

8 April 1981

Dear Bill:

I want to thank you and your wife for hosting that rowdy group last Sunday. I certainly enjoyed the opportunity to get better acquainted, to meet Spry and Chamberlain and exchange a few good stories.

I have shipped your pictures off to Casey Jones and ought to have them back in a month.

Now, here is what I have learned:

Louis Brookins died in 1972.
Charles W. Thomas died 4 Oct 67.

Sol Werlin, 16 Boliver Av., Troy, NY 12180
Walter Hagemier, 511 Parkway Dr., Bloomington, IN 47401

Brookins had an extensive picture collection which his son will send to me for examination. You may have a large identification problem as a result. I'll have to see them first, however.

Thomas had some pictures, but they are in a scrap book with a lot of family pictures. I may check them out the next time I am in Cincinnati.

Thanks so much for your continuing interest and your thoughtfulness in getting us all together. I was a day well spent.

Sincerely yours,

26580 Fronticello Drive
Jupiter, FL 33411
January 25, 1976

Dear Russ:

I received your letter dated January 21. Enclosed is a listing of 306 members with whom I have been in constant contact since 1945. I believe that all of the addresses are correct. As you can see, many of the people on this list are medicals - I was the medical NCO of the 367th Bomb Sq. from June 1942 to August 1945. I was very much involved in a medical group reunion in 1951 in Chicago. The following year, people from New York ~~State~~ did have a small gathering of all 306th members in New York City - I handled the contacts for the medicals. I suggest that you contact the following two people for additional 306th group member names - they were the Chairman and Co-Chairman:

Adolph Viscanti 83 Edgewater Road, Edgewater, N.J. 07020
Motty Argente 1528 Crosby Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10461

I am willing to do anything I can to promote the reunion in Dayton. So, don't hesitate to call on me for any services that I can provide. My home phone is (313) 562-4617 and my office phone is (313) 564-1100, extension 2445. I am very anxious to see a well attended turnout in October as I have many fond memories of my association with the 306th Bomb Group.

I remember Charles D very well - in fact I
have a few photos of him in my albums. He was
the executive officer of the 307th Bomb Sq. when he
first came on board with us.

Keep in touch with me Russ.

Sincerely,
Bill Hamilton

39470 TYLER RD

BELLEVILLE, MI 48111

DR. 7

~~NOV 30~~, 1983

DEAR RUSS:

FINALLY GOT ALL MY SNAPS DEVELOPED. ENCLOSED ARE A FEW FOR YOU. HOPE THEY ARE INTERESTING TO YOU. I BELIEVE THAT YOU KNOW ALL PARTICIPANTS. IF YOU HAVE A NEED TO KNOW, CONTACT ME. RUSS, I NEED A FAVOR. I'M FRUSTRATED IN TRYING TO LOCATE MATTHEW ARLENTO. THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 1528 CROSBY AVENUE, BRONX, N.Y. 10461. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE. CONVEY OUR BEST TO YOUR LOVELY WIFE, ALICE? HAD LUNCH WITH THE SARYS TWO WEEKS AGO. AFTER OUR GLOWING REPORT OF THE REUNION IN OWANA, THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THEY SHOULD TRY FORT WORTH NEXT YEAR. TAKE CARE & HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

SINCERELY,

RUTH/Bill Houlahan

P.S.

I ALSO NEED THE ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING:

BILL FITCHIK

"RIP" RIORDAN



367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations
Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England – September 1942-April 1945

306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION

Historian

Russell A. Strong
2041 Hillsdale
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

9 April 1984

Mr. William Houlihan
39470 Tyler
Belleville, MI 48111

Dear Bill:

At the request of President Ralph Bordner, I am writing to ask if you will accept appointment to the Board of Directors of the 306th Bomb Group Association?

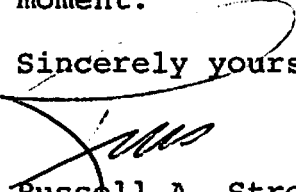
This appointment will be feective until the annual meeting in Fort Worth, at which time the membership will be asked to approve a change in the bylaws permitting the election of additional members of the Board of Directors.

The executive committee will also suggest to the nominating committee that your name be placed on the ballot for additional year of service on the Board.

Between now and the annual meeting there will be in all likelihood one telephone conference call meeting of the Board.

Please let me know of your acceptance at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely yours,


Russell A. Strong
Secretary

Russ: I WOULD CONSIDER IT A PRIVILEGE TO BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD. MY THANKS TO RALPH AND OTHERS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. DID YOU KNOW THAT 'DOC' LUBINE PASSED AWAY? WE HAD A NOTE FROM HIS WIDOW, MANCIA.

ALWAYS FIRST

FIRST OVER GERMANY

DEAR RUSS:

8-1-87

TWO ITEMS. I RECEIVED DON ROSS' LETTER WHICH WAS RESPONDED TO IMMEDIATELY. I HAD A CALL FROM A FORMER 369TH COMBAT CREW PERSON JULY 31. HE SAW MY NOTICE IN THE MAGAZINE PUT OUT BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NAFRF). HE IS ALL EXCITED - CALLED TWICE FROM ARKANSAS. HIS

ADDRESS:

FRANK BISIGNANO
1 PEN LANE
BELLA VISTA, ARK 72714
(501) 855-4066

OTHER CREW MEMBERS!
ROBERT FOWLER
BARNEY SILVERMAN
PILOT! OYMAN?
ROWAN!

BILL HOULIHAN

The Houlihan Family
39470 Tyler Rd
Belleville MI
48111



Constitutional Convention, 1787

MR. RUSSELL STRONG
2041 HILLSDALE
KALAWAZOO, MI 49007

George Mason
Gouverneur Morris
James Madison
Alexander Hamilton
Charles C. Pinckney

9/27/87

27 September 1987

William F. Houlihan, 39470 Tyler Road, Belleville, was re-elected to a second one-year term as vice president of the 306th Bomb Group Historical Association, September 19 in Washington, DC.

Houlihan served as the chief clerk for the hospital unit at this 306th Bomb Group from 1942 to 1945. The Group was a part of the U. S. Eighth Air Force stationed in England during the war.

Houlihan and his wife were part of a group of more than 700 people who attended the four-day reunion at a hotel in Crystal City, adjacent to the nation's capital. Next year's event will be held in late October in Las VEGAS, NV,

15 August 1988

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Dear Bill:

Thanks for the telephone numbers, and other information.

As to Matthew Argento: I would suggest that you write to the New York City Pension Board. Enclose a sealed and stamped letter addressed to Matty and ask them to complete the address and mail it on.

Perhaps you will get through in this way. Because of the effort you have made, perhaps they will inform you if he is deceased.

I am sure they will not give you an address or any hint as to his whereabouts, but they will probably forward a letter. You can explain in your letter the steps you have taken to reach him, and the fact that he must reply in order for you to know where he is.

I think I would include in his letter a stamped, addressed letter back to you to encourage him to reply. He may be a non-writing type who just doesn't answer much mail. Again, you are trying to encourage him to act.

Have taken care of Madge Anderson's name on the computer. I had started doing that anyway, but didn't know who her husband had been. Thanks for the help.

Look forward to seeing you in Vegas.

All the best,

PS Am enclosing a couple of #9 envelopes. They fit in a #10 without folding, and should be useful in your communication with Argento.

DEAR JUNE AND RUSS:

8-5-88

RESPONDING TO YOUR RECENT LETTER OF 27 JULY, EVERYTHING FOR LITTLE ROCK REUNION APPEARS TO BE MOVING SMOOTHLY. I WAS INTERESTED IN YOUR COMMENT ABOUT DEXTER AND NALB PARTICIPATING. ARE THEY CONSIDERING ROLES ON THE REUNION COMMITTEE? THIS WOULD BE A GOOD MOVE, TO GET BOTH OF THEM INVOLVED IN ASSOCIATION AFFAIRS. I RESPECT BOTH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

I HEARD FROM "MO" MONIANTY TWO WEEKS AGO. HE WAS IN NEW YORK ON BUSINESS (PROMOTING?) AND TRIED TO GET A LINE ON EX-MEDICS MATTY ARGENTO AND JOHN BUCCELLATO. BUCCELLATO DIED LAST MONTH - HE WAS A 367th MEDIC. HE COULD NOT GET ANYTHING ON ARGENTO. HE RETIRED FROM THE N.Y. DPW AND SEEMS TO HAVE DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT. RUSS, DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS ON HOW I COULD TRACK HIM DOWN? WHAT ABOUT MY WRITING TO THE CITY OF NEW YORK PENSION BOARD? HOW CAN I APPROACH IT? ANY ADVICE WILL BE APPRECIATED - I HIGHLY RESPECT YOUR KNOWLEDGE IN DETECTIVE WORK - AS WELL AS IN ALL OTHER AREAS. YOU ARE THE "GLUE" ... ONE OTHER MATTER ON TITURLEIGH MEDICS. I HAD A CALL FROM ERIC ANDERSON'S WIDOW, WADE - I WAS BEST MAN AT THEIR WEDDING IN ENGLAND. SHE WANTS TO KNOW IF, IN THE FUTURE ISSUES OF THE DIRECTORY, WE COULD IDENTIFY HER, AND PERHAPS OTHERS, AS MRS. ERIC ANDERSON OR MRS. WADE ANDERSON (ERIC)? SHE DOES NOT WANT TO LOSE HER IDENTITY WITH ERIC, WHICH WAS A QUESTION RAISED BY HER AF BUFF GRANSON WHEN HE WAS LOOKING THROUGH THE DIRECTORY.

THE DIRECTORY? CONGRATULATIONS ON A FINE BIT OF WORK. IT IS A TITANIC TASK EVEN WITH THE COMPUTER. I'M STILL WORKING ON THE TELEPHONE LIST. ENCLOSED ARE THE NOS. I HAVE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

HAVE THE TWO OF YOU RECOVERED FROM THE TRAUMA OF RELOCATION? WE HOPE THAT YOU HAVE MADE THE TRANSITION WITHOUT TOO MANY PROBLEMS?

I HAD LUNCH WITH BOB SMY ON THURSDAY. HE IS NON-COMMITAL ABOUT ATTENDING THE REUNION. DON CHAMBERLIN, BOB CHAMBERLIN, "KIT" DOUGLAS, AND ERK'S SISTER, KATH, ARE PLANNING ON BEING THERE. BEN MELZEL WILL COME. DOMINIC C WALINSKI IS INCAPACITATED - STROKE NINE YEARS AGO. JIM MITCHELL HAS OTHER PLANS. THESE ARE THE RESPONSES FROM THE 20 ENLISTED MEN MEDICS, I HAVE CONTACTED. SHULLER IS APPROACHING ALL THE DOCTORS.

I'M STILL WORKING AS A DATA ANALYST AT WILLIAMS. MY TENTATIVE RETIREMENT DATE IS JANUARY 31, 1989. I'M NOT CONVINCED THAT RETIREMENT IS THE RIGHT THING FOR ME. HOWEVER, WE ARE RELATIVELY HEALTHY AND WANT TO DO SOME TRAVELING BEFORE TIME CATCHES UP TO US. I'LL BE 70 IN DECEMBER & RUTH HIT 66 IN JULY. I'LL MAIL THIS MONDAY RUS AS I WANT TO REPRODUCE THE TELEPHONE LIST. TAKE AWW GOD BLESS.

SINCERELY,

Bill Houlahan

HERMIT W. ALEXANDER	UNLISTED
VERNON J. BLUCHER	(313) 561-9109
EDWARD C. BERNARDI	(516) 921-2087
RALPH D. BROWN	UNLISTED
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DELMAR COCHRAN	UNLISTED
WILLIAM R. EDWARDS	(305) 727-1063
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LEROY C. GUTHRIE	UNLISTED
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JOHN R. KALB	(501) 922-3040
DENNIS E. MCCARTHY	(313) 547-1014
PETER A. PETRELLI	UNLISTED
JOHN PRENTICE	(313) 542-7606
DANIEL SCHLESSEL	(904) 746-5386
DONALD R. SPENCER	(313) 272-1207

W. M. T. ZURER DECEASED, WAS STILL ALIVE

DEAR RUSS:

9-14-88

I HOPE THAT THIS NOTE FINDS YOU AND JUNE IN GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS? HAVE YOU MADE MUCH HEADWAY IN YOUR UNPACKING? WE SPENT 5 YRS IN THAT PROCESS.

YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON LOCATING ARGENTO WAS FOLLOWED WITH SUCCESS: THEY MOVED TO ANOTHER APARTMENT HOUSE.

MR. MATTHEW ARGENTO
1431 CROSBY AVENUE
BROOKLYN, N.Y. 10461
(212) 931-9836

I WILL SEND HIM AN APPLICATION FOR THE ITINERARIES & FILL HIM IN ON GROUP & PERSONAL ACTIVITIES.

I'M SURE THAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM SHILLEN ABOUT DEANE MCWAL'S DEATH? I KNOW HE HAD PROBLEMS—PHYSICAL. ENCLOSED IS A LETTER FROM JOE CARON'S SON ON HIS DEATH. HE WAS A VET WITH THE 11TH ^{VETERINARY SECTION} ~~COMBAT ENGINEERS~~. HE WAS A "LOWER" WHO DID HIS JOB WELL. NEURK MIXED WITH THE REST OF OUR MOTELY CREW.

DO YOU DETECT SOME STRAIN ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HENNESSY AND ROBINSON? I HAVE HAD COPIES OF LETTERS FROM BOTH PARTIES. IN THE REAL WORLD, CONFLICT IS THERE, BUT WE NEED TO COMMUNICATE AND TRY TO RESOLVE OUR DIFFERENCES. I HOPE THAT THIS CAN BE DONE BEFORE WE MEET IN OCTOBER.

WILL CLOSE FOR NOW. LOOKING FORWARD TO OCTOBER/NOVEMBER.

SINCERELY,
Bill Houlahan



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306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION

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William F. Houlihan
39470 Tyler Road
Belleville, MI 48111

December 16, 1988

Vice President
Marshall E. Baker
2600 Londonderry
Alexandria, VA 22308

Dear Reg:

Secretary
Russell A. Strong
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, NC 28205

I contacted Marshall and Dale last night in connection with Tarmac's approach -- Russ has not been available the past four days. They agree with us that we should contact Mr. D'Amato and advise him of our position. Accordingly, we have a quorum asking you to pursue this matter as soon as possible. If he does not comply with our request, we can go to the next issue of Echoes and advise our people that we are not sponsoring the trip to Thurleigh.

Treasurer
C. Dale Briscoe
7829 Timber Top Drive
Boerne, TX 78006

Hope you and the family enjoy your Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Bill Houlihan
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1-2-89

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*P.S. FOUND THIS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CHRISTMAS
PILE. I THOUGHT THAT I HAD WAIVED IT 12-17-88.*

1989 Reunion Chairman
Hugh E. Phelan
Rt. 1, Box 800
Donaldson, AR 71941

1989 Reunion
21-24 September
Little Rock, AR

DEAR JUNE RUSSELL:

1-15-89.

