asstg the Pl Repr in direct, organiz & superv his staff personnel in order to obtain efficient adm of AF contracts in accordance with existing policies & directives.	HqAMC,DirProc&IndPlnng W/P-AFB,Dayton,Ohio w/s Ofc of AF Pl Repr Allison Div,GMC,Indianapolis, Ind.