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16 March, 1991

Russell A. Strong
Secretary/Historian
306th Bombardment Group Association
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Dear Mr. Strong,

In researching your inquiry concerning Lt. Franklin Mann Lyman of Northampton, I have found several articles on his Army Air Force career as recorded in the Daily Hampshire Gazette from 1942--1945. Enclosed are photocopies of these articles for your use.

As nothing further could be gleaned from the Gazette or other sources after 1945, I conducted a search through the library's city directory collection and found that Lt. Lyman was a student in area colleges until 1949, and subsequently removed to San Francisco, California in 1950. Having checked the latest San Francisco Telephone Directory for 1990-91, I am sorry to report that he is not listed.

Fortunately, I discovered that his parents left the Northampton area in the same year, and relocated to Brattleboro, Vermont. Happily, I found that a Paul Lyman is still listed in the newest Brattleboro Telephone Directory for 1990-91. I assume that one or both of his parents may be able to assist you in your search for him. The address and telephone are as follows: Paul Lyman, Old Guilford Rd., Brattleboro, Vt. 05301 (802-254-9268).
286, Box 407

By contacting one of Lt. Lyman's former high school classmates, Dick Garvey of the Class of 1940, Northampton High School, I learned that Lt. Lyman was one of eight who could not be located for the 50th reunion of the class, however, the information I gathered from the city directories had not been available to those conducting the search at the time. This makes me hopeful that you will find the information you are seeking through his family--presupposing this is the same Paul Lyman who left for Brattleboro in 1950!

Coincidentally, Mr. Garvey's wife, Allison Lockwood, has just completed a book on Northampton in World War II entitled: Touched With Fire. Based on interviews with men and women who fought in that conflict, it should be of great interest to you. Sadly, Allison tells me that her research turned nothing up on Lt. Lyman, but she may be able to fill in other gaps for you if you care to contact her. Dick and Allison can be reached at 19 Washington Avenue, Northampton, MA. 01060... (413-586-7092). Please feel free to call them as they both expressed interest in your project.

I do wish you well in your research, and hope that the little I have done to assist you in it will bear fruit.

If I may be of further help to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cordially yours,

~~Elise Bernier - Feeley~~ +

Elise Bernier-Feeley

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P.S. It is gratifying to see another descendant of Elder John Strong is carrying on the family tradition of historical research.

Northampton

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Franklin M.
177 Prospect St.

Inducted at Northampton, Mass.
Private Jan. 30, -42
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Franklin M.
177 Prospect St.,

Aviation Cadet
Recently commissioned a 2/Lieut. in the Army
air forces at Turner field, Albany, Ga.
Gazette 1-11-44

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Lyman---Franklin M Northampton
Prospect St.

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Gets Air Medal
Veteran of more than a score of bombing
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Is cited for meritorious achievement on
Flying Fortress B-17 in combat missions
over Germany.

Gazette 9-19-44

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Lyman---Franklin Northampton
177 Prospect St.

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Veteran of 35 combat missions in Europe as
B-17 pilot
Holds Distinguished decorations
Now a patient at Ft. Thomas Ky. AAF
convalescent hospital.

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Lyman--Franklin M Northampton
177 Prospect St.

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Honored for his achievement in war.
Awarded the distinguished fl. in. cross.
also gets unit citation for extraordinary
heroism in bombardments.

Gazette 12-15-44
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Lyman--Franklin Northampton
177 Prospect St.

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Pilot of B-17 Flying Fortress
Overseas 7 months
Has participated in 35 missions
Home on 21 day leave.

Gazette 12-1-44
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ate from the new Columbus army air field near Columbus, Miss., on Jan. 7th. He received the silver wings of a flying officer and appointment as a flight officer in the army air forces.

Flying Officer Richardson entered pilot training in April, 1943, and attended flying school at Ocala, Fla., and Greenwood, Miss., before his graduation at the advanced flying school near Columbus, Miss.

