'39 Graduate Made Mark in WWII

Some of you might remember the war novel, film and television series called "Twelve O'Clock High" about the story and missions of the United States Army's Eighth Air Force during World War II. You might not know that the group surgeon in the movie is based on the experiences of Thurman Shuller, M.D. '39.

The 306th Bomb Group Association honored Dr. Shuller, who now lives in McAlester, Oklahoma, at its annual reunion last fall. He also was presented with a certificate from the College of Medicine congratulating him on his 60 years in medicine.

After graduating from the COM and completing a two-year internship in New Orleans, Dr. Shuller began his active duty career as a medical officer in the U.S. Army Air Corp in 1941 and the following year, received his first combat assignment to the 306th Bombardment Group as the 369th Squadron Flight Surgeon. Based in Thurleigh, England, the 306th was the longest continuously-serving bomb group of the Eighth Air Force during World War II and led the first mission against a target in Germany.



As Group Flight Surgeon, he managed the daily activities and prepared the crew for combat medically. Dr. Shuller was influential in establishing high standards for medical care for the command and was proactive in developing policies for preventive care. He returned to the United States in December 1945 and was discharged with the rank of Colonel.

Thurman Shuller, M.D. '39, visits with a patient in March 1943 at Thurleigh, England, the home base of the 306th Bomb Group during World War II, (Photo courtesy of the 306th Bomb Group Historical Collection, East Anglia Air War Archives, Abilene, Texas.)

Making a Difference: Buck Rusher, M.D. '73

A.H. "Buck" Rusher, M.D. '73, has received three medals of honor for helping bring surgical standards up in the country of Mongolia. His efforts brought Mongol surgeons to the United States, which led them to become the first to be trained and able to perform laparoscopic surgery in their country.

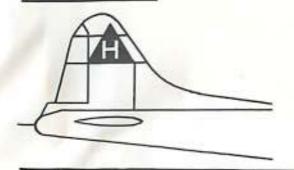
Dr. Rusher and his wife, Pam, have served with the Baptist International Mission Board as volunteers on several occasions to countries such as Gaza, Nigeria. Ghana, and Zimbabwe. The Rushers spent five of the past seven years living and working at the University Hospital in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, where Dr. Rusher was a staff surgeon. After learning sufficient language skills, the Rushers also traveled most of the country to work in the smaller rural hospitals teaching and helping with surgical cases. He also taught medical students, surgery residents and surgery staff.

They are now living in Jonesboro, but Dr. Rusher won't forget his experience overseas. "Most of the cases I was assigned were of the more complicated variety or were something the local staff was not accustomed to handling." he said. "It was a surgeon's dream. I am grateful for spending the time studying general, vascular, chest, endocrine, plastic and some orthopedic techniques. It all came in handy during those years in Asia."



Buck Rusher, M.D. '73. (left) handled complex surgical cases and helped surgeons throughout Mongolia.

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John B. Wright

If any man ever proved that you not only can take the boy out of the country, but also the country out of the boy, John B. Wright, our guest of honor, is that man. For he is a native of Wadsworth, Nevada — he was born in that small community, little more than a wide spot in the road some 35 miles east of Reno along U.S. 40, on January 25, 1898. Yet he has long since been the true cosmopolite and is as "at ease" in the presence of the nation's leading bankers with whom he has asso-

ciated for many years as he was with top Air Force brass during his outstanding military career in World War II. Although his dapper and youthful appearance belies the fact, our guest is retiring

on February 1, 1963.



"Jack," as he is affectionately known to his wide circle of friends and business acquaintances, attended the University of Nevada. It should be noted that in his early days he favored "Jack B. Wright," later reverting to the more formal "John" of his baptism. His schooling was interrupted by World War I, after which he embarked on a business career that took him to Spokane. In 1924, what was to be a 38-year career with General Motors Acceptance Corporation nearly ended before it started. Employed by GMAC at Spokane, he was to report to San Francisco as a salesman in the Financial Sales Department. When he showed up an hour late to start the job, the manager of the office, who was meticulous on punctuality, was ready to fire him as soon as he appeared. Jack was able to convince the manager to "go

along with him" for a little while. This man, an understanding person, did just that. Thus, GMAC owes a debt of gratitude to that manager-MacLeod (Mac) Maurice, now retired.

In any event, the records show that Mr. Wright's name was inscribed on the rolls of GMAC on November 1, 1924. In February of 1926, his financial sales talents were transferred to Chicago and in January, 1928, he was appointed resident manager in Atlanta. Three years later he moved to the Bank Relations Department, Executive Office, in New York. He was promoted to assistant manager of the department on August 1, 1935.

Mr. Wright's career with GMAC was interrupted on April 16, 1942, when he

volunteered for war service and was granted a military leave of absence. He went on active duty as a captain in the United States Army Air Force and was ordered to Officers' Training School. In June of that year, he was sent to the Air Force Intelligence School at Harrisburg. Upon completion of this tour, he was assigned to the 306th Heavy Bombardment Group which was equipped with the famed B-17 Flying Fortress and in August left the States aboard the Queen Elizabeth as assistant group intelligence officer. The group was stationed at Thurleigh, England.

Promoted to the rank of major in January, 1943, he was subsequently transferred to the 1st Bombardment Wing as assistant chief of staff, A-2. In November, 1943 he was given the silver leaf of lieutenant colonel and three months later was assigned to General Staff Corps, 1st Bombardment Division. He was named director of intelligence, 1st Air Division, in September of 1944 and the following January was promoted to the rank of colonel. After participation in the air offensive against Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe, Colonel Wright made a tour of France and Germany during April and May of 1945 on bomb damage survey. A short time later, he was returned to the United States on a special project. In August, 1945, he was assigned to the Second Air Force and was separated from the service at Colorado Springs the next month.

He is the holder of the Legion of Merit, awarded in November 1944; the Croix de Guerre with Palm, February 1945, and the Air Medal, March 1945. He also holds a Presidential Citation.

After returning to GMAC as assistant manager of Domestic Bank Relations, Jack Wright was named manager, U. S. Bank Relations on January 1, 1951, and was elected a vice president of the corporation on October 1, 1954. He was named to his present position, vice president and assistant manager, U. S. Borrowings, on June 1, 1960.

Now, Jack prepares to bid adieu to a career during which he has made countless freinds not only in GMAC and MIC, but throughout the nation's banking industry. One is constrained to wonder whether the banking fraternity and such events as the American Bankers Association's annual convention will be quite the same without the impact of his friendly personality.

With his charming wife at his side, he plans to start on a new career that will entail "doing just what I want to do." It is believed, however, that with a summer place at Hewlett, Long Island; a New York City apartment, and a winter home at Hobe Sound, Florida, the Wrights will occupy a good bit of their leisure in pursuit of their favorite pastimes — the theatre, opera and concerts, bridge, travel — with just the right amount of seasoning of deep sea fishing and gold.

