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Dear Bill

Please keep the Echoes coming.
The recent article on the coal shortages reminded me of our late night visits to the coke piles - using as I recall a jeep "borrowed" from the Ops Officer - also reminded me to send a support contribution.

Regards
Paul Osburn

25 April 1987

Dear Paul:

Your request to Bill Collins was sent along to me because I have all the records. Because I have not gotten around to indexing Echoes, I don't know when the article you mention may have been run.

Instead of worrying about that, I copied some of the data from the 24 April raid. I have assumed that you flew with Somerville in 42-97129-L on the mission. Unfortunately, I do not at the present have the interrogation sheets for that mission except for the ten crews that were MIA.

But in this packet are the fighter encounter sheets from which any description of the fighter activity was written, as well as formation sheets, fighter plots, the intelligence summary, etc.

I am sure that you will find it interesting reading.

Let me know if there is anything else you are interested in and I may have it.

See you in Las Vegas in '88!

All the best,

20 FEB 87
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Dear Bill,

Check attached. It must be that time again - my record-keeping isn't what it should be. Glad you guys can afford all the effort it takes to keep the Echoes coming.

A favor? I think I recall an issue of the Echoes which had an article about our crew - credits for a number of aircraft claims on the mission of April 24 1944 to Oberpfaffenhofen. Would it be at all possible to get a copy of that issue? My record-keeping again! Thanks.

Sincerely
Paul



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22 Feb. 88

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Dear Russ

Please excuse the stationery - all I could find at the office. Please send me a set of the microfiche of the Echoes. My recent copy did not contain the Las Vegas registration folder - would appreciate receiving one if possible.

Regards
Paul

1 Dec 89

Russ -

I noticed this while scanning the TROA magazine and thought you might be interested.

We're certainly fortunate that you, Briscoe & Co. take your time and effort to hold things together and put out the Echoes. Thank you.

1 Jan will mark one year for me in full retirement. It has been easy but my golf game hasn't improved yet!

Here's hoping that you have good holidays and the best of everything in the 90s.

Sincerely
Paul Osburn

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MARRIED - BETTY

Russ -

Hope you had good holiday
season.

Still haven't received the 9s
mission reports I asked for. - Could
they have been lost in the
Christmas rush? Let me know
if I should reorder.

Best regards
Paul

Transitions

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Dental Association, Air Force Clinical Surgeons, American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Chalmers J. Lyons Academy of Oral Surgery, North Central Ohio Dental Society, Erie County Conservation Club, American Legion, Knights of Columbus and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lou "Lou" of Sandusky; two sons, Cmdr. Douglas Dickman of Springfield, Va., and Rev. Daniel Dickman of Mansfield, Ohio; four daughters, Deborah Peterson of Perrysburg, Ohio, Diane Mesteller of Toledo, Ohio, Dawn Shover of Milan, Ohio, and Denise Firestone of Canfield, Ohio; one sister, Jane Stark of Cincinnati; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 17 at Groff Funeral Home in Sandusky, followed by a Mass at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Burial was at the Meadow Green Cemetery, Huron, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to Stein Hospice in Sandusky; St. Peter and Paul Catholic School, Sandusky; or the Wilbur J. Dickman Trust Fund, Center for Pastoral Care, P.O. Box 5633, Mansfield, Ohio 44901.

Retired Col. Paul V. Osburn, 71,

of Riverside, Calif., died Feb. 19 of lung cancer at Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda, Calif.

Born in Huntington, W.Va., in 1922, Osburn received a bachelor of science degree in physics from Marshall College, Huntington, in 1949.

Osburn joined the Army Air Forces in 1942 and was commissioned in 1943. He served as a B-17 Flying Fortress and B-26 Marauder navigator in the European theater of operations during World War II.

Prior to being recalled into the service in 1952, Osburn was a physicist for Carbide and Carbon Chemical Co., S. Charleston, W.Va., from 1949-52.

His second tour included assignments at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; Korea; and Japan, where he was project officer in the Tactical Bombing branch of the Air Research and Development Command Armament Lab. He also was deputy director of guidance and control with the Ballistic Systems Division at Norton Air Force Base, Calif., in 1966.

