

RECORDS UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish to, fold and mail as per address on reverse side. Or, if obtained at a reunion, hand to Russ Strong)

LAST NAME: STARZYNSKI FIRST NAME: ROBERT TITLE:  
STREET ADDRESS: 5253 N. LONG AVE TELEPHONE: (312) 685-8177  
CITY: CHICAGO STATE: IL ZIP: 60630  
DATE JOINED 306th ASSOCIATION: 1977 (?)  
REUNIONS ATTENDED: (Years) WASHINGTON, DAYTON, COLORADO SPRINGS,  
FLORIDA, PHOENIX - GMAHA.  
WIFE'S NAME: LOUISE  
LAST EMPLOYMENT: CITY OF CHICAGO  
COLLEGE(S) ATTENDED: WRIGHT DEGREE(S): DATE: 1954  
SERIAL #: ~~336-18-~~ SQDN: 367 MOS: 7 months  
36-724-725  
DATE ARR: 7-JUNE-43 CREW: DINGMAN, RASTER - WALK  
4th STATION COMP. BUTTERFIELD  
DATE DEPARTED: SEPT-44 HIGHEST RANK IN 306th: S/SGT.  
SERVICE RETIREMENT DATE: 17-OCT-45 RANK or GRADE: S/SGT.  
DECORATIONS WITH 306TH: P.H. A.M. - 2 OLC.  
TOP SERVICE ASSIGNMENT AFTER 306TH: BARKSDALE FIELD, LA.  
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS WITH 306TH: NONE. PHOTOGRAPHER

QUESTIONNAIRE

CATERPILLAR CLUB - IRVING CHUTE COMPANY

NAME: STARZYNSKI, ROBERT  
COMBAT JUMP DATE & MISSION: 17-JUNE-44 - FRANCE  
HEIGHT WHEN BAILED OUT: 18,000  
ANY PROBLEMS WITH PARACHUTE: NO  
306th Bombardment Group. SQDN: 367

Russ:

Please and ~~they~~ to use the picture of the Howards  
and their grandson.

Frank  
Bob

Russell A. Strong  
2041 Hillsdale  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

PROPOSED CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR

Name:

Squadron or unit on base:

Duty position:

Grade:

Inclusive dates with 306th:

Other information if desired:

Russ:

I go along with Robinson on Marshall Baker for Director.

*BB Thompson*

Russ.

Add to your list of Evadees:

George Clements 367- Conroe Texas

Virgil Dingman crew.

Navigator.

5-88



18 January 1978

Mr. Robert Starzynski  
5253 N. Long Av  
Chicago, IL

Dear Bob,

If you have a Chicago-area meeting, I would appreciate your handing out these copies of our "search" list. The Chicago group is pretty big, and perhaps someone would have an idea as to the whereabouts of some of these people, or know if they are deceased.

I've just redone this list, so thought it was a good time to send it along.

I also hope you will have a report on the Chicago meeting for our March issue of Echoes. Bill Collins is just putting the January issue in the mail--if he can dig out of the snow, so that should be along to you shortly.

Give my best to the Chicago gang.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

15 March 1989

Dear Bob:

I was a bit startled some time ago when I realized that you had not come to Thurleigh as a member of a flying crew. I have been meaning- to ask you for the date you arrived at Thurleigh, what your assignment was, and when it was that you went on flying status?

None of this shows in any records that I have at hand.

At some point I think I will resurrect your evasion story out of the 8th AF newspaper and run it in Echoes.

In the meantime, would you be interested in exploring the idea of what it takes and why one wants to change from a safe ground job to the more dangerous activit-ies in the air.

I think it might make a good piece for Echoes, and might bring some interesting responses from others who went the same route. I have no idea how many men at the 306th switched to flying crews, but evidently there were a fair number.

I'll be interested in your response.

All the best,

*Starbuck, Robert J.*

*100-30112-1015*  
*1st Lt*  
HAF/MSM/atb

100-30112-1015

WD, AGO, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: **Commanding Officer:**  
Sq. T, 331st AAF Base Unit  
Barksdale Field, La.

For notation of award of Distinguished Unit  
Badge in service record of enlisted man, or qualification card  
of officer, concerned.

2. If the individual is no longer assigned to your com-  
mand, this paper will be referred to the unit to which transferred

3. If the Distinguished Unit Badge has not been issued,  
requisition therefor should be made under the provisions of Sec 5b  
sec IV, Cir 333, WD, 1943.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*Henry A. Yells*  
Adjutant General 17692

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 557

200.6

2 October 1944

SUBJECT: Presentation of Awards.

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. \*\*\*-\*\*\*

1. The present status of members of this organization who have been awarded decorations listed below is Returned to Active Duty. It is requested that the subject decorations be presented in conformance with War Department Policy.

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RANK AND NAME

ASN

S Sgt Robert J. Starzynski

36 724 725

For the Commanding Officer:

/s/ J. A. LeMotte  
J. A. LEMOTTE,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst. Adjutant

Distinguished Unit Badge  
Confirmed in AD GO 50, 17 June 1944

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# WESTERN UNION

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PRESIDENT

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MRS HELEN Z STARZYNSKI=

3047 HAUSSEN COURT=

AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU YOUR SON STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT  
J STARZYNSKI RETURNED TO DUTY=

J A ULIO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



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P/W and X Detachment  
Military Intelligence Service

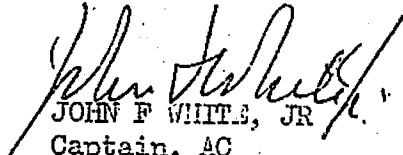
4 September 1945

(Date)

The following named officer/EM has been missing in action and proper identification papers are being prepared. He is in London for official purposes and is unable to conform with existing uniform regulations.

Robert E STARKYNSKI, S/Sgt, 36724725  
367 Bomb Squadron, 306 Bomb Group

For the Commanding Officer:

  
JOHN F WHITE, JR  
Captain, AC  
63 Brook Street  
Regent 8484, Ext 2596

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MRS HELEN Z STARZYNSKI=

3047 HAUSSEN COURT CHGO=

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR SON STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT J STARZYNSKI HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION SINCE SEVENTEEN JUNE OVER FRANCE IF FURTHER DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED=

ULIO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L S-O-R-T-I-E R-E-C-O-R-D

NAME STARZYNSKI, ROBERT J. SQUADRON 367th GROUP 306th  
 RANK S/Sgt. DUTY Aerial Gunner SERIAL NUMBER 36724725

Date of Missions	Group Mission Number	Individual Mission Number	Geographical Location	Time	Oper. Total Time
March 3, 1944.		Abandon	-----	3:10	
4		Abandon	-----	4:00	
6		1	BERLIN, GERMANY.	8:30	
16		2	GESSERTSHAUSEN, GERMANY.	8:45	
20		3	FRANKFURT, GERMANY.	7:30	
31		Abandon	-----	2:10	
April 10, 1944.		4	BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.	4:50	
13		Abandon	-----	2:30	
18		5	BERLIN, GERMANY.	8:35	
20		6	No Ball, FRANCE.	3:35	
22		Spare.	-----	3:45	
24		7	OBERPFATTENHOFEN, GERMANY.	9:25	
27		8	No Ball, FRANCE.	3:40	
May 20, 1944.		9	ORLY, FRANCE.	5:45	
June 2, 1944.		10	MASSY-PALISEAU, FRANCE.	5:45	
4		11	Special Target, FRANCE.	4:20	
6		12	C. Mission, FRANCE.	5:05	
11		13	ILLERS-L'EVEQUE, FRANCE.	5:50	
12		14	LILLE-VEDEVILLE, FRANCE.	6:15	
14		15	BRETIGNY, FRANCE.	6:15	
15		16	MAINTES, FRANCE.	6:35	116:45
17		Missing in Action	-----		

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CERTIFIED CORRECT: ->

ROBERT C. WILLIAMS,  
 Lieut. Colonel, AC,  
 Operations Officer,  
 306th Bomb Gp (H).

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O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L S-O-R-T-I-E R-E-C-O-R-D

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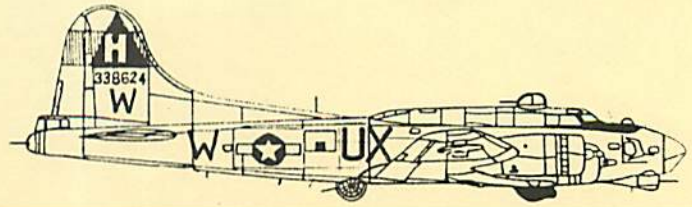
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CERTIFIED CORRECT: ✓

ROBERT C. WILLIAMS,  
 Lieut. Colonel, AC,  
 Operations Officer,  
 306th Bomb Gr (H).

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306 Bomb Group - 8th AIR FORCE

14 February, 1985

Dear Russ.

Would you please send books to the below listed names.  
First over Germany.

ROBERT STEEL 728 WESTBOURNE W. HOLLYWOOD, CA. 90069

SAUN KIRSTEIN 9 TAYLOR ST. WENTSVILLE, MO. 63385

Inclose is a check for \$40.00.

Thanks

*Bob*

Second Reunion

# 306th Bomb Group

Chicago Area

You are cordially invited to attend the second reunion of the 306th Bomb Group to be held at the Millionaires Club, 600 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on March 18, 1978. Wives invited. Phone: 642-3900

Cocktails will be served starting at 7:30 p.m. with dinner following at 8:30. Please make your selection from the following:

Ribs and Chicken	\$14.35 Per Person
Chicken Kiev	\$11.95 Per Person
Stuffed Flounder	\$14.35 Per Person
Filet Mignon	\$14.35 Per Person

The above prices include: Soup, Salad, Entree, Dessert, and Coffee, as well as all cocktails before and after dinner, taxes and gratuity.

Please make a check out to the Millionaires Club for the dinner you select. Include your telephone number and driver's license number on the back. Please send your check as soon as possible so we will know how many will attend. A twenty-four hour notice must be given to cancel reservations and your check will be returned.

Included is a list of the 306th members who are being invited. If you know of anyone from the Chicago area not listed, please inform them of our reunion. Have them call me or send a check with their selection for dinner.

Hoping you can join us to help celebrate our second get-together...

Bob Starzynski (312) 685-8177

P.S. Above is an informal, get-together; no speeches, just a few drinks and friendly reminiscence. If you have any momentos, pictures, general orders, etc., to show please feel free to bring them.

16 April 1982

Dear Bill & Betty:

Just a few lines to say hello and hope this finds you both in the best of health.

Got your package to Newsletters and will mail them when I get to London.

Hope Strongs gets our books out before I leave.

I located my navigator after all these years. Would you please put him on our mailing list. I will send him a copy of the latest newsletter.

**ADD:** George Clements 218 Glen Eagle, Conroe, Texas. 77302

I also found an old address book the the following names of 306th members I served with. They are from 1944 so--

L.A. GLASSCOEK 4312 Jackson St -Birmingham ala. 35203

BRIVILLE J. GRAHAM Washington Kansas 66968

WILLIAM A. LINDSEY 513 11th St. Moundsville, w. va. 26041

**ON LIST** ~~WILLIAM C, MADDOX BOX 124 Clanton, Alabama~~

P.J. MARQUEZ 504 N Broadway st Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Also I got a letter from Olga Simonson, sister of our waist gunner Robert Simonson who passed away 2 November 1980.