SLIGHT CORRECTION ON MY RETIREMENT DATE. I HAVE POSTPONED IT UNTIL APRIL 23. MY 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY DATE IS APRIL 2, 1979 WHICH WILL GIVE ME 6 VACATION DAYS = \$1,052.50, I WILL STAY ON UNTIL THAT DATE. I WAS HIRED AFTER 60 YRS OF AGE WHICH DISQUALIFIES ME FROM A W.I. PENSION, UNDER THE OLD RULES. HOWEVER, THE COMPANY WENT INTO A 5 YR VESTING PLAN 1-1-88, WHICH MEANS I WILL HAVE 1 YR 4 MONTHS ^{EST.} VESTING, THE PAYOFF WILL BE MINIMAL, NOT MUCH BUCK MONEY.

ASIDE FROM THAT, ALL IS WELL. CINDY STILL AT THE "CAT PRACTICE" IN BIRMINGHAM AND ENJOYING IT. SHE PICKED UP A RAISE THIS MONTH TO THE GRAND SUM OF \$30,000 WHICH IS NOT TOO GREAT FOR 3 YRS IN COLLIER AND 2.5 YRS AS A PRACTICING VET. PAT'S DENTAL PRACTICE IS SUBJECT TO UPS AND DOWNS WITH A POSITIVE UPWARD THRUST OVER LAST YEAR. RUTH IS O.K. SHE IS STILL WITH WEIGHT WATCHERS - LOST 30 POUNDS. NOW SHE LOOKS LIKE MY SWEETHEART!

YOUR LETTER ON THE SPECIAL PROJECTS SOUNDS O.K. TO ME. IF A GRANT, WE WILL HEAR ABOUT IT. HOWEVER, TENDING A CONTRIBUTION IS VOLUNTARY NOT MANDATORY. WITH A RAPIDLY DECLINING POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTOR BASE, DUE TO OUR AGES, I SEE A NEED FOR AN ADEQUATE FINANCIAL POSITION TO CARRY ON WORTHWHILE PROJECTS ON BEHALF OF THE 306th IS. G. ASSOCIATION.

LOVE BLESS

Bill Haulihen

HI JUNE - RUSS:

8-29-88

A FEW LINES. ENCLOSED IS THE LATEST PHOWA MOS. IN DETROIT METRO AREA. I WILL SEARCH FOR THE OTHERS NEXT WEEK BY CALLING INFORMATION. WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE GETTING SETTLED IN YOUR NEW HOME AND ENVIRONMENT? RUSS, I'M CERTAIN THAT YOU ARE A VERY ^{BUSY} PERSON IN THESE "GOLDEN YEARS"? RUTH RETIRED FROM THE SCHOOL SYSTEM 7-31-88. SHE GROANS ABOUT INSUFFICIENT HOURS TO DO ALL THE THINGS SHE WOULD LIKE TO DO. I TOLD HER TO SLOW DOWN AND NOT PUSH HERSELF EVERY DAY.

OUR DAUGHTER CINDY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REUNION. SHE HAS A GOOD GIRLFRIEND IN LAS VEGAS; TEACHING AND PURSUING A PHD IN EDUCATION. WE WILL ARRIVE ON SATURDAY, IN THE EVENING, AROUND 9:30 P.M. RUTH & I LEAVE FOR SAN FRANCISCO ON THURSDAY AND BACK TO DETROIT ON MONDAY. CINDY WILL ALSO COME BACK FROM LAS VEGAS ON MONDAY. SHE WANTS TO SPEND TIME WITH KELLY, HER FRIEND. SOUNDS AS THOUGH WE'LL HAVE A SELL-OUT-MANY, WE HAVE NOT SEEN PREVIOUSLY? I'M STILL WORKING ON SPRY AND THE OTHER FEW LISTED MEDICS. THURMAN IS ON THE M.D.'S. I HAVE SENT OUT 21 LETTER WITH FIVE RESPONSES - ONE POSITIVE. DO ED AND BANNY PLAN ON PROVIDING AN UP-TO-DATE LIST ON ATTENDEES JUST BEFORE THE MEETING DATES? TEN TOLD ME THAT HE WILL CLOSE OUT RESERVATIONS WHEN HE HITS JOBS.

EVERYTHING AT WMS IS ON HOLD. WE HAVE A FEW PROMISING PROGRAM IN THE PIPELINE, BUT FUNDING IS SCARCE. UNCLE SAM IS BALKING AT ABSORBING DEVELOPMENT COSTS. THIS WILL STUNT THE INNOVATIVE DRIVES OF SOME FIRMS; OTHERS WILL BUY IN AND THEN RECOVER DEVELOPMENT COSTS IN FOLLOW-ON CONTRACTS. I'M SERIOUSLY THINKING ABOUT TURNING IN MY BADGE JANUARY 1989. I BECAME VESTED 1-1-85 (AFTER 5 YRS AT W.I.) AND MUST WORK A MINIMUM OF 200 HRS TO QUALIFY FOR THE HOSPITALIZATION PLAN. PENSION IS OUT BECAUSE I WAS HIRED AFTER ATTAINING THE AGE OF 60. BLUE PAPER BUT LEGAL!

SINCEY
R. C. H.

7 February 1989

CONFIDENTIAL

William F. Houlihan, President
306th Bombardment Group Association
39470 Tyler Road
Belleville, MI 48111

Dear Bill:

Per your verbal instruction issued at Las Vegas, I have talked with Ralph Franklin of Bedford, England, concerning the present activity of the 306th Bomb Group affiliate in the Bedford area, of which Ralph was the elected president. That was according to our latest information.

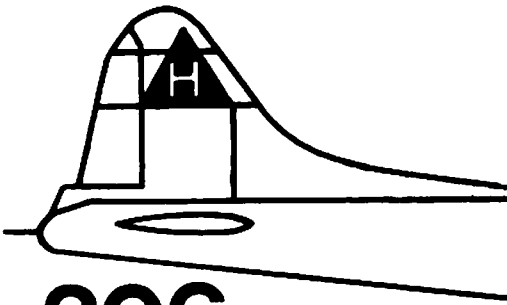
He says there are no great problems now among the group of four couples, and that all relationships appear to be amicable.

On the basis of that statement, there seemed no reason to continue the conversation longer. I did probe into how the Richards were behaving, and he seemed to indicate that the most fractious one of the pair was Gordon. But, he affirmed, that in most all doings the group seemed to be getting along well.

I don't quite know what this means, but I would assume that at the present time perhaps we ought to leave it alone and not try to stir the pot.

If any bad odors appear from there in the future, I guess we can then investigate further our relationship with them.

All the best,



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Dear Russ:

Treasurer

C. Dale Briscoe
7829 Timber Top Drive
Boerne, TX 78006

Writing for myself, and for Don Ross and Reg Robinson, let me express our thanks to you for your recent gift to the 306th BG Project Fund.

Directors

John R. Grimm
5085 Morelawn Ct., Apt. B
Centerville, OH 45429

Your interest in the Association, as evidenced by your gift, is much appreciated and you will be hearing more from us in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. Riordan
6805 Santa Maria Lane
Dallas, TX 75214

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Amount received: \$100.00

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1d' Russ:

*HEAR THE LETTERS COMING. I DON'T MIND SIGNING MY NAME TO
THEM. IF YOU GET TIRED OF TYPING, RUTH WILL DO SOME
OF THE LETTERS. HAD A NOTE FROM DICK O'HARA
REGARDING ATLANTA IN 1990 - ITS A NO GO. I'M NOT
SURPRISED. I DROPPED A HINT TO DALE WHEN I MAILED
MY CHECKS LAST THURSDAY. RUSS, WHAT DO YOU THINK
ABOUT DOING A SPECIAL COMMENTARY ABOUT OUR SUPPORT
SERVICE GROUPS? I NOTICED IN LAS VEGAS THAT THEY WERE
OFF BY THEMSELVES WITHOUT THE SQUADRONS AND GROUPS
TRYING TO BRING THEM INTO THE ACTION. GIVES THEM A
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Dear Bill:

Here is the remainder of the letters for you to sign. We are now caught- up until Dale's return from the far reaches of the world.

At that point I hope we have something of a flood.

Later today, for mailing tomorrow, fo officers and directors, I will have an update and summary on the whole operation so that everyone will know just where we stand.

And, we will hope that by the time Dale returns he will have begun to get some envelopes back from the Echoes mailing.

One of these deys I hope we can give you writer's cramp!

All the best to you and Ruth,

20 March 1989

William F. Houlihan
39470 Tyler Road
Belleville, MI 48111

Dear Bill:

Writing for Don Ross and for myself, let me express our appreciation to you for your participation in the 306th BG Project Fund.

It is our hope that through the generosity of persons like you that we can so undergird the Association that it will continue as a viable organization even during that long period when memberships begin to falter. In the period after you have stepped down as president, we will continue to keep you informed as to the progress of the Fund.

Sincerely yours,

Reginald Robinson
Immediate Past President

Amount received: \$100.00

HI JUNE AND RUSS:

2-18-89

A FEW LINES. I JUST FINISHED SIGNING THE PROJECT LETTERS, WHICH WERE RECEIVED YESTERDAY. THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN GOOD. MAYBE BETTER BY THE TIME DALE RETURNS. I FINALLY MAILED MY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE SECOND TIME - THE FIRST TIME I FAILED TO PUT A STAMP ON THE LETTER AND IT SAT ??? FOR TWO WEEKS. SOON, WE SHOULD CONSIDER PROJECTS THAT WILL ENHANCE THE HARMONY OF OUR GROUP. I RECEIVED MY COPY OF THE ECHOS, THANKS FOR THE NICE WORDS RUSS, THE CENTERFOLD WAS VERY GOOD, AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE PUBLICATION. "YOU DO GOOD WORK" RUSS.

ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR THE ECHOS' MICROFICHE. OVER THE YEARS I HAVE "LOANED" COPIES TO PEOPLE WHO NEVER RETURNED THEM. THIS WILL GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY OF FILLING IN THE BLANKS. WE HAVE A MICROFICHE REMOVAL AT WEI, WHICH I WILL HAVE ACCESS TO UNTIL 4-21-89. AFTER WORKING IN THE SPARE PARTS PRICING SECTION FOR TWO WEEKS, I KNOW THAT IT IS TIME FOR ME TO GET OUT. CHARGING A CUSTOMER 45% FEE AND \$1000, IN NONRECURRING COSTS MAKES ME SHUDDER.

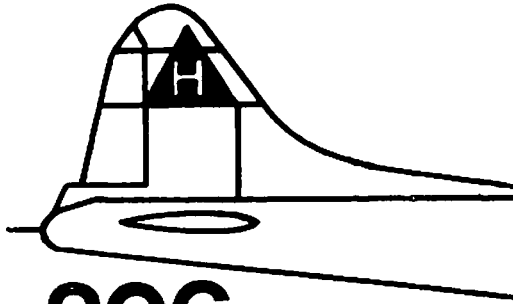
ALSO ENCLOSED IS MY POEM ON PERSONAL HISTORY FOR YOUR USE.

RUSS, HAS DALE EXPRESSED ANY MORE THOUGHTS TO YOU ABOUT HOSTING THE 1990 REUNION IN SAN ANTONIO? IF HE ISN'T REVERTING, WE SHOULD START BEATING THE "BUSHES". YOU CASUALLY MENTIONED YOUR AREA AND I, ALSO, CASUALLY MENTIONED "MILWAUKEE CITY". IF PUSH COMES TO SHOVE, WE COULD CONSIDER THIS AREA. YOUR EXCELLENT COMMENTS WILL BE APPRECIATED.

WOULD YOU SEND ME DON ROSS' ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO. IN ARIZONA? I HAD A DISTURBING DREAM FROM SHULLAR ABOUT JACK RYAN. I HAVE WRITTEN TO JACK ASKING HIM TO REJOIN OUR GROUP, BUT NO RESPONSE AS OF THIS DATE. MAYBE HE HAS WRITTEN ME OFF AS A "PATSY". WHAT DO YOU THINK IS BUGGING THIS MAN? IF THERE IS A STORY, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT IT.

ON THE ENGLISH STATE OF AFFAIRS REGARDING OUR TWO FRUSTRATING GROUPS, I AGREE WITH YOU. THANKS FOR YOUR FOLLOW-UP. I SENT JERRY HARRIN A LETTER ASKING HIM IF HE WANTED PICTURES OF HE AND THE BLOND - NO RESPONSE, SO I WILL HOLD OF UNTIL LITTLE ROCK.

SINCERELY,
ALDO H.



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Dear Hazel and Barney:

Treasurer
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7829 Timber Top Drive
Boerne, TX 78006

Just a few lines, Hazel, I hope that you are well on the way to a full recovery. The important ingredient appears to be a positive attitude, and I am sure that you and the family have that. You can tell us about it when we get together in Little Rock in September.

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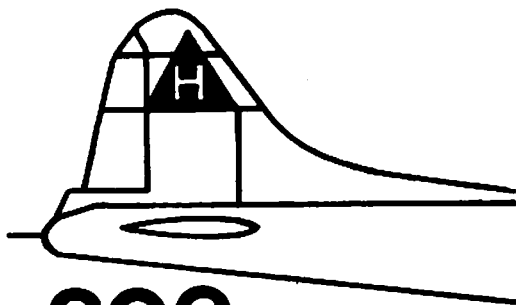
Barney, I had a call from Hugh Phelan and he indicated that you may consider doing a few songs, etc. in Little Rock -- contingent upon your decision to go there for the reunion. That would be great if you could arrange it. I asked Hugh about his after dinner program, i.e. a guest speaker or dancing, etc. He advised, at that time, that he did not have any firm plans. This shook me up a bit and then he mentioned your offer of assistance. As a result of this dialogue, I'm asking if you would be interested?

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The reunion committee, Russ Strong and I are planning on getting together the first week in May to establish final plans. If you give us an affirmative response, we could include your ideas into our discussions. We would welcome them. The Little Rock reunion will not compare in excitement, fun and games we experienced in Las Vegas. I think we will need to stress a theme of get-togetherness and a renewal of old friendships. Many of our folks never did catch up to their buddies. I've had many letters on how well organized the fun was in Las Vegas and your performance on Wednesday night was the icing on the cake.

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All is well with the Houlihans. Our son Patrick, the dentist, is finally seeing the end of the tunnel, five years after graduation. Cindy, our daughter, is a vet in a clinic in Birmingham, Mi. called The CAT Practice -- they treat only cats. I'm retiring from "Willy's Rocket Shed" (Williams International) April 21. I will still do some teaching and there is a need to catch up on a few things that have been put off. Also plan on some travel, Ireland in June, etc.

Hazel-Barney, I will close for now. God Bless.

Sincerely,

Bill Houlihan
(313) 624-5200 Ext. 2089 (8-5)
(313) 729-6347 (Home)

P.S. How about Vinnie living in Palm Springs?

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10 October 1989

Dear Bill:

The dust from Little Rock is beginning to settle a bit, and its time to get some letter writing in.

I much appreciated the pictures which I received a week ago, and as I put the next Echoes together tomorrow I will be using some of them.

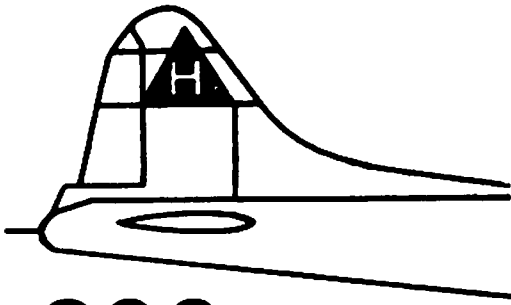
I also wanted to make note that during the past year I very much enjoyed working with you for the betterment of the 306th Association. I think at the end of your term we were stronger than we had been when the year began. And that is not meant to denigrate the contributions which Reg had made during his presidency.