In Jack we are losing a colleague who has been at once a good friend of his associates and an effective and valued representative of GMAC. As he takes his leave, he goes with the best wishes of all for continued success and happiness in the new and well-deserved life of retirement that lies ahead.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I knew Henry C. Cordery when he was assigned as an NCO tail gunner with the 423rd Bomb Squadron - 306th Bomb group stationed at Thurleigh, England during World War II. I was the Group Surgeon at the time and was keenly aware of the inadequacy of the flying clothing to protect against the extreme cold at the high altitudes flown at that time. We had a multitude of frost bite cases at the time and I fully expected evidence of other physical damage to develop in later years.

The tail gunner position in a B17 was a very cramped position and Sgt. Cordery, being a very tall man, was particularly cramped. He complained of stiff knees at the time after leaving the aircraft after missions and I have little doubt the temperature and cramping contributed to the arthritic condition of his knees with which he now finds himself.

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Respectfully submitted;

Thurman Shuller, M. D. Former Maj. M.C. U.S.A.R.

Surgeon 306th B.G.

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18 March 1984

M/Gen Delmar E. Wilson 5817 Northgap San Antonio, TX 78239

Dear Del:

After our recent conversation concerning Watts Humphrey, I thought you might find interesting a biographical rundown on him.

I kept digging, finding b its here and there, including a biography of his father in the National Cyclopedia of American Biography. That led to the Saginaw, Michigan, newspaper, who read me an obituary of Watts. By chance, I looked in the current Who's Who in America and found his eldest son's name, a widely known ornithologist. I eventually talked with a daughter-in-law, two sons and a daughter of Watts, and then got from Princeton University a rather detailed piece put together by Watts himself.

That is on one side of the attached sheet and his obituary on the other.

It turned out that his first wife's maiden name was Strong, so his children were curious and very talkative at getting a phone call from someone named Strong inquiring about their father. We concluded that we were about as closely related as we were to any of our neighbors. We have to go back to the 17th century, to the progenitor of the Strong family in America to find a common ancestor.

I am also throwing in a biographical statement I got recently on John Wright, who also had an interesting career, but not as varied and as interesting as Humphrey.

With Spring approaching, or already there, I am sure that you are spending considerable time on the golf course.

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Thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Vcc: Thurman Shuller

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I atts Humphrey, his wife, and three boys

WATTS SHERMAN HUMPHREY

Home: 65 Cleveland Lane, Princeton, N. J.

Office: Laidlaw and Co., 10 Nassau St., Princeton, N. J.

(Private banker and broker)

Profession: Investment Counsellor Position: Co-Manager, Princeton Office Married: Winifrede Eyre, October 18, 1944

Children: Philip S. Humphrey, 1926 Amherst, B.A.; Michigan, Ph.D. in Biology 1955

Watts S. Humphrey, Jr., 1927—Chicago, M.S. in Physics; Illinois Institute of Technology 1950, Masters in Elective English, Masters in Business

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William M. Humphrey, 1928—Illinois Institute of Technology;

University of Maryland, B.S. 1952 Peter Rowley (Stepson), 1934—Princeton 1955

Dorothy Mary Humhprey, 1948—Miss Fine's School 1962 Grandchildren: Margaret Humphrey, 1946 Stephen Humphrey, 1948 Katharine Humphrey, 1954 Sarah Sherman Humphrey, 1957

Wife's College: Roehampton (Middlesex, England)

Politics: Republican

1917, March: Company L., 2nd. N. J. Infantry.
1917, June: Flying Corps, U.S. Army; flying instructor in Texas; to France in September of 1918.

1919. March: entered M.I.T. in Mining & Metallurgy; B.S. June 1921.

1921, September: to Ecuador with S. Amer. Development Co. gold mining; chief engineer in 1922.

1923, Engineer with Hanna Ore Mining Co., Hibbing, Minn.

1924, Married Katharine Strong.

1925, asst. chief engineer.

1927, lead-zinc mining in Missouri.

1927, October: asst to Treas., Standard Accident Insurance Co., Detroit.

1928, V.P. and Treas., Standard Accident Insurance Co.,

1929, Director same company.

1932, V.P., Treasurer and Director, General Reinsurance Co.; North Star Insurance Co.; and associated companies.

1933, also managing director of Villa d'este Corp.

1934, V.P. and Director American General Corp. and associated companies. end of 1939 and 1940; hospital.

1942, March: Major, 306 Heavy Bomb Group, S-2, at Wendover, Utah. (incidentally, Curt LeMay was S-3) We flew to Westover, Mass. and thence to Thurleigh Airfield, Bedford, England in Sept. 1942. October: A-2, First Bomb Division, 8th Air Force, Brampton, Hunts.

1943, June: Chief of Intelligence, Combined Operational Planning Comm.

1944, Colonel and Legion of Merit.

1945, May: A-2, 8th Air Force; head of German Air Force Division, U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey.
October: head of Japanese Air Force Division, U.S.S.B.S.

1946, June: head of Intelligence instruction, Air War College, Maxwell Field, Alabama; October: Bronze Star.

1947, June: Central Intelligence Agency; sent to Chicago to organize and head a Chicago office.

1949-1952: various jobs as financial consultant.

1953, May: organized and headed Princeton Office for Laidlaw & Co.

1954, director, Applied Science Corp. of Princeton.

1958, on Advisory Committee for Geology, Princeton University.

In 1944, I was divorced and later in the same year, remarried. My wife and I have so much fun with our four boys, one daughter and five grandchildren that it keeps us pretty busy. We love travel, and on vacations, I have shown my wife 42 of the States, Portugal, Spain and several returns to England.

My wife is a fine tennis player, enthusiastic about skating, does many philanthropic things, and is active in the English-Speaking Union, besides

Watts Sherman Humphrey died Tuesday at his home, 65 Cleveland Lane, He was 71 years old. . He was born in Saginaw, Mich. and attended Exeter Academy and Princeton University prior to service with the U. S. Army Flight Corps in World War I. He was graduated from MIT in 1921 and worked for a period as a mining engineer in Ecuador. He subsequently worked in the financial field, including the position of, vice president of the General Reinsurance Co. In 1941 he rejoined the military service and served as a colonel with the Eighth Air Force in Great Britain, He played a major role in the planning of bombing missions over Germany and flew some of the missions. In 1948 and '47 he served on the staff of the Air War College in Maxwell Field, Montgomery: Ala. In 1947 he joined the CIA and headed their offices in Chicago. From 1950 to 1952 he was investment officer of the Princeton Bank & Trust Co. and in 1952 he joined Laidlaw & Co. to open! their offices here, where he was co-manager until his death. He was financial advisor to the Princeton YM-YWCA and a member of the Nassau Club. He is survived by his widow Winifred, three sons, Philip S., Watts S. Jr., and William M.; a daughter, Dorothy M. E. Hum-phrey; a stepson, Peter Rowley; and nine grandchildren. Also a brother, George M. of Cleveland; and two sisters, Mrs. John T. Sample of Saginaw, Mich. and Mrs. Patrick Tabor of Joplin, Memorial services will be held Friday, Aug. 23, at 11 a.m. in Trinity Church. The Rev. E. Rugby Auer will officiate and burial will be in All Saints' Cemetery. Arrangemens are under the direction of the Mather Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Ave.