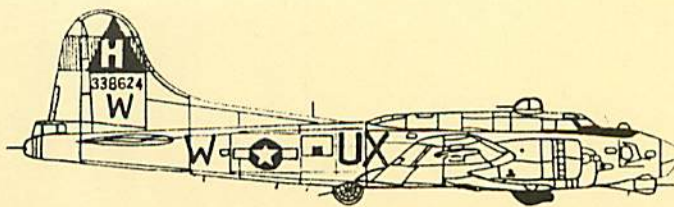
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Hope to see you in England

Bob

*Bob* STAKZYNSKI





**306 Bomb Group - 8th AIR FORCE**

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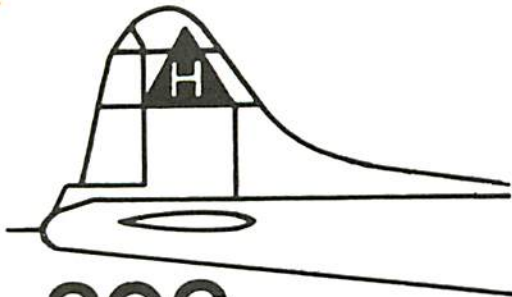
12 June 1987

Dear Russ:

Thanks for sending the book, inclosed find a check for \$22.00. About the reunion if our members send to Washington D.C. and request from the Convention and Visitors Association, 1575 Eye Street N.W. 20005 they will send a list of things to see and do for those who have the time. I know several are arriving several days early to see the sights. Also if they will call their Congressman and request a V.I.P. tour of the White House he can get them a special pass.

Thanks again.

*Bob*



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

# 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION

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Reginald L. Robinson  
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Fort Worth, TX 76109

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*1988 Reunion Co-Chairmen*  
Edward J. Hennessy  
2013 Plaza del Padre  
Las Vegas, NV 89102

G. Barney Rawlings  
2617 Mason Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89102

**1988 Annual Reunion**  
**30 October-3 November**  
**Las Vegas, NV**

2 March 1991

Dear Russ:

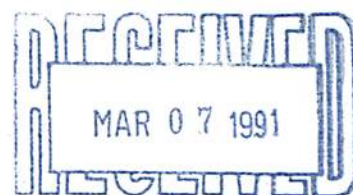
I,ve has some success with the search list. Listed below are three found members.

1. DIGNAN EDWARD G. 312-434-9609 423  
7902 S. Whipple avenue Chicago,il. 60652
- 2.. DONNELLY, PATRICK 312-925-3506 368  
3512 W. 64th Street Chicago,Il. 60629
3. KONIARSKI OLIVER 312-631-4992 368  
6237 N. Natoma ave Chicago,Il. 60631

Now for the bad news, listed below are 3 deceased members.

1. KUZMA WILLIAM J. Interviewed his wife who stated he passed away in March 1974
2. ZLOTOWSKI JEROME DECEASED SOMETIME IN 1976
3. MOTISI FRANK DECEASED SOMETIME IN 19889

Interviewed relatives of Jerome and Frank and they could not give any more information



HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES STRATEGIC AIR FORCES  
: IN EUROPE  
Office of the Commanding General

9 September 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NO.....64)

AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART * * * * *	<u>SECTION</u>
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART* * * * *	I
	II

I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and Circular #32, Hq European T of Cops, US Army 20 March 1944, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men.

CLAYTON E. DAVIS, 0666887, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 17 August 1944. Entered military service from Vermont.

OTTEY M. GLASS, Jr. 0790653, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 18 August 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

RICHARD A. McNEES, 0732300, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 12 July 1944. Entered military service from California.

JOSEPH ATKINSON, 0687223, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 18 August 1944. Entered military service from Maryland.

PETER CORSON, 0728595, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 12 August 1944. Entered military service from New York.

CHARLES N. HILDEBRANDT, 0361178, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 25 May 1944. Entered military service from New Mexico.

CLIFTON J. MILLER, 0809024, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 27 June 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

VIRGAL E. SANSING, 0686773, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 20 June 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

WILLIAM A. SHADE, 0732078, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 14 August 1944. Entered military service from California.

R E S T R I C T E D

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WILLIAM M. TEBBIE, 0832891, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 19 June 1944. Entered military service from Mississippi.

VIRGIL Y. DeCAMP, 0702106, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 24 April 1944. Entered military service from North Dakota.

FELIX KONALCZYK, 0759623, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 24 April 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

EDWIN D. LEDBETTER, 0740842, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 16 March 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

WILLIAM E. MASSEY, 0684022, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 19 June 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

BERT I. SMITH, Jr., 0766738, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 28 August 1944. Entered military service from California.

GEORGE W. STARKS, 0806001, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 16 March 1944. Entered military service from Florida.

LEWIS V. STELLJES, 0757931, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 19 June 1944. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

STANLEY E. STEPINITZ, 0705639, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 20 August 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

WILLIAM A. THURSTON, 0701697, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 14 July 1944. Entered military service from Washington.

JOE VUKOVICH, 0620114, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 August 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

WILLIAM G. WENTHELMAN, 0819276, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 29 May 1944. Entered military service from California.

R E S T R I C T E D

(CO #64, 9 September 1944, cont'd)

HORACE R. DIMARINO, 13070451, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 July 1944. Entered military service from Washington, D.C.

FRED D. GIBSON, 39553245, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 July 1944. Entered military service from California.

LOUIS D. LEWIS, 39694112, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 6 June 1944. Entered military service from California.

ISADORE TRUSCHEN, 32208467, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 22 June 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CHARLES J. VEJDA, 37656545, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 August 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

WILLIAM A. ARMSTRONG, 37333339, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 19 June 1944. Entered military service from Colorado.

WILLIAM P. BRYANT, 18137381, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 14 June 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

CHARLES M. DAVIS, 39557759, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 14 June 1944. Entered military service from California.

ANNONY R. HUTCHINSON, 34684462, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 21 June 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

LEONARD ROGERS, 32838442, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 August 1944. Entered military service from New York.

MICHAEL RUIA, 32820841, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 6 June 1944. Entered military service from New York.

ROBERT J. STARZENSKI, 36721725, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 17 June 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.



R E S T R I C T E D

(CO #64, 9 September 1944, cont'd)

JOSEPH W. STEWART, 14182585, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 July 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

RICHARD L. WELLS, 37296069, Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 11 February 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and Circular #32, Hq European T of Opns, US Army 20 March 1944, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following officer & EM for wear with the PURPLE HEART previously awarded.

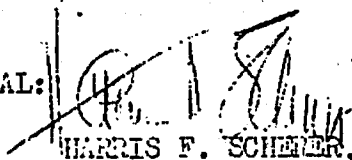
ROBERT M. LITTLEFIELD, 0758017, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 August 1944. Entered military service from California.

HENRY F. WILSON, 34444415, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 8 June 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

By command of Lieutenant General SPAATZ:

E.F. CURTIS,  
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
HARRIS F. SCHERER,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS  
89TH STATION COFFERMENT SQUADRON (CP)  
APO 63

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Records.


TO : Commanding Office , 367 Bomb Sq 306 Bomb Group

Transmitted herewith are temporary Service Records of the following listed men:

S/Sgt R.J. Starzynski, 36724725

The above men are transferred your command per SPECIAL ORDERS  
No. 248 HEADQUARTERS ETOUSA, dated 4 SEPT 44  
1944.

For the Squadron Commander:

  
ROBERT E. LANDSIRON  
1st Lt. A.C.  
~~Adjutant.~~

1 Incls:  
S/R

HEADQUARTERS  
AAF STATION 111  
AFC 557

(C-A-17)

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 119 )  
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1 May, 1944.  
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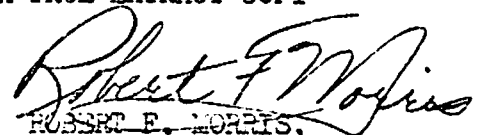
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Second Reunion

# 306th Bomb Group

Chicago Area

You are cordially invited to attend the second reunion of the 306th Bomb Group to be held at the Millionaires Club, 600 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on March 18, 1978. Wives invited. Phone: 642-3900

Cocktails will be served starting at 7:30 p.m., with dinner following at 8:30. Please make your selection from the following:

Ribs and Chicken	\$14.35 Per Person
Chicken Kiev	\$11.95 Per Person
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The above prices include: Soup, Salad, Entree, Dessert, and Coffee, as well as all cocktails before and after dinner, taxes and gratuity.

Please make a check out to the Millionaires Club for the dinner you select. Include your telephone number and driver's license number on the back. Please send your check as soon as possible so we will know how many will attend. A twenty-four hour notice must be given to cancel reservations and your check will be returned.

Included is a list of the 306th members who are being invited. If you know of anyone from the Chicago area not listed, please inform them of our reunion. Have them call me or send a check with their selection for dinner.

Hoping you can join us to help celebrate our second get-together...

Bob Starzynski (312) 685-8177

P.S. Above is an informal, get-together; no speeches, just a few drinks and friendly reminiscence. If you have any momentos, pictures, general orders, etc., to show please feel free to bring them.



3 November 1977

Dear Russ:

Hi, How are you? Just a few lines to let you know I called Bill Collins last week and we talked about our reunion in England this year. We both felt that we got a bum deal from the people that ran the reunion. The hotels were not centrally located and they picked a bad time as we were there for there Bank holiday. Everything closed on Friday and were not open until the following Tuesday morning. At Cambridge we were 6 miles from town and really isolated.

Because of the request of the FOTE people for a reunion in 1978 we thought it would be better to wait a year and plan a reunion in late April or early May so as no to interfere with the 8th A.F.H.S. I think we could get a good deal from Ed. Hennessey you remember him from the reunion in Chicago, he's president of Cartan Travel right here in Chicago.

I hope you have room in the Echos thats coming out soon, I would like to have a mini-reunion in Chicago again , sometime around the last of January or the first of February and would like for some of the fellows intrested to contact me to help pick a place and time.

I too missed the reunion in St.Louis, my son had a piano recital that Sunday and I was elected to take the pictures. Would sure have liked to make it, but family comes first.

Sincerely

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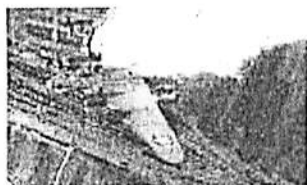
On 17<sup>th</sup> June 1944 Staff Sergeant Robert Starzynski would fly a mission over occupied France in support of the Normandy campaign. It would end up as anything other than a milk run. Robert Starzynski would be shot down and find himself in Nazi occupied Europe. This bale out would lead Staff Sgt Starzynski on many adventures and put him in the face of danger many times. His ordeal would not end for some time. This is the amazing story of one man and his bid to escape capture.



Picture One: Robert Starzynski, taken whilst he was serving at Thurleigh.

Robert Starzynski started his flying career in 367<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group after being trained as a replacement gunner in England. The 367<sup>th</sup> was based at Thurleigh, near Bedfordshire. They had been given the nickname the 'Clay Pigeon Squadron' due to its heavy losses throughout the air war. Starzynski was assigned to a crew as a tail gunner under the command of Lieutenant V W Dingman and went on to fly a number of missions between March and June, his first being to Berlin! However, on 17 June after a mission was scrubbed, a hasty mission was set up and the 367<sup>th</sup> eventually had to bomb a target of opportunity at Noyen. Starzynski takes up the story of his B-17s demise on this mission.

'Our B-17 took a direct hit in the number three engine, which started to burn. We dropped out of formation and Dingman asked George Clements, the navigator for their position. He asked which would be the better action to take; fly back across the Channel or head for the Allied lines in France. Clements replied that they were both the same distance. Several minutes passed and the number three engine was getting worse. Flames were leaping over the nacelle and the slipstream was carrying the fir back towards the tail.'



