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III. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq., ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named Officers.

PAUL D. BROWN, O-380219, Major, 91st Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while leading a formation of B-17 airplanes against one of the most strongly defended targets in Germany on 17 April 1943. Enemy fighter planes attacked in force from the time the enemy coast was reached until the English Channel had been crossed on the return journey. Before reaching the objective two engines were disabled and other serious damage inflicted on Major Brown's airplane. Displaying exceptional courage, skill and leadership, Major Brown, thinking only of the mission entrusted to him, continued to lead the formation and successfully bombed a highly important military objective. The courage, skill and leadership displayed by Major Brown on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 433 Lincoln Ave., Orange, New Jersey.

X ALDEN T. MANN, O-791472, 1st Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 1 May 1943. Before reaching the target enemy fighter planes repeatedly attacked in force, inflicting serious damage to the airplane and wounding all of the gunners. Displaying great courage and skill, Lieutenant Mann heroically maintained his position in the formation, continued on to bomb the target and returned his airplane which was damaged almost beyond repair, to a friendly base. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Mann on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 37 Grover St., St. Auburn, New York.

Name:

RALPH B. MALSON

Cadet class:

43-F

Place of graduation:

COLUMBUS, MISS.

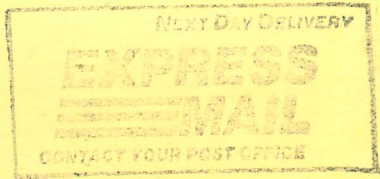
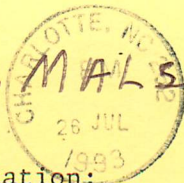
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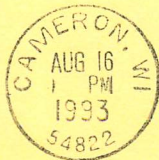
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Wife's first name:

NA

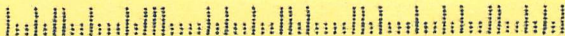
Other 306th men whom I know graduated with me:





**Russell A. Strong, Secretary
306th Bomb Group Association
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, NC 28205**

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4-22-91

Mr. Buscæ —

Here's \$15.00 for the 3
306th Directories since 1986.

If you publish the next
directory, please correct
my address to: 309 S. 4th
St., Cameron, Wis 54822.

Incidentally, both my
name and my gunner,
Judson Robbins, are not
listed under the 367th. We
are in the address & geographic
sections.

Thank you.
Ralph B. Malson
309 S. 4th St,
Cameron, Wis 54822

4-5-02

Dear Russ:

Here are some additions & corrections for the Directory of 367th Pilots:

I completed my Tour of 29 missions (28 as pilot & 1 as co-pilot).

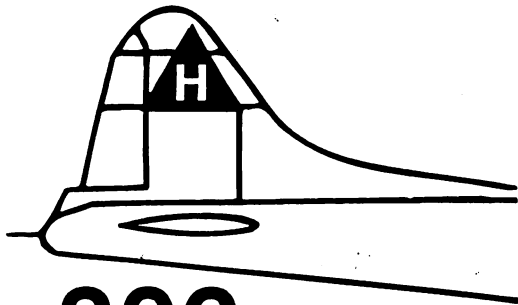
I was also a Flight Leader (don't remember which flight). And I was assistant operation officer for 4 months under Dinney Fuhrmaster.

Talmadge McDonough was also a flight leader, as was Perry Roster. Both while I flew or worked in Operations. I believe Richard (Slim) Somerville was also a flight leader, but you may wish to verify it.

Hope this helps you in your excellent work!

Thanks

Ralph Malsom



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

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Author Books

First Over Germany

Command and Staff
Officers, 8th Air
Force, 1942-45

306th Echoes 1975-2000

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306th Echoes (quarterly)
306th Directory
306th Squadron Diaries
367, 368, 369, 423

To: 367th Pilots

Re: A new look at a Directory of 367th Pilots

This listing was originally carried in the 367th Squadron Diary appendix. When it was found to be disappearing a page at a time, I took steps to re-
vive it and to include all the names.

That new version now includes 289 pilots who at some time or other were on orders to fly with the 367th. Additional information has been sought and is included, some data has been corrected and the list of death dates has been revised.

In particular I tried to nail down more information on missions flown. This is in the middle of the listing and includes data on total missions flown and those missions flown as a copilot. None of these numbers are cast in concrete, and I would hope that each recipient of this chart would note any revisions and send them to me.

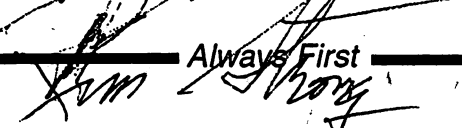
Note as well the addition of a line on "Duties". You can see what we were driving at, but it is only partially complete particularly in the matter of flight commanders. See what you can do for yourself, and for others whom you know were flight commanders.

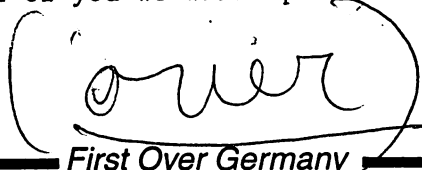
I have enclosed an addressed envelope and urge you to use it.

If you have squadron orders, please make a copy for the records and send it along. If Squadron Orders exist at National Archives I have yet to find them.

Read and think about the entries and help bring them up to snuff. This has appeared in the past in the Squadron Combat Diaries which are available, and once this has been reviewed by a number of you we will update it in the next printing of the Combat Diary.

Many thanks,


Always First


First Over Germany

367th Front: RALPH MALSON P,
ROBERT JACKSON CP, GERALD BARMACK N,
HENRY MARONEY B. BACK: EDWARD
FULMER E, JUDSON ROBBINS WG,
OSCAR STARNES WG, MARTIN
GOLDBERG RO, JOHN W. CORCORAN TG.
ELVIN SEXTON BT.

ROSS: I'm not sure of Corcoran's
middle initial, but "W." comes to
mind. I believe there was another
John Corcoran in the 367th.
Thanks!!
Ralph