

RECORD UPDATE

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and give)  
(to Russ Strong at the Las Vegas reunion, or mail to his ad-)  
(dress: 5323 cheval Pl., Charlotte, NC 28205 )

Date completed 11/10/88

LAST NAME: HATHAWAY FIRST NAME: JOSEPH R Title:

Street address: 1031 N. MEADE AVE Telephone: ( )

City, state, zip: GLENDIVE, MT. 59330

Date of birth: 9-10-23 Wife's name: PATRICIA

College(s) attended: Degree(s): LUTCF Year(s):

Last employment & job title: SELF EMPLOYED - NEW YORK LIFE AGENT  
OFFICIALLY RETIRED 2-1-88

Year joined 306th Association: ABOUT 1979

Reunions attended: (by year or location) FT WORTH, COLORADO SPRINGS, DAYTON  
WASHINGTON DC, LAS VEGAS

Serial #: 37478442 Sqdn: 423 Speciality: ROM 6

Date joined 306th: SEPT 1944 If combat, what crew? CAPTAIN F.J. STEWART

Special duties or assignments w/306th: LEAD CREW

If commissioned w/306th, date & specialty:

Date departed: MARCH/APRIL 1945 Highest rank/grade w/306th: T/SGT

Other 8thAF units served with:

Top service assignments after 306th:

USAF retirement date: Rank/grade:

Most memorable experience w/306th: (use back of sheet, too)

FLEW LAST MISSION - GOOD FRIDAY - 1945

From the desk of . . .

## JOE HATHAWAY

Suite 1 - Professional Building - <sup>1031 N. MEADE</sup>  
~~P.O. Box 1129~~ - Glendive, Montana

Dear Russell;

You may or may not have the info furnished herewith.

The "Milk Run Special" was the name assigned to a B-17 G - a Radar ship used to fly lead, and numbered 359. The pilot was <sup>CAPT.</sup> Forrest J. Stewart, who has attended all the 306<sup>th</sup> reunions.

The picture came from employees of American Can Co. who sent it to their former fellow employee when he was enrolled in pilot training;

Jack Murphy (Col. Ret'd) Jack was Operations Officer for 423<sup>rd</sup> Squadron.

My nephew drew the enclosed picture of 359 - <sup>(copy)</sup> the picture is authentic as it appeared on the plane.

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Best regards -  
Joe

P.S. I was radio operator on Capt Stewart's crew.

From the desk of . . .

## JOE HATHAWAY

Suite 1 - Professional Building - P.O. Box 1129 - Glendive, Montana

11/10/88

Russ:

You may not be the one to whom this order should be sent, but if not would you please forward it for me.

My check is for \$29.<sup>50</sup> because I stopped to purchase an additional package of Georgia Peanuts on the last day and they had already closed their books and asked that I just send the \$4.<sup>50</sup>.

Thanks Russ for this favor and for the good job you do.

Joe Hathaway

Enclosed also is a bit of expense help

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~~STATE 1, PROFESSIONAL BUILDING, P.O. BOX 1125~~ . . . . GLENDIVE, MT. 59330  
BUS: 365-3506 - RES: 365-4632

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Dear Russ;

Listed below is the information you have

Requested:

<u>NAME</u>	JOSEPH R. HATHAWAY
<u>ADDRESS</u>	1031 N. MEADE AVE GLENDIVE, MT. 59330-1918
<u>TELEPHONE</u>	406 365 4632
<u>WIFE</u>	PATRICIA
<u>D.O.B.</u>	09-10-23 SEPT. 10 - 1923
<u>S.S.#</u>	483 14 4435
<u>RETIREMENT</u>	FEBRUARY-1988- / Post Senior Nylc NEW YORK LIFE INS. Co NEW YORK LIFE GLENDIVE, MT.

16 June 1992

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to verify that Joseph R. Hathaway, Glandive, MT, served as the delegate from MONTANA for the 1988, 1989 and 1990 reunions of the 306th Bombardment Group Association.

These reunions were held in Las Vegas, NV; Little Rock, AR, and San Antonio, TX, respectively, and during each of these reunions the annual business meeting of the Association was conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell A. Strong, Secretary  
306th Bombardment Group Association





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NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

11/2/92

Mr. Russell H. Strong  
5723 Chival Place  
Charlotte, NC. 28205

Dear Russ:

During one of our visits in England you asked if I would furnish certain information for the 306<sup>th</sup> directory for the two Montrose members. Unless I'm mistaken, you were going to send me the types of information needed. As of this date I've not heard. I tried yesterday to call and the operator informed me that number was no longer in service.

