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DEAR RUSSELL -

I RECEIVED MY 306 ECHOES A FEW  
DAYS AGO AND READ EVERY WORD OF IT.  
IT IS AN OUTSTANDING MAGAZINE AND  
BRINGS BACK MANY MEMORIES.

IMAGINE MY SURPRISE WHEN I SAW  
A PICTURE OF MY OLD CREW UNDER THE  
CAPTION "CAN YOU NAME THESE?" IT IS  
LT. RALPH PETERS CREW (NOW DECEASED) FROM  
THE 369<sup>TH</sup> SQUADRON. IT IS THE VERY TOP  
PICTURE. THE NAMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BACK ROW (STANDING) LEFT TO RIGHT.

LT. JIM VAUGHTER - B.

LT. ED HUDGEL - CP

LT RALPH PETERS - P

LT. ? PETERSON - N

E.M. (KNEELING) LEFT TO RIGHT

SGT. MANFORD JOHN - RADIO

SGT. ED. (JR) MAYER - T.G.

SGT. DAN PIEDMONT - L.W. (YOURS TRULY)

SGT. BLAIRE STEED - R.W.

SGT. RICHARD KERN - B.T.

(OVER)

THERE IS ONE ENLISTED MAN MISSING AND I CAN'T RECALL WHO THAT WAS.

LAST YEAR (OCT. 91) FOUR OF US ATTENDED THE LAS VEGAS SSMA REUNION - VAUGHTER, HUDGEL, KERN & MYSELF.

PIERRE NOISAT, TAIL GUNNER THE DAY WE WERE SHOT DOWN, WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND.

OUR PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN ON OCT. 14, 1943 - THE 2ND. SCHWEINFURT RAID. ALL OF THE ENLISTED MEN (EXCEPT BLAIRE STEED) WERE IN THE STALAG XVII-B PRISON CAMP IN KREMS, AUSTRIA. WE NEVER DID FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO STEED.

I HOPE THIS HELPS YOU. THE NAMES AND POSITIONS ARE AS ACCURATE AS I CAN REMEMBER AFTER ALMOST 50 YEARS.

MY BEST TO YOU AND YOURS.

Dan Piedmont