

PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Date. 7 March 1995

Complete this form and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary, 306th BG Assoc., 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205, to be filed with 306th records.

LAST NAME: ENDRES FIRST NAME: Frank MI: I TITLE: 1st Lt.

Street Address: (3411 Co. Rd. 70 Belcher Telephone: (813) 784-0152

City, State Palm Harbor, Florida Zip + 4: 34683-_____

Winter Address: SAME

Telephone: ()

City, State

Zip + 4: _____

Date of birth: 14 May 1918

wife's name: "Mikey" #c 4
(Margaret) #gc 8
#ggc

College(s) attended: Mississippi Southern Degree(s), & when: school
(credits required to qualify Electronics Officer - Keeler)
Last employment & job title & retirement date: Chief of Maintenance. 531st AEW (CA)

Died: 27 July 1965

Serial #(s): (39213A) 0-751287

Squadron: 368th Specialty: Pilot

Date joined 306th: 27 Nov. 1943

If combat, what crew? #61A-30
#FI-830-IA10

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

("unknown": MDE)

No of missions flown: 30 combat
(+ 5 abandoned, 1 air-sea rescue, 1 spare(?))

Date of last mission: 22 May 1944

Date leaving 306th: ?? (22 May '44)

Highest rank/grade w/306th: 1st Lt.

17 June 1944: see Statement of Service

Other 8AF units served with, and when: apparently none - "unknown": MDE

Top service assignment after 306th: CD. A+E Sqdn - R.G., Mo., CD. Elec. Maint. Dis
& Chf. Maint. Off.

USAF retirement date: D. A. D.

Rank/grade: Major, USAF Regular
Command Pilot

27 July '65

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the Squadrons or other units serving with the 306th, are sought by the secretary, as many of these do not appear in any collections of materials in National Archives or the Air University.

If you know of others who served with the 306th and who do not appear in the current 306th Directory, please add their names and current/WWII hometowns or other addresses to the back of this sheet so that searches may be implemented to add them to our present 306th roster.

Wednesday morning
3/8/95

Good Morning! :

(Only this morning has had heavy rain, thunder & lightning three hours ago with a tornado doing damage (no reported injuries so far) just a bit N.E. of here.)

When I went to my daughter's in Delaware, for two weeks in February, I took Frank's file of flying time, orders and miscellaneous papers. I have recorded most of what you have indicated, but a couple of items I can't be precise about. Two rights ago I made a startling discovery — with emotions I can't accurately describe: that, of ten crews on his particular orders for reassignment — Mass Lake, to Grand Island, etc., he being with Hel on Crew 10 — there was the only one he hadn't penciled the notation "MIA". Just writing this, my stomach goes "empty". He did indicate three or four of ^{the} guys from other crews "o.k." so I assume they parachuted and were rescued —

Thank you for sending my address to Lil. I had a note waiting when I returned from Delaware. I responded, including my phone number. He called day-before-yesterday. (I'd have called him if I could have gotten his number first.) We will get together when I go to my son's later this month.

Lil had also called the travel agent handling the May trip to England, and had indicated I'd like very much to go!

We have communicated yesterday, and I hope nothing happens to prevent my "journey back in time" -

Two years ago I had several months that nearly left me with a nervous breakdown (involving selling a house in Mass., and the people who view "widows" as desperate and fair game - last year was a much different year - and the house sold) This year is proving to be an exact opposite - very exciting, very busy and full-up through September - so far!!! Thank you for your surprising part! Sincerely,
Mike & Sudres

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please.

STATEMENT OF SERVICE
(Prescribed under 37 USC 233)