Franklin M. Lyman Is Commissioned As A Second Lieutenant

Aviation Cadet Franklin Mann Lyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Franklin Lyman, of 177 Prospect street, Northampton, was recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the army air forces at Turner field, Albany, Ga., Colonel John B. Patrick, commanding officer, announced today.

Turner field, an army air forces pilot school, is one of a group of air bases, which composes the army air forces eastern flying training center. It is here that aviation cadets are sent for their final phase of training which culminates in their receiving their much coveted wings and commission as second lieutenants in the army air forces.

Raymond E. Frenier Receives Commission As Second Lieutenant

Moody Field, Ga., Jan. 11.—Former Aviation Cadet Raymond E. Frenier of 25 Northern avenue, Northampton, was recently graduated from the army air forces pilot school here and commissioned a second lieutenant with the rating of army pilot.

The new flying officer will pilot all types of multi-engine aircraft; heavy, medium and light bombers; transport and cargo planes; and for those who continue as instructors with the army air forces training command's vast network of technical and flying schools, training ships such as they have flown at Moody field.

CONSERVING CONSERVA- TO AVOID WASTE

Richmond, Va.—AP — Third Service Command headquarters in Baltimore mailed a dozen conservation posters to an army in-



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JOSEPH L. HARRISON

Smith college, Forbes Librarian Joseph L. Harrison and Atty. Walter L. Stevens. Mrs. Gordon Atwood, heading the program committee, is assisted by Miss Annetta I. Clark, Mrs. Oliver Larkin and Mrs. Charles Ashwander.

Mrs. Benjamin Shaub is chairman of the schools committee, and has announced that

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Hurricane (Continued on Page 5)

Franklin Lyman Gets Air Medal

Veteran of More Than a
Score of Bombing Attacks
Is Cited for Meritorious
Achievement on Flying
Fortress

An Eighth AAF Bomber Sta-
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with the air medal for "merito-
rious achievement" on B-17 Fly-
ing Fortress combat missions



FRANKLIN M. LYMAN

over Germany and German-occu-
pied territory.

A pilot, Lt. Lyman is a veteran
of more than a score of bombing
attacks on the enemy. The cita-
tion accompanying his award
read in part: "The courage, cool-
ness and skill displayed by this
officer upon these occasions re-
flect great credit upon himself
and the armed forces of the
United States."

Lt. Lyman, a graduate of
Northampton, Mass., high school,
was a painter for United Aircraft,
Hartford, Ct., before entering the
army in May, 1942. His parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lyman, live
on Prospect street, Northampton.

Residence Group Captains Named In

in Hours. One Group Carries Effigy of Super- intendent

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 19—AP
—Defying the edict of the school
committee to return to class-
rooms today the great majority
of the 5000 high school students
who yesterday staged a "strike"
in protest of the longer school
day, continued their demonstra-
tions today. School officials re-
ported that few scholars returned
to their studies and the main
body of students from the four
high schools marched to city
hall.

During today's demonstration
the police took into custody five
boys and a girl. The "strikers"
followed them to police head-
quarters shouting demands for
their release.

Virtually all of the available
police officers were on duty and
a cordon was thrown around
city hall to turn the boys and
girls back as they attempted to
surround the building.

The youths yelled and sang
Worcester
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Much Help Is Needed To Get Potato Crop In

Men Asked to Give Week End
Assistance on Nearby
Farms; Dairy Workers Also
Sought in This Area

Potato harvesting in the val-
ley, interrupted by the extreme
dampness of the soil following
the hurricane's heavy rains, got
under way yesterday, with a har-
vesting crew which is reported
way short of adequate to get the
crop on some 3000 acres (in
Hampshire county) in before the
first freeze.

Able-bodied men unable to help
during the week are sought for
weekend assistance in the potato
fields, and their transportation
will be provided. The onion crop,
it is reported, is nearly all in so
that labor needs are now in the
potato and ensilage corn fields,
the corn harvesting having been
shoved into the hand labor classi-
fication by the hurricane ravages
which flattened stalks to the
ground, making use of mechan-
ical harvesters impossible.

