

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 complete _____

LAST NAME: GOLDMAN FIRST NAME: LOWELL N. TITLE: T/SGT.

Street address: 1500 N. LA SALLE Telephone: (312) 951-8542

City, state, zip: CHICAGO, ILL. 60610

Date of Birth: 2/15/25 Wife's name: JILL

College(s) attended: U. of Illinois Degree(s): BA Year(s): 1946-1948

Last employment and job title:
SNA VICE PRESIDENT ROSEMONT PURCHASING,
HYATT CORPORATION

Reunions attended: (by year or location)

Serial #: 36755721 Squadron: 368th Speciality: RADIO OPERATOR

Date joined 306th: EARLY DECEMBER 1944. If combat, what crew: LT. GEMEN NICKOLS

Special duties or assignments w/306th: LEAD^{RADIO} OPERATOR

Number of missions flown: 30 Date of last mission: MARCH 24 (?)

Date left 306th: EARLY APRIL, 1945 Highest rank/grade with 306th: T/SGT.

Other 8th AF units served with:
NONE

Top service assignments after 306th: INSTRUCTOR SCHOOL - LORING, TEX;

USAF retirement date: OCT 25, 1945 Rank/grade: T/SGT. INSTRUCTOR
ASSIGNED TO BASE
AT DYARBERG, TENN

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.

2ND

LT. Lts CAMPBELL - Bomber
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

2ND
LT

AL VARNADO) Navigator
(VANADO?)
ST. LOUIS, MO. 314

2ND LT. ANTHONY MURN - Co-pilot
KANSAS CITY, MO.

T/Sgt ROBERT CIRCLE - Engineer (2ND TOUR OR DUTY)
PENNSYLVANIA

Sgt. ROBERT GUSTAFSON - Waist Gunner - SEATTLE
WASH
~~36~~

Sgt Wm RODRIGUES, - Tail Gunner
BALTIMORE, MD. 301

You ALREADY LISTED ^{2ND LT} CARMAN NICHOLS +
Sgt. JAMES NYBARK BOTH KIA
ON 12/28/44.

8/16/90

To: Russ Strong
Editor. 306th Echogs
5323 Chival Pl.
Charlotte, N.C. 28205

Sir:

ON PAGE 306 (SIGNIFICANT?) OF YOUR GREAT BOOK YOU TELL OF THE ATTACK ON BILL CARON'S PLANE WHICH IT WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED. I WAS THE RADIO OPERATOR ON THAT PLANE & THE REST OF THE CREW WAS THE CREW INHERITED FROM LT. CARMON J. NICKOLS (KIA) (PAGE 296 ALONG WITH HOMER "JACK" NYBERG). WE ALL CAME OVER TOGETHER ON THE QUONAM ELIZABETH IN LATE NOVEMBER, 1944, ARRIVING AT THURGOOD IN AFB DECEMBER. NICKOLS & NYBERG HAD VOLUNTEERED TO FILL IN ON THE PLANE THEY WENT DOWN WITH.

THE DRESDEN MISSION ON THE 14th OF FEBRUARY WAS THE CAUSE OF MY BECOMING A "LEAD" RADIO OPERATOR AND HAVING TO FLY 30 MISSIONS, RATHER THAN 35. THE "SEVERE DAMAGE" YOU

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Refer too from the F.W 190 attacking plane blew out the hydraulic system on the left in board engine, causing the propeller to windmill. As the vibration grew steadily worse we dropped out of formation and limped home alone. We had no fear of fighter attacks, since a swarm of 51's leaped on the fighter planes that attacked with great enthusiasm! They hadn't seen any 190's in quite a spell and the last I saw of the plane that hit us was Subia 3 P 51's roaring down on him as he passed right through our formation. Because of the windmilling

Prop, both Campbell (Romanian) & Varnardo (Mauritians) were ordered back to the radio room with me and I was ordered by Lt. Carder to get a heading home. I sent out an O-O-O signal (urgent) to G R 12 (Thurloston's call letters) and asked for a heading. "STEER 270°" came back the signal. For the next two hours I was

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IN CONTACT WITH THURKIGH. THE PROP
FINALLY FLEW OFF AND SLICED THE
NOSE OF THE PLANE (SEATTLE SQUAD)
OFF QUITE NEATLY. "IT WAS" AS BOB
CIRCLE - OUR ENGINEER, SAID "QUITE BREEZY"
UP IN FRONT BUT WE PLOWED
ON, LOSING ANOTHER ENGINE BEFORE
WE MADE IT HOME.

