

Dec 3, 1978

Dear Bill:

Thanks for answering my
last letter 10/10/78. Had wanted to
get you all that info before you
went to Washington. I got a copy
of the people at the Convention.
Both the wife and I wanted to go,
but due to different circumstances
we couldn't make it.

This is probably one of a kind.
I was in the 306th B.D. during the
war. Then in 1966 while working
at Cape Kennedy my youngest
son went in the Air Force. He was
stationed for Basic at San Antonio TX.
Then got transferred to Orlando Fla,
where was stationed in the
306 H. I think this is a first.
Father & Son both being in the
same outfit, even though it
was some 25 years apart.

Called your friend John
Zinichlo, said to say hi. Seemed
like he is a real nice fellow

If possible could you tell me where I can get a patch or image of the 368th Lt. I do needle point & would like to do the Spinn Spinner Right now I'm doing the big 8 and also the 306th Diamond H. Col. in the colors that come out of the Book The Mighty Eighth.

Thanks again and if you ever down this way let us know. It's just the wife & myself, dog, and cat.

Sincerely

Leticia

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Dear Bill:

I'm curious -- I haven't received a copy of "306th Echoes" since I got the July 1980 issue. Is it still being published? I MISS IT!!!!

I've enclosed a small contribution toward publication costs of "306th Echoes" since I haven't sent any money for quite some time.

Here's another name for your 306th roster: Ben R. Hopkins, 4049 Tim, Bonita, California 92002. He had never heard of the "306th Echoes," the 8th AFHS or the AXPOW's until I talked with him the other night. I'm sending him applications for the latter two. Will you do the honors on the 306th?

Sure hope you can give me some help in getting my copies of the "306th Echoes." (I'd even like to get the issues from July 1980 to date, if it's possible.

Hope to see you in Minneapolis-St. Paul in October.

Sincerely,



Leo L. Gallegos, Sr.

Enclosure:
Check No. 4890 (\$15.00)

Sent HIM OCT ECHOES.

*NEW
NAME*



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December 14, 1984

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Mr. Russell A. Strong
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Dear Russ:

Thanks much for sending the page from the forthcoming Echoes. I found a couple of our people on it. Frank Ross was the Bombardier on the crew Leo was with when he got shot down; and Frank gave us his new address while we were all in Fort Worth. Thanks a lot, anyway, for sending it.

I usually send the names and addresses of the new 306th people I get to Bill Collins. Should I send them to you instead? Since Bill gave us the kudos in the Echoes for all the names we sent, we have heard from two other Bomb Groups asking who of their people we have. So I'll be keeping in touch with them, too. I think this is great for we can all help each other that way.

Leo and I both enjoyed the 306th reunion tremendously; and we'll be looking forward to the possibility of attending next year's.

Have a happy holiday and much good health and happiness in 1985.

Sincerely,

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February 28, 1985

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Dear Russ:

Here's another 306th'er for your newly-found list (at least, he's not in the '84 Directory):

Martin ("Andy") Andrews, 2 Gramerly Place,
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On a sad note, Russ, the navigator on my original crew (Maynard Dix, 211 E. 13th St., Newton, IA 50208) passed away very suddenly February 13th. I had a note from his wife, Virginia, asking me to let Maynard's friends know of his death. I have notified a couple of the guys who were on our crew, and thought I'd better send the information to you also.

Maynard and I had a great visit and several long conversations when we were in Fort Worth last October. It was the first time I'd seen him since I was shot down 17 April 1943 (I was flying with Red Lally that day instead of my regular crew with Lou Cook). It was a great shock to me to get Virginia's letter.

Betty and I are looking forward to seeing you again in -- is it Colorado Springs for sure?

Best regards,

Leo L. Gallegos, Sr.
Jr. Vice Commander
Western Zone

1-5-85

Dear Lane:

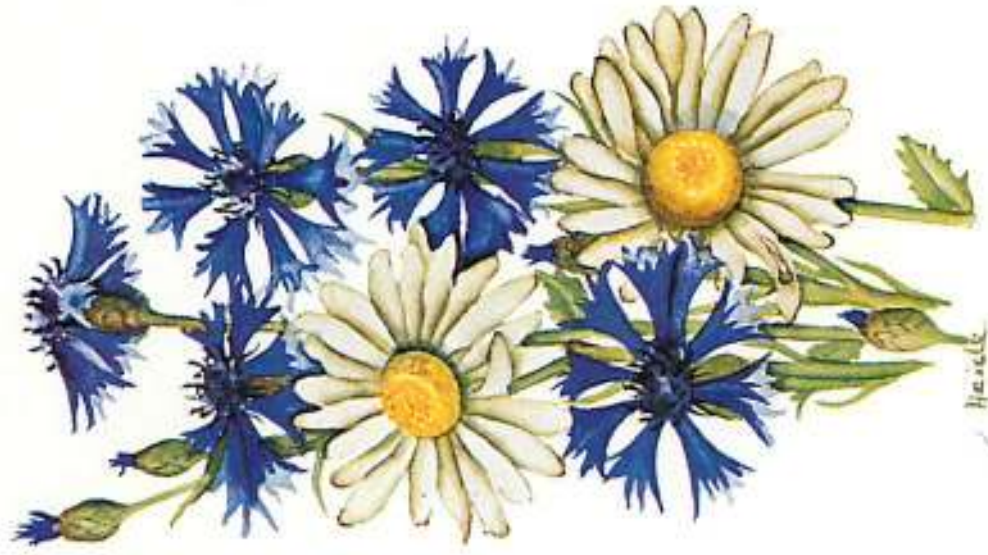
Thanks for your letter of 22 December. Geo and I will be looking forward to the '85 306th reunion - in Colorado Springs or wherever.

Enclosed are current addresses for three regts 306th in various garrisons; and will be sending you one as we find them. We are continually looking for our "lost" Staley XVII-B's and, as you

Snow, a great many of
them were 30¢. A crewman.

Best wishes to you
and your wife for a
happy, healthy 1985.

Sincerely
Betty Bellamy



Russ:

One more thing -

You have my son (Michael L. Gallegos, Sr.) listed in the 1984 306th Directory as a "friend."

Mike was, in fact, assigned to the 306th BG (McDill AFB, Orlando, FL, 1967-69). (As far as we've ever been able to find out, he and I are the only father and son who were assigned to the 306th during different wars.)

Doesn't this qualify him to be a "member" instead of a "friend?"

Chris

5 July 1985

Dear Chico:

Many thanks for the additional addresses. They are most helpful, and particularly in my POW project. They arrived in time to get on the regular distribution of the Echoes for July.

As to your son Mike's designation as a Friend, my qualification for membership in the association is service during WWII in the 306th. We have a few others on the list who served in the 306th at later times, but we include them as Friends. Its no big deal, but I think there ought to be some distinction between those who served between the dates listed above, than all of the others whom we have on the mailing list.

I updated our computer listing the other day at 1935 names, and since then we have added 20 to the list. So, it continues to grow!

Arrangements seem to be moving well for Colorado Springs. So you there.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong



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Fred DeRoll
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June 29, 1985

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Wynn, Earl E. (306th/369th) - Deceased 12/1/84

McQuarrie, Willard H. (306th/423rd) - Deceased 6/5/84

Wilson, Howard V. (306th/423rd) - Deceased 2/27/84

Looking forward to seeing you in Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,

Leo L. Gallegos, Sr.
Treasurer, Stalag XVII-B



AMERICAN FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR

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December 1, 1985

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33706 (deceased 10/23/85)

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Russ, when we were in Colorado Springs, several people admired my Stalag XVII-B turquoise and silver belt buckle and asked if it would be possible to get 306 BG buckles in the same fashion. I now have had some of these buckles made. They are nickel silver with "306 BG" inlaid in silver on turquoise and will sell for \$35 plus \$2.50 postage. If you think you might be interested, let me know.

A question: as you know, our son attended the recent 306th Colorado Springs reunion and was recognized at the banquet. Since he was in the 306th during the Vietnam action, he is not considered a member but a "friend." As only WW II types are considered members and late-comers are considered "friends," can the friends deduct the same allowable expenses for attending the reunions that we as full-fledged members do?

This year's reunion was the greatest I've attended yet. We think Monty and his aides did a bang-up job on it.

Best regards,

Leo

Leo L. Gallegos, Sr., Treasurer
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P.S. -

Russ, we have a very close friend here in Albuquerque who was married to one of the original crew members of the "Rose of York" (Porfirio J. Marquez who was radio operator on the fateful flight of the R of Y). (She is the one we bought the copy of your book for in Colorado Springs. They had two children before he went overseas and she is interested in gathering any information she can find for the two boys - who were infants then and have no recollections of their father.)

When we gave her the book and she read the account (p. 305) of the R of Y, she told us that she didn't recognize any of the names as members of the original crew but did recognize some of the names in the caption under the picture on page 37. (Colonel Robinson's and MSgt Gregory's addresses are in the '84 306th Directory and we plan to get in touch with them. However, do you have any way of knowing who else might have been on the original crew whom we might contact (to see if they remember Marquez)?

Any help you can give us would be greatly appreciated. (Marquez was supposed to have been on his - 24th, I think - mission with the R of Y when it was lost, so there must be someone else who remembers him.)

*Thank you Russ
Chris*

9 December 1985

Leo and Betty Gallegos
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Dear Leo and Betty:

Many thanks for the additions and other updates. I am making a big effort to clean up the 306th list so that we can produce a new directory in about March. Data had gotten into horrible shape, and I sent 30 pages of corrections, additions, deletions, etc., to the data processing people last week.

I expect to make another cleanup of the list in time for the mailing of the January Echoes, and then a final cleanup about a month after the issue is mailed before going to the directory. With changes that have been made in data processing I think we can come up with a much better looking directory than last time, and certainly with a lot less effort.

I don't really know the definitive answer to your question concerning your son and expenses. But I think I will change the designation of those who served later in the 306th to show that they were members of the Bomb Wing, and not list them as friends. This will be a lot more accurate and more informative.

I am passing along the information on belt buckles to Jack Grimm, and asking him to contact you. I am sure that one or two dozen would sell at the next reunion, but I'll let Jack and his committee work with you on the matter.

Keep the good information coming, and as soon as I get a clean roster I'll send you a copy.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

Re: Porfirio Marquez:

The only one of his original crew on our mailing list is the pilot:

Arthur W. Mack
1475 Ships Drive
Southold, NY 11971

Mack came to the last reunion, his first, and I am sure will appear at others.

Two other enlisted men who arrived in the 306th the same day, and were in the 367th, who would likely have known him are:

Donat A. Heon, Jr.
PO Box 567
Wrentham, MA 02093

Martin Kilcoyne
404 S. Elm St.
Greenville, NC 27834

Also on the same shipment, and may have been in training with him, were:

Richard A. Pipler
517 Blanchard Ave.m NE
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Paul R. Wenrich
3083 Butterfield Rd.
Orange, CA 92665

Carl Kalbach
1017 State Dr
Lebanan, PA 17042

On the Rose of York crew at various times:

George G. Roberts
49 30th St.
Gulfport, MS 39501

My collection of crew lists is rather abbreviated, except for those crews who got into trouble. Thus, I can't find any for the Rose of York, except for the last mission of the plane. In this regard, Roberts is the best bet for information. He was on the lead crew for quite a time and has an excellent memory. I have checked through my correspondence file with Roberts and do not find a Rose of York crew listing.