William R. Kershlis, emergency
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for year-around dairy workers.

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Clubs and Lodges

Alumni alumnae supper, slated held tonight at 6.30 at ... has been cancelled, announced today by the ... in charge of arrange-

Phillip Frick of the First st church in Williams- d a member and director Rotary there, will speak Rotarians in this city on evening, Dec. 4, at the ... hotel.

Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, Plans for Square Dance chapter, Beta Sigma d its sixth meeting of the on Wednesday evening, th, at the home of Miss lbson. Miss Marjorie Hall, t, conducted the business . Miss Jean Simmerman, n of the ways and means tee, announced tentative or a square dance which ority will sponsor at Car- all on Jan. 29th with Calkins prompting. Miss Kelton, chairman of the committee, conducted

to take care of a flooded oil burn- er. Another call, at 11.59 to the home of Anna Vaznis at Beals court, to extinguish a chimney fire.

An anniversary high Mass of requiem will be celebrated to- morrow morning at 7 at St. John Cantius' church for the late Aviation Cadet Kazimierz (Charles) Puchalski, who was killed in a mid-air crash of two training planes at the naval air station, Glenview, Ill., on Dec. 2, 1943.

Public relations releases from Sampson naval training center, New York, announce that the following men have completed "boot" training and have been granted leaves: A-S Robert Barry, 14 Washington place, this city, A-S Edgar Lavoy of 8 War- ner row, Leeds, and A-S William H. Tague, Jr., of West street, Amherst.

Lt. Franklin M. Lyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Lyman of 177 Prospect street, pilot of a B-17, Flying Fortress, who has been overseas seven months and has participated in 35 missions, is now at home on a 21 day leave. A Northampton high school graduate, in 1940, he has been decorated with the DFC and the Air Medal with clusters.

A public relations release from the European air service com- mand to this paper declares that Staff Sgt. Michael S. Krok, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Krok of 345 Water lane, this city, recently spent a 7-day "recess" from aerial warfare at a rest center— an English seaside resort hotel. Staff Sgt. Krok, a graduate of Northampton high school in 1943, had completed 34 missions just before going for the rest.

Thomas Ahearn, whose wife, Phyllis, resides at 87 Prospect street, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant for efficiency in his duties, it was reported by an 8th air force service command station in England. Sgt. Ahearn was graduated from St. Michael's high school in 1936 and in civil- ian life was employed by Pratt & Whitney. He entered the army Nov. 3, 1942, and has been sta- tioned in the European theater

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Mr. Reusser was formerly di- tor of music and religious edu- tion at Edwards church here

Obituary

WILLIAM ROMENIUS

William Romenius, well kno- dry goods merchant in this tion for the past 50 years, with his red wagon and w horse, had been a familiar fig- to many in this city and sect- died Wednesday at the Pr- dence hospital in Holyoke, following a long period of ill hea- His home was at 1189 Dw- street, Holyoke. Born in Leb- on, Syria, he came to Holyoke years ago and started in busi- 50 years ago. He operated a ho- business for more than 30 y- and for the past several y- had operated a store on ul- Dwight street in Holyoke. sides his wife he leaves daughters, a son, a sister two grandchildren. The fun- will be held at the Hobert- neral home in Holyoke to- row morning followed by a- emn high Mass of requiem the Holy Cross church in city. Burial will be in St. chael's cemetery, Springfield

MISS EMMA T. CANALE

Miss Emma T. Canale, 47 5 Front street, died in Dicki- hospital last evening. Born Holyoke, she was the daug- of Mrs. Agnes (Garbalda) the late Victor Canale. She lived almost all of her lif- Northampton, residing with mother on Front street. Su- ing, besides Mrs. Canale, are sisters, Miss Edith, at home,

Daily Hampshire Gazette 12-1-44

Franklin M. Lyman Is Honored For His Achievement In War

Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross. Also Gets Unit Citation for 'Extraordinary Heroism' in Bombardments

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England—First Lieutenant Franklin M. Lyman, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Lyman of 177 Prospect street, Northampton, Mass., who is serving here with the veteran 306th bombardment group, as a pilot, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement." It was recently announced by his commanding officer, Col. James S. Sutton of Findlay, Ohio.

