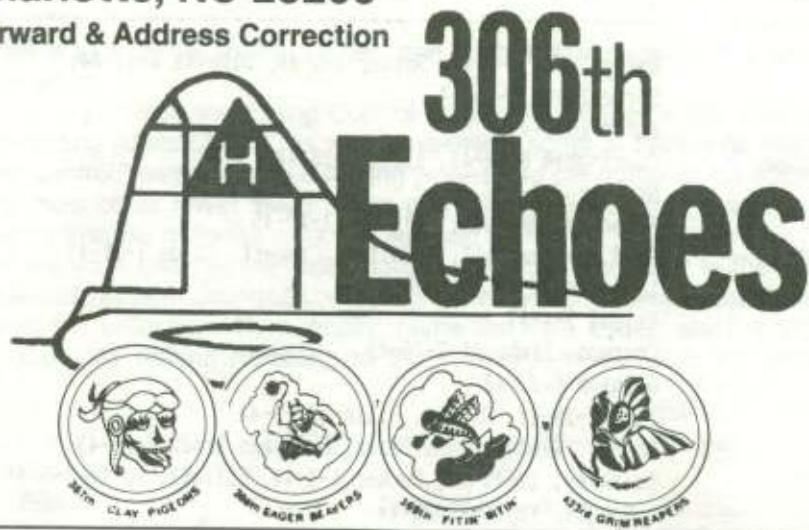


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Streamers from target marker smoke bombs show 306th bombardiers the aiming points at Bremen.

Bremen Worst Target for 306th, Claiming 20 Planes

Men who flew only a single combat mission, and went down, knew which was their biggest target without any question.

But, for the entire war labeling Berlin as "Big B" was not correct for 306th fliers. Big B to them had to be Bremen. We lost ten aircraft on the mission of 17 April 1943 on a raid to Bremen, and lost our twentieth plane there as Ray Ryther's crew went down on 20 December 1943.

We lost twelve in all on Berlin missions, and that ranks fourth on the 306th "Bad Target" list, trailing behind Schweinfurt and St. Nazaire where we lost thirteen to each.

Schweinfurt took ten of our crews and planes on Black Thursday, 14 October 1943, and then three more on 23 February 1944.

St. Nazaire was an early nemesis of the 306th, claiming three of our planes 9 November 1942, and three more on 3 January 1943 and 1 May 1943, with four others scattered in among these dates.

Other big missions as far as our losses were concerned were Oberpfaffenhofen, where we lost ten on 24 April 1944; nine at Ruhland, Germany, 12 September 1943, and Wilhelmshaven, and eight at Kiel, Germany.

In this tabulation, planes may have gone down before the target, at the target, or en route home, the target for the mission being the major point. Some were shot down from coastal fire going in or out of the continent, some were lost over England.

The groans were numerous at briefing for targets like Berlin and St. Nazaire, and a sense of relief for apparent "milk runs" could run through the room, as it may have 5 April 1943 when the mission was a "shorty" to Antwerp, Belgium, a day that cost us four aircraft.

Below is the full list:

TARGET	DATES & LOSSES
Antwerp	Fischer, Parker, Ross, Seelos 4-5-43
Augsburg	Coleman, Gay, Bayless 2-25-44
Berlin	C. W. Smith 3-6-44, Lutz 4-29-44, Darvin Smith, Richard Lambert, Schlecht, Matichka 5-8-44, Ehrler 5-24-44, Stetler, Manning 12-5-44, Daley, Lissner, Luckett 2-2-45
Bernburg	Horst, Macomber, Rector, Symons, Toombs, Oliver 2-22-44
Bingen	Woellner 12-29-44
Bohlen	Newsom, Ralstin 8-9-44
Bremen	Casey, Fortin, Watson, Smiley, Miller, Gillogly, Jankowski, Lally, George, Harwood 4-17-43, Marcotte 6-13-43, Logan 6-25-43, Rodman, Kooima, Ledgerwood 10-8-43, Cosper, Scudder 11-13-43, Jeffries, Hoey 11-26-43, Ryther 12-20-43
Brunswick	Haywood, Schuering, Hardin 3-29-44, Schaefer 4-26-44
Caen	Kata 8-8-44
Cognac	C. O. Smith 12-31-43
Cologne	Ritter, Moroz 10-15-44
Dresden	Henley, Lewis 2-14-45

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Registrations Coming Rapidly for September Reunion in Seattle

A couple of major factors in life in the Pacific Northwest will be a part of our September reunion in Seattle, points out Warren Wilson, co-chairman for the 1993 event. They are Boeing airplanes and the Indians native to the area.

The former event will be taken care of in four half-day tours of the Everett, WA, plants of Boeing, where the giant 747 and its newer sister, the 767, are currently being manufactured. Admission to these events will be first come, first served.

367th Sqdn. Diary Ready For Readers

The combat diary of the 367th Squadron is now available from the Association, and can be ordered with the coupon appearing on page 8.

