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German Explains Brend's Capture

One of our readers is Konrad Rudolph of Hamburg, West Germany, and he has an interesting observation on Calvin Brend's story about his capture by the Germans, as told in the April issue of *Echoes*.

Brend had commented that he had observed no one who might have seen him enter the home of an elderly German couple, and wondered how they signalled to someone.

Rudolph writes: "Here in wartime existed the 'Landwacht', or County Guard.

"The men who were too old to be soldiers had to do daily patrol in the fields and woods, observing if there were chutes or suspect persons.

"When I was about ten years old I walked sometimes with our neighbor when he went on patrol. I wondered about his rifle, as I never could see how he could load a cartridge. He told me that it was a muzzle loader. Thank God we never found a chute or a suspect person. We only found a lot of windows.

"When air combat happened, all men, also Hitlerjugend (Hitler Youth) and police had to do patrol and seek for bailed (out) airmen.

"I think this was also true in the area where Calvin Brend and his comrades came down.

"In the snow, his track led the search men to the secluded peasants' home. From the earth, the chutes were seen going down. So the old people were unable to help Calvin Brend. She was in big danger. It was prohibited to help enemy flyers, and it would be rigorously punished."



'Stedy Hedy' was a record breaker on her own as a 369th aircraft, but we wonder if Richard Buttorff may not have set some kind of a record as well. He flew his first mission and his last in 42-97181, as well as 33 in between. Few pilots flew a 35-mission tour in the same aircraft. 'Stedy Hedy' was named for movie actress Hedy Lamarr, and was under the constant care of Crew Chief Everett Daniel, who is shown above decorating the century flier. It is also believed to have been the first B-17G in the 8th to hit 100. 'Hedy' arrived with the group 25 Apr 44, and was transferred to the 92nd BG 9 May 45. The last count on her mission total was 118, but that was five months before the end of the war. Presently available records indicate that 'Stedy Hedy' flew in excess of 130 missions.

Registry for Little Rock Passes 250

At this writing in late June, more than 250 people have registered for the 1989 reunion of the 306th Bomb Group, scheduled for 21 Sept through 24 Sept in Little Rock, AR.

It is expected that this issue of *Echoes* will prompt many men and their spouses to finalize their plans and to get their reservations in the mail for the Arkansas Excelsior Hotel.

"The hotel's cutoff date for the special block of 306th rooms is 21 August," Chairman Hugh Phelan reminds unregistered attendees. After that time rooms will be available if they are not already booked for people other than 306th members.

All necessary registration forms can be found on page 8 of this issue of *Echoes*. A map of downtown Little Rock, and the major highways approaching the city will be found on page 2.

Reservations have been heavy for all of the planned events, says Phelan, and he also reminds people that several of these have limited reservations because of the capacity for visitors.

The hotel itself is spacious, and accommodations are excellent throughout. There is ample lobby space for visitors and, weather permitting, there will be plenty of benches around the hotel to take care of those who come to sit and talk with old friends.

Phelan has also announced the addition of two tours on Friday under the aegis of Hospitality Tours of Little Rock.

A morning tour begins at 9:30 to the Valley of the Vapors, in the Hot Springs National Park. This will continue until 3:30 p.m. and is \$36 per person. The trip includes lunch at the Arlington Hotel and refreshments on the ride back to Little Rock. The springs have been popular since their discovery in 1541 by Hernando DeSoto.

The afternoon event is from 1 to 4, and features a tour of Little Rock's Quapaw Quarter, which will include homes of the Federal Period, Steamboat Gothic and American Queen Anne periods. "Villa Marre," which is featured in TV's "Designing Women," will be seen, and the tour will conclude with a private trip through the Governor's Mansion.

Thursday night will feature the "Feast Of Arkansas" buffet, served outside the hotel and on the banks of the nearby Arkansas River, a delightful setting for the major opening event of the reunion.

Friday groups will troupe off to see Marisgate Plantation in both the morning and afternoon; and there will be two one and one-half hour excursions on the Arkansas River aboard the sternwheeler,



G. Barney Rawlings, one-time 367th pilot, later a Las Vegas entertainer, and more recently retired as a major general in the Nevada state military organization, will again be a major feature of the Saturday night banquet for the 306th. Barney will talk and sing, and will combine his musical talents with those of Larry Emeigh, who shepherded a dance ensemble around Thurligh and surrounding bases during the 40s.



The Arkansas Excelsior Hotel towers over the surrounding buildings in downtown Little Rock, and its facilities extend to the Arkansas River

in the foreground. It is in this park area along the river that the Thursday night "Feast of Arkansas" buffet will be held.

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Reunion (from Page 1)

"Spirit." Advance registration is needed for both of these events.

Billy Graham's Crusade will also be in Little Rock at the same time the 306th is visiting, and it is possible to make bus reservations through the use of the advance registration form to be found on page 8.

Deaths

Robert S. Bell, a 369th turret mechanic from Wendover through Thurleigh, died in 1969 at the VA Hospital, Elsmere, DE. He was a resident of Smyrna, DE.

John P. Bloom, a 367th gunner (Wm. Bisson's crew), died 7 June 89 in Amherst, OH. He was the 132nd EM to complete a tour with the 306th, finishing at the end of 1943. John and his wife, Marie, were regular attendees at 306th reunions, including the 1988 gathering at Las Vegas. He had been ill with cancer for the past 14 months.

Percy G. Bolinger, 367th gunner and POW (18 Nov 42 at LaPallice, France, with Ralph Gaston's crew), died 3 Feb 84 in Bartlesville, OK.

Charles E. Caine, 369th engineer (John Roberts' crew) and POW (Saarbrücken 11 May 44), died 16 Aug 86 in the VA Hospital, Allen Park, MI. He was a native of Weston, WV, and after the war was Michigan sales representative for the West Virginia Glass Co.

Robert A. Dobson, 367th copilot for Edward Wagner, died 9 Nov 86 in Medford, OR. He arrived with the group 27 Apr 44 and was MIA and a POW, 12 June 44 on a mission to Lille, France.

William B. Hilton, Jr., 369th pilot from 1 Oct 43 until 20 Apr 44 flying 27 missions, died 7 Mar 89 in Eugene, OR. He left the 306th as a captain and flight commander. After the war he was a realtor.

Charles H. Lux, 368th tail gunner (Warren Lutz' crew) died 17 Oct 88 in Steger, IL. The crew arrived 5 Apr 44 and was shot down 29 Apr 44 on a Berlin raid. Lux and Alex Lazek were the only two survivors out of the crew and became prisoners of war. Lux had retired as a welder for the Ford Motor Co.



The 306th Bombardment Group Historical Association: William F. Houlahan, president; Marshall E. Baker, vice president; Russell A. Strong, secretary; C. Dale Briscoe, treasurer. Directors are: John R. Grimm, Robert P. Riordan, Robert J. Starzynski and Leo VanDeurzen; Reginald L. Robinson, immediate past president, and Hugh E. Phelan, 1989 reunion chairman.

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George J. McClenan, 423rd gunner and POW, died in Apr 89 in Dallas, TX. He became a POW on the 17 Apr 43 raid to Bremen, flying with Warren George.

Charles H. Weaver, Jr., 369th navigator (Fred Jones' crew), died 23 Jul 83 in Pittsburgh, PA. He arrived at Thurleigh 29 June 44 and was MIA 16 Jul 44 on a mission to Munich. He became evadee #2343, the entire crew having walked into Switzerland from France. Weaver was back at Thurleigh 10 Oct 44.

William V. Harris, 423 gunner and POW, is now state commander for the American Ex-Prisoners of War for Mississippi. He lives in Greenville.

Correction
In the January obit concerning Leland P. Deck, he was a 368th pilot, and not a navigator, as indicated.

Ten Air Medals
Some issues back, the editor commented on the Air Medal and nine oak leaf clusters accumulated by the late Richard Claeys during his tour as a 368th pilot. During that period Claeys flew 71 missions, a 306th record. Now we have found that Leonard B. Davison, a 368th gunner in late 1944 and into April 1945, also earned an Air Medal and nine oak leaf clusters. But we will bet the farm that he did not fly 71 missions in accumulating that mission record.

