

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE

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Telephone 515-792-4786 Date April 20, 1979
Occupation Engineer, Sr. Employer The Maytag Company
Address Newton, Iowa Telephone 515-792-7000

Service Record:

Before joining the 306th: 1. Enlisted Man Feb. 20, 1941 to Mar. 28/42
- in Field Artillery
2. ACRTC - Mar 28/42 to July 3/42
3. AFAFS - July 3/42 to Oct 9/42
4. 29th Bomb Group

After leaving the 306th:
1st Repl & Tng Sq (B) AAF Sta 112
2nd AF 222d AAF Base Unit - Ardmore, OKI.

306th Record:

Arrival Date 15 Mar 43 Squadron or other unit 368th
MOS 0 731 279 Combat Status Navigator 1034
Missions Completed 25

Promotions 1st Lt. ; Captain

Decorations AM olcs DFC olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM

PH Battle Stars

(Battle Honors - 1st Bomb Div (H) other
Distinguish Unit Citation - Gen. Order No. 50)
(ETO with 1 Bronze Star) (OVER)

March 28, 1979

Dear Bill Collins, Jr.

Thanks to you for sending me the 306th Echoes paper for last July & Dec. I have already expressed my thanks to Franz Ed. Tugler for sending my name and address to you.

Enclosed is my check for \$500 to help pay the expenses.

Yours truly

Waymond D. Dill
211 E 13th St. N.
Newton, Iowa
50208

May 24, 1982

Russell A. Strong
2041 Hillsdale
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Dear Mr. Strong,

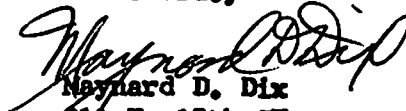
On Nov. 15, 1980 I paid for and received one book from the Battery Press, Inc. titled "First Over Germany, 306th Bombardment Group in World War II". This book has 84 sheets for a total of 148 pages and cost \$20.00. A copy of the invoice is attached.

The book mentioned in the 306th Echoes publication states its book titled "First Over Germany, A History of the 306th Bombardment Group" has 325 pages and its cost is \$20.00.

The book I received appears to be a history of the 306th Group however you can tell by the comparison of its size something has been omitted. Can you explain why or how the Battery Press sent out an "earlier" issue which on the surface covers the same material as the one now available but leaves out 187 sheets.

I have enjoyed receiving the "Echoes" and realize that a lot of time and effort are required to prepare and mail it out. If you could "clear-up" my question regarding the above, I would appreciate receiving your reply.

Yours truly


Maynard D. Dix
211 E. 13th St. N.
Newton, Iowa 50208

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The Battery Book Shop
P. O. Box 3107 Uptown Station
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37219 U.S.A.

No 16766

DATE	SALESPERSON	CUSTOMER NO.	TERMS
Nov 15, 1980			cash/paid

Mr. Maynard D. Dix
211 E 13th St N
Newton, IA 50208

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	306th BG		\$20.00
	Thank you!		
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First United Methodist Church

210 North 2nd Avenue East

Newton, Iowa 50208

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OBITUARY

Maynard Dwight Dix
1915 - 1985

Maynard Dwight Dix, son of Ray S. and Myrtle Nicholson Dix, was born July 7, 1915 in Crawfordsville, and departed this life on Wednesday, February 13, 1985 at Skiff Memorial Hospital in Newton. He had attained the age of 69 years, 7 months and 6 days. A graduate of the University of Iowa, with a degree in civil engineering, Mr. Dix had been employed as an engineer for the Maytag Company, from which he was retired. He was an Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II, had been a navigator and had received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three clusters and a Unit Citation.

On January 19, 1947 in Sumner, he was married to Virginia Creager, who survives him. Before coming to Newton in 1952, he had been a resident of Muscatine.

In addition to his wife, Virginia, he is survived by two sons: Mark A. of Whitewater, Wisconsin and Douglas R. of Denver, Colorado; two granddaughters: Amanda Ann and Melinda Susan, both of Denver; a daughter-in-law, Sandy Kathleen Dix of Denver; and three brothers: Leslie V. Dix of Fairfax, Virginia, R. Leland Dix of Waukesha, Wisconsin and Meredith N. Dix of El Cerrito, California.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Dix was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Newton Masonic Lodge 59, York Rite and Za-Ga-Zig Shrine.

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1:39 P.M. Tuesday 3-10-87

Dear Mr. Strong:-

As you may recall, I am
Maynard S. Dixes' widow! I so
enjoy the correspondence and
The Bobth Echoes (Publications)!
You have been so kind as to
include me in the mails! I
may be interested in the
next reunion, as Maynard's
eldest brother, Lee, is an atty.
in Fairfax, Va! Thus I could kill
two birds with one stone" + visit
them + attend the
union! Please send
further info on the reunion!
In the middle of April I am
moving to the following
address!

Virginia L. Dix
4015 W. 99th Place
Skyland Village
Westminster,
Colorado
80030
Tele # 303-460-0396



(over)

22 November 1989

Mrs. Virginia L. Dix
4015 W. 99th Place
Westminster, CO 80030

Dear Virginia:

Your note to Dale Briscoe came along to me, and I am writing only to urge you to consider joining with 306th people for the 1992 50th anniversary trip to England.

My impression is that there will other widows attending, and I am sure old friends of Maynard's would be delighted to have you among the group. Details of the trip will be appearing in Echoes during the next year and a half.

I well remember meeting Maynard at reunions, and also recall seeing you at the reunions you attended following his death.

I do hope that you are now enjoying life in your new surroundings, and I am personally pleased that you continue to enjoy 306thmEchoes.

