

October 7, 1991

H.C. Woodrum:

It's been many years since we flew together with the 495th Squadron and shot down on May 28, 1944. I never saw any of my crew members again but I thought I'd try to reach you thru the AFMPC Worldwide Locator. This is my last hope.

Hope you are well and life has been good to you. I have no way of knowing who survived when we were shot down. Sgt. Hickey's wife called me after the war and wanted to know who he died so It looks like he didn't make it.

The reason for this letter is that the Air Force is denying me my commission as a bombardier and also denying me a Purple Heart from when I was shot down and wounded by Flak and also by the German Soldiers. I am sending you a copy of a letter I sent to the VA. I can't seem to get anywhere with them. They say my records were burnt in a fire in St. Louis in 1973.

I was hoping that you could help me with your recollections when we were shot down and perhaps you have records I don't have. I would be happy to reimburse you for any of your trouble.

My health is very poor but before I die I want very much to correct my records for my own satisfaction.

I would like to correspond with you so hopefully this letter will reach you.

Sincerely,

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