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Your name has been submitted as a former member of the 306th Bomb Group, Thurleigh. We have had two Stateside reunions - Miami '75 and Dayton '76. The 306th had the largest turn-outs at both reunions. Reunions in '77 - England in August, St Louis in October.

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Yes, add my name to the mailing list.

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1208 Q.M.C. - 306 Bomb Gr - Nov-1943 to Dec 15, 1945  
SO ON UNIT YE(S) ASSIGNED  
APO - 634 - station 111

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FROM THURLEIGH we went to  
GERMANY

April 23, 1977

William M. Collins Jr.  
2973 Heatherbrae Dr.  
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Dear Bill

Thanks very much for the information on the 8th Air Force and the 306 Bomb Group Reunions. Just a few questions. Is the 306 Bomb Group Reunion going to be held at Dayton, Ohio on the following dates Oct. 15 to Oct. 17 and the 8th Air Force Reunion at St. Louis, Mo. on the following dates Oct 6 to Oct 9.

Here are a few names and address (last know for me)

1. Lacy F. Warren	1208 Q.M.C.	Faison, North Carolina
2. Frank L. Creasey	" "	Stuart, Virginia
3. Arthur S. Markowitz	428 Bomb Sq	Rankin, Pennsylvania
4. Charles T. Bullard	1208 - Q.M.C.	Boston, Georgia
5. Howard A. Freeman	" "	Ashboro, North Carolina
6. Raymond F. Kenney	" "	Ottawa, Illinois
7. Coy A. Turner	" "	Commerce, Texas
8. Norman L. Day	" "	Lockport, New York
9. William H. Lillywhite	" "	Long Island, New York City
10. Fernand H. Ely	" "	Manhatan, New York City
11. Jerrad A. Veth	" "	Bronx, New York City
12. Harold A. Miller	" "	La Crosse, Wisconsin
13. Joe D. Koziol	" "	Chicago, Illinois
14. Floyd R. Pollard	" :	Miami, Florida
15. Moses Lakser	" "	Miami, Florida
16. John T. Ciarlelli	" "	Waterberry, Connecticut
17. Albert J. Boyles	" "	Bakersfield, California
18. Nicholas Petrisor Jr.	" "	Canton, Ohio
19. Maynard C. Poray	" "	Wellsville, New York
20. Frederick R. King	" "	Lincoln, Maine
21. Gordon H. Everett	" "	Reno, Nevada
22. Virgil W. Lenpenau	" "	Alta Vista, Kansas
23. Oliver Bernier	" "	Fort Kent, Maine
24. Red L. Burch	" "	Meridian, Texas
24. John W. Shopes	438 Bomb Sq.	Castle Shannon, Penn.
25. Gerrad Baumann	367 Bomb Sq.	New Orleans, La.
26. Tony A. Rago	423 Bomb Sq.	San Francisco, Calif.
27. Frank P. Pietra	368 Bomb Sq.	Richmond Hill - Long Island N.Y.
28. Walter G. Bidwell	369 Bomb Sq.	Janesville, Wisconsin
29. Lawrence E. Marks	368 Bomb Sq.	Oshkosh, Wisconsin
30. John J. Giballi	1208 Q.M.C.	West Frankfort, Illinois

I don't know whether this list of names will help or not --- Maybe if I dig a little more, maybe more names and pictures will turn up.

Frederick C. Bartz



June 18, 1980

RUSSELL A. STRONG

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DEAR RUSS

SO YOUR RECORDS ARE VERY SCANTY ON THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH THE 306<sup>th</sup> AT THURLEIGH. HERE IS A ROSTER OF THE 1208 O.M.C. THIS ROSTER IS REASONABLY ACCURATE.

ON YOUR LIST OF OT NEW NAMES AND ADDRESSES - THE NAME OF WILLIAM F. McMULLEN FROM JACKSON MICHIGAN HAS NO ORGANIZATION LISTED BEHIND HIS NAME. BILL WAS IN OUR OUTFIT - 1208 O.M.C.

ALSO I SEE LARRY E MARKS FROM THE 368<sup>th</sup> FINALLY DECIDED TO JOIN 306<sup>th</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION.

LARRY RETIRED EARLY FROM KIMBEELY-CLARK CORPORATION, WHERE I WORK ALSO.

My stay at THURLEIGH, ENGLAND - station - 111  
was from Oct 7, 1943 to Dec 15, 1945  
when we left THURLEIGH - we were no longer  
the 1208 Q.M.C. - our new name was the  
664th AIR MATERIAL Sq - 414th AIR SERVICE  
Group. We left Southhampton, ENGLAND  
Dec 20, 1945 - ARRIVED LE HAVRE, FRANCE - Dec 20, 1945  
LEFT LE HAVRE, FRANCE Dec 26, 1945, ARRIVED AT  
SOISSON - Dec 27, 1945 - LEFT SOISSON ARRIVED  
METZ, FRANCE - LEFT METZ, FRANCE - ARRIVED  
MANNHEIM, GERMANY, Dec 28, 1945 - FINALLY  
ARRIVED AT OUR BASE, which was a small GERMAN  
village called GIELBSTADT, LEFT THIS BASE  
IN JANUARY OF 1946. - IN EUROPE WE WERE IN THE  
9TH AIR FORCE

I hope the information you have  
will help

Oh, I almost forgot. After the Postcard  
of the 1208 was made out, I was fortunate  
to make Sgt - AFTER BEING IN THE 1208 Q.M.C.  
FOR ALMOST 15 MONTHS - Big DEAL

SINCERELY

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23 June 1980

Dear Fred:

Many thanks for sending along the roster. I picked up 12 names I did not have in my card file, filled in several for whom I only had a last name, added several serial numbers (including yours), and put MOS numbers on the cards.

