



AMERICAN RED CROSS

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marauder

Dear Phog:

Since I am doing my own typing, I will omit all formality and warn you that sooner or later mistakes will probably occur.

I enclose herewith a picture of Lt. Col. Jay B. Smith of Valley Center, Kansas, our Group Operations officer. The scoreboard on the side of the ship does not correctly show the true number of missions that it has flown. The Jayhawk has already lead our Group on a number of missions over occupied territory. She is a tough ship with many battle scars but has never failed to get there, deliver and come back.

Jay flew against the Japs in the Aleutians before coming to us so he is not exactly a novice. He was very much pleased when I showed him the Jayhawk model and said he'd refrained from naming his ship because he'd been trying to get a Jayhawk for it.

Thanks for the co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

Goodwin

H. W. Goodwin

Our G. I. artist is a city boy who doesn't have much of an idea of a wing. It almost stumped him. The blue, red and yellow did not photograph very well but he is really a gorgeous old bird.

H. W. G.