But, we moved steadily ahead and I am sure will continue to make progress. Getting the By-Laws redone was a major effort, and your leadership in starting work on the 1992 reunion in England will bear fruit in the next three years.

Both June and I wish you and Ruth the best during the coming year and look forward to working and playing with you in San Antonio.

We arrived home nine days after leaving Little Rock, and found no real problems, other than a square of shingles 2'x3' blown off, and our backyard was pretty messy. Neighbors had cleaned our front yard. It took a day and a half to get the back cleaned up and the trash out to the curb. We feel very fortunate when we look at many places in Charlotte. Damage was horrendous in many neighborhoods.

All the best,



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HELLO JUNE, HELLO RUSS:

RUSS, THE ROSTER IS APPRECIATED. I COULD RECALL ALL NAMES WITH FACES, EXCEPT FOR ONE PERSON, A DENTAL TECHNICIAN ON THE FIRST PAGE. I WAS UNABLE TO FILL IN THE BLANK SPACES AND DON CHAMBERLIN HAS THE SAME PROBLEM. DID I TELL YOU THAT HIS WIFE, RENITH, DIED FROM COLON CANCER? HE IS TAKING IT VERY HARD - TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON HER FOR ALL DECISIONS. HER SISTER, KATHLEEN HUGHES, WHO LIVES IN PLYMOUTH IS IN BETTER CONDITION THAN DON. NEARLY TO SAY, OUR FAMILY MISSES THIS VITAL PERSON VERY MUCH.

RUSS, IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF ECHOES YOU ARE SOLICITING FAVORITE SHOTS FROM LITTLE ROCK. EVIDENTLY ARE TWO THAT I LIKED VERY MUCH ONE WITH FRED SHANNAN AND JO, THE EXPRESSION OF JOY ON FRED'S FACE WOULD PROVE "I'M HAVING A GREAT TIME" - COULD IMPROVE HUGH'S CONCEPT OF A SUCCESSFUL REUNION. THE OTHER IS THE FIRST AND THIRD GENERATION OF LENAGHAN'S - THIS WOULD BE A GOOD IMPULSION FOR OUR CHILDREN TO GET INVOLVED. I LEAVE IT UP TO YOU, AS I RESPECT YOUR INSIGHTS AND JUDGEMENTS. P.S. LOUGH THE STORY ABOUT DALE AND HIS "GANG".

I RECEIVED A COPY OF HUGH'S FINAL REPORT. I SENT DALE SOME \$ TO COVER THAT ADDITIONAL COST FOR OUR ROOM. I BACKED INTO A DAILY CHARGE OF \$2 FOR US AS A \$2 CHARGE FOR YOU AND DALE. THE DIFFERENCE MUST BE RELATED TO OUR INSISTENCE ON TWO BEDS (WHAT IT HAPPENED TO ROMANCE?) IN LINE OF ONE ON THE DAY OF REGISTRATION. WE HAD ORIGINALLY MADE RESERVATIONS FOR A DOUBLE / DOUBLE.

WE ARE O.K. RUTH IS COPING WITH ME, WHICH CAN'T BE ALL BAD. WE ARE STILL GOING TO WRIGHT WATCHMANS, PATRICK MOVES INTO HIS NEW OFFICE IN LIVONIA (12 MILES EAST OF HIS PRESENT LOCATION) ON THURSDAY. CINDY IS STILL "CATTING". WE VISITED THE LIBRARY'S LAST MONTH. HE IS VERY BAD WITH ALZHEIMER'S.

ALWAYS FIRST FIRST OVER GERMANY

GOY BLISS
RUTH & BILL

Dear Bill,

I saw your ad about
the reunion in Retirement Life.

Please send me more information.

Thanks,

John Fergy 423
1746 E. Broadmoor
Springfield, MO.
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(417) 881-2142

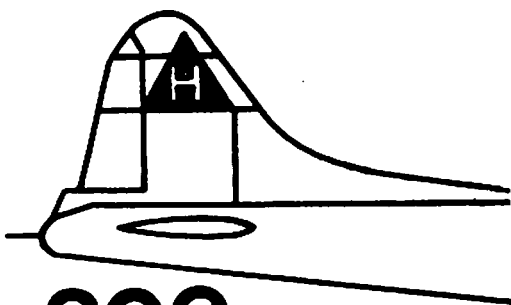
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HI RUSS! SENT HIM AN APPLICATION, RESERVATION FORMS (STRILERS MAR 10 WAY) 423
I PLACED A NOTICE IN THE MAGAZINE "RETIREMENT LIFE",

A PUBLICATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED
FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NAARFE). YOUR LETTER TO THE TRAVEL
AGENCY ARRIVED LAST WEEK. IF YOU ARE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND
NEED ACCOMMODATIONS, OUR HOUSE IS OPEN TO YOU AND YOURS.
OUR BEST TO JUNE

SINCERELY,

Bill H.



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HELLO BOSS:

A FEW LINES. DALE AND HIS COMMITTEE DID A FINE JOB IN SAN ANTONIO. WE LEFT S.A. AT 8:00 AM AND ARRIVED AT WYTHO AT 1:25. THE HOUSE IS STANDING DESPITE HOUSING OUR ANCIENT DOG AND FOUR ACTIVE CATS (2-OURS, AND 2-CINAV'S). WE COLLASSED MONDAY, THURSDAY, WE WENT OUT TO CIVIL HOSPITAL FOR RUTH'S BLOOD TEST, ETC. SHE WAS NOT FEELING TOO GOOD IN S.A. THE DOCTOR IS CONCERNED ABOUT BLOCKAGE IN THE STOMACH / DIVERTICULITIS. MORE TESTS COMING UP.

PITTSBURGH IN 1991? I TALKED TO A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE PITTSBURGH AREA. THE CONSENSUS IS THAT WE SHOULD HAVE IT IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA: (CONVENIENCE, SHOPPING, ETC. I NEVER HEARD JIM'S NATIONALS FOR HOLDING IT OUT IN THE "BOONIES" WHERE WE WOULD NEED TRANSPORTATION TO VISIT DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH.

ENGLAND IN 1990? SURPRISINGLY, THE BIGGEST GRIME SEEMS TO BE THE SCHEDULED ONE, PARTIAL DAY IN BEDFORD AND THYUNLEIGH. I DO NOT ENVY THE TASK BEFORE YOU AND DON IN TRYING TO ARRANGE THIS ONE. HEROLISS TO SAY, I SUPPORT YOUR PROGRAM AND WILL LEAD ANY ASSISTANCE I CAN. WE WILL PROBABLY WANT TO SPEND A FEW DAYS IN THE OUT-LONDON AREA, BUT WILL MAINTAIN OUR RESIDENCE AT THE LONDON HOTEL DURING THIS PERIOD. WE STILL HAVE FRIENDS IN BEDFORD (BOB CHAMBERLAIN'S FAMILY PLUS THREE OTHER FAMILIES).

SAN ANTONIO BANQUET? SOMETHING HAPPENED IN RELATION TO BARNY RAWLING'S INPUT TO THE PROGRAM. BARNY WAS VERY BITTER ABOUT BOB RIORDAN'S "CUTTING ME OFF". I SAW BARNY BEFORE HE MADE AN EARLY DEPARTURE AND HE WAS ANGRY. I WROTE TO DALE AND SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD INVESTIGATE FOR CAUSE AND TRY TO SMOOTH SOME RUFFLED FEATHERS.

Bill Houlihan

ALWAYS FIRST

FIRST OVER GERMANY

25 September 1990

Dear Bill:

I have just been rereading your letter written after the reunion, and feel I must say a few things.

One of the major factors in selecting a reunion site has become the availability of someone willing to serve as chairman. In this case, Jim Macry came forth.

The downtown hotels were checked out, and the prices would run \$30/\$40 a day more for a room, which we thought was prohibitive. We found the Holiday Inn near the Greater Pittsburgh Airport to be most convenient for those flying in, and the prices are in the range we have been used to paying.

One of the principals behind all reunions has been the factor of trying hard not to price people out of the market. We still try to adhere to that, although you and I both know that there are many who do not appear pure and simply because they cannot afford it.

Shopping in downtown Pittsburgh is not as good as in San Antonio, and I don't think there is really a great deal to do. I imagine we will offer trips down to Station Square, which should satisfy some needs.

Between Christmas and New Years I plan to be in Pittsburgh to meet with Jim, and also plan to have there both Chris and Em, particularly to get Em's input on the program for the Ladies. It is my intent that we try a little harder in this regard. Most of one day will be spent at the Beaver County Airport where the program will be on how to restore a B-17. That may not interest many women, and probably some men will choose to go in another direction.

I won't write further at this time about England, because you will be getting frequent reports. Needless to say, we HEARD the comments and are working on the various problems with the travel people. We hope to have much of the problem remedied within a month, and both Don and I

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are meeting regularly by phone, we have had a conference call with the travel (who were in the business meeting), and I have been on the phone with Ralph Franklin in Bedford.

I think that by the time of the January issue of Echoes, we will have quite a different program to report, with flexibility built into it that should meet the needs of most people.

Ed Hennessy, who had floated an idea around that the Association ought to disband after England, has come around to now saying he hopes he can make reunions for the next 15 years, and has no intention of not appearing if he can manage it physically.

I haven't tackled the problem of Barney yet, but will have to in the near future. I must share some blame along with others for not making sure that such things don't drop between the cracks. You may have seen similar problems arise in other reunion banquets. I can think of several at the moment, and I certainly will take positive steps next year to assure that they do not continue.

Beti Briscoe will have surgery next Monday. Both she and Dale are very optimistic and feel that they have an excellent surgeon wielding the scalpel.

All the best,

We are off to the mountains next week for three days with my younger brother and his wife. Then on the 8th we head to Rochester, NY, to help out a son who has seen his marital life come apart at the seams, leaving him with two young boys to care for, to get a house bought, and to spend a three-day weekend on maneuvers with the Army unit he is now running there. We draw the child caring assignment for a few days, and expect to be gone in all about 10 days.

HI RUSS!

10-1-90

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTERS OF SEPT 16 AND SEPT. 25, 1990. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS IN SAN ANTONIO, NOR DO I HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH YOUR COMMENTS IN THE SEPT. 25 LETTER. I ALKED WITH YOU ON ALL COUNTS! A WILLING CHAIRPERSON AND REASONABLE RATES ARE NECESSARY FOR A SUCCESSFUL AND WELL ATTENDED REUNION. PERHAPS A FEW COMMENTS ON THIS IN THE ECHOES WOULD ALLAY ANY QUALMS THE MEMBERS ARE HOLDING. NEVERTHELESS TO SAY, WE CAN NOT SATISFY EVERYONE - THAT IS PART OF HUMAN NATURE.

I KNOW THAT YOU AND BOB WOULD BE WORKING ON A REVISION TO THE INITIAL 1993 REUNION ^{PLAN}. I EXPLAINED TO ALL WHO WOULD LISTEN TO ME THAT THE INITIAL THRUST, WHICH WAS A ROUGH CUT, WOULD BE MODIFIED. I WONDER HOW MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WILL ACTUALLY SIT DOWN AND THINK ABOUT THE COMPLEXITIES INVOLVED IN THIS KIND OF A PROJECT?

I'LL BE GLAD TO HEAR THAT BO HENNESSY HAS HAD A CHANGE IN HIS THINKING ABOUT LIQUIDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION. I'M A ROMANTICIST AND LIKE THE IDEA OF A TONTINE. I WAS AMAZED AT THE INCREASED NO. OF YOUNG PEOPLE AT THIS REUNION. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT SETTING UP A MEET FOR THEM AT THE NEXT REUNION? THERE MAY BE SOME POTENTIAL LONGEVITY THERE.

WE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT BETI'S SICKNESS TODAY. WE WILL PRAY FOR HER AND SEND HER A GET-WELL CARD. BETI IS A BEAUTIFUL LADY IN ALL RESPECTS - WE ALL VERY POND OF THE BRIDGERS.

ENCLOSED ARE SOME SNAPSHOTS FOR YOUR REVIEW RUSS. USE
WHATEVER YOU WANT TO PUT INTO THE ECHOES OR ADD TO
YOUR PERSONAL FILES.

WE HOPE THAT YOUR SON'S PROBLEMS HAVE COME SOLVED ONES. IT
MUST BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR HIM. HOPE HE IS NOT BEING CALLED
UP FOR SAUDI ARABIA?

OUR BEST TO YOU AND YOUR BEAUTIFUL WIFE, JUNE. SHE
MADE A GREAT MODEL ON LADIES DAY.

SINCERELY,

RUTH and Bill Houlahan

10-2-80

P.S. RUSS, CAN I GET 5 COPIES OF THE 306th ECHOES, OCTOBER
ISSUE? THANKS!

Hi JUNE/RUSS:

8-13-91

How was your trip? I'm sure that you had some interesting conversations with our English associates? I'll be anxious to hear about your odyssey.

One of the purposes of this letter is to furnish you with the address of Patrich Courtney, one of the ground officers in your last issue of the Echoes: 719 East Fourth St, South Boston, MA 02127-(617) 268-8962, he is a cousin of Angela Courtney who married my maternal uncle Bill O'Brien (both of them gone). I called him to see if he was familiar with the 8th AP Historical Association and the existence of the 306th Satellite. He indicated that he knew all about it and was a member of the 305th Group which was his home base. I got the feeling that he thought that I was trying a con game. He was a pompous ass when I ran into him at Thurleigh and he hasn't changed since 1943.

How are you feeling Russ? Hope you are O.K. as mentioned in our last telecon. Ruth had a scare. Our family doctor gave Ruth a complete physical in July and sent her to Chief of Cardiology at Oakwood Hospital. She was given the option of a Thallium stress test or heart catheterization. She chickened out and took the stress test (insider joke). She got the D.N. last week when he said that she did not experience a heart attack as originally diagnosed by him the previous week.

I HAD MY PHYSICAL IN WAY, MY ONLY PROBLEM WAS LOW IN POTASSIUM. PATRICK IS O.K. HE AND HIS WIFE SUSAN WILL BE JOINING US IN PITTSBURGH ON FRIDAY. CINDY IS STILL TRYING TO DETERMINE WHEN SHE WILL COME - SHE IS STILL IN THE LONG PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING FOR PART OWNERSHIP IN THE "CAT PRACTICE". THIS NEGOTIATION HAS BEEN GOING ON ABOUT ONE YEAR, AND IT IS A VERY SENSITIVE ISSUE OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN US. TWO 55 YEAR ^{OLD} FRIENDS OF MINE WILL BE JOINING OUR GROUP ON SATURDAY NIGHT. HE WAS A 1ST SERGEANT OF INFANTRY IN EUROPE. THEY STOOD LINED UP WITH US WHEN WE WERE MARRIED IN 1949. I HAVE WRITTEN TO A FEW FIRST ^{SECOND} TIME SHOWS: HARRY W. BROWN, JOHN KRIVUS, JOHN HORTA, ~~FRATTY~~ ANGELO, JOHNNY SCHLIND, ET ALING THEM TO SHOW UP. SPAY AND CHAMBERLIN ARE TASSING IT AROUND. WELL FOLKS, I WILL CLOSE FOR NOW. TAKE CARE AND WE WILL SEE YOU IN PITTSBURGH.