Like the 369th Diary, this material was put together on an almost daily basis from 1942 through May 1945 by the various intelligence officers assigned to the squadron. In the 367th, it was Allan B. Richardson, John A. Bairnsfather, Philip W. Haberman, Shubel J. Owen, Edward T. Murtha and William A. Leatherman.

Put together in 160 pages, and spiral bound, the copy has been lightly edited and retyped by Russell A. Strong. Actual changes in the copy have been kept to a minimum so that any flavor given by each of these writers may have been preserved.

First names have been added, with few exceptions, so that people are properly identified; sometimes names have been added where they seem to have been inadvertently omitted, and where they help tell the story of a combat mission.

One must also remember that these were typed at a time when corrections were difficult at best and very time consuming. Also, the equipment at hand was not the best available, and certainly was no match for what we have today.

In addition to the almost daily entries throughout combat, the editor has added to the story rosters of pilots, navigators, bombardiers, radar observers, ground officers, master sergeants, and more than five pages of information on the aircraft assigned to the 367th during the war.

Since the preparation of the 369th Diary, the Pilots list has been up graded by listing the class and site where pilots received their wings, and by adding the dates of death, both of these items only being partially complete at this time.

Now efforts are being made to complete the 423rd Diary, expected by early summer, and the 368th Diary, which it is hoped will be ready for the September reunion in Seattle.

Both Thursday and Friday evenings there will be opportunities for our participation in a harbor cruise to Tillicum Island, where we will enjoy a salmon bake done in traditional Indian style, and an intense program of Indian dancing, for our enjoyment.

At this writing, registrations had climbed to 218, which is nearly 50 more than the San Antonio reunion at a comparable time. Rosters for the reunion, and for the following Alaskan cruise follow this article.

Major assistance is being given to Wilson by Dinwiddie Fuhrmeister, Tacoma, who is serving as co-chairman, and by R. Keith Miller, who is treasurer of the reunion and also responsible for handling all reservations. You can contact him by mail using the address shown on the back page order form for this event.

The hotel registration form is also to be found on the back page.

Early registrations for the various events are an excellent idea because of the limited number of people that may be handled at any one time. Particularly is this true for the Boeing tours, which will not be able to accommodate all of the members wishing to participate. The committee has negotiated with Boeing to enable us to take many more people through the gigantic assembly plant than is Boeing's usual schedule.

A question that arose early on concerning the Boeing visits should be clarified for others who may be concerned. The \$18 fee is totally for the buses to take our members from the Red Lion Hotel to the Everett plant, and to return you to the hotel upon completion. There is NO charge by the Boeing Company.

From Airport to Hotel

Those traveling to Seattle by air will find excellent transportation offered between the Seattle/Tacoma International Airport and the Red Lion Hotel. The hotel has a fleet of buses that circulate through the terminal pickup area several times during each hour, and you may note the distinctive lion foot prints wrapping over the top of the buses. They may also be able to provide assistance for groups wishing to reach restaurants, etc., in the general area of the hotel.

Numerous auto rental services are to be found both at the airport and near

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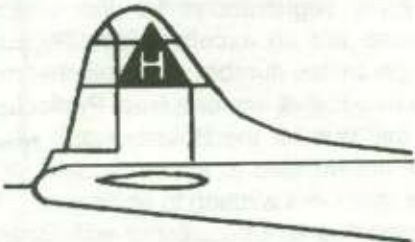
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the hotel. There are also other hotels adjacent to the Red Lion, should you wish to seek accommodations elsewhere. The Seattle committee will be able to assist you with such information in advance.

An updated roster of those registered for the reunion will appear in the July issue of Echoes.

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Frankfurt	Berry, Ware 2-4-44, Snyder 2-8-44, DiBetta 2-11-44, Berle Smith 8-15-44
Gdynia	Ranck 10-4-43
Gelsenkirchen	Cunningham 8-12-43, Allen 8-26-44
Giessen	Steiger 3-7-45
Gymnich	Hathaway, Mattson, Reinhart 1-10-45
Halberstadt	Reed, Tattershall, McCollum, Campert, Cavos 1-11-44
Hamburg	Latham 6-20-44
Hamm	Friend 3-4-43
Hannover	Courson, Armbrust 7-26-43
Huls	Johnson 6-22-43
Kassel	Peck 7-28-43, Crooks, Wilke 12-15-44
Kiel	Conley, Winter, Carl Brown, Berryman Brown 7-29-43, Brinkley, 12-13-43, Tucker 1-4-44, Elliott, Wolfe 1-5-44
Kothen	McNaught, Frazee 7-20-44
LaRocheville	Fix 3-27-44
Leipzig	Richard 2-20-44
Lille	Olsen 10-9-42, Adams 11-8-42, Johnston, Spaulding 1-13-43, Magner 6-12-44
Lorient	Brady 12-30-42, Tunnell, Ryan 3-6-43
Lutzkendorf	Riedel 2-9-45
Magdeburg	Cardon 9-28-44, Robert D Stewart 1-1-45
Merseberg	Machosky 9-11-44, Nattier 9-13-44, Schoenbachler 11-21-44
Munich	Jones 7-16-44
Munster	Alyea, Mathis 10-22-44
Nantes	O'Brien 6-15-44
Noball	Price 3-26-44
Noyen	Dingman, Pedersen 6-17-44
Oberpfaffenhofen	Stolz, Peterson, Ebert, MacDowell, Ramsey, Tarr, Schwedock, Coughlin, Biggs, James 4-24-44
Oranienberg	Babin 4-10-45
Osnabruck	Winter 12-22-43
Peenemunde	Parks 7-18-44
Rennes	Buddenbaum 3-8-43
Rheine	McKinny 1-20-45
Romilly-sur-Seine	McKee, Nygaard, McKesson 12-19-42
Ruhland	Farwell, Sasser, Barr, Bailey, White, Wegener, Gates, Freeman, Donkin 9-12-44
Saarbrucken	Will 5-11-44
Schweinfurt	White, Lockyear, Jackson, Bisson, Bettinger, Holmstrom, Peters, Cole, McCallum, Butler 10-14-43, Page, Garrett 2-23-44
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Stuttgart	Brown 12-9-44
Thionville	Troup 5-23-44
Tricqueville	Check 6-26-43
Villacoublay	Klette 8-24-43
Wilhelmshaven	Mann, Clemons, Ritland 5-15-43, Judas, Fields, Robert H Smith 5-21-43, Goris, Wadley 11-4-43, Wong 2-3-44

