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List Swells for Oct.-Nov. Reunion at Las Vegas

Edward Fox's DSC Only Now Made Known

Edward K. Fox, or Kenneth E. Fox as his friends knew him, was an engineer on Lt. Robert Hoyt's 369th crew, and after Hoyt was shot down, Fox became engineer on Lt. J. P. Noack's crew.

Noack's crew was one of the five planes that went to Schweinfurt 14 Oct 43 and came home.

Unfortunately for Fox, he was badly wounded in the left leg from an attack by an FW-190 45 minutes before the target. This was his 13th and last mission.

He survived the trip to Thurleigh, and was given emergency treatment at the base before transfer that night to a Base Hospital for surgery. He later was moved to the 2nd General Hospital at Oxford and remained there until transfer back to the States in Mar '44.

Fox's wounds kept him hospitalized at Deshon General Hospital, Butler, PA, near his home for 18 months.

During his stay there, at the end of May '44, the paperwork caught up with him and he was presented with the Distinguished Service Cross for the mission to Schweinfurt. The citation reads:

"For exceptionally meritorious heroism while participating in a bombing mission over Germany, 14 October 1943. When the aircraft in which he was serving as engineer and top turret gunner was heavily attacked by large number of enemy aircraft, Sergeant Fox was painfully wounded by fragments of a cannon shell which exploded near his gun position. In spite of his severe pain and loss of blood, Sergeant Fox remained at his post of duty for the duration of the one and one-half hour running battle against enemy fighters, relinquishing his position only after all danger from enemy attack had ceased..."

DSCs were rare at Thurleigh throughout the war, and no notation of this award is to be found in squadron or group diaries, nor is there any mention in the mission material except in the crew interrogation form following the mission when it says only "engineer hit in left leg."

In talking about the incident with Albert Sewald, Carlsbad, NM, who was a waist gunner on that plane, Sewald has a vivid memory of the mission and of Fox being wound-

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Ezell Lived a Thousand Lives In 15,000 Foot Spin in P-38!

1Lt Herschel F. Ezell, Jr., arrived as a bombardier with L. G. Cook's 369th crew 4 Apr 43. He became the 92nd officer in the group to complete a combat tour. In early 44. He is now deceased. The following information was found in the newspaper of the 20th Fighter Group, *King's Cliffe Remembered*, and we thank editor Jack Ilfrey for allowing us to use it here. It is taken from information that had been put together by the late Col. Harold J. Rau, who commanded the 20th from 20 Mar 44 to 25 Jun 44 and from 27 Aug 44 to 18 Dec 44.

"One of the missions that I recall being a little interesting, was a mission I flew leading the Group on a 'Droopsnoot' attack. We had a bombardier named Herschel Ezell, nicknamed: 'Eze,' so our 'Droopsnoot' had the name, 'Eze Does It!' painted on the nose. On this particular day, we were bombing an aerodrome way down near the Loire River. Coming in over the target, just as we released our bombs, we took a direct hit in the left engine of the 'Droopsnoot,' which tore part of the engine completely out of the airplane and parts went tumbling down to the ground. The plane went into a spin, completely out of control and I was half stunned by the explosion. 'Eze' sat up in the nose, which was just about impossible to get out of and very calmly said, 'What are you going to do, Boss? Are you going to bail-out? I hope you don't get out and leave me sitting up here by myself.'

"At that point, I was too busy to talk; I was fighting that airplane with everything I had, trying to get it under control. We spun down about 15,000 feet with pieces falling off the airplane all the way. I finally got the thing steadied down, stopped the spin and finally had it flying level on one engine. I looked around and the whole Group had gone. At this point we were alone, 300 miles inside enemy airspace,

with one good engine and a great gaping hole in the left wing where the other engine had been. Fortunately, we were able to struggle all the way home and I was able to land at Wittering. They patched up the 'Droopsnoot' put a new engine in it, and it wasn't too long before it was flying again. It was a harrowing experience for me, but I'm sure it was ten times worse for poor old 'Eze' up there in the nose; not knowing what the heck was happening, what I was going to do, or how he was going to get out of there!"

