

Perry Coors, copilot,
lost half of primary bone did flying.
None of controls hit.

Put out tonight on, cold.
Helped on landing.

3rd mission

Non-eyes, got out o.k.

Shankle in nose.

Brake fluid all over.

Dr. Erb.

Amputation near hip because of gas gangrene.

Wright - Draxpul in leg

RECORDS UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish to, fold and mail as per address on reverse side. Or, if obtained at a reunion, hand to Russ Strong)

LAST NAME: CRAPSEY FIRST NAME: ARTHUR HUNT JR TITLE: PILOT

STREET ADDRESS: 57 GREENVIEW DR NE TELEPHONE: (714) 271-4242

CITY: ROCHESTER STATE: NY ZIP: 14620

DATE JOINED 306th ASSOCIATION: JUNE 1982

REUNIONS ATTENDED: (Years) 1982 (THURLEIGH, ENGLAND), '84, '85, '86, '87

WIFE'S NAME: HETTY JEAN (BARTH) CRAPSEY

LAST EMPLOYMENT: EASTMAN KODAK CO. APPARATUS DIVISION - MGR. INDUSTRIAL & PACKAGE DESIGN

COLLEGE(S) ATTENDED: ALFRED UNIVERSITY DEGREE(S): BFA DATE: 1942
INDUSTRIAL CERAMIC DESIGN

SERIAL #: 0-803088 SQDN: 367 MOS:

DATE ARR: OCTOBER 25, 1943 CREW: 460-13 (SEE ATTACHED)

DATE DEPARTED: DECEMBER 22, 1943 HIGHEST RANK IN 306th: 2ND LT

SERVICE RETIREMENT DATE: NOVEMBER 23, 1944 RANK or GRADE: 1ST LT

DECORATIONS WITH 306TH: PURPLE HEART, SILVER STAR

TOP SERVICE ASSIGNMENT AFTER 306TH: -

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS WITH 306TH: -

QUESTIONNAIRE

CATERPILLAR CLUB - IRVING CHUTE COMPANY

NAME:

COMBAT JUMP DATE & MISSION:

HEIGHT WHEN BAILED OUT:

ANY PROBLEMS WITH PARACHUTE:

306th Bombardment Group, SQDN:

Russell A. Strong
2041 Hillside
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Rank	Duty	Name	Age	Address		Nationality		
				Street and No.	City and State	Father	Mother	Married
2d Lt.	Pilot	Arthur H. Crapsey, Jr.	23	53 Woodland Pk.	Rochester, N. Y.	Fr. & Ger. Eng.	Eng.	Yes
KIA	Co-pilot	Michael D. O'Grady		2410 MANHATTEN AVE	HERMOSA BEACH, CAL	Irish		Yes
NOSE GUN	Bomb'r	WILLIAM S. Smith		RFB #1	FREDERICKTOWN, OHIO			
NOSE GUN	Nav'tr	RICHARD D. Wright		1952 COTTAGE ST	DORCHESTER, MASS			
TOP TURRET	Eng'r	Donat Arzarie Leon	22	2 GORMAN CT.	Attleboro, Mass.	French	German	
RT. BAY	Asst Eng.	Samual Choy Sin	20	1054 STOCKTON ST	San Francisco, Cal.	Chinese	Chinese	
RADIO ROOM	Radio	Martin John Kilcoyne	21	8630 62 AVE.	New York City, N.Y.	Irish	Irish	
BALL TURRET	Ass't Radio	George Pasquale Amoroso	19	515 WASHINGTON AVE	Belle Vernon, Pa.	Italian	Italian	
LT. BAY	Armorer	James Joseph Allie	20	146 FRANCISCO ST	Michigan City, Ind.	Syrian	Syrian	
KIA	Tail Gunner	Roger Walter Collins	20	155 N. RIMWOOD	Oak Park, Ill.	Irish	Irish	

Please fill in the blank spaces and also the guns that are handled by each--top turret, waist, etc.