Florida Zip Codes
A number of zip codes in the Central Florida area have been changed, effective 1 July. We hope that we have been able to make the requisite changes, but if you are a Floridian, take careful note of the mailing label on this issue. If there is any correction needed, please notify the editor.

Over Denmark
Carsten Petersen, a Danish author, would like to contact men who flew over Denmark on any of the following missions: 9 Oct 43, and in 1944: 4 Jan, 20 Feb, 22 Feb, 24 Feb, 9 Apr, 11 Apr, 29 Apr, 13 May, 24 May, 29 May, 20 June. He can be reached at Nrre Alle 88 st th, 8000 Aarhus C, Denmark.

Citation of Airplane Crew

The editor doesn't know whether this is a unique item or not, but it is the only such citation he has seen in a dozen years of researching the 306th records. If others have such items in their possession, the editor would be very much interested in obtaining copies:

Hq ETOUSA
GO 68 17 Dec 1942

CITATION OF AIRPLANE CREW

A citation is awarded to the crew of B-17 airplane #124448, consisting of the following officers and enlisted men of the Army Air Forces, United States Army, for gallantry in action against an armed enemy while on a combat mission over enemy-occupied continental Europe, 23 November 1942:

1st Lt. William J. Casey, 0410335, Pilot
 2nd Lt Oliver E. Tilli, 0661597, Co-Pilot
 2nd Lt Walter C. Leeker, 0726000, Navigator
 2nd Lt Albert G. Smith, 0726082, Bombardier
 S/Sgt Joe Bowles, 33091168, Gunner-ball turret
 S/Sgt Wilson E. Elliott, 16039362, Engineer-Gunner top turret
 S/Sgt Reginald G. Harris, 18061867, gunner waist
 S/Sgt Allan F. Meaux, 16046364, gunner waist
 Sgt Harold F. Lightbown, 10331176, radio operator gunner
 Sgt Parley D. Small, 37190921, gunner-tail

Shortly after completing its bombing run the airplane was attacked by seven enemy aircraft attacking singly and from various angles. Every man of the crew, working in perfect coordination with all others, manned his station in the airplane so conspicuously and successfully that the entire attacking group of seven enemy airplanes were destroyed with gunfire in twelve minutes of combat, four crew members were wounded and the airplane was severely damaged but returned safely to its base.

Displaying the courage, indomitable strength, and spirit inherent in a well-trained combat team, this crew achieved a most notable victory in the face of great odds. The courage, skill and teamwork displayed by this airplane crew is of the highest order and worthy of emulation.

(AG 210.5 and AG 220.5).

By order of the Theater commander:
E.S. HUGHES
Brigadier General, GSC
Acting Chief of Staff

Official: T.J. Davis
Brigadier General, USA
Adjutant General

(This copy came from the collection of Harold Lightbown, 369th.)

The Long, Painful Road to FREEDOM

This is the second installment of Calvin Brend's story of his odyssey from Thurlough to the German Luftwaffe prisoner of war camps, and finally through long marches and other trials, he was eventually to return to freedom. There was an excellent response to the first half of the story, which appeared in the April issue of *Echoes*. This installment concludes Brend's revelation of his experiences.

By Calvin Brend

Soon the Russians started their advance on Germany. When they began to get close, we were evacuated by truck to the Baltic Sea. We were eventually all put down in the dark, empty holds of several freighters. We were packed in so tight we could hardly move, let alone sit or sleep. There was a bucket to be used for a john. These buckets were then pulled up by rope to be emptied. The bucket never made it all the way up without spilling several times onto those unfortunate to be directly below. Swill was lowered for us to eat. We never knew if one of the same buckets was used for this purpose or not. Twice we were allowed in small groups of six to climb up the ladder to the deck. This was for fresh air and exercise.

On one of the outings several POWs jumped overboard. We heard shots, but never found out what happened to the escapees. They must have also frozen. It was cold water. Several days later we arrived in Stettin. The ship tied up to a dock which had a large battleship berthed on the other side. We tried to get the name of it, but could not.

Running with hands cuffed

Again we were put aboard box cars, but this time it was different. We were handcuffed two by two during this trip. Some of us were able to unlock the primitive cuffs with a Klim milk can key, an object we all kept on a string around our neck. We did not let the guards know about this. As we saw we were being taken off of the box cars, we refastened the cuffs to avoid trouble. That was one bad move. We did not know what was about to happen. After lining up about six abreast, we were marched along a road. This road was lined with sailors and other guards who had either a rifle with a fixed bayonet or several guard dogs. After about a mile or so, a commandant of our group gave an order to make us run. The guards and the sailors started to attack us. They jabbed their bayonets at us. The dogs nipped at our heels. We ran about four miles. It must be remembered here that we were all suffering from malnutrition, diarrhea and some even had canes or crutches, still suffering from their wounds. Many fell by the wayside, as did I. As the dogs and bayonets came close we jumped back on our feet and ran some more. I got a small stick from a bayonet in my back side. Shots were heard. Many did not make it. Those who survived will never forget.

After we were herded into the gates of Stalag Luft 6, we had no barracks. We had tents for several weeks. It was while we were in these tents that a German soldier working on a telephone pole was electrocuted. When we heard the news we all ran to the fence to see. The German guards with the linemen thought we were going to riot. We were cheering. The Germans let loose a burst of machine gun fire. All POWs ran and dove for shelter. I suddenly found myself hiding behind a tent. A TENT? What kind of protection is this? We all watched as they lowered the dead lineman.



It was also at this camp that I obtained my log book. This is a book of blank pages, hard bound, and made by the YMCA, but distributed by the Red Cross. I obtained this through the help of several of my comrades. We pooled our resources of cigarettes and chocolate from the Red Cross food parcels, to trade for it. Chipping in for this was Harris, my crew member, and Tony Lombardy, a POW, who later became a great friend until he passed away in 1986. I'm not a writer. I was more of an artist at that time; not a professional artist, but I had a lot of art training. So I wanted to do sketches for a record.

I made many sketches, sketches of each head of those in my room and barracks, sketches of life as a POW, sketches of dreams of what a private jet might look like in the future. I also kept the painting of the executed POW with my log book. I did all this work when there were no guards around. If I had been found out, I do not know what may have happened to me.

Food and Maggots

This camp was not as good as the previous camp. There was not as much food, not that we had even enough food at Stalag 4. At this camp we got so hungry I tried to eat grass. I tried it raw. I tried it boiled. Lousy, lousy, lousy. Worst of all there were the maggots. We were served a grool of dehydrated vegetables and grains. This was loaded with maggots. Each bowl had dozens. They were dead from the cooking in our mess hall, but they were maggots. At first I could not eat, then I found a secret from the English POWs. They were in our lager at that time. We were a mixed American and English lager. I traded for some curry powder, this would make the grool palatable. I had put quite a lot of curry powder in each bowl, but I ate it. I ate it with closed eyes. I ate it to survive.

The Russians began their advance even more. Our camp was beginning to be more available to them, something the Germans did not want. So we again made ready for evacuation. We all made some sort of knapsack. It was again winter. So I also made a pocket in the inside of my big coat. This pocket would hold my log book and the painting. We were to march on the road. We had no idea of the torture this would be. Walk we did, in the freezing cold and snow. It was in February, the first week or so. I saw many blistered feet. Many POWs picked up sticks to use as crutches or walking aids. We walked from dawn to dusk. We went around cities, always staying in the country. We had little food: an occasional boiled potato and piece of bread. At dusk we were ushered into barns, sleeping in the hay all tight together, or sleeping with the livestock.

