

PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary,
306th BG Association, 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205.

Date completed 22 DEC 1991

LAST NAME: BALLARD FIRST NAME: ALLEN MI: T TITLE:

Street address: 7804 SMOKE RISE ROAD Telephone: (205) 881-3252

City, State, Zip: HUNTSVILLE, AL 35802

Date of birth: 15 DEC 1920 Wife's name: TERRY

College(s) attended: Calif State ~~and~~ University Sacramento Degree(s): BS Year(s): 1972
1975

Last employment & job title & retirement date:

U.S. Army - accountant - 3 Jan 1991

Reunions attended: 0

Serial #: 0 685 364 Squadron: 327 Specialty: NAVIGATOR

Date joined 306th: OCT 1943 If combat, what crew:

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

Number of missions flown: 19 1/2 Date of last mission: shot down 24 APRIL 1944

Date left 306th: 24 April, 1944 Highest rank/grade w/306th: 1st Lt

Other 8th AF units served with:

Top service assignment after 306th:

USAF retirement date: 30 NOV 1965 Rank/grade: COL USAF

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the squadrons or other units serving with the 306th, are sought by the secretary, as many of these do not appear in any collections of materials in Federal files:

If you know of others who served with the 306th who do not appear in the current directory, please add their names and current/WWII hometowns/or other addresses to the back of this sheet so that searches may be implemented to add them to our present 306th roster.

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10 April 1992

Dear Allen:

Good to hear from you, and to get you back on the mailing list.

As to your original crew:

Tom Bridgman did survive the crash, I think one of only two men who did on 5 Jan 44. I learned about his whereabouts shortly before he died, 12 Dec 86 at Goldsboro, NC.

Brinkley was KIA 13 Dec 43 on a mission to Emden.

Other members of the crew killed that day were Charles Mull, cp; Donald Dickson, bombardier; Frederick Kittredge, ro; George Murat, ball; Stanley Rust, waist, and Floyd Younger, tail.

Survivors included Bernard Grossman, nav; Ralph Landherr, eng; and Frank Cargill, waist. These three men are all on our current mailing list.

Guess that kind of updates your old crew.

All the best,

In the Oct issue of Echoes you had a list of pilots that had no information as to their date of arrival at the 306th.

Thomas Bridgeman arrived in Oct 1944. He was co-pilot; Lt. Brimbley was pilot; Lt. Dickson bombardier; and I was navigator on the crew.

Lt Bridgeman was in a crash on takeoff in Nov 1943. He was air evaced to the USA & no word was received after that.

I was placed on a lead crew in Nov and a new navigator assigned to my old crew. The crew was missing after a mission on 14 Dec 1943. No word was received on what happened to them.

Allen J. Ballard