

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - U. S. EIGHTH AIR FORCE

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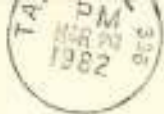
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PHIP SPIKEY CHAIR

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No need to send copy

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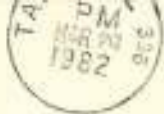
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Staff Sergeant Frederick D. Kittredge	DEAD	Mrs. Betty Kittredge, (Wife), 38 Greenview Street, Quincy, Massachusetts.
Staff Sergeant George Murat	DEAD	Mrs. Katherine Murat, (Mother), 534 Dinges Street, Logan, West Virginia.
Staff Sergeant Frank M. Cargill	TAKEN PRISONER	Mrs. Louise S. Cargill, (Wife), 312 Union Street, Jersey City, New Jersey.
Staff Sergeant Stanley W. Rust	DEAD	Mr. Harley J. Rust, (Father), Rural Delivery Number One, Franklin, Pennsylvania.
Staff Sergeant Floyd G. Younger	DEAD	Mr. Floyd A. Younger, (Father), Skidmore, Missouri.

CREW - DGC 13-1943

PHIP SPIKEY CHAIR

Eva Younger
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No need to send copy

July 31 - 1991

Dear Russ.

Saw your inquiry on Page 6 in the "Echo" pertaining to information on Wesley Brinkley, my Pilot from the 306th Group.

We flew from Gander to Preswick - Scotland Oct 14 - 1943 - Our plane was taken from us at Preswick. We took a train to Thurleigh arriving Oct 23rd - and assigned to the 367th Sq. Our crew was credited with 5 missions

11-3-43 - WILHELMSS HAVEN

11-5-43 - GELSENKIRCHEN

11-16-43 KNABSEN NORWAY

12-5-43 LA ROCHELLE

12-13-43 - KIEL. (SHOT DOWN)

(OUR ORIGINAL CREW)

WESLEY B BRINKLEY - PILOT - K

THOMAS J BRIDGEMAN CO-PILOT - NOT ON KIEL MISSION

ALLEN T BALLARD - NAVIGATOR - " " " "

BIRNARD F DICKSON - BOMBARDIER - K

RALPH LANDHERR - ENGINEER - POW STALAG 17

JOHN G MILLER RADIO - NOT ON KIEL MISSION

STANLEY W RUST - RIGHT WAIST GUNNER - K

FRANK M CARGILL LEFT WAIST " POW STALAG 17

GEORGE MURAT - BALL " K

FLOYD D YOUNGER TAIL " K

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Aug 21-1988

Dear Dale.

The 306th directory is a
superb job. In checking the
Geographical list I noticed my
name is not listed

Thank you

Frank H. Cargill
367 Sq.