AFTER LANDING I WAS CALLED
IN AND TOLD I'D DONE A "KILLER"
JOB AND WAS BEING ASSIGNED AS A
LEAD RADIO OPERATOR FROM THEN
ON - MAINLY BECAUSE THEY WERE SHORT
OF LEAD OPERATORS -

I WENT OUT THE NEXT
DAY ON THE FEB 16TH MISSION TO
~~BENTON~~ ^{ONE DAY AFTER} IT WAS MY 20TH BIRTHDAY - I
FLEW, ALL TOLD 7 MISSIONS IN 9 DAYS
BECAUSE OF MY NEW STATUS AND FINISHED
MY MISSIONS IN MID MARCH, * WELL AHEAD
OF THE REST OF MY ORIGINAL CREW.
AS I TOLD YOU IN MY FIRST LETTER I
FLEW MY LAST MISSION (# 30) WITH
CAPTAIN MATZKE - DURING MY TIME AS
A LEAD OPERATOR I ALSO FLEW WITH
A VERY FAMOUS PILOT, WITH 70 MISSIONS,
(* MARCH 22ND OR 24TH)

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Dick Clays - WHO, I WAS TOLD, FLEW
SEVERAL UNLITTE~~R~~ MISSIONS AS A
WAIST GUNNER!

I KEPT A DAIRY OF MY
MISSIONS, WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY WAS LOST
DURING MY MANY MOVES + 2 DISMISSED
MARRIAGES. WHEN I HAD DINNER SOME
YEARS AGO WITH LES CAMPBELL IN
SCOTLAND, HE TOLD ME BOTH HE +
BILL CORDER HAD SOME MARITAL
MIS-ADVENTURES- HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY SOMETHING
WE HAD CAUGHT ON OUR PLANE.....

I CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE
REUNION BUT I HOPE TO MAKE
THE NEXT ONE.

THANKS AGAIN FOR GETTING ME
ON THE MAILING LIST-

Jamell A. Gulrum
(T/Sgt 306th BS; 368th Bomb
Squadron) 367 55721

From the desk of:

Lowell Goldman

7/28/93

TO:

RUSSELL STRONG

Enclosed is a photo of
 The crew I went over with -
 Landing in England at the
 end of November '44 - assigned to
368th. Our pilot was CARLTON
 J. Nichols, Tony Muro Co. Pilot.
 Al Varnado, Navigator & Lee Camp-
 BEL - Bombardier (Photo is from
 left to right)

REAR

ROB	Lowell Goldman	JACK NYBERG
CIRCLE	RADIO OP	Ball Turret
ENGINEER		

W. GARR	+ BOB GUSTAFSON
TAIL GUNNER	Waist Gunner

Lt. Nichols & Jack Nyberg were
 killed in action on their second

From the desk of:

Lowell Goldman

TO:

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MISSION - FLYING WITH ANOTHER
CREW -

AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE
OTHERS ALL MADE IT - I WAS
ASSIGNED TO BILL CRADEN'S
CREW AFTER NICHOLS WAS
LOST & THEN I BECAME A
368th LEAD RADIO OPERATOR
AND SET OF LOST TONIC OF
THE OTHERS.

LES CAMPBELL AND I
MET IN SEATTLE (HIS HOMETOWN)
IN 1970 WHILE I WAS WORKING
UP THEN -

AL VARNADO & I SAW
EACH OTHER IN '48, '49? IN
CHICAGO AFTER THE WAR.

From the desk of:

Lowell Goldman

TO:

③

I'll see you in
SCOTTIE-

 Goldman

Date

Mail Dairy To
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From the desk of:

Lowell Goldman
"Currently At"
P.O. Box 11682
Marina del Rey, Calif. 90295

TO:

RUSSEL A. STROUD -
5323 CINGUL PL.
CHARLOTTE, N.C.
28205

Dear Sir -

Enclosed is my
check for \$17 for the
368th Combat Dairy, a copy
of same that I saw in the
possession of my "old" operations
officer - GEORGE DE VACIE - WHO
I MET AT THE REUNION - IN
SEATTLE -

THANKS For all you

Do -

Lowell Goldman
368th



ROSEMONT PURCHASING

Lowell Goldman
Senior Vice President

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A MEMO FROM...