Mental Torture

On several occasions, we were put through another type of torture, the worst of all to my mind. As we entered the barn complex, we marched past a pig being roasted on an open fire. It was for the officers to dine on that night. Our mouths watered. We were very, very hungry; we were being starved. Hatred grew. In the haylofts shoes were stolen, stolen by the Russians and/or Polish POWs who were marching along with us. Thoughts also ran wild about escape or how we could steal part of that pig. On two occasions we had no barns to sleep in. We were put in an open field, about one thousand feet square. A pine forest had recently been felled. We did the best we could to keep warm. We used the deep snow to form windbreaks. Some of the leftover fir tree branches served as ground and snow cover to sleep on. We huddled together. Fires were not allowed. In the morning a few POWs did not waken; they froze to

death. My hands and feet were again frostbitten. A warm cup of Ersatz coffee served as our breakfast, then back on the road. The log book was still with me.

March, march, march, 'til finally at one barn we stayed two days. It was here that I could go no longer. I'd had enough, I was sick, I vomited from eating the snow, and I melted snow for water. I was suffering a cold, malnutrition and was very weak. Come whatever, I was going no further. I had said goodbye to my crew members and friends and stayed behind. Those who stayed with me, about 75 in all, were finally put aboard a horse-drawn wagon. We were taken to railroad boxcars. After two days we arrived at Stalag 357. I met up with my buddies again who had been 42 days on the road across Germany, not far from the Rhine river. We all thought that this, being an older camp, would be better. They must at least have Red Cross food parcels. The Red Cross food parcel was normally designed for a minimum ration for two men for one week. Up to now we had approximately five, sometimes ten, men per parcel per week. This camp 357 did not even know what Red Cross food parcels were. They had even less than we had had.

Gift Packages Intercepted

Several days later our own elected camp commander and representative discovered that there were several boxcars standing on a siding in the railroad yards. They were loaded with personal packages for English POWs. These POWs had been moved and there was no way these parcels would be forwarded. He finally got permission from the Germans after signing to take responsibility to distribute these parcels among us. After dividing everything up in our usual way by cutting or drawing cards, I received one cigarette and a

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INDICIA

BOMBARDIERS

This is the last group of flying officers of the 306th to be listed in 306th Echoes. Previous lists of pilots, copilots and navigators has enabled the editor to make a considerable number of changes and corrections in listings. The Bombardier list has been compiled with great assistance from Ralph Bordner, himself a 368th bomb dropper. This has resulted in more names being added to the list. Despite these efforts, there are still blanks to be found, and there are still dates to be verified and to be brought closer to reality than simply a year and a month listing. If you can be of assistance, please notify the editor. For instance, the date of arrival of a bombardier may not be shown. But, if you were on his crew perhaps you can help us get a bit closer. This occasional feature of Echoes will be continued as lists can be compiled (we've done the easy ones!). Presently the historian is engaged in completing data on a great number of men. If you receive a card requesting data, please respond as quickly and as accurately as you can.

367th

NAME	ARRIVAL	DPT	LOST?
ALEXANDER, ROBERT L	43-04-11	43-07-29	KIA
ANDEREGG, ALFRED F	42-06-00	42-08-00	
BALLISH, FRANK E	44-12-09		
BANDA, FRANCIS X	43-10-05	43-10-14	MIA/POW
BARNETT, HERMAN K	42-06-00	42-08-00	
BEYER, GEORGE J JR		43-07-29	MIA/POW
BLOOM, HYMAN	44-07-17		
BOWEN, VINCENT F			
BOWER, GEORGE H JR		45-03-00	TOUR
BRATRUD, EDGAR L	43-11-27	44-06-26	TOUR
BRECHER, MELVIN	44-12-23		
BRYAN, GEORGE V	43-02-16	43-02-16	MIA/POW
BURR, HAROLD	45-02-05		
BURTON, ROY L	44-04-29	44-09-00	TOUR
BUTLER, MORRIS E	43-07-15	43-08-12	MIA/POW
CALDWELL, JOHN E JR	43-11-19	44-02-22	KIA
CAMERON, ROBERT P JR	42-06-00	42-10-02	K-CRASH
CLARK, ERVIN R	44-08-21	45-01-00	TOUR
CLARKE, ALEXANDER J	44-02-25		
CLAYTON, DAVID L	43-11-18		
COONS, WALTER H	42-06-00	44-10-17	TOUR
CRABTREE, LLOYD G	43-12-01	44-01-11	MIA/POW
CREAMER, JOHN M	42-06-00	42-11-09	KIA
CRESSY, CHARLES A		43-10-08	KIA
CRUNICAN, CHARLES J	44-04-28	44-07-00	TOUR
DAVIS, HARRY O	42-06-00	42-08-00	
ERICKSON, WILLIAM P	42-10-29	42-11-09	KIA
FREEMAN, ROBERT M	42-12-08	42-12-20	KIA
FRIEDRICH, ANDREW J	42-06-00	43-03-06	MIA/POW
FRIERMOOD, MAX J	42-06-00	42-08-00	
FRY, ROBERT W JR	44-01-30	44-02-22	WIA
GANNETT, RAY W JR	45-02-05		
GAST, EDWARD S	43-04-22	43-06-22	MIA/POW
GRANINS, WILLIAM F	43-05-04	43-05-15	MIA/POW
GRUENIG, ROBERT D	44-06-29	44-12-00	TOUR
GUY, WALTER P	44-06-29	45-02-00	TOUR
HAAGENSON, DONALD C		45-02-03	INTERNED
HAWKINS, SIEGEL L	44-01-24	44-02-22	KIA
HEMENWAY, NATHANIEL W	44-09-22	45-02-00	TOUR
HIGHLEY, ORAN R	43-04-23	43-05-15	MIA/POW
HOLT, HENRY B	43-11-27	44-02-22	KIA
HOSTETTLER, ARTHUR S	44-08-25	44-09-12	KIA
HUNTER, JR., HOWARD O	44-02-01	44-04-24	INTERNED
JENSEN, EWALD		44-05-00	TOUR
JOHNSON, BAYARD W	44-08-05	44-12-00	TOUR
JOHNSON, WILLIAM J	44-11-28		
JONES, KENNETH H	42-06-19	42-11-18	KIA
JONES, REESE T		44-08-00	TOUR
KARFONTA, JOHN B	45-02-10		
KELLY, PAUL E	44-09-01	45-05-05	TOUR
KNIGHT, CHESTER A	42-06-00	42-08-00	
KOSTAL, JEROME J	43-04-23		40 CBW
LA CHASSE, ALBERT W	42-06-19	41-10-09	MIA/POW
LAINÉ, JAMES A	43-12-11	43-03-06	MIA/POW
LAMBERT, ERNEST P	44-12-27	45-01-12	WIA
LAURA, ANTHONY J	44-04-21	44-05-08	KIA
LEGOWSKI, HENRY R	44-01-20	44-06-26	TOUR
LEWIS, GEORGE L	43-03-12	43-04-05	MIA/POW
LOMAS, RANDOLPH A	44-12-11		
LUKENS, JOSEPH W		43-10-14	KIA
LYNCH, FRANCIS H	45-02-05		
MAC NEIL, LAWRENCE J	44-01-20	44-02-22	KIA
MARICONDO, EMIL R	44-01-24	44-02-04	MIA/POW
MARONEY, HENRY R	44-02-26	44-07-00	TOUR
MATHEWS, GEORGE L	42-06-19	42-12-20	MIA/POW
MC CRACKEN, JAMES B	43-04-12		
MC GOVERN, FREDERICK J	44-05-23		TOUR
MC KINNEY, ROY A	44-04-03	44-04-26	KIA
MILBOURN, ARTHUR L	42-12-30	43-04-05	MIA/POW
MONAGHAN, ROBERT H	44-04-27	44-06-12	MIA/POW
MONTAGUE, GARLAND A	44-08-21	44-09-12	MIA/POW
MONTICONE, JULIUS J	43-11-27	44-01-11	MIA/POW
MOREY, WALTER Z		43-12-15	TOUR
MOSES, WILLIAM A		43-04-05	MIA/POW
MURPHY, JAMES C	42-12-11	43-01-07	KIA
MUTZ, WILLIAM F	44-05-09	44-08-00	TOUR
NORTHWAY, MARION J	44-01-24	44-07-00	TOUR
OGDEN, IRA B	44-04-21	44-05-08	KIA
OLDS, SHERWOOD W	42-06-19		
PARRISH, JACK N	45-03-27		
PASSIN, SIDNEY		44-04-01	MIA/POW
PETERSON, WILLIAM H	43-10-16	44-01-05	KIA
PHILLIPS, CARL H	44-05-09	44-08-00	TOUR
PIERCE, FRANCIS X	43-04-04		TOUR
PRINCE, JAMES R JR		45-05-19	
PRINGLE, RALPH K	43-08-08	43-12-22	KIA
QUIGLEY, JOHN F	44-05-15	44-08-00	TOUR
RICE, WENDELL H	43-04-23		
RIDGEWAY, RALPH F	45-02-03		

