

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 10 NOV 1988

LAST NAME: BURNETT FIRST NAME: GUY Title: LT COL  
USAF RET'D  
Street address: 1309 WOODRIDGE CIRCLE Telephone: (817) 268-2785  
City, state, zip: EULESS, TX . 76040

Date of birth: 13 OCT 1923 Wife's name: NARRINE B.

College(s) attended: UNIV OF TEXAS Degree(s): B.S. Year(s): 1958  
PETRO. ENGR.

Last employment & job title: BELL HELICOPTER, TEXTRON INC  
- MANAGEMENT ENGR.

Year joined 306th Association: 1984

Reunions attended: (by year or location) 84 - FT. WORTH /  
85 - COLORADO SPRINGS / 87 - WASHINGTON DC / 88 LAS VEGAS

Serial #: 0763938 - (was)  
(now) 446-18-5736 Sqdn: 423 Speciality: PILOT

Date joined 306th: 17 JULY 44 If combat, what crew? - BURNETT - A/C

Special duties or assignments w/306th: PILOT -

If commissioned w/306th, date & specialty: -

Date departed: 24 DEC 44 Highest rank/grade w/306th: 1/LT

Other 8thAF units served with:

Top service assignments after 306th: BERLIN AIRLIFT - Dec 48 to JUN 49

USAF retirement date: 1 APRIL 1964 Rank/grade: L/COL USAF

Most memorable experience w/306th: (use back of sheet, too)

LANDING SAFELY AFTER EACH MISSION!

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Russ Strong at the reunion, or mail to Russ Strong, 5323 Cheval  
Place, Charlotte, NC 28205) Little Rock 1989

Date completed 1 Oct 90

LAST NAME: BURNETT FIRST NAME: GUY TITLE: L/COL USAF  
RETIRED

Street address: 1309 Woodridge Circle Telephone: (817)-268-2785

City, state, zip: EULESS, TX 76040

Date of Birth: 13 Oct 1923 Wife's name: MARRINE

College(s) attended: UNIV OF TEXAS Degree(s): BS Year(s): 1956-1957  
PETRO ENGINEERING

Last employment and job title:  
SELL AIRCRAFT, TEXAS IRON  
MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT - 1986

Reunions attended: (by year or location)  
FORT WORTH / COORDINATOR SPRING / 1988 - 1989, LAS VEGAS  
SAN ANTONIO

Serial #: A0 763938 Squadron: 423 Specialty: Pilot  
Retired 446-18-5736

Date joined 306th: 15 JULY 1964 If combat, what crew: BURNETT  
CREW # 137

Special duties or assignments w/306th: PILOT

Number of missions flown: 29 Date of last mission: 30 NOV 44

Date left 306th: 10 JAN 45 Highest rank/grade with 306th: 1/LT

Other 8th AF units served with:

Top service assignments after 306th: NATIONAL OFFICER - 1944  
1944 AIR DIV - SAC

USAF retirement date: 1 APRIL 1964 Rank/grade: L/COL

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.

*See attached list of my crew names -  
Home addresses from a note I found with  
old papers.*  
*Guy Burnett*

RUSSELL A. STRONG  
5323 CHEVAL PLACE  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

28 MAY 2000

Dear Russ:

I found a picture of my crew taken at B-17 Crew Training in Alexandria, La. before we left for Thurleigh. We spent D-Day aboard a ship in a convoy enroute to Britain arriving Jul 16 in the British Isles.. My 1st mission was 28 Jul as a co-pilot, which was the policy for new Pilots.. This allowed the Pilot to finish his tour before the rest of the crew and let the co-pilot become a Pilot for his last few missions.

I dug up all the notes I had on ground crew as well as my flying crew and have included them for your files. Hope you can find a use for them.

As of now, I'm hoping to see you in San Diego in Sep 2000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Guy Burnett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

GUY BURNETT,  
L/Col USAF, Rtrd  
1309 Woodridge Circle  
Euless, Tx. 76040  
Ph. 817-268-2785

## EATING -G- GEORGE -GROUND CREW

CRW CHF: WITZKE, H. J.  
ASST CC: JENSEN, S. J.  
ARMR: SWEENEY, LEO M.  
MECH: GILLARD, C.

Home of Record -44  
Bristol, Conn.  
Scarsdale, N. Y.  
Port Jervis, N. Y.  
Detroit, Mich.

