

PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary, 306th BG Association, 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205.

Date completed 15 June 1993

LAST NAME: Snobble FIRST NAME: Jack (John) MI: K, TITLE: Professor Emeritus

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Date of birth: 2 June '22 Wife's name: Barbara Morris Snobble

College(s) attended: Dartmouth Degree(s): A.B. Year(s): '46
Northwestern M.S. '52

Last employment & job title & retirement date: Professor Outdoor Education
Director of Outdoor Ed. and Physical Activities - Colorado Mt. College - Glenwood Spgs, Colo.

Retired 1985
Presently leading trips for FITS Equestrian - Riding Vacations around the World.
Reunions attended: None so far.

Serial #: AO 834523 Squadron: 423rd Specialty: Co-pilot - Lead Crew
1st pilot in between leads.

Date joined 306th: December 1944 If combat, what crew: Harold Trease - 1st pilot
Special duties or assignments w/306th: Co-pilot Aircraft: Salvain' Sackem (probably only
plane in 8th piloted by Dartmouth classmates)
Number of missions flown: 34 Date of last mission: V-E Day - 1st 306th
Date left 306th: May 1945 mock mission for ground support personnel
Highest rank/grade w/306th: 1st Lt.

Other 8th AF units served with: None

Top service assignment after 306th: Intelligence - Pentagon / Liaison Officer - Air Academy

USAF retirement date: June 1972 Rank/grade: Lt. Col.

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the squadrons or other units serving with the 306th, are sought by the secretary, as many of these do not appear in any collections of materials in Federal files:

If you know of others who served with the 306th who do not appear in the current directory, please add their names and current/WWII hometowns/or other addresses to the back of this sheet so that searches may be implemented to add them to our present 306th roster. - I hope Harold Trease sent in other crew members addresses as well as mine. Unfortunately have lost contact with others.

Salvain' Sackem & crew appeared in the brochure for ordering First Over Germany

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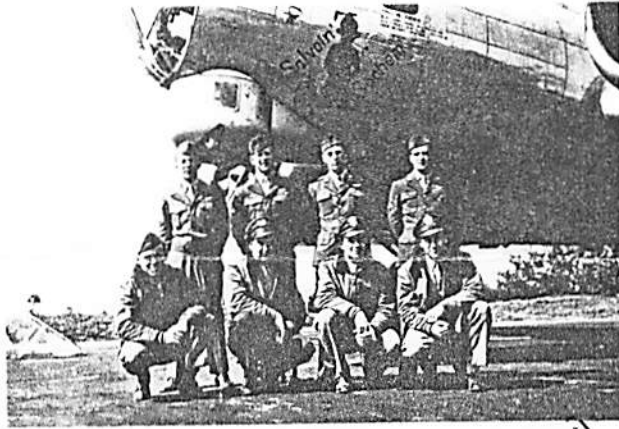
Note of interest: My daughter, married to a C-130 pilot (Capt. Tim Perry), recently sent me a print entitled "Thurleigh Prelude" by Keith Hill. They are presently stationed in Alconbury where he has been flying support missions for Gulf War, etc. Needless to say they have visited Thurleigh. I have not.

John

Please identify these people for me.

I am having the picture copied, and when done I'll return this original to you. I think you submitted for that 1946 book, First Over Germany, as I ended up with that picture collection.

Thanks -
Ann Shroy



Salvo's
Sachern

423rd

This was a Dartmouth
Indian bomber. Bill
Trease and Jack Snobble
were both Dartmouth '44's.

Front row, left to right:

Jerry Scannell (waist gunner), Bill Murray (bombardier), Bill Trease (Pilot), Jack Snobble (co-pilot).

Back row, left to right:

Irwin Frank (tail gunner), Ben Scribner (ball turret), Bill Lewis (engineer), Herb Bellet (radio).

George Key (navigator) absent in hospital (with mumps!).

Crew identified in First Over Germany. Bill Trease became Operations Officer after VE Day. Jack Snobble was in first group of returnees after VE Day, with 34 missions. (35th leading group - ground personnel on "Tour of the Ruhr" didn't count for any of us).