AMERICAN FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR
STALAG XVII-B



January 13, 1986

Dear Russ:

Fred K. DeRolf
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Clearwater, FL 33516
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First of all, apologies for not thanking you sooner for all the information you sent on Porfirio ("Porphy") Marquis. (What with one group of "company" replacing another during the holidays, we ended up just about ready for the nearest nuthouse!) We gave the information to Porphy's widow and she is going to contact the people you listed. She told us Porphy was originally on the crew of the "Four Leaf Clover" so we told her you might be able to give us the names of some of the people who were on that crew with him.

Think a lot of people will be very pleased if the 306th late-comers are designated as members instead of friends. Know our son will.

Haven't heard from Jack Grimm re the belt buckles yet but it's a little soon for it.

There are about 95 more former 306th'ers who were also XVII-B'ers that we haven't been able to find yet. Don't know if they are still alive or not but we hope to find all of them one of these days. Here is some more information 306th XVII-B'ers that we've been able to come up with:

Address changes:

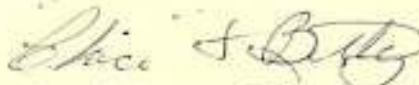
1070 Allan, William, 2000 Breen Dr., Reno, NV 89509 (368th)
Bowles, F. Douglas, Mirror Lake, NH 03853 (367th)
2465 Condon, William J., 1075 Oak Pointe Dr., Pontiac, MI
48054 (367th)
8915 Moore, Matthew G., 2735 Springhurst St., Yorktown
Heights, NY 10598 (369th)

Newly-found:

Regan, John J., 2411 Mediterranean Ave., Virginia Beach,
VA 23451 (369th)
Rodman, Dean, 1142 Park Dr., Colville, WA 99114 (423rd)
Tomke, John, 503 Chestnut St., Battle Creek, MI 51006
(don't know squadron - might already have sent this)

Best wishes for a good 1986.

Sincerely,


Leo & Betty Gallegos



AMERICAN FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR
STALAG XVII-B



March 3, 1986

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Dear Russ:

Here're four more you might not have -

Betty Gallegos
Secretary
11005 Haines Ave., N.E.
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Ellwood, Robert ("Jack"), 96 Henderson St., Phillipsburg,
NJ 08865

Sable, Roy A., 103 Peters St., Duquesne, PA 15110 (368th)

DeFlorio, Daniel P., 4121 NE 27th Ave., Lighthouse Point,
FL 33064-8059 (Address change)

Hollenberg, Leroy, 13525 - 103rd Ave. N., Largo, FL
33544 (Address change)

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Guess we got Milt Swanson's name and address to you too late. He evidently was already deceased when we got the information - this sometimes happens when the guys haven't kept in touch with each other.

Got my copy of the "Echoes" Saturday - glad it contained the little note on the front page about "giving a bit" - even keeping in touch with you the way we have, it had completely slipped my mind. I got a check of to Bill before I wrote this letter.

Will look forward to seeing you in Dayton again in September.

Sincerely,

Chico

Leo L. Gallegos, Sr.
Treasurer, Stalag XVII-B

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE
Russell A. Strong, Rt. 1, Scotch Meadows Dr. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Name WEO L. GALLEGOS, SR.
Address 11005 HAINES N.E., ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.
Telephone ⁵⁰⁵ 299-5213 Date 9/30/78
Occupation RETIRED Employer _____
Address _____ Telephone _____

Service Record: Serial No(s) 18119876

Before joining the 306th:
U.S. Nat. Guard U.S. Air Force 4 1/2 years

After leaving the 306th:
USAF numerous ~~jobs~~ outfits,

306th Record:

Arrival Date 3/73 Squadron or other unit 306 BG 348 BS
MOS 611, 612, 912 Combat Status AERIAL GUNNER
Missions Completed _____
Promotions 5 Lt
Decorations AM olcs DFC olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM

PH Battle Stars other _____
No decorations ever received in all AF years.
(OVER)

Other personal data:

Description of Air Missions:

(What were the highlights of your combat career? What was your role? What heroics did you witness? What events were there of which you have special knowledge?) *Aerial Gunnery, 1st*

mission with this crew

- 1 - 1st Lt Glenn J. Lally 0-726262 Pilot
 - 2 - 2. O Hopkins, Ben R. Copilot. Trained w/ him in U.S. before ~~going~~ joining 368th PS-50686
 - 3 - 1st Lt Frank E. Ross, Jr. 0-724072 - Nov.
 - 4 - T/Sgt James R. Curly, Jr 33017850 - Toggaler
 - 5 - T/Sgt Jesse R. Downard #17015695 Eng
 - 6 - T/Sgt Eugene A. Manning #16049917 Radio?
 - 7 - Sgt Leno Off #38000189 Waist Gunner
 - 8 - S/Sgt Robert J. McKeige #13025570
 - 9 - Sgt Alvin C. Johnson no # available
 - 10 - Sgt Leo L. Pellegrin Sr #18119876
- for about list here are addresses.*

1. - 540 Mentor Ave. Painesville, Ohio
 2. - Richland Springs, Texas
 3. - 1512 "C" St. S.W., Emhata, Washington
 4. - 8 South Mill St, Ridgway, Pa
 5. - Address Unknown, Deceased 18 April 43
 6. - 1908 Shore Drive, Beloit, Wisc.
 7. - Family address - Irl H. Hauff
Deceased April 17, 1943 406 S. El Paso St.
El Paso, Texas
 8. - ~~#~~ 1121 E. Chase St. Philadelphia, Pa
 9. - Burlington, Colorado
 10. - 11005 Haines St Albuquerque N M 87112
- as far as I know all were wounded April 17, 1943*

Name _____ Address _____

Telephone _____

MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

Pilot ^{1st} Lt. Glenn J. Lally ⁰⁷²⁶²⁶² Plane # and Name Unknown
Mission Date APRIL 17, 1943 Target ^{1st} BREMEN, GERMANY
Cause of loss: AA fire _____ Fighter attack X Other, explain on fire

Describe conditions in the plane as completely as you can: Hit by Fw 190's
Plane on fire. Unable to keep up with formation
Went down for 190's.

How and where did you leave plane? ESCAPE DOOR, BAIL OUT of
BURNING BITE

What happened when you got on the ground?
CAPTURED + BEAT UP BY HITLER YOUTH

Did you meet any of your crew mates? yes, most of us were at Dely Luft
Frankfort Germany. Luft 3 Bayer, Luft I Baeth, 7A moonburg
Staley Luft 17 Bremen Koninkon Luft Germany

How were you treated, if captured? EXCEPT FOR HITLER YOUTH
OK. I guess

Any additional details, reminiscences, letters, or documents of these events would be appreciated. If you do send such materials, I will copy them and put them back in the mail to you within 24 hours.
over

Have a book given to us POW's
while imprisoned at 7A Moos Berg Germany
in 1943. Have lots of names of ex POW's
will enclose list as soon as finished. Some
were 306th B.G. others I don't know.

Enclosed are 2 items (copies) of clipping in
German Propaganda Paper

Would like to have an address
so that I can order an emblem
of the 368th Sqdn. (Eager Beavers)
and also 8th A.F. Emblem

Thank you
Leo L. Galley Jr

O. K.

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BERLIN

JULY 9, 1941

WORLD AND WAR NEWS HOME FRONT

Monsieur Laval announced in a broadcast to the French people on June 28th that Phillippe Henriot, Secretary of State to the Ministry of Information, was shot dead that morning in his office. The murderers have not yet been arrested.

It is reported that "V 1", the new German secret weapon, can be compared with a distance-controlled, pilotless plane. It obtains its high speed from a rocket device, varied according to the distance to be covered. It may be taken as certain that its potential range is a great deal further than that of the districts which has already bombarded. The destructive

The Turkish government has flatly refused the request of an American oil company to be granted the exclusive right of exploiting certain Turkish oil wells for 25 years and of constructing a pipeline to a Turkish harbor. The American oil company proposed to let Turkey have half of the proceeds. However, the Turkish government smelled a rat and the American plan has come to naught.

The U.S. Treasury Department has declared Finland "enemy territory" and subject to the regulations affecting "trade with the enemy", according to a United Press report from

In an editorial, the "New York Herald Tribune" said, the Republican National Convention named Governor Dewey as candidate for the Presidency because its members regarded him as their ablest leader, the one best fitted alike to run for office and fill that office. Speaking of the Government in Washington, his first talk was to pledge a cabinet of the ablest men and women to be found in America. Speaking of the post war problems, Mr. Dewey said, "The structure of peace must be built, it must be the work of many men." The Chicago convention did a great day's work in naming Governor Dewey for the Presidency. — Schenectady WGEO

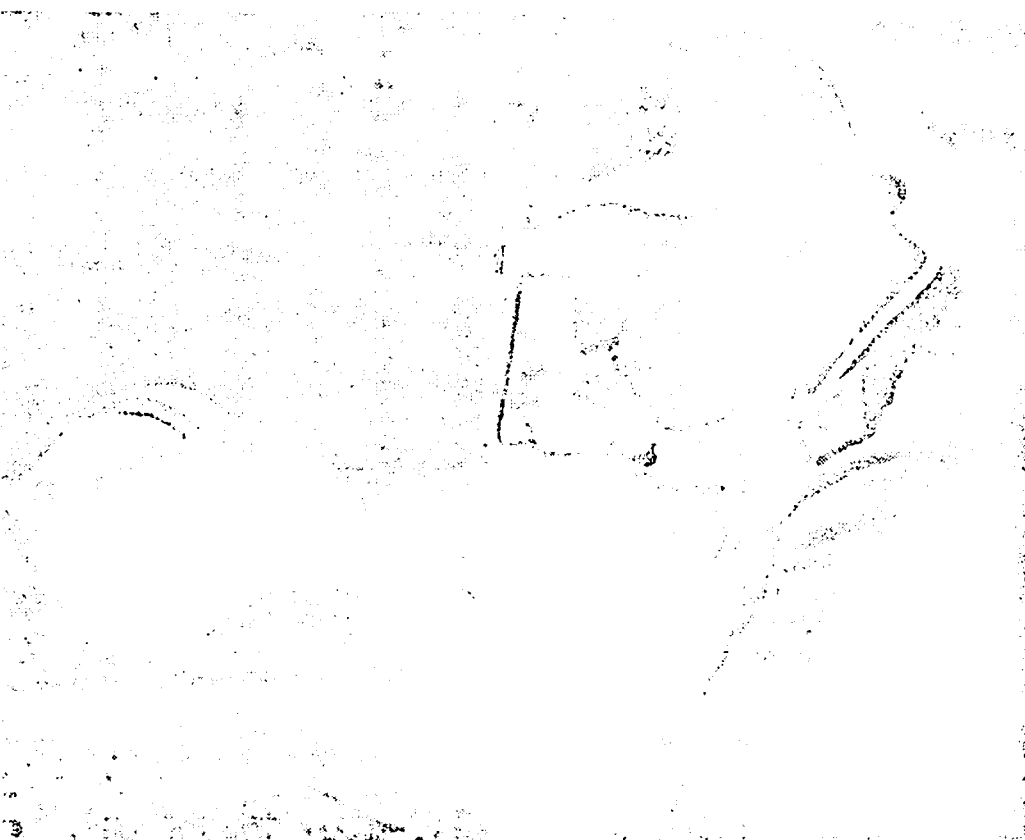
A War Department statement says war material quotas are falling behind schedule and it asks the War Production Board to exert more vigorous efforts to step up the manufacture of weapons. Principle equipment shortages are in trucks, tires, radio and electronic supplies and construction material. — New York WCDN