CREW #60-13

2ND LT Rochester, New York Mrs. Hetty J. Crapsey, Wife, 51 Calumet St., Rochester, New York	ARTHUR H CRAPSEY JR	0-803088
2ND LT Spokane, Washington Mrs. Shirley J. O'Grady, Wife, 2410 Manhattan Ave., Hermosa Beach, Los Angeles, California	MICHAEL D O'GRADY	0-751188
2ND LT Fredericktown, Ohio Mrs. Eva Gertude Smith, Mother, RFD #1, Fredericktown, Ohio	WILLIAM S SMITH	0-750098
2ND LT Dorchester, Massachusetts Mrs. Julia D. Wright, Mother, 195 E. Cottage St., Dorchester, Massachusetts	RICHARD D WRIGHT	0-808209
Sgt Michigan City, Indiana Mrs. Theresa Allie, Mother, 146 Francisco St., Michigan City, Indiana	JAMES J ALLIE	35583064
Sgt Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania Mrs. Filomena Amoroso, Mother, 515 Washington Ave., Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania	GEORGE P AMOROSO	13167610
Sgt Oak Park, Illinois Mr. Thomas P. Collins, Father, 155 N. Elmwood, Oak Park, Illinois	ROGER W COLLINS	16144521
Sgt Attleboro, Massachusetts Mrs. Rosalie V. Heon, Jr., Wife, 2 Gorman Ct., Attleboro, Massachusetts	DONAT A HEON JR	31165653
Sgt New York, New York Mr. Martin J. Kilcoyne, Father, 8630 62 Ave., New York, New York	MARTIN JOSEPH KILCOYNE	32626134
Sgt San Francisco, California Miss Margaret Sin, Sister, 1039 Stockton St., San Francisco, California	SAMUEL C SIN	39036079

THE 306th

I enclose my check for \$ 50.00 to support the production and publication of *THE 306th*, and reunion activities of the 306th Association. Our check to Wm. M. Collins, Jr., 2973 Heatherbrae Dr., Sandusky, OH 44871 (and, OH 44514)

I enclose my check for \$ _____ to support the research, writing and publication of a new history of the 306th Bomb Group. Publication is expected during 1980. (Mail your check to Russell Strong, 2041 Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, MI 49007) Contributions of \$100 or more will receive a copy of the history without further charge.

Name A. A. CRAPSEY

Address 51 GREENVIEW DR. ROCHESTER N.Y. 14620

(716) 271-4242

to quiet our boyish terrors with images so violent that we would, at least, be bored with the prospect of dying? Like the burlesque feminine figures painted on the noses of our planes—a mix of love and war, sex and violence—the motives of our jacket illustrations were never fully clarified, not by us at least. We merely painted them as ritual, a mark as primitive as an Apache's sunburst chest, or a Fiji mask.

We wore them everywhere, except, ironically, in combat. That

tion, but would very much them to the person who them to him, if that person will identify himself. Write to 2041 Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, MI 49007, and the pictures will be returned immediately.

was a time for flak vests and heated flying suits. The leather flight jackets went with us around the base, to the British towns and

(turn to page 6)

14 March 1991

Dear Art:

We have decided to come to Rochester after Easter, and I am wondering if the Rochester-area 306th men might get together for lunch?

Friday, April 5, would be a good time for me.

If you are interested, you might set a place and contact the men in Rochester,

I will be staying in Irondequoit at my son's home, and the phone there is 266-7314.

We will probably come up there Wednesday from Pittsburgh.

Hope it works out.

All the best,

April 8, 1991

Dear Susan,

We met!

We had a very pleasant time!

We plan to meeting again in May

We talked about the convention. I hope

we plan to better, at the least.

All your fault. You go away to college.

I was particularly pleased that the review was
as positive as husbands.

So there you go

Althea

Althea

NOV 18, 1997

RUSSELL A. STRONG
5323 CHEVAL PLACE
CHARLOTTE, NC 28205

DEAR RUSS,

AT LONG LAST A RESPONSE TO YOUR APRIL CARD REQUESTING
CREW PHOTOS.

OUR CREW WASN'T FUNCTIONING LONG ENOUGH TO BE
RECORDED OFFICIALLY. THE ENCLOSED IS A PASTEDUP OF PICTURES
I TOOK AT HEARNY, NEBRASKA, BEFORE WE SHIPPED OUT AND
OVER - FOUND AFTER MUCH SEARCHING AMONG MY POORLY
ORGANIZED ARCHIVES. THE PICS WERE TAKEN ON A KODAK
127 VESTPOCKET CAMERA MY FATHER CARRIED INTO FRANCE
AS A PRIVATE IN THE MEDICAL CORPS, 1ST WORLD WAR.

