

PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Date:

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: *Christofori* FIRST NAME: *Lawrence* MI: *F* TITLE: *2nd Lt.*

Street Address: *77 River St.* Telephone: *(508) 746-2449*

City, State *Plymouth, Ma. 02360* Zip + 4: *02360-2021*

Winter Address: *Same as above* Telephone: () *same as above*

City, State Zip + 4: _____

Date of birth: *September 17, 1919* Wife's name: *Elizabeth* #c *4*
#gc *5*
#ggc

College(s) attended: *Bentley Accountant School* Degree(s), & when: *1945- 1947*

Last employment & job title & retirement date: *dropped out before graduation*

Krapp Stac Co- Plant manger-

Serial #(s): *0-490547* Squadron: *368* Specialty: *(Bombardier)*

Date joined 306th: *3/18/44* If combat, what crew? *Robert E. McDowell (Last crew) (S.N.) 0-801627*

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

No of missions flown: *7* Date of last mission: *4/24/44 (POW)*

Date leaving 306th: *4/24/44 - POW* Highest rank/grade w/306th: *2nd Lt.*

Other 8AF units served with, and when:

Top service assignment after 306th:

USAF retirement date: Rank/grade: *2nd 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 National Archives or the Air University.

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.

February 18, 1999

Lawrence F. Christofori, squadron bombardier for the 368th, died on January 12, 1997 in Plymouth, Massachusetts where he resided with his wife, Elizabeth, for 26 years. He leaves 3 daughters and a son and 5 grandchildren.

Susan M. Besette
(daughter)

Are there any existing photos of the 368th squadron from March 1944 thru April 1944 available or any crew pictures including my Dad (or how would I go about locating any?)
Thank you so very much! We really appreciate all the information we have already received from the 306th BSA.

306th PUBLICATIONS

Published materials now available from the Group will help you follow the 306th through the combat period, 1942-5:

Combat Diaries of the 306th Squadrons

Day-by-day diaries kept by intelligence officers, of the Squadrons' combat activities. More than 150 pages, also including plane and personnel rosters. Plastic bound.

306th Echoes, on microfiche

Now available from 1976-1994, with a 41-page index covering those years. Can be viewed at any library.

Men of the 306th, on microfilm

A roll of 16mm film duplicates the 306th card file of nearly 9,000 men, including data extracted from various 306th records, and personal data on some of the men. 1995 edition.

Mission Reports

Copies of official reports on each mission you flew, including intelligence summaries, track charts, formations and crew interrogation reports. Data for some missions may be missing from the files. Three missions for \$5.

ORDER FORM

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| 367th Combat Diary | \$17.00 |
| 368th Combat Diary | \$17.00 ✓ |
| 369th Combat Diary | \$17.00 |
| 423rd Combat Diary | \$17.00 |
| 306th ECHOES' Microfiche: 1975-1994 | \$15.00 |
| 1992-1994 | \$ 5.00 |
| Men of The 306th | \$20.00 ✓ |

Make check payable to 306th Bomb Group Association (prices quoted include postage and packaging charge)

Name:

Susan CHRISTOFORI BESSETTE

Mailing Address:

68 CLIFFORD Road Plymouth, Ma.

Send to: Secretary, 306th BGA, 5323 Cheval Pl., Charlotte, NC 28205

02360

Name _____

Name(s) Of Additional Person(s) Sharing Room

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please Check the type of accommodations desired.

ACCOMMODATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AT CHECK IN.

NO. OF ROOMS

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION

_____ **SINGLE:** One (1) Person **\$85**

_____ **DOUBLE:** Two (2) Persons, One (1) Bed **\$85**

_____ **DOUBLE:** Two (2) Persons, Two (2) Beds **\$85**

TOTAL _____

For all reservations, please list each guest's name above. Suite rates are available upon request. Please contact the hotel directly at (912) 233-7722.

Reservations must be received by November 2, 1998. After the above date, rooms will be confirmed on a space and rate available basis.

SMOKING

NON-SMOKING

January 28, 1999

Dear Sirs:

My father, Lawrence F. Christofori, was a bombardier with the 306th and 368th squadrons, 8th airforce - (crew on back). He was shot down in Germany on April 24, 1944 and released from prison camp on May 1945.

We would be interested in any information available - perhaps a picture of the 368th if it exists. Enclosed is a check for

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| the 368 th combat diary - | 17.00 |
| Men of the 306 th | 20.00 |
| and | |
| 6 missions e5- | 10.00 |

Thank you,

Susan M. Bessette
68 CLIFFORD RD.
PLYMOUTH, MA. 02360

Pilot 2nd Lt. Robert E. MacDowell
Co Pilot " " Fred A. Puckett, Jr.
Navigator " " Robert E. Schmielau
Bombardier " " Lawrence F. Christofori
Gunner Sgt. William Murdoch
Gunner " Robert F. Emory
Gunner S/Sgt Lawrence E. Wagner
Gunner T/Sgt John Hazy
Gunner S/Sgt Donald Frye
Gunner S/Sgt. James H. Prout

1 February 1999

Susan M. Bessette
68 Clifford Rd
Plymouth, MA 02360

Dear Susan:

Here are the Mission Reports, the microfilm and the Squadron Diary. Now, all you are lacking is "First Over Germany," the narrative history of the 306th in combat, which also contains your father's name.

Although your father's combat tour was brief, it was unusual, in that he flew far more missions than the rest of his crew. Many of them only flew two at the most. His pilot had a couple of missions as a copilot before flying with crew.

The amount of information on each mission varies because of what made it to the files in the U.S. Archives. The card that shows in the microfilm is a bit different than the one shown on an accompanying sheet, as I changed it with a bit better information.

I am also enclosing a biographical sheet, which I would hope you and/or your father would complete and return to me so that I may have a bit better record on him than I now have.

I trust that you will find all of this data interesting,

Sincerely yours,