

mall is formed by the wall bearing the names of the Missing; the north side, toward the graves, is lined with a row of double pink hawthorn trees.

The 3,811 burials in the fan-shaped graves area are arranged in quarter circles whose wide sweep across the green lawns is best appreciated from the mall near the memorial. Twenty-four of the headstones mark the graves of "Unknowns." Among the headstones

## Your Record from page 5

in the Squadron headquarters; leaves, passes, traveling about England, meeting British girls, visiting in British homes;

Describe the barracks you lived in, what you liked about it, what you hated, what you dreamed of, what you read, *Stars & Stripes*; *Yank*;

Leaving Thurlleigh, traveling homeward, arrival at home, further service, discharge and back to civilian life.

Any of this should be expanded or contracted to meet individual needs and desires. Don't gloss over all of the bad things, but don't dwell on them either.

Explain how or why you ended up with the duty you had. Discuss your relationships with those you worked with.

Then explain how you view the whole experience from a 50-year perspective.

Perhaps there is a family member or a friend who can help you in smoothing out the whole manuscript once you complete it. You can't finish the job in one sitting, but perhaps one ought to commit short spans of work over a year to bring it to some conclusion. Your own experience and energy will dictate whether you want to polish up the manuscript. It is nice to do, but not an essential, for most of it will be read by those who love you and who will be forgiving of the foibles that enter in.

The important thing in the whole scheme is to leave your family with a record of a very intimate part of your life that they know very little about. They may gain a new appreciation of just how THEIR family fitted in one of the most important events of the 20th Century.

room is the impressive map "The Mastery of the Atlantic—The Great Air Assault." This map, designed by the American artist Herbert Gute, from data prepared by the American Battle Monuments Commission, indicated the principal sea routes across the Atlantic and the types of naval and commercial craft which assured and maintained a supply of men and munitions to the European theater of operations. It also recalls the aircraft which operated in the antisubmarine campaign. Over Europe itself is depicted the continuous air assault by the United States Army Air Forces and the Royal Air Force, operating both from England and from Italy, which contributed in large measure to the defeat of the enemy. Symbolic air lanes indicate their routes to the various targets of which the nature—military, industrial, transportation—is explained by the legend.

The map on the south wall indicates sites leased by the people of the United Kingdom to the Armed Forces of the United States for preparation and support of military operations. This map shows every place where a battalion unit or a larger size was stationed during World War II. The legend explains more fully the significance of the signs and symbols. Air, sea and invasion routes are shown.

The mosaic ceiling, by the American artist Francis Scott Bradford, constitutes a memorial to those Americans who gave their lives while serving in the U.S. Army Air Force. The ghostly aircraft—single engine, twin engine, four engine—accompanied by mourning angels, make their final flight toward the Glory over the altar. The parts of the ceiling in deep blue denote the depth of infinity; the lighter colors reflect the light of Heaven breaking through the earthly layers of the sky. The lighter nimbus surrounding each aircraft separates it from earthly forces while it carries the souls of the men who perished in the skies.

Set in glass panels and above the main door are stained-glass medallions representing the seals of the War and Navy Departments, as well as the principal decorations awarded by our Armed Services. In the remaining windows of the memorial are set stained-glass replicas of the seals of the States of the Union arranged in vertical

## 306th MEN ON THE WALL OF THE MISSING,

Alyea, Harry J. 1Lt 423

Barthe, Martin R. S/Sgt. 367  
Becker, Paul A. 1Lt 367  
Bohrer, Donald F. S/Sgt. 369  
Brill, Ivan 1Lt 423  
Byer, Paul E. 1Lt 369

Capps, Robert P. M. S/Sgt. 423  
Carbine, Joseph J. 2Lt 367  
Carlton, Charles E. S/Sgt. 423  
Caserta, Carlo Sgt. 367  
Cecere, Anthony R. T/Sgt. 369  
Chancellor, Roy L. S/Sgt. 369  
Cogen, Abraham L. Sgt. 423  
Constantine, Kermit J. T/Sgt. 369  
Cook, Arthur G. T/Sgt. 369  
Cooke, Creston O. S/Sgt. 423  
Coplin, Okey R. Sgt. 367  
Covington, William R. T/Sgt. 423  
Cox, John A. Sgt. 367  
Cramer, Charles W. B. 1Lt 369  
Creamer, John A. 1Lt 367  
Crede, Robert E. S/Sgt. 367  
Creed, Joe A. 1Lt 367  
Cybulski, John M. S/Sgt. 423

