

9 November 2000

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Dear Roy:

In answer to your query, I am enclosing a color picture of a late model G B-17, showing the tail as it was painted for the about the last nine months of combat.

The top of the rudder should be a medium blue for the 423rd. The yellow stripe indicates the 40th combat wing, and the yellow color is for the 306th Bomb Group.

The number just below the triangle H is the plane serial number, minus the first "4", and the letter below that is a squadron designator.

Note that the lettering on the sides of the fuselage is gone.

The plane which you flew at the end of your tour was 42-8167, and you put in the last several missions, all of those you flew as a first pilot in this plane. It had no name, and I do not know the squadron letter.

Some 423rd planes with names and numbers were:

Unberable 2	42-29900
Holy Helleat	42-39945
Lilly Marlene	42-37976
Skunk Face II	42-3061
Choo-Z-Suzy	42-107055
Unavailable Mable	42-93397
Chennault's Pappy	41-24496
The Dingleberry Kids	42-97505
Miss Swoose	41-24509

I have checked those I have nose art for.

All the best,

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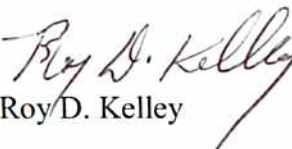
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Dear Russ:

I apologize for the late answer to your request for identification of 306th 423rd bomb squadron original member's photograph. Your letter was misplaced with my computer papers, and to best of my knowledge marked the picture depicting Maurice Salada, Pervis Youree and myself. If I have made a mistake forgive me as it has been a long time. Maurice always had that sober look, and I wore sunglasses most of the time, plus my height. The 423rd squadron did not take many pictures of the unit like the other squadrons.

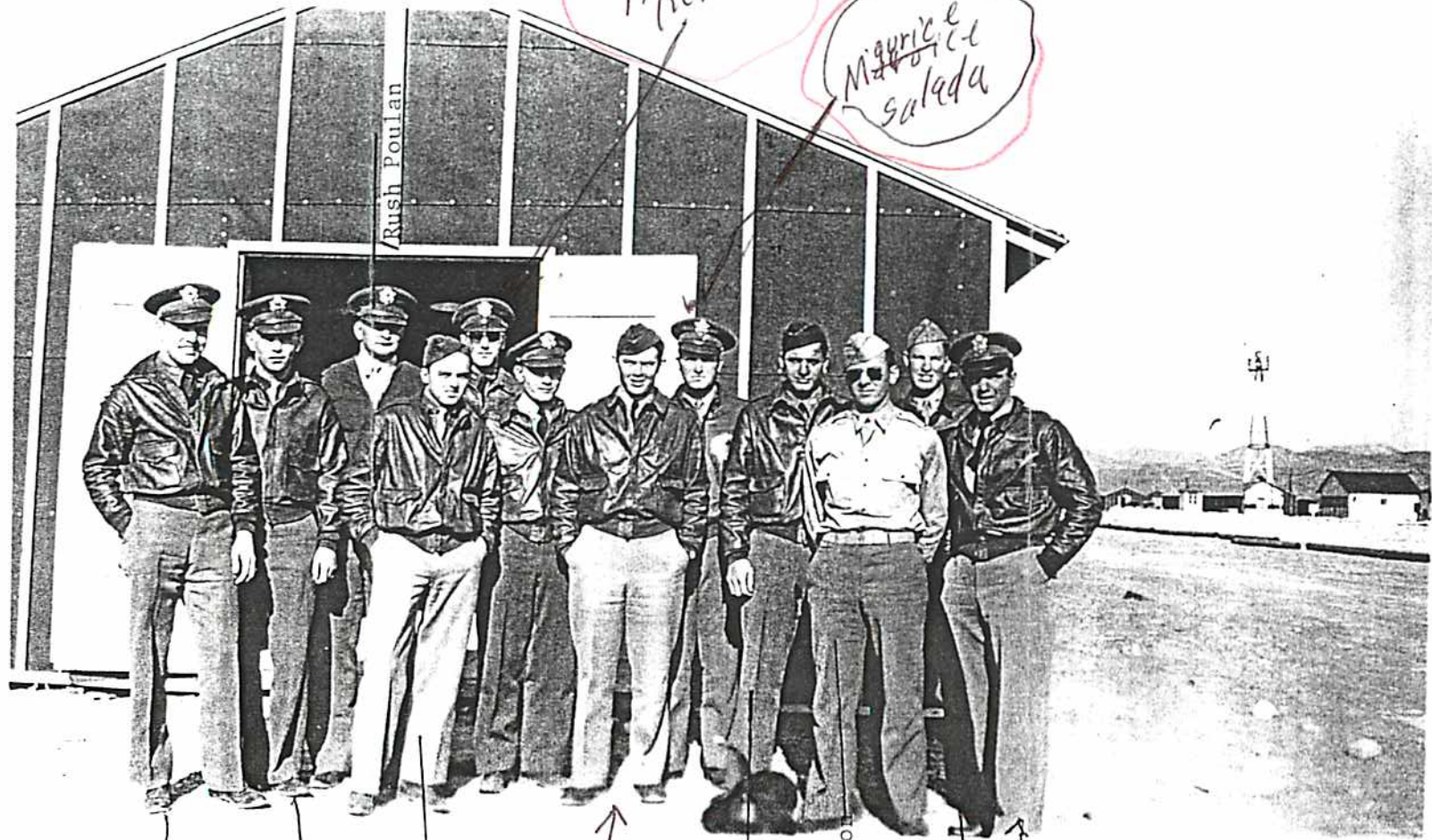
I am enclosing a check for \$20.00 to help on the publishing of the organization paper. Hope you have a nice thanksgiving holiday.

