

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 13 Dec 1990

LAST NAME: Goodwill FIRST NAME: Forest W. TITLE: M.Sgt

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City, state, zip: Sebring Fl 33872

Date of Birth: 15 Oct 1916

Wife's name: Hazel G.

College(s) attended: None

Degree(s):

Year(s):

Last employment and job title: Talon Inc. Production Mechanic

Reunions attended: (by year or location) 1983 Through 1990

Serial #: 13038312

Squadron: 369

Specialty: Crew Chief

Date joined 306th: Mar 1942

If combat, what crew:

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

Number of missions flown:

Date of last mission:

Date left 306th: 19 July 1945

Highest rank/grade with 306th: M/Sgt

Other 8th AF units served with: None

Top service assignments after 306th: None

USAF retirement date: 26 Sept 1945

Rank/grade: M/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.

Sebring Fl
Sept 29, 1991

Dear Sir

Here is the name and
address of another member
of the 306th

Raymond E Milburn

4641 W 26th Ave

Denver Col

80712

He was in the 369th
Squad and was a welder.

Yours Truly

Forest W. Goodwill

Sebring Fl
Aug 12, 1992

Dear Russ;

I recieved your letter a few days ago and hope you get this one before you leave for England.

The item on the left in the picture is an oil cooler. The other part I am not sure about. The only thing that I can think of is that it might be a Supercharger Governor, which was powered by engine oil pressure and had a push rod to operate the waste gate. The side that is shown is the mounting side and would not be seen when it was mounted on the Supercharger. There is a good chance that I may be wrong about this but that is my best guess.

I stopped in at the 306th Restaurant in Sarasota during the winter. They told me that you had been there about two weeks earlier. While there I bought a copy of your 369th Combat Diary. I found it interesting and informative. It shows the crew list of all the planes that I crewed that were shot down. I have always regretted that I only knew who the pilots were and not the rest of the crews.

I had always assumed that WW2 being a paper war with all orders, requisitions, rosters, transfers and other papers being originated in triplicate that there would be a veritable mountain of records. I suppose that was the problem, there was so much of it and no one to separate the wheat from the chaff that most everything got dumped. I think that you have done a magnificent job of gathering data and putting it in an interesting and readable form.

I hope you get this before you leave for England. I will see you there.

Yours truly

Forest Goodwill

Sebring Fla
Nov 4, 1992

Mr Russell Strong
Dear Sir,

Here is an edited copy
of my tape of the 306th
reunion in England. I didn't
take the CamCorder to the
Bedford reception at the
Corn Exchange or to the
Dinner Dance at Thurleigh.
Also I ran out of batteries
at the start of the hanger
luncheon at Thurleigh.

The London banquet ^{tape} suffers
from low lighting and the
audio didn't pick up the
P.A. system very good.

We had a very enjoyable
time at the reunion and
spent 5 days in England

after it ended, returning
on Sat Sept 5.

Hope you enjoy this
tape.

Yours Truly
Forest W Goodwill

Sebring Fl.

Oct 27 1993

Mr R.A.Strong

Dear Sir;

I just returned home last week after having been gone since the last of July. My neighbor had taken care of my mail for me and I didnt know until then that you had returned the tape that I had sent you. I wish that I had known about it at the reunion in Seattle, I would have explained to you that I had sent it to you with no strings attached to do with as you saw fit.

There is about one half hour of the Memorial Service at Thurleigh Including all but the first few seconds of your speech which I missed while replacing the battery in my camera.. This starts about 15 min. into the tape.

I am sending it to you for yourself or any one in your family who might like to have it.

I think that you have done a great job of compiling the history of the 306th.

Without your efforts I doubt if it would
have ever got done. Keep up the Good work.

Yours Truly

Forest W. Goodwill

23 November 1993

Dear Forest:

Many, many thanks for the video tapes.

As inspiration for writing this note, I have it playing in my TV set in my "office" right now. I've had it in for a while, and when I can't get a football or basketball game, I watch the 306th.

Hope all is well with you and your wife now that winter is beginning to make noises even in Florida. We may get down there for a week or so perhaps in February. June has a brother with a very nice condo in the Clearwater area, and we have been there for the past two years.

I was in Des Moines a couple of weeks ago helping the committee there get things underway. They have a good hotel, and it looks like a bangup prggram.

All the best,

Sebring FL
Aug 26,1997

Mr Russell A. Strong
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte NC

Dear Sir;

In the last issue of The 306th Echoes there is a list dates and groups of men arriving at Wendover on various dates from different places. The group that I came in doesnt appear on the list. I am sending you a copy of a program that was given out at a dance in the U.S.O. in Wichita Falls TX that was sponsored by the 318th School Sqdn of Sheppard Field TX dated 21 Mar 1942. I think that was the day we graduated, and I believe that we shipped out for Wendover the next day. The program listed all the men of that class which was the first that the 318th had put through and i guess the permanant members of the Sqdn might have felt that they had accomplished something. I think that we might have been the second class through the school but am not sure. Most of us had just started Basic Training when it was cancelled and we were put in school. At the time of Pearl Harbor the schedule was stepped up and we went on a six day week.

