

RECORD UPDATE

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and give)
(to Russ Strong at the Las Vegas reunion, or mail to his ad-)
(dress: 5323 cheval Pl., Charlotte, NC 28205)

Date completed 11/1/88

LAST NAME: Cook FIRST NAME: Louis G. Title:
Street address: 10410 E. Prince Rd Telephone: (602) 749-3251
City, state, zip: Tucson, AZ 85749

Date of birth: 6/30/20 Wife's name: Lorraine
College(s) attended: Miss. State Degree(s): - Year(s): 2 yrs
Last employment & job title: Captain, Trans World Airlines

Year joined 306th Association:

Reunions attended: (by year or location) Las Vegas '88

Serial #: 0-791074 Sqdn: 306 Speciality: Combat crew

Date joined 306th: Dec. 1942 If combat, what crew? Cook's

Special duties or assignments w/306th: Flight commander

If commissioned w/306th, date & specialty:

Date departed: Nov. 1943 Highest rank/grade w/306th: Captain

Other 8thAF units served with:

Top service assignments after 306th: Flight commander, B-29 school, Maxwell AFB

USAF retirement date: August 1945 Rank/grade: Major
SEPTEMBER,

Most memorable experience w/306th: (use back of sheet, too)
Probably the Schwienfurt mission in which I led the composite group
assigned to the 306th that day. We lost not one aircraft, but saw
quite a show, as we were flying high group.

In the continuing search for 306th people, please inform the secretary as to any
persons you know from the 306th who are not listed in the 1988 directory; con-

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE
Russell A. Strong, Rt. 1, Scotch Meadows Dr. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Name LOUIS G. COOK
Address 10410 E. PRINCE RD. TUCSON, AZ 85715
Telephone 602-749-3251 Date 9/1/77
Occupation AIRLINE CAPTAIN Employer TWA
Address Los Angeles AIRPORT Telephone _____

Service Record:

Before joining the 306th: ARMY AF CADET: CLASS 426
thru Combat training programs: S.E. BRING - 5-17
17 1942 + 43 BOISE - "
CANTON - "
SALINA - "

After leaving the 306th: S.E. TRAINING CENTER
MAXWELL AFB, ALA
DITTO CORTLAND, ALA.
B-24 or B-29

306th Record:

Arrival Date MARCH 1943 Squadron or other unit 368th
MOS 7 MOS. Combat Status 7 MOS.
Missions Completed 25
Promotions _____ HIGHEST RANK: MAJOR
Decorations 1 AM 3olcs 1 DFC 3olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM
PH Battle Stars _____ other _____

LEFT 306th 6 NOV. 1943

23 September 1977

Mr. Louis G. Cook
10410 E. Prince Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85715

Dear Louis:

Enclosed are the materials which you sent me. Thanks so much, as I found them helpful. I copied the orders and am thus returning them, as I have just made this a standard practice, and besides, the paper on which they were originally duplicated is deteriorating so rapidly that I need fresh copies to work with.

The letters were interesting, and certainly give an interesting touch 30 years later to the concerns of parents while we were flying.

I am enclosing a copy of an earlier newsletter, which you probably have not seen because it contains the addresses of several of your crew members, and also because on the last page is a copy of a painting done by Lee Kessler of the mission on which he went down with Max Judas.

If you come across any other materials or people connected with the 306th, I would appreciate learning about them. Do your trips ever take you into Charlotte, NC? If so, let me know sometime when you are going to be there and I'll drive over for a chat.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Commanding Officer
United States Forces

(A-6)

APO 634,
6 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Re-assignment of LOUIS G. COOK, Captain,
O-791074.

TO : Whom it May Concern.

1. Subject Officer has completed 149.50 hours of Combat Flying as a Pilot and Flight Commander. He has completed a total of twenty-five (25) Combat Missions, during the course of which he destroyed no Enemy Aircraft and has been decorated or is eligible for the following decorations:

Air Medal	Five Missions
Oak Leaf Cluster	Ten Missions
Distinguished Flying Cross	Extraordinary Achievements
Oak Leaf Cluster	Fifteen Missions
Oak Leaf Cluster	Twenty Missions
Oak Leaf Cluster to DFC	Extraordinary Achievements

2. Subject Officer's performance of duty is rated by his Commanding Officer as Superior.

3. Assignment of subject Officer, immaterial.

GEORGE L. ROBINSON,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

10410 E. Prince Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85749
March 12, 1988

Mr. Russ Strong, Editor
306th Echoes ,
2041 Hillsdale
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Dear Russ:

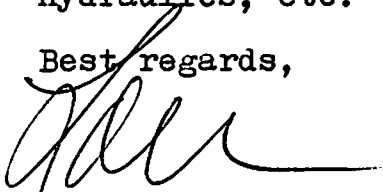
I did not receive the convention folder inside the "Echoes", and would appreciate your sending me one. I plan to attend this fall.

I have enclosed a self addressed envelope for this purpose. Also inclosed, is a small contribution to help with whatever you need to continue your fine work.

I do enjoy receiving the publication. It helps me keep up on things a little bit.

Hope to see you in Las Vegas this fall. I hope to fly my airplane, that I am building, to the convention. I have been working on it for a year now, and it is essentially done. It needs a lot of detail now such^{as} electrical system, avionics, hydraulics, etc.

Best regards,



L. G. Cook