Bill Carlile Muses:

After VE day, the main function of a Flying Control Officer basically came to an end — we were no longer called upon to help the "shot ups" come in for safe landing, nor were we needed to make sure the field was in top shape to get those overloaded B-17's off the ground safely and into what forever seemed like the bad UK weather. The sudden stop in activity was, to say the least, quite a change from the daily rat race.

Let me share with you what happened to me on VE+1 when I was the night duty officer in the tower. That evening was one of the most beautiful I have ever seen and felt. You could literally feel the beauty of the time. The late evening sunset seemed to linger on and on. The shadows quietly crossed over our base. Across the field from our tower were a couple of new shiny B-17's and the late sun shining through the woods reflected an orange glow on them. I was thankful that something as beautiful as a Fortress would no longer be used for war. Silence was all around — no radio noise, no engines being tested, no trucks rumbling by, just quiet. I remember seeing some birds playing in front of the tower. In all my days there, I never saw them. God seemed to be saying "thanks that you mortals had finally stopped killing one another," and I think he was.

Was I alone in these thoughts? No! I finally realized my radio operator was also standing and watching and not a word passed between us—it wasn't necessary.

There may be no dues, BUT

It does take money to keep the 306th Association flying. Those who are able are asked to make an annual contribution to keep everything running smoothly. No one is dropped from the mailing list for non-payment!

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It's Time for Directory Update Data

Yes, April 1994 is a year away, but now is the time for ALL of us to begin preparations for the next 306th Directory.

During the past couple of years we have been trying to improve information, and rather than pay a business considerable money to do it, I think we can all participate a bit and get the job done.

There is, first, the matter of your mail label. Is the name spelled correctly, the street address given properly, city, state and ZIP Code? Is your unit designation the one you want showing?

Zip codes have been changing of late to meet population needs, so we need to have yours up-to-date, and we need YOU to add to the original five digits those four newer digits. If you don't know yours, look at your utilities' bill(s) or any catalogs you may receive. They will give you the answer.

Telephone numbers change, as well, and particularly area codes. The editor knows that some are now out of date, but can't really do anything about it because of the vagaries of the boundaries of new areas.

Because the 306th has become increasingly a family affair, we would like to include at the end of the directory listing your current marital status, and if you are married, please give us your wife's first name.

We can also use some special assistance on the nine-digit zip code matter. All it takes is for you to receive a list from the editor of your state, take that to the post office and get hold of the nine-digit directori(es) for your state, and begin to search them out.

Especially helpful would be having an individual in the following listed states take on the 9-digit task, because these are short listings:

Alabama	Nebraska
Delaware	Nevada
Hawaii	New Hampshire
Idaho	New Mexico
Iowa	Rhode Island
Kansas	South Dakota
Kentucky	Utah
Louisiana	Vermont
Maine	West Virginia
Mississippi	Wyoming

The larger states are much more of a problem. They could be handled by several volunteers, each offering to take a part of the alpha list of cities, as the state directories have all the cities listed alphabetically.

Each of us can begin now by examining our mailing label, and working from there on to the coupon below. The Postal Service does a good job on changes of address, but a few drop through the cracks and are lost.