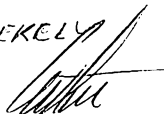
MY PICTURE AND THAT OF KILCOYNE WERE TAKEN
BY SOMEONE ELSE - WHOEVER.

MY FIRST TWO MISSIONS WERE AS COPILOT - (PILOT(S) I DON'T
REMEMBER). MY THIRD MISSION I FLEW AS PILOT WITH PERRY
CAVDS (SP?) WHEN ~~FOUR~~ ^{THREE} OF US WERE WOUNDED - CRABEY
HEOM, KILCOYNE. ON THE NEXT MISSION CAVDS WAS PILOT,
OIGRADY CO-PILOT WITH SUBSTITUTES FOR SMITH (SINUS) KILCOYNE
AND HEOM. ALL WERE KILLED ON THAT RAID - I'VE NO IDEA
WHAT, WHEN OR WHERE. CRABEY, SMITH, KILCOYNE AND HEOM
WERE RETURNED TO THE U.S. - KILCOYNE AND SMITH AFTER A
NUMBER OF MISSIONS. SMITH AND I ARE THE ONLY ONES LEFT.

MY FATHER WAS FASCINATED BY THE DIVERSITY OF THE CREW.
HAD WE SURVIVED INTACT I'M SURE HE WOULD HAVE DONE A
PIECE ON THE CREW FOR THAT REASON - HE HAD BEEN A NEWSPAPER
MAN AND LOCAL POLITICAL REPORTER - IN ALABAMA DURING THE
AL SMITH YEARS.

ONE OF THESE YEARS I HOPE TO MAKE ANOTHER REUNION, TELL
THEM ALL THE BEST TO YOU!

SINCERELY



ARTHUR H. CRABEY

Crapsey, Arthur Hunt Jr.

Died Monday, August 17, 1998. Born December 12, 1919 to Ferne Hinchey and Arthur Hunt Crapsey. He was a 5th Generation Rochesterian. He graduated from Monroe H.S. and Alfred University in Ceramic Design and married his high school sweetheart, Hetty Jean Barth, who predeceased him in 1995. He enlisted in WWII and became a Second Lieutenant piloting a B17 for the 306th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force in raids over Germany. He lost his leg in one such raid for which he received the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, and NY's Conspicuous Service Cross for flying his plane and crew back to England. He returned to Rochester and was hired by Eastman Kodak as one of their first industrial designers. He retired in 1980 as Manager of Design having earned numerous personal patents.

He was active in PTA's, Republican Politics and designed sets for, and performed in numerous plays for The U of R and Alfred in the 50's-70's. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, TORCH, Citizens for a Quality Philharmonic, Geriatric Pilots, RIT Fellows, IDSA Fellow, a conversationalist in two long term lunch groups. He continued his design and academic interests by establishing endowed scholarships at the U of R, Alfred University and Syracuse University.

He was a clear and creative thinker, a carpenter, lover of music and history, sometimes poet, and happy Nanticket Sojourner.

He is survived by his wife and childhood friend, Eleanor Latour Crapsey; children, Robin Romero and husband Leo of Albuquerque, Leslie deHaseth and husband; Jim of Athens, GA, Arthur Crapsey and wife Cindy of Ballwin, MO; 5 grandchildren; brother, Marcus T. Crapsey and Gay of Boston, MA, and Rosemary Crapsey of Seattle; his 2nd daughter, Wendy Ann Crapsey died in 1967. He is also survived by his wife's six children, Kathy Simonette, Jeff Latour, Mary Young, Jane Gardner, Michael Latour and Bob Latour and their spouses and grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, August 21 at 3:00 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Westminster & East Avenue. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Barth/Crapsey Undergraduate Research Fellowship, c/o Kreckel, Fairbank Alumni House, 685 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester, 14620 or The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Arrangements, HEDGES MEMORIAL CHAPEL 770 East Main St.