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306th Bombardment Group Historical Assoc.
Russell Strong, Editor
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Dear Mr. Strong:

I am enclosing a photo of my combat crew #5419 taken in June, 1944, Alexandria, LA Army Air Base. We were assigned to the 306th Bomb Group, 367th Squadron (Clay Pigeons).

1st row: L to R; John L. Davis Pilot, Lenn Co-pilot,
Joe Stauber Bombardier, Maury Hursthouse, Navigator.
2nd row: L to R; Calvin H. Owens Engineer, Ralph Groover
Radio Operator, Marler Waist Gunner, Elmer Workman Ball
Turret, Russell Waist Gunner, Gillespie, Tail Gunner.

Since it has been 50 years, I am not sure of the first names of Lenn, Marler, Russell and Gillespie.

Our crew flew a B-17 from Kerney, Nebraska to Bangor, Maine non-stop then to Goose Bay, Newfoundland to Iceland and landed in Nuts Corner, England on August 10, 1944. We flew our 35 missions plus approximately 180 hours practice over England on our days off and I arrived back home in the good ole USA February 24, 1945 before I was 21 years old.

Also enclosed is a record of my 35 missions and also a fact sheet I previously sent to The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Center, Savannah, GA.

I will look for this to be printed in the July issue, 306th Echoes.

Sincerely,


Calvin H. Owens

Encls. Picture
Mission record
Heritage fact sheet

THE MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE HERITAGE CENTER

Biographical information on contributor. This information will become part of The Heritage Center's exhibit on Eighth Air Force veterans.

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In service: 5/21/43; discharged 9-22-45 as Tech Sgt.
What units did you serve with? 306th Bomb Group, 367th Squadron (Clay Pigeons), based
Thurleigh, England. Flew 35 missions 9/17/44 - 1/20/45, all before age 21. Went
to B-29 school, Chanute, IL; worked as Mechanic B-29, Sioux City, IA in
anticipation of being a Flt.Eng. on B-29. WAR ENDED!

Top turret engineer gunner; (1) on 4th mission 9/27/44 over Koin, Germany, lost
Special interests (POW, E&E, Gunner, Mechanic, Shot Down, etc.) all elect. power--forced landing at emerg.
field in France--left plane there and returned to base. (2) on 32nd mission
1/8/45 over Speyer, Germany, lost #2 engine 55 minutes before target, proceeded
with bomb run; 5 min. after dropping bombs, lost #1 engine; lost altitude
continually over France with only 2 engines until reaching 11,500 ft. over

Tell us about your activities after the war Belgium; elected to continue to base and stalled out
just prior to touching down--left wing tip took full impact of landing; ground
looped, no injuries. Total time was 8 hours. "Lassie Come Home" washed out!
AFTER WAR: Obtained A&E.Mech.license, worked as Mech EAL 9/47; hired as

Flt.Eng. at AAL 3/12/51; Flew Dc-6's, DC-7's, 707's and my last 6 years on the
DC-10; retired from AAL 7-1-85.

Remarks/Suggestions _____

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 DUTY: Engineer. GROUP: 306th BATTALION: 357th

Date of Mission	Group Mission Number	THEY. Section Number	Targets	Time	Total Combat Time
Sept. 17, 1944.		1	Volkel, Holland.	5:35	
19		2	Unna, Germany.	8:25	
25		3	Frankfurt, Germany.	7:40	
27		4	Koln, Germany.	4:45	
Oct. 2, 1944.		5	Kassel, Germany.	7:50	
5 ✓		6	Koln, Germany.	6:35	
6 ✓		7	Stargard, Germany.	10:20	
7 ✓		Air - Sea - Rescue		6:00	
9		8	Schweinfurt, Germany.	9:05	
22		9	Hannover, Germany.	7:40	
25 ✓		10	Hamburg, Germany.	7:40	
26 ✓		11	Munster, Germany.	6:10	
30		12	Munster, Germany.	6:50	
Nov. 4, ✓ 1944.		13	Harburg, Germany.	8:35	
5 ✓		14	Frankfurt, Germany.	8:05	
8 ✓		Abandon		5:25	
9 ✓		15	Metz, France.	7:25	
16		16	Eschweiler, Germany.	7:55	
21		17	Leewarden, Germany.	7:15	
26		18	Misburg, Germany.	5:40	
29		19	Misburg, Germany.	8:05	
30		20	Ohdruff, Germany.	9:30	
Dec. 2, 1944.		21	Oberlahnstein, Germany.	6:35	
5		22	Berlin, Germany.	8:35	
6		23	Merseberg, Germany.	9:00	
11		24	Frankfurt, Germany.	9:00	
15		25	Kassel, Germany.	8:00	
18		26	Kaiserslautern, Germany.	6:35	
24		27	Giessen, Germany.	7:45	
26		Return		1:00	
28 ✓		28	Koblenz, Germany.	6:00	
29 ✓		29	Bingen, Germany.	7:10	
30 ✓		30	Mainz, Germany.	7:05	
Jan. 1, ✓ 1945.		31	Limberg, Germany.	10:00	
8		32	Speyer, Germany.	8:00	
10		Weather - Ship		4:45	
14 ✓		33	Koln, Germany.	7:05	
15 ✓		34	Freiburg, Germany.	7:35	
20		35	Rheine, Germany.	6:20	283:35

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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