Name _____

Corrected unit _____

Corrected street address _____

Corrected city and state _____

Corrected zip code and four digit extension _____

Phone # with corrected area code _____

Marital status: Unmarried _____ Divorced _____ Widower _____

Wife's first name: _____

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FELDKOMMANDANTUR 684 CACHET

Sachgebiet: Arbeit

SIGNATURE: U. Paquay

CARTE DE TRAVAIL N° 3-40220-2
Arbeitskarte N°

Nom: J. Louis Rodriguez
Noms

Prenoms: Louis, Joseph, Marie
Vornamen

Profession: Bûcheron
Beruf

Né le: 2-3-1917
Geb. am

Employé chez: G. Laboite
Beschäftigt bei

Marchand de bois

Chevalville

Domicile: Chevalville
Wohnung

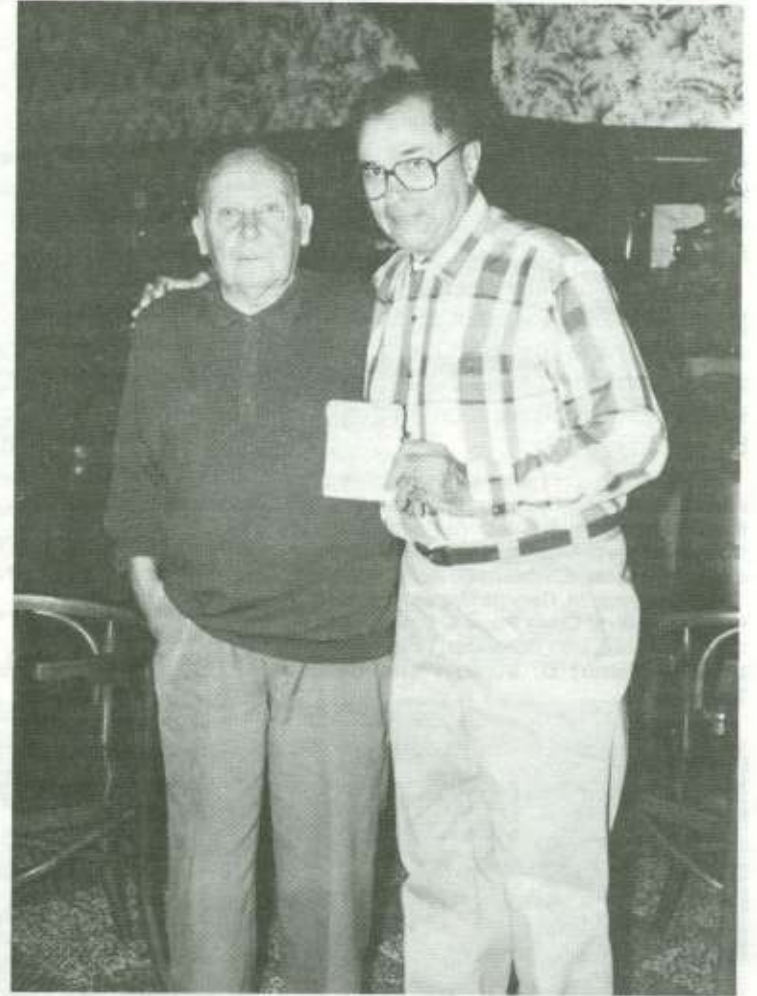
Rue: _____
Str.

Commune: Chevalville
Gemeinde

Departement des Ardennes
Departement

La Carte de Travail est à conserver continuellement sur soi.

Rodriguez' work card shows his occupation as "wood cutter," while adding two middle names to his name.



A grateful Rodriguez puts his arm around his savior of 50 years ago, Desire Paquay.

Rodriguez Returns to Rienne, Belgium, To Again Thank his Helper in Evasion

J. Louis Rodriguez was the navigator on J. Ray Coleman's 368th crew. They arrived for combat 18 Nov 43, and Lou was on his 14th mission when they were shot down 25 Feb 44 on a mission to Augsburg. He became evadee #2181, and tells the story of those days in Belgium and France on the ground, avoiding the Germans. Following the 1992 reunion in England, Lou and his wife flew to Brussels, and then drove on to Rienne, Belgium. He tells his story.

Rienne is a tiny little village on the Belgian border with France, just north of the Ardennes Forest. This was our second visit with Desire since I first met with him during the war. Rita and I had dropped in on him unexpectedly in 1978 on a previous trip to Europe and had a very delightful and emotional visit with he and his wife. Before I go any further with this year's meeting I offer the following background information on Desire.

I first met Desire Paquay during the last week in April, 1944, at the same house he lives in today in the village of Rienne. At that time I was part of a group of Allied flyers who were being hidden by a Belgian Maquis unit operating in the Ardennes Forest near the Belgian village of Alle. We were supported by an underground group in the village and received air drops of arms and explosives from the RAF. I partici-

ipated on the receiving end of one such drop. There were seven of us downed fliers in the Maquis group, five Americans and two RAF.

We had all made the decision that we would leave the Maqui group and strike out on our own for Switzerland. Underground links between the underground group we were with and other groups, leading to an escape route through Spain had been pretty well broken up by the Gestapo. We all agreed that our best hope for rejoining our units was through Switzerland. The Maqui group was very supportive of our decision and offered to help us in any way they could.

We decided that we would travel by train as close to the border as we could get and strike out on foot from there. We all had French identity cards which had been provided for us by the underground utilizing the escape photos in our kits. However, the Maqui leaders pointed out that we lacked the French work cards which had become mandatory for all French citizens. These "Cartes de Travail" were stamped by the local Nazi field commander and certified that the holder was gainfully employed.