Picture Two: 'Our B-17 took a direct hit'. A B-17, not the one that Robert Starzynski was in, receives a direct hit.

The order to bale out was given and Starzynski and the rest of the crew baled out. All of them survived; however, seven men would spend the rest of the war in POW camps. Starzynski landed in a small wood and was unhurt. Having buried his parachute and Mae West, he went to ground and assessed what was the best option. He had no idea whether the Germans had seen his descent and he stayed in the wood for 9 hours. He had kept possession of his escape kit. These kits carried maps of Europe, money, compass and food items such as chocolate. Once it was dark Starzynski decided that the Germans had not spotted him and he began to walk. He took a southerly direction and felt very conspicuous dressed in his uniform. He got rid of his flying boots and was now barefoot. The situation that Starzynski was in must have been very hard to come to terms with. He was in occupied France, in an American uniform and no footwear. Therefore he took a risk and knocked on the door of a French farmhouse. This was a big risk as he could be in danger of being turned in by the occupants; not all French were trustworthy in WWII. However, his risk paid off as the occupants took him in and gave him food and a change of clothes. He was also given shoes, however these shoes he was given would prove troublesome later. Starzynski found by the aid

of his map and phrase book that he was near the town of Buschy, north east of Rouen and 70 kilometres west of the port of Le Harve. The French family who had taken him in told him it was too risky to hand him over to the resistance, as there were too many Germans nearby. Therefore, Starzynski thanked the family for their help and continued on his way. Starzynski headed for Buschy and it was here that he very nearly got captured. As he entered the town he heard footsteps and he darted into a doorway. Two German soldiers came by and Starzynski states that they were they were that close that he could have touched them. Luckily, he was not seen and he made a conscious decision not travel by night anymore. He looked for a place to hide that very nearly got him captured again! Starzynski takes up the story.

'Scouting for a place to hide until dawn, I looked around and noticed a large house, a courtyard and smaller sheds nearby. Upon closer inspection, the shed, containing a hayloft, seemed the safest hide-away. The loft, however, proved inaccessible and I returned to the courtyard. I ducked inside and sat behind a large stone wall. Before I could decide what to do next, I heard heavy footsteps grinding into the gravel path. Were the German soldiers returning? Had I been discovered? The door nearest to the shed was partially open. I plunged inside and crouched low in the shadows of a makeshift garage near a camouflaged German staff car. This should have tipped me off where I was but I looked around and discovered a very large barrel of cider. I helped myself. Then I heard the soldiers again so I just sat on the floor. Not even daring to look up. The footsteps slowed and then stopped just outside the door. My heart beat faster and faster with each laboured breath sounding like thunder in my ears. Suddenly two voices the soldiers had returned. My only hope was to fade into the shadows keeping deathly quiet until dawn. An uneasy silence prevailed throughout the night.'

What Starzynski did not realize, until he had moved out of the barn in the morning, was that he had hidden next to a German barracks. Starzynski managed to slip away later and started to head for the city of Rouen. But, he encountered problems from the start when the shoes he was wearing, which were too small, began to give him blisters. These eventually led to him having to stop for the night, The next day gave no let up to the problems his feet got worse and he had to stop to rest. An old German soldier passed him, as he escorted a group of French workers. As Starzynski began his journey again the German soldier was encountered again. This time the German took notice of Starzynski. However, his luck held out. After questioning Starzynski and noting his, by now, dishevelled appearance he took him for a tramp. Starzynski was allowed to continue on his way.

Starzynski stopped for the night once more and estimated he was half way to Le Harve. His feet were really giving him trouble and he wondered how long he could go on for. His appearance was beginning to get him noticed too. He arrived at the town of Bolbec on the fifth day. Here he went into a barber's shop to get a haircut and shave. Another close escape was made here. Whilst being shaved by a young barber the boy cut him slightly. Starzynski looked at the mirror to see where he had been cut and noticed the other barber talking to a German soldier. Starzynski wondered if he had been turned in as they both showed interest in him. However, after speaking to the soldier Starzynski gathered that the German wanted to go before him. This Starzynski agreed too. But the German went away and did not return immediately; therefore the barber carried on with Starzynski. To Starzynski's horror he returned with two other German soldiers. They glared at him as he sat in the chair. Even worse was the fact that Starzynski had taken off his coat and hung it up on a chair. The German was now sitting there and Starzynski's escape kit was there to be seen! By another stroke of luck, the German failed to notice this. Starzynski made his exit and continued on his way. By evening he came across a farm and took the risk of being turned in. He knocked on the door and told the family who he was. They did not turn him in and helped him. They insisted on bathing his by now festering feet and gave him food and water. Starzynski's hopes of getting to Le Harve were dashed when he was told that the town was heavily controlled and guarded. After spending a night with the French family, he returned to Bolbec and then made his way to Lillebonne. Here he only found ridicule and he moved onwards. He met a Brazilian peddler, who had been stranded at the beginning of the war. The peddler was able to get him passage in a small rowing boat. He crossed the Seine and

came to a town called Quillebeuf. In this town Starzynski was almost killed by his own air force when two P-38s strafed a ferry. Starzynski was at the end of his tether by now. He eventually met a blond man who questioned what he was up to. Starzynski had no idea what the man was saying and just replied 'Qui'. The man asked if he spoke English. Starzynski replied yes and thought that the man was German and prepared for the worst. But, he was not arrested and the man turned out to be Charles Lamoure who got in touch with the resistance. Lamoure hid him for ten weeks under the protection of the resistance. Amazingly, Starzynski took up the fight with the French.

Robert Starzynski in occupied France.

'During my time in hiding we would carry out some limited acts of sabotage like cutting down telephone lines. Twice we stole a cow from the Germans for food and on other nights we stole beans from the fields. The American Air Force tried repeatedly to blow up the ferryboat. Each time they missed. Towards the end, when the Canadians were approaching, the ferryboat was eventually sunk. Three weeks before the Canadians liberated us my hosts went on a big drinking session. Some German soldiers heard them bragging and barley got away with their lives. Charles decided to have me moved after this incident. He put me in with a couple who had a small child. I stayed on the second floor of their three-storey house for three weeks'.

Starzynski's final experiences before liberation was under fire from the exchanges between the Canadian and German artillery. Eventually, the Canadians liberated Quillebeuf and Starzynski was instructed to leave with them.


'They wanted me to hop on their tank and leave the area but I could not because I had to get my ID tags back from the underground. I sent word to the fellow who had them, and £16. He turned out to be the mayor and at first refused to hand the money over to me. The Canadians suggested I tell him that if he did not hand over they would drive a tank right through his darned house! That did the trick and I was given back my ID tags and money'.

From then on, Starzynski was sent to a small unit that dealt with downed airmen. He was sent back to England and met one of his crewmembers, Wilbur P Pensinger, the co-pilot. Pensinger had been lucky enough to be picked up by the underground straight away.

Robert Starzynski was a man who had been able to overcome the problems of having to bale out over occupied territory. It is amazing to read over these notes and see how lucky he was to evade capture. His spirit and determination and the bravery of the French people who helped him are amazing. If it had not been for the people who defied the Nazis in WWII under extremes of pressure and with courage, stories such as Robert Starzynski's would have been very different.

Steve Smith

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FRED D. GLEASON, 39553245, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 July 1944. Entered military service from California.

LOUIS D. LEWIS, 39693112, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 8 June 1944. Entered military service from California.

ISADORE TRASCHEN, 32208467, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 22 June 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CHARLES J. VEJDA, 37656545, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 August 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

WILLIAM A. ARMSTRONG, 37333339, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 19 June 1944. Entered military service from Colorado.

WILLIAM P. BRYANT, 18137381, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 14 June 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

CHARLES M. DAVIS, 39557759, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 14 June 1944. Entered military service from California.

ANTHONY R. HUTCHINSON, 34684462, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 21 June 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

LEONARD ROGERS, 32838442, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 August 1944. Entered military service from New York.

MICHAEL RUTA, 32820841, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 8 June 1944. Entered military service from New York.

ROBERT J. STARZYNSKI, 36724725, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 17 June 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.



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HORACE R. DIMARTINO, 13070451, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 July 1944. Entered military service from Washington, D.C.

FRED D. GLEASON, 39553245, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 July 1944. Entered military service from California.

LOUIS D. LEWIS, 39693112, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 8 June 1944. Entered military service from California.

ISADORE TRASCHEM, 32208467, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 22 June 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CHARLES J. VEJDA, 37656545, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 August 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

WILLIAM A. ARMSTRONG, 37333339, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action, 19 June 1944. Entered military service from Colorado.

WILLIAM P. BRYANT, 18137381, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 14 June 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

CHARLES M. DAVIS, 39557759, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 14 June 1944. Entered military service from California.

ANTHONY R. HUTCHINSON, 34684462, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 21 June 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

LEONARD ROGERS, 32838442, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 August 1944. Entered military service from New York.

MICHAEL RUTA, 32820841, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 8 June 1944. Entered military service from New York.

ROBERT J. STARZYNSKI, 36724725, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 17 June 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.



R E S T R I C T E D

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JOSEPH W. STEWART, 14182585, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 July 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

RICHARD L. WELLS, 37296069, Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 11 February 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and Circular #32, Hq European T of Opns, US Army 20 March 1944, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following officer & EM for wear with the PURPLE HEART previously awarded.


ROBERT M. LITTLEFIELD, 0758017, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 13 August 1944. Entered military service from California.

HENRY F. WILSON, 34444415, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action 8 June 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

By command of Lieutenant General SPAATZ:

E.P. CURTIS;  
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

  
HARRIS F. SCHERER,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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## 13 The long walk

The crew of *Squat N' Droppit* had come to revere their French hosts after being hidden in various French homes following their shooting down on 12 June 1944. Many other American airmen also had to rely on the French civilian population after landing in occupied France. One of them was Staff Sergeant Robert J. Starzynski, who was shot down five days after *Squat N' Droppit*, on 17 June 1944.

In the summer of 1943 Starzynski had been assigned to the 4th Station Complement which was attached to the 306th Bomb Group equipped with B-17 Flying Fortresses at Thurleigh, near Bedford. When the 306th needed replacements to make up losses sustained on bombing raids, it was to the 4th Station Complement that squadron commanders turned. After repeated requests to transfer to a bomb squadron, Starzynski was sent to gunnery school on the Wash and sent to the 367th 'Clay Pigeon' Squadron in January 1944 as a gunner. The 367th were



known as the 'Clay Pigeons' because of the heavy losses sustained throughout the war.

His first mission, on 6 March, was a 'real rough one': the first American bomber raid on Berlin when Starzynski flew tail-gunner. Although there was a lot of flak en-route and on the homeward flight Starzynski's crew came through the baptism safely. He flew several more missions filling in as a replacement gunner before being assigned to Lieutenant V. W. Dingman whose tail-gunner had been killed on the crew's first mission. Starzynski recalls, 'The crew had trained together in the States so it was a little rough getting acquainted but I fitted in and on 11 June we were briefed for an early morning mission to France.'

However, the mission was scrubbed just before briefing due to last minute changes. A 'hurry-up' mission was organized with a briefing at 09.00 and take off scheduled for 09.45. Although forty aircraft got off from Thurleigh, seven were forced to return to base after failing to rendezvous with the rest of the formation. Weather conditions deteriorated and cloud covered the primary target. The group was forced to select a visual target of opportunity, a bridge at Noyen, after the PFF equipment failed.

