



## Historian's Corner

Hello 307<sup>th</sup> BG Members:

If you have any questions about your or your loved ones military records with the 307th BG, let me help you find the details that will make your search complete. I may be reached through the website or directly at [307thbg@comcast.net](mailto:307thbg@comcast.net) or by phone: [\(804\)277-8014](tel:8042778014).

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### Recent Communications:

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September 27, 2013-email to Tom Bonney, son of an 868<sup>th</sup> BS Snoopers

Tom,

I enjoyed meeting you at the 13th AF/307th BG Reunion. If you haven't already, I hope you will consider joining the 307th BG Assoc. I have considerable information about the Snoopers including a film with a Snoopers B-24 among the bombers on the mission. Do you have your father's mission log? If so, shoot me a copy and we will cross-reference for records/films etc. With

some luck, we will find some film of your father on mission(s). As promised, below is the link for the database of Snooper aircraft complete with Serial #'s and known Nose Art. I'm sure you dad would have flown on many of these B-24's. If you are aware of others not included, please let me know and I will do my best to find them. Please send me both you and your father's complete info; name, rank, MOS (position on bomber), ASN (Army Serial Number), snail mail address, home email, phone numbers, etc., and I will add it to our database. Our database, some of which you began to see at our reunions, is available to all our members and we are adding to it on a daily basis. Here's the membership link:

<http://www.307bg.net/member/>

Here's the link to the Snooper B-24's, let me know which ones your dad flew:

<http://search.freefind.com/find.html?lang=en&id=47862833&pageid=r&query=868>

Jim McCabe, Historian

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Saturday, September 7, 2013

My uncle, SSgt. Robert N. Furtwangler was the assistant engineer of the above entitled bomber. He and the crew were MIA on June 30, 1943. They were members of the 307th BG, 370 BS. They flew missions from Carney Field on Guadalcanal. The name of their plane was: "Momentary Dysentery".

I am researching a book about my uncle and the missions the 370th flew in the Pacific. I am looking for any after action reports, mission orders etc. that will assist me in reconstructing the types of missions the crew flew while on Carney. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Sgt. Thomas C. Robison  
United States Army Rangers (retired)

Tom,

Have you seen these?

<http://www.pacificwrecks.com/aircraft/b-24/42-40254.html>

<http://www.307bg.net/aircraft/inventory.asp> -On this

attachment, see line 180 for A/C Data tab and line 157 for Crew Losses tab. So far I have found these 370th Bombardment Squadron records. See pages 11 and 16.

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Jim, Thank you for your help. I now know that my uncle's plane made a water landing 1/4 mile NW of Rendova Is. and that he was awarded the Air Medal for the Wake Island raid on December 24, 1942.

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Tom,

If you (Robert's family) do not have this medal, it and the others he was awarded can be replaced free of charge through: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/replace-medals.html> Please send me your contact information (address, phone #'s) and I will add you to our database. There are a few veterans who were on the Wake Mission with Robert. If you would like, I can put you in contact with them. His loss is also documented in Sam Walker's book, Up the Slot. I hope you will consider joining the 307th BG Assoc. and attending a reunion. Both this book and membership information is available on our website; [www.307bg.net](http://www.307bg.net)

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Jim,

I would love to talk to anyone who knew my uncle Robert or to anyone who was on the mission when his plane was lost. Also, I would be honored to join the 307th BG Association. Please send me membership information.