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RUSS:  
CHNG ADDRESS →

Ray W. Howard  
4101 Columbine  
Austin, Texas 78759

Dear Sir,

This is a change of address notice for me — from 4119 Bunney, Austin TX 4101 Columbine, Austin, Texas 78759.

In your July 1979 issue of 306<sup>TH</sup> Echoes you listed names and numbers of B-17's of the 306<sup>TH</sup>. So I got out my picture of the post and found that you did not list the B-17 that I flew in most. The tail number was 230939 and her name was "Patches". I was the bombardier. The aircraft commander was Martin

Newstreet (now deceased). My Tour was  
from ~~11-3-43~~ 11-3-43 to 4-11-44. I have  
four pictures of "patches" - but the name  
was ~~not~~ <sup>never</sup> ~~from~~ painted on the aircraft  
as far as I know.

I also have some other pictures -  
bomb hits at Brussels on 4-10-44 (2 pictures)  
~~to~~ bombs at Ekner Ball Bearing plant, Berlin,  
on 3-8-44 - bomb hits at Dijon, France  
(air base) - 2 pictures, one showing a fire engine  
HG-111 called, I understand, a HG-111Z -  
bomb hits at Kletten (now Poland) on 4-11-44  
(2 pictures) - also and 15 pictures of  
flak suits (1 element) with flak poles  
and or 20 mm poles. I also have a picture  
somewhere of my crew - Martin Newstreet's  
crew - taken at Grand Island, Neb.  
just before we departed for the U.K. <sup>Lovely</sup>  
- Row W. <sup>Thompson</sup>

*Roy Howard*

**3 September 1979**

**Dear Roy:**

**Your recent letter to Bill Collins has come along to me, and I am interested in what you have to say about pictures.**

**I would like to see anything you have, except for bomb strike photos. If you would loan them to me briefly, I will copy them, and thus have negatives and prints for my collection.**

**Just send them along, and I'll return them to you promptly.**

**Sincerely yours,**

**Russell A. Strong**

Roy W. Howard  
4101 Columbine  
Austin, Texas 78759

Dear Russ

I sent you 20 pictures on  
9-6-79. I haven't heard from you.  
Please let me know if/when you  
received them and when you will  
be able to return them.

Sincerely

Roy W. Howard

RECORD UPDATE

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to  
 Russ Strong at the reunion, or mail to Russ Strong, 5323 Cheval  
 Place, Charlotte, NC 28205) Little Rock 1989

Date complete 9-26-89

LAST NAME: HOWARD FIRST NAME: ROY TITLE: MR.

Street address: 8119 CARVIN DR. Telephone: (512) 345-8263

City, state, zip: AUSTIN, TX 78759

Date of Birth: 11-18-21 Wife's name: DOROTHY

College(s) attended: UNIV. OF OMAHA Degree(s): B.A. Year(s): 1965  
UNIV. OF S. CALIF. Degree(s): M.A. Year(s): 1968

Last employment and job title: TEXAS REHAB. COMMISSION  
REHAB. FACILITIES EXAMINER (AUDITOR)  
AUSTIN, TX.

Reunions attended: (by year or location) OMAHA  
FORT WORTH  
DATON & LITTLE ROCK

Serial #: ENLISTED 18084157-676223-LATER Squadron: 369<sup>TH</sup> Speciality: BOMBARDIER  
52188A-447-07-7249

Date joined 306th: 10-14-43 If combat, what crew: NEWSTREET & HILTON

Special duties or assignments w/306th: B-17 BOMBARDIER

Number of missions flown: 27 Date of last mission: 4-11-44

Date left 306th: 5-44 Highest rank/grade with 306th: 1<sup>ST</sup> LT.

Other 8th AF units served with: NONE IN WWII

Top service assignments after 306th: B-47 COMBAT CREW COMMANDER (PILOT 706, '49-'50)  
THAT WAS SAC BOMBING COMP. IN 1957- UTAPA THAILAND BASE D.O. - OFFUTT  
 USAF retirement date: 9-1-71 Rank/grade: LT/COL BASE D.O.

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the squadrons or other units, will be welcomed by the secretary.

If you know of other 306th people who do not appear in the directory, please add their names and current or former addresses to this sheet so that we may search further for them.

RECORD UPDATE

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to Russ Strong at the reunion, or mail to Russ Strong, 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205) Little Rock 1989

Date completed 9-7-90

LAST NAME: HOWARD FIRST NAME: ROY TITLE: BOMBARDIER

Street address: 8119 CARDIN DR. Telephone: (512) 345-8263

City, state, zip: AUSTIN, TX 78759

Date of Birth: Nov. 18, 1921 Wife's name: DOROTHY M.

College(s) attended: UNIV. OF OMAHA Degree(s): B.A-ED Year(s): 1963-5  
UNIV. SO. CALIF. M.A-ED 1965-8

Last employment and job title: TEXAS REHABILITATION COMMISSION  
FACILITIES SPECIALIST (AUDITOR)

Reunions attended: (by year or location) OMAHA  
FT. WORTH  
DATON

Serial # { 18084157  
676223 ←  
447-07-7249 } Squadron: LITTLE ROCK Specialty: BOMBARDIER  
3692A PILOT (1950)

Date joined 306th: 10-14-43 If combat, what crew: NEW STREET & HILTON

Special duties or assignments w/306th: BOMBARDIER

Number of missions flown: 27 Date of last mission: 4-11-44

Date left 306th: 5-44 Highest rank/grade with 306th: 1st LT.

Other 8th AF units served with: 301st B.W. - 97th B.W. - 308th B.W.  
384th B.W. (1947-1963) (SAC)

Top service assignments after 306th: BDO - OFFUTT AFB & WGN SAC

USAF retirement date: 9-1-71 Rank/grade: LTC BOMBING COMP  
IN 1957  
B-47

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4119 Burney Dr  
Austin, TX  
78731

To: Royce Hopkins, treasurer,

I am sending this check  
to help with sending 306<sup>th</sup> Echoes  
to those who wish to receive it.

My husband, Roy W.  
Howard read every word of the  
echoes and never threw one away.  
I have stacks of them. We  
were given a tour through  
Sherleigh. It's spent the evening  
with the young couple that had  
so much to do with Sherleigh  
and collecting 306<sup>th</sup> artifacts for  
the museum.

Roy never talked much about  
his time in WWII but when we  
visited the reunions it is hard for  
me to express my feelings for all  
those fine men did for me.

Roy passed away Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 2005.  
He is greatly missed by me and  
our 3 children, 11 great grandchildren  
and 16 great grand children.  
He was greatly loved.

Sincerely  
Dottie Howard