Daley, Vernor F. 1Lt 367  
DeZolt, Silvio P. S/Sgt. 367  
Denny, Ralph L. 2Lt 423  
Dewey, Edwin R. Sgt. 367  
Dickey, William W. 2Lt 367  
Dickson, Donald F. 1Lt 367  
Dixon, Merl E. S/Sgt. 368  
Dyakovich, William J. Sgt. 423

Elliott, Judson W. S/Sgt. 423  
Farmer, Robert C. 2Lt 423  
Folliard, Robert V. S/Sgt. 423

Gaffney, James P. S/Sgt. 423  
Gile, Harry L. Sgt. 367  
Gordon, Robert W. Sgt. 423

Harris, Arizona T. T/Sgt. 369  
Harrison, Cleston K. Sgt. 423  
Healey, Bernard T. 2Lt 423  
Henry, Murrel C. 1Lt 367  
Hopkins, Jerrold M. S/Sgt. 367  
Horn, Reisel R. T/Sgt. 367  
Horst III, Rudolph 1Lt 369

Johnson, Vincent S. Sgt. 367  
Joplin, John C. 2Lt 369  
Jordan, Howard E. S/Sgt. 368  
Justice, Edward R. S/Sgt. 369

Kaczanowski, Edward W. Sgt. 423  
Kasmiersky, Joe A. S/Sgt. 423  
Kelch, Joseph A. 2Lt 368  
Kinney, Lowell E. 2Lt 423  
Kloster, Laurel M. S/Sgt. 369

Langan, Hugh L. Cpl. 367  
Layfield, Raymond L. 2Lt 369

Madison, Jack M. S/Sgt. 423  
Nanning, Charles F. 2Lt 367  
Maple, Gilbert A. T/Sgt. 369  
Marinos, Peter 1Lt 368  
Marquez, Porfirio J. T/Sgt. 367  
Mathis III, Joseph B. Capt. 423  
Maupin, John P. T/Sgt. 423  
McCue, William J. S/Sgt. 369  
McMillan, Thomas E. T/Sgt. 367  
Meriwether, Charles J. T/Sgt. 367  
Miessler, Wilfred E. 2Lt 367  
Mueller, Charles E. 1Lt 423  
Murat, George S/Sgt. 367  
Murphy, James C. 2Lt 367  
Musick, William S/Sgt. 369  
Myers, Charles E. T/Sgt. 367

Nelson, Norman R. 2Lt 423  
Nordberg, David J. 2Lt 423  
Norlen, Earl W. T/Sgt. 367  
Nusser, William Sgt. 367  
O'Brien, Vincent E. S/Sgt. 423  
Osgood, William I. T/Sgt. 369  
Owen, Earl K. S/Sgt. 367

Pappas, John S. 2Lt 367  
Payne, William R. S/Sgt. 368  
Peterson, Louis J. T/Sgt. 369  
Petrillo, George W. S/Sgt. 367  
Porter, Carlton E. S/Sgt. 367

Reed, John G. 1Lt 369  
Reimann, Carroll L. S/Sgt. 423  
Ross, Harvey J. Sgt. 367  
Rumph, George R. S/Sgt. 367  
Ryan, Edward M. S/Sgt. 369

Schatz, Alfred M. T/Sgt. 367  
Schmitz, Henry N. 2Lt 369  
Schwoyer, Raymond C. S/Sgt. 367  
Schneider, Norman P/O 367  
Searles, Walter E. Sgt. 367  
Siler, Gorman W. 1Lt 369  
Smith, Lemuel B. 1Lt 367  
Stetler, Frank R. Sgt. 367  
Stewart, James M. 1Lt 367  
Stewart, Robert D. 1Lt 369  
Streum, Kenneth H. 2Lt 369  
Sykes, Robert E. Sgt. 369

Tannenbaum, Paul 2Lt 367  
Terry, Gilbert H. T/Sgt. 423  
Threlkeld, Joseph E. Sgt. 369

