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Dear John,

I have done as you requested with the picture and sent it to John Deuney in Rochester, N.Y.

I also sent him a brief history of the crew. Maybe he can use it along with the picture.

I'm sending you exactly what I sent to him. Thanks for your interest in the crew even though your father is dead. I enjoyed talking with you the other day.

Just one story: I was the bombardier. Sometimes the bombs failed to release from the bomb rack, one, sometimes a few. When that happened I would have to wait until we were over water, then I had to hang over an open bomb bay, hang on with one hand, and with a screw driver, manually trip the bomb release. (we could not land with bombs aboard). Your dad would never let me do that alone. He always accompanied me and held me tight while I was suspended over the open bomb bay. you don't forget things like that. He didn't have to take that risk but he did. He was a real teammate.

Enjoy your new home. Have a good life -

Sincerely, Wright Swanay