SINCERELY,
Ruth + Bill

HI RUSS:

9-30-91

THE ENCLOSED UNIVERSE OF SNAPSHOTS IS FOR YOUR REVIEW. I DON'T KNOW WHICH OF THESE YOU WANT TO USE FOR ECHORS (IF ANY?) OR FOR YOUR PERSONAL FILES. WOULD YOU RETURN ANY OF THOSE NOT FITTING THOSE CATEGORIES? I SEND OUT COPIES TO PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE PICTURES. PLEASE OVERLOOK MY IDENTIFICATION ON SOME OF THE PHOTOS. I DO IT FOR MY OWN BENEFIT.

I ENJOYED THE GET-TOGETHER IN PITTSBURGH. JIM DID A GREAT JOB, AND SO DID HIS FAMILY. MINOR IRRITATIONS: THE CONFIGURATION OF THE BANQUET ROOM AND CANCELLATION OF THE IMPLIED CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOR THE LADIES. I ONLY MENTIONED THESE TO YOU (CO-CHAIRMAN) FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION. I SAW SUSAN AND PAT OFF ~~AT~~ TAM. WE HAD BREAKFAST WITH CINDY WHO DEPARTED AT 9:30 AM AND WE LEFT AT 10:00 AM. I WAS SURPRISED AT THE ABSENCE OF 306th REGULARS THIS TIME. COULD BE THAT SOME ARE HOLDING OFF FOR NEXT YEAR'S BLAST? WHAT KIND OF A RESPONSE DID YOU GET ON SIGNING UP FOR ENGLAND? WE MADE OUR DOWNPAYMENT (\$300) ON SATURDAY. RUSS, WOULD YOU SEND ME THE NAMES AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES OF OUR TRAVEL REPS? I WOULD LIKE TO SEND A LETTER PRAISE TO THEIR ORGANIZATIONS. I WAS TREMENDOUSLY IMPRESSED WITH THE WAY THEY HANDLED THINGS. GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS: PRICE OF THE TRIP MAY BE A BIT HIGH FOR SOME - NOT SURE THEY CAN AFFORD IT; I CAN DO IT ON MY OWN FOR LESS MONEY; I HAVE FREE TRANSPORTATION; I CAN STAY WITH FRIENDS IN ENGLAND; I WILL DO IT ON MY OWN AND ONLY ATTEND THE EVENTS. THOSE WERE THE MAJOR COMMENTS THAT I HEARD.

WE ARE OFF TO LI/W HOSPITAL THIS MORNING. I FINALLY CONVINCED RUTH TO SEE AN ORTHOPEDIC PERSON FOR THE KNEE INJURY SHE SUFFERED IN CAHU JULY '90. WE HAVE AN HMO WITH THEM, IN ADDITION TO RETIREMENT RELATED HOSPITALIZATION PLANS. HOW IS JUNE COMING ALONG? WE ARE VERY FOND OF HER RUSS. GIVE HER OUR FONDEST REGARDS.

Bill Hamilton

HI RUSS:

3-3-92

RECEIVED YOUR LETTER, DATED FEB. 27. WE WILL MISS BILL. HE WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR ASSOCIATION. I WILL SEND A CARD TO BETTY.

ENCLOSED ARE SOME ARTICLES FROM THE DETROIT NEWS LAST SUNDAY. THEY MAY BE IN YOUR PAPER?

WE HOPE THAT YOU AND JUNE ARE WELL AND ENJOYING LIFE. DON CHAMBERLIN WAS OVER FOR DINNER ON SATURDAY. HE IS GOING TO ENGLAND DURING REUNION TIME, BUT WILL BE STAYING WITH HIS DEPARTED WIFE'S RELATIVES. HE WANTS TO ATTEND THE EVENTS IN BEDFORD, BUT NOT IN LONDON. ALSO HAD A LETTER FROM JACK WOOD. HE ALSO HAS ACCESS TO RELATIVES AND MILITARY AIRCRAFT. I'M SURE THAT WE WILL FIND THIS SITUATION PERTAINING TO SOME OF OUR OTHER MEMBERS. HAVE YOU HAD ANY FEEDBACK ON THESE PROBLEMS.

WE ARE WELL. RUTH HAS MINOR PROBLEMS THAT GO ALONG WITH OLD AGE. CINDY IS CLOSING ON A HOUSE IN BIRMINGHAM ON 3-16-92. WE TRIED TO ADVISE HER ON SOME THINGS BUT RAN INTO THE PROVERBIAL STONRWALL, "I'LL DO IT MYSELF" (BUT WITH SOME FINANCIAL AID FROM MOM AND DAD). YOU AND JUNE KNOW THAT ROUTINE. RIGHT? PATRICK IS ALRIGHT - KEEPING BUSY. TODAY HE IS PLUMBING HIS SINK WHICH HE TOOK DOWN ON SUNDAY INSTEAD OF PLUMBING / DRAINING.

TAKE CARE FOLKS.

RUTH & BILL



AMERICAN RED CROSS

Friday - MARCH 21 APRIL 1945

My Darlings - (SITTING IN MEDICS)

I took the boys to the American
 Office today for transportation to
 their plane & returned to my Club
~~prepared to be good & sick~~ with
 the flu I've been fighting for 3 days
 because some of the 306th was
 here and I didn't want to be
 sick while they were around. So
 I go to bed with pills, etc. & am
 having a beautiful sleep (fevered)
 about 5 p.m. when the maid, wild-
 eyed, is pushed into the room
 by these 3 guys who announce
 (liquorily) they are grounded, but
 they have been billeted in another
 club far away & they don't like it
 so they will leave their luggage
 in my room, do I mind, & they
 will see me tomorrow, goodbye.
 When I wake up again I decided

JACK WOOD 369
BILL SHARPANO 367
?

FORM 539 A

had been delicious, but Rui'neuf. here's
luggage in my room + the box of
food I st. finally packed for you
last night which will be as stale
now you won't eat it. (It was
good yesterday.) I wanted to send
you a cake - French party style - +
if I had known they would be
grounded I could have. I'll do it
on the next trip if the guys will give
me about 1 day's notice.

What these fellows drank be-
tween the time I left them + they
came back - I don't know. I just
hope it wasn't the 2 bottles of
Champagne they promised to
deliver to you. They had bought
some bad Cognac I threatened
them with death if they drank -
+ they did anyway - but if they
touch your Champagne I'll
murder them. First time I'd had
a chance to send you anything.
Wish I could find a case for you.

When I got home this after-
noon I found Haulihan's letter

YES, THEY DRANK
BOTH BOTTLES.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

& the patches - beaucoup tass! I hope the package has arrived by now - I mailed it before I wrote you. If it doesn't come, let me know & I can send some more perfume for the bride. Don't know about the sales since the lady has died.

Chamberlain's wedding sounds wonderful & I wish I had been there. I would have been invited, wouldn't I, Don? And now - Hohel! Jocular - I can't get over you boys. Don's missing a lot of good wedding. If your's isn't coming off for 3 months - you have time to ask her what she'd like from here. Maybe instead of perfume she'd prefer powder or make up or something in the unmentionable line - please

Don't mention stockings - they're
20 bucks a pair. But if she has a
preference I would like to send
you some thing for her. Of course,
in this set up it's the men I'm
interested in, but Paris is strictly a
woman's town - London is for men.
I'd love to send you grooms some-
things - but I don't think you'd
like the stuff these men come out
of baker shops smelling of.

Ooh la la!!!

³⁶⁷
1st Sgt. Woods & Sheppard will tell
you all about how I live & how
my tent leaks when it rains &
what a rough deal Paris is. They
will also tell you how much I
miss you & how I'd like to come
back to England. I can't tell
you guys a thing, I know, but
once you've been here as long as I
have, you'll have a much greater
affection for the British than you
have now - or than I ever had. If
you think they're taking you - just



AMERICAN RED CROSS

✓
Spend a little time here - you
haven't seen anything

I've seen Nona + Jack recently +
have talked to Mrs. Barnes. Lynn several
times. Would love to call you but
can't get a line until after 11 p.m.

FORWARD THROUGH FRANCIS CROSS
QUINN'S SISTER-IN-LAW
ALSO ISRAELSON
RED CROSS

+ am afraid of your operator
paying "Is this business or personal?"
Then we got a directive the other
day against calling so I don't
know. But I surely would love
to talk to you.

I don't think any of you can recall
that I ^{ever} actually needed medical at-
tention - I was goldbricking - but
since Monday I could have used you.
It seems to be a sort of gripe going
around now + I forgot it mainly
because these boys were here + I was
trying to figure how I could get
real sick + get on the plane + come
home + have you take care of me

but today I had to give up & go to
the dispensary & a strange Dr. & have
him coldly tell me I had a temperature
& please go back to bed & take this, that
& the other. And Ad Jis here & un-
happy about the whole thing.

Medics being my favorite people,
I tried to cultivate them here, but
~~no go~~ ~~in our camp~~ we have a
Pw Station nothing else. They can't
even apply band-aid. We do our
own first aid - and when these
combat men are brought in - as
they frequently are - in a helluva
condition - they have to walk 7
blocks to the dispensary to get fixed
up. We blow our tops period -
really trying to get a first aid
station here but the Army says
no go. After the bombing ~~we~~
thought we had a leg to stand
on but nothing came of it.

Saturday
I had to give up & go to sleep again.
Her boys bounced in this morning



AMERICAN RED CROSS

loaded with huge bouquets of flowers
& cans of PX fruit juice & have bounced
out again to do business with the
natives. I wanted to go with them
but am staying in bed till I get
rid of this thing. Jim's going to ~~miss~~
them when they leave. 12 days is a
long time to wait for another
hunch.

Paris will be getting pretty raw
real soon & I hope you can get
over. Nona, Jack & I plan to come
back in May. Nona is in Marseilles
& having a rough time of it. It seems
most of the Red Cross people there
come up from Africa & they don't
think much of R.C. people who came
~~from England~~ - which is a lot of
damp foolishness - but maybe you get
that way in Africa. Jack is unhappy
& dying to get back into Club work
but Headquarters won't let him. I
guess I got the best deal of anybody
but Jim's working harder than I
ever did in England & between
fighting Headquarters, the G. I. and

the French. your old gal is getting pretty tired.

Jim Pomy Maj. Munsel couldn't find me. Jim at the Grand Central Club, 108 Rue St. Lazare, & my phone is EUROPE 36-80. And I hear Sam the redy was here. McClung, tell him he's off my list of friends.

Antonio's brother - the paratrooper - is in & out. Heison ~~is in & out~~ and is driving USO shows around. Took Marlene Deitch about the country for a week. Kid Costa like to go home but since they've started reclassification & are sending able bodied 805 men up front, not many are going home. You guys have a good break. You should see some of the combat medics we get in here. Small guys but nervous wrecks. This war is making a mess out of a lot of people.

Think I've raved long enough. If it sounds screwy, put it down to the fever. I'll be expecting some of you - but soon.

All my love,
Emily. RFA



AMERICAN RED CROSS

MARCH
OR
APRIL 1945

Friday -

Dear Hamilton -

I'm about it fair play
 but I do it think this is
 nearly as nice as what you
 sent me. Bless you. You
 can't have much of a do in
 the boiler room on 2 bottles
 of champagne - but it was
 all I could find on short
 notice. We got it in our
 ration yesterday - but didn't
 get any cognac. It's hard
 to buy legally - but I'll try
 to have some for you on
 the next trip.

It was wonderful having
 these guys here and catching
 up on news of you all. When

1ST SGT'S:

JACK WOOD
BILL SHEPPARD

FORM 558A

are. come as you going to
help that ~~train~~ plane? Now
that I know they'll be coming
every so often I'll tear my
hair looking for you. But
you guys bring plenty of money -
this is an expensive town!

~~Did you get the soap with~~ FOR MY
the dolls & perfume in it? ~~FOR MY~~
And my letter? If you want
anything else I'll do my best
to find it for you - but it'll
cost like fury. GOBCHILLO!

Wish I could show away
today. I'm trying to have the
flu & need my medics to fix
me up. Some of ^{RUPERTO QUINONES} Peanuts' eggs &
coffee would do it. Of course -
your ^{BOURBON} medicine is helping no
end.

Love + kisses,
Emily.

APRIL 23, 1992

141 NUNE / KLISS:

AS DISCUSSED IN OUR TELECON, I HAVE ENCLOSED COPIES OF TWO LETTERS RECEIVED FROM EMILY REA IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH. I HAVE ADDED COMMENTS IN THE MARGINS.

SOME BACKGROUND ON EMILY. SHE WAS HAPPY IN LOVE WITH ONE OF OUR WINGIES, BILL CHAPMAN, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE FIRST AID STATION WE SET UP IN THE RED CROSS CLUB IN BRADFORD. HE WAS A WOMANIZER AND A--HOLE WHO EVENTUALLY BROKE EMILY'S HEART. DURING THEIR RELATIONSHIP (AND SUBSEQUENTLY), SHE WAS ADORSED BY ALL OF THE THURLEIGH WINGIES - OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN. WE WERE VERY FOND OF HER, AND WERE DEVASTATED BY HER DEATH. MY DOCTOR, ^{PAUL SUTHER} ART WEINE, HAD JOINED US ON TAKING THAT TRIP TO IRELAND, BUT HAD TO WAIT UNTIL THE FLIBBY RETURNED FROM THEIR SCHEDULED MISSION. AFTER THEY WERE ALL ON THE GROUND, WEINE HAD ME DRIVE HIM OUT TO THE FLIGHT LINE BUT THE PLANE WAS ALREADY ON THE RUNWAY TAKING OFF. SOMEONE WAS WATCHING OUR WRINE. A DENSE FOG SET IN DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS SO WE WERE UNABLE TO GO TO THE ISLE OF MAN TO IDENTIFY AND PICK UP THE BODIES. WEINE AND I ACCOMPANIED CAPT HOSKING ON THE FLIGHT OVER, IDENTIFYING MOST OF THE REMAINS (WHERE POSSIBLE), TOOK THE BODIES DOWN TO THE LINE WHERE WE WERE DENIED THE ~~RIGHT~~ RIGHT TO TAKE THE BODIES BACK TO THURLEIGH - ISLE OF MAN'S COMMANDER'S OFFICE SAID NO WAY. A FEW DAYS LATER THE BODIES WERE RETURNED AND BURIAL WAS ARRANGED AT CAMBRIDGE.

WE ARE O.K., AND WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE THE SAME? WE HAD DINNER WITH DON CHAMBERLIN AND FAMILY ON EASTER SUNDAY. BOB SPRY PAID US A VISIT ON PALM SUNDAY AFTER DROPPING HIS DAUGHTER AT METRO. MANY IS AN INTERNATIONAL MANAGER FOR KELLY SERVICES AND IS DOING A WORLD-WIDE INSPECTION TOUR. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF KLISS, STAY HEALTHY. Love to June

Bill & Paul

Hi NUNN/RUSS:

5-13-92

IF YOU HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH JAN, YOU KNOW THAT RUTH WILL COME TO ENGLAND WITH ME. WE WILL ABSORB RUTH'S SHARE. I SENT OUT A PARTIAL PAYMENT FOR RUTH TODAY. OUR PLAN IS TO LEAVE AUGUST 20 AND RETURN AS SCHEDULED 24.31. WE WILL STAY WITH FRIENDS FROM 9-21 JANU 9-24. WE ASKED JAN TO PUT US UP IN THE SWAN - MORE ATMOSPHERE THAN THE OTHER HOTEL? RUTH IS ALREADY PLANNING A SHOPPING EXPEDITION AT HANNOVS - I COULD THINK OF A MORE INTERESTING ITINERARY THAN THAT!