It turned out that the two RAF flyers in our group had these cards and upon inquiry they told me that they had obtained them from a person named "Desire" in the little village of Rienne.

It was agreed that I would go with the two RAF men to Rienne and try to obtain work cards for rest of our group. We travelled from Alle to Rienne (about 16 miles) by tram and there met Desire, his wife and his eleven-year-old daughter. We stayed in Rienne for one week.

During our stay with him Desire's hospitality was boundless. The food, wine and comfortable bed was a welcome change from the austere existence we had become used to in our small lean-to cabin in the Ardennes. At the end of our week's stay Desire provided us with the five "cartes de travail" which would enable all of our group to travel through France with a little more sense of security than we would have had with only our identity cards.

One Defect

Our trip from the Ardennes to Switzerland is another story in itself. One of our group felt it was too dangerous to travel as a group and elected to try

the journey by himself. We gave him a day's headstart. The remainder of our group left the Ardennes May 3, 1944 bound for Switzerland. One of our Maqui friends was chosen to guide us to the railroad station at Sedan, travelling on foot, and there he bought rail tickets for the six in our group. Fortunately we did not have to produce our identity cards or work cards during the trip, although I and one of RAF men were challenged by a German sentry guarding a German headquarters building in Nancy while we were walking the streets prior to going to the rail station.

Fortunately, although our French was poor, his was worse and we were able to bluff our way past him. Our entire group entered Switzerland May 9, 1944, crossing the border at a deep canyon of the Doubs River in the Jura mountains after travelling the last 75 miles from Besancon on foot.

Reunion in Rienne

Our reunion in Rienne on Sept 3, 1992 was a joyous occasion. It was saddened only by the absence of Desire's wife who died several years ago. Desire had his two daughters, Jenine and Jennette, with their husbands there and his grandson. He broke out the champagne as soon as we arrived and we had a prolonged happy hour before our meal of fish and meat courses with the wine flowing freely. We conversed in a combination of French and English. Bernard, the grandson, spoke a little English and I a fractured French. Later on a young English teacher at the school came and she was a great help in the translation process.

Desire is 85 years old, in excellent health, with a great sense of humor and is a delightful person to be with. One question I regret that I failed to ask him was how many fliers he helped during the war. I know personally of eleven such. In addition to the seven in our group, four RAF fliers showed up at his home during the week I was there in April of '44.

One afternoon in Rienne was much too short. Desire and his family would have had us stay overnight as there were so many more questions about us, the U.S., George Bush, our families, that they wanted to ask. We returned to Brussels with the promise that we would return again to visit in the near future.

Search Goes on for Crew Pictures

The search continues for crew photographs, as mentioned in the last several issues of *Echoes*. While we have enough to run for several issues, we want to receive more pictures so that we can get them copied and into the file for future use.

Since the January issue we have processed 21 new crew pictures, and currently have several more to put through. In most cases the copies you send are returned as soon as they can be copied.

The pilots, whose crew pictures have been added most recently include: James Bigham, Eugene Bumpus, Richard Buttorff, John W. Coyne, Kenneth Dowell, Henry Dryar, Dinwiddie Fuhrmeister, Elmer Heap, Robert Kimball,

Harlan Laughlin, George Mapes, Ned McKinny, Ben Peters, Craig Powell, David Ramsey, Bill Rutherford, Don Schaeffer, Edwin Schoenbachler, Robert D. Stewart and Clifford Tinkham.

You can help by searching through your old WWII records, finding your picture, identifying it, and then sending it along to the editor for copying. A few have had them copied first and sent a print for the file, which is always welcome.

A few crews will never be found because all crew members were killed in combat, but we hope to increase the percentage of crew pictures over what we have on hand now. Sometimes individuals may appear in more than one picture because over a considerable period they may have been attached to more than one crew. We hope to run those, as well.

Send your picture along as soon as you can!



423rd - Front: Albert A. Adams P, Joseph Mathis CP, William Barnes N, Arnold Bugni B. Back row: William Eben not 306th, Cleo White wg, H. C. Edholm not 306th, Hugo Capelli g, Laurence R. Stevenson bt, and John K. Hedberg tg.



369th - Front: Pinson O. Luthi bt, Anthony A. Burns ro, Robert Roach eng. Back: Neal Perkins CP, Sam Goldberg N, Anthony Barulich B, Tom Parker tg, Robert Montague wg and Raymond Birdwell P.



368th - Front: Guy E. Bosworth tog, Charles R. White eng., James A. Feigun ro and Billy J. Hensley tg. Back: James H Butler P, James G. Woolbright CP and Charles R. Lemon N



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368th - Back: Sol Schwewy ro, Leland P. Deck P, William D. Markle CP, Claude R. Brown N, Otto C. Swan B, and Warren Wilson eng. Middle: Clarence Gibbs wg, Lynn Teelon bt, Napoleon Pietrowski tg. Front: Patrick Donnelly crew chief, Herbert Kappel mechanic.



423rd - Front: Alfred Carozza bt. Back: Tony Mihelich eng, Robert Eckels P, Raymond Feilbach N, Hanford Jack wg, Richard T. Knowles CP, Michael Borysoff B, and Daniel Axeirod wg.



