

February 8, 1993

Mr. Russell A. Strong
5232 Cheval Place
Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Re: Walter R. Clark
S#19066185
SS#460-22-8561

Dear Mr. Strong:

I have decided to send two photos of my husband's crews. The photo of the crew taken in uniform is sometime in 1943. My husband is on the left, bottom row. I would like very much to know the names of the other crew members if possible. At the time this photo was taken, my husband was a gunner with the 367th Bomb Sq. and was a S/Sgt. The operations officer was Maj. Robert C. Williams of the 306th Bomb Gp.

The second picture was taken of his crew in front of his plane sometime in 1945. Walter is on the right, bottom row. At the time this photo was taken he was an aerial engineer with the 423rd. Bomb Sq. His flight records were certified by Capt. Richard Nickelhoff. Please identify these crew members if you can.

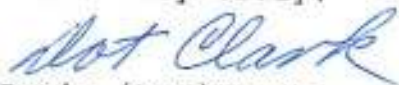
My husband kept his flight records for all combat and other missions from 1943 to 1945. Also, among his papers are copies of messages to and from the following:

1. Message from Col. George L. Robinson, 1st Bomb Div. dated 16 October 1943 to all Air & Ground Personnel.
2. Message from Lt. Gen. Eaker, 8th A.F. Hdqs. to Commanding Gen. 8th Bomb Command, 8th Fighter Command & 8th Air Support Command, dated 12 October 1943.
3. Message from Brig. Gen. F. L. Anderson, Hdqs. 8th Bomber Command to Combat Personnel 8th Bomber Command, dated 13 October 1943.
4. Message from Prime Minister Winston Churchill to General Devers (no date).
5. Message from Air Chief Marshall Portal, Whitehall to Gen. Eaker dated 11 October 1943.
6. Message from Gen. Marshall & General Arnold to General Eaker dated 11 October 1943.

If you should like copies of these, please advise and I will forward them. Please return my photos if you can.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the 306th and my husband's past. I could not afford to go to London, but wish I could have been a part of the celebration at Thurleigh.

Yours very truly,



Doris (Dot)Clark
2395 Ridgmar Plaza
Fort Worth, Texas 76116

13 March 1993

Dear Dot:

I am returning your two original crew photos.

One of them is completely identified on the back. Had no trouble with that one.

However, the other one is something of a problem, and I will run it in Echoes to try to find some identification on it, or may be able to trace down someone who can do the job for me.

I had copies of both photos made for my files, so don't want to keep these any longer.

The various messages you mentioned in your letter are all in my files, so I do not need copies of them.

Keep track in Echoes, and one of these issues will have the idents for your second picture.

All the best,

April 1, 1992

Mr. Russell A. Strong
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Re: Doris E. Clark and/or
Walter R. Clark
S#19066185; SS# 460-22-8561

Dear Mr. Strong:

I received your letter of February 27, in regard to information needed regarding my husband's service with the 306th.

Walter served with the 306th Bomb Gp., 367th Bomb Sq., as aerial engineer from March, 1943 until November, 1943, stationed at Thurleigh. He served with the 306th Bomb Gp., 423rd Bomb Sq. from February, 1945 until June, 1945., completing twenty-five combat missions. One of these missions was the first Schweinfurt mission of 8/17/43.

Sgt. Clark died on September 18, 1984. I became interested in the 8th AF Historical Society after they formed a local chapter here in Fort Worth. Therefore, I would certainly appreciate your including me in your mailing list if possible.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this regard. If there is additional information you desire, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours very truly,



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