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Dear Ms. Gearhart:

Thank you so much for the clipping concerning Maj. Jesse A. Bryan.

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As to his WWII combat history:

He joined the 306th bombardment Group, 369th Bombardment Squadron, U. S. Eighth Air Force, in England 25 October 1944, as the bombardier on the Harold Mattson crew. Bryna was a second lieutenant at the time.

William R. Carlile
1304 Dartmouth Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21234

He flew something over 20 missions, principally against Germany, and I regret that I cannot give you an exact count. While doing this he was decorated with the Air Medal and also received two oakleaf clusters to the Air Medal.

M/Gen James S. Cheney
630 Cinnamon Court
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

On 10 January 1945 his crew, with Mattson as the pilot, was shot down on a mission to Gymnich, Germany. Attached is a copy of a page from First Over Germany, which tells about the fate of this aircraft on its final mission. Bryan was then a prisoner of war until April or May 1945.

Victor L. Rose
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His Army serial number during WWII was 0-773294.

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I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful on this.

Sincerely yours,

1993 Reunion
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Secretary and Historian

PS You indicated in your letter that you would pass on such information to Nola Mae Ross.

Area Deaths

**JESSE A. BRYAN
CAROLD ENGLAND
WALTER HOBBS
REX PERKINS
ELMA E. PLAUCHE
MRS. MARY STALLONE**

JESSE A. BRYAN

Funeral services for Jesse A. Bryan, 64, of 1338 W. Jefferson St. will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 29, in Johnson Funeral Home Chapel.

Elder Ken Simpson of the Seventh Day Adventist Church will officiate. A 4 p.m. service will be held Wednesday at the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Winnboro and burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Visiting hours will be after 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 28. A 7:30 p.m. Masonic service will be held in the funeral home chapel.

Mr. Bryan died at 9:30 a.m. Sunday in a local hospital after a brief illness.

He was a native of Carthage, Miss., and had lived in Lake Charles for the past 28 years.

He was a retired major, having served 24 years in the U.S. Air Force and had served during both the Korean Conflict and WW II. He was a member of the Retired Officers Association and was a reserve officer.

He was also a Scottish Rite mason, a member of the Lake Charles Lodge No. 165, and a member of the Calcasieu Chapter No. 164 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Eleanore G. Bryan; one son, Ronald Bryan, both of Lake Charles; three brothers, James C. Bryan of Eureka Springs, Ark., Edwin R. and Royce C. Bryan, both of Winnboro; two sisters, Mrs. Shirley Mondello of Bossier City and Mrs. Jean LaCaze of Little Rock, Ark.; two grandchildren.

CAROLD ENGLAND

Home.

Rev. Jack Bell will officiate. Burial will be in Royer Cemetery.

Mr. England died at 2:15 p.m. Saturday in his home in Woodville after a brief illness.

A native of Palestine, Texas, he was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was employed by the National Maritime Service.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Evelyn England; two sons, John England of Springs, Texas, and Terry England of Bullard, Texas; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Mary Lee Overmeyer and Mrs. Jo Ann West, both of DeQuincy, and Mrs. Judy Barrow of Ragley.

Also, one stepson, Fred Leach of DeQuincy; two brothers, Harold England of Kent, Wash., and John E. England of Humble, Texas; four sisters, Mrs. Ruby McLen of Springs, Mrs. Lois Thunderburk of Bullard, Mrs. Mary Alice Kuykendall of Jacksonville, Texas, and Mrs. Evelyn Taylor of Palestine, and five grandchildren.

WALTER HOBBS

OBERLIN - Funeral services for Walter Hobbs, 77, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, in Ardin Funeral Home Chapel.

Rev. James McAlecece will officiate. Burial will be in Oberlin Cemetery.

Mr. Hobbs died at 1:20 p.m. Sunday in Kinder Nursing Home.

