

NEW MEMBER

RECORD UPDATE

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to Russ Strong at the reunion, or mail to Russ Strong, 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205) Little Rock 1989

Date completed Nov. 16, 1990

LAST NAME: GIRARDOT FIRST NAME: THOMAS P. TITLE: T/SGT.

Street address: 910 HARCOURT Telephone: (313) 331-7712

City, state, zip: GROSSE POINTE PARK, MICHIGAN 48230

Date of Birth: 6-14-23

Wife's name: MARY MARGARET (PEG)

College(s) attended:

Degree(s): Year(s):

Last employment and job title:

RONEY & CO. - DETROIT, MICH.
STOCK BROKER (RETIRED)

Reunions attended: (by year or location)
NONE

Serial #: 16083421 Squadron: 368TH Specialty: RADIO OPERATOR GUNNER

Date joined 306th: AUG. 1944 If combat, what crew:

R. EDWARDS
THEN RICHARD CLAEYS

Special duties or assignments w/306th:
COMBAT CREW - RADIO OPERATOR GUNNER

Number of missions flown: 35 Date of last mission: 12-29-44

Date left 306th: 1-5-45 Highest rank/grade with 306th: T/SGT.

Other 8th AF units served with:
NONE

Top service assignments after 306th: NONE

USAF retirement date: OCT. 1945 Rank/grade: T/SGT.

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the squadrons or other units, will be welcomed by the secretary.

If you know of other 306th people who do not appear in the directory, please add their names and current or former addresses to this sheet so that we may search further for them.

PILOT CAPT. RICHARD CLAEYS (KIA. OVER YUGOSLAVIA) IN OCT OR NOV 1945
FROM ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS

SGT. PALMER SWOPE - ARMORER GUNNER
NORTHUMBERLAND, PENNSYLVANIA C/O FIRE DEPT.

BOMBARDIER LT. ERVIND MILLER, JR. FROM GARY, IND. OR HAMMOND INDIANA

LT. KEITH WARNER - NAVIGATOR - ADDRESS UNKNOWN
SGT. RAYMOND JOHNSON - TAIL GUNNER - DECEASED 1947
SGT. MALCOLM C. MORLEY - ENGINEER - GUNNER - BELLE PLAIN, KANSAS
LT. WALTER CORRELL - CO. PILOT - LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
SGT. DIANE BIENEMAN - GUNNER - IOWA OR NEBRASKA
SGT. LOUIE BROWN - GUNNER - GAGWAD MICHIGAN

Feb 12, 1992

Dear Curie

Many thanks to you. With the 1990 roster I was able after all these years to contact my pilot Robert Edwards - my copilot Walter Correll - my engineer Mahlon Woolley and I was able to thank them for bringing me through safely. I am still looking for a few others.

For the 92 directory - I didn't want to cut up my paper so please me the following info as requested.

THOMAS C. GIRARDOT

910 HARCOURT RD.

GROSSE POINTE PARK, MI 48230-1834

Tel # 1-313-331-7712

WIFE'S NAME MARY MARGARET (PEG)

MY BIRTHDATE 6-14-23

MY Soc. Sec 371-14-3362

RETIREMENT DATE 9-1-88

RONEY & Co. - STOCKBROKER

\$10.00 sent to
C. DALE BRISCOE

Very best regards
Tom Girardot

July 26, 1993

Russell - Sir:

I sent you a picture of Robert L. Edwards crew and you were so kind as to print it in 306TH Echoes.

However you printed that we belonged to the 423RD that of course is an outrageous mistake. With all due respect to all the brave valiant courageous men of the 423RD - still we must protest.

Robert L. Edwards crew was in the 368TH. You must print a correction promptly before our sons, friends, and acquaintances believe we were anything less than the 368TH.

Incidentally - our crew eventually became the crew of RICHARD L. CLAEYS - the greatest pilot of the whole 8TH Air Force.

As you know - he was shot down over Yugoslavia while delivering food + medicine after the war ended.

I hope you can do a story about him some time.

Best regards

Tom Swanson

910 HARCOURT Grosse Pointe MI 48230

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August 22, 1994

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Hello Russell:

Here's an update on my new telephone number. You have my new address O.K.

Also-- because of your fine work and record keeping-- about two years ago, when I first found and joined the 306 Assoc, I was able to find and locate my old friend and crewmate, Mahlon C. Morley and I immediately reestablished communication.

Here is the good news. On July 24, 1944, Mahlon and sweet Vera Morley were married in Alexandria, La. This July 24th marked the 50th anniversary of their wedding. Because you were instrumental in helping us to contact each other my wife and I were able to join them and their family and friends in a marvelous and happy celebration in their kingdom of Belle Plaine, Kansas. This was most important to me because I was chosen by Mahlon to be his best man at the wedding.

Also----Here is a new listing for the 306th

PALMER D. SWOPE (Robert L. Edwards Crew)
429 Queen St.
Northumberland, Pennsylvania 17857
1-717-473-9684
Ball Turret Gunner
368th B.S.
306th B.G.

Thanks to you for your good work and

Very best regards from

Thomas C. Girardot

ROBERT L. EDWARDS CREW

368TH Bomb Squadron
306TH Bomb Group

FRONT ROW R-L

ROBERT L. EDWARDS Pilot
WALTER E. CORRELL Co Pilot
KEITH L. WARNER Navigator
EAVIN E. MILLER, JR. Bombardier

BACK ROW R-L

MAHLON C. MORLEY Crew Chief - ENG.
THOMAS C. GIRARDOT Radio OP.
PALMER D. SWOPE Ball Turret
LOUIS F. BROWN Waist Gunner
DARRELL E. BIENEMANN Waist Gunner
RAYMOND L. JOHNSON Tail Gunner

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