LOWELL GOLDMAN

7/9/90

Russ Strong -

Sir: THE CREW I WENT
OVERSEAS WITH WAS:

PILOT: CARMEN J. NICKOLS
2ND LT. (RMA)

CO-PILOT: 2ND LT ANTHONY MURA
HOMER TOWN, KANSAS CITY

BOMBARDIER: 2ND LT LES
CAMPBELL - SEATTLE

NAVIGATOR: 2ND LT AL
VARADO
ST. LOUIS, MO.

ENGINEER: 1ST/SGT. ROBERT CIRILO
PENNSYLVANIA

SGT.
WAIST GUNNER: ROBERT GUSTAFSON
SEATTLE

BALL TURRET GUNNER -
ROSEMONT PURCHASING SGT. HOMER (JACK)
NYBERG
(OVER) NYBERG
(RMA)

(2)

TAIL GUNNER SGT. WM? RODGERS

WE ARRIVED AT THUR HIGH IN EARLY DECEMBER 1944. AS YOU STATED IN THE BOOK

ON PAGE 296 MICHALS & MYSCHE WERE KILLED ON 12/28.

THEY WERE FLYING AS REPLACEMENTS ON THAT PLANE. AND THE REST OF THE CREW (W/ MICHALS AS CO-PILOT) THEY FLEW ITS FIRST MISSION W/

Capt. R. MATZKE AS PILOT ON 12/29 TO MAINZ. WE LANDED AWAY FROM THUR HIGH DUE TO POOR WEATHER & MATZKE SCOUTED UP CHRISTMAS DINNER - A BUCKET OF TURKEY, A BUCKET OF DRESSING, A BUCKET OF MASHED POTATOES, ETC. WHICH WE ATE SITTING UNDER THE WING OF OUR AIRCRAFT. SOME XMAS! WE WERE GIVEN A

A MEMO FROM...

LOWELL GOLDMAN

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NEW PILOT AFTER NICKOLS
DEATH - LT WILLIAM D. CARBER
AND WE FLEW MOST OF OUR
MISSIONS WITH HIM, INCLUDING
THE ONE YOU MENTIONED ON
PAGE 306 TO DRESDEN ON
FEB 14. WE WERE HIT BY
A FW 190 WHO SHOT OUT
OUR LEFT INBOARD ENGINE
CAUSING THE PROPELLOR
TO WINDMILL AND CUT OFF
THE NOSE OF PLANE - LTS
VARDAS & CAMPBELL SPENT MUCH
OF THE FLIGHT SITTING IN
THE RADIO ROOM WITH ME.
WE MADE IT HOME...

ROSEMONT PURCHASING

(4)

I flew my 30th mission
with Capt MATZKE on 3/22
or 3/24 - I'm not certain
which date. - My diary
disappeared in one of many
of my moves from city to
city - I was made a
Lead Radio operator as a
result of the mission where
we lost our formation and
straggled home alone (2/14/45)
from Dresden and flew 7
missions (including 2/26 to
Berlin) in nine days, as
I was the only Lead operator
available in the 368th FOW
that time...

A MEMO FROM...

LOWELL GOLDMAN

(5)

OUR PLANE WAS CALLED "THE SEATTLE SERRANO" SINCE CARDER, CAMPBELL & GUSTAFSON WERE ALL FROM SEATTLE.

I'VE SEEN LES CAMPBELL SINCE THE WAR (ABOUT 1966)

I KNEW BILL CARDER HAD

PASSED AWAY - AL VARNADO
(LES TOLD ME.) (VARNADO?)

WAS TEACHING AT ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY (PHILOSOPHY, I BELIEVE)

HE VISITED ME IN CHICAGO IN THE LATE 50'S ON HIS WAY TO AN AIR FORCE REUNION IN THE CITY.

ROSEMONT PURCHASING

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A MEMO FROM

What's ABOUT IT!

I got the usual
AIR MEDAL & FIVE CLUSTERS
THREE BATTLE STARS; GOOD CONDUCT
MEDAL, VIETNAM MEDAL, ETC.

I'm very happy to have
heard from you -

IS CAPTAIN DE VACK
still around? HE WAS OUR
OPERATIONS OFFICER.

I DID FLY ONE
MISSION WITH A B/SQM. AS CO-PILOT
BUT I'M NOT CERTAIN OF THE
NAME OR THE DATE -

THANKS AGAIN -


I'm sending BRISCOE A-CHECK FOR \$25.00

A MEMO FROM...