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Dear Dr. Shuller,

Forgive me for the delay in answering your request of October 3, 1983. I am sorry to report that Edward J. Tracy, MD died February 23, 1967.

I have enclosed his obituary from the <u>Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)</u>, which includes some additional biographical information.

Please don't hesitate to write again. I don't usually take so long to answer.

Yours truly,

Micaela

Micaela Sullivan Public Medical Historian 14-28-62 (LAST ADDRESS) Tracy, Edward Joseph ® Brig Gen, US Air Force, retired, St. Paul; Minnesota, 21930; certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine; died in the US Naval Hospital in Great Lakes, Ill, Feb 23, aged 64, of carcinoma of the pancreas.

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3. medical school code: University of Minnesota Medical School, graduated 1930

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26 January 1984

Dear Dr. Schuller,

Back in September 1983 you graciously allowed us to borrow and copy your World War II Diary for the Air Force Archives at Maxwell AFB. They need to have the attached form completed by you.

Thanks again for letting us share in your WWII experiences.

Sincerely

JOHN T. BOHN

Command Historian

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, _____ have this day donated to the Albert F. Simpson Historical Research Center. Understanding that they will be accessioned into the Archives of the Air Force to be used, as the security classification permits, by qualified historical researchers whose access has been determined to be in the best interest of the United States Air Force, I do hereby voluntarily give, transfer, convey and assign all right, title and interest in the memoirs and remembrances contained in the aforementioned personal papers to the Office of Air Force History, acting on behalf of the United States of America, to have and to hold the same forever, hereby relinquishing for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs and assigns all ownership, right, title and interest therein to the donee subject only to the following restrictions: DONOR RELATIONSHIP DATED ACCEPTED ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF AIR FORCE HISTORY BY:

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Mr. John T. Bohn Command Historian Hq. SAC Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska 68113

Dear Mr. Bohn,

In reply to your letter of 26 January 1984 requesting that I sign a release form in regard to the copy of my war diary, I have elected not to sign this form. It is not my intention to release ownership of this diary nor complete control over its use. I expect it to remain in the custody of members of my family. My purpose in allowing you to copy it for the archives is to allow its use only for authorized research persons and not for public release.

Sincerely

Thurman Shuller, M. B.

TS/jg

170 Saratoga Ave. N.W. Canton, Ohio 44708 December 1, 1983

Dear Friends:

When I look at the stack of unanswered cards and letters from our many friends, I decided to eliminate the repetitious letters and do it this way. With the holidays upon us, another year is coming to an end and for me it will be one with the most pleasant memories.

First, the Ex-P.O.W. Convention this July in Cleveland was actually an adventure! My resurrecting the American Flag that I carried on the forced march, we of Stalag XVII-B made in Germany, became a high point of the Convention. The flag given to us by the Red Cross was used for burials in camp and when we evacuated ahead of the Russians, I was asked to carry it. When aircraft approached I was to spread it on the ground so as to distinguish us from German troop movements. I saved this flag which I slept on or used as a pillow when we bedded down at night.

Ed Allen, the convention chairman who was also in IT-B, brought the story to light through an article in The Cleveland Plain Dealer which became a human interest story and hit the AP wires across the country. This in turn produced calls from NBC, CBC, ABC, and Mutual ending up with not only being interviewed on local coverage and talk shows but on "Good Morning America" with David Hartman. How something like this all came about because of something I saved for 38 years was almost more than I could comprehend.

The media in all instances connected it with the movie "Stalag 17" and all the exposure was about our group. The real thrill was the reunion of all our Kriegiers, seeing someone you bunked with, the conversations where stories resurrected both funny and tragic which were long forgotten, brought back memories. Just seeing and talking to so many of you, some of whom I haven't seen since the day of liberation, left me with a sense of comradeship that I had never felt before. It is something that only one who experienced our situation could understand. The highlight was 17-B banquet. Orlo and Ruth Natvig along with Ed and Shirley Allen did a magnificent job. I can only anticipate seeing all of you again next year.

With the exuberance of that convention over, I began to look forward to the 306th Bomb Group reunion in October in Omaha. I have been to several 8th AF reunions but none as enjoyable as this. It was so well organized and it was our own. It is always great to see those who come each year, but it was even better to see the new faces and especially those originals. Some who were in Cleveland also made this one and rightly so since there were so many 306 P.O.W.'s.

Peg did not make the trip so my traveling buddy who was in the infantry, but who is an airplane history and military buff, came with me. I was asked to bring my B-17 model along. The fusalage would fit in the trunk, but the 78-inch wing had to lay between us stretching from rear window to windshield. It was not too uncomfortable but did you ever drive 1900 miles with a propeller in your ear? It was worth the trouble just to hear the discussions it brought about.

Of all the greeting and talking that I did, I still came away not getting to talk to some as much as I would have liked. There just is not enough time. The Rodeo, the trip to SAC base with its most informative briefing, the band playing those '40 tunes while we ate at the officer's club was fantastic. Don Ross and his committee deserved the highest praise.

The finale was the banquet with Doc Shuller's speech which at times had us in stitches, then choking back that lump in the throat that memories bring. I was so glad I taped it as I have played it for my family and friends and most of all for the solitude of reminiscing for myself. It was sad to break up but one of the biggest compliments was paid by my traveling friend who on the way home told me he wished he had been in the 306th. It is such a great group of guys (Amen).

Before Omaha, I was told by my doctors of the possibility of open heart surgery but they would first do a catheterization. I waited until I came home when I began to have angina problems. I went in November 1 for the cath and never got off the table. I began to go under and went straight to surgery. I awoke two days later to find they had to open me the second time - God should have put zippers on us. I am recuperating now but am disappointed they could only replace one artery. I'm told the rest of my heart had been damaged from the previous two heart attacks. This is all they could do. This is my lifeline. One of the team doctors told me I had "about seven to ten days, give or take a couple," and I had just traveled 1900 miles! I was so fortunate to be where I could be taken care of. We celebrated the best Thanksgiving ever, although for the first time I had feelings for the turkey Peg was preparing. It is so good to be here.

I want to thank all of you who sent news clippings and especially those who were kind enough to write letters on my behalf for the V.A. i For the fifth time, I have been turned down and I'm just too tired to fight anymore.

May all of you and yours have a most Joyous Holiday. God Bless You.

Sincerely, Peg and Lee Kessler

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered with failure, than to be ranked with those poor souls who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, for they live in that grey twighlight that knows not victory or defeat."

Dear Doc -

There will be a short auxouncement in the Echoes which in due out momentarily but I thought I owed you the news that Chip Overacker died on 26 October. The next issue of the Echoes will have a long biographical summary and a frictionial spread on the "old man." His wife is saving use (hip; pictures, records and other AF things which will form the basis of the Echoes coverage which I will write. The AF memorabilia may someday make their way to the 306th museum which was talked about at Omaha.

before the end and we had a solightful down telling was stories. I told him all about the Omaha reunion and brought him a 306th cap which he really appreciated.

