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Jan 4, 1959

Dear Russ -

I have looked for records I could send you but my stack is in a mess, I still have 2 foot lockers that I have to go through, so when I find things I will send them on.

I was in class 44-11, in Sept 1944, I went to Las Vegas, up to Indian Spring to fly co-pilot on B-17k as they were training Laurens, after 300 hrs, I went to Lincoln, Nev to be put on a crew.

Our crew was sent to El Paso at Biggs A.F.B for Bombing training in Feb 1945 we were sent to Woodbridge, New Jersey to be sent overseas aboard U.S.S. Beigel. we left in a Convoy on March 15, and landed at Le Havre from South Hampton on March 31st

Stone was a Stop on April 1st 1945, 2 or 3 days later our crew was sent to Bedford, England for the truck ride to the 306th and 368th Eagle Beavers on the 4th or 5th of April, 1945.

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I checked my Log and found I flew a
Orientation check-out flight on April 5, 1945
was check out as a 1st pilot as well and
ask if I would take a new crew, by
May Heweling (I think) I said, I would
take a 1st pilot Slot IF it was needed
but our crew wanted to stay together.

My first mission was as a Tail, observer
which was a 1st and ~~un~~unforgettable as
we received 3 hits by 88 or 105 we
were a mess oh well we all held it rough-

4-10-45 ORIENBURG (Berlin) white
Missile & Mission start up landed at Moustier on cliffs

4-14-45 GIRANDE (Bayan Peninsula France)

4-16-45 Plotting Germany

4-18-45 Rosenheim Germany

4-19-45 Elkenbord Germany

1st Pilot JAMES BIGHAM
(Don't know where)

co-pilot
1st Pilot GEORGE T. WATKINS
HOT SPRINGS - Ark.

NAV. DONALD C. KUESEL
DIED 1986 - WISCONSIN

WE HAD DIFFERENT TOGGERS

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Our Flight Crew Chief was Dale Smith
Dale also died in 1987 - GRANSON, COLO

Our Sq 368 was also on the
Casey Jones Project so we went on
Photo Mission, my first entry is May 6th
we also flew mission over Germany to
show King Personal the Bomb Damage
to Germany - Holland etc.

We were on the mission into Germany
to bring out the German Prisoners of war
the the Russian also were holding
now.

Our Photo lines were over England
then France also Spain.

We were moved to Gibraltar and
Photo over North Africa.

Then we were moved to Port
Lyautey North Africa and continued,

Our Crew also flew to Berberia for
a Engineer Change, Algiers, Casablanca,
Oran, Rome, Tunis, then as our
Head Quarters were being moved from Thuringia
to Liebstad near Weesburg Germany
I was washed home for a reason I did
not know (then) why. Took a train to
Paris and sat there for 17 days or until
27th of Dec to fly home on ATC. a train
to Fort Sheridan and Discharged Feb 5, 1946
at that time I joined the A.F. Reserve
and stayed in, flying and other for
27 more years. I retired in 1972 receiving
my retirement when I was 60.

I am now 68 and live here in Hot Springs

Sincerely yours

George T. Watkins

Check enclosed to help for the Echoes,
Keep it up -

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May 12, 1986

306th Bomb Sq
8th A.F.
Reunion

Dear William S. Rader

I was with the 306 from May to
Oct 1945, then on Sq 368 went
on the Casey Jones Project until
the end of 1945. when I came Home.

I have never had the chance to
get together with any of the Group
on Sq. before, but I may be in
the D. C. area. the 1st of Sept.

Could you send me some info
about the Get-together?

Thanks

George T. Watkins
Lt Col AF. Retired

class 44-H

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306 ECHOES
c/o E. Dale Brisson, Trustee
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Dear Dale,

I just received the last copy of Echoes, and am happy to have it, enclosed is a check for \$5.00 to help the cost of the paper.

I am not sure where to send any further information about my time spent with the 306th, as you know I was in the 308th and we were moved into the Casey Jones project in ~~the~~ July² of 1945, they said we were in the 9th A.F. at that time.

We left for a base on the Rock of Gibraltar, when we were photographing South, France, Spain and also North Africa, we also were to Port Lyautey in N. Africa, and then when I was back in Heligoland Germany in Dec, which we also help the Sq move to back in the Fall, I was sent back to the U.S. about Dec 14, 1945, because of sickness of my family, not to return.

I am not sure what is known about the Casey Jones Project?

Sincerely

George T. Watkins

I had 5 combat missions, on my
first I was in the lead ship when we
were over the north west part of Berlin
When we received 3 hits, I was
delayed to return to the base so
I missed the next mission, the rest
of my crew had 6 missions