LOWELL GOLDMAN -36755721 T/Sgt.

C. D. BRISCOE - TREASURER
306th BOMB GR TFFA.

Sir -

AS A "NEWLY DISCOVERED"
MEMBER OF THE 306th T
HAVE RECEIVED THE NEWSPAPER, THE
DIRECTORY, ETC. FROM RUSS STRONG.
I SERVED IN THE 306th - 368th
FROM EARLY DECEMBER 1944
UNTIL LATE MARCH 1945. I
HAD 30 MISSIONS AND WAS
A LEAD OPERATOR BY THE TIME
I FINISHED ENDED MY CHECK
FOR \$25 AND I'LL BE IN
SPAIN ON 9/6!

ROSEMONT PURCHASING

J. Gudrun

(12/10)

Dear Russell -

FOUND ANOTHER MEMBER
OF CREW - CP Tony Moran -
THANKS TO BOB & JENNIFER -

THOUGHT YOU MIGHT
FIND THE ENCLAVE
INTERESTING - IF NOT.

WELL MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR -

Lowell Goldin
T/557 3688

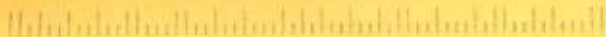
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ATTN - 36755721

(I WILL REMEMBER IT!)

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FORM 3547

GOLDMAN LOWELL N
PO BOX 2428
VANCOUVER WA 98668-2428



LOWELL GOLDMAN

Consultant in Purchasing

P.O Box 2428

Vancouver, Washington 98668

NIGHT FLIGHT

ABOVE, THE VELVET CLOTH OF NIGHT
SOFTLY BECKONS AS WE RISE
TO MEET IT IN OUR SILVER BIRD
AND GAMBOL IN THE SKIES.

TO DANCE AMONG THE SPARKLING STARS
TO CIRCLE 'NEATH THE MOON
AND SOAR ACROSS THE SLEEPING FIELDS
TO ROAR OUR ENGINE'S TUNE.

TO RETURN, RELUCTANT, BACK TO EARTH
AND LEAVE OUR VAULTED SKY
TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT COOL NIGHT
WHEN AGAIN WE RISE TO FLY.

LOWELL N. GOLDMAN/Cpl, USAAF

The above was published in my high school newspaper in 1944. My cousin Helaine sent the clipping along with some photos of a somewhat thinner version of my current, (not to mention a great deal younger) self that she had kept for all the years since the days of World War II. It served to bring back to me the memory of my first combat mission which took place on Christmas Eve, 1944 in support of the American troops in the Battle of the Bulge. Unable to return to our base after dropping our bombs on the enemy, we landed, along with several hundred other aircraft at the one airfield that was not closed down due to severe fog throughout the southern and central part of England. After a very fitful night, we found ourselves sleeping in our B-17 and wondering what kind of Christmas day lay before us. Our pilot, Don Matzke had commandeered a jeep and left us grumbling in the plane when we heard the jeep role back to the plane and Matzke ordered us out of the airplane and we saw to our surprise a bucket of turkey, a bucket of dressing, and bucket of mashed potatoes along with a gallon of coffee sitting, under the wing of the plane.

"Okay guys, dig in and Merry Christmas" he said, and we did just that. Needless to say, it was great.

Well, another Christmas is coming along, and with all the tinsel, and lights, and gifts I find myself wondering why that time seemed, in spite of the terrible war, so much warmer in our nation than it is now, so much closer together for all of us in the service and at home. We weren't a lot of people who happened to be living in the same country - we WERE a people who cared for each other both in the battle fields and the home front. We were all on the same team, all brothers. Does it have to take a war, a flood, a fire, a disaster to bring us together? I don't want to believe that and I hope the rest of us feel the same - Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards ALL mankind.....let's try it, He believed it...

All the good days, all the years to come,


Lowell

Lowell Goldman T/Sgt.

Telephone (206) 896-9934

368th



26 June 1995

Dear Lowell:

Came up with a crazy idea, and would like you to take a look at it and see if you want to participate.

I use a lot of photomailers in sending back prints people have loaned me, and the like. These photo mailers are the only ones I have been able to find, and they are made by Gould Packaging in Vancouver.

A while ago my thoughts ran to just writing and asking if they'd take pity on the 306th and give me a good price. Then the other day I thought you might like the project, giving you something to do in your idle moments.