I HAVE BEEN READING SHULLER'S DIARY, WHICH ARRIVED IN A SOMEWHAT BATTERED AND TORN ENVELOPE, THE FIRST PAGE SEPARATE FROM THE BINDING. RUSS, I WILL ABSORB ANY COST NECESSARY TO REBIND! THE DIARY IS FASCINATING AND HAS TIME WARPED ME BACK TO 1942-1945. DON CHURCHERLIN AND NATH HUCKLE (SISTER-IN-LAW) WERE HERE FOR DINNER ON SATURDAY (5-9) AND I SHOWED HIM THE DIARY. HE HAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE AUGUST ¹⁹⁴⁴ ENTRY ABOUT THE 30TH MEXICO DANCE - THAT WAS THE DATE OF HIS FIRST DATE WITH HIS BELOVED WIFE EDITH. HIS IS VERY LOW KEY BUT GOT ALL EXCITED ABOUT THAT ENTRY. I REALLY APPRECIATE SHULLER NOW!

ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF NAMES OF ENGLISH FRIENDS I SENT TO YOU LAST FALL FOR INVITATIONS TO SCAROLLY EVENTS IN BEDFORD. ALL OF THE NAMES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MRS MCKENSIE AND WALSH, WERE ALSO SENT IN BY DON. I STILL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MCKENSIE & WALSH INVITED AND I WILL PICK UP ANY RELATED COSTS.

SARINA HAS FINALLY COME TO MICHIGAN. WE HAVE BEEN BUSY: CUT THE LAWN, FERTILIZE + INSECT PROOF, TRIM BUSHES, SET UP COMPOST BIN, ETC. ETC. WE HAVE MUSCLES WHICH ARE NEW TO US. WE JUST CAN'T DO TOO MUCH OF THAT WORK ON ANY ONE DAY. MY NEXT BIG PROJECT IS TO STAIN THE HOUSE, WHICH I PLAN ON DOING OVER A TWO WEEK PERIOD - SLOWLY.

ASIDE FROM THE ABOVE ACHES AND PAINS, WE ARE O.K. CIMBY IS SO BUSY THAT WE SELDOM SEE HER NOW. PAT IS O.K. HIS WIFE SUSAN IS GOING TO OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND SCHOOL CHART COLLEGE PURSUING SOME COURSES LEADING TO BEING A DENTAL HYGIENIST. CHILDREN? SEEMS TO BE A LOW PRIORITY.

I WILL CLOSE FOR NOW. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES, JUNE, KEEP THAT GUY HEALTHY - WE CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE HIM UNDER THE WEATHER.

Bill H.

MRS. ELIZABETH BALL (SISTER OF EDE CHAMBERLIN)
51 RICHIBELL COURT
BEDFORD, BEDS, ENGLAND MK402JG

MRS. DELIA MCKENSIE (VERY GOOD FRIEND)
95 RICHIBELL COURT, QUEENS ST.
BEDFORD, BEDS, ENGLAND

MR. & MRS. WALTER BARFORD (SISTER OF EDE CHAMBERLIN)
G
38 GIFFORD ROAD
BEDFORD, BEDS, ENGLAND MK420BJ

MR. AND MRS. H. LEONARD CLARKE (SISTER OF E. CHAMBERLIN)
36 SKILTON ROAD
TILEHURST, READING BERKS, ENGLAND, RG365G

MRS. CONSTANCE WALSH (VERY GOOD FRIEND)
11 COSTWICH ROAD
BEDFORD, BEDS ENGLAND MK429XH

MRS. LILLIAN PEARSON (SISTER OF EDE CHAMBERLIN)
108 RISBOROUGH ROAD
BEDFORD, BEDS MK419QP

MR. & MRS. PETER LIDDINGTON (COURT NIECE F. CHAMBERLIN)
4 BLANGWYN GARDENS, MANTON HEIGHTS
BEDFORD, BEDS ENGLAND MK417MS

39470 Tyler Road
Belleville, Mi. 48111
May 13, 1992

Witte Travel
ATTENTION: Ms. Jan Peterson
3250-28th St. S.E.
Grand Rapids, Mi. 49512

Dear Jan:

This will confirm our telecon of May 12, 1992. My wife, Ruth, will accompany me on the 306th Bomb Group Tour. Enclosed is the first payment of \$500.00 as partial payment on her fare. We want to leave from Detroit Metro on the British Airway's flight on August 20, 1992 -- please advise us as soon as this arrangement is confirmed. We will provide for our transportation to Bedford and accommodations in Bedford for August 21 through August 24. We would prefer staying at the Swan Hotel commencing the night of August 25?

In a previous call you advised that you would research the rules on rental of autos, as well as costs, in the Bedford area. The basic question was whether or not we could rent a vehicle at our age brackets (73 and 70)? If so, what is the going rate(s) for one with an automatic shift -- I would have trouble negotiating the roundabouts if I had to shift.

Jan, thanks loads for your cooperation in addressing my concerns. An early reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bill Houlihan
Bill Houlihan

ENCL.

20 July 1992

Dear Bill:

I have read through your remarks a couple of times, and am returning them with a few little corrections.

On the first page, I think it worthwhile to mention that many 306th men are buried on the Continent, and that a number of bodies were returned to the States in the '50s, at the request of relatives.

Other things are just fly specking.

When you have reworked it some more I will want a finished copy for the archives and what ever other dubious projects I can think of.

Hope you and Ruth are getting ready to go. We are off to Michigan Wednesday to see our youngest grandchild for a few days, and will get back 3 August to get into the mood of travel preparations.

The travel agents have stopped accepting people for a week or so as they catch up and finalize the 373 or more they already have in the fold. --And they thought we were crazy a year ago when we mentioned 400 as a likely number.

Don and I are still working on little details with the travel agents, and Eph Franklin. He is doing a masterful job on arrangements.

As to your weather comment. It has been between 90 and 100 every day for three weeks here!

Look forward to seeing you in Bedford,

HI RUSS:

8-3-92

THIS IS MY REVISED DRAFT OF THE EULOGY. COMMENTS?
CRITICISMS? I RESPECT YOUR EXPERTISE IN SUCH
MATTERS.

IT IS 7:50 AM AND I AM PREPARING TO GO
FOR MY BARIUM ENEMA TO DETERMINE CAUSE OF
BLOOD IN MY STOOLS. IT'S HELL TO GET OLD AND
COW UP WITH ALL THESE AILMENTS. I JUST
FINISHED TAKING ANTI-BIOTICS FOR A URINARY
INFECTION.

RUSS, WOULD YOU ADD THE FOLLOWING WIDOW TO
YOUR MAILING LIST? SHE WAS MARRIED TO "JAKE";
"HENNY" DOUGLAS WHO WAS OUR LAB TECHNICIAN
FROM JUNE 42 / AUGUST 45. HE DIED IN 1976.

MRS. JACOB DOUGLAS
822 36th AVE. COURT
GRAND, CO 80634

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE
NEXT WEEKS.

Bill

Good Morning members of the 306th Bomb Group Association, family members, and friends. We have come to Madingly Cemetery today to honor the memories of those who were assigned to U.S. Station 111 in Thurleigh, England, and to pay tribute to members of the 306th Bomb Group and its allied organizations. When I accepted the invitation to give the eulogy, I looked up some definitions of the word. The one I like the best explained that eulogy is a speech or writing in praise of a person, event or thing. I will try to address all these elements, based on personal views from an airman assigned to the medical arm of the 306th Bomb Group.

Some of our members, deceased and missing, are listed on the walls of this beautiful American cemetery. Some are buried in this hallowed ground. We have other members, deceased and missing who are honored in other cemeteries on the European continent. Some of our members were returned home at the request of loving families, and we have those members who have passed on subsequent to the end of World War 11. We have come

here to honor all of their memories and to offer thanks for those of us who have survived to this day.

The 306th Bomb Group was activated as a component of the 8th Air Force in March 1942. The nucleus of the group were men channeled through Salt Lake City Air Base to desolate, scenic Wendover, Utah. There, people from all walks of life, regular army and civilian, ranging in age from 18 to 40 plus, began the painful process of forming a well-oiled fighting machine. Considerable credit is due to our leaders who had the experience, education and foresight to weld us into a cohesive unit. This esprit de corps was evident in those early days and has remained with us over the past 50 years.

Ground personnel began this trip overseas by leaving Wendover August 1, 1942 with stopovers in Richmond, Virginia and Fort Dix, New Jersey. On August 31, the ground troops were all on board the Queen Elizabeth with 20,000 other people for the run across the Atlantic Ocean. This vessel boasted a hospital which did not have the wherewithal to service 20,000

plus people. Accordingly, our acting Group Surgeon, John Manning, offered the services of the 306th medical detachment to staff one of the two dispensaries on board this ship. The main complaint was sea sickness which we expertly treated with two bicarb tablets and lots of compassion and encouraging words.

The ground personnel ~~personnel~~ disembarked at Greenock, Scotland and began the train trip to Thurleigh, September 6, 1942.

Flying personnel were dispatched to Westover field, Massachusetts on August 1. They commenced the overseas trip on September 2 via Gander, Newfoundland, Prestwick, Scotland, and finally into the Bedford area September 8. An omen of things to come occurred when John Leahy's plane blew up an hour out of Gander. But this mishap did not adequately prepare the group for the horrors ahead of us for the next three years.

The ugly reality of war hit us on our first combat mission October 9, 1942. Our casualties were one plane down in France

and the return of two serious casualties, one fatal. This was a shock to the entire base. Suddenly we became aware of the mortal nature of our fliers who were tasked with carrying the war to the European continent. They were friends, or maybe acquaintances, with whom we shared our daily lives. This shock was to be experienced many, many times as the 306th Bomb Group carried out its combat missions from October 9 to April 19, 1945. Our records indicate that the group experienced the loss of 177 planes, 483 men killed in action, 305 men missing in action, 145 men wounded in action and 884 prisoners of war. This was a very high price which one bomb group paid to help secure the peace in Europe.

How about heroes and legends within the 306th Bomb Group? We had many of them too numerous to identify. I have selected a few of those who are no longer with us, to jog your memories:

Colonel 'Chip' Overacker - the first C.O. of the 306th Bomb Group. He was a compassionate pioneer of the Army Air Forces and a leader who nurtured the group from infancy to adult status.

General Curtis LeMay - the first executive officer of the 306th. He eventually became famous as a group commander, wing commander, air force commander and U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff.

General Frank Armstrong - the second C.O. of the group. He was the role model for Gregory Peck's portrayal of General Frank Savage in the award winning movie "12 O'Clock High".

Arizona Harris - top turret gunner who stayed at his guns while sinking into the English Channel.

"Tiger" Terry - pilot, Squadron C.O., Group C.O. and a hero to all of the group.

John Stanko - Fun loving exec. of the 369th Squadron.

Bill Casey - pilot who broke all the rules and saved many of our flying crews.

Mike Roskovitch - first enlisted man in the 8th AF to complete 25 missions.

Pappy Check - beloved pilot, KIA on his last mission.

Immanuel Klette - pilot who always returned on a wing and a prayer.

Snuffy Smith - gunner, Congressional Medal of Honor.

Bill Collins - Armament Officer, and first Treasurer of
the Association.

Arthus Weihe: Squadron Surgeon who scared hell out of us
and the tower brass as he would chase returning planes
down the runway to provide timely first aid to the
wounded on board.

We must not forget the many ground personnel who shed their
".....blood, sweat and tears..." for our missions in the European
Tour of Operations. These are the men who kept our planes flying,
sometimes holding them together with chewing gum and a prayer,
whose ingenuity made it possible for us to put out a maximum
effort in the completion of our missions.

Before I close, I ask you now to observe a moment of silence
in memory of those who are not with us today.

In closing, I want to dedicate the Old Irish Blessing to
those of our group who have passed on as well as to those of us
who are still living:

"May the road rise to meet you. May the wind
be always at your back. May the sun shine
upon your face, the rain fall soft upon
your fields and until we meet again...May
God hold you in the palm of his hand".

HI RUSS-SUNA:

10-9-92

ENCLOSURE ARE COPIES OF SNAPSHOTS, I HAVE MAINTAINED OUR COMPLAINT SET, SO, LOOK THEM OVER FOR POSSIBLE USE IN RECHORS AND FOR YOUR PERSONAL FILE, SEND BACK ANYTHING YOU DON'T WANT TO USE.

HAD A VISIT FROM BOB SARY TWO WEEKS AGO. HE HAD JUST COMPLETED ANGLIONASTY AT U. M. HOSPITAL 2 SEPT. 24. THE PATIENT AHEAD OF HIM FOR THE SAHM PROCEDURE REQUIRED THE ELECTRIC PADDLES TO RESTRAIN THE HEART. BOB WAS SHOOK UP THAT TIME! GENERALLY, HE CAN COPE WITH ANYTHING.

BEN HARJO PELZER VISITED US THIS PAST MONDAY. THEY WERE ON THE WAY HOME FROM A THREE WEEK VISIT TO KUMMUNTA-BEN'S HOME STATE. HE IS WELL AND HIS LOOKS BELIE HIS AGE OF 76.

WILL CLOSE FOR NOW RUSS. YOU AND I WANT TALK CARE. ONCE AGAIN, IT WAS A GREAT REUNION. MRS. MOPKY (JACKIE) IS NOW RECOVERING FROM HER HIN SMOLERY. JOOKE SAYS THAT SHE IS, ONCE AGAIN, IN COMMAND!

Bill

HELLO RUSS:

12-2-92

A FEW LINES TO ACCOMPANY THE ENCLOSED COPY OF "YANKS"
FOR YOUR READING AND FILE. I PICKED UP A COPY FROM
MY HOST IN NEWBOSTON WHERE WE STAYED 8-31/9-9. I
FOUND IT VERY INTERESTING. I HAVE SENT COPIES TO ROSS,
ROBERTS AND SHULLER. I ORDERED 12 COPIES, PAID FOR
12, BUT THEY ONLY SENT THREE. SO, I HAVE SENT OUT
ANOTHER LETTER.

I TALKED TO THE MOTLEY'S ON 10-25 IN KENTUCKY, HER HOME.
SHE APPEARS TO BE O.K. WITH SOME SWELLING OF HER
LEG. I HAD A CALL FROM SHULLER LAST WEEK AND I TOLD
HIM ABOUT THE ACCIDENT AND AFTERMATH. HE REWINDS ME ABOUT
HOW SURGERY WENT IN BRITISH HOSPITALS IN THE 1942-1945
ERA - IN THE OPERATING ROOMS WE OBSERVED SURGEONS
WORKING IN RUBBER APRONS AND BOOTS. HOW ABOUT THAT
RUSS? THANK GOD YOU DID NOT GET WOUNDED AND
HAD TO BE TAKEN TO ONE OF THE BRIT HOSPITALS. SHULLER
ALSO TOLD ME THAT MACK MCMAY'S WIFE PASSED
AWAY (CAWKER) TWO MONTHS AGO.

