

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 July 6, 1993

LAST NAME: BODENHEIMER FIRST NAME: VERNON MI: B. TITLE: MR.

Street address: 4600 OAK FOREST DR. Telephone: (601) 264-8062

City, State, zip: HATTIESBURG, MS zip + 4: 39402-

Date of birth: 12/20/22

Wife's name: DOT

College(s) attended: N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY Degree(s): B.S. CHEM ENGR Year(s): 1948

Last employment & job title & retirement date:

VICE PRESIDENT, LEAF RIVER Forest PRODUCTS Co, NEW AUGUSTA, MS 39462

Retired 12/31/87

Reunions attended: NONE

Serial #: 0698646

Squadron: 367<sup>th</sup>

Specialty: NAVIGATOR &  
LEAD NAVIGATOR

Date joined 306th: APRIL 20, 1944

If combat, what crew: STRATED WITH  
WILLIAM ALLENS CREW.

Special duties or assignments w/306th:  
FLEW DEPUTY GROUP LEAD WING LEAD  
AND AA DEPUTY AIR FORCE LEAD

Number of missions flown: 33

Date of last mission: 8/5/44

Date left 306th: ABOUT 8/10/44

Highest rank/grade w/306th:

1st. LT.

Other 8th AF units served with:

NONE

Top service assignment after 306th: SR. NAVIGATOR INSTRUMENT INSTRUCTOR

USAF retirement date: 10/09/45

Rank/grade: 1st LT R

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.

CONSULTANT  
PEOPLE, ENERGY, PULP & PAPER  
4600 OAK FOREST DR.  
HATTIESBURG, MS 39402

V. B. "Bodie" BODENHEIMER

601-264-8062

June 1, 1994

Dear Mr. Strong.

Bodie was so pleased when you called last year. We enjoyed going to Seattle so very much and we were planning on going to Des Moines in September.

We returned from a months stay in South Africa in Feb. He spent some time in hospital before finding out he had lung cancer. He lived only six weeks. He died on April 6th at 79.

I don't know if you remember but he and I are both natives of High Point, N.C. He graduated from N.C. State in Chemical Engineering and has been in the pulp & paper industry since 1948. He was doing work in South Africa the beginning of the year. As our son said "He lived until he died". We have 5 children and 13 grandchildren.

I would like to continue receiving

The Echoes.

151 Lt. Vernon B. Bodenheimer  
367th Navigator  
"flew on D Day".

Sincerely  
Det Bodenheimer