

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: *Barr* FIRST NAME: *Earl* TITLE:
STREET ADDRESS: *1513 Colerain Pike* TELEPHONE: *(614) - 633-1098*
CITY: *Martins Ferry* STATE: *Ohio* ZIP: *43935*

DATE JOINED 306th ASSOCIATION:

REUNIONS ATTENDED: (Years) *86 & 87*

WIFE'S NAME: *Nina Lee*

LAST EMPLOYMENT: *Retired*

COLLEGE(S) ATTENDED: *Wm & Mary Ohio State* DEGREE(S): *DDS* DATE: *1950*

SERIAL #: *0-819257* SQDN: *367th* MOS: *Pilot*

DATE ARR: *June 44.* CREW:

DATE DEPARTED: HIGHEST RANK IN 306th: *1st Lt.*

SERVICE RETIREMENT DATE: *Nov 1945* RANK or GRADE: *1st Lt.*

DECORATIONS WITH 306TH: *Air Medal*

TOP SERVICE ASSIGNMENT AFTER 306TH:

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS WITH 306TH:

QUESTIONNAIRE

CATERPILLAR CLUB - IRVING CHUTE COMPANY

NAME: *Earl R. Barr*

COMBAT JUMP DATE & MISSION: *Sept. 12, 1944 Rhuland, Germany*

HEIGHT WHEN BAILED OUT: *25,000 ft.*

ANY PROBLEMS WITH PARACHUTE: *No*

306th Bombardment Group. SQDN: *367th*

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE

Russell A. Strong 2041 Hillside Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Name EARL R. BARR

Address 1513 COLERAIN PIKE, MARTINS FERRY, OHIO 43935

Home Phone (614)633-1098 Date September 8, 1980

Occupation DENTIST Employer SELF

Address MYERS BUILDING MARTINS FERRY Bus. Phone (614)633-2551

Serial No(s) 13179740
0-819257

Service Record:

Before joining the 306th:

PRE-FLIGHT MAXWELL FIELD, ALA. Class 44A
PRIMARY McBRIDE, MO.
BASIC MALDEN, MO.
ADVANCE STUTTGART, ARK.
PHASE TRAINING AVON PARK, FLA.

After leaving the 306th:

Final discharge was November 1945, with no further assignments after returning home on leave.

306th Record

Arrival date at Thurleigh June 1944

Squadron or other unit(s) 305th. Radar Plane

MOS # 1091 Specialty Pilot

Missions Completed (and date of last) RHULAND 29th. Mission

Promotions First Lt.

Decorations 4M olcs DFC olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM PH4 Battle Stars

(On unusual DFCs, and Silver Stars and above would like to see a copy of the citation)

Pilot Survey

Name Earl R. Barr

Cadet Class 44 A

Adv. Trng. Location Stuttgart, Ark

Combat Missions 29

Date leaving 306th 12 Sept. 44

Rank on leaving 306th 1st Lt

Did you fly with the Casey Jones
Project in 1945-46? No

Send to: Russell A. Strong, 5232
Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205

Noted the passing of Milt.

Wednesday
July 28, 1993

Russ,

Enclosed are two addresses
of Harold Barrett's crew of
which I was the co-pilot.

Wantz, Chester L. (Ball Turret
Gunner)
1510 S.W. Bell

Topeka, Kansas. 66604-367

Chet finished his tour and is now
retired. Was a mortician and this
is his present address.

Cloyd M. Atbore

~~Cresswell~~, (Have no first name)

Todd P.O. (Waist Gunner)

Todd, P.H. 814/448-3221

This address is almost 50 yrs. old,
but perhaps you may have some
success in locating him.

Will not be making this years reunion
of the 306th as there are a group of
former P.O.Ws from the same barracks
in Stalag Luft I meeting in Denver,
in late September.

Also our tailgunner whose
last name was Price is deceased.

If you see Mutz at the reunion,
give him and also Mapes my
regards.

As ever
Bob Barr

HCR 1, Box 11
Todd PA 16685

Paul

Nov. 18, 1987

Russ,

A belated thanks for the picture, it was greatly appreciated. Saw this form on the Caterpillar Club in the latest Echoes, so thought I'd send it on.

Also if you would like copies of the pamphlets that were dropped over Germany after the attempt on Hitler's life, I'd have some made and send on to you.

Wishing you the best for the holidays & coming new year,

Bob Barr

Date,

Received word that Robert E. Reid died on Jan. 10, 1991. He was co-pilot on my crew which was with the 367th Sqd and shot down on 12 Sept 44.

E. R. Barr

P.S. If he wasn't receiving the Echo, would you please send a copy of the Echo which list his passing to his wife.

Mrs. Irene A. Reid

6 Malvern Ave.

Pawtucket, R.I.

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30 January 1992

I am writing to ask if you would assist me in improving the 306th Bomb Group Association's records on pilots. On the attached reply card I have posed several questions for which answers are needed concerning you.

As I am constantly seeking to augment our collection of Special Orders issued by the 306th Bomb Group, the combat squadrons, Station 111, and other units at Thurligh, I would like you to locate your 201 File and to make me copies of any such orders you may have.

To assist in completing your records and possibly those of other pilots who served with the 306th, I would like to obtain any orders issued from your Advanced Training School in which the list of graduates is shown.

Thanking you in advance, I am,
Sincerely yours,



Name . . . *Earl R. Barr*

Cadet Class *44 A* ; Adv. Trng. Location *Stuttgart, Ark.*

Combat missions *29* ; Date leaving 306th: *12 Sept. 44*

Did you fly in the Casey Jones Project? *No* *Rukland, Ger
Mission*

What was your rank on leaving the 306th? *1st Lt.*

Do you know the whereabouts of any of your crew members who are not listed in the current Association directory? Or, do you know where they came from or where they may have gone to college, either before or after service?

If you can provide any such information, the Secretary will endeavor to make contact with them.

In our record updating, please list your nine digit
Zip Code *42935* Home Phone *(614) 633-1098*

Name EARL R. BARR Address 1513 COLERAIN PIKE MARTINS FERRY,
OHIO 43935
Telephone (614)633-2551

MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

Last three numbers 999

Pilot EARL R. BARR Plane # and Name METHUSELAH

Mission Date September 12 1944 Target RHULAND GERMANY

Cause of loss: AA fire Fighter attack Other, explain

Describe conditions in the plane as completely as you can:

Number one & three engine & right wing were in fire. Sgt. Chavez latter on told me the radio room was also on fire. Sgt. Chavez & Capen were wounded & Sgt. Hooko had slight wounds.

Note: Both Sgt. Chavez & Sgt. Hooko bailed out after the plane exploded. A section of the waist remained in tack & they jumped it. I talked to both men afterwards & neither man knew the identity of the second man involved.

How and where did you leave plane?

Bailed out from the nose hatch & when captured was taken to the town of Fenow. It looked like a squadron meeting as there were so many other crews from the 367th. there.

What happened when you got on the ground?

Bumbled around for several hours before being taken prisoner by the local gendarmes.

Did you meet any of your crew mates?

Sgts. Chavez & Sgt. Hooko.
Sgt. Reid & Sft. Montaque.
Talked with Sgt. Capen at Camp Lucky Strike.

How were you treated, if captured?

Treated as well as one could expect.

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.