"Largely the creation of Col. Cass Hough of Operational Engineering, the 'Droop Snoot' was a P-38 converted to carry a bombsight and bombardier in the nose... Changes involved all armament and associated equipment being removed from the nose, an escape hatch fashioned in one side, a plexiglas molding fitted to the front, Norden bombsight and

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500 Already Have Made Reservations

More than 500 persons are now registered for the reunion of the 306th to be open Sunday, October 30, and continue through November 3 at the Hacienda Resort and Hotel, Las Vegas, NV.

There will be a cocktail reception at poolside from 6-7 p.m. This is included in the Banquet package cost.

At 7 p.m. we will move into the Banquet Room where everyone will have reserved seating at a specified table. There will be the Presentation of Colors, a short tribute to comrades past and present and then a full course dinner, including wines.

This will be followed by a special audio/visual production of the history of the 306th, projected on a wide screen.

Big Band dancing to the music of the WWII era will continue until 11:30 p.m. Two special guest singers will perform during this part of the program.

Tickets will be provided which must be exchanged for the specific table assignment. The Banquet Desk will be open for this purpose in the Convention Center from noon until 5 p.m. on 1 November. This will be located in the area adjacent to the Squadron Hospitality Room.

Groups of 10 friends can designate one person to present their 10 tickets for an exclusive table. Parties of less than 10 will be

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New Tributes Readied for 306th Victims

Most Americans who bailed out of their aircraft over enemy-occupied Europe found their introduction into another culture a shock that was difficult to deal with.

Equally difficult has been the experience of those who have returned to those areas where in 1942-45 they found themselves hunted by the enemy and often befriended by the natives, who themselves had been waging war in significant ways against the Germans since 1939.

Howard J. Snyder, a 369th pilot, and his left waist gunner, Joseph J. Musial, recently relived their experiences of 8 Feb 44 when they were invited to participate in ceremonies 14 & 15 May at Monceau Imbrechies, Belgium. There a monument has been erected in honor of the twelve Americans killed 2 Sep 44 during the liberation of Belgium.

This same organization, Belgo-Americaine Liberators, which is headed by Dr. Paul Delahaye, a veterinarian, has purchased property at Macquenoise, Belgium, where Snyder's aircraft hit the ground, and will erect a monument.

It will honor Kahler and Colwart, whose bodies landed there with the aircraft.

It will also honor Eike, Benninger, and Pindroch, who were later executed by German soldiers.

Invitations have gone to Snyder, Holbert, Musial and Slenker, all of whom survived that perilous period. Daniels died a few years ago.

The mission of 8 Feb 44 was to Frankfurt, and Snyder's plane, flying in the hole under the lead aircraft took a hard pummeling by flak over the target, rendering the bomb

Howard Snyder	Pilot
George Eike	Co-Pilot
Robert Benninger	Navigator
Richard Daniels	Bombardier
Roy Holbert	Top Turret
Ross Kahler	Radio
Louis Colwart	Ball Turret
Joseph Musial	Left Waist
John Pindroch	Right Waist
William Slenker	Tail

bay doors immovable. This put a great strain on the plane and they had difficulty maintaining formation speed away from the target.

This also assured that the plane would become the preferred target of Luftwaffe fighters defending the skies that day.

The fighters bore in on the stricken plane, aiming for the #2 and #3 engines, and in their thoroughness, killed Colwart and Kahler. Daniels was hit on the upper arm, Musial lost his lower left leg, Snyder and Holbert suffered burns and shrapnel wounds, and Slenker was hit by shrapnel.

With controls shot out, Snyder switched on the auto-pilot and rang the bailout bell, while the plane began its descent in rather a tight circle to the right. This kept the flames of a burning engine from sweeping across the plane. Everyone jumped and all landed in a fairly close area near Macquenoise, the southernmost town in Belgium.



Howard Snyder's B-17 came to rest near Macquenoise, Belgium, 8 Feb 44, after the surviving members of the crew had bailed out. Snyder and Joe Musial are shown at right, in front of the spot where the bodies of Kahler and Colwart were found. It is here that a monument will be erected, and will be dedicated 2 Sep 89.



