

BUTLER, MORRIS E
69 Florida Park Drive
Palm Coast, Florida 32037
September 15, 1981

ADD:

Mr. William M. Collins, Jr.
Heatherbrae Drive
Poland, Ohio 44514

Dear Mr. Collins:

I noticed recently in the September issue of the VFW magazine that the 306th Bomb group, with whom I was stationed, at Thurleigh, England, is going to have a reunion in St. Paul, Minnesota, October 15 - 18th.

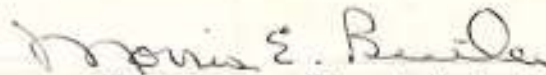
I was a member of the 367th squadron of the above group in position of Bombardier from approximately July 15th to August 12, 1943. On August 12, 1943, our plane was blown up over Frankfort, Germany. Only our navigator, Ted Pochily, and I survived and spent the next 21 months in a German P.O.W. camp. It was only our third mission. Our pilot was Bill Cunningham and the co-pilot was Walter Bolte.

I regret that I will be unable to attend the reunion but want to get on your mailing list, in case you ever come south for a reunion. Also, if you maintain records for the group, you will know what happened to me and Pochily. Ted's address is 736 Pearse Rd., Schenectady, New York 12309. Ted is fine and I saw him last November for the first time in 35 years.

I would appreciate hearing from you. I now reside in Palm Coast, Florida, semi-retired from General Electric Company.

I sincerely hope all of you in the 306th enjoy your reunion.

Sincerely,



Morris E. (Morrie) Butler
Ser. #o-739069

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367th

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GeukinKischen Raid

Morris Butler

400/874-1828
9/28/51

3rd mission

lost in Ruhr Valley abt 30 mi.
low squadron

knocked out of formation

plane almost out of control.

Podily went out there as to done

Plane blew up. Butler went
out, came to falling free.

Wounded in foot, maybe prop
cut thrust boot, etc.

Landed in Army camp in Frankfurt
tail gunner died on gear

July 1, 1986

Dear Mr. Strong,

The 1986 directory of the 366th Bomb Group Assn. just arrived.

I deeply regret to inform you that my husband, Mr. Morris Butler, 69 Florida Park Dr., Palm Coast, Fl. passed away on June 7, 1986. He was a member of the 367th bomb group and had been a prisoner of war in Germany for 22 months during World War II. He had been confined in Helix Hospital in Daytona Beach, Fl. for a period of 2 months before his death.

I am writing this letter so you may keep your records current.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Morris Butler

Articles in *Stars Cross hairs* *150mbader*
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BUTLER, Morris E, Class 43-3, Roswell,
passed away on 7 June 1986 due to cancer of
the esophagus, according to his widow, Violet.

He flew with the 367th Squadron of the
306th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force where he and
his navigator, Ted Pochily, were the only
survivors when their aircraft was shot down.

Morris served in the Army Air Forces from
12 Feb 1943 to 17 Dec 1945. Twenty-two months
of this AAF time was spent in P.O.W. camps
in Germany where General Spivey was the senior
officer.

Mrs. Violet Butler may be contacted at
69 Florida Park Dr., Palm Coast, FL 32037.

Butler Morris E. POW.
Aug 12-1943 to Helsenkirchen
Pilot William J Cunningham
accord to Strong First Dan German

P.S. Could you send me an extra
Echoes. It may be on the way
Thanks

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