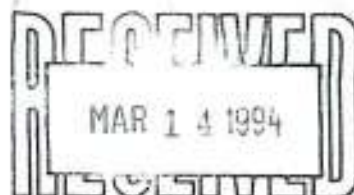


PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE  
306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION



Complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary,  
306th BG Association, 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205.

Date completed \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: *HOOKS* FIRST NAME: *JERRY* MI: *0* TITLE:

Street address: *P.O. BOX 561* Telephone: *(615) 949-3216*

City, State, Zip: *TENN. 37327* zip + 4: *-*

Date of birth: *MAR. 23, 1917* Wife's name: *DECEASED*

College(s) attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Last employment & job title & retirement date: *SELF EMPLOYED  
OWNER VALLEY GRAY MACHINE SHOP*

Reunions attended: *NONE*

Serial #: *14014144* Squadron: *423* Specialty: *GUNNER*  
Date joined 306th: *506 SECURITY 26-05-1476* If combat, what crew: *BALL TURRET*

Special duties or assignments w/306th: *BALL TURRET GUNNER*

Number of missions flown: *25* Date of last mission: *12 OCT, 1943*

Date left 306th: *APPROX. DEC '43* Highest rank/grade w/306th: *S/SGT*

Other 8th AF units served with:  
*TRAINING SQUADRON BOVINGTON ENGLAND*

Top service assignment after 306th:

USAF retirement date: *31 OCT. 1960* Rank/grade: *T/SGT*

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the squadrons or other units serving with the 306th, are sought by the secretary, as many of these do not appear in any collections of materials in Federal files:

If you know of others who served with the 306th who do not appear in the current directory, please add their names and current/WWII hometowns/or other addresses to the back of this sheet so that searches may be implemented to add them to our present 306th roster.

11/19/03

Jerry O. Hooker  
P.O. Box 561  
Dunlap, In. 37329

Russell A. Smith  
5323 Chival Place  
Charlotte, N.C. 28205

Dear Sir:

Received your letter a few days ago asking could I identify people in the picture you sent.

There is one I can positively identify but only his last name. The man standing 2nd from left rear row is Garret (Garrett) left waist gunner. The man in the rear row standing to far right & in pretty side is Johnson (Johnson) Radio operator. Again I remember only the last name.

I don't remember when this picture was taken or that I was in it.

I will add a little more information if you care to read on.

I went to England with the  
414th & 415th night fighter  
Squadrons. We were sent to  
Cranfield a RA7. night fighter  
base to train with the RA8.  
There were three of us to each  
Crew (Pilot, Radar operator and  
gunner. We were supposed to  
have received a night fighter  
version of the a-26, but they  
never came. Pilot and Radar  
~~operator~~ were put in & below the  
best night fighters. All the  
gunners were sent to ~~the~~  
Bovingdon We received a quick  
course in the A-17. I was  
assigned to a crew as Ball turret  
and sent to the 306th. For some  
reason our pilot was grounded.

My first five missions I  
flew as a spare gunner (Wain &  
Ball turret.) My 5th mission  
to Hamburg I flew with Capt.  
Check as Ball turret. (25 June 43)  
The next day 26 June I flew  
with Capt. Check's crew. Target

was a fighter base at Le Bourget  
(I don't know if the spelling is right)  
Capt. Check was killed on this  
mission. If I was in the picture  
it would have to have been  
taken either before or just after  
the mission to Hamburg,  
the 25th of June 43. I really can't  
rehearse myself in the picture.

I'm 86 years old and  
my memory is none too good.  
I hope this may be of some help.

Sincerely  
Judy O. Weber