That's one of my bigger record finds in the past six months. I guess I have most of the men now on my cards, perhaps about 9000 of them. Now that I am deep into the writing, I realize the wisdom I had earlier to at least start such a file. It is invaluable now.

I have talked recently with Bill McMullen on the phone, and hope to see him sometime when he comes through Kalamazoo.

I am enclosing a copy of our Wisconsin "search" list, and hope you might be able to do a little looking and perhaps find some other 306th men who don't know about the organization.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

PS - I'd like to keep the picture for a bit, until I have time to copy it. It will be returned.

Dec 19, 1983

Editor - 306<sup>th</sup> Echoes  
Russell A. Strong  
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Dear Mr. Strong

In the October Issue of the 306<sup>th</sup> Echoes  
you listed all the Units station at Thurleigh.

Our unit was listed as 1121st Q.M.C (Det A).  
As far as my records show, Sept 1943 to Dec 12  
1945 - our unit was known as the 1208 Q.M.C  
Service Group AVN. R.S APO 634 - I don't know  
were you acquired the information of 1121st Q.M.C  
(Det A)?

We had three officers in the 1208 Q.M.C.

	A.S.M	SPECK NO
Capt George L. Sawyer	0298416	4419
1st Lt. Woodrow A. Reitmeir	0359379	4419
2nd Lt. Morris Butler	01594078	4419

Why is it that 4 Bomb Squadrons get all  
the Recognition? I realize the men in the combat  
Squadrons were the men who were putting their  
life on the line every time they went on a Mission

There was some ground Personnel at Thurleigh  
from the first day the Americans took over the Base  
from the R.A.F. - to the last day in December of 1945.

That is a long time stationed there. Some of the jobs required to be on job at 3<sup>00</sup> A.M. in the morning to midnight - seven days a week - this place was the consolidated Mess Hall. Ordnance + Maintenance was another job with very long hours and hard work.

Just maybe, if the ground Personnel were given a tiny bit of Recognition - you might be able to acquire more members in the 306 Bomb Group.

After Dec 12, 1945 - our unit name was changed to the 664 Air Material Sq. - 41st AIR Service Group A.P.O 557 - station Y-90 - from Thurlough we went by truck to South-Hampton, England - crossing the English channel to Le Havre, France. - traveled through France to Giebstadt, Germany where we stayed for a short time before we were sent home.

Our 1208 G.M.C had a Roster of 60 men.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE TOP PERSONNEL IN OUR UNIT

HAROLD A. MILLER	- M/Sgt	- 16049072	- 821
JOHN J. BIBALLI	T/Sgt	16040139	- 509
RAYMOND F. KENNEY	T/Sgt	16053871	- 821
NORMAN L. DAY	S/Sgt	32239686	- 821
GEORGE A. BUEHNER JR.	S/Sgt	33150424	- 821
FRANK R. MCGILL	S/Sgt	17056508	- 821
WARREN F. LACY (LAST NAME)	S/Sgt	34179555	- 821
WILLARD C. ARNER	S/Sgt	33150289	- 821

Yours Sincerely

Fred Bartz

20 December 1983

Dear Fred:

Many thanks for your letter, pointing out the shortcomings and personal quirks of the editor. I deserve them, and as you so ably pointed out, my own interest in the combat aspects shows through.

But, may I turn the tables?

I'd be delighted to have a long story for Echoes on the Ordnance organization. I have a number of pictures of bomb dumps, bomb trailers, loading of bombs, etc., which would help make a whale of a good piece that everyone would enjoy. I just need a writer who knows something about it. I don't.

I have asked other men to do the same thing, but have yet to receive anything. I'm waiting, and frankly, looking forward to more variety in Echoes. It needs it.

I make no apologies for First Over Germany, as I intended from the very inception of the project to write a history about combat flying. Other aspects of the organization were mainly incidental to that story.

But Echoes is an entirely different matter, and I hope that you will seriously consider doing a story for me. I could use as much as 8 or 10 pages double spaced, perhaps having to run it over two issues.

If you'll start writing, I'll search out the pictures I have, get copies to you so that you can identify anyone you can, and I guarantee that it will be a popular story.

Thanks for the correction on the listing. I kind of threw that in at the last minute and did not check it as thoroughly as I should have. Too many irons in the fire is my usual problem.

Again, thank you sincerely for writing, and I look forward to a response from you in the next six to eight weeks.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong