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THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.  
P. O. Box 3556  
Hollywood, Florida 33083

To whom it may concern:

Regarding your article appearing in the 15-19 October issue of the Society paper in the MAIL CALL SECTION RE:"MORE ON ROSE OF YORK", I can settle the issue or dispute permanently.

I was attached to the 303rd Photo Lab as a photographer and lab technician at the time when the King, Queen mother and the present Queen attended the Molesworth Christening. I repeat, I can settle the matter forever as I have a complete set of photos from the time the Royalty arrived until they departed.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Friedland  
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P. S. Clark Gable was attached to the 303rd. I have a photo of him also. I have an original photo of Clark and Captain Calhoun taken the same time and place at the 303rdBG.

Eighth air Force from about July 1943 to January 1945. 303BGH. 427 Squadron.

September 12, 1986

Dear Mr. Strong,

Regarding the card you sent. I have in my possession thirty shots taken of the visit of the royalty and the christening. The Rose of York could have been christened twice that day. On one shot of the plane in question, the letter "H" appears in the triangle on the tail section. It definitely belonged to the 306 BG. However, all the photos of the Royal visit including ~~and~~ the event were shot on the famous 303 BG, or "HELLS ANGLE" field.

My only claim was that I had photos of the event. Please refer to the January 1986 issue of the EIGHTH AIR FORCE NEWS top of page 16. Also, the correction that appeared in the April 1986 issue of the EIGHTH AIR FORCE NEWS, page 39.

I also will attest to the fact that the ROSE OF YORK belonged to the 306th Bomb Group. I sincerely hope this clears the issue.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Friedlaef". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.