Uhrin, Michael S/Sgt. 369

Wallace, Ralph W. Sgt. 423  
Wheeler, Jack M. S/Sgt. 367  
Wigginton, Bart 1Lt 423  
Williams, Buren C. T/Sgt. 423  
Wilson, Charles E. S/Sgt. 423  
Wilson, Lewis L. 2Lt 369  
Wilson, Paul A. 2Lt 367  
Wright, Frank E. 1Lt 369

306th Men Buried at Cambridge

Baughman, Mont D. Sgt. 367th  
Bearden, Sam P. T/Sgt. 368th  
Bickston, Robert A. Cpl. 367th  
Butterfield, W. Bradley Capt. 367th  
Cameron, Robert P. 2Lt 367th  
Check, Raymond J. Capt. 423rd  
Crooks, Charles A. 2Lt 368th  
Cubberly, George E. Capt. 367th  
Davis, Thomas H. S/Sgt. 369th  
DeHoff, Walter E. S/Sgt. 423rd  
Ely, William W. 1Lt 367th  
Eppler, Jack B. S/Sgt. 367th  
Fant, Willie S. T/Sgt. 368th  
Farr, Conrad J. 2Lt 369th  
Fife, Robert C. 1Lt 369th  
Gallion, Earnest E. T/Sgt. 367th  
Hanson, Robert W. 2Lt 423rd  
Helms, Billy A. S/Sgt. 369th  
Henn, Raymond J. S/Sgt. 423rd  
Hostettler, Arthur S. Capt. 367th  
Hover, Thomas S. Pvt. 368th  
Jenzen, Virgil F. S/Sgt. 367th  
Jones, Derrrel S. M/Sgt. 367th  
Liersch, Collins E. 2Lt 367th  
Mandula, Joseph M. Sgt. 368th  
Mitchell, James L. S/Sgt. 367th  
Mockus, John P. 2Lt 368th  
Nicholson, Charles R. S/Sgt. 368th  
O'Malley, Edward D. 2Lt 423rd  
Osborne, Bryce J. Sgt. 369th  
Parrish, Austin J. 2Lt 367th  
Pashon, Gail W. S/Sgt. 423  
Peterson, William H. 1Lt 367th  
Reichle, Herbert E. T/Sgt. 369th  
Renfro, Harry M. 1Lt 367th  
Rood, Kenneth B. S/Sgt. 423rd  
Roskovich, Michael 2Lt 423rd  
Schaefer, Donald J. 2Lt 367th  
Shields III, Ewing 2Lt 368th  
Smolenski, Edward S. P/O 423rd  
Speakman, Alton G. Sgt. 423rd  
Strauser, John A. 2Lt 368th  
Tessier, Albert E. Sgt. 368th  
Transeth, Willard A. 2Lt 367th  
Vieille, Robert A. 1Lt 367th

306th ECHOES, APRIL '92

LTC RALPH F. RIDGEWAY  
4540 ROYAL RIDGE WAY-  
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LAS VEGAS, NV 89103

RALPH F. RIDGEWAY

To

LT. ROBERT A. VILLER MAY 30  
Memorial Day  
LT. COLLINS S. LINDSEY

THE OTHER NINE THAT  
WERE KILLED THIS DAY.

On April 14, 1945,  
a B-17, Number 840-7  
crashed into the Gulf of Mexico, in the Strait of Florida en route to Ireland.  
2 Lt. Robert A. Villier, co-pilot of the ship, was all killed.  
2 Lt. Collins S. Lindsey, navigator, was also killed.  
Among them, I know two very well - the  
one was from California, and  
the other was from Ohio. Their  
wives were also killed.  
I know two other pilots  
who were married and  
had a wife and child.  
The other nine were  
all killed in the crash.  
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Collins S. Lindsey, JUNE 1  
radio operator and navigator  
of our group and probably forward  
about was finishing up and going back to his  
was well liked by the whole squadron. He was  
do any thing for any one. He only had 11  
killed in the crash. Capt. Butterfield  
I know Lindsey to JUNE 21. They were flying  
at 2000 ft. over the sea with very poor  
visibility. The navigator was off course and  
the plane came to the side that had a deviation  
of 2000 ft. They didn't have time to pull  
the plane over or around it. The  
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ARMY TIMES

## The Mighty Eighth

spent six weeks in advanced flight training. Received new B-17F and left for UK Oct. 42, via Presque Isle, and Gander to Prestwick.