Starzynski continues: 'We encountered several bursts of flak just as we hit the coast of France. Our B-17 took a direct hit in the number three engine, which started to burn. We dropped out of formation and Dingham asked Lieutenant George Clements, the navigator, for their position. He asked which would be the better action to take; fly back across the Channel or head for the Allied lines in France. Clements replied that they were both the same distance. Several minutes passed and the number three engine was getting worse. Flames were leaping over the nacelle and the slipstream was carrying the fire back towards the tail.

'Dingman ordered us to bale out. In the bale-out procedure the tail-gunner is always the first to go so I

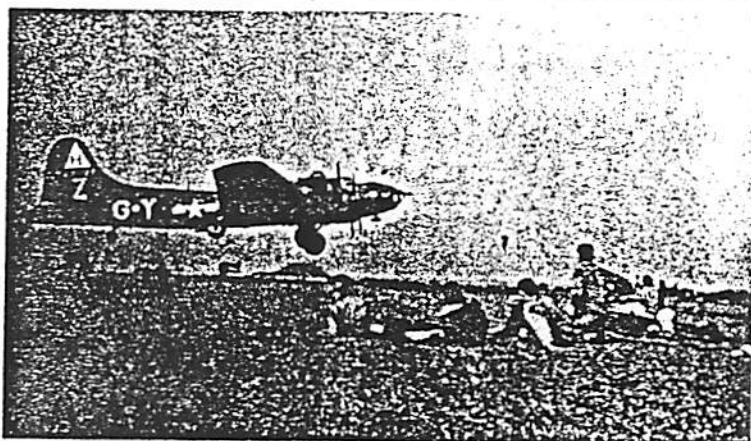
*Robert Starzynski at Thurleigh.*



shouted over the intercom that I was jumping. I reached behind me to pick up my chest 'chute but it wasn't there! It had apparently slipped down the fuselage to the rear landing wheel compartment. I took off my oxygen mask and crawled back to retrieve my parachute. It was fortunate it was there because there were no spares on board. I crawled to the emergency escape hatch and after a little difficulty, finally got it open. The door blew away and I put my feet out into the slipstream. Hooking on my parachute I got ready to jump. Luckily, I noticed that one of the hooks was not properly attached. I quickly remedied the situation and put my hands up to grab the top of the escape hatch. As I did so one of the gunners standing in the waist was also getting ready to jump.' [All of the crew survived but seven went to PoW camps.]

'The next thing I was floating down. I had baled out at about 22,000 ft and by the time I had got my oxygen mask off and my 'chute on, I had almost passed out. Apparently, the jerk of the parachute opening made me regain consciousness. I floated down and looked around for the aircraft and any other parachutes. The area was very cloudy and I couldn't make out either. After the roar of the B-17 the stillness was something I will never forget. Only the endless swishing of my white silk parachute disturbed the still, calm air as I continued my steady descent toward the ground with the words, "Pilot to crew, bale out, bale out!" still ringing in my ears and the vision of the fire melting the wing still before me. It seemed like a nightmare. I thought of Petersen's crew and how, on an earlier mission, only two of them got out before the ship exploded.

'It was as if I was suspended; nothing seemed to move. After what seemed to be minutes or so but which were probably seconds, a P-51 Mustang appeared and circled several times. I waved to the pilot and he dipped his wings in recognition. He continued on his way, I should think reporting my position as he did so. I kept looking around but I could see no-one. As I came through the cloud layers I could at last make out a large farmhouse. What had earlier appeared as flecks of greenery in the distance now emerged as clusters of symmetrically formed trees and hedgerows. I was coming down pretty fast now; probably because my 'chute was the smaller, emergency type.



Top right B-17F Fightin' Bitin' and the artist, Kermit Covedo, of the 369th Bomb Squadron (Richards).

Above right B-17f 42-30727 of the 306th Bomb Group, 367th Bomb Squadron taking off from Thurleigh, Beds (Richards).

Right Staff Sergeant Robert Starzynski, 367th Bomb Squadron, 306th Bomb Group, Thurleigh, England in January 1944 (Starzynski).

Kermit

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'It was only a matter of seconds now. I desperately attempted to manoeuvre my 'chute but it was too late. I hurtled towards the ground at an alarming speed. Snap! Crack! Through the branches I crashed, picking up my feet to miss some hedges. By the time I could straighten out again, I was flat on my back on the ground. Fortunately, the ground was soft. I gathered up my 'chute and made for the hedges. I hid my Mae West and parachute under some leaves and rocks so they would not blow away. It was now around 11.15 am and I decided to stay in the area. I knew that my escape kit contained French francs, maps, a compass, benzerdrine tablets and chocolate. I took stock of these and went through my personal effects, tearing out all addresses; not that any were important. Under the concealment of overhanging foliage, I studied the cloth cap from my escape kit. It was still quiet so I decided to stay a little longer, at least until dark.

'For nine hours I remained hidden not knowing if the German Army had spotted my descent and were, at this moment, searching for me. Now, at about 11.30 pm, I decided it was dark enough to start walking. Checking my compass, I decided to walk south. All I had were my flying boots. I had slung my civilian shoes over my shoulder when I had left the plane but they had been whisked away. I began to feel very conspicuous because I was still wearing my flying jacket and suit and my heated flight shoes. I took my clumsy flying boots off and carefully looking about, I crept across a road and cautiously made my way to a farmhouse with carefully tended grounds. I knocked twice on the door. It was quite late and I assumed, that the occupants must be asleep. Eventually though someone answered. '*Aviateur Americane*', I called.

'Two men looked me up and down and I showed them my dog tags. They let me in and began talking rapidly in French, of which I understood nothing. After checking to see if anyone else was outside, one of the men drew the curtains while the other lit a candle. I pointed to my French phrase card and asked if the enemy was nearby. One of the men, using my map, pointed to the town of Buschy, north-east of Rouen and said that the Germans were everywhere in the vicinity. Again, I pointed to the card and asked if I might have civilian clothes and something to eat. They responded with cider, ham and hard brown bread. The clothes they brought looked as if they had been worn in the last war but I was in no position to refuse them. They also gave me a pair of shoes which were exceptionally tight but I put them on. I offered them all the money I had for the shoes but the offer was refused. I guess they were worth more money than I could offer.

'There were too many Germans nearby for the French family to risk hiding me or contacting the

Resistance. Pointing again to my map, he indicated that Le Havre, seventy kilometres to the west, was a safe place to hide. I might be able to make contact with the Underground and slip across the Channel in a boat. I said goodbye to my benefactors wearing an old sweater, cotton jacket, a striped pair of trousers and a pair of shoes two sizes too small.

'It was Sunday 18 June when I left the farmhouse and strode out into the night. I headed for Buschy, pausing several times after hearing voices. Several German units were camped in the woods by the sides of the road so I did not stop. It was shortly after midnight when I arrived in Buschy. I heard the heavy clump-thump-thump of boots approaching and ducked into a doorway losing myself in the shadows. Only a moment later two Germans came around the corner and walked right by me. I could have reached out and touched them, they were that close. It was then that I decided to discount earlier Intelligence information provided at pre-mission briefings and walk during the daylight hours rather than at night.

'Scouting for a place to hide until dawn, I looked around and noticed a large house, a courtyard and smaller sheds nearby. Upon closer investigation, the shed, containing a hayloft, seemed the safest hideaway. The loft however, proved inaccessible and I returned to the courtyard. I ducked inside and sat behind a large stone wall. Before I could decide what to do next, I heard heavy footsteps grinding into the gravel path. Were the German soldiers returning? Had I been discovered?

'The door to the nearest shed was partially open. I plunged inside and crouched low in the shadows of a makeshift garage near a camouflaged German staff car. This should have tipped me off where I was but I looked around and discovered a very large barrel of cider. I helped myself. Then I heard the soldiers again so I just sat on the floor, not even daring to look up. The footsteps slowed and then stopped just outside the door. My heart beat faster and faster with each laboured breath sounding like thunder in my ears. Suddenly, two voices—the soldiers had returned. My only hope was to fade into the shadows keeping deathly quiet until dawn. An uneasy silence prevailed throughout the long night.

'Sunlight filtering through narrow slits in the wall announced the break of a new day. Had the Germans left? Recalling a bombed-out house across the courtyard, I decided to make a run for it. I had to take the risk.

'The house was a scene of destruction. Stairs leading to the second floor were a mass of crumpled brick and wood. Using the rubble as a ladder, I hoisted myself to the second floor. The two rooms upstairs had nothing in them. All that remained was an empty shell. Being uninhabited for some time, the

house offered little chance of discovery. Some of the bricks in the wall had been knocked out allowing me a commanding view of the courtyard.

'Lying on the floor, I heard voices of German soldiers once again. Cautiously, I crept nearer the opening. In the courtyard below I could see one soldier showing his rifle to another. I was more fascinated than alarmed. I drew back slowly from the opening fearing they would sense someone watching them. Later I was to discover that the sanctuary I had chosen actually adjoined a German barracks!

'It was still too dangerous to leave because the German soldiers were coming out of the barracks and people were beginning to stir in the streets. Anxiety and restlessness began to mount within me so I left my hide-out and headed towards Rouen. My progress would be slow. Lack of rain had made the road dry and dusty. Blazing sun beat down incessantly. The enemy was everywhere.

'Not until late in the afternoon did I dare stop in a cafe for a drink of cider. Dusk found me near the town of Barantin where I decided to spend the night in an open field. By now my feet were really bothering me. The tight shoes were causing my feet to blister. Removing my shoes, I cringed with pain. Blood oozed from my torn flesh and sweat and dirt added to my discomfort. Mindful of the impending swelling, I carefully eased on my shoes. Overturning a few sheaves of wheat, I laid on the ground and scattered them over me for cover. I was awakened several times during the night by field mice rustling in the coarse grain. Morning, however, brought other visitors. Sharp stinging bites could signify only one thing: lice.

'It seemed like ages that I was on the road and as I limped along each step produced twin bonfires under my painful feet. I had to sit and rest. It must have been my lucky day. An old German guard of about sixty pedalled past me on a bicycle. He was wearing a large leather holster which probably contained a Luger and seemed to be supervising some Frenchmen who were digging trenches alongside the road. Thankfully, he didn't pay me much attention as he cycled past me. Shortly up the road I met him again. Suddenly, I seemed to command all his attention. He came over to me and asked in French where I was going. I answered, "Bolbec, Bolbec" and pointed repeatedly to a road sign indicating the town of Bolbec straight ahead. From what I understood, he said it was a long walk.

'Abruptly, he asked me for my papers. I shook my head. He glared at me once again and looked me over, paying great attention to my old shoes and my clothes. Incredibly, he told me to walk on. Face

*Staff Sergeant Robert Starzynski with the French Underground in July 1944.*

unshaven, clothes smelly and filthy; he must have taken me for a tramp. I got away quickly although he should really have taken me in. Had he tried, he would have had a fight because I was ready to attack him. I didn't have any weapons because we were not issued any for flying. (Some of the boys carried .45 automatics but apparently there was a shortage and we never got any.)

'Shortly thereafter, dusk fell over the countryside. According to my map, I was nearly half the way to Le Havre. How much longer could I continue? Sharp stabs of pain from inflamed feet tormented my sleep. Oh, if only I could reach Le Havre, then cross the Channel to England.

'By the fifth day my bedraggled appearance was beginning to draw people's attention. A short distance from Bolbec, I asked a woman the directions to a barber shop. She understood when I pointed to my hair and used my fingers to imitate the movement of scissors. "Two kilometres," she said, pointing up the road.