Daniels, Musial, and Holbert were captured immediately. Musial's amputated leg was treated quickly, and then he and Daniels were shipped off to a Luftwaffe hospital in Brussels. Both were repatriated through Switzerland and came home on the S.S. Gripsholm, a Swedish ship operated through the Red Cross.

Holbert was the lone member of the crew to remain in prison camp until the end of the war.

Snyder had a spectacular, harrowing career as a foot soldier from the time of landing until he joined up with the U.S. Third Armored Division and was back in London in October.

Check Your Mailing Label

Please check the mailing label on the front of this issue of **Echoes**. We are now managing our own mailing list on the Association's computer. As all information has been newly-entered, there may be some errors (spelling, capitalization, etc.) of which we should be aware.

Because of greater flexibility in how we handle data, we can do a better job of maintaining your address properly.

We have also added to our coding of "Friends" by including the following: W-widow, D-daughter, S-son, GS-grandson; we are now including another 8th AF unit if the person served there; CJ is for persons who served with the Casey Jones Project after the close of combat; BW identifies those who have served or are serving with the 306th Strategic Wing. Other refinements will be made in this listing as needed.

We can now handle the 9-digit Zip code as well, and request your assistance in this. If you don't remember yours (I don't!), check your phone bill.

The computer program we are using now (FastPak Mail) also permits the use of telephone numbers.

If you would like to assist us, please use the form below:

Updating the 306th

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 If you would prefer to have no title used, check here _____

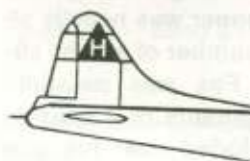
Do you know the present or former location of any 306th people whom you do not find in the current directory? If so, please list them below with last known location. This may be a complete present address, a WWII address, or only a city and a state. We will endeavor to locate such persons as time permits.

Searching: If you care to assist in searching out information on people in your area, the secretary will be happy to send you his State Lost List. Please check _____

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Henry S. Balawajder, 423rd crew chief, maintenance chief and master sergeant, died 22 Mar 88 in Newburg, MD. He had joined the 306th 3 Apr 42 at Wendover, UT, and served throughout the war.

Bennie E. Campbell, 369th crew chief with the original group and until 10 Dec 43, died 7 May 88 in San Antonio, TX. He was a master sergeant at the time he left for aviation cadet examinations in the States.

Arthur Dickholtz, 367th mechanic, died 28 May 88 in Niles, IL. He was the founder of Flash Cab Co., Chicago, established after he challenged in Federal court the existing licensing procedures in 1945. He also pioneered two-way radio dispatch of cabs in Chicago.

Edward W. Kocourek, assigned to the 449th subdepot as an electrical mechanic, died recently at DeVauls Bluff, AR.

1st Lt Louis Krzemin, 368th bombardier, died 27 Sep 87 in Pittsburgh, PA. He received a medical discharge in 1951 after contracting multiple sclerosis. He joined the 306th 22 Sep 44 (Richard Jones' crew) and completed his combat in Feb 45.

James L. Peltz, 423rd gunner (Guy Burnett's crew), died 5 Aug 87 in Ballwin, MO. He was a POW 12 Sep 44 at Ruhland, Germany (w. Raymond Gates).

Earl Santos, a 369th gunner who survived a mid-air collision on a mission to Lille (w. Jack Spaulding), 13 Jan 43 and became a POW, died 5 Apr 88.

Fox Wins DSC

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ed. Sewald said that he and other crew members had been looking for Fox for years, and now with an address and the information that Fox intends to attend the Las Vegas reunion, Sewald himself is even more determined to make it to Las Vegas.