### Subsequent History

Between 20-27 Jul. 45 Group moved St. Trond, Belgium, where it conducted photo-mapping flights (Project "Casey Jones") over Europe and North Africa. On 15 Dec. 45 moved to Lechfeld, Germany (which it had bombed 18 Mar. 44) to continue photographic work. Gradually run down during 1946, with inactivation of 364BS on 1 Jul. 46. 423BS of 306BG attached to Group after this date but by end of Oct. 46 Group had ceased all operations. Officially inactivated 25 Dec. 46. On the Continent came under 9AF and on 15 Nov. 45 under USAFE.

Activated in 1951 as SAC B-29 unit and as 305BW converted to B-47s in 1953. Later became one of USAF's two B-58 units.

## 306th Bombardment Group (H) "The Reich Wreckers"

Assigned Eighth AF: Sep. 42.

### Wing & Command Assignments

VIII BC, 1 BW: Sep. 42.  
VIII BC, 1 BW, 101 PCBW: Feb. 43.  
VIII BC, 1 BW, 102 PCBW: Jun. 43.  
VIII BC, 1 BD, 40 CBW: 13 Sep. 43.  
1 BD, 40 CBW: 8 Jan. 44.  
1 AD, 40 CBW: 1 Jan. 45.

### Component Squadrons

(367th, 368th, 369th and 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H)).

### Combat Aircraft

B-17F (from blocks 10-BO); B-17G.

### Station

THURLEIGH 7 Sep. 42-15 Dec. 45 (Air ech. arrived 8-13 Sep. 42).

### Group COs

Col Charles B. Overacker: 16 Mar. 42-3 Jan. 43.  
Col Frank A. Armstrong Jr: 4 Jan. 43-17 Feb. 43.  
Col Claude E. Putnam: 17 Feb. 43-20 Jun. 43.  
Col George L. Robinson: 20 Jun. 43-23 Sep. 44.  
Col James S. Sutton: 23 Sep. 44-16 Apr. 45.  
Col Hudson H. Upham: 16 Apr. 45-May 46.

First Mission: 9 Oct. 42. Last Mission: 19 Apr. 45. Total Missions: 342.

Total Credit Sorties: 9,614. Total Bomb Tonnage: 22,574.6 tons (248.9 tons leaflets).

A/c MIA: 171. E/a Claims: 332-97-185.

### Major Awards

Two Distinguished Unit Citations: 11 Jan. 44 (All 1 BD group).  
22 Feb. 44: Bernburg.

Medal of Honor: Sgt. Maynard H. Smith: 1 May 43.

### Claims to Fame

Oldest operational bomb group in 8AF.  
Stationed in England, and at one base, longer than any other group.  
First man in VIII BC to complete a tour (T/Sgt M. Roscovich: 5 Apr. 43).

367BS had heaviest losses in VIII BC between Oct. 42 and Aug. 43.

369BS flew for over six months in 1943 without loss.

Princess Elizabeth 'named' "Rose of York" at Thurleigh.

### Early History

Activated 1 Mar. 42 at Salt Lake City AB, Utah. Personnel moved Wendover AB, Utah, 6 Apr. 42 and began flying training. Left Wendover 1 Aug. 42 to begin movement to UK. Ground echelon first moved Richmond AAB, Va. remained a week, leaving for Fort Dix, NJ. 13 Aug. 42. Sailed *Queen Elizabeth* 30 Aug. 42 arriving 5 Sep. 42 at Greenock, Scotland. Air echelon flew from Wendover to Westover Fd, Mass. 2 Aug. 42. Departed for UK, 1 Sep. 42 via Gander-Prestwick ferry route.

### Subsequent History

Selected for duty with occupational air forces in Germany. Engaged in "Casey Jones" mapping photography project. Moved Giebelstadt, Germany, 1 Dec. 45 and on 28 Feb. 46 to Istres, France, where it absorbed remnants of 92 and 384BGs. In Aug. 46, re-established in Germany at Furstenfeldbruck and in Sep. 46 located at Lechfeld. Inactivated 25 Dec. 46, although the group had virtually ceased to exist as flying unit in the late summer of that year.