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367th - Front: unk, S. J. Pekarovic mech, Fred Fuller mech, Nelson Ake, crew chief. Middle: unk, Edward McGlinchy wg, Clifford Raymond wg, Kenneth Hoffman eng, James Tricoglow tg. Back: Henry Legowski B, Gene Gustafson N, William Pitblado CP, and Ben Peters P.



369th - Walter H. Albertson, mech; Joe Bowles, gunnery officer; Joseph Chancey CP, Jack R. Lewis P, George Schuster ro, and Lester Harrison N. Front: unk, Fred Geitz bt, Roy Patterson eng, Jack Bunn tg and Guy Lateano B.



423rd - Front: Charles Toner P, John Ruegger CP, Raymond Mounts B, Keith Bollerup N. Back: John Hicklin eng, Oliver Hobbs ro, William McGonigle wg, Lawrence McCormick bt, Elmond Richardson wg and John Kieffer tg.



369th - Front: Martin Newstreet P, Frank Warner CP, Roy Howard B and William Flynn N. Back: Charles Harry eng, William Erickson tg, Dewey Goff wg, Fred Hesser wg, Paul E. Morgan bt, and Clarence Staats ro.



369th - Front: Richard F. Vogel P, Willard G Weller CP, Thomas O Roberts N, James Ford B. Back: Hal Portnoy wg, Frederick Piepenbrink wg, A. R. Cecere eng, Melvin S. White ro, John J. Lawlor tg and C. R. Lane bt.



367th - Front: James Roberts P, Phil Griswold CP, William Pleasant N and Marlon Northway B. Back: Rusty Hollister eng, Ronnie Elkins wg, Robert Ashwood ro, Richard Russell wg, William S. Landrum bt and William Tucker tg.



423rd - Front: Wilbur Weiland P, James Seymour CP, Fred Brockway N, James Chambers B. Back: Stanley LaGory eng, Calvin Pomodoro bt, Mosby Hodges ro, Vernon McQuinn wg, John McShaffery wg and Albert Berman tg.

Democracy is The Answer, Says Ambrose

Dr. Stephen Ambrose, director of the Eisenhower Center at the University of New Orleans, is a thoughtful writer on major persons and events of WWII. He was recently asked to write something on "why we should commemorate World War II" by the Department of Defense. His remarks are quoted below, by permission.

A nation that fails to honor its heroes is a nation that has failed its duty. The men of WWII would have preferred to spend their late teens and early twenties throwing baseballs, not hand grenades, shooting .22s at rabbits, not M-1s at other human beings. But there was an evil force loose in the world and it became their responsibility to crush it and they did.

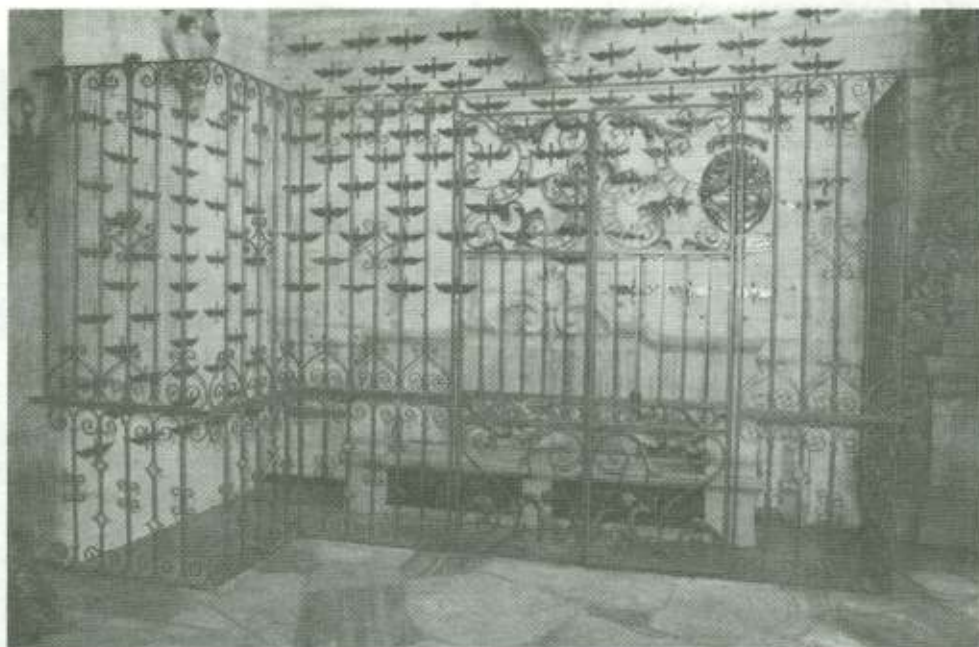
We have a unique opportunity. Fifty years after the Revolutionary War, there were precious few veterans around, so the American people of 1826-1832 had little opportunity to say thanks to those who made their freedom and independence possible. Fifty years after the Civil War, there were precious few veterans around, so the American people of 1911-1915 had little opportunity to say thanks.