You might see if they send you a carton of each of two sizes that I use the most, 6x8½ and 9x12. They cost me retail about 80¢ for the smaller and a buck or more for the larger. Perhaps wholesale would be a heck of a lot better deal, and the shipping costs UPS would not be great.

If you can work out something, I could send you a check for the cost and mailing charges, or reimburse you if you took quick advantage of a good deal.

We have a 306er who owns an envelope company and furnishes our #10 envelopes free of charge. I tell him I need 2500, and they arrive in about three weeks. He's been doing it for 15 years.

On the other hand, if you aren't interested, just say so. I will take no offense.


Thanks,

Russell A. Strong
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, NC 28205

Dear Russell,

Over the years, I have had the pleasure of meeting you at the three or four re-unions that I have attended, and I, like every other veteran of the 306th, have always held you and the other veterans who keep the memories alive through the efforts in creating the re-unions and the publishing of *306th Echoes*, in my deepest respect. Because of that I never believed that *Echoes* would print, without any comment, an article such as the one you saw fit to place on page 7 of the recent issue. I have no idea who Larry Lindsay is but it seems evident that he speaks from the right of center that has been the hallmark of our current administration, under the leadership of President Bush. In the past months since our nation's adventure into pre-emptive war, we have been told that Iraq represented a threat to the United States, and, nearly always, the WWII enemies, particularly Germany are brought into the discussion without ever any mention that Germany *declared war* against the United States four days after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, hardly a pre-emptive move on our part. Yes, Mr. Lindsay, if survival is in one's own interest, than your comment that we should have been involved in WWII, is correct, but what in hell does that have to do with Iraq ??? You seem to believe that just because we have gotten into that unnecessary war, we should SPEND whatever money we can to repair the country we have devastated, ~~lose~~ AS MANY AMERICAN LIVES as the occupation might cause, not to mention Iraqi civilian lives, (a number that is never listed in any U.S. publication), and for what ?? We are supposed to believe that a democracy will result from our efforts, although throughout history, not one true democracy has ever been created in the Muslim world, unless you call Islamic fundamental states like Syria and Iran, democracies, a rather liberal, (pardon the use of that word), interpretation of the word Democracy.. And in the meantime, who will get the money you so casually dismiss as small change? Bechtel, Casper Weinberger's, (a good Republican), outfit, VP Dick Cheney's Halliburten pals, and many of the people who worked with Bush when he was governor of Texas, now acting as economic advisors in Baghdad....of course, the cutbacks in the VA Health Care system – too costly – cant stand in the way of rebuilding Iraq, and our roads and bridges, well, they can wait....Iraq had nothing to do with 9/11 according to President Bush himself...so quit bringing that up. Spending money to improve OUR Defense Systems makes sense, but pouring money into the sewer we created in Iraq is a waste that will harm us far more than 9/11 ever could. Bringing in the U.N. and getting our boys home should be our first priority, not some nation building adventure that could go on for years to come.

Sincerely,



Lowell Goldman, radio operator with 30 missions over Germany as a member of the 368th Bomb Squadron, 306th Bomb Group. 1944 – 45.

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Lowell Goldman, radio operator with 30 missions over Germany as a member of the 368th Bomb Squadron, 306th Bomb Group. 1944 – 45.

“We must remember that the ways of Orientals , (think Iraqis) are not our ways, nor their thoughts our thoughts. Often when we think of them as backward and stupid, they think us meddling and absurd. The loom of time moves slowly with them, and they care not for high pressure and the roaring of the wheels. Our system may be good for us; but it is neither equally, nor altogether good for them. Satan found it better to reign in hell than serve in heaven and normal Asiatics (Iraqis) would sooner be misgoverned by Asiatics(Iraqis) than well governed by Europeans (think Americans).” A quote from Viscount Curzon, the British Viceroy of India in the late 1800’s through the early 1900’s. The final result was only reached when the British turned over much and finally all rule to the native peoples of that area....Does anyone in the White House even read history, or, in the unlikely chance that they do, even realize the significance of the lesson that the British, a long, bloody, and very expensive lesson.....nearly one hundred years...finally learned. Sadly, I doubt it.....



A note from...

Mr. Lowell N. Goldman

Hi -

As a 306th
3680 VET (WVVT)
The SCHOOLS ARE

ALWAYS WELCOME
THANKS

X. Goldman
RADIO OPERATOR

3680 1st Ave

WVVT

Pushy 1st to Amy
2001