Activated again as SAC B-29 group 1948, and in 1952 became USAF's first B-47 jet bomber wing. When B-47 withdrawn designation given to B-52 wing, which flew sorties in Vietnam war.

## 315th Troop Carrier Group

Assigned Eighth AF: 1 Dec. 42-16 Oct. 43.

### Wing & Command Assignment

VIII ASC: 1 Dec. 42.

### Component Squadrons

34th and 43rd Troop Carrier Squadron.

### Combat Aircraft

C-47-DL and C-53.

### Station

ALDERMASTON 1 Dec. 42-6 Nov. 43 (Air ech. in 12 Dec. 42).

### Group CO

Col Hamish McLelland 17 Apr. 42-Sep. 44.

### History

Activated 14 Feb. 42 at Olmsted Fd, Pa. Two other squadrons assigned but transferred in 1942. Trained Bowman Fd, Ky. and Florence Fd, SC. Sailed on *Queen Elizabeth* 24 Nov. 42 arriving Clyde 30 Nov. 42. Air echelon departed Florence from 11 Oct. 42 and flew to Presque Isle, via Kellogg Fd, and Battle Creek AAB. Commenced flight to UK via northern ferry route but on reaching Bluie West 1, Greenland, weather conditions were so bad that a month elapsed before a/c could continue journey. Left 8 Dec. 42 for Iceland, and arrived UK 12 Dec. 42. While principal mission was the conveyance of airborne troops the two squadrons were employed chiefly as a transport organisation around the UK during Group's assignment to 8AF. Attrition and pressure on troop carrier groups in North African theatre during spring of 1943 saw a detachment of 315TCG despatched to Bida, Algeria in May 43 to carry out routine transport duties for 12AF. This was Dt 'A' consisting of 200 personnel and 16 aircraft. Six a/c remaining in UK continued transport duties until Group assigned to 9AF in Oct. 43. Two new squadrons assigned and Group returned to troop carrier mission. Moved France Apr. 45. Inactivated Trinidad Jul. 45.

Activated during Korean war and served on airlift duties in the far east flying C-46. Later involved in Vietnam war flying C-123s and redesignated as special operations wing.

## 322nd Bombardment Group (M)

Assigned Eighth AF: 12 Dec. 42-16 Oct. 43.

### Wing & Command Assignments

VIII BC, 3 BW: Dec. 42.  
VIII ASC, 3 BW: 12 Jun. 43.

### Component Squadrons

449th, 450th, 451st and 452nd Bombardment Squadrons (M).

### Combat Aircraft

B-26B (from blocks 4) 450 and 452BS: (from blocks 10 and 15, 449 and 451BS).  
B-26C (from blocks 5).

### Stations

BURY ST EDMUNDS 1 Dec. 42-12 Jun. 43 (Air ech. in from 7 Mar. 43).  
RATTLEDEN Dec. 42-Apr. 43 (451 and 452BS Gnd. ech. only).  
ANDREWS FIELD 12 Jun. 43-19 Sep. 44.

### Group COs

Lt Col Robert M. Stillman: 17 Mar. 43-17 May 43, WIA-POW.

Lt Col Glenn C. Nye: 19 May 43-31 Jul. 44.

(Lt Col Nye also acting CO c. Mar 43-20 Apr. 43 prior Stillman's arrival. Lt Col Cecil C. McFarland acting CO 17 May 43-19 May 43).

First Mission: 14 May 43. Last Mission: 8 Oct. 43. Total Missions: 34.

A/c MIA: 12. E/a Claims: 6 destroyed.

### Major Awards

Distinguished Unit Citation: 14 May 43-24 Jul. 44: Operations during this period.

### Claims to Fame

Flew first B-26 mission from UK—14 May 43.

Flew the disastrous low-level mission of 17 May 43.

### Early History

Activated 19 Jun. 42 at MacDill Fd, Fla. Trained there with B-26 a/c. Moved Drane Fd, Fla. late Sep. 42. Ground echelon at port of embarkation 23 Nov. 42 and sailed *Queen Elizabeth* 24 Nov. 42 arriving Greenock 30 Nov. 42. Air echelon moved to UK via southern ferry