ROTHENBURG, AVRUM H		44-05-00	TOUR
SCHWEIN, ROBERT G	44-05-15	45-09-25	TOUR
SMITH, WILLIAM S	43-11-19		
SMITH, WILLIAM A	44-04-27	44-06-17	MIA/POW
SNODDY, JAMES D	44-10-07	45-02-00	TOUR
SPARKS, JOSEPH A	43-09-11	44-01-11	KIA
ST. GEORGE, GEORGE W	42-06-00	42-08-00	
STANTON, CLIFFORD J	44-06-11	44-11-00	TOUR
STAUBER, JOSEPH A	44-08-29	45-01-00	TOUR
STEFANO, ANDREW	44-07-17	45-04-00	TOUR
STEVENS, WILLIAM D	44-04-05	44-05-08	INTERNED
STEWART, WILLIAM C JR	44-08-25	44-09-12	KIA
STILES, PORTER H			3/44
STOROLIS, EDMUND M	44-04-13	44-04-24	MIA/POW
STREETER, THOMAS E			2-4/45
TANELLA, STEPHEN F		44-06-00	
TANNENBAUM, PAUL	44-10-31	44-12-05	KIA
TODD, EDWARD W JR	44-07-01	44-10-00	TOUR
TOLAND, HUGH I	42-06-00	43-08-00	TOUR
TOYEK, CLAUDE V	43-04-23	43-05-15	MIA/POW
TROST, JOHN S		42-12-20	EVADDEE
TUOHEY, CARL W	44-06-11	44-10-00	TOUR
VANN, ARTHUR	44-06-07	45-01-00	TOUR
VICKERS, ROBERT J		44-09-12	MIA/POW
WEISELBERG, JAY R	43-10-31	43-12-20	MIA/POW
WEISHAR, RICHARD W			
WELCH, JAMES D		44-04-00	TOUR
WIEHRDT, RALPH W	44-06-11	44-09-00	TOUR
WILSON, DONALD L	45-02-13		
ZRUST, GORDON F	44-07-26	44-09-12	MIA/POW

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NAME	ARRIVAL	DPT	LOST?
ALLEN, HERMAN F	43-10-00	44-03-06	INTERNED
ANDERSON, PAUL H	44-05-09	44-09-06	TOUR
ANTOON, MITCHELL K	43-11-27	44-07-00	TOUR
ASHMAN, CHARLES A		43-11-03	KIA
BALTZER, DONALD W	43-11-18	44-04-00	TOUR
BANTA, ROBERT E	44-06-16	44-09-12	KIA
BINIUS, WALTER J	42-06-00	42-08-00	
BLOTNER, JOSEPH L	44-09-25	44-10-15	MIA/POW
BONNER, OLIVER A JR	44-07-28	44-09-12	MIA/POW
BORDNER, RALPH E	44-07-17	45-02-00	TOUR
BORGERT, ROBERT O	44-06-04		
BOSWELL, TED JR	43-10-21	44-06-26	TOUR
BREUNIG, WILBUR W	42-06-00	43-04-17	KIA
BRIGGS, STANLEY O	45-02-03		
BROWN, JOHN A JR	43-03-12	43-04-17	MIA/POW
BURNETT, ALBERT F	44-04-29	44-09-00	TOUR
BURTIS, JOHN R	42-06-00	42-08-00	
CAMPBELL, LESLIE F	44-12-09	45-04-00	TOUR
CARGILL, WILLIAM D	42-06-00	42-08-00	
CARSTEN, PAUL R	44-03-06	44-07-14	K-AUTO
CHRISTOFORI, LAWRENCE F	44-03-18	44-04-24	MIA/POW
CLARK, WILFRED F	45-02-10		
CONWAY, QUENTIN T	44-12-23		
DANIELS, POSTER G	42-06-28	43-05-21	KIA
DMOCHOWSKI, MYRON J	43-09-13	44-01-11	MIA/POW
DORMAN, LYLE R	44-12-13		
ELDRIDGE, RICHARD D	44-04-13	44-07-00	TOUR
FAULKNER, GEORGE R	44-12-23	45-04-00	TOUR
FONTANE, CHARLES	43-11-00	44-05-00	TOUR
FREDERICK, GEORGE W	42-06-19	43-03-04	KIA
FREDERICK, JAMES A	44-09-22	45-05-19	TOUR
FUTTERMAN, SIDNEY	44-02-26	44-03-24	HOSP
GILLESPIE, CLARENCE	43-04-04		
GOEDE, MILTON N	42-06-00	42-08-00	
GRETTON, GEORGE T	44-03-07	44-04-24	MIA/POW
GRIMES, THOMAS C	45-03-27		
GUSTAFSON, BURTON C	43-11-00	44-05-24	MIA/POW
HANSON, RICHARD F	42-06-00	42-08-00	
HARMSTON, HOWARD L	43-12-01	44-02-25	MIA/POW
HARRISON, FRANK R	43-03-12		
HARRISON, JAMES T	43-04-23	43-09-00	TOUR
HATTON, SAM J	44-07-08	45-02-00	TOUR
HEWITT, WILLIAM C		43-10-09	MIA/POW
HILLS, CHARLES F	44-03-15	44-03-27	MIA/POW
HODGSON, RICHARD S	44-04-29	44-08-00	TOUR
HOLSCHER, ROBERT G	44-11-28	45-04-23	TOUR
HOLT, JR., CHARLES O	44-09-01	45-01-31	TOUR
JOHNSON, JAMES W	44-08-08	45-02-00	TOUR
JORDAN, JOHN H	44-11-04	45-01-25	TOUR
KETCHIE, CHARLES JR	42-06-19		
KNOX, JAMES L	44-04-05	44-04-29	KIA
KOSAKOWSKI, JOSEPH E	42-06-19	43-07-01	TOUR
KRZEMIAN, LOUIS J	44-09-22	45-02-00	TOUR
LAMB, BEVERLY R	43-04-23	43-10-11	TOUR
LAUGHLIN, JR., JAMES H	43-11-27	44-02-25	MIA/POW
LEVY, ROBERT T	42-06-00	43-01-03	KIA
LOGAN, DANIEL A JR	43-11-03	44-04-00	TOUR
LONG, JOSEPH W	44-09-22	45-04-00	TOUR
MAC MILLAN, DOUGLAS L	44-05-15		
MARSHALL, JACK G	44-04-30	44-08-00	TOUR
MC CUTCHAN, ROBERT I	45-02-16		
MC KELVEY, VANDYKE	42-06-19		
MC TAGUE, HARRY D	45-02-16		
MILLER, ERVIN F JR	44-08-21	45-01-10	TOUR
MONTOYA, EDUARDO M	43-04-23	44-01-00	TOUR
MORROW, JAMES B	43-11-14	43-11-26	MIA/POW
MURRAY, JAMES E	43-04-04	43-04-05	KIA
NORRIS, JOHN H	44-07-21	45-02-00	TOUR
NORTON, IRVING R	44-04-21		TOUR
POLICH, JOHN J	44-04-13	44-07-14	TOUR
PROCTOR, ROBERT F	43-12-01	44-02-22	MIA/POW
RICHARD, LEO E	44-05-28	44-09-00	TOUR
ROBERTS, WILLIAM N JR	44-07-17	44-09-11	MIA/POW
ROSS, DONALD R	43-11-19	45-04-00	2 TOURS
RYAL, CHARLES F	44-03-15		

