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Mr. Russell A. Strong
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Dear Mr. Strong:

Charles Pedersen of Portland, Oregon, an email correspondent, gave your name and address to me. He told me about the 306th Bomb Group Association, that the group history and the combat diaries of each Squadron were available. He also related that the Association has all the mission reports and missing aircrew reports, and that the 306th has probably the most complete records of any group in WWII.

I hope that you can help obtain both the group history and the mission reports for my father's Squadron, the 425th, also known as the Grim Reapers. He was Richard Otto Kutchins, Lieutenant, in command of a B-17 near the European war's end. I know that his 2nd mission target was Molbis (oil), and that his 20th mission target was the rails at Rosenheim, near the Austrian border. He also flew a POW mission to Stalig Luft #1 near Barth from Thurleigh just after fighting ceased, before moving on to many mapping missions of the Alps and North Africa. I hope this information helps determine the timeframe of his participation; unfortunately, I have no actual dates to provide.

I would be very appreciative if you could let me know what additional information might be available from the Association. I would also appreciate it if you could provide me with references to any relevant published material you may know about. I am completing a family history, and this information will provide the details our family lacks about this period of my father's life.

Please let me know either by phone, mail or email about any charges or expenses necessary to obtain these materials.

Thank you for your help. I'm looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



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