RUSS, HAVE YOU ASKED ME TO YOUR ADVANCED COPY LIST FOR
ECHOES? AS OF TODAY I STILL DON'T HAVE A COPY. HAD VISITS
FROM SPRAY AND BEN PELZEL IN SEPT. SPRAY HAD SOME GREAT STORIES.
OUR BEST TO JUNE.

Bill

AL RUSSELL:

10-10-93

I RECEIVED THE ENCLOSED OBIT FROM AL RUSSELL'S DAUGHTER ON SATURDAY. ERIC LIVES WITH HIS DAUGHTER, LINDA WARTZ. IN HER COURT LETTER SHE SAID THAT SHE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN GETTING ON OUR WAITING LIST FOR THE RECORDS, ETC. SHE MENTIONED HOW ERIC WAS ALWAYS INTERESTED IN THE YEARS WITH THE 306TH. CAN WE ADD HER TO OUR LIST?

FOLLOWING IS HER NAME AND ADDRESS, WHICH IS THE SAME ADDRESS LISTED BY ERIC: (I CALLED SULLIVAN, FINEY, SPRAY, CHANDLER)

MRS. LINDA WARTZ

10101 COMMUNITY LANE

FAIRFAX, VA 22039

I RECEIVED THE RETURNED SNAP SHOTS LAST WEDNESDAY. THANKS RUSSELL. RUTH IS DOWN WITH A "BUG" - HAD IT FOR THREE DAYS NOW. I TOLD HER THAT THE SHIP BOARD ANTI-BIOTICS HELD OFF ALL THE GOOD GUYS IN HER IMMUNE SYSTEM MAKING HER VULNERABLE TO INFECTIONS. I HAVE SOME ACIDOPHILUS ON ORDER TO REBUILD HER IMMUNE SYSTEM. I RAN OUT OF THAT GOOD "STUFF" PRIOR TO OUR REUNION.

WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE LIKE AIR WELL? TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES.

RUTH and Bill

H1 RUSS:

1-18-94

SORRY I TOOK SO LONG TO SEND YOU A COPY OF THE DEATH NOTICE FOR TONY RASTANIS' WIFE. NO EXCUSE, BUT I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR DON CHAMBERLIN TO GET HIS BROTHER, JIM'S, DATA. DON IS A PROCASTINATOR AND HAS BEEN SINCE HIS WIFE, PAITH, DIED FOUR YEARS AGO. EDE'S SISTER, KATHLEEN, WHO LIVES IN PLYMOUTH, SPENDS A LOT OF TIME WITH HIM AND TRYS TO KEEP HIM ON TRACK. WE THINK THAT DON WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP ANY DESIRE FOR LIFE IF NATH HAD NOT BEEN AROUND TO PROOD HIM. NATH WOULD LIKE TO RETURN TO ENGLAND FOR HER REMAINING DAYS, BUT FEELS LIKE SHE WOULD BE THE CAUSE OF DON'S COLLAPSE. SHE STILL HAS THREE SISTERS AND TWO BROTHERS ALIVE AND MAKES A ANNUAL TRIP TO SEE THEM.

I'M STILL TRYING TO ELICIT INFO ON O.P. COMBVILLE AND ARCHIE GARRET. I DID HEAR FROM BILL PUTCHIN WITH A NEGATIVE REPLY. I'M STILL WAITING TO HEAR FROM BO BEHARDI (GARRETT), TOOE WOTLEY AND LARRY BUEFICH (O.P.).

BY PHONE

I HEARD FROM A NEW 367th AROUND CHRISTMAS - FASION THAW ADDRESSING A CARD: "LAWLEY" LAWRELL (ON THE SAUCE EACH TIME - BUT A CLASS GUY), MATTY ARGENTO, ART ISMAZIER, AND HARRY J. MILLER, WHO SENT ME A BEAUTIFUL 367th PATCH HIS DAD MADE UP DURING OUR STAY AT THUNDERBOLT. THE PATCH IS A REPRODUCTION OF OUR ORIGINAL 367th PATCH - HIS DAD WAS IN THAT TYPE OF BUSINESS.

1-22-74

WE ARE LEAVING UP TO COULIE NO. 2 THIS SATURDAY. WE ARE BOARD FOR OUR WORN OUT OF MIAMI TO ST MARTIN, ST JOHN, ST THOMAS AND ST JOHN BAY. THE SHIP IS THE S.S. NORWAY (PREVIOUSLY SS DANIA) AND WE ARE WITH A GROUP, THE ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL TOUR WHICH IS HOSTED BY THE CLANCY BROTHERS, AN IRISH SINGING GROUP. WE KNOW THAT WE COULD NEVER REPLICATE THE FANTASTIC TRIP WE HAD IN SEPT '73, BUT WE WILL TRY TO ENJOY IT. WE HAVE HAD INITIAL PROBLEMS WITH THE TRAVEL PEOPLE SCHEDULING THE RETURN FOR THIS FLY/CRUISE TOUR. ORIGINAL BOOKING OF DETROIT INTO MIAMI TO MIAMI 1-22; MIAMI TO DETROIT 1-29 WAS EVENTUALLY CHANGED, THROUGH OUR EFFORTS, DETROIT TO MIAMI 1-22 + \$75 EACH ORLANDO TO DETROIT 7-26. THE TRAVEL PEOPLE REFUSE TO HELP US - TYPICAL INEFFICIENT IRISH OPERATION. WE GOT OUR TICKETS 1-15 WITHOUT SEAT ASSIGNMENTS, RUTH AND I AND INDIFFERENT STOPS FROM ATLANTA TO MIAMI SO ONCE AGAIN HAD TO MAKE OUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS. I'M GOING TO SEND OUT A LETTER TO MANAGEMENT AND MY IRISH CLUB CONTACTS ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WITH THE TRAVEL PERSONNEL.

WELL THAT'S ENOUGH OF MY BITCHING. TAKE CARE AND OUR LOVE TO YOUR SISTER - SHE IS A WONDERFUL PERSON PLUS.

SINCERELY
Bill H

DEAR JUNE AND RUSS:

2-9-94

RUSS, THANKS VERY MUCH FOR ADDING CINDY AND PAT TO THE MAILING LIST. THEY WERE VERY PLEASED AT BECOMING MEMBERS OF OUR EXTENDED FAMILY. ALSO, I APPRECIATE GETTING THE ADVANCE COPY OF ECHOES, WHICH WAS DELIVERED 2-7-94.

WE HAD OUR CARIBBEAN CRUISE ABOARD THE SS NORWAY 1-22 / 1-29. BELIEVE ME ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SS NORWAY AND SS REGENT PRINCESS IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL. WE HAD A CABIN IN FRONT OF THE SHIP. HEARD ALL THE CRIBS AND GROANS AND WHEN THEY DROPPED OR PULLED UP THE ANCHOR WE THOUGHT WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE. THE CARPETING IN THE HALLS AND STATEROOMS WAS DIRTY AND STAINED. THE FOOD WAS ONLY ADEQUATE. HOWEVER, OUR IRISH ORIENTED ENTERTAINMENT WAS SUPERIOR. THEY PERFORMED EVERY NIGHT FROM 8 PM TO ??? THE HOSTS, THE CLANLY BROS, WERE PERMANENT FIXTURES IN THE WINDY WINDY BAR, WHENEVER THEY WERE NOT PERFORMING. IT WAS A WILD, IRISH WREATH. I MET A LAW PROFESSOR FROM OHIO WHO KNOWS DON ROSS. RUTH SUFFERED FROM A STIFF NECK AND I GOT A NEUROMYOTOMY WHICH REQUIRED PILLS AND A COMPLETE FAST OF 24 HOURS, AND THE EVENING MEAL OF MY FAST DAY WAS THE BEST OFFERING WE HAD ALL WERE. I SAT AT OUR TABLE OF SIN AND DRAGED. ON THE 29TH, WE RENTED AN AUTO OUT OF MIAMI, VISITED MY AUNT IN MELBOURNE, RUTH'S SISTER IN TARRON SPAIN AND BEN PIERRE IN WAUCHULA.

WILBERT OALAND ON SUNDAY WITH A TEMPERATURE
OF 85° AND GOT INTO DETROIT METRO WITH 15°.
SUCH A CONTRAST! BUT IT WAS GOOD TO BE HOME IN
MICHIGAN ONCE AGAIN.

I HAD A CALL FROM LARRY FURIGH LAST NIGHT. HE HAD
SURGERY ON HIS ANKLE FOUR WEEKS AGO TO
REMOVE SOME CALCIUM DEPOSITS. NO REACTION TO THE
SURGERY. HE DOES NOT REMEMBER OUR SERVICE SQUADRON
MEMBER O.P. COURVILLE. DO YOU THINK HE REALLY
EXISTED? BILL FUTCHIN ALSO DID NOT REMEMBER
HIM. AND, I HAVE NOT HEARD FROM ANY OF MY
SOURCES ABOUT ARCHIE GARRETT. GUESS I'LL TURN IN
MY DISTRICT'S BADGE.

I NOTICED IN THE ECHOES THAT THE PROBLEM OF CABBY
IS RESOLVED. ED HENNESSY TOLD ME ABOUT HIS THREE
MONTH TOUR OF EUROPE AND HIS ACQUISITION OF A
NEW MERCEDES. I WONDER IF HE PURCHASED IT OVERSEAS?
HE HAS BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY MANY TIMES DURING
THE PAST YEAR. I'M GOING TO CALL HIM THIS WEEKEND
TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON. I HAD A LETTER FROM
HUGH PHELAN WITH THE NEWS THAT HE IS TAKING A 13
DAY TOUR OF ALASKA IN JULY VIA USAA TRAVEL IN
SAN ANTONIO.

WILL CLOSE FOR NOW JUNE AND RUS. GOO BLESS.

RUTH AND BILL

HELLO GENE/KUSS:

9-16-92

A FEW LINES TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I RECEIVED YOUR LATEST COMMUNICATIONS, ALSO TO SAY THAT WE ENJOYED SEEING YOU AT A MOST MEMORABLE REUNION. EVERYTHING SEEMED TO WORK ACCORDING TO YOUR PLANS AND SCHEDULES. YOU, DON, WITTE AND RON CAN HOLD YOU HEADS UP HIGH ON THIS MASSIVE PROJECT. THE FEW GLITCHES WHICH SOME COMPLAINED ABOUT WERE FLY SPECKS - YOU CAN'T KEEP ALL OF THEM HAPPY.

I RECALLED YOUR LIST KUSS AND FOLLOWING ARE INFO AVAILABLE TO ME:

186 P2	ED GARLON - ELODIE	552 - R. HARTLINE *
169 P2	JACK BEACH - DORIS	559 - A. FINCH - MURRY
247	ED LAPACZ - ANN (MEDIC)	594 - P-SZYMANSKI - ANN
258	ED LEAHY - MARY	173 - K & B - CLEMENTINE ?
303	C. HOEISEL - JOAN (MEDIC)	
334	J. BIGGINS - JUANITA	
335	A. BEAUBOIN - BELLA	
262	J. MILLER - ANN	
364	C. TRASSLER - ETHEL	
409	R. SHWETZ - ANN	
469	J. HORTA - EILEEN	
493	J. SCHUMP - MARY HELEN	
498	J. NIVUS - ANN (MEDIC)	
519	W SWIBORN - ANN	
523	J. MOPLEY - VIRGINIA (JACKIE)	
542	F. IANNUCCI - CONNIE	

* JOHN MAZIARSKI TOLD ME THAT HE HAD PASSED AWAY - THIS WAS IN PITTSBURGH REUNION. ?

WE RETURNED TO BEDFORD AUL 31 AND STAYED THRU 8 SEPT, AND
ARRIVED HOME AT 5:30 PM ON 9 SEPT. OUR STAY IN BEDFORD WAS
A BUSY ONE SEEING OLD AND NEW FRIENDS. WE STAYED OUT IN
NEWINGTON AT A LOBBY HOME BORROWING ON THE OUSE. JUNE, WE
SHOPPED AT GURRACH LANDLAND ~~EAST~~ OF LONDON WITH
358 SHOPS, NEOLBS TO SAY, WE DID NOT GET TO ALL OF THEM.

I WAS IN TOUCH WITH THE MOTHERS. JOHN DOI MILLS TOOK TROBE
IN, WASHED HIS CLOTHES, DINED AND WINED HIM UNTIL HIS
WIFE WAS TRANSFERRED TO LAKENHEATH, FROM THERE, THEY WERE
AIRLIFTED TO GERMANY, ANDREWS AFB, AND ? OHIO AND THEN AN
AMBULANCE TO JACKIE'S HOME IN KY. AS OF SUNDAY, SHE IS FINE,
ON CRUTCHES FOR ⁸ EIGHT WEEKS AND FULL OF GOOD SPIRITS. TOOK
CRISH ON THE PHONE AS HE PRAISED THE MILLS, ALBERTSONS,
USAF HOSPITALS, ETC. AND HE DID NOT FORGET THE TRAVEL GROUP
PAYING THE BILL AT BEDFORD HOSPITAL (SOUTH). RALPH STAYED WITH
THE MILLS A FEW DAYS AND THEN WITH THE MORMONS. GIVES
ME A REAL WARM FEELING TOWARDS THOSE 306⁷⁴ ASSOCIATES.

I'LL CLOSE FOR MRW RUSS.

RUTH AND BILL H.

1/1 RULL:

7-17-94

ENCLOSURE IS THE DATA ON PAUL TARRIFF, HE AND
ELAINE ARE SPECIAL FRIENDS OF OURS AND WE WILL
SURELY MISS THEM. BRINGS HOME THE AWARENESS OF
OUR MORTALITY. BUT YOU, ABOVE ALL OTHERS, ARE
KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THIS AREA SINCE YOU MAINTAIN ALL
THE RECORDS.

NOT MUCH NEWS IN OUR HOUSEHOLD. CINDY IS STILL
SINGLE AND TOTALLY COMMITTED TO "THE GREAT PRACTICE"
IN BIRMINGHAM. THEY EXPECT TO GROSS AROUND
\$1.5 MILLION THIS YEAR NOT BAD FOR A VET CLINIC.
SHE NOW HAS A 34% INTEREST IN THE CLINIC.
PATRICK IS EXPANDING HIS OFFICE AND BY TAKING
ON A PARTNER EACH OF THE DENTISTS HAVE A
STAFF OF FIVE EMPLOYEES AND ARE DOING A
VOLUME OF ABOUT 500 TOWNS, EACH. THEY ARE
CONVINCED THAT THEIR COMBINED STRENGTHS WILL
INCREASE THEIR OVERALL VOLUME. I HAVE A MORE
CONSERVATIVE VIEW ON THIS MOVE, BUT WHO AM I
TO TRY TO TALK MY SON INTO ANYTHING? WE ALWAYS
TRIED TO INJECT IMBECILITY INTO EACH OF OUR
CHILDREN'S LIVES. "YE SHALL REAP ..."

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND ALSO TAKE
CARE OF US.

AS ALWAYS

Bill

P.S. MARRIE BRIDGES HEAD SURGEON

FOLLOW CANCER UNIVERSITY

7-17, AREA IS WELL GOING.

