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Dear Tom:

Here are the Mission Reports for your father. There are 22 in this packet.

I have searched the records quite thoroughly and cannot find any other missions in which he participated between 16 Feb 1945 when he and his crew were checked in at Thurleigh, and then until the end of combat 19 Apr 45.

At some time in the past I had written on his record card that he had 26 missions, but I don't know where that figure came from, and a diligent search mission by mission does not seem to reveal any others.

The dates which I have accounted for are:

26 Feb	10 Mar	24 Mar	15 Apr
28 Feb	12 Mar	28 Mar	16 Apr
2 Mar	14 Mar	31 Mar	18 Apr
4 Mar	17 Mar	4 Apr	19 Apr
7 Mar	21 Mar	10 Apr	
8 Mar	22 Mar	14 Apr	

I think there is only one of these missinns, 14 Mar, for which I have only one page of information. There may be one or two others for which I do not have any crew listings. If data is not there iss because I could not find it at National Archives.

I regret that this took so long, but I seem to have plenty to do, and this is a bit of a tedious task.

I am sure you will enjoy reading through them. For more information of on the combat work of the 8th AF, I would suggest you check your library for the works of Roger Freeman. He is the most complete of all the writers, and there are three major volumes on the 8th that are filled with all of the minutiae you might wish to find. Those books are: The Mighty Eighth,

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The Mighty Eighth War Diary and the Mighty Eighth War Manual.

There are also recent biographies of Tooev Spaatz, Hap Arnold, Ira Eaker, Jimmy Doolittle and Curtis LeMay, which shed a considerable light on the Eighth.

I assume you have "First Over Germany" and the 369th Squadron Combat Diary.

If you make it to Las Vegas, please find me so that we can meet.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Chuck Mullins