500 residents of Baltimore, Maryland watched a 30 minute gun battle between guards and the prisoners inside the Maryland penitentiary walls, and then saw a prisoner finally shoot and kill himself. Wardens identified the convict as a 21 year old Baltimore youth who was serving a 50 years sentence. In a dash for freedom, he managed to reach one of the prison's towers where he found a shotgun. Guards fired machine guns, rifles and tear-gas bombs at the tower but the prisoner was able to hold his would-be-captors at bay for half an hour before he finally used the shotgun to take his own life. — Boston WBOS

According to a report, there are now about 658,000 people living in the Washington area. The figure was reached by a sample census taken in mid-May. Counters under the direction of the Federal Census Bureau interviewed the residents of every home. The total represents an increase of 157,000 persons, over the 1930 census. — Boston WBOS

A railroad man of 20 years service has confessed to the FBI that he wrecked 5 railroad signal boxes in the hope of collecting overtime pay for repairing them. The man is a 36 years old father of 2 children, who is employed by the Pennsylvania Line as a signalbox repair man. Officials say he admitted wrecking 5 boxes in the railroad's Chicago yards last month. He was quoted by the FBI agents as saying he needed more money to pay gambling debts. He was arrested on a Federal charge of attempting to wreck trains. — Boston WBOS

Chester Lake, an official of the War Electrification Administration, who is on a hunger strike, said in St. Louis, that he was feeling better all the time, as he put it, after being away from political domination. Lake



Another new German weapon, the "Armed Fish", pierces the strongest tanks

power of the weapon is stated to be enormous, and greater than that of the heaviest aircraft bomb.

It is announced from General Eisenhower's headquarters, the "Daily Telegraph" reports, that the Germans completely destroyed the port facilities of Cherbourg before their evacuation. The damage is so great that improvised methods of landing will probably have to be employed for a considerable time to come.

Washington. Finnish assets in the United States, amounting to 17 million dollars, have already been frozen.

An official statement from Washington announces that the United States have finally decided to employ economic sanctions against the Argentine. The statement adds that the measures to be adopted against the "Nationalist Government" of the Argentine are already being discussed. A further announcement is expected within about a week.

OPEN LETTER TO MY WIFE

The following was written from somewhere in the South Pacific just before the taking of Munda. In it the writer sums up what he and his fellow servicemen look forward to and hope for after the war is over.



Darling: Do you mind if I write what I'm thinking rather than try to recall incidents and thereby give the home-front morale a boost?

I've been, and I always will be, thinking mostly of us when I write this, because it concerns our lives most nearly. But it will concern, too, the child we might have and these people we meet and lose sight of, but whom we remember as parts of a particular pattern that might someday fall into the picture of the millennium.

I've met some of those people out here. They've talked to me about the things they want to do when the war is over: one has a farm in Illinois, another has a girl in California, another has a favorite bar in New York. What they all have in common, though, is a kind of splendid and vague impression of what is right and needful.

By some touchstone that I have not been able to find, they tell immediately what is true and lasting and, while they curse it affectionately, what is good. It is a pretty precious instinct and I am surprised to find how much of it still exists.

Exists in the people themselves, and you hope it will last past the bombs and bullets. Not in the people who speak for them, supposedly, or prescribe ways of life and thinking for them. One quality of this instinct seems to be that it is inarticulate in the highest degree. It escapes when you try to put your finger on it, like quicksilver in the palm. It doesn't want a strait-laced creed like the Communist Manifesto—or even the Bible or the Constitution. It doesn't want political, social or religious formulas. It wants mostly, the impalpable and terrible things that are part of dreams and poets.

Perhaps the best way to describe it is to say that it is a sustained feeling, like the feeling one has in the presence of beauty—or, for that matter, when the Keatsian triad is realized, of truth, beauty and goodness—I threw in an extra one there, but Keats won't mind. Everyone, I think, has that instinct. Some have it more often than others. Some keep it longer. Most lose it in their childhood. The important thing is not so much its sustaining but its re-realization until it becomes a stream of existence.

I know as much as I might here about the plans or the world after. So do the others. The best and the worst that is said of them is that they are worthy of each other.

I know the panaceas of the politicians and, to each, those people who know what I'm talking about say a pox and a plague. I don't mean that they are visionaries and want the skies to open; they have learned the value of leadership and discipline. What they want, with a desperation that shows through them like a light, is a place where leadership rises continually from the source, and discipline finds its best expression in freedom. As I say, they are incredibly resentful of confinement.

What they want—and here I am going on my own, because they abhor spokesmen—is a complete regeneration of the mind and spirit. They really don't care a damn about the physical alignment in the personal cosmos; an attitude which would horrify the philosophers, who point out the interconnection of the physical with spirit and thought. So you can see how little they are about the larger alignments of politics. They just don't choose them. They believe that logical things are for fools and statesmen. And, as Mark Twain observed, such a statement is a repetition.

They desire integrity. They believe that the right spirit will produce the right thought and, finally, the right act in the face of hell. That spirit cannot be called Christianity, though it is a part of it. Nor can it be labeled by another tag. It is, simply, the desire to live tolerantly and decently, not only with one's neighbor but also with nature. That is important: not only with one's neighbor but also with nature. The two are not separated ever.

These people do not think plans that are evolved as such will ever be successful for more than a short while. They know too much of their own weaknesses to believe in another's omnipotence when it comes to practical devices. And those that know history are the most cynical of all.

Education might be the answer, but it takes much time, and we do not have that time. The next cycle of war cannot be more than a generation away. Religion might be the answer. Force is efficacious only for the moment. Economics, the quasi fable of Marx, is far from offering a solution. The rest of the maladroits of man cannot bridge the distance between Godhead and man, who, made a little lower than the angels, has dutifully scabbled his way further down.

What makes it the more unreasonable is that I can understand the advocates of education,

religion, force, economics and the rest as regards their own institutions. But in the broad view of the world I cannot feel as kindly as they do toward them.

Maybe the answer is revival, a sweeping of the minds and souls of men with the exiting vision of the future of the spirit—not of the future of prefabrication, power politics, pundits and pap. By revival, I do not mean sawdust and exhortation, but the leaping of ideas and faith from one soul to another the way a crown fire goes through a forest. I believe this is possible. How it will come about, what will be the catalyst that will release it, I have no idea. I know it will not be a man, a cause, a single goal or purpose. It will not use catchwords or catchalls. It will be utterly simple and utterly all—pervading at once—if it ever happens.

A man, in this war, is not willing to die in an F4U because he feels it is for a cause. Nor does he invite the fire of a 77-mm. cannon because he is spiritually uplifted. The exaltation of battle, it is known, is merely physical hysteria and mental and spiritual doping. The men here die in the faith that death cannot possibly come to them; it is somehow an accident which happens to others. Not, ever, to them.

But it is not enough to face death or even to face it down. It is a great deal more to live, and live with an excess of love and understanding without maudlin emotions or the sluicing of sentimentality over one's acts ...

I have no reference point for all this except our love. When I remember you—and I would remember you, alive or dead, to the end of my life—I feel that curious crosscurrent of faith and action and belief going between us. I know your thoughts and your love and your dreams as well as my own. You touch certain centers of response in me that never existed before, and produce a sober ecstasy that I cannot account for, but that I hold to as if it were the last bit of food and drink in the world and I were a starving man. It is that which I hope the rest of the people who survive this war will have. Each to his own, and yet each dipping from a common pool of instinctive mental and spiritual mutuality.

There is not much more to be said. I have not said in this whole letter that I love you. But, darling, that has really been all that I have said in all these pages. Love, Dick
The "Saturday Evening Post" March 25, 1944

Betty and Leo Gallegos
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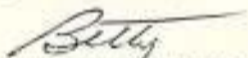
March 16, 1986

Hi, Russ -

Here's another one we found the day after you called:

Kozier, Henry J., 218 Scott Dr.,
Monroeville, PA 15146 (306/368)

Please excuse the postcard but wanted to get this on its way to you and this was the quickest way for now.



Betty Gallegos, Secretary
Stalag XVII-B



AMERICAN FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR

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April 7, 1986

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Russell A. Strong
2041 Hillsdale
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Dear Russ:

Edward L. Allen
Vice-Commander
6837 Chadbourne Dr.
N. Olmsted, OH 44070
(216) 235-4488

Sorry it's taken this long to go through your directory listing. Have made a few corrections (information the guys have sent in their 1985-86 membership applications for XVII-B, such as changes of address, zip code corrections, middle initials and a couple of corrections in spelling of names). In addition, have also added a few - tried to catch the ones which were added and later found out of alphabetical order. Hope this is of some help.

Betty Gallegos
Secretary
11005 Haines Ave., N.E.
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Also note that our son and several others are still carried as "FR." Did you decide not to change this?

Leo L. Gallegos, Sr.
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11005 Haines Ave., N.E.
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We'll be looking forward to the new directory when it comes out. It's the best directory we've seen put out by any of the memorial groups.

Harold F. Sheehan
Historian
5738 Woodcock Dr.
Kephzibah, GA 30815
(404) 798-1147

Looking forward to seeing you in Dayton.

Best regards,

Leo + Betty
Betty & Leo Gallegos

Secretary-Treasurer, Stalag XVII-B

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Russell A. Strong
2041 Hillisdale
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

16 April 1986

Hi, Russ:

Ddn't know if we sent the following when we returned your list or not. If not, here they are. If so, pardon the repetition!!!!

Gerking, Samuel S., 721 Prospect, Hood River,
OR 97031 (306th/369th)

Laney, Lee R., Box 102, Billings, MO 65610
(306th/367th)

Chris

Betty and Leo Gallegos
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Albuquerque, N. M. 87112



Russell A. Strong
2041 Hillisdale
Kalamazoo, MI 49007



7-26-86

Hi, Russ -

Here are a couple more 306th'ers for you (not XVII-B - found them in the new-member list in the National AX-POW Bulletin today):

Russell E. ("Maxie") Maxwell, Rt. 1, Box 241,
Long Lane, MO 65590 (306th/423rd)

Daniel F. ("Mac") McCarthy, P.O. Box 415, Conway,
NH 03818 (306th/369th)

Best regards,

Betty



AMERICAN FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR

STALAG XVII-B



July 3, 1986

Hi, Russ -

Fred K. DeRolf
Commander
808 Tuskuvilla St.
Clearwater, FL 33516
(813) 447-3600

Here are some more 306th'ers we've found plus two deceased whom you might not have:

Edward L. Allen
Vice-Commander
6837 Chadbourne Dr.
N. Olmsted, OH 44070
(216) 235-4488

Conte, Albert C. (306/368 - deceased 5/8/86)

Johnson, Leslie J., Box 243, Silver Creek, NE 68663 (306/369)

McKnight, Douglas K., 2130 Camino Dr., Escondido, CA 92026
(306/423)

Betty Callegos
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11005 Haines Ave., N.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87112

Miller, Donald V. (306/369 - deceased 1978)

Sable, Roy A. (not 306th - we picked him up as 306th from the AXPOW Bulletin but it was an error in the Bulletin)

Leo L. Callegos, Sr.
Treasurer
11005 Haines Ave., N.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87112

Simonian, Samuel, 457 Evergreen St. NE, Palm Bay, FL 32907
(306/369)

Simpson, William C., P.O. Box 99, Decatur, AL (306/369)

Harold F. Sheahan
Historian
3738 Woodcock Dr.
Mableton, GA 30815
(404) 798-1147

Wright, Adrien H., Westport Island, Wiscasset, ME 04578
(306/423)

Haven't made our reservations for Dayton yet; but we're planning on being there. From what we've been able to find out so far, all the airlines that go out of Albuquerque with connections for Dayton have some very strange time-tables and routes, so we don't know yet when we're leaving here and getting there. As soon as we make up our minds which flight to take, we'll send in our reservations.

Looking forward to getting the new Directory, as well as seeing you again in Dayton.

Best regards,

Chico

18 September 1986

Dear Betty and Chico:

I fully intended to spend a bit of time talking with you at Dayton, but I only saw you twice and didn't have enough time either time to get into a good conversation.

But, I thought I would reciprocate a bit on names and addresses. These are just those that I picked up from lists people gave me, and I am sure they will be helpful.

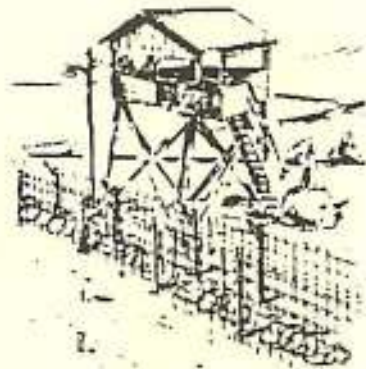
I very much appreciate all the work you do in building our roster, and also tearing it down a bit. But it is good information and adds much to our records.

Perhaps we can find a quiet (?) corner and more time in Washington next year.

All the best,



AMERICAN FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR
STALAG XVII-B



December 4, 1986

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Fletcher H. DeWolf
Northeast Director
RR 1, Box 746
Bristol, NH 03222
(603-744-3381)

Theodore N. Biever
Southeast Director
3209 New York Ave.
Sebring, FL 33870
(813-382-3285)

Raymond J. Elias
Northwest Director
30090 Forest Blvd.
Stacy, MN 55079
(612-462-3506)

Luther D. Victory
Southwest Director
600 E. Pearce St.
Baytown, TX 77520
(713-427-4453)

Russell A. Strong
2041 Hillside
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Hi, Russ -

Here are a few more little goodies (and baddies) -

1. Deceased 9/2/86 - Lambert, Aloysius, Box 136, Wisconsin Veterans' Home, King, WI 54946
2. Changes of address:
Hess, Francis J. Sr., P.O. Box 4773, Boise, ID 83711
Koetter, Jack W., 3920 SW 30th St., Ocala, FL 32674
Vader, Richard H., Rt. 1, Box 805-Y, Newberry, FL 32669
3. New - McManus, George J., 1207 Line St., Sunbury, PA 17801 (369th)
4. Noncurrent address - Evenson, Jerome A., 3318 N. Farragut St., Portland, OR 97217 (received mail return as "not deliverable")

Happy holidays,

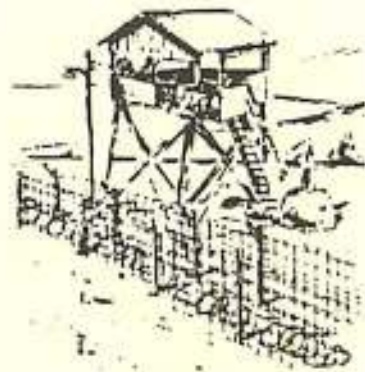
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Dear Russ:

Sorry we didn't get to see more of you in Dayton; but that seems to be the way of it when you are an officer in an organization, even though the responsibility for putting on the reunions falls largely to others!

Thanks for the names. Think we told you that we work with several of the Bomb Group Associations this way and (despite our tearing down) maybe this cooperation will eventually help all of us to find the people we're looking for.

Sorry to do a little more tearing down, but here goes:

- 4723 Samuel S. Gerking, deceased 1985
- 2539 Daniel H. Carey, deceased 10/16/82
- 2965 William J. Condon (Pontiac, MI) - not the 306th William J. Condon (this man says he was in the infantry)

On the other side of the coin, here are 3 address changes:

Ladage, Charles D., 8031 SW 13th Rd., Gainesville, FL
32607-3320

- all vader, Richard H., Rt. 1, Box 8057, Newberry, FL 32669
- 12843 Victory, Luther D., 600 E. Pearce St., Baytown, TX 77520

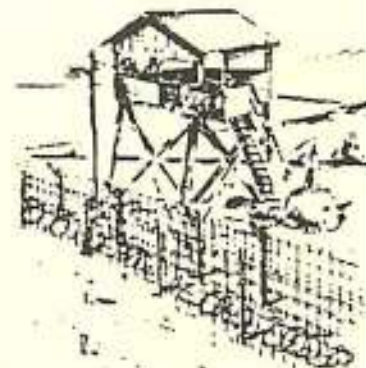
We really enjoyed the '86 reunion. It was the first time we had ever been to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Pat and was quite a highlight of the trip for us. We're looking forward already to "next time."

Best regards from both of us,

Charlie & Betty



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Dear Russ:

It's been kind of a long, dry spell but here are 3 more names to add to your 306th roster:

Brooks, Cecil L., Rt. 1, Box 55, Hobart, OK 73651
(306th/367th)

Gesine, Michael G., 3121 Brencrest Dr., Farmers Branch,
TX 75234 (306th/423rd) (Attached also is the memo
we received which sent us his address)

Ross, Kenneth Sr., 120 Woodland Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703
(306th/369th)

On the sad side: Charles D. Ladage (306th/369th) passed away
1 December 1986.

Best regards,

Betty Gallegos, Secretary
Stalag XVII-B

Enclosure:
As stated

Reply 3/3/87

RAPID MEMO

TO:

New Ballgas
und
Arac Ballgas

DATE:

SUBJECT:

Ich habe ein Zerrspiegel
Luft IV, 306th Bm Sp

*Sent to
Strongy* Michael B. Susino^E 306/423
3121 Brincrust Dr.
Farmers Branch, Tx 75234

He doesn't know anything about
the 306 Bm Sp association. Can you
send him some information. *Ken*

Betty and Leo Gallego
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7 March 87

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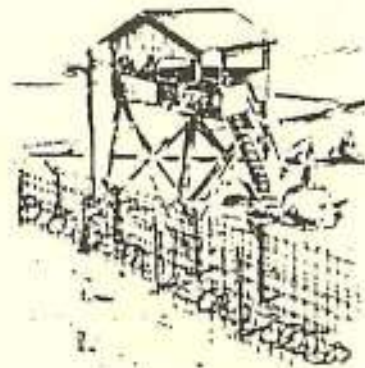
Here's another one:

AS
Louis J. Enloe, Rt. 3, Box 44A, Owensville, MO
65006 (367th Bomb Squadron).

Betty



AMERICAN FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR
STALAG XVII-B



March 9, 1987

Dear Russ:

Thanks for all the information.

Some time ago we sent you the name of William J. Condon in Pontiac, MI; someone had told us this was the 306th William J. Condon. Had a letter from him saying he was not in the 306th (he was in the infantry).

On the additions, deletions and corrections you just sent, I note you have included "2395 Burkett, G" in the list to delete. If so, is the deletion due to a mail return? We are still carrying him at the same address you have and have received no information from him on an address change.

We're quite sure that, a lot of the time, the postal returns are errors by the Postal Department. In fact, we have received postal returns on and are carrying the following 306th's (at the addresses listed) on our noncurrent list:

Evenson, Jerome A., 3318 N. Farragut St., Portland,
OR 97217

Murdock, William L., Rt. 3, Box 96, Batesville, AR
72501

Ristau, Raymond J., 322 W. Church, Utica, IL 61373

Apparently you are carrying them at the same address and have received no postal returns on them. I'm in the process of contacting them at the addresses indicated to see if we have erroneously removed them from our current mailing list.

Thanks again for all the information.

Best regards,

Betty Gallegos, Secretary
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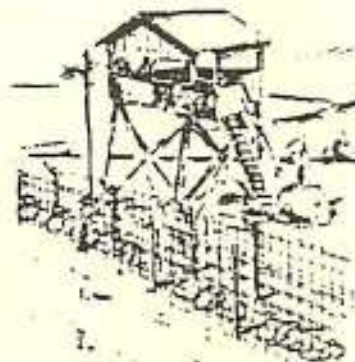
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Dear Russ:

Got your card, and thanks for trying.

Re our Charlotte reunion - headquarters for our XVII-B group was the Holiday Inn Woodlawn. (We only had to have about 150 rooms for our people.) With the increasing numbers of 306th'ers showing up at each successive reunion, though, it appears that more and more rooms will be required for their reunions. We don't know how many the Woodlawn can accommodate, although they are enlarging (and were working on renovating an additional two wings when we were there). The rooms were nice, and cost \$54.00 per night.

In our estimation, there wasn't a great deal in Charlotte as far as extra attractions were concerned - mostly they tout PTL (which isn't too far away). Several of our people did take a trip to PTL (mostly, we think, because of the recent publicity about the place). Being Catholic, that didn't hold any interest for us.

Sorry we can't give you any more in the way of information as to the prospects for a future 306th reunion.

Following are some more changes and additions:

- Dowden, Leland A., 4422 Mallard Creek Cir., Stockton, CA 95207
(369th Sq.) - Not XVII-B
- Jenks, Lee T. - change of address: 1389 Pineridge Cir. E.
130-D, Tarpon Springs, FL 33589
- Robel, Robert G., 146 S. Ryan St., Auburn, AL 36830 -
Deceased - just recently but don't have date

For what interest it might be, we've added your name to our Associate Members list and you will be getting copies of our future newsletters. We'll also send you a copy of the updated rosters as they are published.