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

LAST NAME: *HOLLINAN* FIRST NAME: *WILLIAM F.* Title:
Street address: *39470 TYLER ROAD* Telephone: *(313) 729-6347 HOME*
(313) 634-5300 OFFICE
City, state, zip: *BELLEVILLE, WI 48111*

Date of birth: *18 DEC. 1918* Wife's name: *RUTH A. JONES*
College(s) attended: *WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY* Degree(s): *B.S. 1968*
MBA Year(s): *1971*

Last employment & job title: *WILLIAMS INTERNATIONAL*
WALLIS LAKE, WI
SENIOR DATA ANALYST

Year joined 306th Association: *BEGINNING - JOINED 8th AFHS 1974*

Reunions attended: (by year or location)
CINCINNATI - DAYTON - WASHINGTON, D.C. (3), COLORADO SPRINGS, OMAHA, LAS VEGAS

Serial #: *36172689* Sqdn: *367* Speciality: *MEDICAL NCO*

Date joined 306th: *JUNE 1942* If combat, what crew?

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

If commissioned w/306th, date & specialty:

Date departed: *AUGUST 1945* Highest rank/grade w/306th: *S/SGT*

Other 8thAF units served with:

Top service assignments after 306th: *HOSPITAL FINANCIE, CAKSWRIL AFB, FORT WORTH, TX*

USAF retirement date: Rank/grade:

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

- 1. EVERY MISSION DAY WAS A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE.*
- 2. BOB SPAY & CHARLIE THOMAS (EAMONN) CRASHING IN SITES ON SPAY'S 35th MISSION*
- 3. MID-AIR COLLISION OF TWO PLANS OVER FURNALIGH CONTROL TOWER.*
- 4. SECURE ANNIVERSARY PARTY AT THURLIGH. WOW!!!*

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The secretary is constantly seeking copies of orders issued at Thurligh, either by the 306th Bombardment Group, Station 111, the combat squadrons, or other units assigned there. If you have any such orders, please send copies to the secretary.

If your immediate family or other heirs are not interested in your 306th memorabilia, you may wish to place with such materials directions and an address so that it can be mailed to the secretary. Such materials will be included in the 306th collection that will eventually be placed in the Library of the U. S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO.

HELLO NUSS:

1-27-95

I RECEIVED THE PEN, THANK YOU!
I HAVE AN INTERESTING TID-BIT FOR
YOU. IN YOUR APRIL ISSUE OF ECHOS,
ONE OF THE ADVERTISEMENTS WAS A
BILL MCNEEL FROM UTAH. I KNOW A
CYRUS MCNEEL AT CRAWFORD AFB
1951-1952. SO I WROTE TO BILL EARLIER
THIS MONTH AND ASKED IF THERE WERE
A CONNECTION BETWEEN HE AND CY.
YES! CY CALLED ME TWO WEEKS AGO
AND WE REESTABLISHED OUR WARM
RELATIONSHIP. CY AND BILL ARE
BROTHERS.

HOW ARE YOU AND JUNE? ANY EXOTIC
TRIPS LATELY? HOW MANY SOG PROJECTS
ARE YOU PHASING? HOW DID YOUR
SOLICITATION OF THAI HIGH LOCATIONS
COME ALONG. I SENT ^{THRU} ^{TO} A BUNCH
OF MEMOS WITH NO RESPONSE—SO
WHAT IS NEW? YOU KNOW THAT STORY
BETTER THAN I DO.

ALL IS WELL WITH US, AS WELL AS A
COUPLE OF OLD BIRDS CAN EXPECT.
CINCY, SUSAN, PAT G.N., SUSAN AND
PAT ARE HAVING US OUT FOR DINNER
SATURDAY AT THEIR NEW HOUSE IN
FARMINGTON HILLS. NEW ADDRESS?

3716 ASPEN

FARMINGTON HILLS, 48335

(810) 476-1767

TAKE CARE.

REN H.

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H. Russ:

3-18-95

Enclosed is a copy of the obit on Bill Stothas, who was a medic and worked in the woods. I called his family today. His daughter, Carol Salenick said that her brother Jeffrey would like to remain on our mailing list. He lived with his Dad in Randolph, Wisconsin. Carol told me that he wanted a military type funeral. So the family arranged for a 71 gun salute and a fly-by, nice children! As you can see from the obit that he was hospitalized for a week - "only a week". But that can be one hell of a long week for the patient!

I have found another medic to add to our list:

Joseph RAWZA (423 SQ - Hospital Mitchem)
1463 MARYLAND
GROSSE POINTE PARK, MI 48230
313-321-3217

Would you add him to the roster?

We celebrated St. Patti Day by staying home and having a dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage. This is a far cry from our younger years. Most of my "gang" are gone. Not many left for our Tautins, Our best to you and Jens.

Bill

MARCH 11, 1995

DEAR MR. HOULIHAN,

I'm writing to tell you my DAD passed away on Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Beaver Dam Hospital of lung cancer. He has been fighting the lung cancer for the last 11 months. He was only sick for about a week before his death, he went into the hospital on friday nighth. Last summer he had six weeks of radiation and six months of chemotherapy and never got sick from it. He was a fighter til the end. Dad has not smoke in 27 years, but the kind of lung cancer he had was not from smoking. It was a fast growing lung cancer, with all his treatment he was only given one year to live, and he lived the last 11 months to the fullness. Dad was driving the car, and went to play cards friday during the day and got sick at around 4:00 p.m. and went to the hospital at 7:00 p.m., that how fast it went for him. Barbara, Jeff and I were with him til the end. He went real peaceful.

I'm sorry I had to write you with such sad news, but my dad always talked about you, and we thought you would like to know. I'm sending a few extra memory sheets, if you would like to send to some of the other army buddies, to let them know, or to keep for yourself.

Carol Schmidt
P.O.Box 32
Brownsville, Wi
53006-0032

Hi Anna:

4-28-75

Just a few lines. I received your April issue of the Echoes on 4-26. Stories and photos were very interesting. I will save up a few photos of medals for possible printing in a future issue. I noted that Sam Luc Treely of Charlotte, N.C. had died. I could not find his name on our roster. Did you know him? He was a drinking buddy of Dr Jim Luc Long as well as a comrade of Ralph. Mess can you add the following ~~one~~ ^{one} medical survivors to our mailing list?

Mr. JEFF Stathos (S)

N 9108 CO Heavy F.W.

Randolph, WZ 53956-1294

Jeff is a rabid fan of the 306th area result of living with his Dad all these years. He was the one who made sure that Trill should have a military type funeral.

How is the map project going? You have my comments on the location of the 367th, site 5 vs being in the area identified as site 9 on the printed map? He would leave the hospital area on our mighty P-10 news to Halford by hanging left, go past the officers mess, turn right at the first road and out at the main gate. I wrote to a few of the knowledgeable medals carrying them to identify their specific areas - guess what - no response. I'm carrying to me how you ever gathered the information for your book, "First Over Germany". Did you ever send it to the Military Book Club for an offering?

All is well with us. We see Pat and Susan sporadically; Cindy rarely. She has a boy friend and appears to be serious about him. He is a systems Analyst with Fear Heating Co. We have met him twice since the romance started in February. I'm in ^{the} process of trying to arrange a luncheon date with Kay, Chamberlain, Acuzza and myself. All of us are united to agree that that it would be a simple task - no way!

I hear from Ed Hanney occasionally. He appears to have made progress on our Las Vegas reunion. And speaking of reunions, I must send in our registration for Knoxville. I have booked at the hotel requesting a non-smoking room on the first floor close to the action. My reply did not say anything about meeting our needs. I get tired of being posted out in the back blocks.

I will close for now wishing you and Gene all the best. Have fun on your long trip to England and Ireland.

Bill Houlihan

THURLEIGH MEDICS/SPOUSES

How about a last "Hurrah"? Let's renew our acquaintainship in Las Vegas October 28/November 1, 1996. None of us are getting younger and at 70 plus years of age our remaining life span is very limited. This reunion will be a great one and in a great city. As of now the following medics have committed to attend the reunion:

1. Matty Argento
2. Eddie Berardi
3. Don Chamberlin
4. Bill Houlihan
5. Ben Pelzel
6. Danny Schlessel
7. Thurman Shuller
8. Bob Spry

So let's do it this year!

A reply will be appreciated.

All the best.

Bill Houlihan
Bill Houlihan (Houli)
39470 Tyler Road
Belleville, Mi. 48111
(313) 729-6347

P.S. Pass this on to any other medic you have touched base with over the past 50 years. We do not have all listed in the 306th Directory.

PERSONS CONTACTED BY BILL HOULIHAN

Madge Anderson (Eric)

Madeline (Nitka) Badertscher

Edward C. Berardi

Dominic Cwalinski

Clarence Hoheisel

Arthur Frazier

Dr. Ernest M. Goetzberger

John Krivus

Edward Lapacz

Dr. John J. Manning

Mr. Ernest Miller

Ben Pelzel

Joseph Rawza

Dr. Thurman Shuller

Bob Spry

Daniel Schlessel

Dr. James Seaman

Mrs. Helen Stutznegger

Sol Werlin

Richard Vader

MIT DOUGLAS (DENNY-JAKE)
MR. ALBERT FINCK

July 4th

Dear Bill,

Am sure Tom would
have welcomed meeting
his old friends but he
died suddenly in Idaho
in a motel when we
were on a trip Sept. 16th
1995.

He had been married 48
yrs. & thoroughly enjoying
retirement in this small
town in northern Mich.

Must say I'm not adjusting
to this easily!

Sincerely,

Rosemary Maynard

Tom Maynard

Hi Russ:

4-3-96

You and Gene are probably touring the country? Enclosed is the obit on T and Dorothy. He called "Linda" Amundson one night and told him that he had an incurable ailment which resulted in massive bleedings. The doctor told him he would die within two weeks - and it happened as predicted. I called Tom at the nursing home but he was too upset to carry on a conversation. The next time I called, the number had been disconnected, so I contacted his daughter at the old Cherokee phone no and she passed on the news to me. I received a copy of the obit 4-2-96. Tom's wife, Jackie, is in a nursing home with Alzheimer's.

Bill Futchik is also having problems. Two of the three screws holding his hip in place have sheared off, so now his leg is just dangling. He is scheduling some surgery which gives him about 30% chance of success. In addition, he had a fall lately, broke his arm and incurred a head injury. The head injury is wreaking havoc with his thought process. He has turned over all his affairs to his daughter and prefers to have all mail sent to her, for now:

Mrs. Anita Latham

6336 JOSEPHINE ROAD

WALDORF, MD 20601

1-301-645-3055

BILL'S TEMPORARY PHONE # 1-301-373-8703

As you predicted, our old gang is beginning to fall apart.

Some good news? Susan Houlahan gave birth to our first grandchild, Liam Patrick, March 9; 8. 2 lbs 19.5 inches with great lungs and the ability to stay awake most of the night. Cindy's June 21 wedding plans are on schedule. Her guest list has expanded from an unrealistic 40 to 100. When she told me 40 I asked if we were invited to the wedding. She has a staff of 20-25.

We hope you have an enjoyable holiday.
All the best

RUTH and Bill

MARK UP A COPY

A = Canceled N.Y. number -

M = Medical

P = Passed away

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368th

Hi Russ;

2-13-96

Here is some 306th history which may interest you; or may not be of interest? With many of ^{our} my friends and associates passing on, Ruth has demanded that I clean up my files. So in the process of doing this, I found this data. It is 2-13-96 but it will not mail until I pick up the snapshots being reproduced. So if there are any letters appeal to you or would appeal to your readers.

Cindy's wedding plans are moving right along. She has engaged the rooms at the Birmingham Community House; talked to a pianist and flutist; the wedding cake and photographer are next on the list. "I'll do it myself" (except for the financing) is the battle cry of the day. She is very definite about what she wants. All the plans will be formulated and completed before Jack's mother returns from Las Vegas in late March. She has not met her as yet - she lives in Sturgis, WY.

Russ & Pat are anxious about their baby's arrival on/about 4 March. Pat is adamant that if the child is a girl the name will not be Ruth's suggested Britt.

I had a letter from George Robert who is very depressed. His hearing has deteriorated to - 0 -. He is not sure about attending our reunion this year. I think that he is adopting an inferiority complex.

I called Keith Rosalver-Hurday. As you no doubt know, he is recovering from hernia surgery and is frustrated with the whole process. I know the feeling after having those similar surgeries. He is frustrated with his because he tries to be active physically. Personally I think he should do a lot of walking, take stool softeners and think positively.

3/3/96 During the interim.
We had lunch with the ^{their 50th anniversary celebration.} Shays 10 days ago. Same old appearance Robert. They are off to Florida in their motor home tomorrow.

Laura Haulikar is still hanging tough. Now the doctor says, "one more week".

Patrik is getting "antsy".

Linda's plans are moving on schedule. We had lunch with her on Tuesday and viewed the location of the wedding and reception. Very nice. Now the attendees have ballooned from the original 40 to 103.

I had a call from "Linda" Arneson on Tuesday and he informed me that Toole Knottley is terminal with some condition which causes him to bleed profusely. I passed the word on to Bill ^{FUTCHIN} Futchik who is also ailing from a fall which resulted in a broken arm and some lapses of memory from a concussion. Looks like we are all falling about Aves. Enjoy your youth!

Call the sheet

Bill

Hello Russ;

3-9-75

Just a few lines with a copy of the enclosed note from T Helena Jones. I had written to Clay in late February asking him if he could identify some of the tracks in the 367th Squadron pictures taken in the snow - the photo was in the 8th AF News. I have a copy of the pictures, so I looked in and trying to identify people. I was successful in putting a name on 49 faces out of approximately 260 in the photo. I recognized many other faces but could not come up with a name. So I sent out lists with my id notes to Clay Jones and George Mallogy - this is when I heard from T Helena. Did you know that Clay was gone?

In the of the recent issue, I noted that you had picked up Jim Stramon's name. I wrote to him to see if he was interested in corresponding. This was done early February and no response. Bill Faralson and I telecon at least once a month. The only other person who exhibited the same degree of enthusiasm is Willie Patton. Faralson keeps telling me that you are too 306th as well as being a great person. And I don't argue with the truth. He is anxiously waiting for the next reunion. His hotel reservations are in and he is sending in his registration data this week. Some states as ours. Ruth has mixed feelings because of her tendency to have physical problems on our trips. She delights in telling about it. The sick one is at Thomas 1-74.

Cindy is hosting a dinner for us this Saturday. Finally she has a boyfriend, so perhaps she will announce her engagement. The stated reason for the dinner is to celebrate St Patrick's Day. I tell Ruth that if she is to be married - she, Susan and Patrick in digging into their new home in Farmington Hills. It's a lovely home but I would not want his mortgage payment. The dental business is improving for him at this time. He is very good at his profession.

Bob Gray is motor home traveling in Florida for the next two months. His only daughter, Mary, has recently been appointed as a director for Kelly Services who travels world-wide. Don Chamberlin is recovering slowly from his prostate operation two years ago. wishes he had gone some other route in 4-93.

Will close for now. Take care. Our love to Gene.

Bill H.

June 18, 1997

Dear Russ:

The enclosed card is self explanatory. He died on Sunday at the Staten Island University Hospital, New York. He had been there for three weeks. They were attempting to get him stabilized enough to take their massive radiation therapy-he never reached that level.His casket contains: his reconditioned A2 Jacket, a bottle of Remy Martin, a couple of his favorite caps and a few other items he treasured. We are going to the funeral set for 11:AM. I will miss him very much as he is one of my dearest friends, who always made the world a brighter place for those he came in contact with.