'I arrived at the little barber shop and looked in. There was only a mother, a young girl and a young boy of about twelve years old. An old barber was giving the girl a haircut as I entered. The younger barber, who was about sixteen years of age, directed me to a chair. I removed my jacket and made myself comfortable. As one might expect, halfway through the shave, he nicked me. No sooner had he finished shaving me, than he walked toward the door. I paid little attention, but as I glanced in the mirror to see where he had nicked me, I saw that he was talking with a German soldier. I didn't know what they were saying as they spoke in a muffled tone. Ideas began spinning through my mind. Did the barber know I was American? If he did suspect me, could I escape in any way? Looking about the room for another exit, I noticed their curious glances directed towards me. The soldier mumbled something to the barber and he said something to me in French. Apparently, the German was in a hurry and wanted to know if he could get a haircut before me. I said "Oui" and with that the German soldier left.

'When the barber had finished with the girl the soldier had still not returned, so he motioned me to sit in the chair and began cutting. Almost at once the soldier returned with three other German soldiers. Scowling at me with displeasure they all sat down a short distance away and I thought, "Boy this is really something". The German who I had promised could go in front of me kept giving me dirty looks.

'About half way through my haircut the old barber asked me how I wanted my hair cut. I didn't really know what to say so I just motioned him to carry on. In the meantime, I could see in the mirror that the German was looking at me. He was also sitting on the chair where I had left my jacket. In it were all my maps and papers! All he had to do was look down but I didn't give him the chance. I leaped out of the chair, taking the largest Franc note I had and gave it to the barber. My haircut and shave cost me sixteen francs but the experience cost me sixteen grey hairs. The barber gave me change and I gave him a tip. I think he was relieved I was finished because he did not want any problems with the Germans. I thankfully grabbed my jacket, left the shop and headed up the road.

'At twilight I was only 16 km from Le Havre. My feet were badly blistered and I had to find a place to hide. I selected a neat, medium-sized farm just off the road. My head was reeling with excitement as I approached the house knowing I had somehow overcome tremendous risks. The farmer and his family listened to my story in disbelief. With the help of an English-French dictionary and broken phrases, I told them I received the clothes from a farmer near Buschy not far from the spot where I had baled out.

My festered, swollen feet gave evidence of the truth. After providing me with some food, they insisted bathe my feet.

'Only after resting for a short time was I informed that the German army had a road block ahead. My long walk had been in vain. I needed identification papers to gain entrance to Le Havre but there was nothing more I could do that night. Taking into consideration my poor physical appearance, they invited me to share one of their beds rather than a hayloft in the barn. After sleeping in fields and haylofts for the past five days, I was most grateful.

'The next morning I bade a reluctant farewell. Dejectedly, I began retracing my steps. I decided after checking my map, to return to Bolbec and the head south to Lillebonne.

'Later that morning, after informing some French men at one cafe in Lillebonne that I was an American aviator, I was refused sanctuary. At another a woman who came to serve me asked me in French what I wanted to order. I could not understand her so I just said, "Jes Swei, Aviateur American." She looked at me oddly and started laughing. She called out to someone in the back room. Everyone thought it was a big joke so I left hurriedly and started walking down the road towards the Seine.

'Just south of Lillebonne I came upon a junk peddler pushing a cart. He was a ragged Brazilian, who had been stranded in France before the war and had never accumulated enough money to return to Latin America. He was able to speak a few words of English and told me that the Germans had taken over the ferry boat which was the only way to cross the river. He added that there was a rowing boat which was operated by the French. He took me to the Frenchmen and told them I was an American airman. What he said must have sounded convincing, for my passage was free. The Frenchmen took me on board the boat and rowed me across the Seine.

'Reaching the opposite shore, we all entered a cafe for sandwiches and beer. We were in Quillebeuf. One of the passengers told me to remain at the cafe. I waited for three hours and nothing happened. I bought some postcards from a stand for some reason, probably to pass the time. Nothing happened and I got up and walked out. Just south of the river I hit the dirt. A sudden burst of machine-gun fire and several explosions erupted as two P-38s began their strafing and bombing run in the vicinity of the ferry boat. The ground shook with the bursting of exploding shells. Minutes later it was over.

'Gradually rising to my feet, I hobbled to an abandoned farmhouse. Once inside, I sat down and removed my shoes. My feet were very bad. Unexpectedly, a German soldier walked in and spoke to me. I just muttered, "Oui". He walked over to a



Right Joseph Szumski and son at Quillebeuf, France in 1944 (Starzynski).

Below right Jacqueline Iszy; a good friend in France (Starzynski).

wall and took away a home-made ladder. I assume he needed it to repair some of the damage to the telephone lines caused by the bombing. I figured that this was not the greatest place in the world to be so I got ready to leave.

'Before I could get far a voice called out, "What are you doing there?" Of course I didn't understand French so I replied in my best accent, "Oui". A blue-eyed blond civilian repeated the question and again I answered "Oui". Making little progress in our conversation, he enquired if I spoke English. I confirmed that I did. We conversed for a time and I told him I was an aviator. He looked so much like a German that I thought I had had it. By this time I no longer cared anyway.

'The blond Frenchman, who turned out to be called Charles Lamour, took me outside to an orchard and told me to wait. I thought he must be leaving to get reinforcements but when he returned an hour later he brought with him a woman who had some food for me. The woman kept asking for assurances that I was an American. They were ultimately convinced I was telling the truth when I kept answering nonchalantly, "Sure I am, what do you want?"

'Later, I was to learn that my crossing of the Seine had been well timed. Apparently, the Gestapo had been enquiring about someone fitting my description. The boatman, who was a member of the Resistance, had told them that I had continued walking along the river and had not taken the boat across. Within an hour, they were searching everywhere for me.

'Charles Lamour contacted the French Resistance and they hid me from the Germans. I was taken to another farmhouse in Quillebeuf and only allowed out at night. I stayed in Quillebeuf for ten weeks, hiding in every place imaginable—barns, houses and air-raid shelters.

'During my time in hiding we would carry out some limited acts of sabotage like cutting down telephone lines. Twice we stole a cow from the Germans for food and on other nights we stole beans from the fields. The American Air Force tried repeatedly to blow up the ferry boat. Each time they missed. Towards the end, when the Canadians were approaching, the ferry boat was eventually sunk. Three weeks before the Canadians liberated us my hosts went on a big drinking session. Some German soldiers heard them bragging and they barely got away with their lives. Charles decided to have me moved after this incident. He put me in with a couple who had a small child. I stayed on the second floor of



their three-storey house for three weeks. During that time there was incessant noise from artillery barrages and exchanges between the Germans and the advancing Allies. It got so bad on some occasions that we hid in some caves nearby which were used as air raid shelters.

'I was the first American many of the French townspeople had ever seen. My heart went out to the simple people who had truly saved my life at the risk of their own. Eventually, we were liberated by Canadian troops. They wanted me to hop on their tank and leave the area but I could not because I had to get my ID tags back from the underground. I sent word to the fellow who had them, and £16. He turned out to be the mayor and at first refused to hand the

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money and tags over to me. The Canadians suggested I tell him that if he did not hand them over they would drive a tank right through his darn house! That did the trick and I was given back my ID tags and money.

'Word went through about my plight and later a small unit came through to pick me up. They apparently picked up all shot down airmen. I was shipped back to Cherbourg, where we took a C-47 to London and SHEAF headquarters. I was interrogated and after several days I was returned to Thurlleigh. There I met my co-pilot, Wilbur C. Pensinger, who had been picked up almost immediately by the Underground, but the other ~~seven~~ in my crew had been captured.'

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS AWARDED

## THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

TO

**ROBERT J. STARZYNSKI**  
(THEN STAFF SERGEANT, ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES)

FOR distinguishing himself by exceptionally meritorious service in the European Theater of Operations during military operations against an enemy of the United States during World War II. Staff Sergeant Starzynski, for approximately three months, evaded capture by the enemy in France after his aircraft was shot down on 17 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Starzynski's outstanding judgment, resolve to avoid capture and his indomitable courage were in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the 367th Bomb Group (Heavy), and the United States Army.

THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE 2002

Permanent Orders 164-17 dated 13 June 2002  
U.S. Total Army Personnel Command  
Alexandria, VA 22332-0471



*Gathryn L. Grant*  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL



**DEBRIEFING:** The Collings Foundation is making it's tour with the B-17 '909' and B-24 'All American'. Ed Holmgren called and related his 'aborted mission'. He was up in Minn/St. Paul area and was scheduled to take a ride aboard the B-24 at 0800 hrs. Finally took off around 1300hrs when 5 minutes into the flight, it was aborted due to a hydraulic fluid leak in one of the engines. Lloyd Peterson called me and while 'standing down' he was able to hear the unmistakable sound of the engines when they flew over his house on their way to Palwaukee. Bob McKillop went to the 94th Aero Squadron on Friday hoping to take a flight aboard the B-24 but due to weather conditions, his 'mission was scrubbed'.

**NEW MEMBERS:** We have three new members to welcome to our chapter! Frank J Bernd flew as a Navigator with the 457th BG, 748th BS; completing 30 missions between June '44 to January '45. Don Eldredge, Pilot, 306th BG 367th BS was shot down on his first mission November 1942 and became POW in Luft III until May 1945. Associate member Gloria Cinkiewicz Mashke, is a volunteer with the Collings Foundation and loves the B-24; her father was with the 466thBG(H) 787th BS.

**AWARD CEREMONY UPDATE:**



As briefed last month, Robert J. Starzynski, after waiting for 58 years, was to be awarded the Army Commendation Medal. Supported by family, friends, Illinois Chapter Officers and members, on Sunday, July 28, 2002 a presentation ceremony was conducted at the 94th Aero Squadron, Palwaukee, Illinois. Bob was a tail gunner with the 367th BG(H) based at Thurleigh. The 367th was given the nickname the 'Clay Pigeon Squadron' due to its heavy losses throughout the air war. On 17 June 1944 his mission was to bomb a target at Noyen; his B-17 took a direct hit in the number three engine. 'Flames were leaping over the nacelle and the slipstream was carrying the fire back towards the tail'; the order to bail out was given. All of the crew bailed, and all of them survived; seven men would spend the rest of the war in POW camps but Bob & and the co-pilot were able to escape capture. Starzynski landed in a small wood and was unhurt. Having buried his parachute and Mae West, he stayed in the woods for 9 hours having no idea whether the Germans had seen his descent.

Once it was dark and deciding that the Germans had not spotted him he began to walk. Feeling conspicuous dressed in his uniform, he got rid of his flying boots and continued to walk barefooted. Taking a risk he knocked on the door of a French farmhouse. The risk paid off. They took him in gave him food, a change of clothes and also shoes (that were too small). After several close calls and almost being killed by his own air force when two P-38's strafed a ferry near Quillebeuf, Bob was finally put in touch with the resistance and under their protection for three months. Eventually the Canadians liberated Quilebeuf and Bob was instructed to leave with them. 'They wanted me to hop on their tank and leave the area but I could not because I had to get my ID tags and money back from the underground. I sent word to the fellow who had them. He turned out to be the mayor and at first refused to hand the money over to me. The Canadians suggested I tell him that if he did not hand it over they would drive a tank right through his darned house! That did the trick and I was given back my ID tags and money'. From then on, Starzynski was sent to a small unit that dealt with downed airmen and eventually sent back to England where he met his co-pilot who had been lucky enough to be picked by the underground right away.

**MIGHTY EIGHTH:** This is the fifth year that National is attempting to have the week of October 8th to 14th, 2002 Proclaimed as "Mighty Eighth Air Force Week". In a one week period in 1943, the Eighth Air Force lost more than 100 heavy bombers. Proclamations have been sent out, we will let you know if we receive a response. To those who were flying that week, we salute you!