Please drop me a note or give me a call and I'll be happy to furnish what is requested.

Look forward to seeing you in Seattle,

Sincerely,  
JR

The England wrap up in the Oct issue of Echoes is well done. Congratulations &



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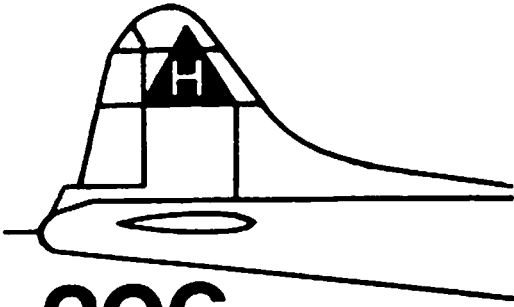
Russ Strong  
 5323 Chevot Pl.  
 Charlotte, N.C. 28205

Dear Russ;

The April issue of echoes included the  
 Co Pilot of our crew, Bruce Merrill. Good Work!  
 On the front page you asked for a name and  
 any other information about 306 members. Here are two  
 from our crew -  
 MILLARD C. SCOTT, MT ZION, W. V. (G.)  
 DAN IRWIN - FLUKER, LA. (ENG)

Recently talked with Forest Stewart and  
 we'll both be there with our wives. See you then.

Sincerely  
 Joe Hathaway



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Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England – September 1942-April 1945

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15-17 September  
Des Moines, IA

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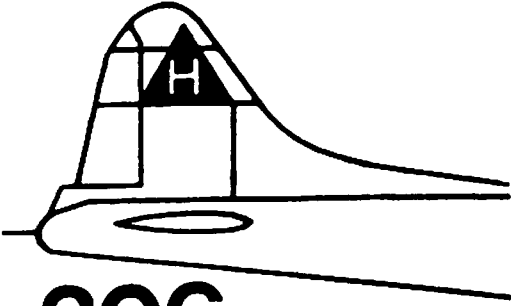
*Dear Russ;*

*In a letter dated 7 May 1994 you stated that traditionally the Officers and Directors of the 306<sup>th</sup> Association meet on the day before the meeting and in the afternoon. Based on that letter I purchased a non-refundable airline ticket so that I would arrive about noon on September 14<sup>th</sup>.*

*In a letter dated 7 August 1994, you stated the officers will meet Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 A.M. and officers and directors will meet on that day at 2 P.M. I am Committed now to arrive on the 14<sup>th</sup> but will check with you as soon as I check in the hotel. Hope this is satisfactory.*

*Sincerely,  
Joe Hathaway*





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England

Dear Russ;

I just noticed in the 306<sup>th</sup> Echoes a request for an updated address for, among others, Mrs. Donald J. Casey - 423<sup>rd</sup> Navigator.

The newest address is:

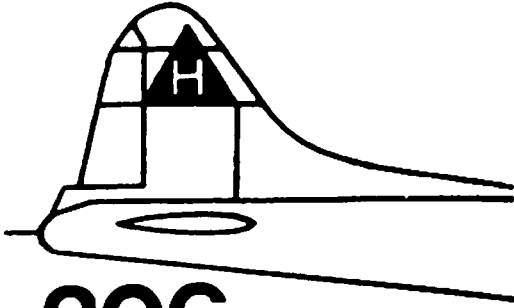
MRS MARTHA CASEY  
10632 EL CAPITAN CIR.  
SUN CITY, AZ 85351-1832  
TEL. 602 933 1299

We plan to see or at least call her when we will be in Phoenix to visit our daughter in January.

Warm regards Russ

Sincerely  
Joe

1995 Reunion  
14-16 September  
Hyatt Regency Knoxville  
Knoxville, TN



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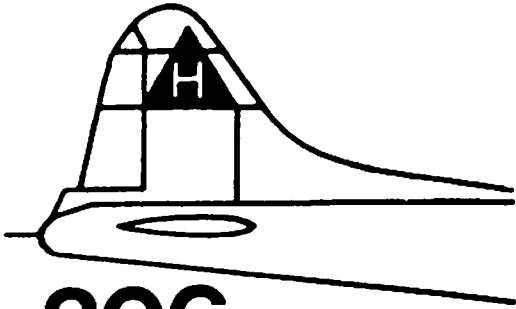
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**1997 Reunion**  
6-9 November  
Adams Mark Hotel,  
Florida Mall  
Orlando, FL

Dear Russ;  
Reservations have already been made for Pat & I in Orlando 11/5 - 11/9; but haven't purchased airline tickets as we get the cheaper non-refundable ones. When should I arrive - when is first meeting and are there any extra meetings after Nov. 9th? Can you furnish this info and any extra I should be aware of? You have always done such an outstanding job at meetings I guess we assume all will go well. Whether it is ever spoken - it is appreciated! This year the car will stay in the garage at Convention time and then  
LET IT SNOW.