In addition to his emphysema he doctors discovered cancer in his lift lung. He was totally courageous in he face of death — magnificent really. He had put all his affairs but one in order — bought Metty a new Mercedes with some "bot he had started away so she's have some thing nice to remember him by." Refused radiation and chemo herapy so "he could die like a gentleman without being reduced to a recetable". He commissioned me to take care of his one unfinished affair and hat was to dispose of his guess so some shipster wouldn't rol metty blind. I've already gotten rid of 3 of he is at top dollar. I've endosed one for you. I've uniss he old man — I enjoyed going up to Leoner and taking him out to lunch.

deserves much credit. So in eldestally, does the featured speaker at the basquet who kept the audience spellbound with interaction, his takes of liquor and debanchery. In the best to you both, factor

Charles B. "Chip" Overacker (February 22, 1901 - October 26, 1983)
Col. USAF Retired. Born at Niles California of California Pioneers.
Graduated from University of California and was commissioned 2nd Lt.
Army Air Corps in 1925.

Graduated from Air Corps Advanced Flying School and was rated Air Plane Pilot in 1927.

He served at various Air Corps stations in the U.S. and Panama Canal Zone until the outbreak of World War II.

Commanded and trained the 306 Heavy Bomb Group which he took to the 8th Air Force in England in 1942.

Returned to the U.S. in 1944 and served at the Air Force Proving Ground and Air Force Trainning Command until the end of the war.

Commanded the Air Force Communications Wings in the U.S. and in the Far East until 1952.

Returned to the U.S. and served in the Air Defense Command at Kansas City and as deputy commander and chief of staff of the Crew Training Air Force at Randolf Air Force Base San Antonio, Texas where he was retired on June 30, 1956 after 31 years of continous service.

He was a member of the Order of Daedalions and a Quiet Birdman.

He is survived by his wife Metty Overacker and his sister Carol Svoboda of Fremont California.

He requested cremation and no services.

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Hq SAC/HO Offutt AFB, Nebraska 68113 Attn: Mr. Goldberg

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

Enclosed is my entire War Diary which you requested for the purpose of reproduction for the Air Force Archives at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

It is understood that this diary contains material that is highly personal and also statements that might be injurious or embarassing to persons still living. Therefore, my condition for permitting a copy of this diary to be placed in the archives must be that it be restricted to the use of authorized researchers only and not for general release. It must not have unrestricted release until the year 2000, or until persons about whom any unfavorable comment is made are no longer living.

Sincerely

Thurman Shuller, MD

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Attn: Mr. Goldberg

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

Since mailing my war diary to you I have gone through my old files and have found some old correspondence which you can decide if it is worth keeping. Three of them are quoted in the diary. Two of them are not. They do document the genuine concerns of the Flight Surgeons at the 306th B.G. in the period March-May, 1943.

Sincenely,

Thurman Shuller, MD

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Dear Del.

What a delightful surprise to get your letter a while back. I have delayed answering it so I could tell you how much we would have enjoyed having you join us at the reunion. I know you would have enjoyed it. This was by far the best turnout and therefore the best reunion that we have had. There were so many of the original combat crews there. There were just under 300 veterans plus spouses. Probably half had their wives there.

I thought you might be interested in knowing some of those Wendover veterans who showed up. The following are the officers that I recall. I can't begin to recall all the enlisted men.

Pilots
Jack Ryan
Rip Riordan
Robert (Willie)Williams
Robert Seelos
Pervis Youree
John McKee
Jane Odle (widow of Elbert)

John Dexter, navigator
James Venable, engineer
Robt. Hermann, navigator
Gerald Rotter, bombardeer
Wallace Boring, navigator
Frank Youssi, bombardeer
Al LaChasse, bombardeer
Walter Coons, bombardeer
Robt. Stevens, engineer
Dean Munal, Sq. Surgeon
Samuel Simpson, Sq. Surgeon

Next year it's to be in Ft. Worth the Rip Riordan is chairman of a committee of has a lot of plans formulated for an even bigger turnout with emphasis on trying to get squadron commanders there. We are all especially anxious to have you there too, on your calendar right now. I suppose your greatest loyalty is to the 305th B.G. since you commanded it, but we still think of you as one of the shakers and movers of the 306th during its formation and training period and the first few months of combat. Everybody who knew you remembers you with a great deal of respect and affection. I know you'll have a very at our next reunion.

My after-dinner speech at Omaha was received far better than I had any right to expect. I quoted a number of excerpts from my war diary--- some humorous and some quite serious. I was able to hold their attention for about fifty minutes. One remark that I made, which was quoted in Russ Strong's history, was that a dead man brought back to the base affected the emotional health of the

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combat personnel more than loss of a whole crew over enemy territory. It was interesting to me that in your letter you made reference to your discomfort in stepping over the dead body of Lt. Epperson upon our return from Portreath in Nov. 1942. Most of my talk was about trivia which doesn't get into history books.

I was delighted to have the brief summary of your activities since WWII. I had no idea you were in command of the bomb rescue activities in Spain that got so much publicity. You do seem to be making the most of your retirement.

After getting out of the service after WWII I went back into a hospital residency program to specialize in Pediatrics and have spent my entire career thereafter as a practicing pediatrician with the McAlester Clinic-- 35 years worth. I'm still fully in the sadle and have been chief-of-staff of our 18-man clinic group for the last eleven years. My time is rapidly approaching, however, since I'll be required to sell out my interest in the operation at the age of 70, which comes up the middle of next year. After that I expect to continue for a while in a greatly reduced capacity.

I did continue my Reserve status after the War and got in 30 years of Reserve time, so I have been retired as a colonel for nine years.

It was so good to hear from you. We will all be looking forward to seeing you in Ft. Worth next October.

Most sincerely,



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December 5, 1986

RE: Charles T. Niblack
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I was Group Surgeon of the 306th Bomb Group from July 1942 to August 15, 1943, spanning Group organization and training time in Wendover, Utah through its first eleven months of combat in England. On August 15, 1943, I was transferred up to the next higher headquarters to the 1st Air Division where I served as Division Surgeon for two years for the remainder of the war in Europe in 1945. The 306th Bomb Group was one of thirteen heavy bombardment groups under the command of the 1st Air Division.

I have no personal knowledge of Capt. Charles T. Niblack or his physical problems because he joined the 306th Bomb Group in June 1944, ten months after I left the Group. I do however, have very personal knowledge about group medical records or lack of same during the stress of aerial combat.

Though the medical facility at 306th Bomb Group or any other such combat unit was called a hospital, it was not actually that. We had about twenty beds for minor illnesses and short stay emergencies, but any serious injuries or illnesses were evacuated to Evacuation Hospitals or Station Hospitals in the area. Therefore only sketchy medical records were kept in the local medical facility. Composit reports were made each week by diagnosis, length of stay, etc., for the commander and higher headquarters, but these diagnosis were not reported by name. Therefore, for the most part, a condition requiring attention in the local medical facility overnight or longer was not the sort of thing that would end up in one's 201 file.

