

21 September 1986

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Department of Arkansas
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1213 W. 4th St
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Can you give me any information about him, or his whereabouts, or a date of death?

Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong
Historian

Regional Office
1200 West Third Street
Little Rock, AR 72201



Veterans
Administration

11-24-80

Russell A. Strong
2041 Hillside
Kalamazoo, MI
49007

In Reply Refer To:

Duane Bollenbach

Dear Mr. Strong,

We wish to act promptly on your recent correspondence, but because of insufficient or inaccurate information we cannot identify the proper record. We will be glad to make a further search if you can supply additional identifying data. The information requested below will help us. Please complete as many of the items as possible and RETURN THIS LETTER TO US WITH YOUR ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE (if enclosed).

The information is solicited under authority of Title 38, United States Code. Disclosure is voluntary; however, if it is not furnished, we will be unable to take further action on your correspondence. Failure to furnish this information will have no other adverse effect.

Sincerely yours,

Fredrick H. King AO.

1. CLAIM FILE NO. (include prefix)		2. INSURANCE FILE NO. OR OTHER INSURANCE NOS. (include prefix)	
3. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME OF VETERAN			4. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.
5. SERVICE NO.	6. DATE ENTERED SERVICE (Month, day, year)	7. DATE OF SEPARATION (Month, day, year)	
8. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year)		9. DATE OF DEATH, IF DECEASED (Month, day, year)	
10. SIGNATURE OF REQUESTER			11. TELEPHONE NO. (including Area Code)

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Memo to Fred King

From Phillip Blocksom

October 20, 1986

Fred:

We received this letter and forwarding to your office to see if you have any information that can be forwarded to Russell Strong.

*Phillip B Blocksom
Department Adjutant*



367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations
Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England – September 1942-April 1945

306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION

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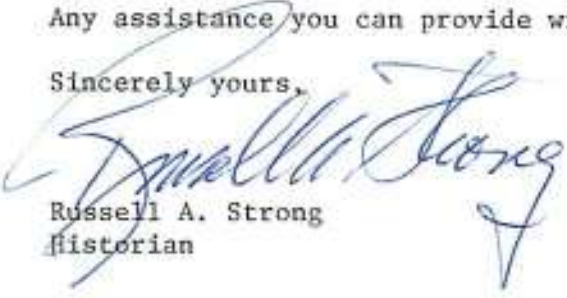
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9 February 1988

Mr. Arnold Knight
County & Circuit Clerk
Baxter County Courthouse
Mountain Home, AR 72653

Dear Mr. Knight:

I am trying to locate information on a Duane Bollenbach, whom I believe lived for a period of years at Gamaliel, AR.

He was seriously wounded in combat with the 8th Air Force in 1943, and miraculously survived. I believe that he is now deceased, but probably died after moving from Gamaliel.

Can you suggest someone in Gamaliel who might well have known "everyone" in town, and who might be able to give me information as to Bollenbach's presence there and perhaps where he moved to from that point.

Any assistance you can give me will be appreciated, and I enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

Bollenbach

Until late November

3/24/87

Army in US 2 years

Married in 1945

Retired in 1945

100% disabled

paralyzed on one side
in a wheel chair

five children

seven grand children

-most of 37 yrs in Kansas City

Mar. 21. '87

Dear Sir

I was glad to hear from you. But had to get ready for the V.A.
So I'm slow answering.

Haven't heard from anyone in the Gp. for quite a few years.
While at the hosp. Buckley field, Denver I met a gunner from
the S. I haven't heard or seen from the 306 or 369th since.
I was with the 369th from Apr. until the Heroya, Norway trip.
We filled up the 92nd with a flight . and were hit by F.W.'s
We got some 20mm's. That's where I got some 20mm ~~fragments~~.

Sincerely

Ernest S. Slenbach

3112 W. Barker Circle
Kansas City, Mo. 66104
May 20, 1990

Dear Mr. Strong:

Please send me a copy of
"91. First Over Germany." Enclosed
is a check for \$33.00.

I'm sorry to have to tell you
that my husband, Duane, passed
away September 20, 1989. He would
have enjoyed reading the book as
he enjoyed the "306th Echoes". I would
like a copy to show to our children
and grandchildren.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Josephine Bollenbach

22 May 1990

Mrs. Duane Bollenbach
3112 W. Barker Circle
Kansas City, KS 66104

Dear Josephine:

Let me express my own condolences, and those of the 306th Bomb Group Association, to you and your children in Duane's death.

One of the great joys of working with the Association was in learning that Duane had indeed survived his last combat mission and had been able to live many years afterward and to assist in raising your family.

Would you like to remain on the mailing list for 306th Echoes? Many widows do, and I have enclosed a stamped, addressed post card for your reply.

I presently expect First Over Germany to be ready for distribution sometime in July.

Thank you again for writing, and an item about Duane will appear in the July issue of Echoes.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong