

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 Jan 11, 1994

LAST NAME: BUSHELL FIRST NAME: GERALD MI: F TITLE: MR

Street address: 625 W GLENCOE Rd Telephone: (708) 358-3235

City, State, Zip: PALATINE, IL. 60067 zip + 4: 6019 -

Date of birth: 09-26-25

Wife's name: LORAIN G.

" " death 11-06-83

College(s) attended:

Degree(s): B/S+ Year(s): 4

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

COMMERCE

Last employment & job title & retirement date:

HEALTH INS CORP -

ACCOUNTING MGR - 1968 due to ILL HEALTH

Reunions attended:

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Serial #: 16 107 097

Squadron: 353 3RD ARMY Specialty: ARMORER GUNNER (612)
AIR FORCES BASE UNIT

Date joined 306th: 05-14-43

If combat, what crew:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

?

SPECIALIST (502)

BATTLES + CAMPAIGNS
Number of missions flown:

SOUTHERN

Date of last mission: ?

FRANCE, NORMANDY, NORTHERN

Date left 306th: 10/21/45

FRANCE, ARDENNES, RHINELAND

Highest rank/grade w/306th: S SGT

Other 8th AF units served with:

RECEIVED EUROPEAN AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN SERV. MEDAL
GOOD CONDU. T MEDAL, AIR MEDAL WITH FIVE (5) OLC #2304 y 124
Top service assignment after 306th: - Bomb Div. 9 AUG 44

USAF retirement date: -

Rank/grade: -

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.

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Russell A. Strong, Secretary
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Dear Mrs Strong:

I received the material you sent me and have read everything from cover to cover. Thank you.

When you called that day, I really was rather shocked to hear from someone ten years after my husband had passed away, so don't think I was really "with it" and thought of questions after we had hung up.

I enclose the Personnel Record Update, completed to the best of my ability. I copied this from his

Honorable Discharge papers. Hope this is what is required.

You had mentioned the name of his pilot - but I don't remember the name. I did make copies of a picture I found of his crew. Wondered if any of your members could recognize themselves and where everyone is now?

I know my husband was a tail gunner, but he didn't talk to me about it very much. Do you know if he was a bombardier on any flights? His family thought that he was.

He went in at age 17, his Dad signing for him, and then having such a cold - he thought they

wouldn't take him and the war
would be over before he got there.

Ah youth!

We had been married just
two months short of 34 years when
Gerald had a heart attack and was
gone in 5 minutes.

I do appreciate your calling,
and know Gerald was proud to
have served his Country and would
have been happy to hear from you.

If by chance any of his crew
recognizes themselves in the
picture, I would love to hear
about it.

Very truly yours,
Laraine G. Burrell