

RECORD UPDATE

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and give)
(to Russ Strong at the Las Vegas reunion, or mail to his ad-)
(dress: 5323 cheval Pl., Charlotte, NC 28205)

Date completed

LAST NAME: *BERRY* FIRST NAME: *Leslie* Title:
Street address: *2633 Victoria St.* Telephone: *(216) 345-7465*
City, state, zip: *Wooster, Ohio 44691*

Date of birth: *Jan 13, 1916* Wife's name: *(Deceased)*
College(s) attended: *Wooster College* Degree(s): *Under Grad* Year(s): *2*
Last employment & job title: *COFSCO INC.*
Treas, & Office Mgr.

Year joined 306th Association: *1944*

Reunions attended: (by year or location) *Omaha; Dayton; Cincinnati; Washington*

Serial #: *0769214* Sqdn: *423* Speciality: *Bombardier Navigator*

Date joined 306th: *July 14 1944* If combat, what crew? *Harold Brown's crew*
Approx

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

If commissioned w/306th, date & specialty:

Date departed: *Feb. 1945* Highest rank/grade w/306th: *1st Lt.*

Other 8thAF units served with:

Top service assignments after 306th: *Instructor at Carlisle AFB.*

USAF retirement date: *Oct 19 1945* Rank/grade: *1st Lt.*

Most memorable experience w/306th: (use back of sheet, too) *we were shot down over target, and had 2 engine left. We did not try to cross the channel, but found a B-26 base in France to land.*

In the continuing search for 306th people, please inform the secretary as to any persons you know from the 306th who are not listed in the 1988 directory; con-

In our descent to the base we passed through a Temperature Inversion
and all the windows in the pilots compartment were fogged over
and they could not see a thing. The pilot told me what
happened and ask me if I would see from the bombarding
nose. I said yes, and he said that since I was a former
pilot I would have to talk him in to a landing, and that
with two engines we could not go around. I stayed in the
nose and talked him into a landing. It was a little
rough but we made ^{it} or else. I wouldn't be telling you this
story.

Heslie Berry

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landed in France at a B-16 base
left plane.

Returned to England shortly

lost #2 over target

lost #3 later

had a fire #2, D Phillips put
it out.

MEMO

Date _____

To Russell Strong

From _____

Dear Sir:

I noticed your article in
June issue of Air Force magazine.

I served in the 306th group
423 Squadron from July
1944 to April 1945. And I
would be glad to help you in
any way I can. Just let me
know what you are interested in
and I can give you what ever
I have

Yours truly

Leslie Bessy
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Dear Russ:

I was reading your article about Hallie Baker being the 5th oldest bombardier commissioned in world War II and I have him beat by quite a few days. I don't know where the Bombardiers Inv. got their information, but they must not have consulted me. I received my gold bars on the 26th day of February 1944. Class 44-3 at Victorville, Cal. My birthday is Jan 13 1916. Which figures out to 28 years & 44 days. I thought you might like to know.

Les Berry
423rd Sq. 306th