**REMEMBERING: V-J Day** September 2, 1945 - U. S. Air Force established Sept. 18, 1947; September 20th is designated as POW/MIA Recognition Day

On your roster under POW's add Lloyd Peterson 381st BG(H) Navigator who was shot down on 21 June 1944 and interned in Luft III. Also in Luft III was our new member Don Eldredge 306th BG(H).



*To understand a man, you must know his memories.  
The same is true of a nation*

**THE MIGHTY EIGHTH**



*The "Jubilee of Liberty" Medal*

*Presented to*

*Robert J. Starzynski*

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*In recognition of dedicated service during the  
Liberation of France and Europe*

*United States Senator  
Carol Moseley-Braun*

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# THE COLLINGS FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 248, 137 Barton Road, Stow, MA 01775

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Robert Starzynski  
5253 North Long Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60630

Dear Mr. Starzynski,

I would like to first thank you from the bottom of my heart for your service to the United States during World War Two. Your courage and determination combined with the sacrifices that you and your fellow servicemen endured while fighting for us allows me to sit here and write to you today in a country based and held in the belief of freedom and liberty for all.

The Collings Foundation tours the United States with the aircraft you fought so bravely in for that same reason... to honor you, the protectors of our freedom. For over 12 years and in over 1200 cities thus far, we have toured the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and Consolidated B-24 Liberator to educate our nation on the deeds of veterans like yourself and to encourage future generations to remember the stories of their fathers, grandfathers, and uncles so that they may not be forgotten.

Therefore it is my honor to cordially invite you and your family to join us at planeside on Sunday, July 28th 2002 at 12 Noon in front of the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant at the Palwaukee Municipal Airport for the ceremony to formally award you The Army Commendation Medal. It is truly our privilege to have you join us beside our B-17 for this wonderful occasion.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 978-562-9182.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Keough'.

Ryan Keough  
Collings Foundation



**CONSULAT GENERAL DE FRANCE  
A CHICAGO**

Chicago, April 23<sup>rd</sup> , 2002

Dear Veteran,

It is a pleasure to inform you that you will be awarded the **“Thank You America Certificate”** from the French Government for your contribution to the liberation of France during World War II. France has never forgotten the sacrifice made by all of our Allies and wants to recognize your brave action.

A special ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
in Chicago in the presence of  
**Mr. Dominique Decherf, Consul General of France in Chicago**  
with the participation of the Mayor Richard M. Daley

The Ceremony will take place  
**On Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**At Noon**  
**Daley Plaza**  
Between Randolph, Washington, State and Clark  
Chicago, Illinois

Open at 11 a.m. Family, comrades and friends are all welcome.  
Call for reservations : Alexandre Bernardeau (312)799-4591

Dominique Decherf  
Consul General



September 2002



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**NEXT MEETING: Please note: our next scheduled meeting will be October 9, 2002.**

At a vote taken at the August 14th meeting by all present, it was agreed that the meeting that would be held on September 11, 2002 be canceled in memory of those who lost their lives at the Pentagon, WTC and Pennsylvania as result of terrorist attacks on that date in 2001. The day has also been designated as 'Patriot Day' and in observance of this day the U. S. Flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sundown, not just until noon as is done on Memorial Day. In addition the people of the United States are asked to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims.

**LET'S NOT FORGET HEROES OF WWII:** We have spent the last eleven months honoring the heroes of Sept. 11, and rightfully so. Within our Illinois Chapter, we also have a group of heroes that need to be honored and not forgotten. I speak of the Veterans who served proudly during WWII and also of those who gave their lives and are 'forever young' to safeguard the freedom that so many of us take for granted today. Thank you. You will not be forgotten....*Barb Schultz*

*And now on with the news!!*

**Mail Call** 

**A DATE TO REMEMBER:** We all recall the tragic day of September 11, 2001 when terrorists bombed the World Trade Center, The Pentagon and the plane crash in Pennsylvania. For Wil Seyb, 'September 11' also holds another meaning for him. In 1944 on that date, he flew his first mission to Merseburg and failed to return. Merseburg was synonymous with Flak to crews late in 1944. It became the most heavily defended place in Hitler's crumbling empire, with more guns than Berlin. There were over a thousand flak guns defending the Leipzig area oil plants and Merseburg had 506 of these in 39 sites.

Wil and his crew in AC42-39958, piloted by Lt. J.A. Smith crash landed behind our lines in France but were safe. Very heavy losses by the 92nd BG today; the 326th BS lost 2 air craft and the 407th BS lost 8 out of 9 crews dispatched. The 92nd also had some good news to report for this day, 'Lt. Spencer and crew returned from yesterday's raid. They crashed behind our lines near General Patton's HQ. He presented each with a Bronze star, a case of champagne clearly marked "For Wermacht Use" and a had a Lt. Colonel fly them home in his C-47. Quite an exciting time for the crew.'

On February 23, 1945, Wil flew his 35th and final mission to Kitzingen. Ironically, 58 years later, Wil was grounded on September 11th, he was delayed in California when all flights were canceled due to the tragic events in America.

*for: Willard H Seyb, 92ndBG 326th BS, Radio Operator*

**TAPS:** 1Lt (ret) Donald R. Ulrey passed away Friday, August 2. Began his military career in high school at the Citizen Military Training Camp, Indiana. Spent 4 years in the infantry but always dreamed of flying. Enlisted in the AAC in 1942 applying for pilot training and became an instructor on B-17s. After awhile he finally ended up in the cockpit of his beloved P-51 to the end of WWII. In the Korean war he flew 52 missions with the 27th Fighter Escort Group. Transitioning from active duty to the Reserve he continued to fly. While on a test run, his engine blew up-he bailed out-right through the canopy, which failed to open and broke his neck, laying him up for months. Terry wrote what expresses the feelings of most of us 'He was one wonderful character and did a lot for the chapter. He dug up tons of members and guest speakers for us and I loved his tales. He always had that sparkle in his eye which told me, even though he was laid back, he had the devil in him when he was young.' Don will truly be missed.

**THE MIGHTY EIGHTH**

Monneui, TRON Jean-Pierre  
4 Rue des Voliges  
95500 GONESSE  
FRANCE.

September 11. 2002

Dear Sir,

Has 306 BG association a review or a  
newsletter?

Does a book exist about 306 BG?

Thank you very much

Sincerely

J Ron

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE  
MINISTÈRE DE LA DÉFENSE



# DIPLÔME



*de reconnaissance de la France envers les soldats des armées alliées, engagés dans les combats du débarquement en Normandie et de la Libération 1944-1945*

à M Robert J. Starzynski

1944

1945



Le mercredi 14 mai 2002

Le Secrétaire d'Etat à la Défense  
chargé des Anciens Combattants

Jean-Pierre MASSERET

# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS AWARDED

## THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

TO

**ROBERT J. STARZYNSKI**  
(THEN STAFF SERGEANT, ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES)

FOR distinguishing himself by exceptionally meritorious service in the European Theater of Operations during military operations against an enemy of the United States during World War II. Staff Sergeant Starzynski, for approximately three months, evaded capture by the enemy in France after his aircraft was shot down on 17 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Starzynski's outstanding judgment, resolve to avoid capture and his indomitable courage were in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the 367th Bomb Group (Heavy), and the United States Army.

THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE 2002

Permanent Orders 164-17 dated 13 June 2002  
U.S. Total Army Personnel Command  
Alexandria, VA 22332-0471



*Stephen G. Gray*  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

*Member Robert Starzynski of Chicago was awarded the Army Commendation Medal in a ceremony at Palwaukee Municipal Airport on July 28. The Collings Foundation touring B-17 was present for the occasion.*



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I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq Eighth Air Force, File 200.6, 1 June 1944, subject, "Awards and Decorations", an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded, posthumously, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, to the following-named Officer, organization as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this Officer upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

92nd Bombardment Group (H)

ROBERT J. CRUTCHER, O-729320, 1st Lt. Next of kin: Mrs. Ross Crutcher (Mother), 608 East Armour Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri.

II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq Eighth Air Force, File 200.6, 1 June 1944, subject, "Awards and Decorations", the AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men, organizations as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

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303rd Bombardment Group (H)

- CLYDE R. KENNEDY, O-708478, 2nd Lt. Petaluma, California.
- CHARLES W. MC COY, O-762584, 2nd Lt. Butte, Montana.
- PAUL M. MOWREY, O-818194, 2nd Lt. Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.
- ROBERT D. QUIGGLE, O-818219, 2nd Lt. Chardan, Ohio.
- JOHN R. HELMS, O-814897, 2nd Lt. West Point, Mississippi.
- WARREN B. MORRIS, O-757086, 2nd Lt. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- JOSEPH P. LUTHER, O-818177, 2nd Lt. Bellevue, Pennsylvania.
- SIMON SUMBUR, O-711504, 2nd Lt. Detroit, Michigan.

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303rd Bombardment Group (H), cont'd.

ROBERT C. BUTCHER, 33564544, Sgt. Baltimore, Maryland.  
JOSEPH R. CAPPUCCI, 34546069, Sgt. New York, New York.  
ROBERT B. HOYT, JR., 15125789, S/Sgt. Columbus, Ohio.  
FELIX M. JARA, 19149980, Sgt. Sacramento, California.  
ROBERT J. PASSENIANT, 32690483, S/Sgt. Long Island, New York.  
CHARLES R. PAYNE, 35478444, Sgt. Calhoun, Kentucky.  
GEORGE W. STUMPF, 18035136, Sgt. Santa Fe, New Mexico.  
JOHN R. WELCH, 32678158, Sgt. Skaneateles, New York.  
WILLIAM D. FOSTER, 37242029, Sgt. Abingdon, Illinois.  
JAMES M. O'LEARY, 32607628, S/Sgt. Jersey City, New Jersey.  
ROBERT H. PRESSENTIN, 36211938, Sgt. Madison, Wisconsin.  
NORMAN W. PUTNEY, 17154936, Sgt. Hutchinson, Minnesota.  
OLLICE Z. ROWE, JR., 34680478, S/Sgt. Jacksonville, Florida.  
JACK O. SEVERSON, JR., 19078456, Sgt. Baldwin Park, California.

305th Bombardment Group (H).

JULIUS A. KORMAN, O-442518, 1st Lt. Phoenix, Arizona.  
ABRAHAM (NMI) FRIEDMAN, O-709328, 2nd Lt. Highland Park, New Jersey.  
CHARLES O. KITTLE, 6991578, T/Sgt. Bradenton, Florida.

306th Bombardment Group (H)

GORDON M. INSLEY, 16151793, S/Sgt. Detroit, Michigan.

