

2-8-91
Lenoir, N.C.

Russell Strong
Secretary
306 Bomb Group Association

Dear Russell,

I would like a mission report on a Bomb raid that I was on that the target was a bridge in the Mountains between France and Italy.

This was a special mission with just a few planes involved. Maybe 12 or 18 planes. The Germans were using this bridge to retreat out of Italy.

I was a crew member on Capt. Switzer's Crew.
(over)

We were the lead plane
with Capt Franz the Bombardier

We destroyed the bridge.
I was the tail gunner
and saw the bombs hit on one
side and go all the way across
the bridge.

Our crew was over there
from April 44 to Dec 44. I
do not remember the month
or the day this mission took
place.

I would appreciate any
information about this mission
that you have.

(this is my new)
address

Thanks
Charles R. Clark
2512 Breatwood Cir
Wenonah, N.C. 28645

Inclosed is the \$5.00 fee

PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Date. 9-26-84

Complete this form and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary, 306th BG Assoc.,
5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205, to be filed with 306th records.

LAST NAME: *Clark* FIRST NAME: *Charles* MI: TITLE:
Street Address: Telephone: (704)
2512 Brentwood Cir. Zip + 4: *728-2509*
City, State Telephone: ()
Lenoir, N.C. 28645 Zip + 4: _____
Winter Address: _____
Same City, State _____

Date of birth: *9-24-24* Wife's name: *Horetta* #c
#gc
#ggc
College(s) attended: _____ Degree(s), & when: _____

Last employment & job title & retirement date:

Bernhardt Furniture

Serial #(s):

Squadron: *369th* Specialty:

Date joined 306th:

April 1944
Special duties or assignments w/306th:

If combat, what crew?

Switzer's Crew

No of missions flown:

28
Date leaving 306th:*Dec. 1944*
Other 8AF units served with, and when:

Date of last mission:

November - 1944
Highest rank/grade w/306th:*s/sgt.*

Top service assignment after 306th:

Live Crew Chief San Angelo Air Base

USAF retirement date:

Sept. 30, 1945

Rank/grade:

s/sgt.

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of
the Squadrons or other units serving with the 306th, are sought by the sec-
retary, as many of these do not appear in any collections of materials in
National Archives or the Air University.

If you know of others who served with the 306th and who do not appear in the
current 306th Directory, please add their names and current/WWII hometowns
or other addresses to the back of this sheet so that searches may be imple-
mented to add them to our present 306th roster.

Dear Russell,

I am sending my Personal Record Update, and I am attaching this letter to it.

I would like to ask you about the plane # 102557 that was on display at our reunion in Des Moines. It is Ice cold Kette the plane that I flew in.

I talked to Robert Houser about it, He said that he thought that it was an enlargement of a small photo that you have.

I would like to have an enlargement of the plane the same size as the one in Des Moines.

If you could help me with it. I would appreciate

Washed photo
22 Nov 94

Yours truly
Charles R. Clark

Wennoir, N.C.
12-3-94

Dear Russ,

I really appreciate you letting me use the Photo of Ice Cold Katie to make a enlarged Photo.

I had a 11"X14" made and it turned out great.

thank you

Hope you and your family have a happy Merry Christmas and New Year.

Charles Clark

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1-12-04

Lenoir, N.C.

Dear Russell,

Glad to hear that you are working on a Book of pictures of 306 ~~th~~ Crews. Hope that I can get one of them.

The picture that you sent me is a picture of Thompson's crew after Alfred Switzer finished his missions. Switzer flew at first with other lead crews to become a lead pilot. the rest of the crew needed to fly about 6 or 7 missions after he left.

I can identify most of the crew in the picture you sent me

First Row Left to Right - James Justice; Robert Reers; Charles Clark; Donald Newirth.

Back Row Left to Right - Fred Palmer, second man was Thompson's

Co-pilot; whose name I have
forgot. third man is William Thompson;
fourth man is John Mr. Pherson;
fifth man is Carl Frantz

sorry I do not know co-pilot's
name; I think we had several
co-pilots until we finished our
missions with Thompson.

I have lost or misplaced
about all of my crew pictures.
I am sending you two pictures

You can use them if you
want too. You do not have
to return them to me. I
have noted names on Back.

Hope to see you at our
reunion; where??

369th Fighter Biter's
Charles Clark