In the case of anxiety or combat stress or fatigue, it was common practice for a unit surgeon to put a flier to bed in the local medical facility for one or more nights just for rest and sedation without any formal action other than verbal communication with the unit commander. There might likewise be a recommendation for a 3-day pass or a week at the "Rest Home" without any entry in his record of any connection with an anxiety reaction.

In those days there was constant pressure on commanders from higher headquarters to keep a maximum number of planes in the air. Therefore, there was the same pressure on combat crews to take to the air even though many were suffering acute emotional combat stress reaction. In the absence of a complete breakdown or refusal to fly, there was seldom any action taken to permanently remove one from flying status. Such action required a review board and reclassification or referral back to the States, both of which carried a stigma which most conscientious combat crewmen preferred

Dr. Thurman Shuller The McAlester Clinic. Inc. 1401 E. Van Buren Ave. P. O. Box 908 McAlester, OK 74502

Dear Dr. Shuller:

I hope somehow you can forgive my failing to answer your kind letter of December 5, 1986, written in support of my cause: my so-far-in-vain petiton for compensation for PTSD from WW II. As a very weak excuse, I delayed hoping each day would bring news that I could pass on to you. Of course, you already know that nothing except delays and foot dragging has transpired and it appears it will continue to drag on ad infinitum.

Your letter required a great deal of time and thought in behalf of a fellow veteran whom you have never even met. It was a most magnanimous gesture on your part and if anything submitted to the VA will be of any effect, it will surely be your letter giving such a clear and complete description of things as they were during that time.

Win or lose, I am in your debt for such a fine attempt on your Thank you, Doctor. I promise not to delay again should the VA eventually conclude my case and I will let you know the outcome, pro or con, without delay.

Occasionally someone like you comes along and renews my faith in human nature. Thanks, again, I needed that.

Most sincerely

Charles T. Niblack
46 27 Rechnoold ave
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Re: Charles T. Niblack November 5, 1986 Page two

to avoid at all cost. Therefore, many emotional cripples continued to fly even though unfit to do so. In the heat of combat requirements at the time there were not the facilities or medical personnel sufficient to document all the problems that existed or might develop in the future. Countless numbers of fliers who were barely able to function because of combat stress continued to do so to the end of their combat tour and returned home without any record ever having been made of any physical or emotional problems they may have suffered as a result of combat.

For several years I have attended the Annual Reunion of the 306th Bomb Group Veterans and have talked with several combat crewmen who continue to suffer symptoms of anxiety and depression as a result of the trauma of aerial combat whom I knew and treated and tried to help them carry on to complete their tour. As stated above, I did not know Capt. Niblack and have no personal knowledge of his problems during the war. I can only say I have no reason to doubt his petition for relief because the description of his present condition is so typical of others I have encountered and do have personal knowledge of. I am also sympathetic with his problem of his inability to establish proof through medical records because I have every confidence that no such record was ever made. Such records in most cases were made only on those who came to Board Action or who were evacuated through hospital channels. Countless others have fallen through the cracks

Thurman Shuller, Col. M& Ret. former Group Surgeon 306th B.G.

TS/to

Dr. Thurman Shuller P. O. Box 908 McAlester, Oklahoma 74501

Dear Dr. Shuller:

Please forgive this intrusion, Dr. Shuller, but I very much need your help. I am looking for war-time medical records of the 368th Squadron, 306th Group, First Wing of the 8th Air Force during World War 11. Please refer to the several copies of various written documents enclosed --- some of which have been submitted to the Veterans Administration in support of my recent claim for compensation.

In attempting to find my former Squadron Flight Surgeon, through erron I assumed him to be Dr. Harold D. Munal and wrote to him seeking "his recollection" of my misfortunes. I also talked with Dr. Alfred Erb. formed Flight Surgeon for the 367th Squadron. On finally learning that Dr. James E. McClung had been my flight Surgeon, I sought for him only to discover that he had died several years ago.

As former Flight Surgeon for the First Wing, you are familiar with the methods employed in medical record-keeping utalized within the several 306th squadrons during the time that I served as a pilot in command of a B-17 bomber combat crew assigned to the 368th Squadron. Specifically, my problem is that the veterans records kept in St. Louis have no medical records on me with the exception of a few that I have since copied from my own personal files and forwarded to them. They say that nothing of record shows my ever having been off flying status. They have denied my claim that I sustained severe mental trauma leading to acute anxiety. conversion and depression because it is not supported by record. The only medical records in my personal file concern events in the U.S. after my return from England. Obviously, the war records section has either lost or never had my overseas medical records.

If you could shed some light on how I might reconstruct these missing records, I would be forever grateful. As of now, the VA is denying my lawful right to compensation for war related disabilities.

Thanks for your consideration of my problem.

Charles T. Niblack

Encl.: Letter to Dr. Munal with Sorties Record; Dr. Munal's answer; 4 sets of orders removing and revoking removal of flying status; Local hospital records confirming anxiety, conversion, depression; My summation/"Added personal evidence.

Doctor Harold D. Munal Box 66 San Jose, Texas 78589

Dear Deane:

With all the combat crews passing through Thurleigh while you were Flight Surgeon for the 368th Squadron, you may well have forgotten me completely. Please indulge me while I recall two instances that should refresh your memory.

First, you went on a combat mission with my crew while serving as an observer. The mission was recalled after we had reached assembly altitude over the assigned splasher beacon. Rather than descend through the cloud bank and all those planes, I flew South until I found a hole in the clouds and made a spiral descent. From there on back to the base, we flew very close to the terrain including some rather rugged hills. This buzzing caused you to become quite air sick and when I did an abrupt pullup, you tossed your cookies. Sorry about that. Had it been me I would certainly remember the mission. We forget the routine and remember the unusual—like a combat mission.

Second, and of extreme importance to me, toward the end of my 34-mission tour I was solicited and recommended for one of several positions as Squadron Commander within the Third Division which required my agreement to a second tour after the usual 30-day leave in the States. Upper ranked officials in both squadron and group levels were required to "sign out" on this transfer. Everything was set and I awaited orders to transfer. Instead, I received orders to transfer to the "zone of the interior". After inquiring of all senior officers of both squadron and group concerned and getting denials that they had turned me down, someone suggested checking with you. By now you probably remember that it was you who had turned me down....with good reason. You asked 'haveyou looked at yourself in a mirror lately?", and proceeded to tell me what bad shape I was in, stressing both physical and mental deterioration that precluded any consideration of further combat missions to say the least. You said I had become a nervous wreck and just returning to the states might not be all that could be required. You also assured me that I would never have to fly another tour of missions, the fear of which had, oddly enough, brought on my decision to do another immediate tour--strange reasoning, but with previous crews returning for another tour, I felt I could schedule myself only on milk runs as had my Squadron CO, because I had in truth become a complete coward, and that way I wouldn't have to admit it to anyone. You saw through my false bravado. All of this I hope you can recall.

