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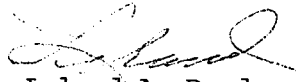
Russell A. Strong
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I have just received a directory of the 306th Association and have enjoyed looking through the lists. I have sent to William Collins a check to help defray the cost of the publication. I would appreciate being placed on the list for the quarterly publication of 306th Echoes and if there is a cost or dues involved please let me know.

I have some information in a note book that I collected while a POW in Germany (10/14/1943) and would be glad to type up a lot of names that I accumulated and send to you as well as some other items. I might mention that the names do not include any Air Force connection, due to the Germans getting the book, so therefore they may or may not be of the 306th.

Enclosed is a stamped-self addressed envelope for your convenience in replying to this letter.

Sincerely,



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July 3, 1987

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Dear Russ,

The enclosed material for most parts is self explanatory, and I told Hilton and DeWolf that I would send the material to you just in case it may be of interest for some issue of the 306th Echoes.

While the three of us were together we called and talked to Ralph Ellsworth. Gates and Bentley are the only two left that I have not been able to locate. Recently I had a card from you stating that you are sending it to a VA contact to see if I can locate them.

We are going to try to put together a paper on as many of the fellows that we can and if and when it is completed will send you a copy.

If I can be of assistance on any matter regarding the association please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,



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