Thanks for pulling this all together again. Lots of good memories -
Jack Snobble

Name: John K. (Jack) Snabble

Cadet class: 44 F

Place of graduation: Greeman
~~Seymour~~ Field
Seymour, Indiana

Number of combat missions: 34

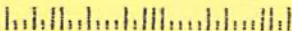
Wife's first name: Barbara

Other 306th men whom I know graduated with me:

None that I know of.



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J.K. Snobble
5970 Rd. 109
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16 July 1995

Russel A. Strong
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Dear Russell,

I am enclosing an article published in our local newspaper for VE-Day +50. It may not be entirely accurate, but it is as I remember, except I think maybe we led the whole 1st Division that day. It might be considered a post script to the Combat Diaries that you did such a great job of compiling.

I have used my Thurleigh tour as "Part 1" of an as yet incomplete auto-biography, which might be of interest to you as an historian, but it also wanders off on personal flash-backs largely associated with Bill Trease's and my Dartmouth '44 back-ground (the Salvo 'Sadem was named for an Indian chief in a Dartmouth drinking song).

My wife Barbara and I look forward to meeting and visiting with you at the 306th Reunion in Knoxville. Having a daughter in nearby Oak Ridge, it gives us a good excuse to make this meeting, having been unable to do so in the past.

We have one Air Force son-in-law flying C-130s; so there is still a tenuous connection with the Air Force, but outside of a long-term Intelligence assignment at the Pentagon (in the Reserves) we have been enjoying teaching and retirement in our little corner of Colorado.

Best of Luck and keep up the good work —

Jack Snobble

5970 Rd 109
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February 1996

Year 306th (423rd).

You may have heard from Bill Trease or some other member of our crew regarding identification of crew 7-V in the 306th Echoes, Jan. '96. In any case it is the crew of Salvoir' Sacher when in training at Sioux City, Iowa. You have us listed correctly elsewhere, but for the record in this picture they are, left to right standing: Ben Scribner (ball gunner), Jerry Scarnel (waist gunner & togeleer), Bill Lewis (Engineer), Irwin Frank (tail gunner), Herb Bellet (radio man); L to R kneeling: Bill Trease (Pilot), Bill Murray (Bombardier), George Key (Navigator), Jack Snobble (Co-Pilot).

I believe I earlier sent you a news paper account of my 35th Mission (on VE Day) which includes the other crew picture, but here is another for the record.

I was sorry to miss out on Knoxville (due to an operation at that time), but maybe next time.

Keep up the good work, it's great to see you collating all the material on (what to us was) a great historical period.

Best of Luck,
Jack Snobble

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3/14/96

Dear Russ,

I'd be delighted to have the VE Day article used in Echoes. Maybe you could answer a question I've always had. I'm not sure of the size of the flight that day. I'm sure it was more than just our Group and am inclined to think it was the 1st Division (if not the whole damned 8th Air Force!), but neither Bill Trease nor I can remember. Incidentally, Bill deserves special credit as AC and the post war Ops Officer of # 423rd.

I also have the first part of a book in the making, including memories of the first 34 missions from Christmas '44 to VE Day, altho' having lost my log book & checking the memories against the Combat Diary I can't vouch for total accuracy. It was, however, the way I remember them. The rest of the book is as yet incomplete and covers roughly 50 years as a skier and outdoor Educator in Colorado. I did stay in the Reserve, much of which was unexciting intelligence duty at the Pentagon, from which I retired as an LTC some years ago. As a matter of record I would be glad to send a copy of what I have, but only if you are interested. It's pretty subjective writing.

Am enclosing a recent picture & some earlier ones of the crew of the Salvino's Sackem, which I would appreciate your returning, since I don't have other copies. Sorry I have nothing on Thurling.

Sincerely, Jack Swobbe

P.S. Just located picture of Bill and me with ground crew of Sackem. See if you can get these most deserving men identified.