Lt. J. P. Noack, pilot
Lt. Trygve Olsen, copilot
Lt. Dudley H. Fay, navigator
Lt. Hammond H. Bittman, bombardier
S/Sgt. Charles J. Hufnagel, radio
T/Sgt. Edward K. Fox, engineer
S/Sgt. Duncan J. Williams, ball turret
Sgt. Kenneth H. Smith, left waist
Sgt. Albert E. Sewald, right waist
S/Sgt. Thurman H. Smith, tail gunner

Ezell

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bombing fitting installed, together with a seat for the bombardier and oxygen supply. Tactical employment was planned whereby the 'Droop Snoot' would lead a tight formation of standard P-38s, all carrying bombs on the wing shackles, to make a high-speed attack on heavily defended targets such as airfields . . . Design bomb load for a 'Droop Snoot' was two x 1000 lb but a maximum of six x 500 lb could be carried . . . The first operational use of the 'Droop Snoot' was on 10 April 1944 . . . In July it was recommended that all but three 'Droop Snoots' be transferred from 8th AF." from *Mighty Eighth War Manual*, by Robert Freeman, Jane's Publishing, Inc., 1986.

Las Vegas (From page 1)

assigned open seats at numbered tables.

Persons who fail to pick up a table assignment will be delayed at

First Mission Traumatic

Do you remember that first combat mission? Or, have you tried to forget it?

In the May '88 issue of *Air Force* magazine, Maj. Gen. Dale O. Smith recounts his first assignment to fly—target Wilhelmshaven.

As a colonel seeking an assignment as a group commander, he was sent first to the 351st group at Polebrook to spend a few days. The test for him, he learned years later, was whether he would volunteer to fly or not.

"Some group commanders are doing too little combat flying, and I am looking for aggressive leaders," said M/Gen Robert Williams, commander of the First Bomb Division.

After a second mission Smith returned to Division headquarters and on 23 Nov 43 assumed command of the 384th Bomb Group, at Grafton Underwood, succeeding Col. Julius Lacey, and then on 24 Oct 44 turning the group over to Col. Theodore Milton, a longtime 8th AF veteran.

"That first mission had taught me one major lesson, however, that would help to carry me through the next year of bloody warfare: To blanket fear, **keep busy**," concludes Smith.

Gen. Smith retired in 1964 and lives in Reno, NV.

the entrance until all reserved seats are occupied. They can then take whatever seats are open.

IMPORTANT: Please provide the full name of each person in your party and the SQUADRON or UNIT NUMBER from your WWII assignment with the 306th.

For those participating only in this evening program, tickets and badges will be sent to your designated address during the week of October 17.

SPECIAL NOTE: If the number of persons registered for the FULL RENDEVOUS should reach the capacity of the Banquet Room, you will be so notified and your money will be refunded. We do not expect this to happen, but it could, since the room capacity is about 1,100 when set for dinner and dancing. Our top priority must be those who participate in the entire Rendezvous and thus lend their financial support to this no-dues organization.

If you have not paid in full by August 31, the price goes up \$25 per person. Las Vegas is very popular and busy at the end of October—the weather is normally the best of the year and there will be a lot of conventions in town. Hotels can fill their rooms at high rates.

So don't delay any longer. Make your reservations and pay before August 31. Don't worry about your money—if you have to cancel, and do so by October 14, you will get a full refund. If you cancel later there will be a \$25 per person cancellation fee to cover administrative expenses.

For anyone who may be planning to show up at the last minute, be aware now that it is highly unlikely that you will find a room at the Hacienda. Virtually all of the strip hotels are projecting a full house during that period.

Even the out of the way motels

will be busy—and expensive. Latecomers will definitely need wheels, so bring your car or be prepared to rent one, IF you can find one for rent at that time. If not, there are a lot of taxis but the rates are high.

Why risk disappointment and frustration? Send in your reservation now. **NOTE:** The Test Site excursion has been sold out since February, but you can still get Nellis AFB and the added Women's Tour. If your lady wants the latter, just write in "Women's Tour" on the reservation form.

Belgium (From page 2)

Slenker was hidden by a family near Chimay, until the area was overrun by American troops later.

Musial says that he and Snyder found their return to Belgium this past spring a deeply emotional experience: "The five survivors were able to come home and lead productive lives, raising children and grandchildren, only because of the gallant and unselfish bravery of the Belgian patriots who gave them first aid and assistance at the risk of their own lives."

