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U.S. Army - 8th Aire Force
306 Bomb Group
369 Squadron "Fitin Bitin"
POW: 10/14/43 to 5/3/45
Stalag 17 B, Luft 3, Krems Austria

August 7, 1977

306th Bombardment Group Association
ATTENTION: William M. Collins Jr.
2973 Heatherbrae Drive
Poland, Ohio 44514

Dear Mr. Collins;

Sorry, I won't be able to join in the big reunion to be held in St. Louis in October. My thoughts and best wishes will be with all of those who do attend. But I do hope to attend the mini reunion to be held at McClellan AFB base in California on October 13, 14 & 15, 1977.

At the time I was shot down and taken prisoner, I was not flying with my regular crew. I took the tail gunners position on another plane. Therefore I never really knew how things turned out or what happened to the flight crew I was originally assigned. Do you have any knowledge or records of any of the following? At one time I had a complete list of names with addresses, but it has turned up missing. I do have pictures of the complete crew.

PIOLET:	<i>Howard C</i>	Lt. Sharkey (N.Y.)	
CO-PIOLET:	<i>Frouis</i>	Lt. Ferguson (N.Y.)	MIA 10-14-43 RTD
BOMBARDIER:	<i>Curtis</i>	Lt. Dunlap (Southern Calif.)	MIA 2-3-44 RTD
NAVIGATOR:	<i>George</i>	Lt. Belknap ("	" "
ENGINEER:	<i>Harold M</i>	Maron (N.Y.)	MIA 3-29-44 RTD
RADIO:	<i>Jerome</i>	Evenson (Mid West)	MIA 3-29-44 RTD
WAIST GUNNER:		Bill Oliver (Covina)	MIA 10-14-43
WAIST GUNNER:		Billy Oldfield (Nettleton, Mo.)	KIA 5-28-44
BALL TURRET:	<i>Frederick</i>	Massey (? N.Y.)	MIA 10-14-43 RTD
TAIL GUNNER:		Pierre Noisat (Calif)	

Anyone having a completed list of the above, please make a zurox copy and forward it to me so that I may place it in a scrap book my wife has compiled. Thanks.

Enclosed is a check for a contribution toward off-setting some of your overhead or to stock the Hospitality Room.

Best regards to all,

Pierre Noisat

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Sgt. Pierre L. Thoisat
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July 17, 1980

306th Echoes
2973 Heatherbrae Drive
Poland, Ohio 44514.

Re:- Requesting additional copy
of Vol 5, # 2, April 1980

Dear:-

It was with great interest that I read about 2nd Lt. James V. Vaughters article "Bail Out, Prison Camp." as I was flying as tail gunner in place of Edward J. Mayer.

I am now an active member in the Celcilia McKie Chapter for American Ex-Prisoners of War Inc. They recently started a scrap book and are collecting articles about members. At first I was going to xerox a copy of the April issue,

but decided to write you - in the event you have an extra copy.

We also have several other members interested in receiving regular copies of Echoes. If I remember correctly, I had to fill out a form, given to me by Mr. Phil Taylor. If possible please send me 4 or 5 of these forms.

Inclosed is a check in the amount of \$2.50 to cover any charges for your services

Sincerely yours

Pierre L. Naisat

Pierre L. Noisat
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March 8, 1982

Russell A. Strong
2041 Hillsdale
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Re: Failure to receive "First Over
Germany, A History of the 306th
Bomb Group"

Dear Mr. Strong;

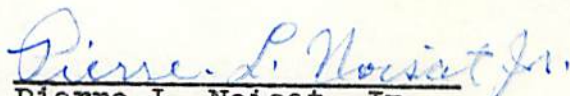
On December 4, 1981, I sent you a check in the amount of \$17.50, which was the pre-publication price of the book I failed to receive. The check was made payable to you and mailed to you.

It was my understanding the I would be receiving the book in February.

Xerox copy of cancelled check inclosed.

Would like to be up-dated regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Pierre L. Noisat, Jr.