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME

SERVICE NUMBERS

ENDRES, FRANK IGNATIUS

39213A; A0751287; 39305555

NATURE OF ACTION <i>(For enlisted enter "EM" and component.) (For commissioned enter grade and component.)</i>	EFFECTIVE DATES <i>(For officers enter date of acceptance) (Inclusive dates of military status are in parenthesis.)</i>	ACTIVE DUTY		SEPARATION <i>(Indicate type and reason)</i>
		FROM	TO	
Enl, AUS	(21 Jan 42	21 Jan 42		
DISCHARGED	27 Jul 43		27 Jul 43	Hon To Acpt Comsn
2d Lt, AUS	28 Jul 43	28 Jul 43		
1st Lt, AUS	20 Jan 44			
Capt, AUS	18 Feb 46			
Capt, AC Res	18 Feb 46			
RELD FR AD	26 Apr 46		26 Apr 46	Demob
F/R 1st Lt, Ore ANG	26 Sep 49			
RES COMSN VACATED	29 Dec 49			
1st Lt, ANGUS	30 Dec 49	22 Apr 50	23 Apr 50	
		10 Jun 50	24 Jun 50	
		1 Mar 51		
Capt, USAF	1 Apr 53			
F/R w/d & Trfd AFRes	6 Jun 55			
Maj, AFRes	1 Jul 55			
Capt, Reg AF	28 Mar 58			
Maj, USAF (T)	1 Sep 61			
Maj, Reg AF	18 May 62		27 Jul 65	Death - Otis Air Force Base, Mass

REMARKS: Born 14 May 1918 at Portland, Oregon. Last duty organization: 551st Electronics Maintenance Squadron, Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts. He had foreign service from 11 November 1943 to 17 June 1944 and 14 January 1954 to 5 August 1957.

TIME LOST (Inclusive dates)

FROM TO DAYS

NONE

DATE

9 August 1965

AUTHENTICATION

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Douglas T. Smith

DOUGLAS T. SMITH
Colonel, USAF
Military Personnel
Records Division

To:

Casualty Assistance Officer
Otis AFB, Mass 02652 (551 350)

(3411 Co. Rd. 20
PALM HARBOR, FL 34683)
but presently in Falmouth, MA
until July 13th, '95

8 July '95

Dear Russ and Jane: -

This is longer in reaching you than I had wanted — to tell you how much I appreciated the time and effort you "invested" in escorting the May trip to Shunkigh and onward. I feel very fortunate that you "found" me when you did, and that I was able to be part of group. I thoroughly enjoyed it!

When I called Kay after our return, she was going to make reservations for the Hotel in Knoxville. I am certainly looking forward to the reunion then.

The entire time since then has been fast-paced and hectic — which is why I have been slow in getting some correspondence done. I had only two days to make the turn-around and leave for Dover, DE, and my grandson's graduation.

Bill Breslin made a copy of selected pages from the Squadron Diary - 368th, and sent which reached me in Dover. I knew, of course, I would want to order a copy, and have kept thinking, "I hope I don't wait too long."

But in Dover, "Montezuma's revenge" - or some such thing - made life difficult, until Valla "encouraged" me to go to Dover AFB emergency room. Drama was still able to produce in the pie-baking department though. Also Valla and I had a day at Arlington, and then Annapolis, where Jeffrey has already reported to the Academy with the newest class. (of '99) -

I had two days in Amherst, PA, with friends and then on Monday, left for the Cape. Coming through Providence, 4 lanes of bumper-to-bumper, stop and go,

I trust your plans for the wedding you were to attend "on the heels" of the England/Ireland trip, went well, juggling of air flights and auto travel notwithstanding!

Is it customary to have "sample" items of memorabilia and publications for sale or viewing at the reunions? It would be quite easy to check off too many "I wants" and come up with a total I'm not ready to deal with.

The 368th Combat Diary, I do want first and foremost, but depending on when you get this (considering the possibility you are on an extended itinerary), I'm not sure where to have you send it. Since I'm going to be in Portland (hopefully) mostly, and I know that my brother-in-law would be interested in the diary; and Frank's sister quite likely, I'm going to suggest their address — if it can be there, early in August (the first ten days or two weeks).

Go Swanson

5730 A.E. 46th Avenue
Portland, OR 97206
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That would give them time to read it!

I'll be back here in Sept. for the 55th AEW & Don Wg. Reunion (hope to see some friends of 30 to 33 years ago) before going to Knoxville the next week-end.