SAUNDERS, WILLIAM W	42-06-19	43-04-05	MIA/POW
SCHOENBERGER, STANFORD L	44-12-11	45-05-19	
SCHWARTZ, BENNETT H	44-07-05	45-04-00	TOUR
SEED, JOE D	44-05-15	44-09-06	TOUR
SEIFRIED, EDWARD J	43-04-12	44-12-00	TOUR
SHAEBER, JACK D	43-03-12	43-04-17	MIA/POW
SHOOK, JAMES E	44-12-27	45-05-19	
SILVERSTEIN, STANLEY	43-04-23	43-10-00	TOUR
SIMPSON, NORMAN J		43-10-08	MIA/POW
SNEAD, PARKER	44-06-15	44-10-00	TOUR
STRAUSER, JOHN A	43-10-31	43-11-13	INJ/D
SWAN, OTTO C	44-05-28	44-09-00	TOUR
TAPPER, GEORGE W	43-11-27	44-06-26	TOUR
TATMAN, ALBERT C	43-12-01		
THAYER, REGINALD H JR	44-09-25	45-05-15	79 MISSIONS
TINGLER, FRANZ E	43-11-27	44-07-31	TOUR
TOTH, DENNIS	44-04-03	44-09-06	TOUR
TOWNSEND, DEAN S	44-07-28	45-01-10	TOUR
TRYLOFF, WARREN F	44-08-29	44-09-12	MIA/POW
URICH, RUSSELL C JR	44-10-07	45-03-26	TOUR
URMAN, HARRY	43-08-11	43-11-03	KIA
VLAHOS, MICHAEL L	44-06-07	44-08-26	KIA
WEBER, JOHN G	44-08-29	45-05-05	TOUR
WILF, JEROME H	44-09-12	45-03-00	TOUR
WILKINS, JOSEPH C		43-03-08	MIA/POW
WILSON, ROBERT G	44-12-26		
WINTERS, AUGUST	43-04-11	43-09-05	EVADEE
YOUNG, HARRY L	43-04-23	43-05-21	MIA/POW
ZABORSKY, HENRY	43-09-03	43-10-17	TRANS
ZASADIL, FRANK E	42-06-00	42-08-00	

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NAME	ARRIVAL	DPT	LOST?
ALKER, ROBERT L		44-08-00	TOUR
ASHTON, ALFRED J JR	44-04-29	44-08-00	TOUR
BAKER, HOLLIS H	44-07-08	44-02-00	TOUR
BALE, RICHARD R	43-12-02	44-02-20	MIA/POW
BARROWS, LEE F JR	43-11-27	44-03-29	MIA/POW
BERES, ROBERT D	43-11-28	44-06-26	TOUR
BERRY, LESLIE	44-07-14	45-01-03	TOUR
BLAHNIK, GEORGE H	44-07-17	45-01-30	TOUR
BLUM, JACK D	43-12-04	44-06-26	TOUR
BLYTHE, ROBERT W	44-02-25	44-03-29	
BONCIC, GEORGE	43-10-16		
BORYSOFF, MICHAEL	43-09-14	44-03-18	TOUR
BRADLEY, JAMES W	42-06-00	42-08-00	
BRANOM, BUFORD E	43-10-16	44-02-22	KIA
BRILL, IVAN	44-04-28	44-10-22	KIA
BRUNEMEIER, FAYLON M	45-03-27		
BRYANT, HAROLD A JR	44-02-25	44-06-20	KIA
BUGNI, ARNOLD J	43-10-21	44-04-00	TOUR
BUNDT, RAYMOND A	43-11-09	44-06-00	TOUR
CANGELOSE, SAM J	45-03-02		
CHAMBERS, JAMES C	44-04-03	44-07-00	TOUR
COAD, PAUL C	43-11-01	44-07-00	TOUR
COLUMBUS, JOSEPH M	43-08-10	43-10-14	MIA/POW
COOPER, KENNETH			
COX, DONALD W	43-04-12	43-06-25	MIA/POW
DRENNER, RAEBURN D	43-11-09	44-01-17	HOSP
DREW, LIONEL E JR	43-03-10	43-06-26	EVADEE
FARMER, HENRY H	43-10-12	43-10-14	MIA/POW
FELDMAN, LEON	43-07-04	43-12-13	TOUR
FINKELSTEIN, WILLIAM	44-04-13	44-08-00	TOUR
FINN, PAUL F	44-06-16	44-07-18	MIA/POW
FINNELL, LEROY F	44-10-28		
FIORA, FRANK L	45-02-05		
FORD, EMMETTE W	42-06-00	43-06-15	TOUR
FRANK, ROBERT M	44-08-21	45-01-17	TOUR
GARD, RICHARD E	44-07-21	44-12-15	KIA
GARDERICH, ROBERT C	44-10-25	45-03-00	TOUR
GEORGI, RICHARD	44-07-17		
GERMAN, PHILIP E	44-09-12	45-01-00	TOUR
GORRELL, DAVID H	44-10-28	45-04-11	TOUR
GRAHAM, ANDREW L JR	42-06-00	42-11-09	MIA/POW
GRIFFIN, RICHARD E		45-01-03	TOUR
GUTZ, THEODORE F	42-06-00	42-08-00	
HALLOCK, JOSEPH T	43-11-28	44-04-00	TOUR
HANSON, ROBERT W	44-04-13	44-05-23	KIA
HILLABRAND, RICHARD G	44-12-11		
HODGES, EMORY E	45-01-31	45-05-19	
HORKULIC, JR, JOHN	44-04-03	44-08-00	TOUR
HORNER, GEORGE S	42-06-00	43-06-05	TOUR
HRNCLAR, JOHN	44-11-28		
HUISINGA, ROBERT W		43-09-06	MIA/POW
HUISTRA, JOHN F	43-11-29	44-03-29	MIA/POW
IRONS, BEN G	43-05-20	43-07-28	MIA/POW
JEFFERSON, LLOYD U	44-12-20		
JONES, DAVID E			
JORDAN, SAMUEL C	44-06-16	44-11-00	TOUR
KIMBALL, CHARLES F	44-07-27	45-02-00	TOUR
KISSEBERTH, STANLEY N	42-06-19		WIA
KRAHL, ADOLPH L	42-06-00	42-08-00	TRANS
KYLIUS, ROBERT E	42-06-19	43-03-07	EVADEE
LEROY, MORTON W	45-01-14		
LOCKARD, JOHN M	44-04-03	44-08-00	TOUR
LUCAS, JOHN S	43-03-01	43-06-00	TOUR
LUNDBERG, MELVIN JR	44-07-26	45-01-24	TOUR
LYNCH, HENRY J		43-07-26	MIA/POW
MANNING, PAUL V	43-08-01	43-10-14	MIA/POW
MARSHALL III, SAMUEL W	44-04-28	44-08-00	TOUR
MARTIN, WILLIAM A	45-03-27		
MARY,	43-07-25		
MAY, CHESTER H	42-06-00	43-07-24	TOUR
MC CARTNEY, MARCEL A	44-06-00	44-10-00	TOUR
MC KNIGHT, DOUGLAS K	44-07-03	44-11-21	MIA/POW
MOON, JOHN H			MIA/POW
MOUNTS, RAYMOND E	44-08-21	45-02-00	TOUR
MUELLER, CHARLES E		44-10-22	KIA
MURRAY, WILLIAM G	44-12-20		
NEARY, WILLIAM F		43-07-28	MIA/POW
NELSON, NORMAN R	42-06-00	42-11-09	KIA
NIERSBACH, NORMAN G	44-04-21	44-10-00	TOUR
OLSHWITZ, MILTON J	44-09-01	44-12-28	KIA
ORR, CLIFFORD D	45-01-31		
OUTCALT, NORMAN E	44-09-25		
PARKER, JOHN B	43-04-12	43-04-17	MIA/POW
PHELAN, HUGH E	43-01-15	43-09-00	TOUR
PITTS, MARC F	43-05-04	43-06-13	KIA
PRESCOTT, JOHN B	45-02-13		
REYNOLDS, GARDNER M	42-12-11	42-12-30	KIA
ROSS, WILLIAM F	44-12-27		
RYAN, WILLIAM L	44-04-12	44-07-00	TOUR
SAMPLES, MERTON D	44-06-06	44-09-06	TOUR
SANDERS, JERROLL E	43-05-19	44-02-11	MIA/POW
SHANNON, FRANK L JR	42-06-19	42-09-05	K AT SEA