Obviously I need your help. Over the years since the war many doctors who treated me for other than mental problems have, however, recognized my continuing state of Acute and Cronic Anxiety and have suggested getting help for it. My wife of 35 years, soon after we were married, also asked that I get either psychiatric help or file with the government for compensation. I heeded neither doctors nor wife-too much pride. I finally filed for compensation and the V.A. says, because I have failed to show that anyone of recognized competent authority recognized my problem at the time I left the service and no one since had treated me for these mental problems that I had no "provable" claim for compensation. The doctors mentioned above were my senior by several years and all have died. You are the only one who can substantiate my present state existed when I left combat. My Acute Anxiety is not at question--just its cause. If you will write me a 'To whom it might concern" letter giving as best you can recall my mental condition at the time you rejected my transfer and second tour you will help me get some compensation that I should have had all these years.

I know you are acutely aware of the causes of these mental aberrations from wartime experiences as you were there! However, indulge me a bit longer. In my case, my problems were almost wholly brought about during my first 15 days with the squadron. Within those 15 days I flew 12 missions including 2 to Hamburg and 1 to Berlin (see enclosed mission schedule copy) and was recalled on the other 3 days after already reaching altitude and even having crossed the channel on one scrubbed mission. It was simply too much too quickly for me to adjust. You probably will not recall, but I thereafter made sick call and you put me in the base hospital suffering from mental and physical exhaustion, pneumonia, gingivitis, stone bruises on both buttocks and severe weight loss—24 pounds in 15 days. I can't remember any other problems at that time. There were other experiences too severe to recall except within my nightmares.

Please let me hear from you soon, Deane—the V.A. is trying to cut off receipt of appeal evidence early in November. Thanks, and good luck.

Sincerely

Charles T. Niblack

Ex Captain U.S. Air Force 306 Group, 368 Squadron

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SORTIES RECORD

Cuptain HI BLACK, CHARLES T., XXMXXXXX, 0-756302, Pilot, 368th Bomb Sq (H), 306th Bomb Go (H), has completed the following sorties over enemy or enemy occupied | territories:

- St Andre de L'Eure, France 11 Jun 44 1.
- Lille-Vendeville, France 12 Jun 44 2.
- Bretigny, France 14 Jun 44 3.
- Nantes, France 15 Jun 44
- Woyen, France 5. 17 Jun 44
- Hamburg, Germany 18 Jun 44 6.
- Calais, France 19 Jun 44
- Hamburg, Gormany 8. 20 Jun 44

MOfficer credited with 1 mission.

Auth: Ltr., 1st Bomb Liv, subj. 'Completion of Operational Tour! dd 22 jun/44."

- 21 Jun 44 Berlin, Germany 10.
- Ghent, Belgium 111 22 Jun 44
- 24 Jun 44 Bremen, Germany 12.
- Joigny, France 13. 25 Jun 44
- 2 Jul 44 Calais, France 14.
- Callais, France 15. 6 Jul 44
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- Amiens, France 17. 8 Jul 44
- Munich, Germany
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- 20 Jul 44 Marburg, Germany 19.
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- Merseberg, Germany 28 Jul 44 21.
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- Frankfurt, Germany 15 Aug 44 28.
- Bohlen, Germany 16 Aug 44 29.
- Gelsenkirchen, Germany 30. 26 Aug 44
- Kiel, Germany 30 Aug 44 31.
- 11 Sep 44 Eisenach, Germany 32.
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October 28, 1986

Mr. Charles T. Niblack 4627 Richmond Avenue Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Niblack:

Your letter came yesterday and since then I have been trying to place you.

I became Group Flight Surgeon in the last half of 1943, at which time I lost track of 368th pilots and officers.

I believe Dr. James McClung took my place as Squadron Flight Surgeon..

I know that I did not fly on a mission until after the invasion of France and then just before the end of the war. So far I have never been air sick in my been Dr. McClung who flew with you.

I really do not remember turning anyone down who had a chance for promotion.

I left England in September 1945 before any of the Squadron Flight Surgeons did and since then I have had contact with only Dr. Erb. I think he was in the 369th Squadron.

I wish you good luck and certainly sm sorry I cannot help you.

H. Deane Munal, M.D.

558TH AAF BASE UNIT (20TH FERRYING GROUP)

FERRYING DIVISION, AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

SPECIAL ORDERS) NUMBER 149)

EXTRACT

29 May 1945

16. The fol AC O, AUS (Sv Qual 1) rptd this sta 28 May 45 per auth indicated, cs, and are asgd 508th AAFBU. Asgd qrs eff rptg date; qrs not avail for dep.

EDCMR 11 May 45 - Par 30, SO 124, 1105th AAFBU, Miami, Fla MCO Capt VALENTINE J PERNUSH 0408593 1024 57.998 EDCMR 18 May 45 - Par 17, SO 135, 554th AAFBU, Memphis, Tenn F/O ROBERT 7 ARTHUR T67070 0916 65.107

17. The fol EM (2756; Sv Qual A) rptd this sta time indicated, 28 May 45, per auth indicated cs, and are asgd 508th AAFBU.

EDCMR 18 May 45 - Par 12, SO 116, 565th AAFBU, Reno, Nev	MCO
1120 Cpl John J Viola 12150155	252
1125 Pfc Harry Zerull 15130281	371
1955 Pvt William P Tidmore 33727211	480
EDCMR 19 May 45 - Par 16, SO 117, 565th AAFBU, Rano, Nev	G00
TATE T/Set Theodore Sukosky 16152690	363
EDCMR 19 May 45 - Par 26, SO 136, 554th AAFBU, Memphis, Tenn	400
1410 S/Sgt George A Grine 16041125	480
2350 . S/Sgt James T Hopkins 15090610	010

18. Under provisions par 53b (1) (a) AR 600-40 and AR 775-10, the fol AC 0 are auth to wear badge for qualification as indicated on the Carbine; fired 24 May 45:

508th AAF Base Unit		Score
1st Lt VIRGIL L JONES 0514789	Sharpshooter	157
1st Lt JAMES B BARNARD 0505819	Sharpshooter	163
and Lt DON M COPELAND 0539745	Sharpshooter	164

19. Under provisions AAF Reg 35-16, the fol AC 0 are suspended fr flying status eff date indicated, confirming VOCO that date, because of physical disabilities not resulting fr an avn accident:

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558TH AAF BASE UNIT (20TH FERRYING GROUP) FERRYING DIVISION, AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, MASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

SPECIAL ORDERS) NUMBER 150)

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30 May 1945

4. The fol AC O (Sv qual 1) rptd this sta 29 May 45, per auth indicated cs, and are asgd 508th AAFBU. Asgd qrs eff rptg date; qrs not avail for dep.