351st Bombardment Group (H)

NEWMAN (NMI) VAN TASSEL, O-729933, 1st Lt. Fort Worth, Texas.  
LAURENCE J. DINGLE, O-808801, 2nd Lt. Cleveland, Ohio.  
WILLIAM C. DISNEY, O-808802, 2nd Lt. Birmingham, Alabama.  
JOHN L. FORTIN, O-711377, 2nd Lt. Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
IRVIN R. FULTZ, O-812568, 2nd Lt. Detroit, Michigan.  
FREDERICK B. HALLER, O-762162, 2nd Lt. Missoula, Montana.  
GEORGE A. KLARE, O-708486, 2nd Lt. North Olmsted, Ohio.  
FREDERICK V. McAFEE, O-751014, 2nd Lt. Oxnard, California.  
KENNETH R. McCALL, O-757304, 2nd Lt. Redwood City, California.  
RODERICK J. ROW, T-2083, F/O. Toronto, Canada.  
RICHARD (NMI) SUTTON, O-757328, 2nd Lt. San Francisco, California.  
JOHN J. TROIANO, O-818782, 2nd Lt. Linden, New Jersey.  
PAUL A. TIERCK, O-708591, 2nd Lt. Cincinnati, Ohio.  
DAVID K. GRIFFITHS, O-551724, 2nd Lt. Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.  
RICHARD J. WEES, O-699494, 2nd Lt. Wheaton, Illinois.  
DONALD J. T. LORD, O-757229, 2nd Lt. Corte Madera, California.  
FRANK E. WHELMAN, O-757247, 2nd Lt. Glendale, California.  
CARL W. ROGGE, O-818302, 2nd Lt. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
BENTON W. ROSE, O-761466, 2nd Lt. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
ZDENEK (NMI) SEDLACEK, O-761472, 2nd Lt. Rossville, Kansas.  
LOGAN W. THACKREY, O-673753, 2nd Lt. Diagonal, Iowa.

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351st Bombardment Group (H) cont'd.

DILLON B. COBURN, 39325556, S/Sgt. Garvin, Minnesota.  
ALBERT J. CONELLI, 32735192, S/Sgt. Rochester, New York.  
GEORGE C. KOUDELKI, 17043991, S/Sgt. Nashville, Tennessee.  
WENDELL C. McCRAY, 38369722, S/Sgt. Stephenville, Texas.  
FRANCIS M. RILEY, 32709464, S/Sgt. Bronx, New York.  
RICHARD E. SNYDER, 15323245, S/Sgt. Louisville, Ohio.  
KENNETH L. STEPHENS, 18120011, S/Sgt. Albuquerque, New Mexico.  
WILLIAM H. STORMER, 36449616, S/Sgt. Wood River, Illinois.  
JOSEPH (NMI) STROZZA, 33439015, S/Sgt. Lawrence, Pennsylvania.  
HENRY A. BUCHOLZ, 39037979, Sgt. San Francisco, California.  
DONALD C. GRANDALL, 33459808, Sgt. Tampa, Florida.  
JOSEPH P. DeLAURI, 6125443, Sgt. Brockton, Massachusetts.  
KENNETH L. GRAHAM, 19186866, Sgt. Richmond, California.  
ARTHUR L. HARTWELL, 35693680, Sgt. Lawrenceburg, Indiana.  
GERALD H. JAMES, 17156657, Sgt. Easton, Minnesota.  
DANIEL J. MARKIEWICZ, 32842742, Sgt. Buffalo, New York.  
WILLIAM F. MILLS, 12136929, Sgt. South Plainfield, New Jersey.  
PETER N. MINGUS, 32808381, S/Sgt. Hollis, L.I., New York.  
CARL J. MORLEY, 35601391, S/Sgt. Liverpool, Ohio.  
WINFRED G. RIEMER, 36806537, S/Sgt. Brillion, Wisconsin.  
RICHARD M. SILE, 15095575, S/Sgt. Indianapolis, Indiana.  
FRANK L. ESPINOZA, 39243233, Sgt. Ontario, California.  
WALTER J. HOVEY, 19135539, Sgt. Toledo, Washington.  
JOHN F. MICHEL, 13031907, Sgt. Marys, Pennsylvania.  
HUGH F. SCHUYLER, 39562662, Sgt. Burbank, California.  
JOHN R. SMITH, 37354448, Sgt. Dolores, Colorado.  
DIXIE S. PARKER, 16099787, Sgt. Chicago, Illinois.  
SAMUEL C. RAMSEY, 39104994, Sgt. San Francisco, California.  
JOSEPH W. RESCHELLE, 16117289, Sgt. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
ALBERT F. RODIG, 36741582, Sgt. McHenry, Illinois.  
JESS A. SOLLS, 39264576, Sgt. Azusa, California.

381st Bombardment Group (H)

ALFORD J. GOODFELLOW, O-744373, 2nd Lt. Ozone Park, New York.  
HARRY D. BROWN, O-702371, 2nd Lt. Auburn, New York.  
ARTHUR S. PLIMMER, JR., O-817516, 2nd Lt. Worcester, Massachusetts.  
RAYMOND P. KOTKIEWICZ, T-2077, F/O. Buffalo, New York.  
HAVEN J. WILLIAMS, O-751578, 2nd Lt. Matoaka, West Virginia.  
ANTHONY B. TABOR, 16080636, S/Sgt. Chicago, Illinois.  
OTTO W. BAUMANN, 32458580, S/Sgt. Old Bridge, New York.  
EDWARD L. VACEK, 37478757, S/Sgt. Avon, South Dakota.  
JAMES C. SPAKE, 34607094, Sgt. Gaston, North Carolina.  
LOUIS F. GOC, 32768797, Sgt. Newark, New Jersey.  
JOSEPH A. HELD, 13098351, Sgt. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
JOHN H. COMBES, 36475946, Sgt. Carlinville, Illinois.  
ROGER L. BEAMAN, 39045941, Sgt. San Leandro, California.

384th Bombardment Group (H)

FREDERICK W. PRATT, JR., O-685020, 2nd Lt. Lockport, New York.

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384th Bombardment Group (H), cont'd.

EIMER S. WITHERSPOON, 15097548, S/Sgt. Marion, Kentucky.  
MARVIN L. WILSON, 39270850, S/Sgt. Casper, Wyoming.

398th Bombardment Group (H)

EUGENE M. EICHMAN, 38366427, S/Sgt. San Antonio, Texas.  
MICHAEL A. ROMANO, 17164702, S/Sgt. Omaha, Nebraska.  
LEWIS M. COOPER, 34663837, T/Sgt. Sanford, North Carolina.

457th Bombardment Group (H)

FREDERICK J. STOKINGER, O-700784, 2nd Lt. Roslindale, Massachusetts.  
DELBERT H. LAWSON, O-699831, 2nd Lt. Martins Ferry, Ohio.  
JAMES L. WARN, 37071268, Sgt. Rapid City, South Dakota.  
LESTER E. WEAVER, 13090418, Sgt. Lancaster, Pennsylvania.  
JOHN P. MEDICA, 32632868, Sgt. New York, New York.  
R. E. WAY, 10600435, Sgt. Williams, Arizona.

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91st Bombardment Group (H)

STEWART B. BUTLER, 34602562, S/Sgt. Charlotte, North Carolina.  
JACK L. SAYRE, +39282601, S/Sgt. Monrovia, California.  
ERVIN E. MOCK, 38399055, S/Sgt. Hobart, Oklahoma.  
GILBERT (NMI) BRADLEY, 37503224, S/Sgt. Chilhowee, Missouri.  
THOMAS S. Mc AVOY, JR., 11057123, S/Sgt. Lawrence, Massachusetts.  
FRANCIS J. TOCCALINO, 39035102, S/Sgt. San Francisco, California.  
THOMAS G. LINDSEY, 18090503, S/Sgt. San Antonio, Texas.  
GILBERT D. SPAUGH, JR., 14180670, S/Sgt. Winston-Salem, North Carolina.  
RAYMOND H. GLASSER, 17098106, S/Sgt. Little Sioux, Iowa.  
CHARLES L. HARRISON, 18191028, S/Sgt. Beaumont, Texas.  
EDWIN C. ROSS, 32281865, S/Sgt. Buffalo, New York.  
RAYMOND H. BROWN, 12203821, S/Sgt. Linden, New Jersey.  
ARTHUR J. CARMEN, 31302038, S/Sgt. Roxbury, Massachusetts.  
EDDIE P. WOOD, 39237044, S/Sgt. Everett, Washington.  
FRANK V. ERLINGHEUSER, 31314551, S/Sgt. Bridgeport, Connecticut.  
DONALD S. COLLINS, 32750984, S/Sgt. Ocean City, New York.  
JESSE D. CLARK, 18039354, S/Sgt. Wills Point, Texas.  
MAYO R. MASTRONARDI, 32428541, Sgt. Flushing, New York.  
CHESTER F. WALKMAN, 36854686, Sgt. Detroit, Michigan.  
ROBERT E. MCCARTHY, 13025271, Pvt. Amarillo, Texas.

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DONALD F. NIEMEYER, 19091502, S/Sgt. San Bernardino, California.  
KENNETH E. LARSON, 37554151, S/Sgt. Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
KARL P. DZIADULA, 36317597, S/Sgt. Palatine, Illinois.  
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LEON A. MOAD, 37655357, S/Sgt. Early, Iowa.  
JAMES A. DURR, 36061902, S/Sgt. Hannibal, Missouri.  
ELDON L. MC DONALD, 18216117, S/Sgt. Willis, Oklahoma.  
DAVID J. BOLNER, 18201817, S/Sgt. Del Rio, Texas.  
HERMAN J. STEINER, 32726819, S/Sgt. New York City, New York.  
JAMES F. BELVILLE, 15076723, S/Sgt. Gallipolis, Ohio.  
RICHARD E. MURPHY, 31304230, S/Sgt. Lynn, Massachusetts.  
EDGAR L. MOORE, 17133336, S/Sgt. Mt. Vernon, Illinois.  
BERT M. MULLINS, 38410954, S/Sgt. Newton, Texas.  
MARION F. ALLEN, 17097655, S/Sgt. Grennis, Arkansas.  
HARVEY W. BRUNDAGE, 37654827, Sgt. Des Moines, Iowa.

92nd Bombardment Group (H)

ROBERT M. FRITTLER, O-816679, 2nd Lt. Fort Knox, Kentucky.  
SHELDON W. KIRSNER, O-466328, 2nd Lt. Washington, D. C.  
GERALD W. NEIMY, O-810001, 2nd Lt. Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin.  
WILLIAM H. SEIGLE, O-726487, 1st Lt. Brooklyn, New York.  
JOHN A. ALFORD, O-689004, 2nd Lt. Springfield, Massachusetts.  
KENNETH H. MC CHESNEY, O-759874, 2nd Lt. Puyallup, Washington.  
JOSEPH MARKELLO, O-819132, 2nd Lt. North Collins, New York.  
AARNE O. KARVONEN, O-702927, 2nd Lt. Shirley, Massachusetts.  
WILLIAM A. STROUD, O-801579, 1st Lt. Ocala, Florida.  
KERMIT Q. COOKSEY, 35647617, S/Sgt. Ashland, Kentucky.  
ROBERT E. VOGT, 35629441, S/Sgt. Dayton, Ohio.  
ALBERT A. BELSKI, 33548723, Sgt. Ranshaw, Pennsylvania.  
J. W. BRITTON, 38410233, T/Sgt. Fernell, Texas.  
LUPE ARREAGA, 39557173, S/Sgt. Los Angeles, California.  
ERNEST M. HEIDI, 39409753, S/Sgt. Sacramento, California.  
FREDERICK C. MOYER, 15324800, T/Sgt. Phoenix, Arizona.  
ROBERT R. BLALOCK, 18090230, S/Sgt. Albuquerque, New Mexico.  
SAM HOFFNER, 32691491, Sgt. Brooklyn, New York.  
RICHARD H. EAGAN, 11099490, S/Sgt. Agawam, Massachusetts.  
DARELL E. HATCHELL, JR., 14071274, Sgt. Denham Springs, Louisiana.  
CHRISTIAN V. NEUBERGER, 32782015, T/Sgt. Brooklyn, New York.  
GLENN E. EDWARDS, 16161903, Sgt. Quincy, Illinois.

