

24 April 1981

Dr. William Colantoni
108 University Drive
Greensburg, PA

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for the loan of your materials. It was the biggest group of orders I had seen in many months and I found eight or 10 different things to add to my collection of 306th orders.

I packed everything back, and sent it by UPS today, so it may well arrive before this letter.

I kept 17 pictures, and have sent them along to Casey Jones, who does my copying for me. He will probably have them back to me in a couple of weeks.

I certainly appreciate your sending the items along, as every little piece helps complete the picture. On one of the orders I found a name which I did not have in the file, and also picked up a number of bits of information that I needed.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

R E S T R I C T E D

Special Orders)
No. 52)

WAR DEPARTMENT,
1 Mar. 44,
Washington,

E X T R A C T

Par. 17. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following-named officers to the grades indicated in the AUS-AC with rank fr date of this order under the provisions of Public Law 455 77th Congress approved 16 Feb 1942:

1st Lt to Capt

William Colantoni

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By order of the Secretary of War:

G. C. MARSHALL,
Chief of Staff.

Official:

J. A. ULIO,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

A TRUE COPY:

ROBERT F. BIRD,
2nd Lt, Air Corps.

5/18/81

~~4/28/81~~

Greensburg, Pa.

Dear Russ -

Enclosed is \$100⁰⁰/₁₀₀ to help you in your work in compiling the history of the 306th (H) Bomb Sq, in which we were members in ~~It It It~~. I meant to get this to you sooner.

I received the box containing my 201 file, and many thanks to you. Good luck

Sincerely

William Colantoni M.D.

P5 - Received the pictures

Thanks
Bill

26 May 1981

Dear Bill:

Just a note to express my thanks and appreciation for your recent contribution to the 306th Research Fund. It came at a critical moment when I needed some extra funds to complete several projects.

The book is coming well at this point, and I expect to have my rewrite completed before my wife and I leave for Scandinavia June 22. I hope to meet with a publisher in early June and to complete arrangements for publication during July.

Thus, if all goes well, the book may be out sometime during late 1981. My wife will be happy to see it move along, as it has been a seven-year struggle to get the whole project moving.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong



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532 WEST PITTSBURGH STREET GREENSBURG, PA. 15601 Ph. 412/832-4000

4/12/81

Dear Russ,

I am sorry, I got these records to you so late. I had some trouble locating them. I am sending you the entire navigation kit bag, containing almost all my records in the air force.

Please take care of them, as I prize them very much. My address is: —

William Colantoni M.D.
108 University Drive
Greensburg Penna
15601

Thanks —

Bill

P.S. — I'll send you \$100.00 to help defray your expenses, shortly

(over)

Bill Colantoni

Apr 1983

After being on plane to successfully
bomb Ham, Colantoni returned
& was placed under arrest for
bombing Ham, leaving gun
& returning half hour late. Putna
called Colantoni a liar & a bastard.
Photos proved bombs hit middle of
marshalling yard & then crossed bridge,
wrecking it.

Putna finally selected on money
court where Putna Colantoni challenged
him. Later Lanzaro court & Colantoni
again challenged him. Putna tried to
Dew dist after that until Robin arrived.

WILLIAM COLANTONI, M.D., F.A.C.A. - D.A.B.A.

BOX K., EMERY ROAD

RICHEYVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA 15358

PHONE 412 632 - 2102

8/14/98

Dear Russ: —

Let fit your answering service - you cannot
leave a message, since it keeps ringing. Secondly
my correct address is as above, and my phone is
724-632-5647 now. Thirdly my wife
Marie Brown Colantoni died on March 17, 1998
at the Washington Hospital; Washington Pa

Sincerely

Dr. Bill Colantoni

MARIE BROWN COLANTONI
Died 3/17/98 at 5:35 AM

WILLIAM COLANTONI, M.D., F.A.C.A. - D.A.B.A.

BOX K., EMERY ROAD

RICHEYVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA 15358

PHONE ~~412-682-2182~~ 724-632-5647

Dear Russ: - I wrote to you recently concerning my experience
in a secret mission to Hamm. At this time I was charged by
The Col. Claude Rutzman and was placed under arrest in quarters
but to have the court martial changed to a Kemmer Court. However, I
did not hear from Col Kemmer nor from Carey Jones, who are crucial to my
statements. I was wondering whether the story was being covered up,
for a better and spottier picture of what really happened to us during the
mission and following our return and the photos I had taken of the mission,
and what happened to them.

Please let me know. I will be waiting for a return
message. Our crew was placed in the lowest Squadron on a

subsequent mission

Bill Colantoni