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Mr. Russell J. Strong
Editor - 306th Echoes
306th Bomb Group Association
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, NC 28205

Dear Russell:

I have had a nice visit to Bedford, England and Thurleigh, as well as Luton. (Sept. 28-29-30, 1989)

We had a reunion with Sweet-Pea, the little girl that the 367th Bomb Sqdn (H) Sponsored through the Red Cross. See 'Skyways to Berlin' book.

The little girl was three years old at the time and I was twenty. The 'Little Girl' is Mrs. Maureen Eason, husband is Reggie Eason, of 33 Link Lane, Wallington, Surrey, England, SM6 9EA.

Maureen is now 50 years of age and I am 67

I met with the 306th Bomb Group Association people in Bedford, 'Oakley', and at Thurleigh at the monument. Pictures were taken by Mrs. Connie Richards of the Association and the meeting at the home of Gordon and Connie Richards by the Photographer from the Bedford times.

I wanted to see you at the Little Rock, Arkansas annual meeting but my son who was taking me to Ireland (Dublin) to see my In-Laws (I married an Irish girl during WWII in Bedford, England on 1-1-44) and to go over England and meet with the Association members, The Richards and the Eason's and others.

I know that you know the Richards's, Connie & Gordon, 14 Pavenham Rd, Oakley, BEDFORD MK43 7SY, England. They are head of the 306th Bomb Gp Association in the Bedford, England area.

Since I am retired from the USAF as a Senior Master Sergeant (E-8), I have an official I.D. Card and was able to gain access and escorted by Mr. Ralph Franklin of the Air Ministry and the 306th Bomb Group Assoc. Not very much left of the old base other than old parking ramps and the mess hall (Enlisted), plus a hangar that has been moved.

The Richards' are going to forward photos so I can send them on to you at that time.

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You may want to ask for photo's direct from the Bedford Times and from the Richard's.

I had my picture taken at the monument of the 306th Historical Assoc. at Thurleigh and signed the guest book for visitor's.

I had a good trip and will try to go over there again. We should always offer full assistance in all ways to the British arm of the 306th B omb Group Historical Association.

Sincerely Yours,


Irvin W. Combs Jr.
Senior Master Sergeant
USAF Retired
367th Bomb Sqdn (H), 306th Bomb Gp (H), AAF # 111

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PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE
306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary,
306th BG Association, 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205.

Date completed 11-01-94

LAST NAME: Combs Jr FIRST NAME: IRVIN MI: W TITLE: MR/SMS

Street address: 972 Roland Telephone: ()

City, State, Zip: Memphis, TN zip + 4: 38114-1533

Date of birth: 12/16/21 Wife's name:

College(s) attended: Southern Law Univ / Memphis State Univ. Degree(s): LLB Year(s): 1956

Last employment & job title & retirement date: Engrng Mgr for Schewing Pumps
Feb. 29, 1976.

Reunions attended: NONE

Serial #: 17000³394 Squadron: 367th Bomb Sqdn (A) Specialty: A-1Z Mach, Special
A/O INSPECTOR

Date joined 306th: Aug. 42 If combat, what crew: N/A

Special duties or assignments w/306th: A/C INSPECTOR

Number of missions flown: N/A Date of last mission: N/A

Date left 306th: 05/10/45 Highest rank/grade w/306th: SGT

Other 8th AF units served with: N/A

Top service assignment after 306th: A/C Maint Wing Chief of Maint

USAF retirement date: OCT. 25, 1969 Rank/grade: SMSGT

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 secretary, as many of these do not appear in any collections of materials in Federal files:

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