With today's longevity, we have the opportunity to express our gratitude to those brave men and women who saved the world from the Nazis and the Japanese militarists.

Celebrations and commemorations of the various anniversaries of battles and engagements in World War II offer an opportunity not only to honor the heroes but to provide lessons for the future. The number one lesson of WWII, by far, was that there is nothing this democracy cannot do when it agrees on a goal. General Eisenhower called it "the fury of an aroused democracy." Between 1941 and 1945, we went from an economy flat on its back (still 25% unemployed at the beginning of 1940; an air force with less than 800 planes; an army of 170,000 men; to zero unemployment, 250,000 airplanes—perhaps the greatest feat of production in history, and staggering to contemplate, especially when one notes that these figures were matched in trucks, tanks, landing craft, ships of war, and merchant ships and that all this happened while the nation put its biggest industrial effort into building the atomic bomb—and an army of 12 million) to an industrial and military power unprecedented in world history. Thus did we give the lie to Hitler's boast that dictatorship was more efficient than democracy. World War II was a triumph for democracy, of democracy, by democracy. The lesson is that there is nothing a democracy cannot accomplish when everyone gets on the team and the team pulls together. In these days of doubts and divisions, of moans and groans that we can't do this (stop drugs), can't do that (deal with racism, provide full employment, improve our infrastructure, educate our children), of fears expressed about the future of democracy and of the U.S., it is necessary to recall what we did do in World War II.

The war, and American participation in it, was the turning point in history of our century. Victory was achieved by a combination of labor, management, government and everyday people getting on the team and working together toward a common goal. That is the theme that above all others should be stressed in the fiftieth anniversary celebrations and commemorations, because it provides us with a lesson and with an example of what democracy can accomplish. It therefore provides a challenge to us to solve our problems with a positive attitude and a team spirit.

There were two phrases heard in the U.S. in World War II so constantly as to be on an almost daily basis. They came out whenever anyone complained about this or that shortage: "Don't you know there



A view of the impressive Flier's Wall at the Mission Inn, Riverside, CA. The collection has recently been refurbished.

September 1994 EM Departures?

Sometime in September 1944 the 306th (and probably the entire 8th) had accumulated an overage of enlisted combat men, and offered an opportunity for those with 20 missions or more to go home before completing their tours.

Or, at least, this is the editor's recollection. Most of his crew (Milton Adam, pilot, 367th) grasped the opportunity.

Like many things, the facts may have eluded his memory. Can anyone out there refresh him on just what happened and when? Perhaps someone who worked in Group headquarters may even remember how many men were involved.

Two More Names



A rare photo of an original, "Chennault's Pappy," 41-24496, taken 8 Nov 42 after the plane was badly shot up on the raid to Lille.



"Liberty Belle," 42-5589, was salvaged after crashing on its return from Sdynia, 9 Oct 43, flown by Gus Holmstrom.

is a war on?" and "We are all in this together."

"We are all in this together" is the line that seems to me to sum up America in WWII better than any other, and beyond that to sum up the reality of living in a democracy.



Gen. Frank A. Armstrong, onetime 306th commander, at the time his wings were dedicated at the Mission Inn.

Two 306th Men Have 'Wings' Among Famous

Two 306th veterans are among the 142 men for whom wings appear on the "Flier's Wall" at the Mission Inn, Riverside, CA.

Begun in 1934, the wall commemorates fliers who have had some connection with the Riverside area or with nearby March AFB.

Gen. Curtis E. LeMay became the 138th person so honored, and had been preceded by Lt. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong. Both men came early in the life of the 306th, LeMay serving briefly as group executive officer before taking charge of the 305th Bomb Group. Armstrong was the second commander of the 306th, taking over from Col. Charles B. Overacker in January 1943 and leaving in mid-February when he received a star and moved to 1st CBW.

Armstrong was the 189th person memorialized on the wall, and joins a host of 1930s airmen and WWII combat leaders.

The current 306th connection to this enterprise may be rather tenuous, as Frank Gile, a 368th pilot briefly in mid-1943, was president of the March Field Museum Foundation and now serves as treasurer, while Curtis Oakes, a 423rd pilot, is vice president.

One Man's Tune

Norman D. Hall has been in over 300 nursing homes, not as an unruly patient, but as calming and entertaining element in the midst of suffering.

ecalls on his crew's (Douglas T. Schrack) flight across the ocean, he played from the ball turret for the edification of his crewmates, with his throat mike picking up the sounds.

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Carlile Finds New Feature 'From the Control Tower'

Bill Carlile was a flying control officer, and is currently serving as a director of the Association.

He has been perusing the Flying Control Logs from Thurleigh and has come up with interesting tidbits of data, as well as detailing some of the things that took place in the Control Tower, usually involving planes and personnel of the 306th.

Because most of us never were inside the Control Tower, this may serve to give you some insights as to the work that went on there.

Below is shown a chart of the radio signals sent from the tower to the waiting planes. This code system changed daily, putting clerks and officers to considerable effort to vary the collection. Then, finally, came the flare codes which could be used day after day without revealing to the listening enemy what we were up to.