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NAME	ARRIVAL	DPT	LOST?
BEACH, RALPH G K		44-06-26	TOUR
BERMAN, JOSEPH R	44-07-17	44-12-00	TOUR
BIRKENMEIER, ANTHONY T	45-02-13		
BITTMAN, HYMAN H	43-07-15	43-12-11	MIA/POW
BLOOM, HYMAN		43-12-20	ANOXIA
BODNARUK, JOHN	44-07-17	45-01-00	TOUR
BORCHARDT, DONALD F	44-04-29		
BRUNSON, HERBERT P	42-06-00	42-08-00	
BRYAN, JESSE A	44-10-25	45-01-10	MIA/POW
BUCHANAN, WALTER F	42-06-00	42-08-00	
BURDEN, ABRAHAM L	42-06-00	42-11-23	MIA/POW
CAREY, DONALD N	44-05-15	44-08-00	TOUR
CARROLL, LAURENCE E	44-08-25		
CHASE, DELBERT W		44-04-11	MTA/POW
COOK, DONALD L	45-03-02		
COOPER, MELVIN D	45-02-10		
CORIGLIANO, HORACE	44-12-23		
CORVO, PHILIP	44-12-09		
COUCH, CLARENCE L	43-10-05	44-04-11	MIA/POW
CURRIER, DONALD E JR	43-10-31	44-03-00	TOUR
DARULICH, ANTHONY F		44-12-00	TOUR
DOWDEN, LELAND A	43-10-01	43-10-14	MIA/POW
DUNLAP, CURTIS L	43-08-08	44-02-03	MIA/POW
ESPER, DWAIN A JR	44-04-27		TOUR
EVANS, FLOYD A	43-04-12	43-11-00	TOUR
FARR, CONRAD J	42-06-00	42-11-09	KIA
FLEMMONS, JAMES C	44-04-12		WIA
FLOOD, ROBERT J	43-12-01	44-03-29	MIA/POW
FORD, JAMES	44-04-30	44-08-00	TOUR
FRALEY, ROBERT E	44-04-03	44-07-00	TOUR
FRANTZ, CARL H	43-11-19	44-08-00	TOUR
GAILEY, BLAIN S	44-08-21		
GARRETT, HUBERT R	42-06-00	42-08-00	
GOLDENBURG, LEO A	44-08-21		
GOOD, GEORGE D JR	44-10-25	45-05-05	TOUR
GORDON, NATHAN N	44-04-30	44-08-00	TOUR
GRANT, GORDON R	42-06-00	43-01-13	KIA
GREENINGER, CHARLES W	44-07-21	45-01-00	TOUR
GREGORY, WILLIAM A	44-07-21	44-09-13	KIA
HICKEY, JOHN K	43-01-15	43-09-11	TOUR
HOWARD, ROY W	43-10-16	44-04-00	TOUR
HUF, ROBERT C	44-12-13		
IRWIN, L BALLARD	43-03-12	43-07-29	KIA
ISAAC, ARTHUR		44-04-00	
JAMES, BRIAN E		44-02-02	KIA
JENACK, HERBERT F	44-02-20	44-06-26	TOUR
JINDRICH, RICHARD F	44-04-27	44-05-11	MIA/POW
JOHNSON, FRANCIS B	45-02-16		
JONES, L B JR	43-05-15	43-12-00	TOUR
JONES, SHEDRICK E	42-06-19	43-01-13	MIA/POW
KEEPMAN, ERWIN W	44-07-08		TOUR
KELLY, JACK A		43-10-14	KIA
KENNEY, JOHN F	44-07-01	44-11-00	TOUR
KERR, GEORGE T JR	44-09-01	45-01-00	TOUR
KNUPPENBERG, JACK E	42-06-00	42-08-00	
KRAMER, MICHAEL F	44-09-25		
KRASHES, BERTRAM	44-04-12	44-04-24	MIA/POW
KRENN, GORDON M	44-03-25		
LANDRUM, JULIUS C	42-06-19	42-11-09	MIA/POW
LANIUS, WALTER M JR	44-09-12	45-01-00	TOUR
LERCY, HERTON W	44-11-28		
LEVY, HENRY I	43-11-27	44-02-22	KIA
MARSHALL, PAUL K	44-08-25	44-12-00	TOUR
MAXWELL, ROBERT L	44-06-11	44-10-00	TOUR
MEERSMAN, THOMAS J	44-05-15	44-08-16	MIA/POW
MOORE, JAMES R	44-02-25	44-12-09	MIA/POW
NAGY, ALBERT J		43-10-14	KIA
NULL, MORGAN B	44-10-25	45-04-00	TOUR
OLDENBURG, LEO A G			
PALUMBO, VINCENT J	44-02-24	44-09-00	TOUR
PARKES, ARNOLD J	44-04-03	44-04-11	KIA
PEDEVILLANO, JOHN P	44-04-05	44-04-24	MIA/POW
PETERSON, LOUIS F			TOUR
PHILLIPS, MALCOLM A JR	43-02-15	44-06-00	TOUR
RATNER, SEYMOUR	44-04-13	44-07-00	TOUR
REED, JOHN F	42-06-00	42-08-00	
REEVES, JAMES W	44-04-12	44-07-00	TOUR
ROTTER, GERALD D	42-06-19	43-06-05	TOUR
RYAN, JR., JOSEPH P	43-04-11	43-11-00	TOUR
SANDBERG, ELMER A	44-08-05	45-02-00	TOUR
SANFORD, ROBERT B	43-05-19	43-07-29	MIA/POW
SCHMITZ, HENRY N	43-12-01	44-02-22	KIA
SCHUMACHER, WILLIAM R	44-12-20		
SEBASTIAN, DONALD W	45-02-16		
SHAW, WILLIAM F	44-08-29		
SHERTZER, SIDNEY C	44-04-18	44-04-24	MIA/POW

Brend's Tale

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package of pancake mix. This pancake mix was later to save my life.

I decided to try to stretch the mixture by trying to bake a cake similar to the ones we used to bake in Stalag 4 and 6. In these we had saved prune pits for the inside. We used crackers and margarine to make a crust, powdered our sugar cubes and mixed them with powdered milk and water to make a frosting. The meat of the prune nuts was finally chopped for a filling. This was all covered by finely chopped prune nuts and left to cool on a window sill. Though I did not have all the ingredients, I was going to bake some sort of cake in our stove. I did and I ate it. Did I ever get sick! Again vomiting and diarrhea was my reward. At a time when I was sitting on a john, which was located at the entrance to the barracks, the guard came and took everybody out, they were going back on the road.

The guard opened the john door and said, "Rouse," I said "Conkin" and he let me stay and be alone. They all left; I quickly got my things together and went out the back door. Here I noticed the guards in the tower, the only one I could see was looking the other way. They were watching those leaving for the open road. I quickly jumped the first guard rail and rolled into a ditch. Under the barbed wire, out and over the guard rail on the other side. I was in the next compound. I did this again into the next compound, as each compound was put on the road. Somehow I managed to get to the hospital area to see the doctor. As I was being interviewed by the doctor, I suddenly had to vomit. This was enough for the doctor to let me stay with the sick.