We arrived at Wendover before tha end of March. There were a couple of barracks that were occupied by the Base Commander and his staff. A distance out across the salt flats was a cluster of tents where the beginning of the 306th was housed. I dont know when the Staff came out from Salt Lake but it seemed quite a while before we saw any of them. There was quite a bit of snow on the ground at first.

I was amused to read General Lemays comment about Wendover and the quality of the personnell that came there in the early days. He spoke of a mob arriving with a corporal in command. I think our bunch had an acting P.F.C. carrying the papers under threat of facing a firing squad if he was short any men.

This is an incomplete list of the men who were transferred from Sheppard Field TX to the 306th Bomb Group at Wendover Utah late in Mar 1942.

Abernathy Raymond E.
Ake Nelson E.
Albert Milton
Aldrich Kenneth G.
Armstrong Marvin L.
Aulenbach Kenneth R.
Arnold Rupert W.
Balawajder Henry S.
Bauman Howard J.
Bassett John M.
Beckerle Robert F.
Bell Charles
Bowles Max
Beers Richard L.
Bezak Andrew
Blakesley William.
Blum Franklin A.
Carberry James L.
Capaldi Michael P.
Clark Orval V.
Cherry William E.
Caveness William F.
Clary Dahn S.
Cowley Louis T.
Crossland B.F.
Clifton Raymond C.
Christian Clyde A.
Diebert Harold R (Earl)
Dougan Donald W.
Dougherty William R.
Drumm William M.
Edinger Charles A.

Edwards Lyle V.
Edney James H.
Ellis Jesse R.
Elliott Wilson C.
Emeigh Clair L.
Estes Joel E.
Feeser William H.
Fetch Joseph M.
Fuller Dudley E.
Funk Stanley R.
Futcek William E.
Ganes Clay
Garner Stanley C.
Gidion Lewis M.
Gilbertson William H.
Gilliland Thomas H.
Goodwill Forest W.
Gordon Benjamin
Grabovitch Theodore
Grenke Ervin
Greyno Peter
Griffin Hamilton
Guthrie Leroy C.
Hagen Bernard C.
Haire Joseph W.
Hankey Richard B.
Hanson Robert E.
Harkrider Joe C.
Hartung Harold J.
Haynes Wyndom S.
Heins Charles H.
Harritt Loren E.

At any rate the Group was formed and I think that from top to bottom it was a pretty large on thr job training program.

With this letter I am sending you a copy of the program that we were given at the graduation dance. It lists three hundred and thirty three men in the class. The group that came to Wendover were out of the first 110 men on the list. several went to flight training and others might have went other places. We werent there long enough to find out much.

I have the Jan 1980 issue of Echoes which lists the original combat crews. Also the Jan 1983 issue which lists the ground men who were sent from Westover Mass to Fort Dix when the loading plans were changed. Also the 369th Squadron roster for 31 Aug 1942.

Checking the names on the Sheppard Field list against them plus the index of your book First Over Germany I have come up with sixty ~~four~~ names. There are probably fifteen or twenty more who are in the rosters of the other three squadrons as of Aug 1942.

On a seperate sheet I am listing the names of the ones that I can verify as being in that group. I made one alteration to the roster before I copied it. On the original above each column of names was the word CADET. Dont Know what the reason was but it didnt apply so I blocked it out.

As I remember it the class was divided between four Bomb Groups. The 92nd, 93rd, 305th and the 306th.

There may be mistakes in the list that I put together, if so you can credit to the passage of time and a faulty memory.

Yours truly

Forest W Goodwill

From Forest Goodwill

Nov 2005

Dear Russ

I think the guy with
the cigarette is Harold Thorman.
The other man I believe is
Marshal Johnson who went to
Puerto Rico but I am not positive
about him.

As ever

Forest Goodwill

Russell A. Strong
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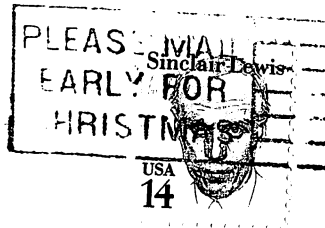


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 complete new address.

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Old Address	No. and Street 735 N FRANKLIN ST	Apt./Suite No.	P.O. Box	R.O. No.
	City and State SEBRING FL	ZIP Code 33870		
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	City and State SEBRING FL	ZIP Code 33870		
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ZIP 49007

Saegertown Pa
Sept 16, 1986

Dear Sir,

This is to inform
you that my address
will be changed as of
Oct 15, 1986.

Present address

Forest W Goodwill

R D #1

Saegertown Pa 16433

New address

Forest W Goodwill

735 N Franklin St

Sebring Fl

33870

Thank you

Forest W Goodwill

Forest Goodwill

27 May 1989

Dear Forest:

I was going over some records the other night in connection with a second edition of "First Over Germany."

I took special note of your receipt of a Legion of Merit medal in March 1944, and wonder if you could possibly supply me with a copy of the citation for that medal.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,