Perhaps Kay has spoken with you so that you already know; but she felt she was getting really positive results from her efforts — perhaps already concluded beyond. "I trust this finds you both well, rested, and smelling the roses"! Sincerely,
Trikk



Monday morning & getting
ready to check out: 5/18/95

Wherever you are, Good Morning! -

Janet & Russ -

Thank you for your gracious patience
with my impulsive interruptions, etc, etc -
Now it's one day closer to Las Vegas - no
matter when in October it is -

It's ludicrous to think you'd ever
need a "filler" for the Echo, but this
thought, following, occurred to me earlier
this AM -



"Good for an 'after'-thought -

Those of us whose 306th husbands
are no longer with us, are privileged to have
been allowed to reminisce about the joys
and sadnesses, excitement and achievements of
your Walt years, only when we're
allowed to sit in and listen - and ask
a lot of perhaps difficult questions - with
one or more of the 306'ers who shared their
recollections, albums and information so
patiently. Thank you most sincerely.



HERE FOR YOU.

Thurs. 10/5/95

Some unseen Angel is
sure helping me.. While doing
a bit of vacuuming finally, I stopped
where a shelf full of albums & misc.
& pulled out "an envelope" - no
reason for choosing that one -

In it assorted of snapshots
some of Frank's crew, but no names
on the back. Not a group picture -
singles or two gap. I do know
some are Raider, & Frank, of course -
but the others, no help! Some were

Banking On A Better Future - Recycle!

75-840-02



Wed., 10/4/95
Sitting-out Opel !!!

Dear Russ + June :-

My impulse was to write direct myself — but maybe you'll know already — When I was enroute to Portland, and went by Glacier National Park, I took the Circle Tour rather than drive. Sharing the seat ^{classy} was an attractive young couple and he was wearing a tee-shirt that said "Professional Baseball, St Paul, MO (w/picture, of course)".

I didn't want to be "nosey" and didn't ask any questions. As the tour progressed and we were stopped while the driver attended to "something", we got to talking about the usual — "where you're going?" etc. — so "reunion" got prime mention — then WWII, B-17's — etc. The young man then said his father "flew" B-17's in WWII, but didn't know where he was based or outfit, etc. (I can't remember position positively, but somehow "navigator" is in the shadow of my mind.) About that point, I asked, "Ok. so what was/is his name?" Answer I thought was "Showalter". [I figured the young man wasn't the baseball pro or he'd be somewhere at that time playing — not at Glacier Nat. Pk.]

Then when I was in Portland, and Mickey Mantel died, the Yankees' manager, "Buck" Showalter was mentioned often. Obviously it got my attention and I wondered could he be the one and might he have been in one of the units you are familiar with. I considered writing to him even tho' I don't know stadium address (or whatever) — "it" should find the right place + person —

Is there somewhere a spare copy of the Echo? I didn't get one. Maybe the P.O. system isn't sympathetic to my inclination NOT to be in Fla. in the summer. (I don't have A/C yet and this humidity is getting me, even if I am a Fla.-born native!!! I keep saying I'm going to put it in, but haven't researched the systems properly — at the "best deal" —)



from two years ago, before tossing it in the recycle bag! A mini-miracle - I found an item titled "Did You Get Your Service Medals"? including addresses for the different branches.

Not only am I going to request Frank's, but give the information to Jim's sisters as next-of-kin, since obviously I can't qualify to do it.

[My planned stop in Highlands, NC to meet another of his sisters and be joined by the one I met in Ashland, Ohio, had to be cancelled for now. On Monday, in Knoxville, just before I would have started for Highlands, I called again - and learned they had been called to the bedside of the third sister in Calif, on the Friday of our 306th reunion. She has cancer.

In Knoxville, Tom Halings gave me the name of officer once with the 451st Sqdn, 322nd Sp. (B-26) - Paul Taylor; but no address or phone. I think he intended to contact Col. Taylor and relay what I wanted. But I also have Clayton Ridge's card that he gave me himself - I called yesterday (a gathering of them were having brunch - or lunch -) and he returned my call last night. He gave me Paul Taylor's address, etc - So today I called him. He found Jim's name in a book he has, and will relay my request and interest to their Sec. Assoc. So we're chipping away from whatever angle presents itself to achieve a goal even tho' it only presented itself so recently. Much better than the defunct Hall of Liberty I was pursuing two years ago. Money for Frank's name, etc. is down the tube - but at least I hadn't sent Jim's yet - Had nice chat w/ Ruth Carnicum tonite - they returned to Boston, Mon^{2nd}.