EDCMR 21 May 45 - Per 2, SO 124, 555th AAFBU, Dallas, Tex

1st Lt CHARLES R LINK 0791947 Res 1024; MCO 01.487

EDCMR 19 May 45 - Per 5, SO 123, 555th AAFBU, Dallas, Tex

1st Lt ROBERT B STAUFFER 0803702 AUS 1024; MCO 03.060

EDCMR 1 Jun 45 - Per 18, SO 126, SAACC, San Antonio, Tex

1st Lt WESLEY R COFER JR 0794765 Res 1034; MCO 51.410

EDCMR 22 May 45 - Par 13, SO 119, 565th AAFBU, Reno, Nev

F/O DAFTEL O JOSLIN T184622 AUS 0916; MOO 89.532

- 5. Under provisions AAF Reg 35-16, F/O ALVIN L HOVLAND T193619 AC, 508th AAFBU, is suspended fr flying status eff 28 May 45, confirming VOCO that date, because of physical disabilities not resulting fr an avn accident.
- 6. Under provisions AAF Reg 35-16, the suspension fr flying status of the fol AC O, is revoked eff date indicated, confirming VOCO that date:

Capt CHARLES T NIBLACK	0756302	Sc B	29 May 45
lst Lt IRWIN SCHWEDOCK	0806139	Sq A (Ropl Fit)	28 May 45
2nd Lt JOHN J MCCONKEY	0521.752	508th AAFBU	29 May 45

- 7. All retained records this sta pertaining to S/Sgt Carol J Briggs A704519 will be changed to Carol B MacMillan. (Auth: par 12, SO 125, 565th AAFBU, Reno, Nev cs.).
 - 8. Ly of absence is granted the fcl AC O, Sq B;

		# days	eff c/a
Capt ROBERT H IRVIN	0730124	15	5 Jun 45
1st Lt RUSSELL H OSBORNE JR	0665104	15 14	1 Jun 45
1st Lt CARLYLE R ASHBURN	0801093	10	1 Jun 45
1st Lt DENNIS E MCCLENDON	02046673	8	3 Jun 45

- 9. S/Sgt Roman H McPherson 14161878, Sq B, is auth to mess separately, eff 29 May 45.
- 10. Under prov par 53b (1) (a) AR 600-40 and AR 775-10, S/Sgt Lawrence R Kroll 16085530, 508th AAFBU, is auth to wear badge for qualification as Marks-man on the Pistol; fired 26 May 45. Score 63.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL JOHNSON:

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1st Lt, Air Corps Asst Adjutant ANDREW F JACKSON lst Lt, Air Corps Asst Adjutant

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(SO No 221, Hq 556th MAF Base Unit (6th Ferrying Gp) FD, MTC, 14 September 1945, Par 35 contid)

"Transcon Project", and upon compl of TDY will ret proper sta:

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36. Confirming VOCO, 12 Sept 45, in accord with AR 40-110, the fol AC Offs and EM are suspended from flying status for physical reasons, eff 12 Sept 45:

0704584 1ST LT PHINEAS GOLDSTEIN 0756302 $\overline{\mathbf{B}}$ CART CHARLES T NIBLACK 0760902 D 1ST LT JOHN PASKOWITZ В 1st lt john w allen 0719866 37051259 C Pfc Lloyd H Lucy 0679023 В 1ST IT LESLIE W BARNES

37. Confirming VOCO, 12 Sept 45, the suspension from flying status for physical reasons of the fol AC Offs and EM, is hereby revoked, eff 12 Sept 45:

36632384 Sgt John R O'Connor 1ST LT KEITH B HOPPER 0775704 1ST LT ARTHUR L RIVKIN 0775136

38. The VOCO, 13 Sept 45, directing that so much of Par 16, SO 195, this Hq, cs, as amended by Par 29, SO 202, this Hq,cs, to read, "and will proceed therefrom o/a 27 Aug 45", be further amended to read: "and will proceed therefrom o/a 13 Sept 45", is confirmed and made a matter of record. (Re: Off and EM trfd from Tucson, Ariz to this sta).

39. So Much of Par 31, SO 220, this Hq, cs, as reads: "IST IT ERIC E MULIER, 0706098 (Sq. B)" is deleted and the following substituted therefor: "IST LT ABNER L JONES, 0796397 (Sq B)". (Re: TDY of Offs at ATC Test Unit, Miani, A.B. Fla.)

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL McGREGOR:

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- D. lat Lt John R Hollon, 31555431, Ord, is detailed to the Air Corps per Par 7, Special Order 170, Hq, ATC, 531st Air Dase Unit, Office of the Communding General, Zashington, J. C., dtd 17 July 45.
- 13. 2nd Lt Charles I Haydon, 2071927, Ord, is detailed to the Air Serps per Par 17, Special Order 136, Hq. ATC, 531st A.F Dase Unit, Office of the Commanding General, Dashington, 3. C., 4td 4 August 45.
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- 13. Confirming VCCO 14 Sept 45, in accord with AR 40-110, let Lt Ralph 5 Crossgrove, 0011022, (Sq 3), is suspended from flying status for physical reasons, off 14 Sept 45.
- 14. Confirmin: Voco 13 Sept 45, the suspension from flying status for physical reasons of the fel no Offs is hereby revoked, off 15 Sept 45.

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Added personal evidence:

Encouraged by my wife early in our marriage to seek compensation for conditions my experiences during WW-II had brought about, I was too proud to admit my problems and too proud to ask for help. Repeatedly through these 40 odd years I have been further encouraged to seek help with my war-caused maladies. These subliminal disorders have been detected by various doctors over the years since the war. Most encouraged me to seek help from specialists in the field of mental health and disorders. From their examinations and our conversations they recognized that I suffered from "acute anxiety", "chronic anxiety", "mental stress", "severe depression", "hypertension", "conversion", etcetera. I knew that these conditions existed, but two things stood in the way of any action on my part: first, I felt that another person, including those engaged in the treatment of mental problems, could do nothing for the relief of my problems, and second, as mentioned, my pride kept me from any serious attempt to seek compensation -- compensation that I should have received all this time since the war. I am fully aware that my afflictions were directly caused by my ordeal as a combat bomber pilot in the 8th Air Force during WW-II.

My problems came about primarily during the period between June 11, 1944, and June 25, 1944. During that 15 day period, I was required to fly 12 combat missions because the invasion of Cherbourg had just begun and there was the necessity of accelerating air operations against the Germans on all fronts. Within those 15 days there was even a 4-day period during which I bombed Berlin once and bombed Hamburg twice—two of the roughest and most feared targets of WW-II.

At the end of those 12 missions I was committed to the base hospital as a total wreck, both psychologically and physically: I was suffering from acute anxiety (scared to death), mental stress, disorentation, severe weight loss (24 pounds in 15 days), pneumonia, gingivitis, and stone bruises on both buttocks. I was later told by our Squadron Doctor that he would have sent me stateside had not the orders existed to return all personnel to flying status if at all possible because continued air raids were critical at that specific time to the war effort. To this day I have never actually recovered from that ordeal and that of the remaining 21 combat missions flown by me.

On July 2, 1944, I returned to combat duty and during the next 45 days flew an additional 16 missions—in all, 33 actual missions over a period of 111 days including the hospital stay. That was too much, too many and too quick—I would never again be the same person.

By contrast, pilots in my squadron completing their tours prior to the invasion required an average of two years to complete their required 25 missions—I had completed my first 25 missions within 60 days. Too quick.

