

Other personal data:

Description of Air Missions:

(What were the highlights of your combat career? What was your role? What heroics did you witness? What events were there of which you have special knowledge?)

8-17-43 1st Schweinfurt raid - got to target but had trouble on way back. Lost one engine and about 100 miles from channel we lost a 2nd engine and had to fly low and were so happy to have British spits pick us up at the channel & escort us across. Landed at the coast safely.

10-14-43 2nd Schweinfurt raid - shot down on way in at Hassault, Belgium - controls shot out - had to bail out. Six of crew killed including our Pilot Bob McCallum. - while in P.O.W. camp I obtained a copy of Der Adler (The Eagle) dated Dec. 14, 1943 (in English) in which is a picture of our Plane #230813 after it was shot down. Also an article "they fly for Dollars" about american flyers. I could send it to you if you would return it after viewing same.

John Trenter

313/356-0923

John Prentice

8/80

WE 109

shot out controls

veered to left + down away from jet

landed Hassault Belgium

Pilot said to jump

Manning couldn't release gun

Prentice opened

Manning went last

Belgian policemen

followed by a crowd of Belgians

Paul V. Manning Rochester, N.Y. 617/265-8495?

Fitzger's last mission

Feb 10, 1992

Dear Russ,

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MICH.

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Former Prisoner of War
at

Stalag Luft III

11-12-93

Hi Russ,

Sorry I missed the
reunion this year, we're
heading for Australia in
January to visit our son
& his family in Adelaide.

would you please send
me a copy of the 4/23rd
combat diary. Thanks for
everything.

John Trentice

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Jan 18, 1993

Dear Russ,

Enclosed please find
the Gene Bumpas crew.

L TO R SGT BOSTIC (WAIST GUNNER); SGT.
MACQUARRIE (TAIL GUNNER); SGT SMITH
(RADIO), LT. MYAKIS (CO-PILOT); LT. G.
BUMPUS (PILOT); LT JOHN PRENTICE
(NAVIGATOR); LT PAUL V. MANNING
(BOMBARDIER); SGT. PREVATTE (BALL
TURRET); SGT. FRENCHY D. PIETRO
(WAIST GUNNER); SGT BARTLETT
(TOP TURRET).

I have also enclosed a
German magazine issued in both
English & German language.
In the center fold is a group
of pictures of our plane, "QUEEN
JEANNIE" # 230813 after being
shot down on Black Thursday
Oct 14, 1943 during the
Schweinfurt raid.

Of course, as you know,

the crew had changed considerably
from the enclosed picture.

Thank you Russ, I would
appreciate the return of Magazine
& crew picture.

All the best,

John

JOHN PRENTICE

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