

Nov. 13, 1987

Dear Russ;

I was a replacement taken from gunnery school before graduation and sent overseas on a ferry plane.

First mission June 9, 1943, eleventh and last July 29, 1943.

Never got to know many people. I was wondering if you were a buddie of Jack Kalbi's? If so we might have gone to London together. If you have time let me know. Thanks.
reply 12/27/87 Joe Thompson

Feb. 20, 1992

Russell:

I was taken from gunnery school at Fort Meyers, Fla. halfway through the course and went to Scotland on a ferried B 17.

Arrived at the 306th as Sgt. on June 8, 1943. Was assigned to then Capt. Luhrmeister's crew. Flew my first mission June 9 to (Willemhaven?). Only my second time in a B 17. Last three numbers of the plane were 959. When Luhrmeister found out I was never trained & was

taken from his crew and sent to
radio school on the base. ^{AFTER 7}
MISSIONS

Then flew with all different crews
until shot down with Brown on
my eleventh mission July 29, 1943

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