

Houston, Texas  
October 13, 1994

Russell A. Strong, Sec  
306 B.G. Association  
5323 Cheval Place  
Charlotte NC 28205

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 8-28-93

LAST NAME: CARNICOM FIRST NAME: WILLIAM MI: M. TITLE:  
Street address: 10706 VILLA LEA LN. Telephone: (713) 772-8371  
City, State, Zip: HOUSTON, TEXAS zip + 4: 77071 1510

Date of birth: 10-27-21 Wife's name: RUTH  
College(s) attended: N.M. INST. OF TECH Degree(s): B.A. GEOLOGY Year(s): 1954  
U. OF N. MEXICO  
Last employment & job title & retirement date: JUNE 1, 1983  
NL BAROID REGIONAL TECHNICAL MGR.  
Reunions attended: NONE

Serial #: 02061877 Squadron: 423 RD Specialty: PILOT 1097  
Date joined 306th: FEB 2, 1945 If combat, what crew: 29TH TAC. T.D.Y.  
Special duties or assignments w/306th: CASEY JONES PROJ  
Number of missions flown: 28 Date of last mission: 4-17-45  
Date left 306th: OCT 7, 1945 Highest rank/grade w/306th: 1ST LT  
Other 8th AF units served with:

510 TH. SQUAD. 351ST. B.G.

Top service assignment after 306th: NONE

USAF retirement date: FEB. 6, 1946 Rank/grade: 1ST LT

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.

HEADQUARTERS  
AAF STATION 111  
APO 557

(C-C- )

25 May 1945

SUBJECT: Record of Achievement.

TO : William M. Carnicom, 1/Lt. O-2061877, Air Corps.

1. Our records indicate that you have completed 240,20 hours of Combat Flying as a Pilot . You have completed a total of twenty-eight (28) combat missions, one (1) of which were flown as a lead, and none as deputy lead. You are eligible to wear the following decorations:

Air Medal	Meritorious Achievement
Oak Leaf Cluster	Meritorious Achievement
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2. You are recommended for assignment as pilot.

3. Your performance of duty is rated by your Commanding Officer as Excellent.

For the Commanding Officer:

Paul J. Baillie,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

NAME: GARNICOM, WILLIAM M.  
DUTY: Pilot

RANK: 2nd Lt.  
S.S.: 0-2061877

SQUADRON: 423rd  
GROUP: 306th

Date of Missions	Group Mission Numbers	Indiv. Mission Numbers	Geographical Location	Combat Time	Total Combat Time
February 16, 1945		1	Dortmund Germany	7:50	
23		2	Plauen "	10:00	
24		3	Hamburg "	8:35	
28		4	Hagen "	8:00	
March 1, 1945		5	Neckarsulm "	7:40	
2		6	Penig "	10:15	
8		7	Gelsenkirchen "	6:50	
10		8	Dortmund "	7:50	
12		9	Swinemunde "	10:00	
14		10	Hildesheim "	8:05	
15		11	Zoessen "	9:00	
18		12	Berlin "	8:55	
19		13	Plauen "	9:30	
22		14	Dorsten "	6:50	
23		15	Goesfeld "	6:10	
24		16	Vechta "	6:05	
30		17	Bremen "	8:05	
31		18	Halle "	8:30	
April 3, 1945		19	Kiel "	8:40	
4		20	Farsberg "	9:50	
5		21	Weiden "	11:10	
6		22	Leipzig "	9:00	
8		23	Halberstadt "	9:20	
10		24	Oranienbrug "	9:05	
11		25	Kraiburg "	9:30	
13		26	Neumunster "	8:10	
14		27	Réyan France	8:30	
17		28	Dresden Germany	8:55	240:20

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

*Richard Nickelhoff*  
RICHARD NICKELHOFF,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Dep for Opns,  
306th Bomb Gp. (H).

## PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Date. 9-29-94

Complete this form and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary, 306th BG Assoc.,  
5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205, to be filed with 306th records.

LAST NAME: CARNICOM FIRST NAME: WLM- MI: M TITLE:

Street Address: 10706 Villa Lea Ln, Telephone: (713) 772-8371

City, State Houston, TX Zip + 4: 22021-1510

Winter Address: Telephone: ( )

City, State Zip + 4: - - - - -

Date of birth: 10-27-21

Wife's name: Ruth #c  
#gc  
#ggc

College(s) attended: U. of Toledo N. Mex Schl. of Mines Degree(s), & when: Bachelor's 1954  
U. New Mexico

Last employment & job title & retirement date: Oil Field  
O'Brien, Goins & Simpson - Consultant 1987

Serial #(s): 15105379, 02061877 Squadron: 423 Specialty: Pilot

Date joined 306th: Feb. 3, 1945 If combat, what crew? Joe Clark

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

Pilot - Casey Jones Project

No of missions flown: 28

Date of last mission: Apr. 17, 1944

Date leaving 306th: Oct. 7, 1944

Highest rank/grade w/306th: 1st. Lt.

Other 8AF units served with, and when:

510th sqdn 351st. B.G. 1943

Top service assignment after 306th: A.F. Reserve

USAF retirement date: 9-28-57

Rank/grade: 1st. Lt.

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If you know of others who served with the 306th and who do not appear in the current 306th 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.