After everyone but the sick were on the road we who stayed behind were moved to a corner lager. We were to be left behind. The English were now moving our way; the Germans left only the older men as guards. After several days I took my turn foraging for food. We were only allowed to go to the field directly behind the camp. This field contained rows and rows of piled-up potatoes and kohlrabi stored for the winter. They were kept from freezing by several alternate layers of straw and manure. We dug through by hand to obtain all that we could carry to share with our individual groups. That night as we were locked up two important things happened. We heard the German lines move back; we were in no man's land. Around 3 a.m. an aircraft made two flyovers of our camp. We estimated that they must be Spitfires or Typhoons. On the first pass, he dropped flares on two corners of our camp, very accurately. On the second pass, he marked the other two corners. Then we heard an artillery barrage. He had marked our camp. They knew we were there! Cheers from everybody.

Under Attack

The next morning we were all outside digging foxholes. After a time, two flights of British Typhoons came over. There were two groups of four. The first group circled high, while the second group peeled off and came down directly at us. We did not know what to make of it. Then we saw rockets being fired. They looked as though they were coming directly at us. We jumped into our foxholes. What the hell are they doing?! The rockets went over our heads and into a clump of trees in a small valley behind the camp. Each plane fired its rockets. What are they doing? The attackers now became the lookouts and



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the other planes made the same attack. When the second plane in the group fired its rockets into the trees the whole clump vanished. An ammo dump was destroyed.

After noon someone shouted "tanks!" They were far off in the distant fields. We climbed on the roof to see better. Then three explosions near the front gate of our camp — back to the foxholes again! Soon yells of joy were heard from near the gates. The guards came down from the towers; one was running around shouting he was not a Nazi. I ran to the main gate. As I arrived an English halftrack was poised at the gate — the Ninth Hussars! They were trying to get the key from the officers in the guard-house. As they took prisoners, the halftrack moved forward and pushed down the main gate. We all ran out, happy to see them. We were given cigarettes and some personal rations. I ran over and, with the help of some of my buddies, pried loose the padlock that was on the fallen gate; we were free!

But freedom takes awhile. It would be

another week before we were out. The English posted guards to protect us. They patrolled the barbed wire day and night. We were given some English rations and traded some American cigarettes for more. Some POWs left the camp to roam and find their own way back. Some stole cars and motorcycles. They borrowed some gas from the British and went off. I do not know where they ended up or where they have been.

I do recall two GIs who were very drunk. They had stolen a motorcycle, borrowed gas, and came back to pick up some of their belongings and say goodbye. It was quite funny as off they roared, dead drunk, weaving all over the road. The guy on the back had a guitar slung across his back. It wasn't long before they came limping back — arms around each other and singing. They had smashed into a tree. The guitar now had only broken strings.

Too Little Food

We were vastly short of food. The British guards had only enough for their own supply. They could not serve us. We had to forage the area. We drew cards to see who would go; I was one of them. We left the camp and went into the country away from town. After an hour of walking, we came to a farm. I was quite scared, as we had heard a story of others who had left the camp and were later found hanging from a tree. There were also mines all over the place.

I stood guard at the entrance to an animal pen, which was under part of the house. We had knocked on the door, saw people inside, but they would not answer the door. The others went in under the house. When they came out they carried a duck and about four chickens. One of them handed me a small lamb and said this is your share. I carried the lamb back to camp. It was for our barracks group, but nobody wanted to kill it. They said you got it, you kill it. Lacking guns, I finally had to put it in a foxhole and club it to death, not an easy chore. Lambs have hard, thick skulls. I was crying when I did it, but this was all we had to eat. After it was over, no one wanted to eat it and we agreed to trade it with a Polish group. It again became my job. I lugged it over to their part of camp and managed to get four chickens for it. Not a bad deal, really. The chickens were laying hens

and we opened them up to find a dozen eggs in various stages of development

A team of newsmen showed up and began taking movies of the large groups. I never saw or heard about this again. After awhile we were taken by truck to a forward airfield. We arrived, but there were no planes. We were taken to a town and occupied a building something like a YMCA for the night. Again, no food and we slept on the floor.

The next day we tried another field. This one was still in operation. As we waited in groups, and turned to embark on the incoming C47s, a British officer kept eyeballing me. I had on a pair of leaded wings which I had made by sandcasting, using lead saved from the bottom of Klim cans.

An officer finally came over to me and asked where I used to be stationed. I said England. He asked, "Do you want to go back to England?" I said, "Certainly!" I had missed keeping a date fourteen months ago. He said, "You see the aircraft arriving with white stripes on them. They are returning to England, the others are going to France." He gave me a wink and moved off.

The C47 pulled up in front of our group. This was what we were to get aboard. I noticed it had no markings, thus I knew it was going to France. I managed to slip into the next group and waited for the next plane. It had the stripes and I was headed for England!

It shook us all up quite a bit as we approached England. Evidently we were slightly off course and they let us know by firing three bursts of flak off our left wing. We arrived near Oxford, then we were taken by truck to the 91st General Hospital. We were deloused, showered, shaved, and given new clothes. When we were assigned to a ward building, we were told to eat in Mess Hall #1. After a week of eating steak, eggs, and a variety of other great foods, we were suddenly assigned to Mess Hall #2. They just discovered we were suffering from malnutrition and the #1 Mess Hall food was too rich for us. The next week was one of porridge, eggnog, etc.

Never too Late for a Date

I had written my girl upon arrival and one day I got a call from the gate; I had a visitor. I rushed to the gate in my PJs to find my girl and her father. We went back to my ward and talked. I showed them my log book and told them how I had kept it with me through all hell. We took in a movie at the hospital theatre and then said goodbye.

Later I was transferred to London to await shipment home. I called my girl at her work place, as they had no phone at home. I asked her to marry me. She said yes, and I got a furlough. I went to see her, got special permission to get married, got married at the registrar's office and went on a honeymoon. When I returned from my furlough, I found out that my papers were all mixed up. The officer in charge of us was surprised to see me, "If you had not returned, we would have assumed you fell overboard. You are supposed to be on a ship headed for the U.S.!"

Later I was on a Liberty Ship. I was in charge of seven POWs. The second night out we ran into bad weather, so bad they took off the mine watch. I thought we had had it when as we went over a great sea swell, the props left the water, the ship shuddered and made a loud noise. Certainly we had hit a mine! But no, we were lucky. Later we arrived at Norfolk, VA. I called my Mom and was soon aboard a train headed for Ft. Devins, MA, where I had enlisted. The route would take us through my home town of Norwich, CT. Although I was again in charge of a group and had the



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Intercoms Left Much To Chance

One of the problems that recurred in the B-17 in the stress of combat was the breakdown in communication between the five men stationed ahead of the bomb bay and the five men whose duties placed them behind the bomb bay. This might be either because the intercom was inoperative, or the plane was damaged enough that it was impossible for anyone to pass through the bomb bay.

This was the situation that existed in 42-31025 on 6 March 44. Lt. Albert A. Adams' plane had been hit hard over Berlin, losing an engine over the target. Returning alone, four of the crew members bailed out over Germany and T/Sgt Lloyd B. Keene, was killed when the plane was attacked by ME-109s.

After the bailout, conditions improved and the plane flew on home, without the four men who jumped.

At the interrogation, the 423rd Squadron history quotes: "Our intercom was out and four of the men were so scared they bailed out without getting an order."

Several months ago, Max Palenica was visiting John Hedberg, and for the first time saw this quotation in **First Over Germany**. After that he wrote the author in high dudgeon to protest and to report what actually happened that day behind the bomb bay. Here is Max's story:

"While we were warming up before takeoff, we were having a problem with one engine, but we took off anyway. Later we got hit by flak in the target area, and with a windmilling prop we started to lose altitude. Lt. Adams gave the bail out order twice, but Lt. Mathis (Joseph B. Mathis III, KIA 22 Oct 44) twice said

'No.'

"At this time, a shell burst in the radio room where I was, and I was wounded in the face, leg, hand and back. I staggered into the waist. The rear door was pushed out and one man was bailing out, the other waist gunner was getting ready to bail out. I looked at him and he was hurt across the head and had blood all over his face. He, too, jumped.