Sincerely yours,

Thursday 8:31 a.m. 3/19/92

Dear Russell:-

Yesterday, I received the 24 missions data, and nice letters from you. I immediately delved into the materials but will be a few "moons" before I can ingest "all" of the data. Thank you so kindly for sending all you could gather, at this time, and feel I should send more cash to finish the job.

If I recall correctly, Jack Samway wrote that you have, or had, been experiencing some health problems. Trust I did not prod you too greatly when I wrote and inquired about said materials. Oley forgive

we welcomed mole show, has been quite arid here. Need moisture - probably enjoy,

more the kind one need not shone.

I, too, have felt puny for past several weeks. Fould it be were getting older. Thus far this month haven't done a "stitch" of R.S.V.P. work. No, for a long time like unto a whirlwind, and then the Good Lord says, "Okay, Virginia, slow up!" Two reasons I know I'm growing older - (1.) Can not be pushed - off at a snail's pace; (2.) no one asks me, anymore, if I'm a senior citizen.

The high light of '92 - thus far has been when Britton North Chamber of Commerce invited the R.S.V.P. helpers to their Costume Farquet Mardi Gras gala event. Some compensations in growing older. Thank you, thank you! Virginia Dix

1:47 P. m.

Monday

11-13-'89

Dear Mr. Briscoe, Treasurer:-
306th Bomb Group Association
7829 Timber Top Drive
Boerne, Texas 78006

I am the widow of Captain
Maynard S. Dix, who died 2-13-'85.
He was with the "Eager Beaver"
Sqdn, 368th. We attended the first
meeting in Omaha, Neb. in '83 - and
Dallas/Fort Worth - Texas in '84. I came
to Denver and took my son, Douglas,
his wife Sandy, to the Colorado
Springs get-together in '85. Really
enjoy the "306th Echoes". Maynard
was a navigator on a B-17.

Enclosed please find a small
sum of money - check. Know that
Maynard would want the 306th
Bomb Group Assn. to flourish. He
had always wanted to return to
Thurleigh, England, but died, very
suddenly, before making the trip.

Please use the money where most
needed - do not know if there is a
fund for the "Eager Beaver" Sqdn?

Seasons Greetings, Virginia L. Dix
4015 W. 99th St.
Aurora, Co. 8003

7:55 a.m.

Saturday

7-14-'90

Dale Briscoe, Treasurer

306th Bomb Group Association

7829 Timber Top Drive

Boerne, Texas 78006

Dear Sir:-

Yesterday, I was so very pleased to receive the Directory - 306th Bomb Group Historical Association.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$10.00, \$5.00 for the Directory, and \$5.00 toward whatever is most needed. A donation.

Perhaps you will want to refer this letter on to Russell A. Strong. He knew, very well, my late husband - Captain Maynard D.

Sir, Maynard was with the "Eager Beavers" Squadron. If there is anything being done about this group, I would prefer the \$5.00 donation be made toward that.

I'm wondering if any of this group is still alive, and if there is any history on them?

Any information would be greatly

Saturday 1:17 P.M. N-13-'93

Dear Russell:-
Trust you will be able to make out my screen - which is worse because of a lame right arm. A year ago Oct. 30th - got a stress fracture in left leg below knee - & now right arm sympathizing.

On 11-9 received the enjoyable diary. Do not understand how any of you made it through all that horror. Wrote to Jack Sam - way & thanked him. I'm sure there is a charge to such a publication and want to pay him - or per - hope you, all the rest, please let me know. I usually send monies for the quarterly publication, but think I've often been lax on that for a year or so.

8 yrs. & 9 mos, today, since demise. My grand-great

daughters, Catherine, will celebrate her 5th birthday a month from today.

Which had "weathers" blanket of snow - cold with the promise of more, tonight. Poor Ole Iowa surely got a "festering" this past season - along with most of states bordering the Old Mississippi. My relatives & friends, escaped the worse ravages. My other son, Mark, lives at Edmanburg, Iowa.

Belong to the 1918 Club. Some celebrated our 95th last spring out at Gowry Air Base. Our Holiday Party will be held there top. Last meeting/dinner was held at Air Force Academy Colorado Springs.

Same "limbs" here, slowed up my P.S. & P. Activities. Let me hear what you. Florida

Tuesday P. M.

5-9-'95

Dear Russell: Received the yellow card designating phone # which is (319) 578-5112.

Enclosed, please find check to cover postage, and toward Echoes Publication. I truly appreciate your sending the two '95 editions. So surprised, and pleased to discover Maynard's picture in the April Issue - p. 5 - with 368th Combat Crew. Always read the names, thinking maybe he'll be mentioned, & shown.

Such an interesting article, & picture of George H. Robinson in Jan. issue. Very special person. Surely a shame how the ravages of age take such a toll on us. I've been on a crutch since 2 yrs. ago last Oct. 31st. I am always unlike a medical book - do not witness symptoms relating to ailment. Finally, determined "stress fractures" in left leg, below knee. But will not give up & go & do despite ailment. Bone density tissue paper thin, & on pill regime to build up bone structure.

Thank you for my requests. Sincerely,
Virginia Dix

Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love. . . .

Crawfordsville, Iowa

Entered Into Rest
February 13, 1985
Newton, Iowa

Services At
Wallace-Pence Funeral Home
Newton, Iowa
Friday, February 15th, 8:00 P.M.

Conducted By
Dr. Richard Bentzinger, Pastor
First United Methodist Church

Organ Solos
"Beyond The Sunset"
"How Great Thou Art"
Mrs. Ron Toppenberg, Organist

Graveside Services
Wilson Grove Cemetery
Sumner, Iowa
Saturday, February 16th
3:00 P.M.

Conducted By
Rev. John Sorenson, Pastor
St. John's Lutheran Church
Sumner, Iowa