Thereafter I would taste raw metal (iron) every time a door slammed with a sound like a muffled 88mm anti-aircraft cannon shell burst, would be in a constant state of agitation, be totally without patience, have a trigger-quick temper even with those I should never be rough on, become withdrawn and antisocial, caring for no one's company, and on and onvirtually a complete reversal of my real pre-war personality or being. I have suffered these anxieties along with nightmares, flashback of intensely painful memories, almost uncontrollable panic attacks, problems trying to concentrate and simultaneously trying to remain awake, and to the contrary, being unable to sustain sleep over 3 or 4 hours, the impossibility of being close with people at work--with 'friends' in social gatherings--and worst of all, with members of my immediate family, even to a tendency toward violent behavior at home. It has cost me almost everything in terms of career success, including having been fired more than once, and in general stiffling any possibility to live up to my potential in all aspects when considering my innate talents, education and intellectual background.

Late in my combat tour and in answer to a request from the commander of the Third Air Division, I was recommended by my superiors to fill one of several positions of Squadron Commander in the Third Division to aid in the anticipated changes in their air tactics at the levels. I was accepted and while awating orders to report, did, instead, receive orders to return to the "zone of the interior"—the U.S. Our Squadron Doctor had intervened disclosing that I was both psychologically and medically unfit for the further anticipated combat assignments, even though I had passed muster with all Squadron and Group officers superior to my rank. This rejection by our Doctor was explained to me by him and I accepted his word for it. I did not, however, see the "request for approval" necessary to such promotions. Records of this incident are somewhere within your files and can clearly substantiate what I have revealed here.

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Thurleigh Medica:

- 1. Car reunion in Chicago on 22, 23 & 24 Sept. 1955 was successful. It was very nice to meet old friends again. Attached to this report is a list of the persons who attended the reunion. All of us, who were there, one Dr. Weihe a vote of thanks for his efforts to make our reunion successful. Our only regret is that the rest of you medics and ex-medics were not present. However, this can be corrected ment year when we have our next reunion 28, 29 and 30 June 1956 in New York City. We are attempting to organise a meeting of the entire 306th Bomb Group, 39th Sarvice Gp., etc. This is a tremendous project and can only be accomplished by each and every one of us writing to former Thurleigh members and advising thom of the meeting. Arrangements for housing, etc can be made by contacting Matty Argento, whose address is listed. I will contact the medics, but I would be grateful if you would contact non-medics that you know.
- 2. Attached is a list of some medics, whose addresses are unknown to me. If any of you have the address of these people, please forward it to me.
- 3. I sincerely hope to see all of you next June in New York.

Bill Houlihan 26580 Monticello Dr. Inketer, Michigan

LIST OF PERSONS ATTENDING THE REUNION

- 1. Dr. Art & Mrs. Marsha Weihe 318 N. E. Avenue Cak Park, Illinois
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- 9. Harold & Doris Hedin RFD #1 Swanville, Minnesota
- 10. Sigmund & Madeline Nitka Rte #2, Box 201 Milwaukse, Wisconsin
- 11. Milton & Mrs. Stathas 2817 N. Booth St. Milwaukse 12, Wisconsin
- 12. Matty Argento 320 E. 109th Street New York, N. Y.
- 13. Danny Schlessel 582 Elton Street Brooklyn, New York
- ll. Joe Ressa 3133 Helen Street Detroit, Hichigan
- 15. Ben Pelsel c/o Rondolet, North Sylvan Road Westport, Connecticut
- 16. Bill & Ruth Houlihan 26580 Monticello Dr. Inkster, Hichigan

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- 3. John Buccellato
- 4. Cody Best
- 5. Ed Bouman
- 6. Wm. Cairus
- 7. J. Caron
- 8. Henry Dantaig
- 9. Pete Hopkins
- 10. Raymond Hadie
- 11. Walter Kobesko
- 12. Orville Miles
- 13. Alphonso Micastro (Chgo)
- 14. Edward Stone
- 15. Dr. James Seamon
- 16. Harry (S) Templeton
- 17. Edward LaPaez

306th again had the largest contingent at the Sacond Stateside reunion in Dayton during the week-end 15-17 October 1976, We had 84 former 306 era plus wives and friends. There were 816 at the banquet on Saturday.

Casey Jones took some excellent pictures. He is offering an 8 x 10 color photo of the pictures he took after the general meeting on Saturday. He has each Squadron plus the Group. For orders, specify picture(a) and send \$3.00 for each print to: Casey Jones, 60 Darby Rd, Brockton MASS 02402. His phone number is (617) 587 5885.

Also, if anyone wants the series of pictures that were displayed in the Hospitality room, send \$7,50 to Bill Collins or Jack Grimm.

Next reunion will be St Louis - 7-9 October 1977. England trip will be in August 77, only 250 seats available. If you plan to go to England, suggest you make \$100,00 deposit now for each seat. For info write: Reunion Services, PO Box 4738, Hollywood, FL 33023, Dates - 23 Aug-7 Sept.

The Directory is the contribution of Chuck Rapp, Pittsburgh, PA who spent many long hours putting it together, thanks Chuck. We hope you may find an address or two that will bring someone together for chit-chat or camaraderie. Since we are adding new names almost daily, the list must be supplemented, Add the following:

Dr Orlie Parker William H Gentle Glenn Loveland Ed Dostie Dr Dennis Sharkey Jr Winston W Burroughs Robert H Reck Robert E Crane Edward M Murphy E A Bill Williams William R Cain Thomas E Stillson Robert P Ashwood Nolan D Hardin Edward H Tuten M/G James S Cheney Lawrence Dammert Rudolph Skelak

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Dear Thurm (or "T. S.," or "Tough Whatever S Goes With"):

In going through my mail and looking over the calendar of events to come, other than my continuing medical education meetings which I anticipate attending, I see where I have marked off a couple of days in October to attend the Eighth Air Force Reunion in St. Louis.

I missed the reunion in Dayton last year, although it was probably the closest meeting which will ever be because I was attending the American Society of Anesthesiologists Meeting in California; but this year's meeting in St. Louis I definitely hope to be able to attend. In the past, I have received periodic letters from Houlihan, but since Christmas, I have heard nothing from him.

Now, as you say, your children have left the trough, you will have time to attend numerous meetings and social events which you obviously were unable to do while raising a family of four. I have two children, a daughter who is now living in Washington, D.C., and a son who is attending school here at the University of Cincinnati.

For the last 25 years, I have been engaged in the practice of anesthesiology here in Cincinnati. We now have a group of eight physicians and eleven nurse anesthetists. I have contacted Dr. Munal and he was kind enough to answer my letters, telling me of vacation spots along the southern coast of Texas. I have not seen or contacted Manning and have often wondered what may have happened to him. I have met and had lunch several times with Stan Jerow, who was with the service squadron. Other than that, I have had very little contact with anyone from the 306.

I am looking forward to attending this meeting. I hope to see you there and many others from our days in England. Keep in contact, and I hope to see you in October in St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,

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