As the pilot of a Flying Fortress, the duties of Lt. Lyman are not only to fly the giant bomber but to keep in constant touch by interphone with his nine-man crew, ready to give orders and make decisions instantly. Nine lives and a \$250,000 airplane depend on his judgment and flying ability.

The efforts of men like Lt. Lyman recently received official recognition when the First bombardment division, of which this group is a part, was awarded a Presidential Unit citation for "extraordinary heroism" displayed in carrying out the highly successful attack on the enemy aircraft plants at Oschersleben and Halberstadt, Germany, despite extremely heavy fighter opposition.

Lt. Lyman graduated from the Northampton high school prior to his entry into the army air forces.

Potato Growers Meeting Tonight In S. Deerfield

Potato growers of Hampshire, Hampden and Franklin counties are invited to attend an Extension Service sponsored meeting at 8 o'clock tonight in the Polish-American Citizens' club building, South Deerfield.

Dr. Joseph Chucks of Maine, one of the outstanding potato specialists in the country, will be present to speak on phases of production, and others to address the group are Ralph Donaldson, extension agronomist at Massachusetts State college in Amherst.

To Make Up—

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Bluntly warning that the "largest battles fought in this war" will occupy the spring and summer, Churchill reported that 6,000,000 or 7,000,000 Germans already had been killed.

Wants U. S. Attitude Defined "With Precision"

Churchill said President Roosevelt had been informed of Russian-British decisions on Poland, but "I find great difficulty in discussing these matters because the attitude of the United States has not been defined "with precision." However, he said, "the President is aware of everything that has passed."

Poles Have No Alternative But to Meet Russian Demands

Placing before Britain's lawmakers what he called "the bare grim bones of the Polish problem," Churchill made these points:

1. The Poles have no alternative but to meet Russia's demands for a western frontier along the Curzon line.

2. In return, Poland would be compensated with territory "at Germany's expense," including Danzig and all of East Prussia south and west to Koenigsberg.

3. Mass transfers of population would be made to prevent minority disputes from troubling the future peace.

Between the lines of Churchill's speech apparently lay agreement between Britain and Russia on perhaps even more than the problems of Poland.

Ralkes Sees "Charter" a "Ghost"

His pronouncements took on increased significance in the light of Britain's policy in the affairs of Europe's restive lands, contrasting to the hands-off attitude laid down by the United States.

From one of the first members to rise after Churchill concluded—Henry Ralkes, Conservative barrister who once served in the RAF—came the sharp retort that "the Atlantic Charter has become a ghost."

"And," he said, "that ghost was laid today."

Churchill Will Meet 'Any Place'

Although suggesting Britain as a meeting site for the Big Three, Churchill agreed to go to "any place" if such a session could be arranged.

"There ought to be a meeting of the three great powers at the present moment," he said. "So

Reading Notices

Wood and Strand specialize in the repair of French clocks. 3t-14

The Hampden Bottling Co. of Florence will be closed on Saturdays during the winter starting Saturday, Dec. 16. 3t-13

Dance Saturday Night at Grange hall, Chesterfield. Music by "Merry Mixers" Orchestra. Round and Square Dancing; Bro-Lanoue, Prompter. 1t-15

The Plymouth Beauty Shop, 27 West St., will be closed until further notice, due to the fact that Miss Winifred M. Finn is confined to her home with a broken ankle. 4t-13

For tired, aching feet wear my soft flexible arch cushion, the only arch cushion that supports all four arches.—J. Fennell Corrigan, 181 Main St. Afternoons 1 to 5:30; Evenings, 7-9. 3t-14