## CREW MEMBERS LOST / INJURED:

SEP 12, 44 - James L. Peltz (age 32), oldest man on our original crew, was transferred to Gates crew as Radio Operator upon arrival at Thurleigh since he was the "10th" man on 9 men crews. Gates ship was hit by fighters near Berlin and had fire in #3 engine. Peltz got his chute on, crawled to waist door, and bailed out. Gates and Jordan located him in Enemy territory, administered morphine, and insured he was treated by Germans for his broken leg. Peltz died a few years ago at his home in US.

OCT 22, 44 - Charles F. Handler, flying as Lead Navigator on Alyea's high Squadron Lead ship collided with Mathis ship (#4 position). Both ships went down over North Sea. The British Rescue picked up one man alive and 2 bodies, one was Handler. We buried Handler at US Military Cemetery in England. I attended the funeral along with Handler's brother, who was stationed in England in the US Army.

NOV 30, 44- Vernon L. Rassmussen, flying his first mission as a pilot (I flew co-pilot to keep all the crew together) was hit in the jaw by flak near Ohrdruf, Germ.. We gave him morphine and flew direct back to Thurleigh where he was transferred to the hospital. Rassmussen returned to the US as a hospital patient and later discharged from the Service.. He resides in Ogden Utah.

DEC 15, 44 - Edward S. Smolenski, our replacement Navigator for Handler, was flying on Wilke's crew as low Squadron Leader. Wilke's ship collided with a 368th plane piloted by Crook. F/O Smolenski died with all but 2 of both crews.

Crew of a B-17 -  
 Serial - Army 338153 -  
 Call - Eating - G - George  
 306 BGP. 423 (Fierc Fanthom) Sqdn.  
 Thurleigh Field

Pilot 20 Guy Burnett, Jr. - ENID, OKLA.  
 C.P. 21 V. L RASMUSSEN OC DEN, UTAH  
 N. 22 C. F. HANDLER Jersey City, N. J.  
 B. 19 G. H. BLAHNIK San Bernardino, Calif.  
 E. 19 E. Barnett, Boston, Mass  
 R. 19 E. L. FAVORS, Coffeyville, Kans  
 B. G. 21 R. D. COX Boston, Mass  
 W. 19 E. R. Bell Louisville, Kent.  
 T. 19 J. E. Buckley San Francisco, Cal  
 X) W 32 J. L. PELTZ W Freeport, Ill.  
 X) N 30 F. D. SMOLENSKI  
 Crew Ch. H. J. WITZKE Bristol, Conn.  
 Asst " S. D. JENSEN Scarsdale, N. Y  
 Armour L. M. SWEENEY Port Jervis, NY  
 Meck C. GILLARD Detroit, Mich

NAMED. "Swinging On a Star"  
 1st Mission - Aug. 24 - Vorden Germany

SORTIE RECORD

BURNETT, GUY JR., 1st Lt., O-763938, Pilot  
 423rd Bomb Sq (H), 306th Bomb Gp (H), has  
 completed the following sorties over enemy  
 or enemy occupied countries:

1. 28 Jul 44 Merseberg, Germany
2. 31 Jul 44 Munich, Germany
3. 3 Aug 44 Merkwiller, France
4. 4 Aug 44 Anklam, Germany
5. 5 Aug 44 Dollburgen, Germany
6. 6 Aug 44 Stendel, Germany
7. 8 Aug 44 Caen, France
8. 13 Aug 44 Rouen, France
9. 14 Aug 44 Chievres, Belgium
10. 15 Aug 44 Frankfurt, Germany
11. 24 Aug 44 Vorden, Germany
12. 27 Aug 44 Wilhelmshaven, Germany
13. 3 Sep 44 Ludwigshaven, Germany
14. 8 Sep 44 Ludwigshaven, Germany
15. 10 Sep 44 Stuttgart, Germany
16. 11 Sep 44 Lutzkendorf, Germany
17. 22 Sep 44 Kassel, Germany
18. 25 Sep 44 Frankfurt, Germany
19. 2 Oct 44 Kassel, Germany
20. 3 Oct 44 Nurnberg, Germany
21. 14 Oct 44 Koin, Germany
22. 19 Oct 44 Mannheim, Germany
23. 22 Oct 44 Hannover, Germany
24. 4 Nov 44 Harburg, Germany
25. 6 Nov 44 Hamburg, Germany
26. 8 Nov 44 Merseburg, Germany
27. 16 Nov 44 Eschweiler, Germany
28. 26 Nov 44 Misburg, Germany
29. 30 Nov 44 Gera, Germany

VERIFIED:

*Harold G. Taylor*  
 HAROLD G. TAYLOR,  
 1st Lt., Air Corps,  
 Asst. Personnel Officer