Staci Duarte 400 W. Roy St., Apt. 304 Seattle, Washington 98119 July 12, 1993

Mr. Russell A. Strong, Editor 306th Echoes 5323 Cheval Place Charlotte, NC 28205

Dear Mr. Russell,

Our grandfather, Dale Ebert, was a pilot with the 423rd. He served with the 306th from November 1943 until April 24, 1944, when he was shot down on a mission to Oberpfaffenhofen; this was his 23rd mission. He managed to safely land the B-17 bomber without harm to crew members and was interned in Switzerland for 10 months.

Throughout his life, our grandfather has enjoyed sharing stories of his time in the Army Air Corps with his friends and family, keeping in touch with military buddies, and collecting World War II memorabilia. Because he has always been interested in following the lives of those with whom he shared his wartime experiences, he has greatly enjoyed your publication.

On July 11, 1993, Dale Ebert died in his sleep. Because his experience in the military service was such an important part of his life, we would appreciate it very much if you would consider including an obituary for him a future issue of 306th Echoes.

Should you publish our grandfather's obituary, we would appreciate it if you would forward a copy of the appropriate edition of 306th Echoes to the address above, as we would like to include it in our grandfather's scrapbooks. If you have any questions regarding this matter or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Staci Duarte at (206) 286-4495.

Sincerely,

Staci Duarte

Michael Duarte