305th Bombardment Group (H)

LEON H. BABLER, O-750164, 1st Lt. Madison, Wisconsin.  
HAROLD (NMI) GOTTFELF, JR., 2nd Lt. Vicksburg, Mississippi.

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RAYMOND F. EDMISTON, 33572252, S/Sgt. Altoona, Pennsylvania.  
JOSEPH L. WAKEFIELD, 39276755, T/Sgt. San Diego, California.  
JOSEPH P. VARRIALE, 11117228, S/Sgt. Waltham, Massachusetts.  
ROGER P. RITTENBAUGH, 33413336, T/Sgt. New Kensington, Pennsylvania.  
WALTER P. LUKACS, 32077336, T/Sgt. Trenton, New Jersey.  
JAMES D. MARTIN, 39693548, S/Sgt. Ventura, California.  
WILLIAM F. TROGLE, 32727736, S/Sgt. Bronx, New York.  
ROBERT B. SCHNAPP, 12181270, Sgt. Bronx, New York.  
LITTLETON A. TAYLOR, 33209344, T/Sgt. Tenso, Virginia.  
FRANCIS P. CHAPMAN, 34434893, S/Sgt. Tryon, North Carolina.  
JAMES R. ATLES, 35602468, T/Sgt. Alliance, Ohio.  
ROGER B. JOSLYN, 31096898, T/Sgt. Westfield, Massachusetts.  
JACK E. TILTON, 15132352, S/Sgt. Painesville, Ohio.  
JAMES C. HEBRY, 34145596, S/Sgt. Knoxville, Tennessee.  
ELMER A. MC BRIDE, 15171344, S/Sgt. Stubenville, Ohio.  
LLOYD T. HICKS, 38449725, S/Sgt. Mc Caskell, Arkansas.

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JEROME E. MEEK, O-750649, 2nd Lt. Canton, Mississippi.  
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JOHN B. DOYLE, O-756201, 2nd Lt. Flint, Michigan.  
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JAMES H. LONG, O-757534, 2nd Lt. Zamora, California.  
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384th Bombardment Group (H)

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WILLIAM R. DONOHUE, O-818645, 2nd Lt. Royersford, Pennsylvania.  
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PAUL W. THOMPSON, O-817298, 2nd Lt. Cincinnati, Ohio.  
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MICHAEL J. PERRONE, 32219240, T/Sgt. Brooklyn, New York.  
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398th Bombardment Group (H)

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457th Bombardment Group (H)

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JOHN W. MORTON, O-677012, 2nd Lt. Port Angeles, California.  
GLEN S. THORNTON, O-700678, 2nd Lt. Coral Gables, Florida.  
EDWARD W. LYNCH, O-689316, 2nd Lt. Waco, Texas.  
JEROME A. SOBJEK, O-753938, 2nd Lt. Manistee, Michigan.

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VINCENT W. KRYSIAK, 32569915, Sgt. Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.  
ALFRED P. BEACON, 16129406, Sgt. Winnetka, Illinois.  
HAROLD B. RHODES, 32602618, T/Sgt. Paterson, New Jersey.  
HAROLD A. DUSSEAU, 36567042, S/Sgt. Monroe, Michigan.

Citation: For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in sustained night operational activities over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

305th Bombardment Group (H)

ROBERT (NMI) CALLAHAN, JR., O-684207, 2nd Lt. Memphis, Tennessee.  
ALBERT J. KANTOR, O-805485, 1st Lt. North Tonawanda, New York.

Citation: For meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane, while serving as crewmen on a bombardment mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Enlisted Men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

372th Bombardment Group (H)

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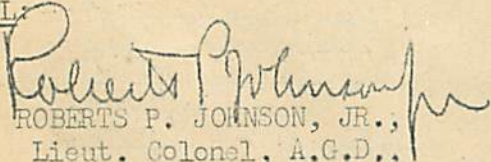
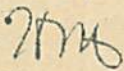
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I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq Eighth Air Force, File 200.6, 1 June 1944, subject, "Awards and Decorations", the AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men, organizations as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

92nd Bombardment Group (H)

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- FRANK R. WILSON, O-817808, 2nd Lt. Albany, Georgia.
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- HENRY W. KOEUNE, 36361938, Sgt. Morton Grove, Illinois.
- NORMAN C. LEVY, 39039233, Sgt. Richmond, California.
- JOHN F. O'DONNELL, 19152585, Sgt. Woodland, California.
- AUSTIN L. CAUDILL, 34774534, Sgt. Thurmond, North Carolina.
- JOHN F. FARADAY, JR., 36579644, Sgt. Detroit, Michigan.
- ALLEN L. HEATH, 16061330, S/Sgt. Ponca City, Oklahoma.
- HOWARD W. HOLMES, 37222746, S/Sgt. Wichita, Kansas.
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303rd Bombardment Group (H)

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- LEE C. HEIL, O-819099, 2nd Lt. Allentown, Pennsylvania.
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WALTER C. YONGE, 34399902, S/Sgt. Montgomery, Alabama.

305th Bombardment Group (H)

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ROBERT P. FREEBODY, 0-706566, 2nd Lt. Maywood, New Jersey.  
FRANK L. FABEC, 0-688012, 2nd Lt. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.  
ROYLE P. CARRINGTON, 0-665993, 1st Lt. Waco, Texas.  
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ARTHUR B. HAMMOND, 0-436940, 1st Lt. Macon, Georgia.  
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ROBERT E. NABORS, 0-700650, 2nd Lt. Goodwater, Alabama.  
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GEORGE C. PRICE, 0-819164, 2nd Lt. Mason Town, Pennsylvania.

351st Bombardment Group (H)

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LEONARD M. WALLINE, 16119165, Sgt. Mason, Michigan.  
LARRY E. LANGERS, 19110507, S/Sgt. Tucson, Arizona.  
ABE J. NAIDITCH, 37095163, S/Sgt. Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
HARRY E. SCHUBEL, 16150502, S/Sgt. Caro, Michigan.  
ROY E. WHITE, 34600308, S/Sgt. High Point, North Carolina.  
JAMES E. BURROUGHS, 35574850, Sgt. Westfield, Indiana.  
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379th Bombardment Group (H)

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381st Bombardment Group (H)

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HOWARD I. PIPPENGER, 15328304, Sgt. Elkhart, Indiana.  
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ANTONIO (NMI) LOYA, 19177176, S/Sgt. Anaheim, California.

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MALCOLM L. PRATHER, O-705416, 2nd Lt. Grant City, Missouri.  
CHARLES A. WALKUP, JR., O-703910, 2nd Lt. Westboro, Massachusetts.  
HARRY W. HOUCHEMS, O-736773, 1st Lt. Smithfield, Kentucky.  
JEAN B. MILLER, O-793148, Capt. Portland, Oregon.  
JOHN C. BIRD, 34722379, T/Sgt. Cleveland, Tennessee.  
ALFRED E. BURKE, 17058402, T/Sgt. Wichita, Kansas.  
KENNETH E. SHUTTS, 35316797, T/Sgt. Chagrin Falls, Ohio.  
FRANKLIN P. HICINBOTHEN, JR., 13091695, S/Sgt. Morristown, New Jersey.  
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JOHN W. O'BRIEN, 18083337, S/Sgt. Marshall, Texas.

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HENRY L. BAKER, 13110501, S/Sgt. Franklin, Pennsylvania.  
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WILFRED G. BAUMGARTNER, 33568860, T/Sgt. Altoona, Pennsylvania.  
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CONSTANTINE (NMI) NICHOLAS, 33586739, S/Sgt. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
NOMA R. NORMAN, 14063503, Sgt. Clarkrans, Tennessee.  
JOY F. STACY, 38357580, S/Sgt. Alpna Pass, Arkansas.  
PHILIP M. MURILLO, 37656593, S/Sgt. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.  
R. C. ZEAGLER, 38412949, Sgt. Jasper, Texas.  
JOSEPH E. COOK, 17122329, Sgt. St. Louis, Missouri.  
DOUGLAS C. ELLISON, 16087870, S/Sgt. Superior, Wisconsin.

Citation: For meritorious achievement in the destruction of one enemy airplane, while serving as crewman on a bombardment mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this Enlisted Man upon this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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JAMES A. DURR, 36061902, S/Sgt. Hannibal, Missouri.

II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq Eighth Air Force, File 200.6, 1 June 1944, subject, "Awards and Decorations", an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded, for wear with the Air Medal previously awarded, to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men, organizations as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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92nd Bombardment Group (H)

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WILLIAM T. ENNIS, O-793748, 1st Lt. Rockville Center, New York.  
JOHN F. DUNN, O-812959, 2nd Lt. Chicago, Illinois.  
WILBUR B. MC ELROY, O-696384, 2nd Lt. Pendleton, Oregon.  
GEORGE L. BURKHALTER, JR., O-808365, 1st Lt. Macon, Georgia.  
JACK S. GROSS, O-752566, 2nd Lt. Kingsland, Georgia.  
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MARTON L. DU BOIS, 35563967, S/Sgt. Logansport, Indiana.  
JAMES E. RICH, 39693129, S/Sgt. Healdsburg, California.  
JOSEPH A. SABATINO, 32776236, S/Sgt. Jamesburg, New Jersey.

303rd Bombardment Group (H)

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CLARENCE L. COGDELL, 34721359, S/Sgt. Greenville, Tennessee.  
GEORGE (NMI) KEPICS, 32480441, S/Sgt. Trenton, New Jersey.  
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HYMAN J. LANDA, 32884427, Sgt. Bronx, New York.  
SZYMON A. FRIEDMAN, 32228384, S/Sgt. Jamaica, New York.  
NEIL M. MC KINNON, 39128264, S/Sgt. Weitchpec, California.  
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305th Bombardment Group (H)

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306th Bombardment Group (H)

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FERMAN J. MILLETTE, JR., O-809848, 2nd Lt. Greenville, Mississippi.  
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THOMAS W. FOWLER, 34547385, S/Sgt. Miami Beach, Florida.  
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RAYMOND (NMI) PAOLINI, 39083390, S/Sgt. Elmira, California.  
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351st Bombardment Group (H)

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ROBERT E. TAYLOR, O-803707, 1st Lt. Chicago, Illinois.  
RALPH L. WILLARD, O-803921, 1st Lt. Manchester, Iowa.  
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JOSEPH W. SLOBODA, O-755118, 2nd Lt. Charleroi, Pennsylvania.  
JACK L. SPENCE, O-752952, 2nd Lt. Portland, Oregon.  
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BERTRAM S. SCHWARTZ, 13168039, T/Sgt. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.  
JAMES O. ATKINS, 7084788, S/Sgt. Jacksonville, Florida.  
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379th Bombardment Group (H)

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GEORGE W. BLACK, 37195780, S/Sgt. Marengo, Iowa.  
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RALPH W. PUTMAN, O-698769, 1st Lt. Blanchester, Ohio.  
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RALPH H. SIMS, O-710336, 2nd Lt. Warners, New York.  
WILLIAM E. USHER, O-819220, 2nd Lt. Fayette City, Pennsylvania.  
JOSEPH C. HAINZER, O-816662, 2nd Lt. Dilliner, Pennsylvania.  
FRANK L. SCURLOCK, O-814568, 2nd Lt. W. Middletown, Ohio.  
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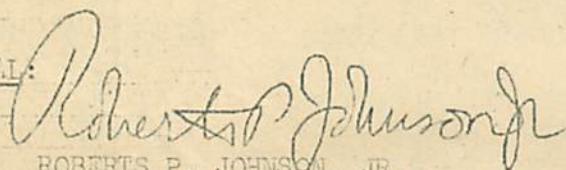
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