"Just before I was going to jump something hit me in the leg. I looked up and there I saw the tail gunner, John Hedberg, stuck in the tail. I got him out and saw that he was badly hit in the hand. I immediately put a tourniquet around his wrist to stop the bleeding. Two fingers were gone and he was in a daze. I asked him if he could pull his rip cord and he nodded that he could. I put his legs out the door and kicked him out.

"I feel that I probably saved his life. I followed him out the door."

Palenica completed his letter by asking if this sounded like panic in the rear of the plane?

Hedberg was treated in several German hospitals and then was repatriated on the S.S. Gripsholm.

In further explanation, at the time **First Over Germany** was being researched and written, neither Hedberg nor Palenica had been located.



THURLEIGH SCHOOL AND THE 306th MEMORIAL — Judy Stanton's classes from the Thurleigh school appear at the 306th Memorial periodically, assuring that another generation of people in the area are aware of the three-year presence of the 306th men in their midst. In the lower photo Mrs. Stanton and two of her girls place the flowers in front of the monument. Casey Jones was among the 1988 visitors at the school, carrying a message from his 306th comrades, and another 306th'er, who prefers anonymity, helps with special programs at the school.

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Brend's Tale

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travel orders and all the records, etc., I managed to put someone else in charge and jumped off the train when it stopped in Norwich. I had my own travel orders which said I was to report at noon the following day. I visited my Mom at work, then went to my Grandmother's house where we lived. The next day they drove me to Ft. Devins. After several days I got a 72-day furlough. After I was discharged I waited for eight months for my wife to arrive here. The SS Washington brought her to New York City with thousands of other war brides.

As for me, I'm still in combat, still fighting the memories and thoughts of POW life, of what I've been through and of what my comrades suffered. I am still fighting for my rights from the VA.

HOSPITALITY TOURS/Little Rock

As described in the lead story on page one, Hospitality Tours of Little Rock will offer two tours on Friday, Sept. 22. Advance registrations are required prior to Sept. 8. Reserved tickets can be picked up at the Convention Information Center in the Hotel.

All tours will depart from the Excelsior Hotel, and include roundtrip transportation by chartered motor coach, a professional guide, food service and entry fees.

To make tour reservations, complete the coupon below, and send it with your check to Hospitality Tours, 22 Lyric Lane, Little Rock, AR 72205.

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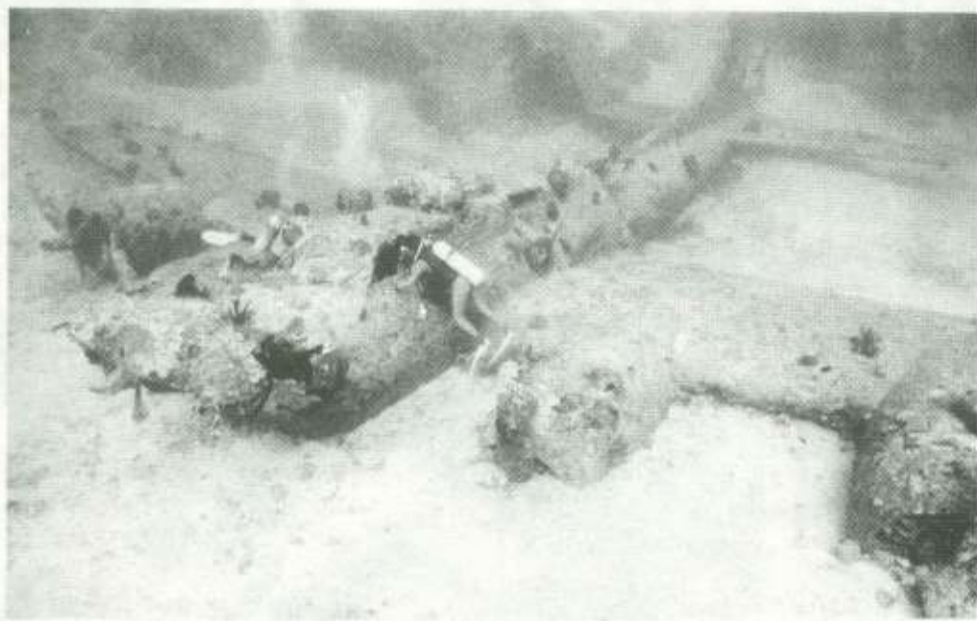
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WARNER, MEAD J	42-12-11	43-06-26	HOSP
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WEEMAN, JOHN H JR	43-12-01	44-08-00	TOUR
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YAUSSI, FRANK D	42-06-19		TOUR

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Fortress Found Off New Guinea

This is **Black Jack**, a 5th Air Force B-17 lost in action on a combat mission in July 1943. The old bomber, fully-armed and totally intact, was discovered by Australian scuba diver Rod Pearce. She lies on the white coral sand in 150 feet of water off one of the most remote regions of New Guinea.

Black Jack was a battle-scarred veter-

eran of some of the most savage air battles in the Southwest Pacific and is credited with singlehandedly sinking the Japanese destroyer **Hayashio** in a deadly duel one night in November 1942. She had crashed into the sea returning from a night mission to Rabaul on July 11, 1943. Her crew was rescued by coastal villagers.

Australian B-17 historian Steve Birdsall traced her history and was able to locate Ralph De Loach, the pilot who flew her on that fateful last mission.

Birdsall took De Loach and a documentary film crew to New Guinea and the result is **Black Jack's Last Mission**, a one-hour television program now available as a VHS video cassette.

The film contains stunning underwater color footage of the old plane, inside and out, combined with totally authentic wartime combat footage and comprehensive background on the Flying Fortress.

Black Jack was one of a production block of 36 early B-17Fs which were sent to all corners of the world and included the 306th's **Miss Swoose** and **Yankee Raider**.



At Algiers it was hot in April 1943 for Capt. Robert Riordan and his crew, shown here in a picture provided by Bob Dwiggins. Left to right are: Anthony Santoro, engineer; Albert McMahon, tail gunner; Ray May, waist gunner; Charles Davis, ball turret (only his head is visible); Dwiggins, waist gunner; Lt. Gerald Rotter, bombardier; Lt. George Spelman, navigator; (Rotter and Spelman's duties were switched in the April issue); Capt. Robert Riordan, pilot, and Lt. Rogers Littlejohn, copilot. Orville Schulz, radio operator, took the picture.

'The Wild Blue', Good Story

The Wild Blue, the Novel of the U.S. Air Force, by Walter J. Boyne and Steven L. Thompson. Crown Publishers, New York, 1986. 626 pages.

Both authors learned their flying in the U.S. Air Force, albeit in different generations, and therein lies their genius in telling a wide ranging story that begins after WW II, but with ample flashbacks, and ends with the modern era.

Boyne today heads the National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC, giving him another aspect from which to view the adventures of flight, its victories and its defeats.

It may seem overly long to some readers, but the book tries to cover many aircraft and many people, viewing it from the pilot's seat and from the aspect of the mechanic who is in love with engines and airframes.

The cost of the video is U.S. \$42.95, which includes Air Mail postage. It can be ordered by sending a Postal Money Order to Steve Birdsall, 31 Parkland Road, Mona Vale 2103, Australia.

Needless to say, there are threads of romance and of sex running through the book, sometimes adding to and other times detracting from the story.

In short, there is something for everyone, and it will furnish the average reader with an entertaining week. For those who remained close to the USAF in the postwar era there will be glimpses of men one has known, and some of the stories will have a real ring of authenticity to them.

This is not the greatest or the latest aviation novel yet published, but it is an easy reader.

8th AF Members

Below is an application for membership in the 8th Air Force Historical Society. The 306th has always had one of the larger Group representations in the 8th, and at the first of this year it totaled 557 persons.

If you wish to join the 8th, use this form, make out your \$10 check to the 306th BG Association, and the 306th will receive a \$5.00 rebate for each new member, or each member who has not paid his dues for two years will bring the same \$5.00 rebate to the 306th when the arrearage is cleared through the 306th. Mail to the 306th Secretary.

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