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Gentlemen:

A friend, James R. Bement of Demotte, IN., visited me and brought the April and July issues of the 306th Echoes and the 1996 issue of the 306th Bomb Group Association Directory. I have had great enjoyment in reading these articles and I hope that I could receive them from you in the future.

I was known as a U. S. Technical Representative on loan to the U. S. Army Air Force by Honeywell, Inc. and taught pilots and bombardiers on the use of the automatic pilot (A.F.C.E.) and Norden bombsight, pilots and flight engineers on the use of the automatic turbo control, and bomb sight and ground crew on repair and maintenance of the above systems.

I arrived in England in August 1943 and was assigned to the Army Air Force Anti-Sub Patrol at Dunkswell. The U. S. Navy and British Sub-Patrol operated from this base as well. The Army Air Force moved out of Dunkswell in September and I was then Assigned to the 40th. Combat Wing with headquarters at the 306th Bomb Group. Col. Robinson was then in command.

I was billeted in a transient Quonset hut with Lt. George Pratt MP and Nat Walton APO. Later billeted in a barracks with Ordnance officers, my room mate was Jerry Sears.

In May 1994, I was transferred to the 9th Air Force to teach them precision bombing with the B26's and A26's and went to France with them. In February 1945, I was in England on TDY when Col. Sutton, John Coulter, Jim Venable, etc. requested 8th Air Force to return me to 40th Combat Wing.

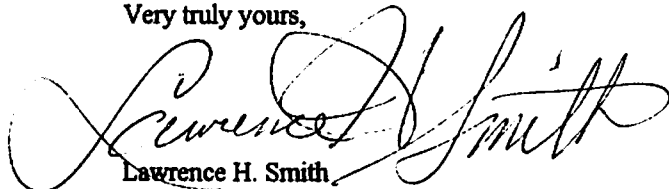
On my return, I was billeted with the 423rd. squadron. Sharing the space was John T. Threadgill, Ray Hopper, John Coulter, Warren Hull, Rex Stutznegger, Ernest Goetzberger, and the junior mess officer whose name I can't remember.

I returned to the United States at the end of June 1945 and was assigned to a B29 outfit at Fairmont, NE.

I would like to be on your mailing list, if possible, and I am enclosing a check to defray expenses. If it is not enough, please let me know.

Rec'd 10/10/97

Very truly yours,



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