Houston, Texas  
November 21, 1994

Russell A. Strong  
5323 Cheval Place  
Charlotte, NC 28205

Dear Russell

I have a new name to be  
added to the directory:

Clifford A. Diffendaffer  
228 Buckskin Dr.  
Nampa Idaho, 83687

He was an AROG in the 423rd  
and came to the 306th in Feb '45.

Sad news is that our crew  
chief Willie Hawthorne (423rd)  
passed away in 1972.

Richard B. Fawcett, AG and  
toggler died in Feb of 1991. He  
came to the 423rd with Joe  
Clark's crew in Feb '45.

Sincerely  
Bill Carnicom

Houston, Texas  
February 13, 1994

Russell A. Strong, Secretary  
306th Bomb Group Association  
5323 Cheval Place  
Charlotte, NC 28205

Dear Russ,

I have located another  
pilot of the 423rd. His  
address is:

Joseph R. Clark  
P.O. Box 2099  
Granbury, TX 76048-9099  
(817) 326-4080

Please put him on our  
mailing list and send him a  
directory.

Thanks  
Bill  
Bill Carnicom

Carmin  
5/2/864-0131

Back - Joe Clark<sup>32</sup>, Art Hatton eng, Albert Fegone w, 1,  
Bill Carmin CP, Vernon Pearson<sup>26</sup>

28

Front - Wally Dryden<sup>32</sup>, Art McGuire<sup>32</sup>, Alfred D. Kessler<sup>32</sup>  
67

Treated all 100 as  
a memorial gift to  
Richard B. Fawcett  
RNF

Georgetown, Texas  
December 2, 1996

\$100.00

Robert N. Houser, Treasurer  
304 th. Bomb Group Association  
P.O. Box 13362  
Des Moines, IA 50310,

Dear Bob,

Enclosed is a check for \$100.00

Please divide the proceeds  
for my share of the cost for  
the new directory. The remainder,  
I would like to be a gift  
in memory of Richard B. Fawcett.  
He was an AG and togalier  
on Joe Clark's crew of the 423rd.  
He passed away a few years  
ago and was the only member of  
our crew that was not in Las Vegas  
this year.      Regards, Bill Carnicom



Georgetown, TX  
July 7, 1998

Dear Russ,

Enclosed is a letter from a fan in England. What really caught my attention was the paragraph I have outlined. I think the Group might want a copy for the next reunion.

Give me <sup>your</sup> opinion and if positive I shall pursue the matter.

Tell June, hi! Hope to see you in Savannah.

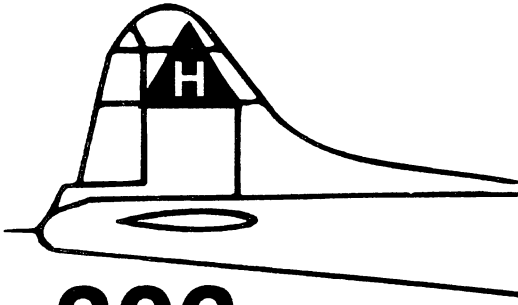
Yours truly  
Bill Carnicom  
Bill Carnicom

P.S. I have already sent him a note to check with the TV station on the possibility of obtaining a copy. It <sup>over</sup>

may be worthwhile to show  
at the reunion.

Over + out  
Bill

Responded 20 July 98 to Bill, suggesting he look  
further into acquisition of a film copy.



367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations  
Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England – September 1942-April 1945

# 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION

See the Thurleigh Airfield Museum

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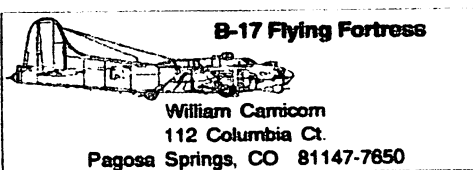
Ralph Franklin  
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Keysoe, Beds MK44 2HP  
United Kingdom

*Pagosa Springs, Colorado  
October 23, 2004*

*Royce Hopkins  
35427 Pontiac Dr.  
Brookshire, TX 77423*

*Dear Royce,  
Enclosed is a check for 100.00.  
It is a memorial in honor of  
Albert D. Figone, the waist gunner  
of our crew. Albert passed away  
October 21, 2004.*

*Sincerely,  
Bill + Ruth Carnicom*



Pagosa Springs, CO  
April 18, 2006

To: Officers + Directors  
306th Bomb Group Association

Re: Financial situation and suggestions for reversal

This situation needs to be publicized in the Echoes. If the crisis is known to the membership, perhaps contributions will increase.

If memoriams were published (not amounts) in the Echoes, this might encourage more participation. I'm a member also of the 351st Bomb Group Association. Their policy is to charge \$10.00 yearly dues or a \$50.00 life membership. The benefits are a quarterly newsletter, a directory of membership every two years, and a complimentary continental breakfast at their reunions. A year's grace period is allowed for dues payment. If no response, then your name is removed from the rolls.

Another alternative would be to reduce issues of the Echoes to three issues or perhaps a reduction to two issues. This would reduce the expense and should lower the

compensation to the secretary  
because of decreased work load.  
Incidentally, the 351st. B.G. reported  
Assets of \$39,702.23 as of 31 Jan 06  
with no outstanding obligations. They  
have about 20% greater attendance  
at their reunions than the 306th  
with a smaller membership.

Sincerely,

Bill Carnicom

Bill Carnicom, Director

Copy: Albert McMahon