There is still time to have your evening gowns, Tuxedo's, divan covers, curtains and draperies dry cleaned for the holiday season. Tel. 2248. Swiss Cleaners and Dyers. Free call and delivery 4t-12

Wiggins Old Tavern will be open to the public at noon Dec. 27. Tables are all reserved for the Dinner That Night Only. Plenty of room after that. Hotel sleeping rooms will be available Jan. 1. 1t-13

Many lines of gift apparel in our stock have been replenished for tomorrow's selling and selections right now are second to none. See the lovely Coats, Dresses, Robes, Lingerie, Skirts, Sweaters, Blouses, Scarfs, Mittens, etc., all moderately priced. COHEN BROS. 1t-15

Smith's School Craft Classes. Wood carving class at Smith's school Wednesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30 starting Jan. 3. Hooked and Braided Rugs—beginners' class at Lilly Library, Florence, Tuesday evening, 7 to 9, starting Jan. 2; advanced class Thursday afternoons, 2 to 4, starting Jan. 4. Registration fee, \$1.00 for all classes of 10 lessons. 1t-15

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task of whipping Japan. He sent up detailed requests for appropriations for the 13-billion "non-war" spending. But he put off making detailed recommendations for war appropriations until spring. War appropriations in a given year don't coincide with war spending, because funds obligated one year are often spent in a later year. Thus, in the fiscal year 1944, which ended last summer, the record amount of 128 billion dollars was appropriated for all purposes, but total spending was only 95 billion. And in the present fiscal year 1945, appropriations are expected to be 100 billion, while spending is 100 billion.

Opposes No New Tax Legislation. Mr. Roosevelt proposed no new tax legislation. But he estimated that under present tax laws, the federal revenue will shrink from \$37,000,000,000 to \$41,300,000,000 in the coming fiscal year.

This is because reduced war spending will mean smaller individual incomes and war profits—and therefore smaller tax payments. Even with less revenue rolling in, the government will need to borrow 40 billion dollars compared with 51 billion in the present year.

Federal Debt Now 239 Billions. The federal debt, when figured at the ultimate repayment value, now 239 billion dollars. Mr. Roosevelt said it's expected to be 242 billion by July 1, and then to rise to 292 billion during the fiscal year.

He added that this development will require a further boost in the debt limit, which is now 260 billion.

Aftermath Costs All Rising. The President laid stress on what he called the three major "after-math-of-war" items. They are all rising. Here they are:

1. Interest on the public debt. This will be \$4,500,000,000, an increase of \$750,000,000 over the present year.
2. Veterans' benefits—\$2,632,000,000, more than twice as much as this year. That figure is going up and up. The President said the full impact of the veterans' program won't be felt until future years.

Tax Refund

3. Tax refunds—\$2,725,000,000, an increase of \$556,000,000. About one billion dollars will go to individuals because the withholding

"No Trouble At All" Police Chief George J. Bernier later declared that the defendant apologized to the officer who stopped him on Main street. "Sorry to cause you all this trouble," he was quoted as saying.

"No trouble at all," the police officer was said, by Chief Bernier to have replied. "Five dollars here, and five dollars there—it adds up."

Franklin Lyman Now Patient At Ft. Thomas, Ky.

Veteran of 35 Combat Missions in Europe as B-17 Pilot, Holds Distinguished Decorations for Achievement

Second Lieutenant Franklin M. Lyman, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Lyman of 177 Prospect street, this city, is a patient at the Ft. Thomas, Ky., AAF convalescent hospital, according to word from the hospital.

Lt. Lyman, a veteran of 35 combat missions in Europe, as a B-17 pilot, has been sent to the Kentucky hospital for a period of rest, recreation and therapy.

Holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Unit citation and the European ribbon with two battle stars, he was sent to the United States in November, after completing his tour of duty overseas.

He is a graduate of the local high school, and participated in bombing raids on Ludwigshaven, Schweinfurt and Munich.