Joe



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Dear Russ,  
do you perhaps recall that I sent you the home address of a Crew Member that you were able to locate - Mellard C. Scott? When you called with the good news, I immediately called Scotty and he, Farrest Stewart our Pilot, and I got together in Knoxville.

The three of us planned a good visit, golf game, and the reunion in Orlando. I called Scotty to make sure all was in order for our get together, and was informed he died a month ago, one bite in his sleep. I tho't you'd like to know. My wife told me recently you had called and would call back. Apparently you hunkled it, as I've not heard. Pat and I look forward to seeing you and June in Orlando - Sincerely Joe



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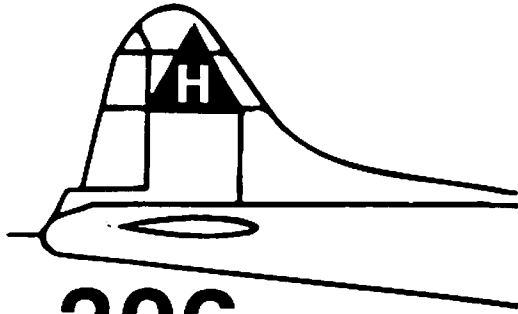
Please ship to me one book *First Over Germany*.  
Enclosed find my check for 38.<sup>00</sup>. Use my home  
Address: 1031 N. MEADE AVE GLENDIVE, MT. 59330-1918.

Russ would you please furnish your autograph  
in whatever appropriate manner you choose.  
It is for GLENDIVE PUBLIC LIBRARY. I was on the  
Library Board for 16 years; 15 as Chairman,  
and believe your book would be an  
excellent addition to their Germanic Library  
Collection. The Librarian says she will look  
forward to giving it a prominent place in  
their WAT section.

Russ, when I checked out, my room was  
paid in full, including the extra day I  
stayed. If this was an error, let me know the  
amount and I'll send you a check.  
Enjoyed our many visits in Orlando.

Sincerely Joe





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1999 Reunion  
8-12 September  
Henry VIII Hotel  
St. Louis, MO

29 September 1999

Joseph R. Hathaway  
Past President

Dear Joe:

As per our conversation of yesterday, I want to remind you of your duties as chairman of the nominating committee for the 1999 annual meeting at St. Louis.

Attached is a sheet showing those persons who have been officers and directors since 1983. This should be of interest to you. While there is no bylaw preventing the nomination of someone who has already served, we probably ought to look about us, and to select some younger men to continue the direction of the Association through another year.

I have annotated this enclosure to indicate the organizations in which these men served at Thurleigh, and also to indicate those who were officers and those enlisted. Perhaps I should also indicate their states of residence. All of this information is to help you make choices that will assure some diversity in those joining the continuing officers rather than concentrating people in any way.

It will be necessary to nominate the following persons for election by the present board of directors at the Wednesday meeting in St. Louis:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Director for 3 years  
Director for 3 years.

It has become customary to carry on the vice president for another year as president. We will need a "new" body for vice president. Sometimes we have elevated a director, and then filled that position.

Both the secretary and treasurer have served long periods in their posts, and must be re-elected each year. We generally have made changes only upon the resignation of one of these officers.

Hathaway directive - 2

Both Sheldon Beigel and Russell Houghton will have completed three-year terms as directors and should be replaced.

Clay Wilson has one more year to serve and Lee Kessler has two more years on his term as a director.

Now, in our conversation we discussed your selection of two persons to serve with you as a nominating committee. If you can complete your work by telephone for the reunion, you will be able to report on your slate to the officers and directors at our Wednesday afternoon meeting. If you cannot complete this by the time you have arrived in St. Louis, then we will probably want to arrange another meeting of the officers and directors prior to the annual meeting to consider the slate.

It is my hope that all of those elected on Saturday will be able to participate in their first meeting as a Board following the Association annual meeting.

As I indicated to you yesterday, I am also including a short list of suggestions to fill the spots definitely needed, namely, the vice president and two directors. I would hope you might add other names to your list for consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

cc: Switzer, Boring, Houser

Russ:  
You may have seen  
this or perhaps you  
have a copy. If not  
you may find it  
interesting.

Joe Hathaway

P.S. This is a picture of a Big  
Horn Sheep my son shot  
in Montana. It is a  
Boone and Crockett  
designated animal —  
meaning a National  
Record for size.