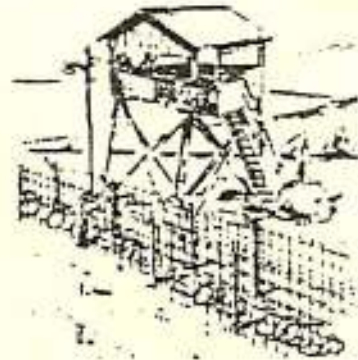
Best regards and happy holidays,

Chris + Betty



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October 19, 1987

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Intended to get this to you a lot sooner but XVII-B had 2 reunions this year (a special one in Tyler, TX in May and the usual meeting with the National AX-POW convention in Charlotte, NC the first of this month) and there just haven't been enough hours in the day.

When we went thru your 15 April print-out, we discovered you had dropped the following people (and wonder if you know something we don't):

Benedetto J. Benigno, 117 Troumaka St., Toms River, NJ
08757 (368th)

dec. Gail V. Burkett, 604 E. 8th Ave., Tarentum, PA 15084 (368th)
John J. Regan, 2411 Mediterranean Ave., Virginia Beach,
VA 23451 (369th)

William C. Simpson, P.O. Box 99, Decatur, AL 35602 (369th)

Adrien H. Wright, Westport Island, Wiscasset, ME 04578 (423rd)

Also, we received a mail return on Raymond J. Ristau at 322 W. Church, Utica, IL 61373. Do you have a more current address?

✓ Change of address: Fred J. Zdobylak, 9831 Soreng, Schiller Park,
IL 60176

✓ Deceased: Lester D. Quandt, Stuttgart, AR (8/26/87).

Two more 306th'ers who were in XVII-B:

✓ Eugene C. Engberg, 63 Ski Hill Rd., Ogden Dune, IN 46368 (368th)

✓ Robert L. Stevenson, 198 W. Orchard Lane, Chandler, AZ 85224 (369th)

✓ and one who was not: Milton M. Bassett, 34 Overbrook Rd.,
Northaven, CT 06473 (369th)

Hated to miss the Washington reunion - heard from Lee Kessler and several others that it was the best one yet - but we had so much to do for the XVII-B 6-9 October Charlotte reunion - left here the 3rd and got back the 12th after the wrap-up - that we just couldn't make both. We plan to be in Vegas next year, though.

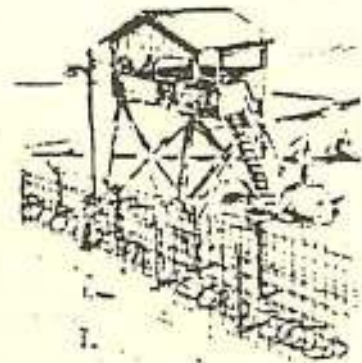
Guess this is it for this time.

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Hi, Russ -

Enclosed is a copy of our latest membership roster. It may or may not be of use to you, as I've tried to send all the information on 306th people as I've received it.

Following are more address changes, etc.:

✓ Cunningham, Jack, RD 4, Box 75, McDonald, PA 15057-9401

✓ Gilbert, Ernest J., 538 Bolan St. SE, Marietta, GA 30060
Deceased - 12/15/87

add { Phifer, Norris R., 1847 Shore Dr. S., #619, St. Petersburg,
FL 33707-4727

5860 ✓ Horstmann, Sylvester L., 10126 Mayfair Dr., St. Louis, MO
63136-3218

✓ Koetter, Jack W., 10898 SW 88th Ct., Ocala, FL 32676-9635

✓ Mills, Elmer W., 4 Orchard Rd., Mahopac, NY 10541
Deceased 11/18/87

13505 ✓ Zdobyak, Fred J., 4051 Gremley Terr., Schiller Park, IL
60176-2201

Russ, we need a favor, if possible. We're having another special XVII-B reunion in May and wonder if you can find room in your next "Echoes" to publish the following notice: "Unit reunion: Stalag XVII-B American Former Prisoners of War, May 26-28, 1988, Omaha, NE. Contact Hubert M. Davis, Commander, Stalag XVII-B, P.O. Box 3254-ESS, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404, telephone (205) 553-3832." Would sure appreciate any help.

By the way, did you ever get an alphabetical print-out of the 306th? The zip code listing is good but a little (?) time-consuming to check!

Chris & Betty

11 February 1988

Dear Chico and Betty:

Thanks for the information and the directory. As I flipped through it I recognized many 306th names.

Have made the corrections, and curiously, Norris Phifer had dropped out of our mailing list. Have sent him the January Echoes, and put him back on the list. This seems to happen occasionally for no accountable reason.

I sent you the zip list because that was the only thing left that I could send. Will get you a new alpha list.

I am in the process of updating a lot of things for a new directory, hopefully to be printed in March. Thus, I am working over everything, and may give you a ring at the end of the month to see if you have any other changes for me.

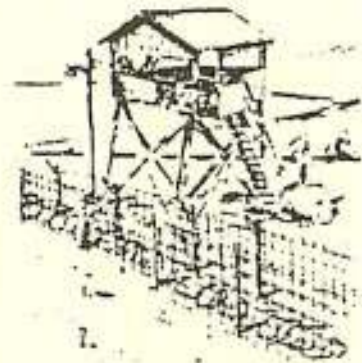
I shall be happy to run the XVII-B reunion note in the April issue of Echoes. May even embellish it a bit. Hope you had a good a reunion in Omaha as the 306th did. Of course, we had the ideal chairman in Don Ross. As a Federal judge, people always returned his calls, and he got done those things that he needed to do.

I won't go to the nine-digit zip code for the 306th until I get off the University system here after I move. I have lots of nines, but no place to put them as yet.

All the best. Lots of snow here.



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Dear Russ -

Thanks much for the 22 March print-out. Have finally finished checking it. We're finding more and more often that our liaison with the various bomb groups helps all of us.

Following are some more 306th names and one address change:

Fultz, Kenneth, 103 Ledgewood Hills Dr., Nashua, NH
03062 (not XVII-B)

Green, Royal A., 5021 N. Colony Blvd., Box 90706,
The Colony, TX 75056 (367th Sq.) (XVII-B)

Lawlor, John, 202 Yosemite Dr., San Antonio, TX
78232 (369th Sq.) (not XVII-B)

Libby, Orville E., 5916 Strawberry Lakes Cir., Lake
Worth, FL 33463 (change of address) (XVII-B)

We've been a little more than swamped as we're having a special reunion in Omaha, NE the end of this month and Chico and I are having to handle all the registrations. Then we have our annual business meeting and reunion in Las Vegas, NV 26-29 September. Then it's back to Las Vegas the end of October for our 306th reunion (for which we already have registered). Never a dull moment, but they (whomever "they" are) say "staying involved" is what keeps one young. (This must be a little much, though, as I feel every year of my 60+ more and more as the days go by!)

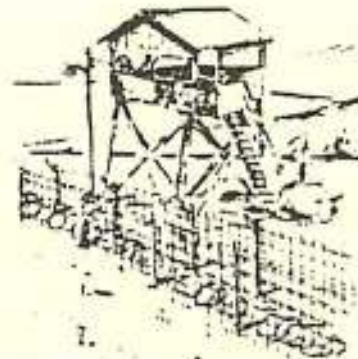
Look forward to seeing you in Vegas in October.

Best regards from both of us,

Chico & Betty



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July 1, 1988

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Dear Russ:

Got your new Directory and think the way you have it set up is great. We have too many bomb groups to set ours up that way but have been giving some thought to publishing both an alphabetical list and a state listing. With printing costs going up all the time, though, and with as much information as we already have in our roster, it may be down the road a bit.

Re Ben Hopkins: the address we used Christmas (and got no return on) was 3570 Proctor Valley Rd., Bonita, CA 92002. His phone (home) is 714-421-9300 (may be unlisted, he didn't say) and his office phone is 714-421-1181. This may be the "new address" you had that you got a return on. If so, ours is wrong now, too.

Here are some more "newbies" for you. The first 3 are XVII-B men but the last 3 aren't.

- Murdock, William L., 3749 S. Fourth Ave. #250, Yuma, AZ 85365
- Neuhauser, Laurence W., W. 6516 Neuhauser Rd., Pardeeville, WI 53954 7
- VanDragt, Robert G., 329 Grove Cir., Avon Park, FL 33825 7
- Kuykendall, Reed, 1252 Whitewater, Memphis, TN 38117 7
- Roberts, James, 971 S. Rustic Cir., Dallas, TX 75218 368
- Roberts, William, 7728 Colebrook, Dallas, TX 75217 7

Guess you're knee-deep in packing to move about this time. I'm sending this to the Kalamazoo address but will send future correspondence to the Charlotte address.

We have our registrations for Las Vegas and look forward to seeing you again there. (We've heard from several other 306th'ers that they plan to go - first timers - and guess this is about the best indication of momentum you can have.)

Our best, always,

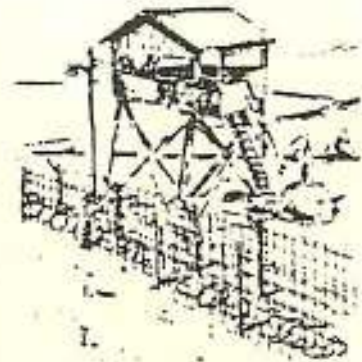
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AMERICAN FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR
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15 May 1988



Dear Russ:

Here are a couple of addresses, one change and one correction:

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FL 34689

Loveland, Glenn Jr., 1406 Myrtle Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004

When I wrote last time, I forgot to ask you a question about the latest update lists you sent. At the bottom of the last page, you had two deletions, one of which was Ben Hopkins. Ben was a F/O on Leo's original crew and was Co-pilot on the flight on which they got shot down. We have been in contact with him only thru Christmas card exchange for several years. We're wondering if he passed away. (The address you had was what we have.) (Leo had called and talked with Ben on a couple of occasions but Ben seemed to be somewhat disinterested and uncommunicative so it would be understandable if JoAnne didn't let us know. We would really like to know and must let Lou Cook know if Ben is now deceased as Lou was the pilot on their original crew and had also been trying to get Ben out of his shell.) Know you are more than a little busy all the time, but would appreciate a quick answer to this one.

On the 22 March print-out (and again on the May update you just sent,) you have omitted Ben Benigno, Gail Burkett, Norris Phifer, John J. Regan, William C. Simpson and Adrien H. Wright, and we're wondering for what reason (see my 19 October '87 letter). Benigno, Burkett, and Phifer have paid their '88 XVII-B dues. The others have not, but we aren't getting mail returns on them.

Re the May update, some changes: 1284 - Baker, William E.; 2120 - Bowles, number-street - 37 Belmont Cir. S., zip 03853-9713; 2225 - Brennan, Neil H.; 5287 - Hansen, Robert E., Old French Rd.; 7673 - Livingstone, Roy; 8215 - McClenan, George J. (one "n" only); 8418 - McClellan, John O.; 0970 - Prugh, Lee A.; 10993 - Santos, Earl - deceased 4/5/88. Also re the update, note you picked up Fultz and Lawlor and change of address on Libby (sent in my 6 May letter) but not Royal Green.

