

December 6, 2001
Crystal Falls, Mi.

Dear Editor,

My mail and magazines etc. piled up this summer and a few days ago I came across the July issue of the 306 Echoes. I was surprised to see the picture of the Tower of London. I flew in that plane if it's the same one. We were assigned that plane when we joined the 368th Squadron.

Enclosed is a copy of the list of missions I flew in that plane. Also enclosed are some poor copies of pictures of the plane. As film and pictures were hard to come by at that time those I have are not too good.

After the war was over we were trained to operate cameras to take pictures for doing aerial mapping. We did some over Europe and a detachment of us were sent to Gibraltar to do the same down there, We flew a lot over Spain and some over North Africa. After about three months we returned to Thurleigh to help the group move to Gieblestat, Germany. We spent only about two weeks in Germany and were assigned to Port Lyautey, North Africa. Flying out of this base we flew mostly over North Africa and also did the same down the West coast. When a crew flew to Tunis they stayed over night due to the length of the trip.

I left Africa in late May of 1946 and was discharged from the service in June so don't know what happened to the plane after that.

The original crew assigned to that plane consisted of the following.

Pilot--Alfred Sykes	Radio--Ronald Zschau
Co-Pilot--Colin Valentine	Engineer--Don Hickey
Navigator--Ralph Sheppard	Ball Turret--Walter Stoughton
Bombardier--Thomas Grimes	Tail--Wayne Pearson
Armorer--Charles Lowell	

The numbers on the tail of the plane pictured was 48777. I hope this helps with your search for information on this plane. If there is anything I may be able to help with any further information be free to ask.

Sincerely,
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