A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - U. S. EIGHTH AIR FORCE Russell A. Strong 2041 Hillsdale Kalamazoo, MI 49007

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Service Record:		
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	5th Engineers This unit was T was captured which picked t	oned in Iceland with Company "A" of the and then with the 50th Fighter Sqdn. equiped with P-38s. I by the German Air Force Air Rescue us up in a Dornier Do 24 Flying Boat a rest of the crewmembers.
306th Record:		
Arrival date at Thurl		
Squadron or other uni	t 368th Bomb.	Sqdn.
MOS# 612	s	Specialty Arnoxer Gunner
Missions completed (a	and date of la	st) <u>Five(5) 3-27-44.</u>
Promotions T/Sat, M/Sa	t and then dira	ect commission as 2nd. It.Called to
commission status on Jan Decorations:AMo	n.'52; 1st Lt, icsDFCc	Capt, Regular AF and then to Major.
On unusual DFCs, Silv	er Star and contact citations and	other medals I would appreciate re-
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(OTHER INFORMATION): On the back of this sheet I would appreciate receiving any other information about your service with the 306th, or about incidents or people with whom you were associated.

I would also like the opportunity to inspect any pictures or other special materials which you may have in your possession relating to the 306th. Copies of Special Orders issued by any of the units at Thurleigh are especially helpful.

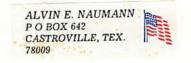
The squadron had a shortage of gunners and since I possessed an armament MOS (911) I volunteered to fly as a gunner. The first mission was on Berlin and that was on or about March 1944. (8th)

	Telephone 512 538-2858
MISSING ALDEDAFT DEPORT	
MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT	
Pilot 1 Lt. Rene C. Fix	Plane # and Name B-17(H)
Mission Date 3-27-44	Target Training field in Southern France
Cause of loss: AA fire Fighter at	ttackOther, explain_"Saliotage"
had been caught sabotaging the plant he fixed. In our case we lost the started shedding our gear with hope altitude. We heading for the Bay of Describe conditions in the plane as colives were lost. I had flown 4 missions the plane involved as a Survivo training; I will always/the lack of	about 30 days after we did, stated that a crew chie nes and had been paid \$500 for each of the planes super charger in #3 engine, then #2 and we then es that the super charges would come on at a lower & Biscay and finally crashed at sea. Luckly no ompletely as you can: sions with the pilot; the others this was their ed to the Engineers position. During later years at Instructor and engaged in Evasion and Escape of familiarization with the equipment and lack of
	occasions where ommander. There were several/attempts could have be as well from Howrton, France; Bourdeaux to
coast of France. We were picked up Air Rescue Base approx. 6 KM north and the classic setting of Nazi's w boots, search lights and the whole	in the Bay of Biscay, about 60 miles west of the at about 2030 hours. We were taken to a German of Howrton. When we arrived it was very dark was evident. German guard dogs, spit and polish lot. There was a British Sunderland Flying Boat ested that we throw away our escape kits so the
How and where did you leave plahe?	or still in the ball turret; tailgunner still in

Did you meet any of your crew mates? All survived the alleged ditching and were rescued togather.

How were you treated, if captured? Fair! Well by the aircrew that picked us up. Darmstadt 3-31-44 Dulag Luft 4-1-44 Left Dulag Luft 4-6-44 Arrived Stalag XUJJ -B on 4-9-44. (Easter Sunday) Departed Stalag 17-B on Easter Sunday 1945 and Liberated 5-2-45 near Braunay, Austria.

Any additional details, reminiscences, letters, or documents of these events would be appreciated. If you do send such materials, I will copy them and put them back in the mail to you within 24 hours.



6-28-82

Dear Mr. Strong;

I have recently located the radio operator on our crew, David Stoddard, 24800 Horn Road, Elmira, Oregon 97437, telephone # Area Code (503) 935-1716.
Also the gunner that that was flying as the engineer Frank A. Pfeifer, 5649 Faust Ave, Woodland Hills, Cal. 91367, telephone # Area Code (213) 347-7320. This was as a result of your book and the help of Ben Phelper.

Do you have the current address of 1st Lt. Rene C. Fix, our pilot that went down on 3-27-44? How about Sqt. Eugene C. Engberg?

A self-addressed postage paid envelope is attached to facilate your answer.

Thanking you, I remain

yours truly,

ahere E. Mauwann

Major USAF- Retired

P.S. How about slogt. Lawrence & Waggoner of the 365th B.S. & that stated our aircraft had been sabotaged?



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Dear Bill,

Attached is a donation of \$10.00 in cash. Please send me the back issues of the 306th Echoes. Thanking you, I remain

Yours truly, Chew E. Naumann Alvin E. Naumann Major, USAF-Retired



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