Girl Apparently Faints On Road; Taken To Hospital

A girl found unconscious in the vicinity of Mill yard on Sunday night, and taken to the Dickinson hospital was said today by hospital officials to be in "good" condition, and suffering chiefly from exposure and exhaustion.

The girl was said to have been found unconscious by the side of the road, and was at first believed to be the victim of a hit-

tinger blow" in "attempting to land" at Lingayen gulf, invasion gateway to Manila.

The assault troops, Tokyo added, "are still unable to secure even a foothold there."

Nevertheless Japanese propagandists were obviously worried as to where Gen. Douglas MacArthur's major blow would fall in the Luzon invasion which Tokyo radio has been bally-hooing for nearly a week.

Domei News agency said MacArthur was employing only "some 70 or 80 landing barges" and one division at Lingayen gulf in contrast to the four divisions he used in the less difficult invasion of Leyte island Oct. 20.

Domei indicated some concern about the destination of a convoy southwest of Luzon, reportedly carrying three American divisions.

Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, Japanese conqueror of the Philippines, said the Yanks must land on Lingayen gulf but probably would "attempt landings at various other places."

Japs Dealt Heavy Blows

In 48 hours of unchecked operations over Luzon, navy and marine planes from Vice Adm. John S. McCain's fast carrier force, and army Philippines-based bombers and fighters blasted airfields on either side of Manila, destroyed at least 140 planes, sent Nipponese shipping fleeing into the China Sea, raised havoc with Japanese communications and established a blockade against potential air reinforcements from Formosa.

Associated Press War Correspondent Rembert James reported from McCain's flagship that in two days carrier pilots could find only 41 enemy aircraft in the air. Nineteen of these were shot down, 74 more were destroyed on the ground and 86 others damaged.

Japs Evacuating Shipping

"The enemy clearly was evacuating all sizable shipping from the island's harbors," James said. With hunting limited, carrier airmen sank three sizable ships and 11 small craft. Twenty-two others were damaged.

On these same two days—Saturday and Sunday—MacArthur's airmen destroyed 74 planes, mostly caught on the ground. Liberators and Mitchells poured 125 tons of bombs on Clark Field, three fields around Manila and others near Batangas, a pos-

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22 March 1991

Mrs. Julian Keilson
3 Carriage Lane
Winchester, MA 01890

Dear Mrs. Keilson:

I am seeking information on Franklin Mann Lyman, whom I believe is your brother, or at least that is the information I have been given.

He flew a combat tour with the 306th in 1944 as a pilot on a B-17 Flying Fortress.

We continue to search for men who served with the 306th, and now have more than 2,400 persons on our mailing list.

It is my hope that you can give me an address so that I may contact him directly, as we publish a biennial directory and a quarterly newspaper. Each year we also have a reunion, last year having met at San Antonio, and this year we will be in Pittsburgh.

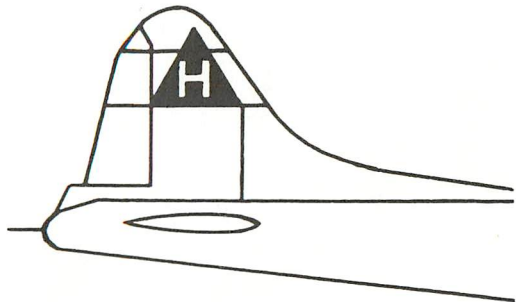
In the event that he is deceased, I would like to know the date and place. I am also including a brief questionnaire which I would hope you might be able to complete in part.

I also enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for your convenience.

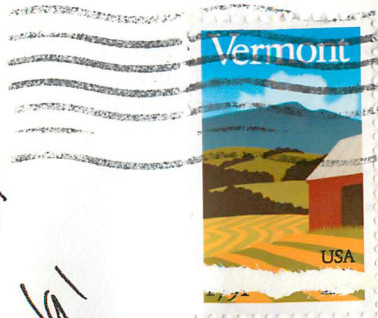
Thanking you in advance, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Russel A. Strong
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