

Tom,

Many thanks. Another very interesting letter.

B-24 # 825 was B-24H (NITE) - 20 FO 42-94825 "S" in 856th BS. It was originally assigned to 489th BG at Halesworth where it was in 847th BS as S4 S- and named MALFUNCTION JUNCTION. It was flown to Valley on 9 Jul 45 and thence back to the ZI by a crew piloted by Lt (?) Hanf.

The information about our old friend THE RED BALL EXPRESS (42-40992) confirms that it was nearing the end of its days. It had been under ATC orders on 7 Apr 45 when I seem to recall it flew out to the 14th AF in India & the Far East

If Don Heran is still alive, is there any way of asking him whether 42-94825 was still named MALFUNCTION JUNCTION when he and his crew flew it?

Tom B.

Dans un e-mail daté du 31/03/2005 16:16:42 Romance Standard Time, webmaster@carpetbaggers.org a écrit :

Tom,

Thought you might like the tidbit in the attached.

Enjoy,
TE, ret.

Tom,

Great stuff - thanks. The two that went to Kunming were:

42-40362 F in 856th
42-40992 I in 856th named THE RED BALL EXPRESS (apparently only on the port side because this is the plane on the dust cover of Ben Parnell's book and there is neither name nor nose art on the starboard side).

Source of this info: 492nd BG (H) Monthly Inventory Reports of Aircraft for 6 Apr and 6 May 45, both of which include the two aircraft in Part II (on hand at Station service unit). My database shows that the two aircraft were transferred to ATC on 7 Apr 45 (the day after the first of the two inventory reports). This would be in keeping with a flight to another theatre although Ben Parnell gives the transfer date as 30 Mar 45. On the 6 Jun 45 inventory report the two aircraft are back on Part I, indicating that they had returned to Harrington.

As soon as my pile diminishes, it builds up again. For the time being, I am doing no more than marking time!

I may have asked you this before and if so, please forgive me: have you any more pages from the F/C Logs for AAF Station 179, "Watch Log" than those that I have for the end of 25 Apr, 26 Apr and the beginning of 27

Apr 45? The file reference is File.# GP-492-SU-RE-D, 13 Feb to 11 Jul 1945 (7195-62E). I should dearly like to get my hands on similar documents for Cheddington as well as for Stations where some of the daylight bombing groups were based. Can you point me in the right direction?

One more question. At a meeting with Roger Freeman during my recent visit to England, I learned that Mark H. Brown who is credited with a lot of 3rd BD photos was the official photographer for the Division. The photos, which appear in several books, are in fact credited to "Mark H. Brown via USAFA". Could any of your friends at the Academy supply a listing of all these photos and can copies be obtained either electronically or as prints? If so, what would be the cost?

Tom.

Dans un e-mail daté du 18/11/2004 16:30:21 Romance Standard Time, webmaster@carpetbaggerops.org a écrit :

Tom,

Ever get through the pile? I'm still working on Ben Parnell's pile. Came across the attached, and as usual, Ben doesn't cite sources, but I thought the comment about two planes going to Kunming might interest you. It is at least an indicator that somewhere in the records we might find out which two!

Enjoy,
TE, ret.







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