

PILOT CLASS: 44-A  
GRADUATION SITE: Stockton Cal.

PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE  
306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary,  
306th BG Association, 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205.

Date completed 1-22-94

LAST NAME: Gates FIRST NAME: Daniel MI: W TITLE: Pilot

Street address: 7125 N Fleming Telephone: ( )

City, State, zip: Spokane Wn 99208 zip + 4: -

Date of birth: 10-4-1918

Wife's name: Margaret

College(s) attended: Gonzaga

Degree(s): Year(s): 2

Last employment & job title & retirement date: Clothing Store Owner

Reunions attended: None

Serial #: 0-26 3993 Squadron: 423

Specialty: Pilot  
Airplane  
Commander

Date joined 306th: July 1944

If combat, what crew: 1st Gates

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

Number of missions flown: 12

Date of last mission: Sept 12 1944

Date left 306th: Sept 12 1944

Highest rank/grade w/306th: 2nd Lt

Other 8th AF units served with: None

Top service assignment after 306th: None - P.O.W.

USAF retirement date:

Rank/grade:

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 Federal files:

If you know of others who served with the 306th who do not appear in the current 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.

July 27, 1995 Thurs.

Dear June and Russ,

Since I am Bud's secretary, decided I'd better get this thank you note off to you for sending the Picture of his plane. He was really happy to get it. The picture you sent of the crew was not his but he is going to list them and see if you know any of them.

Also, the Echo paper was really great. To see our picture in it, plus Bud's a couple of times..and the school. What a wonderful trip we had and sooo many memories. We tell people about it every day. I still have pictures to send to the others that were there and plan to do it soon. I do procrastinate when it comes to letter writing. I did get another nice letter from Ruth Carnicom & we can hardly wait to see each other in Las Vegas. Only wish it was sooner. I know most of you will be together agin in Knoxville and we will be thinking of all of you. We also discussed the reunion in Florida in 97. Bud has never been there and I've been there twice and want him to see it..and everyone else from the 306. At least it's something to think about but if we are in good health we definately are planning Las Vegas in 96.

Thanks for sending the letter from the Thurleigh School and I'm glad that Madalyn Brizzi came up with that idea. Sorry to hear of his back injury. I also have a couple a good pictures of them to send so I'll inquire about his back then.

I just had another appointment with my doctor about my surgery and things are going good. I have been going to Physical Therapy two and three times a week for five weeks. Infact, that's one reason I haven't written many letters. By the time I get home from P.T. the day is shot. He said I could just continue the exercise at home. So I'll just do that for now and go back to see him in August.

Crew #4718

Here is the list of men Bud took to England with him.

2nd Lt. (1022)	Edward E. Jordan	Lyndell Field; Fla. v... (Co-Pilot
2nd Lt. (1035)	John E. Taylor	Victorville, Cal. Bombardier
(pl (757)	Robert W. Barabas	Radio
<u>Filler Crew</u>		dir
(pl. (611)	Fredrick E. Tieck Jr.	Tail Gunner (not with crew <del>shot down</del> )
Pfc. (611)	Raymond W. Fountain Jr.	Ball Gunner (killed)
Pfc. (611)	Hilwend E. Reed	Waist Gunner
Sgt.	Charles L. Sulzinski	Navigator
Pfc. Bufard L. Johnson		Waist Gunner
(pl.	<del>Fredrick E. Jr</del>	
	Ed Smuliskie	Navigator

Russ, I didn't do too good of job copying thses names down so I'll just send the copy Bud gave me. Hope maybg you know the where abouts of some of these men.

Hi to June..

Love, Bud (over)

We also received a nice note + picture from Robert + Sheila Pope - Gato

sure who they were?? Maybe the couple who ate lunch with us  
in Shrewsbury. I'll drop them a note too -

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a couple of times. and the school that a wonderful trip we had was soon  
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- here is the list of men that took to Graham with him
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| And. L. (1952)    | Robert J. (1957)  | John E. Taylor    | Robert J. (1957)  |
| Richard J. (1957) | Richard J. (1957) | Richard J. (1957) | Richard J. (1957) |
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send the copy but we are sure you'll be interested in some of these  
men.

**Merry Christmas to all our friends and family and a  
Happy 2003!**

GATES

I had planned on sending my Christmas cards early so that everyone would get our new address but we have been so busy at our new retirement village, I just didn't get around to it as early as I had planned. Thanks so much to all of you for your early cards.

Bud and I moved into The Fairwood Retirement Village on August 8<sup>th</sup> and we are so happy to be here. No more cooking for Peg, but Bud does fix us bacon and eggs on occasion.

We never could have managed the move without the help of Nancy, Danna, Dan, Cindy, Deb and Tammy and their families. The owners of this retirement village helped move everything here for us. Our children arranged all the furniture. The beds were made and everything was in place before we came to see it all finished. Even the pots and pans were put away (even though I don't cook!). Our daughter Deb lives five minutes from here and has been great to help with so many things. We feel so blessed to have our children nearby.

After we moved in and got settled I had a complete knee replacement on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. I was happy to have Bud where he had people around to have dinner with. Our daughter Danna came over from Bellevue and stayed with him. I have made a great recovery from the surgery and am back to being active again.

It is hard to believe that we now have six grandchildren in college. Matt is at Eastern Washington University, Dan is at Seattle University, Bethany is attending Washington State University, and Amy and Tim are over at the University of Washington. How fast the years have flown by. Seems like yesterday I was babysitting for them. Ryan and Jeff are both in high school and of course we have our great granddaughter Becky who is ten! Bill, Kyle and Stephanie are all working and Lisa went back to Whitworth College to get a teaching degree. So you can see everyone is busy.

We were unable to attend the 306<sup>th</sup> Group reunion this year because of my knee surgery but God willing we will attend the one in Savannah next year. We missed seeing all our friends but we do keep in touch with Christmas cards and phone calls. We really enjoyed the letters from the 306<sup>th</sup> Group that went to the last reunion.

God Bless you all and again a Very Happy 2003.

Love,  
Peg and Bud

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