Thanks,


Roy D. Kelley

*P.S. My check has been sent to the
treasures.*

The original 306th 423rd Squadron
at Wendover Utah July 1942



Roy Kelley

Miguel Salada

FRANK SAUNDERS
Jim Keanley

Wm Warner

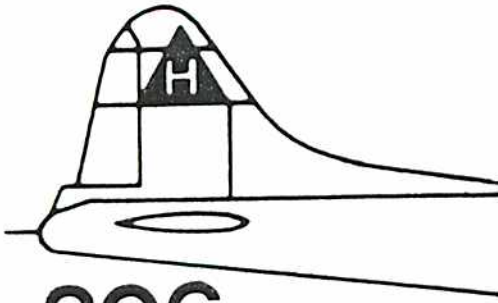
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John Leahy

Lewis McKesson

Boke
Row
John
Brady

MAC MCKAY



367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations
Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England – September 1942 April 1945

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Dear 423rd friends:

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The picture appearing in this letter was sent along by Frank Saunders, the tall guy at the left end, a picture which he says was taken in July 1942 at Wendover. He identified the men whose names are handwritten. From another print of this same picture in my files, I was able to add the typed names.

Before any more time passes we ought to see if any of you can identify the other men. To this end, I am including names of 423rd officers I can identify from my meager collection of orders dating from 18 March thru 31 July below. If you have orders from any dates not shown, I would surely like copies of them for my collection. In the meantime, see what you can do about placing names with faces.

18 March James W. Wilson, Degland T. Kenealy, Robert C. Williams, Frank A. Saunders, Harry A. Robey and John B. Brady.

19 June: Robert J. Salitrnik, Milton (Prue) Blanchette, Max J. Cook, Thomas D. Hall and Andrew J. Hoyt.

23 June: Leonard H. Wolff, Robert E. Kylius, Stanley N. Kisseberth, Frank L. Shannon, George P. St. George and Frank D. Yaussi.
Raymond J. Check, Chester H. May, Adolph D. Krahl.

1 July: Shubel J. Owen, Thurman Shuller (attach to 423rd for administration only).

31 July: Eugene J. Pollock, Theodore F. Gutz, Warren George, Robert R. Landry, Lewis P. Johnson, Harold E. Gaslin, Howard D. Gardner, Ralph W. Jones, Emmette W. Ford, John R. Barnett, Lowell E. Kinney, Norman R. Nelson, Maurice V. Salada, Roy D. Kelley, Jacob C. Shively, Pervis E. Youree, James E. Hopkins, Forrest D. Hartin, George M. Lake, Warren H. Lewis, Mack McKay.

This last paragraph includes men among the flying crews going from Wendover to Westover who were not previously listed above.

Copies of this picture are being sent to John R. Barnett, L.P. Johnson, Ralph Jones, Roy Kelley, Mack McKay, Eugene Pollock, Maurice Salada, Frank Saunders, Jacob Shively, Thurman Shuller, J. W. Wilson and Earl Youree.

Many thanks for your help on this, and perhaps within the year we will be running it in Echoes, and we hope all of the identifications can be made.

I am also sending the picture to Claiborne Wilson and Lee Kessler, both of whom are very active and have good memories of the early days ALWAYS FIRST FIRST OVER GERMANY