ALL NEW 306TH MERCHANDISE AT RENDEZVOUS 1988

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE HACIENDA RESORT HOTEL DURING THE RENDEZVOUS. SHIRTS, JACKETS AND CAPS WILL BE PRODUCED IN ROYAL BLUE WITH THE 306TH LOGO SILK-SCREENED THEREON. ALL PROFITS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE 306TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION.

NOTE: Items 2, 3, 4, and 8 will be available only if orders justify production.

- () 1 **QUARTZ WRISTWATCH:** Gold plated case and leather band. 306th Logo dial in traditional yellow, green and black colors. *Beautiful !!* Nice present for children and grandchildren. \$20.00
- () 2 **METAL PAPERWEIGHT:** 3-1/2 inch round medallion reproduction of 306th Logo in gold finish - coin stamped. \$10.00
- () 3 **SPORT SHIRT:** High quality poly-cotton knit, short sleeves, 306th Logo silk-screened on breast. Sizes: S, M, L and XL. \$15.00
- () 4 **COACHES JACKET:** Nylon taffeta, lined, snap-front self collar, elastic cuffs, draw cord waistband, slash pockets, 306th Logo on breast. Sizes: S, M, L and XL. \$20.00
- () 5 **VISORED CAP:** Nylon with scrambled eggs on visor, 306th Logo on front crown. \$ 6.00
- () 6 **LICENSE PLATE FRAMES:** Metal frame with dark blue plastic inserts top and bottom showing in white graphics - 306th BOMB GROUP (H) and your choice of either THURLEIGH, ENGLAND 1942 - 1945 or FIRST OVER GERMANY. \$ 5.00
- () 7 ***306TH WINDOW DECAL:** Round Logo modified with squared bottom in black with "FIRST OVER GERMANY" in yellow lettering on bottom. 3" wide x 3-3/8" high in traditional yellow, green and black. \$ 1.00

- () 8 **306TH MEMORIAL PLAQUE:** Replica of plaque mounted on WW II monument at the Air Force Academy. Molded brown plastic with embossed graphics in glossy gold, 6" x 6". Great memorial message. \$ 7.00

For inventory planning, please clip or xerox this ad. Check items you want (Circle size) and mail to: Ed Hennessy, 2013 Plaza del Padre, Las Vegas 89102. Include your name and address. Merchandise chosen will be reserved for you.

* You can mail-order the **DECAL now**. Send \$1.00 and a return, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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30 OCTOBER 1988 TO 3 NOVEMBER 1988

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO THE HACIENDA HOTEL

PLEASE RESERVE ACCOMMODATIONS AND OPTIONS CHECKED ()

() Double* each of 2 totalling \$ _____

() Single Room, total cost \$ _____

() Triple Room, each of 3 totalling \$ _____

() Suite, each of 2 totalling \$ _____

() Suite, for single occupancy \$ _____

() RV parking, each of 2 totalling \$ _____

*Reserve double to be shared with who will send separate reservation. Most rooms are equipped with 2 queen size beds. There are a limited number of rooms with king beds. Triples normally share room with 2 queen beds.

() We prefer room with king bed.

OPTIONAL EVENTS REQUESTED:

() Nuclear Test Site Tour, self and _____ totalling \$ _____

() Wendover Charter, self and _____ totalling \$ _____

() Grand Canyon "A", all air, self and _____ totalling \$ _____

() Grand Canyon "B", air/ground, self and _____ totalling \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

\$25/each partial payment \$ _____

Bal. Due 31 August 1988 \$ _____

**FULL LEGAL NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH* _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER*: _____

**SPOUSE LEGAL NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH* _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER*: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (_____) SQUADRON _____

CREW POSITION OR DUTY ASSIGNED _____

**AS SHOWN ON I.D.

PLEASE: Did you join 306th in 1942 at Wendover? YES () NO ()

*Only needed for Test Site visitors.

Send check or money order payable to Hacienda Hotel. All partial payments must be made by check or money order. Final payments may be made by Major Credit Card.

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