He retired in 1973.

His awards and decorations included the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak

leaf cluster, Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal and the Norman P. Hayes Award for the Advancement of Navigation.

Survivors include his wife, Betty of Riverside; one daughter, Leslie of Riverside, Calif.; his mother, Mrs. Thurman Osburn of Charleston, W. Va.; one sister, Evelyn Hansbarger of Charleston; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 19 at Acheson and Graham Garden of Prayer Mortuary in Riverside, Calif. Burial followed at the Riverside National Cemetery.

Retired Col. Gordon Weber Wildes, 83, died of natural causes at a Bangor, Maine, nursing center.

He was born April 7, 1911, in Evanston, Ill.

Wildes graduated from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and University, where he was president of his class and commander of the Corps of Cadets, in 1935. He also was a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Commissioned into the Army, in 1942 Wildes served during World War II in Alabama, Georgia and the Pacific theater of operations.

He joined the Air Force as an officer in signal security intelligence, Wildes' assignments included Alaska, Texas, Washington, Japan and Germany.

His awards and commands included the Legion of Merit and oak leaf clusters.

Wildes is survived by Mrs. Emory of Clarion, Pa., and Mrs. Maine; one son, Army Lt. Gordon Wildes of Westport, Conn., and two daughters, Nancy of Newtown, Conn., and Mary of Oklahoma City; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at John's Episcopal Church. Burial with military honors was March 18 at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Memorials may be sent to Winterport Historical Association in care of Robert Allard, treasurer.

Mail your notices to:
Obituaries
Air Force Times
Springfield, Va. 22115
Please include the daytime telephone number of your contact person. Photographs welcomed.

graduates

- Lemanski**
Christopher D, Dec. 20
Murray David A, Dec. 20
- Indiana**
- Purdue University**
Hartman Michelle L, Dec. 20
Kemp Matthew S, Dec. 20
Klarich Richard S, Dec. 20
Mangin Stephanie A, Aug. 7
Samuelson Ryan R, Dec. 20
Walter Anne M, Dec. 20
Whitecotton
Randy C, Dec. 20
- Univ. of Notre Dame**
Kelly Johanna C, Dec. 22
Lexa Michael A, Dec. 22
Shuga Paul T, Dec. 22
- Iowa**
- Iowa State University**
Bateman Janel J, Dec. 18
Hollman Ryan D, Dec. 18
Jacque Steven D, Dec. 18
Veit Joseph L, Dec. 18
- University of Iowa**
Bellomy Melinda M, Dec. 17
Dunkel Michael S, Dec. 17
- Kansas**
- Kansas State Univ.**
Thomasson Russell J, Dec. 17
- University of Kansas**
Mchatton Jennifer K, Aug. 13
- Kentucky**
- University of Kentucky**
Rouff David C, Dec. 12

- Maine**
- University of Maine**
Thibodeau Kelley A, Dec. 18
Whelan Patrick J, Dec. 18
- Michigan**
- University of Michigan**
Alonso Eduardo E, Dec. 20
Blackford Matthew S, Aug. 17
Bonk James W, Dec. 22
Muldrov Robert S, Aug. 20
Nix Laura A, Dec. 17
- Michigan Tech Univ.**
Harner Michael J, Oct. 1
Klich Craig N, Aug. 20
Skosich Mark T, Nov. 20
Vande Kemp
Rheann J, Nov. 20
- Minnesota**
- St. Thomas College**
McCarty Gregory A, Oct. 15
- University of Minnesota**
Enfield Matthew L, Dec. 17
Greener Vincent A, Dec. 17
Nohrenberg Mark S, Sept. 3
- Mississippi**
- Miss. State University**
Gunnufsen John F, Aug. 7
Rounsavall Paul C, Dec. 20
Sanford John S, Dec. 20
- Univ. of Mississippi**
Boothe Leonard, Dec. 18
- Missouri**
- University of Missouri**