Pierre L. Noisat
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Sept. 5, 1985

306th Bombardment Group Assoc.
2973 Heatherbrae Dr.
Poland, Ohio 44514
Attention Bill Collins

Re: ^(April) Need copy of 1984 Directory
306th Bomb. Group Historical
Association.

Dear Mr. Collins: -

I hope I am mailing this letter
to the correct person and address.

My husband has been offered an
all expense free trip to Europe, by
his brother-in-law. They are to visit
various places & towns my husband
was in while in service.

I talked by phone to Lt Col Jim
Vaughter. He suggested I contact a
John Mills in Bedford, England,
which I did. -

John Mills, agreed to place the
wreath at the SSMA site, each
year on Oct 14 - This year he has

asked my husband to take over
this honor. -

I hate to part with our copy
of the 306th Directory. - so if you
would be kind enough - I will
have my husband give the copy
to John Mills - and it will be
included in their historical
bldg.

They will be leaving Oakland
on Sept. 25, 1985 - fly to NY, see
two baseball games - then on to
Europe.

If possible mail directory as
soon as possible.

Thanks for your time and help.
God Bless you

Sincerely

Pierre Noisat

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From N.Y. we flew to England. Toured England a few days then took the train from London to Bedford where we were met by John Mills. We spent 4 days with John and his wife Mimi - Lovely people.

Jim Vaughter, was the bombardier on the plane I was flying with (as a tail gunner) when we were shot down over Germany, following our raid on Schweinfurt. Our mission was to destroy the ball bearing plants - Oct 14, 1943. Jim Vaughter set up our meeting with John Mills. Mills acts as a historian for the 306th in England.

In the absence of an Amer service man being in England on Oct 14, John Mills places the wreath at the memorial headstone for the 306th. By coincidence our trip placed us in England for this ceremony. So John Mills delegated this honor to me. Have to admit it left me with a lot of sad memories, a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes.

Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would have this honor bestowed on ME, 42 years after being shot down and taken prisoner.

Everyone in England treated us as if we were Royalty - when they found out we were Americans that fought during the war.

When we arrived in London, my luggage failed

to get off the plane and went on to Brussels. When the woman at the inn where we stayed found out about my luggage - she got on the phone, told the air line to get my luggage and deliver it to where we were staying. - 2 days later I had my luggage.

Another day we were in a Pub at Herrods (all Pubs close at 3pm - open again at 6 or 7pm). The proprietor asked all customers to leave - turned to my brother-in-law & I and said "You two can stay as long as you want" then sat down to talk to us.

The air base we used in 1943 is now under tight security - but we received special clearance to get on the base - thanks to the effort of many wonderful people.

My brother-in-law took my copy of your book to read. (That was prior to Sept 25th - still in his possession) Today he called to ask a question - had friends with him and used your book as a reference - then apologized he hadn't returned it to me. - So, I, decided he should have his own copy - and I knew you would be willing to fill this order for me - by sending him his own copy.

Thanks for all you do for the 306th Echoes - look forward to each issue - Happy holiday
Your friend Pierre Nourat

Dear Mr. Strong

Sorry this is so late in reaching you.

In May it was the 40th reunion for Stalag 17B Boys in Clearwater Florida, 40 years from date of liberation.

Then um-teen forms + reports to help Pierre get an increase in his pension disability rating.

In between I have made zucchini pickles - red bell pepper jelly - tomato sauce etc. -

Sept 25 Pierre left for NY - got involved in hurricane Gloria - finally got off to England. His brother-in-law give him an all expense paid trip - first class.

They are visiting the various places that they went thru or were stationed in while in service.

John Mills of Bedford England has asked Pierre to place the SSMA wreath at Madingley, Cemetery, on Oct 13, 1985. (Oct 14, 1943 was the day 600 men were shot down on the Schweinfurt Raid.)

Dear Dale! —

A thousand "thanks" for the great job you and everyone does in getting the "Echoes" out to the members. —

We enjoy each and every copy. —

Hope the enclosed check will help with expenses. —

Sincerely
Pierre Noisat
306th bomb group.