

DEAR MR.HOPKINS,

I RECEIVED MY CURRENT ISSUE OF ECHOES ANDD NOTICED THAT YOU ARE ASKING MEMBERS TO CONSIDER MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO KEEP THE SHIP AFLOAT. I CONSIDER IT A VERY WORTHY CAUSE AND ALL SHOULD CONTRIBUTE. I HAV BEEN CONTRIBUTING A VERY MODEST SUM EACH MONTH FOR THE BETTER PART OF A YEAR AND, IN ANSWER TO YOUR PLEA, WILL INCREASE THE MONTHLY AMOUNT ON THE FIRST OF JUNE, BUT BEFORE I DO I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONFIRM THE RECEIPT OF MY PREVIOUS DONATIONS. I JUST WANT TO BE SURE THAT YOU'RE GETTING THEM. IF NEEDED I CAN SEND A REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTION SHOWING THE DATES AND AMOUNTS.

PLEASE SEND YOUR REPLY TO:

LEONARD J. McCOWAN  
81 ANYTRELL DRIVE,  
WEBSTER, NEW YORK 14580

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "L J McCowan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

THANK YOU AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT!!!

FEB. 6th 2007

DEAR RUSSEL,

I HAVE A REQUEST AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS REASONABLE, POSSIBLE OR PRACTICAL. IF YOU CAN'T HELP ME I'LL UNDERSTAND.

I RECEIVE THE LATEST ISSUE OF 306th ECHOES IN TODAY'S MAIL AND ,AS USUAL,I SAT RIGHT DOWN TO READ IT. MUCH TO MY SURPRISE I AM INCLUDED IN THE PICTURE UNDER THE BANNER "306th LEADERS SEE MAPS".

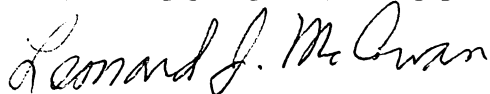
MY REQUEST IS- COULD I OBTAIN A GLOSSY PHOTO PRINT OF THE PICTURE. I RECALL THE DAY VERY WELL AND I WOULD BE VERY PLEASED <sup>IF</sup> I COULD GET A PRINT SUITABLE FOR FRAMING.

MY INFO IS: 1st LT. LEONARD J. McCOWAN-NAVIGATOR  
MEMBER OF THE CREW OF GEORGE BERNER, 423rd  
SQUADRON- 306th BOMB GP.

I AM INCLUDING A COPY OF THE PICTURE-I'M THE ONLY ONE WITH MY MOUTH OPEN!!!

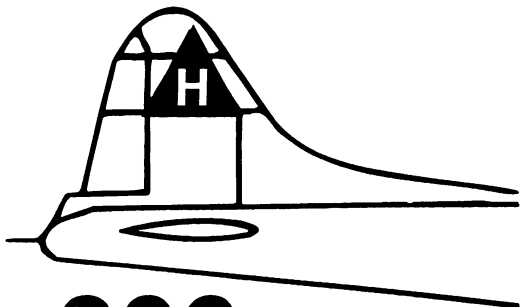
I'D LIKE TO ADD THAT I WILL SEND WHATEVER AMOUNT YOU FEEL IS APPROPRIATE. I AM AN AVID SUPPORTER OF YOUR WORK. I SEND A TOKEN AMOUNT OF \$20.00 EACH MONTH TO HELP IN A SMALL WAY TO HELP YOU GUYS CONTINUE YOUR WORK.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO,



L.J. McCOWAN

81 ANYTRELL DRIVE,  
WEBSTER, N.Y. 14580



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

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Leonard J. McCowan  
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Dear Leonard:

When your letter to Royce Hopkins crossed my desk, I stopped and called Royce as to whether he had responded to your recent note, and he told me that as long as the company who serviced your document had indicated that the money had been transferred, he had not given any further answer to you. I asked him if he wanted me to write you concerning it.

I've long preferred writing such <sup>cial</sup> letters myself, and at the same time find keeping track of financial instruments is something I would rather dodge.

We have received your gifts and are most appreciative of your continuing interest in the 306th. And right now I am beginning work on the next issue of Echoes, which I much prefer to delivering financial reports.

He and I both feel that our division of labors suits each of us better. And believe, me it is essential at this time for our continuing publishing activity.

We sincerely hope that we are good servants of our activities and do greatly appreciate your help and the gifts of others as well.

I am also interested in the fact that we were both navigators. I was in the 367th and arrived for combat the 7th of June '44 and flew my first mission 15 June, finishing my tour at the end of November '44. If memory serves me correctly we did "run" a piece authored by Harry Hill at one time.

My suspicion is that you have not seen a copy of "The Reich Wreckers", so am including this copy. It was done by a contemporary airman whose late father-in-law was with the 306th.

Sincerely yours,