We look forward to seeing you in October. Thanks for all you do for us.

Leo + Betty

P.S. - Got our "Echoes" and thanks much for the article. We really appreciate it.

Ditto!

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19 September 1988

Hi, Russ - Just a quick note - here are a few more items:

- New one (not 17-B) - Kruger, Roy J., 6927 Coleshill Dr.,
San Diego, CA 92119 (369th Sq.)
- New one (17-B) - Christian, William C., 2433 SW 24th,
Topeka, KS 66611 (368th Sq.)
- Change of address: - Hazy, John, 242 Grouse Dr.,
Elizabeth, PA 15037
- Another deceased: - Currie, Leon W. (369th Sq.) (de-
ceased 2/87 - looks like we didn't
find this one soon enough)

See you next month in Las Vegas.

Leo + Betty

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1 July 88

Hello, again, Russ. -

Boy, did I ever goof! I just mailed you a letter and it dawned on me that I didn't thank you for the much-appreciated article in the last "Echoes" about our reunion in Omaha. I do thank you RIGHT NOW!!!! We had a pretty good turn-out - 323 people - particularly considering that we'd had our annual business meeting and a reunion in Charlotte, NC last October.

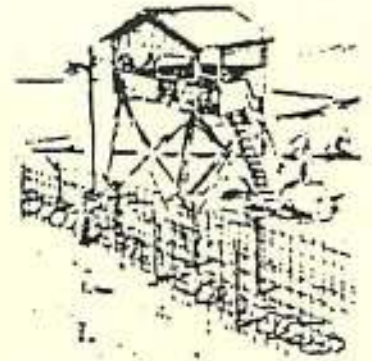
Thanks again.

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Hi, Russ -

Here are 2 more deceased and 1 you don't seem to have:

David M. Hovis, 914 Parkwood Rd., Shelby, NC 28150 -
deceased 3/24/88

Siavage, Robert A., 613 Thomas St., Eynon, PA 18403 -
deceased 4/1/88

NEWBIE: Coca, Anthony, 4131-B Arkansas Ave., Los
Alamos, NM 87544 (Phone: 505-662-5047)

We noted that Ralph E. Moulis (XVII-B), P.O. Box 12883,
Tucson, AZ 85732 (phone: 602-298-2665) has been omitted from
your '88 roster. Have you received a mail return on him? We
haven't. Do you know something we don't?

*# no longer
good*

Per your letter last week, following are phone numbers for
the 306th (NM) people we have found so far:

Bone, Charles W. - (505) 298-3251
Gallegos, Leo L. Sr. - (505) 299-5213
Gaslin, Harold - (505) 266-7086
Grending, Carl N. - (505) 884-4996
Johnston, Sidney F. - (505) 821-7048
LaMonica, Russell J. - (505) 877-0358
Murphy, Edward M. - (505) 265-0520
Perry, William F. - (505) 864-3290
Rivera, Leon - (505) 471-8205
Ryan, John L. - apparently unlisted or unpublished
Tricoglou, James D. - (505) 898-1744

Thought you might not get a response from some of your
other contacts so have attached a list of the phone numbers we
have for our 306th XVII-B'ers (we don't have all of them).

Guess this is it for this time. We'll see you in Vegas in
October.

Regards, always,

Elias

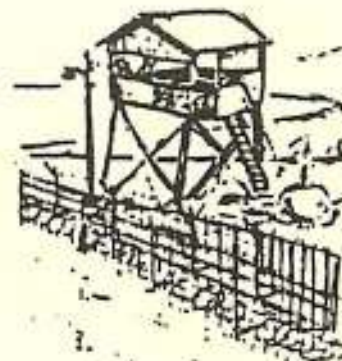
JoAnne & Ben Hopkins
3570 Proctor Valley Road
Bonita, CA 92002

This address looks familiar -
I think it's the same one we've
used before.



AMERICAN FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR

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January 9, 1989

Hi, Russ -

Got a new roster from National AX-POW organization and found a few (?) newbies I didn't see in your last roster:

- ✓ Fultz, Kenneth H., 103 Ledgewood Hills Dr., Nashua, NH 03062 (423rd)
- ✓ Harrison, Lester A., 220 Buchanan Ave., Cape Canaveral, FL 32920 (369th)
- Hunter, Opal R., 508 S. Woodlawn St., Okmulgee, OK 74447 (369th)
- ✓ Kruger, Roy J., 6927 Coleshill Dr., San Diego, CA 92119 (369th)
- ✓ Kuykendall, Reed H., 1252 Whitewater, Memphis, TN 38117 (367th)
- ✓ Lawlor, John J., 202 Yosemite Dr., San Antonio, TX 78232 (369th)
- Matthews, George L., 1316 W. Clarendon Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85013 (367th)
- ✓ McCarthy, Daniel F., P.O. Box 415, Conway, NH 03818 (369th)
- McCauley, Daniel, 1640 Colby Ave. #6, West Los Angeles, CA 90025 (368th)
- Neary, William F., 11-A Dewitt St., Jacksonville, NC 28540 (423rd)
- Ramirez, Richard, 1809 S. Winnipeg Ave., San Antonio, TX 78225 (369th)
- ✓ Roberts, James P., 971 S. Rustic Cir., Dallas, TX 75218 (367th)
- ✓ Roberts, William N. Jr., 7728 Colebrook, Dallas, TX 75217 (368th)
- Yator, Lawrence L., Box 337, Bergholz, OH 43908 (423rd)
- Zirkle, Kenneth M., 1504 Cadillac Dr. East, Kokomo, IN (Sq. ?)

Changes of address for some of our XVII-B'ers:

- Babbs, James L., P.O. Box 513, Piedmont, MO 63957
- Thompson, Joseph J., 3 3400 Kuhio Hwy. C-302, Lihue Kauai, HI 96766

2 New XVII-B'ers:

- Dilley, Joseph, 602 St. Charles Dr. #4, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 (423rd)
- Evenson, Jerome, 3701 Harding St., Riverside, CA 92506 (369th)

We got a Christmas Card from Ben R. Hopkins dated 9 Dec. 88 - here's the return-address label.

No more room!!!!

Have a good 1989.

Chris & Betty

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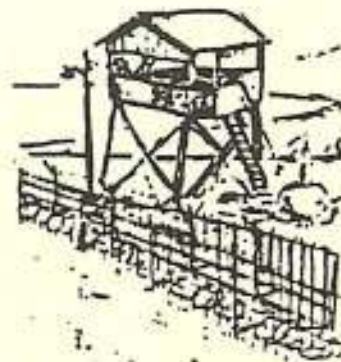
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Hi, Russ -

Some more of that stuff -----

Deceased

Lux, Charles H. (IL) - deceased 10/17/88

White, Cedric A. (WY) - deceased 2/11/89

New XVII-B'ers

Owen, Charles R., 10923 Telegraph Rd., Medina, NY 14103
(306/369)

Smith, Thurman H., 726 Tam O'Shanter, Orlando, FL 32803
(407-894-3173) (306/369)

New - Not XVII-B

Lawlor, John, 202 Yosemite Dr., San Antonio, TX 78232
(306/369)

Not XVII-B or 306th

Smith, Clyde, 417 Charing Cross Rd., Taylors, SC 29687

Change of address

Dolinka, Daniel, 1250 Rudolph Rd., Apt. 3P, Northbrook,
IL 60062 (312-205-9699)

NOTE: Percy G. Bolinger died 2/3/84 (widow - Marguerite - still
lives at Bartlesville, OK address shown in "Recent ad-
ditions" column in April '89 Echoes)

Hope to see you in Little Rock.

Chico

RAPID MEMO

TO: Russ Strong
306th BG Historical Assn.
5323 Cheval Place
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DATE: 4 October 1989

SUBJECT:

Hi, Russ -

Three changes:

Champion, John G., 900 First Pl., Tyler, TX 75702

Swift, Bernie A., 236 Rose Lane, Hamilton, MT 59840 (Phone: 406-363-2172)

Terry, Lester, RD 2, Meads Creek Rd., Painted Post, NY 14870 (Phone: 607-962-5424)

Newbie ?:

Tackmier, William J., 149 Garden Court, Vallejo, CA 94590 (306/367)
(This is a 10-year-old address but probably still current.)

Good to see you in Little Rock. Had a great time!

Chris + Betty

RAPID MEMO

TO: Russ Strong

DATE: 24 October '89

SUBJECT:

Hi, Russ -

We gain one and we lose one. You may already have the info that Don Huddle (CA) passed away earlier this year. (We learned about it from one of the guys in Little Rock.) But here's a newbie:

Fred A. Newcomb, 484 Gray Rd., Windham, ME 04082 (306th/368th)

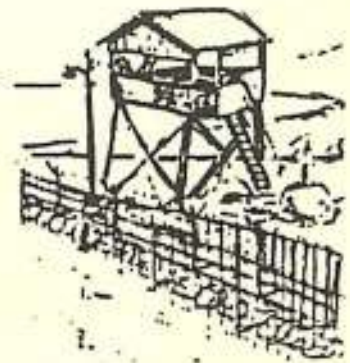
Russ, would like to ask a favor, please. We met a new 306th'er in Little Rock and had a nice visit with them at our banquet table. Their address isn't in the directory, so thought maybe you have it and could send it to me. The names: Jack and Barbara Hamilton from MI (I'm almost sure he said MI because somehow I tied it in with Brice Robison who is also from MI.)

We're up to our elbows working on the 1990 XVII-B reunion which Chico and I are hosting here in Albuquerque next May.. (Somehow we both forgot the old adage - "Never volunteer for anything!") Wish us luck.

Chico & Betty



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13 June 1989

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Hi, Russ -

Got your card yesterday. Re Clyde Smith (Taylors, SC): don't know who sent us his name and address, but had a note from him that he was never a POW. He also stated he was on your mailing list and didn't know how he'd gotten there. (It's probably all my fault as I sent you his name and address back in June of '85!) I rather think the other Clyde Smith in your directory is "our" Clyde Smith who was originally from Chimney Rock, NC but can't be sure. Can you give me any help on this or do your records include their original addresses of enlistment? (Even though he was originally from NC, a lot of the men who stayed in the Service chose later to make their homes where they'd once been stationed.) By the way, your directory shows the 369th Squadron as the Grand Island Smith's unit, but I think he was on Kelly Ross' 367th crew.

Just one more thing - hate to give you another "lost soul" but George J. McClenan, 509 Brookhurst St., Dallas, TX 75218 passed away 4/12/89.

Guess this is it for now. Sorry for all the confusion.

Betty

24 August 1989

Dear Betty:

I have cleaned off my desk!

Among the items there was a 13 June letter from you.
I have taken Clyde Smith off the mailing roster for Echoes.