Mon. AM. 1
Hi! Russ - June! -

Man, many thanks to
you - and Mitchell Antoon. I had
a negative made and 5x7's for
each of my kids and me - and
also one for Lil.

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Tampa, and called me to meet him
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the front porch and in the swing,
where my grandmother sat to watch
people walk past, and the bathtub
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Mon. AM. 1/29/96

Hi! Russ — & Jane: —

Many, many thanks to you — and Mitchell Antoon. I had a negative made and 5x7's for each of my kids and me — and also one for Lil.

Lil had been up the weekend before to visit friends in Tampa; and called me to meet him at a place for lunch where he had been before and knew the food is good. The fun part of it, too, was my being able to point out places I had played as a kid, on the front porch and in the swing, where my grandmother sat to watch people walk past, and the bathtub now used to ice down the beer — because it's in a house that was my Aunt's until she died in 1980.

And next door is the house where one of Gil's TWA pilot friends was raised as a boy. It was one of those "strange coincidence", etc., things that led to our realizing that fact, last spring. — That is, that his friend was even associated with that little town.

Etc. etc. etc —

This past Friday, was another landmark day — I spent most of the day with the sister I had met last July in Ohio — (sister of my B-26 friend), and another sister from N.C. — Highland — whom I hadn't yet met. We had a wonderful visit, in Crystal ~~Spring~~ ^{River}. I certainly look forward to another get-together, probably in June.

The snapshot enclosed, ^{is} no great recommendation as to my skill as a photographer, or the quality of my "disposable" equipment. You don't even have to keep it — but in sharing — 1 of 2 — John Cas - God bless - Mike

sorry!

3411 Co. Rd. 70 - 34683 ** 25 Oct '95

Russ:

Going thru more boxes, etc.,: found Frank's "yearbooks": Bee Tee 43-G, Army Air Forces, Basic Fly'g School, GARDNER, CA - May 1943; and LUKE FIELD, Class 43-G, Advanced, Phoenix, AZ; and small photo (NOT a snap shot) of Roeder (how young they all were!!).

Did you get my "shipment" of a couple of weeks ago?

If there are no copies of the Echos that came out after July 1st (and I presume before Knoxville), could someone xerox a copy for me, please.

It occurred to me perhaps you & June are on another "vacation" - Reconnaissance of Grandchildren!

Hi! to June - ENJOY,

Mickey
The Hyatt Regency will never be in the "red" if they do everywhere the way they did me - double-billed & all on the same statement. They have promised to correct it -

7 Nov '95

Dear Russ:

I guess some of my mail has reached you. Thanks for the FAX #. I tho't I would ask my d.-i.-l. if she coul'd FAX some things thru for me - then dedided to go ahead & copy them and send. I wonder if you rec'd them because I've asked twice already about a copy of the Echos that would have come out (I guess) between England trip and Knox. reunion. I also asked if none were available, could someone's be xeroxed!

I am making progress w/ info. on B26's/451st. Sq. & 322nd G p. Also got Missing Aircrew Report of Mission when Jim was killed. Plus contact in Wash. re: issuing Medals. Reading interesting book about 322nd; FLAK BAIT Merrick has your book at the moment. . . Valla called & invited me to DE for Thksgvg - and Army-Navy game if they can get another ticket. . Back on the InterSt. Take a break from chopping out palmettoes & mowing weeds. HI! to June. . have wonderful Thansgiving.

Mike

13 Nov '95

Dear Russ:

All the way from the road-side mailbox to the house (600-plus feet) I was reading front page, etc. of the new Echoes. . . You cannot imagine my surprise when I discovered something "familiar"! . . . And surprised to see Gil Roeder's name on the list from Reunion Participants. Did we both miss him?

Next week I'm "on the road again" - Valla called-invited me to Dover, for T'giving & to go to Army-Navy game-(12/2 I may return via Highlands, NC & could stop in Charlotte if you're "in town" and might have a "copy" of previous Echoes. (Dover: c/o Rogers, 10 Augusta Ct. (Retreat) DE 19904, or: (302-734-8242). . . Thank you/Missions list you returned. . . Great article about Kay's success, etc. I rec'd microfiche of B26 Missing Aircrew Report (from aging records & difficult to read. My 1st exper w/microf-
so maybe I'll try the 75-94 Echoes. How many m.f. are there? in a set? . . . Las Vegas sounds great!! . . .

