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April 30, 1996

Robert Bentley  
Robert C. Cheney  
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Dear Members of Crew 7-38:

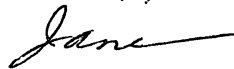
We are sad to inform you that Elvin passed away last Thursday, April 25, 1996, of atherosclerotic heart failure. His passing was very sudden and seemingly with minimal pain. He had arisen about 7:30 AM, performed his ablutions, prepared coffee and was in the process of eating breakfast when he informed Jane he was experiencing difficulty with his breathing. Although neighbors and the emergency squad were on the scene in a matter of minutes, efforts to restore and maintain a regular heartbeat were in vain.

Enclosed are copies of the obituary notice and other announcements of his death.

One of the visitors at the funeral home was Vic Rose, an active participant and past-officer of the 306 Bomb Group Assn. Vic told me he would inform Russ Strong of Elvin's death so we hope he follows through on this. Because Elvin took such an interest in this group, we wanted you fellows to hear the news directly from us, rather than read it in the quarterly newsletter.

We wish each of you good health and encourage your continued interest in The Group activities.

Sincerely,



Jane Courtright



Grant Courtright

cc: Nicholas De Seve III  
Ralph Franklin  
Charles H. Haendler  
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1200 Rodney Drive  
San Jose, CA 95118-1556  
December 28, 1997

Robert N. Houser, Treasurer  
306 Bomb Group Association  
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Des Moines, Ia 50310

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are two (2) checks:

- # 4118 for annual, on-going expenses - \$25.00 <sup>OX R.M.N.</sup>
- # 4119 as a memorial for my brother, Elwin W. Courtright, \$200 <sup>OX R.M.N.</sup>  
who was a radio operator on Bill Morgan's Crew, 423rd Squadron  
from Sept '44 - March '45. He died 04/25/96.

My wife, Donna, and I have attended several reunions of the 306<sup>th</sup>  
and always thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We found these gatherings  
to be well-organized and always conducted in a highly professional but  
congenial manner. Elwin always looked forward to these events because  
he generally met several members of his crew, as well as others  
with whom he served during this period.

Our best wishes to you and the other officers of the Association  
for a successful 1998. May you continue in good health.

Yours truly,  
E. Grant Courtright