- New Hampshire**
- University of N.H.**
Dombrowski
Michael Paul, Dec. 11
Nichols Anson B, Dec. 11
- New Jersey**
- N.J. Inst. of Tech**
Roppolo Joseph N, Aug. 12
- New Mexico**
- N.M. State Univ.**
Maxwell Michael D, Dec. 18
- New York**
- Cornell University**
Korban Glenn R, Dec. 22
- Syracuse University**
Daly Matthew J, Dec. 20
- North Carolina**
- Univ. of N.C.-Charlotte**
Smith Sidney M, Aug. 6
- N.C. State University**
Albert Edward V, Aug. 13
White Robert T, Dec. 21
Yu Helen H, Dec. 21
- East Carolina Univ.**
Conway II Danny K, Aug. 1
Jorgensen Larry G Jr, Dec. 11
- N.C. A&T State Univ.**
Udo Aka Uduak I, Aug. 27
- Fayetteville State Univ.**
Winston Penni M, Aug. 9
- North Dakota**
- N.D. State University**

- Ohio University**
Kieffer Scott M, Nov. 20
- University of Cincinnati**
Otto Gustav A, Sept. 3
- Oklahoma**
- Univ. of Oklahoma**
McRae David S, Dec. 18
Ray Michael J, Dec. 18
- Oregon**
- University of Portland**
Graham Timothy S, Dec. 18
Hill Robert C, Aug. 6
Patton Brendan P, Aug. 6
- Pennsylvania**
- Univ. of Pittsburgh**
Hasper Margaret M, Aug. 21
- St. Joseph's University**
McCullough John D, Dec. 10
- Puerto Rico**
- Univ. of Puerto Rico**
Dalmau Carlos A, Aug. 11
Dalmau Frank E, Aug. 11
Montes Robert J, Aug. 6
Riveraortiz Jaime R, Aug. 6
Sotelosotelo Manuel, Aug. 6
- South Carolina**
- The Citadel**
Andin Resti Z L, Aug. 8
Braggs Boikai B, Aug. 9
- Clemson University**
Eubanks James N, Dec. 16
Gibson Neil J, Dec. 16
Howard Paige M, Dec. 16
Larger Paul D, Dec. 16
- University of S.C.**

- Sealy Braxton S, Dec. 23
- Univ. of Tennessee**
Kennedy James F, Dec. 19
- Texas**
- Baylor University**
Dea John R, Dec. 18
Laible Mark D, Aug. 14
Purdy Stephen G Jr, Dec. 18
- Texas A&M University**
Blake Stephen K, Dec. 17
Brown Jason M, Dec. 17
Cammon Anthony H, Dec. 17
Casey Quinn F, Aug. 13
Craft David L, Dec. 17
Gamertsfelder Joe B Dec. 17
Humphreys Edwin C, Dec. 17
Humphries Jesse R, Aug. 13
Jordan Eric A, Aug. 13
Judd Kevin G, Dec. 17
Koepnick Troy D, Dec. 17
Lewis Larry J, Aug. 13
Malin Daniel R, Dec. 17
McConnell
Matthew S, Dec. 17
Record James D, Dec. 17
Rogers Ryan C, Dec. 17
Rose Michael S, Aug. 13
Scott Sean H, Dec. 17
Stone David E, Dec. 17
Thies Douglas G, Dec. 17
Vaclavik David M, Dec. 17
Vaughn Michael S, Dec. 17
- Texas Tech University**
Booker James A, Dec. 18
Frederick Ryan J, Aug. 21
Ivey Raymond M, Aug. 21
Jeter James D, Aug. 21
Quinn Michelle L, Nov. 10
Whiteford David A, Aug. 15
- University of Texas**
Fuller Dana E, Dec. 17

- Utah**
- Brigham Young Univ.**
Chatwin Stefan
Gardner Dwyne
Graham Scott R
Holliday Michael
Hopper David R
Howard Michael
Hughes Melissa
McDonald David
Rains Jeffrey T
Roberts Matthew
Rosenberg Trevor
Thomas Artemis
- Utah State Univ.**
Roundy Jennifer
Stade Stephen E
- Virginia**
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute**
Harm Michael D
Wade Patrick C
- Virginia Military Institute**
Buckner William
Hatzi Anthony
Reeder Robert
Scales Anthony
- University of Virginia**
Goodbody Jason
Hedgepeth
Samantha F
- Washington**
- Washington State Univ.**
Denman Brian
Mahar Michael
- Univ. of Washington**
Babb Steven J
Nicholson Heath
Pochert Robert
Restad Mark K

Paul Osburn

31 March 1994

Dear Betty:

I was greatly saddened to open my Air-Force Times issue two weeks ago and there to learn of Paul's death.

