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RECORDS UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish to, fold and mail as per address on reverse side. Or, if obtained at a reunion, hand to Russ Strong)

LAST NAME: MUTZ FIRST NAME: William F. TITLE:  
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DATE JOINED 306th ASSOCIATION: 1982  
REUNIONS ATTENDED: (Years) 1984 - 85 - 86 - 87  
WIFE'S NAME: ATHENA

LAST EMPLOYMENT: CHASE MANHATTAN BANK

COLLEGE(S) ATTENDED: N.Y.U. DEGREE(S): DATE:

SERIAL #: D-762126 SQDN: 367 MOS: 1035  
105-16.7900  
DATE ARR: MAY 1944 CREW: MAPES  
DATE DEPARTED: AUG 1944 HIGHEST RANK IN 306th: 107 LT

SERVICE RETIREMENT DATE: Oct 1969 RANK or GRADE: COL. USAFR

DECORATIONS WITH 306TH: DFC AIR MEDAL 30LC

TOP SERVICE ASSIGNMENT AFTER 306TH: HQ CONAC

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS WITH 306TH:

QUESTIONNAIRE

CATERPILLAR CLUB - IRVING CHUTE COMPANY

NAME:

COMBAT JUMP DATE & MISSION:

HEIGHT WHEN BAILED OUT:

ANY PROBLEMS WITH PARACHUTE:

306th Bombardment Group. SQDN:

February 27, 1980

William M. Collins Jr.  
2973 Heatherbrae Drive  
Poland, Ohio 44514

Dear Bill:

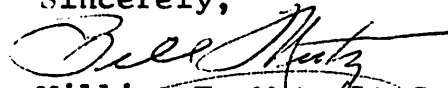
The enclosed copy of the front and rear page of The Rushden Echo and Times of June 15, 1945 is self explanatory. The leaflet was the entire bomb load of our B-17 on D Day, June 6, 1944. They were dropped on the German troops around Caen. The pictures enclosed show Methuselah a B-17G Serial # 42 102969. The name came from the last 3 numbers, 969 as Methuselah lived 969 years.

The picture shows the original crew of which I was the Bombardier. The names are listed on the rear. We all finished our tour without a scratch. However Marion Plumb the Co Pilot was later killed in a plane crash after leaving the ETO. Unfortunately over the years I have lost contact with all but Bill Canedy of Greenfield Mass. You have his address on your mailing list.

The crew shown was assigned to Flight B, 367th Bomb Squadron. We were a replacement crew which arrived at the 306th BG in May of 1944. I was the first of my crew to complete my Tour. However, instead of being sent back to the States, I was assigned to Station 112, the Combat Crew School at Bovington, as a ground school instructor.

I shall be moving to Florida in a month or so. You can be sure that I will send you my new address, as soon as available. Enclosed also, is a check for \$10 to help keep the 306th Echo continue.

Sincerely,



William F. Mitz Lt Col USAFR (Ret)  
1828 Midland Drive  
East Meadow, New York 11554

6 March 1980

LTC William F. Mutz  
1828 Midland Drive  
East Meadow, NY 11554

Dear Bill:

Thanks for the loan of these materials. The pictures are too light to copy, and I have several copies of the Ruphden paper. I did make copies of the leaflet. I have copies of a number of others, and they are interesting items today.

As to the unknown copilot in the one picture: I would swear it was Bill Allen, who lived in my barracks, and was a bit of a character.

I was Milton Adam's navigator, and near the end of my combat tour was in public relations for a while. Art Vann was my original bombardier.

Do you have the WW II hometowns, or later data, on any of your "missing crew?" I maintain a list of about a thousand names of people we are searching for, and now and again we clear some of the names off from it. It has been a principal source for tracking down a great many people.

I've about got the copy for another Echoes in hand, and expect to have it ready for mailing in early April.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong  
Historian

Dear Ruth and Bill,

It was so nice of you to think of me with your lovely card. Thank you,

So true, we will all miss him, but I guess it was his time to be with the Lord. It is very hard though.

I do have all those wonderful memories and three wonderful children. I'm blessed as I have one son, Jeff, close by and a lovely kind daughter-in-law, who I see often & are a great help.

I'm hoping I can make the reunion in Sarasota in December. My son said he would drive me. It's an 8 hr. trip from here.

You both stay well, and God willing I will see you in Dec.

God Bless you and yours

Love,

Tina MUTZ