

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 10/18/91

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Last employment and job title: Self-employed

Reunions attended: (by year or location)

NONE

Serial #: 0-815884 Squadron: 423 Specialty: Pilot

Date joined 306th: JUNE 1944 If combat, what crew: F-DJ-61

Special duties or assignments w/306th: NONE

Number of missions flown: 35 Date of last mission: Approx OCT/44

Date left 306th: NOV 1944 Highest rank/grade with 306th: 1ST LT.

Other 8th AF units served with: NONE

Top service assignments after 306th: 1ST LT officer AT Victoria, Texas (Foster Field)

USAF retirement date: 10/45 Rank/grade: 1ST LT

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.

10/9/91

When I heard of your outfit, I at once
sent you a \$25 check and asked to be enrolled.
I was, and at once received a copy of
July 1, 1991 "Echoes" - when I read of
a two plane collision on Oct 15, 1944 over the
field. I believe I was on the field on that
day & would appreciate it if you could send
me a copy of that picture that is mentioned
in the article, along with the book
"First over Germany" which I am
ordering

Sincerely

Robert Gray

BACK FROM THE BATTLE

B-17a Flying Fortresses of the U.S. 8th Army Air Force returning from a mission - just before dusk, on a grey June evening in 1944.

The rural peace of the Bedfordshire countryside is shattered by the noise of the giant four engined bombers, as they thunder, still in battle formation, over the hill at Ridgmont.

Often, during the long summer days the 'Forts' would not return from their daylight attacks until as late as 10-30 p.m. But with the time advanced 2 hours by Double British Summer time, they would still get back to their bases in Eastern England well before dark.

When the great aerial armada began to return, and usually it was at low level - it was possible to hear them approaching some time before they appeared, then, the tightly packed groups of 18 or so bombers would begin to emerge from below the horizon, and heading towards their bases in North Beds, Huntingdon-shire and Northants on their last few miles before touch-down.

It was sometimes possible to count over 200 bombers in less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour, and this was often only about a fifth of the bombers that had been airborne from bases all over East Anglia.

In the Summer of 1944 the U.S. 8th Army Air Force was, and will almost certainly always be, the greatest single air command in the history of aviation. - as Roger A. Freeman, 8th Air Force historian has called it - THE MIGHTY EIGHTH.

The 'Eighth' was subdivided into the 1st 2nd and 3rd Air Divisions - each containing many Bombardment and fighter groups.

Note: The view is from the old home in Station Road Ridgmont. also note the grey, cool, unsettled weather conditions typical of the month of June 1944.



FORTRESS GROUP RETURNS FROM A MISSION
TO NORMANDY

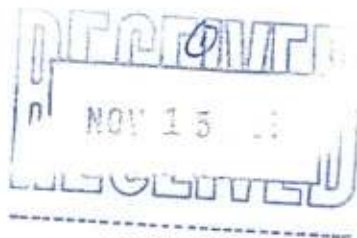
Viewed from the Old HOME
STATION ROAD RIDGEMONT.

JUNE 1944

10 p.m. Double British Summer time, and B-17G Flying Fortresses of the 306 Bomber Group 8th U.S.A.F. Return from their second Sortie in a day to the INVASION COAST OF NORMANDY, OFTEN DURING the long Summer days they made two trips to TARGETS IN NORTHERN FRANCE, RETURNING in the late evening they disturbed the RURAL peace of the Bedfordshire countryside as they Roared home at Low Level to their Base at THURLEIGH, with countless other Bomber Groups Based in East Anglia.

C.J. Woodland

Note: the unsettled cloudy, cool,
weather conditions - Typical of
June 1944



11/11/81

Gentlemen:

If the enclosed drawings & text can be of any use to you in the "306th Echo", feel free to use them.

On a vacation to England about 10 years ago, I met a young man who lived in the Bedford area as a young man during the war. He had a slight talent as an artist & got into the habit of sketching planes & happenings at the field. When I met him in 1980, he had accumulated a loose bag scrap-book full of drawings & texts, and, when he found out that I was a member of the 306th, he insisted upon giving me the enclosed items. (I must admit that what I'm sending you is a photo-copy: I have the originals.)

Needless to say; when I discovered and became a member

of your organization, it wasn't long
before the idea of making this
available to you came to mind.

As I said, feel free to make
any use of them that you wish - - -
they are also yours to keep if you
so desire.

Respecte

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