The Grand Island Smith you refer to is Cecil Smith, as listed in the 1988 directory. He was on Jack Howard's original crew and finished his combat tour.

The Clyde Smith you refer to was a 367th gunner and went down with Kelly Ross at Antwerp 5 Apr 43. He was originally on Craig Harwood's crew. We have no track of him.

Our numbers continue to grow despite the obits. My list is now at 2281, an alltime high.

Recent deaths include Bill Cassidy, Martin Kilcoyne and Charles Duy, all of whom Chico might know of.

Hope to see you in Little Rock. Registrations there are now about 500.

All the best,

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America the Beautiful USA 15

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27 February 1990

Hi, Russ -

One in - one out -

Newly-found: McAlister, Norton S., 19 Eisenhower Ave.,
Natick, MA 01760 (369th) (508-655-0221)

Deceased: Horstmann, Sylvester L., 10126 Mayfair Dr.,
St. Louis, MO 63136 (date unknown - about a
year ago, I think.

As you can imagine, what with the upcoming reunion we're
busy, busy, busy!



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2 January 1990

Hi, Russ -

Address change: William Allan, 3618 Keefer Rd., Chico,
CA 95926 - Ph.: 916-894-3977)

Two more deceased - gosh, but we're getting a lot of them:

Billy J. Lamb (423rd) passed away in 1984

Henry E. Warren (368th) passed away 11/3/89

Have a good new year.

Chico & Betty

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America the Beautiful USA 15

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12 March 1990

Hi, Russ -

After I got your card, I looked thru everything we had on Roy Sable. One of our 306th people sent us the information that Roy was on his crew, so we picked him up as a 306th man and sent you the information. On further checking, I find he was in the 303rd BG (captured 2/24/43). Perhaps our 306th'er meant he was in the same combine in the prison camp.

Sorry to have caused you any confusion and extra work.

Billy

RAPID MEMO

TO

Russ Strong

DATE

2 June 90

SUBJECT

Hi, Russ -

Had an interesting encounter last week (24-27 May). I attended a mini-reunion in Tucson of the 570th Aviation Squadron (to which I was assigned from 1949-1951 after I went back in the service. I didn't know that, when I was assigned to the 570th that another former 306th'er was also in the organization - Jim Ferguson (he was shot down on 3 January 43 on a mission to St. Nazaire). We had some very interesting conversations during the reunion. As far as I know, only 2 members of his crew (both XVII-B'ers) are still alive - Bob Kingen and Chuck Edinger.

After we returned, I checked the last 306th directory and noted that Jim's address is incomplete. It should be "P.O. Box 43" in Calhoun City. Don't know if you already have the POB number but thought you might want it for the next directory if you don't.

Best regards, always,

Chris

RAPID MEMO

TO

Russ Strong

DATE

31 May 90

SUBJECT

Hi, Russ -

We had a great reunion - just under 500 people. Lots of work but a great learning experience.

The wife of one of our attendees (Matt Moore, a 306th - 2735 Springhurst St., Yorktown Heights, NY 10598 - her name is Lori) asked me to check with you to see if "First Over Germany" is still available. I told her I thought it was out of print but that I understood an updated version was in the offing. Would you contact her and let her know if the original is still available or what the status of the update is? Would sure appreciate it.

By the way - at our business meeting during the reunion, the 306th'ers did it again! Luther Victory is our new commander, Chico is Vice-Commander and George Economos the NE Director, for the coming year. Try as I do, I can't find anyone even willing to run for my job. Instead of being the adjutant this year, I have the dubious distinction of being Adjutant/Treasurer. Looks like I'm doomed to stay on for now!

Best regards,

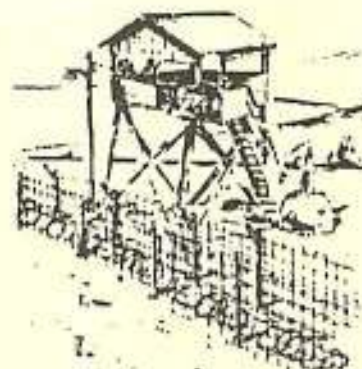




AMERICAN FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR

STALAG XVII-B

14 August 1990



Hi, Russ -

I've just finished checking your new directory against our records and have some questions (some of the differences are quite significant, I think).

The following people that I have are not in your directory. Do you have something further about them that I don't?

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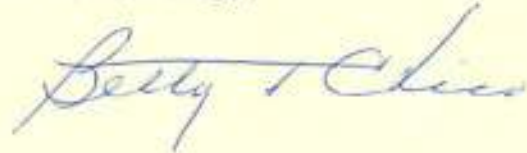
Questions:

1. Re Max Bergen - you have "Max E." - I have "Max H." ?????
2. Re Michael Comarniski - you have "Troutwine St." - I have "Troutman" ?????
3. Re Samuel J. Covino - you have "Marmion Rd." - I have "Marion" (I think this is probably a typo.)
4. Re Marvin G. Currier - you have "1623 MT 35" - I have "1623 Hwy. E." (no UPD indicated)
5. Re Francis L. Eastham - you have "Ecreath" - I have "E. Creath" (Believe this is also a typo.)
6. Re Eugene C. Engberg - His 3/19/90 membership application has "Ogden Dunes"
7. Re Robert Guthrie - you have "#507" - I have "#307"
8. Re Francis J. Hess - Per his 1990 membership application, the P.O. Box 4773, Boise address changed to: 3 S. Young Lane, Eagle, ID 83616, phone: 208-939-8867 (I sent you this via postcard, I'm sure, but the mail being what it is - you might not have gotten it.)
9. Re Jack Koetter - you have "Jack E." - I have "Jack W." ?????
10. Re John McLellan - you have "John C." - I have "John J." (his 1990 membership application has J.)

11. Re Charles F. Miller - you have area code "714" - I have "619" (I'm in close touch with Charlie and it was 619 when I talked with him 1st of the month - he's right out of San Diego.)
12. Re Norris R. Phifer - you have "#706" - I have "#619" (re my 2/8/88 letter to you sending this change)
13. Re James R. Ryan - Per his 1988 membership application, the "1445 S. Sierra" address was changed to: 350 S. Socora Dr., same zip and phone
14. Re George A. Vogt - you have "Carl" - I have "Carroll" ?????
15. Re Frank Wesner - his phone number is 215-233-4209 according to his 1990 membership application.

And last, BUT NOT LEAST!!!!!! Leo's name was omitted from the 368th Organizational List. HA!

Our best, always,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Betty & Chico". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

RAPID MEMO

TO

Hi, Russ -

DATE
21 October 1990

SUBJECT

Thanks for the info on Bob Guthrie and Norris Phifer. (Phifer is one of the movingest people we've got!)

Here's another 306th'er I don't see in your directory: James Carey, 3856 Shunn Rd. #6, Vale, OR 97918 (368th) - not XVII-B.

And 2 more changes of address: Dilley, Joseph L., P.O. Box 8434, Las Vegas, NV 89104
and
Murdock, William L., 4294 E. Maplewood Way, Littleton, CO 80121-3353

How was the reunion? Sorry we had to miss it, but we had prior commitments. Sounded like a pretty good program was planned.

Take care,

Betty

20 February 1991

Dear Betty & Chico,

I am trying to get my card file as updated as possible so that I can have it put on microfilm, a protection against losing it all by fire, flood or vandalism.

Thus, when I noted in your directory that you carried an "In Memoriam" list, I went through it carefully to check on 306th people, and saw that a fair number had not been recorded on my cards as deceased.

One of the funny things I found was your listing of Manford John. I recognized the name immediately, but later in my files found that I had both a Manford John and a John Manford. He was listed properly on the Missing Aircrew Report, but the names were reversed on the Special Order issued when the crew reported at Thurleigh. One of the chief clerks once told me that the MAC was the most accurate source of names because they knew that this information could be so important later on.

Anyway, in searching through my records I found a number of dates of death which you do not have, so have included them on a separate sheet in the event you are interested in updating your listing.

Hope they are helpful.

All the best,

STALAG XVII-B PERSONNEL - dates of death

Milton J. Badeaux 25 Mar 71
Ralph P. Butler 27 Nov 70
Howard A Earney 15 Sep 76
John R. Geimer 11 Feb 74
Samuel S. Gerking 15 Apr 81
Edward J. Gustafson 24 Feb 89
Harry A. Hall 8 Jun 65
James A. Hobbs 1 Mar 62
Walter R. Kuczynski 24 Jul 75
Frederick K. Massey 1 Feb 51
Roderick H. McAllister 20 Dec 79
Francis A. Mooney 11 Jul 62
James S. Porter 1935
Robert G. Robel July 85

Any further information on Howard A. Earney would be appreciated. When was he MIA? I seem to have missed this fact on my card, but am keenly aware that I have never been able to find all of the MAC Reports. Got one the other day from the Army, but still lack eight or ten that are not in National ARchive files.

RAPID MEMO

TO

Russ Strong

DATE

3 March 91

SUBJECT

Hi, Russ -

Thanks much for the dates of death you sent. We've had some problems with getting those dates when we get notification that someone is deceased. Re Howard Earney - I have no information at all on him except his name (and now, the date he died). His name was on our deceased list when I was elected in 1983 and, since he died prior to the date our organization came into being, I would doubt that anyone else (unless a crew member) would have any info either. (If you can put his crew members together, you might find one listed in the current roster who has provided us a capture date. We are finding, generally, that any (or most) POWs in XVII-B were captured the same day their planes went down.

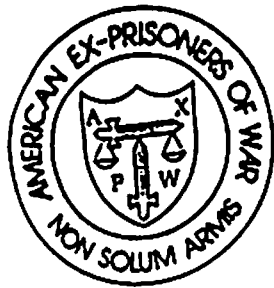
Just a couple of items for your update:

- (1) Koetter, Jack W. (FL) - Deceased 12/14/90
- (2) McLellan, John J. (CA) - Deceased 9/29/90 (this was in the "In Memoriam" section of the new directory.

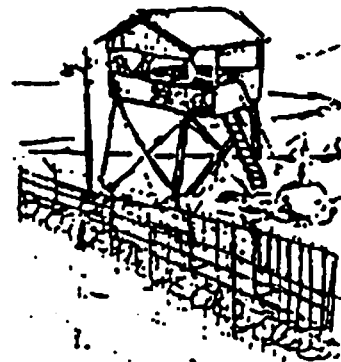
Also got your search card. I've had no luck so far with finding Isaias Cordova but will continue trying to find some lead on his current status.

Thanks, again.

