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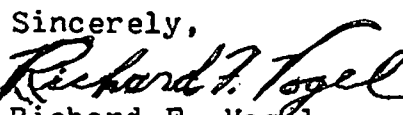
Dear Russell:

The January 1994, 306th Echoes, page 6 article "115th Mission Fort Returns on One Engine" really thrilled me. How Soon was the name selected for our Fortress at Thurleigh.

Our Navigator, Thomas Owen Roberts, selected "How Soon" because of the numerous inquiries of the crew directed to him on each mission:- "How Soon do we take off" - How Soon do we cross the Channel? - How soon do we get to the target? and on and on---.

I called my Navigator tonight as soon as I read the article, and he will probably contact you also as he too was excited. He remembered the Aircraft number as being 297-G and it got our crew there and back for the entire tour. The Navigator felt sure it was a new aircraft when assigned to us and we started flying missions in May, 1944. My last mission was August 15, 1944 to Frankfurt/Eschborn, Germany.

Perhaps you could comment in Echoes that we appreciate "better care" be taken of our very good friend, "How Soon".

Sincerely,

Richard F. Vogel

P.S. I am really enjoying "First Over Germany" and located an account of the 115th mission on page 313 (April 10, 1945) Thank you again for a really great effort and Book.