I first came to know Paul when he returned to combat for his second tour. During the period he was away I had joined the 367th as a navigator. Working under his guidance as Squadron Navigator was always interesting and constructive. His intellect served him well in that intricate task.

In the postwar years we corresponded, and I did have lunch with him one day in Dayton, OH, when he came through on one of his regular visits. I was living in Dayton at the time, but have now forgotten just how we made contact there.

He was both well respected and well liked by those who served with him, and I also hear good things about him from people in the Association.

I have changed the address label for 306th Echoes to your name, as I hope you will want to continue reading the newspaper.

I consider it a great honor to have been associated with him in any way.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Russ,

The April issue of the Echoes was another memory tickler for me.

"That Sunday afternoon," Brad Butlerfield and I, not flying that day, had taken the 367th Ops jeep to meet and talk to our returning lead crew. The 305th collision seemed to occur directly over the parked aircraft under which we were standing. As the pieces began to fall, I ran. A spinning prop struck the tarmac ahead of me resulting, I guess, in my getting a bit more adrenaline going. At any rate, I increased my pace after which all the other debris struck the ground behind me. I may have set an unrecorded, unrecognized record for a quarter mile by an individual in pinks and green and brown dress oxfords. The walk back to the parked jeep took something close to five minutes.

On the 22 February 1945 mission, the 306th was 40th Combat Wing lead (possibly 8th Air Force lead, too) on the "daring low altitude attack" on the German transportation system. I recall that it was so described in a

network T.V. documentary which I saw a few years ago and in which the mission was named Operation Clarion (I think!). We knew that it was a very special mission and a big lead and Swede Hanson had jokingly predicted to Col. Sutton before takeoff that it would earn Silver Stars for all of the crew. It was a rather uneventful, but beautiful, VFR (field grade) day and since we went in and out at about 12,000 feet altitude we were able to smoke all the way. We had a long, no flak, run from the I.P. and Don Ross took advantage of the extended vision feature of the Norden sight to do some early drift and rate determination. He accomplished his preliminary synchronization and since we were still some distance from the target would wait to do the final precision alignment. BUT the bombight was engaged and running with the extended vision angle still clutched in. The result you know - and the lead group dropped short on our release. Fortunately, the other groups did accomplish the mission. I remember hearing needling remarks on the intercom, coming either from the cockpit or from Gordon "Spence" Spencer in the Mickey compartment, that

maybe we should have salvaged the
bombardier. Needless to say, there weren't
any Silver Stars. Just a few days later
we drew another Wing lead and Ross
redeemed himself with excellent
results on the target at Bohlen.



I'm enclosing a check and would
like the following mission reports:

- 24 April 1944 Oberpaffenhofen Slim Somerville crew
5 December 1944 Berlin Henry Hanson crew
22 February 1945 Wittstock (Grabow) Col. Sutton/Hanson crew

If you decide to make more than
3 reports per person available, there are
several more I would like to have.

I don't understand how you find
the time to do all the 306th history but
I certainly appreciate it and hope you
can continue. I retired again 2
years ago and manage to keep pretty
busy with golf and grandchildren.
Had to take off a few days this
January for my second round of
cardiac bypass surgery. They fixed
me up again!

Good luck and good health
to you and yours,

Sincerely
Paul

P.S. Your mailing labels to me are
addressed to Lt. Col. _____. I usually don't use
rank in correspondence now, but I did serve
5 years on active duty as a full Colonel prior to 1973 retirement.