HAPPY TURKEY & TRIM'S DAY! . . . winter has arr'd - ELA style.

God Bless - Mike

Tues. P.M.

Dear Mr. Strong:

(I'll revert to being a bit more "proper" - but I truly was so excited when I wrote the postcard reply.)

The check will get me off on the right foot. I'm taking Frank's "file" with me tomorrow - enroute to Dover, Delaware, to visit my daughter & family until the last of the month.

I will go through papers and try to come up with the information you want.

In any case, even tho' I don't know any of the group (except maybe Bill) I'd like to give serious consideration to joining the tour - and also Sept. reunion. I do have some surgery "part of" pending that could wipe out the tour - but I'd really like to visit the area where Frank was - all's after midnite - more from me later. Thanks you

Thurs., 2/6/97

Hi, Russ:-

Just off the phone moments ago from talking w/ Kay. She revealed receiving an Echoes / Newsletter since Vegas. I haven't received one. At my address!! (Called my son - none there!)

Then I mentioned to Kay, I was unhappy that the address in the new directory isn't my address - but the one I asked for a newsletter to go to when I was away in the summer and it wouldn't be forwarded.

She said "What new directory?!"
Seems she hasn't received a new directory -

Much of the time, I don't trust the USPS. I received a post card from Sect. of the 451st Bomb Sq - Assoc. & the pic had been accordion plated into 1/2" plates, much of the writing rubbed

-2: away. A miracle it reached me at all. I called the Sect. to give him information he wanted rather than risk writing - of course if I was up-to-date, computer friendly, AOL, that would solve everything, wouldn't it! Well, when A is OK anyway. All these users have their problems, too! [Are you one of them?]

I really am sorry to forego the Shurleigh phase of the trip to England. Several of the May '95 group voiced hope we'd be together again since it was impossible to have a get-together in LV. Such a fun group!!

At this point I had a sudden thought: to wonder if Gil was going - that it would be more interesting to be at Shurleigh, with someone in the group who had been there when Frank was, etc. So I called Kim - he only

- received his trip packet a couple of days ago - and hasn't yet decided. Of course w/ his TWA flying privileges, he isn't bound by a time frame for that reservation.

You may not know, he had to cancel Las Vegas, in Oct. because of a physical emergency.

He told me this morning he and Grouck went up to Scotland, for a few days during their WWII tour. That's the first time I knew that!

Enough of this - I have more to do - but I hope you have a spare Echas to send to me!

Have a Happy!!! God Bless -

Trikey
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1/2/97

Hi. Russ:

And Blessings of the
 Season to you & June. (No, this
 isn't "in line" of Christmas cards -
 I didn't get to them - too many
 un-Christmas things interfered -
 but as cards & notes arrived
 heard rumors about the tour
 and not including Scotland -
 I knew your info. would today. (The
 Riverside address needs delay when
 I'm here - that was to insure the check
 getting to me when I was "on the road".
 Unfortunately it's in the directory now,
 too. Anyway, as to tour as set up,
 it's out for me. Sorry about that -
 Ray called yesterday & she & I were
 planning to co-exist again. Now I'm
 not sure what she'll decide to do for sure -
 she said she's going to contact you, the tour!
 I hope you see you in Ireland -
 sincerely, Mike



POST CARD
ADDRESS

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Adm Harbor, FL
34683

Forbear me, please. but

2 February '95
3:35 PM

Dear Russell: -

An hour ago when I plucked this from
the mail box and rapped it open, I started
having chills & goose bumps!!! I'm going to try
to get your phone number tonite. In the meantime
I'll get this on the way to you

So much to talk about - you must be
the "hand" person of an angel - but more about
"why" later, yes. Froub was my husband of
19 years. It was a crushing time when he died
in 1965 - 27th July. I cannot wait to talk to
you - so much, so much to cover & catch
up on. God Bless. Sincerely "Mikey" Eucher
(also - Margaret)