

Mission Dates
for William C. Maddox

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24 June 2000

Ms Debby McBride
Office of Congr Bob Riley
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Debby:

Here is proof of missions participated in from my records for William Maddox, a waist gunner for the crew of Charles O. Smith, and assigned to the 367th Squadron, 306th Bomb Group, beginning 13 Nov 1943.

This group of records, which are the crew interrogation reports compiled upon return from each mission. There is no way of knowing at this time whether this is a complete record or not. I feel that he probably flew also on 22 Mar 44, for which I have no record. That would be a total of 22 missions.

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In searching my listings of medals awarded, I have no record of Distinguished Flying Crosses awarded to men of the 306th during May '44, when his would likely have been handled. These medals were issued on General Orders of the Headquarters, 8th Air Force, and I do not have a 306th listing for any that might have appeared on General Orders 333 through 435. I would think that these orders might be at National Archives (or should be). If, by any chance, you are able to secure any of these names from the 306th, I would be most appreciative if you would send me copies of them when you have completed this project.

I have checked with the Eighty 8th AF Museum at Savannah, GA, and they do NOT have a run of these records.

Also, I discussed this matter with Maddox's pilot, Charles O. Smith, whose address in Lowville, NY, I gave you yesterday, and he says he would have implicit faith in Maddox having told his family honestly that he was due the DFC and never had received it. I hope you also have been able to check his Discharge papers for perhaps some confirmation, or at least to know that he did fly his full complement of missions.

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22 Mar 44 sent for probably Maddox

25 Feb 44 sent to crew for Maddox

20 Feb 44 we might be right
21 Jan 44 sent from
No date on

Dr. Maddox

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... if this matter is successfully consummated, I would like to be
informed in advance on plans for the presentation of the medal to the
family. We would like to have a picture for our quarterly newspaper,
306th Echo.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, please call on me.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

cc: Charles O. Smith

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