

RECORD UPDATE

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to  
Russ Strong at the reunion, or mail to Russ Strong, 5323 Cheval  
Place, Charlotte, NC 28205) Little Rock 1989

Date completed AUG. 22, 1991

LAST NAME: BLOKER FIRST NAME: RAYMOND E. TITLE:

Street address: 31221 CHURCHILL DR. Telephone: (313) 647-4896

City, state, zip: BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN  
48025

Date of Birth: 1/19/24 Wife's name: BETTY

College(s) attended: OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY Degree(s): B. SC. Year(s): 1947

Last employment and job title:  
FINITE FILTER CO. OXFORD, MICH - CONTROLLER

Reunions attended: (by year or location)  
NONE

Serial #: 0703178 Squadron: 369A Specialty: NAVIGATOR

Date joined 306th: APRIL, 1944 If combat, what crew: ANDREW KATA  
(DAMYANKEE)

Special duties or assignments w/306th:  
Number of missions flown: 30 Date of last mission: AUG. 8, 1944  
Date left 306th: LATE AUGUST 1944 Highest rank/grade with 306th: 1ST LT.  
Other 8th AF units served with: NONE  
(SHOT DOWN)  
CAEN, FRANCE  
ESCAPED  
CAPTURE

Top service assignments after 306th: RADAR NAVIGATION INSTRUCTOR  
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

USAF retirement date: SEPT. 28, 1945 Rank/grade: 1ST LT.

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the squadrons or other units, will be welcomed by the secretary.

If you know of other 306th people who do not appear in the directory, please add their names and current or former addresses to this sheet so that we may search further for them.



R. E. Bloker

DEAR MR.

NOV 14 1991

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ENCLOSED CHECK IS  
FOR A COPY OF THE  
369<sup>th</sup> COMBAT DIARY.

WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE  
ADVICE AS TO  
AVAILABILITY OF THE  
CAPS BEING WORN IN  
THE PICTURES IN THE  
LATEST "ECHOES".

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# 1992 England Trip Reunion Sets Big Schedule For Thurleigh and London

Fifty years ago next September, the 306th Bomb Group flew into history, with its arrival in England for combat duty with the U.S. 8th AF. That signal event in aviation lore will be recalled once again in August when the men of the 306th, their spouses families and friends will join in a reunion visit to Bedford, the old base at Thurleigh, Madingley cemetery at Cambridge, and to the venerable city of London.

Specific details of the trip were included in the mailing of the October issue of **Echoes**, having been announced in detail earlier that month during the Group's reunion at Pittsburgh. When the festivities were over in the steel city, people left for home with the six-page folder in their hands.

The October issue of **Echoes** announced that the program was open to all friends of the 306th, and the folder

Two options are being offered for those participating in the main trip: A. being to spend two nights in Bedford, at either the Swan or Moat House hotels, which lie across the Ouse River from each other at the bridge; or, #2. to spend four nights at Bedford and the remainder in London. Group A will go on to London after the visit to Duxford, a WWII airfield that served both the RAF and USAAF and which has been restored as a WWII field.

As an added fillip, the travel description includes two extended week-long trips following the activities in Bedford and London: One will go north to Scotland by bus, offering a good look at the North Country, staying three nights in fascinating Edinburgh, and will stop among other places at Oxford, Stratford, Coventry, Harrogate, Carlisle, Chester, Cheltenham (with a brief excursion into

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pounded by the explosion of FAX machines and other devices demanding many more phone numbers in metropolitan areas.

So, both of these essential services have been playing "upset the fruit basket," and it raises hob with everyone, especially mailers and list keepers.

### New Directory Due

Our 1992 directory should come out in May, and we need your help!

The Postal Service has been good about sending us changed numbers, but we need more data from many of you.

We also need to have you check your listing in the 1990 directory and to let the editor know what you need changed.

If we don't hear from you we must assume that the data we have is correct as far as your directory entry is concerned.

Check the form below:

Name RAYMOND E. BLOKER  
 Address 31221 CHURCHILL DRIVE  
 City, State and Zip Code BIRMINGHAM, MI. 48025-5226

Telephone #, with the correct area code 313-647-4896

Can you give us the four-number addition to your zip code? (Look on one of your utility bills for this, if you can't remember it).

3694

On that street address, please designate whether it is St., Ave., Blvd., Road, etc. Rural routes AND box numbers need to be spelled out. In the alpha listing of the Directory, be sure your unit designation is correct. That's the one that counts. (If you were placed in the wrong listing under organizations, don't worry about it. We plan to get it right this time.)

Other data we will store away for possible later use:

Wife's first name BETTY

Your birthdate JAN. 19, 1924

Social Security # 293-16-2641

Retirement date/place of employment/job title  
7/31/81 FORD MOTOR CO. - FINANCIAL ANALYST  
6/30/86 FINCEE FILTER CO. - CONTROLLER

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