Aside from that, all is well with us. We are still sitting with Caitlin every Tuesday and visiting with Liam once a week. This routine keeps us busy.

Bill

Bill Houlihan

RUSS:

THIS DATA HAS BEEN SENT
OUT TO THE FOLLOWING:

ARGENTO
AMLI NIOSW

BERARDI

GREGORY

SCHLESSEL

SHULLER

July 14, 1997

Dear Thurleigh Medics:

We lost Dr. John Manning May22, 1997. Along with Spry he is the second reported death for the medics in 1997. So the rest of you old birds had better be careful!

We need some information for a very important project that Russ Strong is working on these days. Enclosed is a list of a bunch of enlisted men and officers who apparently died in accidental deaths during the 306th's existence. Can you give us any information at all about any of the individuals: first names(note that we don't have first names on some of them), nicknames, circumstances surrounding their deaths, etc. For example Danny Schlessel : do you have any recollection on Charles Rubenstein (367), who appears to be one of our first bicycle casualties? Was he the medic who played violin for the Kansas City Philharmonic- I forgot the circumstances of his departure from the 306? This is an example of searching our memories for info in connection with the names on the enclosed lists. Push those memory buttons and respond to this letter!

In regards to Spry's death, I may have forgot to mention that the family gave him a representative sendoff by including in the casket: his reconditioned A2 Jacket; a bottle of Remey Martin booze; one of his favorite baseball type hats; and a few more of his favorite momentos.

As for the Houlihans, we are O.K. We keep busy babysitting with our two grandchildren Liam and Caitlin.

I will close for now hoping to get a rapid response from you on this very important project.

Sincerely,

Houli

Bill Houlihan(Houli)



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DATE	NAME			PLACE OF			
19-7-42	ROBERT A	CAMERON JR.	2LT-E	UNKNOWN SERIALS			
	WILLIAM W.	FLY	1LT-P	✓			
	DUDLEY H.	FULLER	T/SGT-E	✓			
	CLINTON G.	GOLLER	PVT-G				
	WILLIAM H.	MUMFORD	2LT M	✓			
	DEWINE F.	POSTROSEN	1T 6T				
7-7-42	ARTHUR L.	BURLEFFI	1LT P				
	?	EMSWILER	PVT				
	?	GILLIES	PVT				
	?	HOLSEY	PVT				
	FLAYD R.	REMO	2LT P				
	?	SWANN	PVT				
	VAN VANDER BIE		2LT 1P				
11-20-42	THOMAS S.	HOVER	PVT				
10-42	CHARLES	RUBENSTEIN					

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3-9-45	WILFRIED E. MISSLER			2LT	IP		
	MONT D. RAUGHMAN			SGT	A	CAMB	
	CARLO CASATA			SGT	BT	CAMB	
	ROBERT Z. HARRISON			SGT	TG	CAMB	
	JOHN S. PAPPAS			2LT	N		
	WALTER D. SPALD			SGT	RO		
4-14-45	ROBERT A. VIGLI			LT	IP		
	BRADLEY W. BUTTERFIELD			CAPT	IP		
	GEORGE F. CLONBOLY			CAPT	EO	CAMB	
	ERNEST B. GALLON			T/6	E	CAMB	
	DERRICK S. JONES			MSGT	T	CAMB	
	HOWARD F. LECOWATE			F/10	N		
	COLLINS E. LIMBACH			2LT	CP	CAMB	
	AUSTIN J. PARRISH			1LT	P		
	CHESTER F. SNAJCZEWIA			SGT	RO		
	WILLIAM C. STARBUCKIN			MSGT	TG		
	EMILY IRA			PC			
12-29-45	SHELBY W. SCOTT			2LT	IP		

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4	② CRASHED 10 MILES S.E. OF WANKOVKA.							4
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6	③ WENT DOWN ON "HELL OF HATTIE" ON GUNHERY DIVISION.							6
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8	④ CRASHED ON THE ISLE OF MAN.							8
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10	⑤ KILLED ON HIS BICYCLE.							10
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DATE	NAME	RANK / POSITION	BURIAL
10-25-44	ROBERT C. RIFE, JR.	1LT 19	
2-15-46 2-14-45	ALFRED S. LUBOSACHAY	S/SGT 76	
NOTES:			
① ACCORDING TO STRONG'S BOOK, P 306, THIS SOLDIER DIED IN A FIO OVER BARBON.			

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DATE	NAMES		RANK / POSITION		BURIAL		
9-5-42	JOHN J. LEAHY		1LT	P	MISSISSAUGA AROUND CANOE, NEWFOUNDLAND		
	ROBERT H. LANDRY		1LT	CP	NEWFOUNDLAND		
	ANDREW J. HOYT		1LT	N			
	POLAND L. GILK		1LT	G			
	LESLIE M. PETTY JOHN		1LT	G			
	RUSH POLAN		1LT	EO			
	FRANK L. SHANNON JR		1LT	B			
	WILLIAM BLANSZLY			E			
	JAMES A. WILBY		1LT	RO			
	CHARLES H. CARLTON		1LT	G			
8-18-42	MERLE D. LANG		1LT	B			
2-4-44	WOODROW S. ELLERTSON		1LT	B	CRASHED ON TARRIFF IN SCOTLAND		
4-2-44	ARTHUR C. MOSELEY		1LT	CP	SCOTLAND		
	EDWARD D. O'MALLEY		1LT	CP			
	MICHAEL ROSKOVICH		1LT	RO			

RUSS:

RUBINSTEIN WAS A
307th MEDICAL, I DON'T
KNOW WHERE WE
ACQUIRED HIM, WASHINGTON,
IRICAMPONG, FORT DIX?
I DO KNOW THAT DR.
DRAWING IT AS HIM
PLAY THE VIOLIN FOR
THE OFFICER SONGS
ON THE B.C. 1. MR. "D"
ALWAYS LOOKED A BIT
ON THE SPEEDY SIDE!

July 25, 1997

Dear Ruth + Bill -

Received your closely stated letters and as always was happy to hear from you.

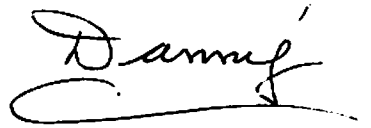
As you mentioned in your letter the guy who discovers a way to beat Arthritis should be wined and dined and showered with plenty of money. I'm glad Ruth's Arthritis has calmed down. As for me I have such an aggressive Arthritis problem that now I've started to ~~use~~ use a four pronged aluminum cane to bolster my left leg when it gets weak ~~when~~ ^{if} I walk a little too long.

You did mention earlier about Spree being buried with his favorite mementos. I hope they will cheer him where ever he may be.

As far as Russ Strong's project is concerned, the only one that rings a bell is Revinstein. I can recall him because he used to play his violin in the kitchen on our lunch break. Capt. Manning used to compliment him on his rendition of "The flight of the Bumble Bee." As for most of the other men, the only contact I had with them ~~was~~ was I would be busy typing admittance forms for every man being sent to 49th Station Hospital. Then I would have to compile lists for eventual reports. I ~~would~~ would leave the

Officers for short periods of time and watch the
~~Amie~~ ^{Medic} Sergeants and Officers tend to the
needs of the Officers and enlisted men that
would report on sick call. I honestly wish I
can help but the men in the list you sent me
do not ring much of a bell. Some of their names
are familiar but I'll be darned if I can
remember what happened to them. I think
Russ Strong waited a little too long to compile
this list. Too many years have passed by.

Will close now hoping this letter finds
both of you as good as you want to be.
Stay well and take care. Regards to Cindy,
Patrick and their families.

As ever,
Dannuf

SCHLESSEL

August 20, 1999

Dear Russ:

Only a note. I tried calling, but did not reach you.

The 306th Echoes. I did not receive my advanced copy, but I did get the normal distribution copy last week. Rae Spry has not received her copy. I suggested that she checks in at the Post Office and see if they were sitting on it. I well remember the problems I had with the Post Office in Belleville. They have not changed their arrogant attitudes as of today. The postmaster is a bitchy female, who has a staff comprised of 80% females. (Differences in type? I pushed the wrong button on the computer, so get out your specs).

Brice Robison. His wife Betty died August 9. Cause of death had not been determined as of AUGUST 17, WHEN HE CALLED ME. He was very upset about her death, as he loved her very much, although they would get into some tough arguments. I suggested that he send you a copy of obit information so that you can adjust your files. I also asked for a copy as a backup.

Cindy has a change of address, which we neglected to furnish to you. Will you update your file to reflect her new address: 3897 Roseglen, Troy, Mi, 48084? If you have an extra copy of the recent Echoes, can you send it to her? She maintains all her copies.

I received a letter from a Nora (Dougherty) Costello seeking a discussion with someone who would have known her Dad, John. She had contacted Johnny Schupp, who suggested that she write to me. The picture of his face looked very familiar, which leads me to believe that I treated him at the dispensary/processed he and his crew. I know that I made up the MIA Report, as that was one of my duties. I suggested to her that she contact you for additional information.

We received good news yesterday. Ruth's mammogram disclosed no abnormalities. It was recommended that she come back in a year for the next test. However, we plan to go back in six months as long as she is taking Tamoxifen.

Ralph Bordner. I have not heard from him since early July. I fired off an e-mail recently, but he has not responded. I do miss his chatter and the challenge of trying to put it in proper perspective.

I screwed up on the reunion reservations. I neglected to read all the print, accordingly, I did not note the August 1, deadline date. George Kellogg called me a week ago and said that Marie brought it to his attention. I tried to reach you and Al Villegran without initial success. Al called back a few days later and said that we did not have a problem. At that time, both of us had mailed our requests. Bob Spry's daughter and her mother will be joining us at the banquet. Barbara Spry is in charge of training flight attendants and reservation clerks for TWA in the ST. Louis area. She has offered to show us the latest in link trainer type techniques in their operation.

This will be all for now Russ. Our best regards to you and June.

Bill
Bill Houlihan

Subj: Reunion Reservations
Date: 7/9/2004 6:36:18 PM Central Standard Time
From: whoulihan@twmi.rr.com
To: amcmahan@mindspring.com
CC: RHop35427@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hello Al,

We made our air reservations for the six of us: Ruth, daughter Cindy, son-in-law Joel, granddaughter Caitlin (age 7), and grandson Connor (age 2). Unfortunately we were unable to get non-stop flights out on 9-14 and had to settle for 9-15-my rootie tootie is not up to 5/6 hour flights anymore.

Today I called in reservations for two rooms: one for the LaBos and one for Ruth and myself. I had to make it in two steps: one for 9-15 At \$109 and the second for 9-16/9-18 at \$99. I was advised that the hotel is completely booked up for the 14 and 15. I also asked the person doing the booking if one of our rooms will be on the lowest floor possible due to Caitlin having a mortal fear of riding elevators, which means that one of us will walk her up and down the stairs; he said that he would make a note of it. Al if you have any influence, will you see if we can get at least one of our double rooms on a lower floor? I also asked the booking person whether or not the hotel could provide a crib for the two year old and was advised that it would not be possible due to fire regulations?

I have beaten the bushes for the past day in an attempt to secure a treasurer. I first approached George Roberts as he was a longtime treasurer for the Black Thursday Organization; he declined saying that he was now president of Black Thursday and had his hands filled with them. I did send an e-mail to Marty lenaghan to see if he were interested; he is an entrepreneur with his own trucking firm for many years, as well as having grown up with the 306th BGA and has a sense of proprietary interest in it. Although Russ thought that he had some problems with Marty in connection with last year's reunion, I believe that they were minor in nature.

I have complete Confidence that Marty could do it. However, I still have not heard from him-he may be out hauling something. I also sent Joe Conroy copies of my letters to George and Marty; he did not offer to consider the position but did say that he may have a temporary solution in mind. Now, you are up to date on my machinations.

Ralph Franklin asked me to thank you for taking care of his needs during reunion time. He advised that he would be returning to England on the 19th as the Bordners were off to a family wedding, one that Ralph Bordner cannot get away from thereby spoiling his 100% attendance record.

Keep in touch Al. I must say you are handling everything in great style and efficiency.

Subj: Fw: Looking
Date: 7/9/2004 7:38:56 AM Central Standard Time
From: whoulihan@twmi.rr.com
To: RHop35427@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Royce,

I have put out two other feelers. However, I have not received a reply from them; one person travels and the other one?

----- Original Message -----

From: George G Roberts
To: William Houlihan
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2004 8:51 PM
Subject: Re: Looking

Bill, I am sorry to turn you down, but I just can't do this sort of thing anymore. I resigned as SSMA treasurer, and am now the President. I have told the other officers that I will not accept any office after this year. I am just burned out. Had it been 2-3 years ago I would have gladly accepted the job. I still have the Masonic books, and I want to turn that over in December. It takes me considerable time to balance the books, make deposits, write checks and make print out of all monies going in or out of the lodge. I just can't think as fast as I used to and am prone to errors. Another thing Bill I have not been a faithful attendee at reunions. They usually conflict with SSMA and I have always gone to their reunions which are about the same time frame.

In SSMA, I am the only officer who is an original member. Our other officers are sons or daughters of regular members (associates) and they are doing OK. Perhaps the group could do the same thing. It is only the matter of a few years when none of us can take on any position.

I hope you will not think less of me for turning you down, I have great feelings for the 306th and if I can attend or help in another way I will do so.

George

----- Original Message -----

From: William Houlihan
To: George/norma Roberts
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2004 7:41 AM
Subject: Looking

Dear George,

I had a call from our 306th BGA president, Royce Hopkins, a few minutes ago. He has a problem. Bob Houser our current treasurer is in bad health and wants out of that office. The association is looking for a permanent replacement to take over after the current reunion finances are finalized.

Question: Would you be interested in accepting this office? I realize that you have a plateful at the present time with Norma's condition, however, I thought that it would be a diversion for you if you accept the post? I did not tell Royce the name of the person I would contact for the position. I know that you were a long time

treasurer of the Black Thursday group and have considerable experience in that area along with the time you were a member of the board and committees in the 306th.

Will you think about the offer and let me know ASAP. We are off to buy groceries for the next few hours. we are stocking up for the next seven weeks while Ruth is undergoing treatment.

God bless both of you.

Bill

Subj: **Fw: Marty**
Date: 7/10/2004 5:02:22 PM Central Standard Time
From: whoulihan@twmi.rr.com
To: RHop35427@aol.com
CC: amcmahan@mindspring.com
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Hi Bill,

Have you got any response from Marty?

Something to keep in that back of your mind. If Bob's medical condition deteriorated to where he could not do any of the Treasurer's job, I would consider the Treasurer's job on a very temporary basis until you could find someone who could take the job on a permanent basis.

Let me tell you about my experiences in my Oregon Chapter. When I was President, the Chapter Treasurer died within a few weeks of becoming ill. Then I took over the Treasurer's job for several months. Then I appointed the widow of one of our members. It did not work out with her and then I had to take the job back. Then we elected a new Treasurer. After nine months, he died. Again, I was Treasurer for a few months. one of our members, age 35-40, who is doing a great job.

Then we elected ●

Thus for the 306th, it should be a young guy unless we anticipate on deactivation within a few years.

Best regards to Ruth as she begins her therapy.

Joe