He was a native of Clarksburg, W. Va., and had resided in the Oberlin area 31 years. He was a retired oil field worker.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Annie Hobbs; one son, Joe Hobbs of Oberlin; one daughter, Mrs. Delores Pyle of Odessa, Texas; four brothers, Herbert Hobbs of New Iberia, Tom Hobbs of Tulsa, Okla., Denzel Hobbs of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Holly Hobbs of Parksdale, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Ford and Mrs. Norma Thetford, both of Tulsa; and three grandchil-

will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, in Good Hope Baptist Church.

Burial will be in the church cemetery under direction of Hixson Funeral Home of DeRidder.

Mr. Perkins died Sunday at 6:45 a.m. near DeQuincy.

Survivors include his father, Theodore Perkins; his mother, Mrs. Nellie Perkins; both of Singer; five sisters, Mrs. Connie Chism of DeRidder, Mrs. Christine Matthis and Mrs. Dean Smith, both of Alexandria, Mrs. Betty Sellar of Boyce and Mrs. Peggy Hardy of Faulk, Ark., and four brothers, Clyde, James, and John Perkins, all of Singer, and Donnis Perkins of DeQuincy.

MISS ELMA PLAUCHE

Funeral services for Miss Elma E. Plauché, 85, of 2213 Elms St. will be at 2 p.m. today, April 27, from Immaculate Conception Cathedral.

Rev. Vincent Sedita will officiate. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery under direction of Hammer Funeral Home.

Miss Plauché died at 6:15 a.m. Sunday in a local hospital.

She was a retired clerk with Louisiana Savings Association. A native of Plaucheville, she had lived in Lake Charles 80 years. She was a member of Lady of the Lake Chapter of the Catholic Daughters of America and the Ladies Altar Society and a former member of Mary's Callers.

Survivors are a number of nieces and nephews.

MRS. MARY STALLONE

NATCHEZ, Miss. - Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Stallone, 73, mother of Mrs. Henry Mancuso of Lake Charles, will be today, April 27, from St. Mary Catholic Church at a time to be announced by Foster Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stallone died at 9:30 p.m. Saturday after a lengthy illness.

Additional information on other deaths will be in this

Irish P prepar

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - Families in Belfast's battle-scarred Roman Catholic districts are stockpiling food, medicine and other essentials as guerrilla leader Bobby Sands moves closer to death after 57 days on a hunger strike.

The Irish Republican Army, the outlawed organization to which Sands belongs, has circulated leaflets throughout Falls Road, Ardoyne, Ballymurphy and other Catholic strongholds urging people to prepare for trouble if Sands dies.

In the Protestant bastions of East Belfast and the Shankill, which neighbors the Falls, militant groups such as the Ulster Defense Association say they are planning to defend

Cloudy forecas

Partly cloudy today and tonight, becoming mostly cloudy with slight chance of showers Tuesday is forecast by the National Weather Service Station here.

The high today and Tuesday will be in the low 80s and the low tonight will be in the mid-60s.

Wind is southerly 5-15 miles

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By The Associated Press
Scattered showers and thundershowers spread across the lower Midwest to the Northwest on Sunday, and cold weather brought scattered showers to Southern California.

Showers were scattered over western Ohio, southern Michigan and northern portions of Indiana and Illinois. Widely scattered showers prevailed from western Montana to Northern California and south-

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November 18, 1992

Russell A. Strong
306th Bombardment Group Association
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Dear Mr. Strong,

Enclosed you will find a copy of Major Jesse A. Bryan's obituary. It appeared in the Lake Charles American Press on April 27th, 1981. We have checked our files and sources and have not been able to turn up any more information than what we have included. Both Major Bryan's wife and son's phone numbers have been disconnected.

A local writer is doing research on Veterans from this area. We have taken the liberty of giving her Major Bryan's name and what information we had concerning him. She is interviewing people who fought in the various wars and may come-upon some information about him. Ms. Nola Mae Ross, the writer, has promised to give us any further information that she may find.

If you have any information about Major Bryan that she may use in an article, I'm sure she would be very appreciative.

Sincerely,

Ms. Susan E. Gerhart

Ms. Susan E. Gerhart,
Reference Department, Head