Betty



AMERICAN FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR STALAG XVII-B



2 August 1991

Hi, Russ -

Just received the latest "Echoes" and have some inconsistencies we need to check with you - plus some info for you:

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- 1. Baker, William E. - newsletter return mid-July - moved - no forwarding address.
- 2. Barker, Clifton R. - newsletter return mid-July - moved back to "P.O. Box 123, Webster, WI 54993-0123" (apparently he can't make up his mind where he wants to live!)
- 3. Brend, Calvin C. - deceased 2/22/91 (not XVII-B, but got this from the AX-POW Bulletin "Taps" column).
- 4. Enloe, Louis J. - received change sometime since 30 January '91 to: 5401 Hwy. Rt. 83, #616, Harlingen, TX 78552. Until then we had the Rolla, MO address.
- 5. Koetter, Jack W. - we had him in FL thru January '91 but he was listed in the February '91 National AX-POW Bulletin as deceased 12/14/90. Could the Bulletin be in error?
- 6. Livingstone, Roy E., 455 Granite St., Quincy, MA 02169 (306/367). (He's not in your '90 directory.)
- 7. Skinner, Louis A. - newsletter return mid-July with notice from P.O. that current address is "9106 Oak St., Bellflower, CA 90706-4404. (We had him in Mira Loma. When did you get your change from Mira Loma to Ontario?)

2
out
new

12 May 91
back to Rolla
106 Ventura St.

13 May 91

Leo not up to par, so we aren't sure we'll make Pittsburgh. Will just have to wait and see.

Best regards,

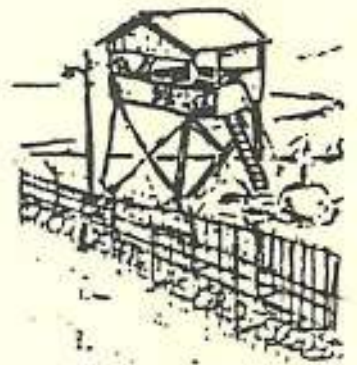
Betty

*Thanks -
These winter address
changes help me
keeping up. Hope
Chris is feeding better.*

*Just checked by phone
& Ontario is correct.*



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STALAG XVII-B



17 September 1991

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Dear Russ:

Since there were so many 306th Bomb Group POWs in Stalag XVII-B during World War II, would you be so kind as to publish the following notice in your next "306th Echoes?"

"The Stalag XVII-B American Former Prisoners of War will hold a reunion in Knoxville, TN 3-7 May 1992 to celebrate the 47th anniversary of their liberation from Stalag XVII-B. For further information, contact Reunion Chairman Lester J. Levy, 4047 Division, Metairie, LA 70002 - phone: (504) 888-8850."

Would sure appreciate it.

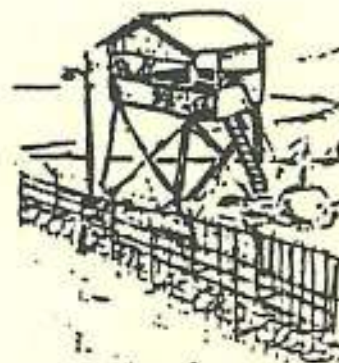
Sincerely,

LEO L. GALLEGOS, SR.
Commander



AMERICAN FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR

STALAG XVII-B



16 September 1992

Hi, Russ -

Thought I'd delay this letter until your return from England. How was the reunion? We'd thought about going, but Leo just isn't up to too much travel these days.

As you probably know from the recent XVII-B newsletters, I'm no longer Adjutant/Treasurer. However, I'm still involved in membership search and will still be in contact with you as I have anything for the 306th.

1. Address changes:

✓ Gallegos, M. L. - 2280 S. Chambers Rd. 302, Aurora, CO 80014
✓ Loveland, Glenn Jr., 1406 Myrtle Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004-2716

2. Mail returns: Dilley, Joseph L. and Livingstone, Roy E. (address shown in new directory) - I noted you'd dropped Dilley but thought I'd check with you before removing them to our noncurrent list.

Have checked the new directory pretty thoroughly and found the following differences in our records:

1. People we still have (at addresses shown and we've received no mail returns) that you've dropped. Have you received information maybe that they are deceased? (If so, perhaps their widows just haven't notified us.)

Burkett, Gail V., 604 E. 8th Ave., Tarentum, PA 15084-1629
(Phone: 412-226-0689)

Elliot, Loras C., 725 S. Campbell Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48067

Elliott, Wilson C., 1860 Avon Est. Blvd. S., Avon Park, FL
33825-9497 (Phone: 813-453-2112)

Johnson, Leslie J., Box 243, Silver Creek, NE 68663

Regan, John J., 2411 Mediterranean Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Simpson, William C., 405 Richmond Ave., Nicholasville, KY 40356
(Phone: 606-885-3107)

Wright, Adrien H., Westport Island, Wiscasset, ME 04578

2. For the following, my 1991 zip code directory shows:

Cargill, Frank M. - 34293

Dascoulias, Peter J. - Fairmount

Dostie, Edward J. - 34224

Neuhauser, Laurence W. - 53954

Phifer, Norris R. - 33704

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3. Other differences:

Kingen, Robert L. - 3558 N. Fortville Pk.
 Loubet, Paul R. - Box 369
 Vogt, George A. - 703 Carroll
 Wagoner, L. Edmond - 512 Jefferson (is yours a late change?)
 Zdobylak, Fred J. - 60176-2201

4. Added 4 digits for zip codes:

Amrey, Jack S. - 74848-0733
 Bowles, F. Douglas - 03853-9713
 Engberg, Eugene C. - 46368-1006
 Noisat, Pierre L. - 94618-1423

5. Telephone numbers -

Eastham, Francis L. - 512-922-7107
 Harris, James E. - 315-823-2366
 Hovekamp, William A. - 502-458-3135
 Jackson, Ernest B. - 404-786-2851
 Kelch, Louis E. - 513-393-1041
 Libby, Orville E. - 207-933-9150
 Mannello, Frederick - 516-931-6589
 Neuhauser, Lawrence W. - 608-429-2961
 Owen, Charles R. - 716-798-1342
 Pagano, Joseph J. - 718-353-7859
 Robison, Brice E. - 517-349-3527
 Smith, Thurman H. - 407-894-3173

Guess this is about it for this time!

Sincerely,

Betty

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15 April '92

Hi, Russ -

Plus 1 - minus 2:

NEW: Doane Hage Jr., P.O. Box 5723, Evansville, IN
47716-5723 (306/423)

DECEASED: Daniel Dolinka (3/24/92)
George J. McManus (1/13/92)

Best regards,

717/286-6724

Betty



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2 June 1992

Hi, Russ -

Here's another 306th'er I found in the latest AX-POW Bulletin. He's not listed in the last 306th roster; but you might already have him since the roster is 2 years old.

Clark R. Amen, 1445 NW 14th Pl., Corvallis,
OR 97330 (367th)

July
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AMERICAN FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR STALAG XVII-8



3 October 1994

Hi, Russ:

Just finished going thru the new directory and here's some info we have that you don't:

Names of wives and zip plus 4's -

William Allan - Ella	Richard Kern - Marcella
Lucien Bedard - Blanche	Charles Kirby - Jane
Ben Benigno - Violet	Lee Laney - Anne
Don Bevan - Pat	Orville Libby - Pauline
Girard Brennan - Marjorie	Robert Little - Mabel
Cecil Brooks - Eva	Roy Livingstone - Grayce
Frank Cargill - Betty	Glenn Loveland - Edith
David Davis - Madeline	Frederick Mannello - Yolanda
Robert Downing - Janice	Everett Minto - Alberta
George Economos - Kassie, +3242	Matthew Moore - Lori, +3118
Charles Edinger - Dorothy, +1359	Lawrence Neuhauser - Elfrieda
Willard Elliott - Ruth	Fred Newcomb - Violet
Wilson Elliott - Libia	Leonard O'Brien - Lorraine
Eugene Engberg - Mary	Nicholas Orlando - Katherine
Robert Folk - Doris	Charles Owen - Purla
Joe Graziano - Goldie	Joe Pagano - Rose
Raymond Grimm - Mary Ann	James Ryan - Lourene
John Gutierrez - Clara	Gerald Stroud - Morene
John Hazy - Anna	Bernie Swift - Betty
Leroy Hollenberg - Mary	Melvin Tucker - Emma
William Hovekamp - Rose	Richard Vader - Ann
Ernest Jackson - Mary	Luther Victory - Kathleen
Robert G. Jones - Margaret	Duncan Williams - Ruth
William R. L. Jones - Mary	Henry Winkeller - Emily
Louis E. Kelch - Doris	Darwin Wissenback - Jacqueline

Miscellaneous:

John Champion - area code change to 903
Jerome Evenson - area code change to 909
Luther Victory - area code change to 409

We have the following 306th people on our roster that I didn't find in your directory: William D. Barton, Gail V. Burkett, Loras Elliot, Leslie J. Johnson, Lester Kurk, William C. Simpson; Kenneth Smith, Robert L. Stephenson, Tempe, AZ (you have "Mrs. Robert L. - is he deceased?); Lawrence E. Wagoner, Adrien Wright. We haven't received any mail returns on any of them. Do you have something we don't? Also, we have Donald C. Rich deceased 2/18/93 but he's still in your roster.

If you have anything further on any of the above, I'd appreciate hearing from you as soon as you have time as we plan to start work on our '95 roster by the first of November.

Regards from both of us,

Leo + Betty

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The other widow, Ella Allan, told me Hubby, Bill, had died the 25th of February. (He and Leo were both shot down and captured 17 April '43 and spent most of their POW time in Stalag 17-B.)

Lorraine asked me to let you know about Cookie; but Bill was never one to become associated with anything (or anyone) but Leo and Buddie Warren - Buddie passed away several years ago - 11/3/89) that had to do with his military service so I don't imagine Ella notified you.
Both died of cancer.

12-23-95

Hi, Luce —

Just a few lines to send some unhappy news — we had 2 Christmas cards this week from 2 widows both of whose Hubbies were 306th B's:

14 Dec 95

1) Lorraine Cook, widow of Louis B. Cook. (Cookie was the pilot on Leo's original crew.) He found him about 15 years ago in Tucson where Leo was stationed in 1950-51. His son and ours went to school together but we didn't know that then. He retired as a Chief Pilot for TWA.

Les and I don't stray too far
from home these days. He has
some heart problems.

Hope your holidays were
happy days and that 1976 holds
all you wish.

Sincerely,
Les & Betty



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2 JANUARY 88

Deqz Betty and Leo:

Thank you for your informative card.

To your list I can add in the last two days John Reynolds, the first sergeant major for the 368th, and also Carl Pugh.

You may not also be aware that Bill Cavaness died 27 Dec.

I just made it for him in Echoes, along with Reynolds. The January issue went to the ppinter today. Hope people like it as somethings are a little bit different.

Hope you people have had some happy holidays. We had Christmas here with three sons and fam ilies and then drofe to Columbus, OH, mwhere we celebrated with our other two gons and four grandchildren. It got a bit colder and snowier there.

Then went over to Pittsburgh, PA, for a few days with June's sisister and brother, both of w whom live in the area. But, as d always, it was good to get back home again. I had to get right to work on Echoes to get it to the printer, as I was it mailed beforeewe leave for a trip to the Holy Land and Egypt 23 JaN. We'll be gone 15 days.

Nice to hgar from you, and take good care of that heart, Chicao.

All the best,