Date	Start	Taxi	TakeOff	Scrubbed	Standby	Takeoff Delayed
14 Jul 43	Paint			Seagrams	Varnish	Shellac
17 Jul 43	Chicken			Goose	Turkey	Pigeon
24 Jul 43	Sally			Gladys	Barbara	Eleanor
29 Jul 43	Terry			Dexter	Raper	Lambert
12 Aug 43	Apple			Peach	Orange	Cherry
23 Sep 43	Parsnips			Succotash	Spinach	Rhubard
4 Oct 43	Delaware			Rest Home	Highway	Windmill
16 Nov 43	Roses			Sea Weed	Orchids	Tulips
1 Dec 43	Black Jack			Bridge	Poker	Red Dog
11 Jan 43	Esquire			Down Beat	New Yorker	Police Gazette
11 Feb 44	Leavenworth			Alcatraz	Sing Sing	San Quentin
18 Mar 44	Cleveland Dayton		Akron	Cincinnati	Columbus	
22 Mar 44	Jellybean Slewfoot		Bonehead	Knucklehead	Hesitation	

The Log at this point changes from words to flare colors:

24 Mar 44 Y/Yellow Red/Yellow Gr/Green Red/Red Gr/Yellow

Obits

Behrens, Maj. Ernest H., 369th ordnance officer, died 4 Feb 93 in Mesa, Palos Verdes AZ, where he had lived since leaving Palos Verdes, CA. He joined the 306th 22 Apr 42 and continued to serve throughout the combat period. After retiring from USAF in 1961, he was employed as a mechanical and reliability engineer. Behrens had earned a master of engineering degree from the Stevens Institute in 1932.

Bonadio, Frank J., 369th mechanic and crew chief, died 16 Oct 92 in Irondequoit, NY. At one time he worked on the engine change crew. He leaves his wife, Rose, and children.

Brazeal, Alfred J., 423rd orderly, died 29 Dec 90 in Collin County, TX.

Harden, Nolan D., a ground officer with the 1208th QM Company and 368th squadron, died 3 Nov 90 of smoke inhalation during a fire that destroyed a vacation home in DeBary, FL. A granddaughter also died in the fire. Mrs. Harden and another grandchild were at their Durham, NC, at the time of the fire. Harden was the club officer at one time.

Kester, Charles W., 423rd tail gunner (Ragnar L. Carlson crew), died 1 Feb 93. He became a POW 22 Mar 44, his 15th mission (w. Carlson). Kester retired as a contract specialist with the U. S. Dept. of Labor. Dusty was past Indiana State Commander, American Ex-POWs. He leaves his wife, six sons, two daughters and 16 grandchildren.

Kichak, Michael L., a cook assigned to the 369th squadron, died 1 Mar 92 in North Olmsted, OH.

Lane, Elmer C., 369th carpenter, died 24 Aug 91 in Clinton, TN. He and his wife, Margaret, were married in Bedford, England, 16 Oct 43. He also leaves six children and 12 grandchildren.

Lanich, Edward R. 368th engineer and POW (John Machosky crew), died 9 Mar 93 in Greeley, CO. He joined the group 17 Jul 44 and was MIA 11 Sep 44 on a mission to Eisenach, Germany. Lanich was retired from USAF as a master sergeant.



Alaska For You?

There may still be rooms available in the Regal Princess for the Alaska cruise planned following the Seattle Reunion. The "sailors" will leave Seattle Sunday morning, Sept. 13, for Vancouver, B.C., where they will board the luxury ship for seven days of cruising. If you have just decided you want to go, call Tripmasters, Inc., 800/878-7800 to discuss details such as accommodations and costs.

Ted Hallock, 423rd bombardier, figures prominently in a new book, *The New Yorker Book of War Pieces*, a reprint of a 1947 publication and edited by Brendan Gill. Interviewed extensively on his return from combat, Ted's story is retold under the title, "Young Man Behind Plexiglas."

Lindsay, Roger S., 369th bombardier (Keith Conley crew), died 19 Nov 92 in Fishers, IN, having been in ill health for a number of years. He was the 44th officer to complete his combat tour for the 306th, having come to the Group 12 Mar 43.

Roberts, William N. Jr., 368th navigator and POW (John Machosky crew), died 1 May 92 in Mesquite, TX. He joined the Group 17 Jul 44 and was MIA 11 Sep 44 at Eisenach, Germany. With flak damage and an attack by an ME 109, the crew bailed out. Machosky and Roberts joined up on the ground and evaded capture for 17 days.

Tripp, Raymond D., 368th pilot, was killed 27 May 1977 in the crash of a single-engine plane he was flying, near Topeka, KS. He had retired in May 1976 as regional manager for the Wire Rope division, Armco Steel Corp. He had completed his 30-mission tour 8 May 44. His widow, Eugenia, continues to live in Topeka and has been added to our mailing list.

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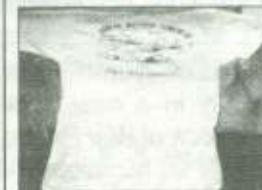
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Address _____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
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