

October 3, 2000

Russell A. Strong  
5323 Cheval Place  
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Dear Russell:

I attended the most recent 306th ECHOES Reunion and now realize that I have been missing a lot by not paying closer attention to your publication. My job took me overseas many years. Now that I have the opportunity to look at some old papers I need help. If I provide my information now, would you please look into it and add some missing information?

My name is:	Florian L. Gesiriech
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DOB:	02/28/1922

I entered the U.S. ARMY AIRFORCE 29 December 1943.

I have been receiving the 306th ECHOES publication and enjoy it. In fact, it just came to mind that I received the AIR MEDAL with three OAK LEAF CLUSTERS and the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

I found some photos of my crew and I would like their addresses and any information that is available. I would like to add that I became the crew member who is missing in ECHOES. I was added to the crew just as we were sent overseas. If I recollect properly, one of the gunners became ill and I was added to complete the crew. I was assigned to the ball turret and completed my tour of 32(+) missions before returning to the States. My pilot's name was Frank Krzyston. I flew most of my missions with him. We were assigned to Weary Bones. The tail number of that B-17 was #943. That is all I can remember at this time.

I would very much appreciate your help.

Sincerely,



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**Russell Strong**

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**From:** "Florian Gesiriech"  
**To:** <russell.a.strong306@worldnet.att.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 22, 2002 8:32 PM  
**Subject:** Help with Search...

Dear Mr. Strong,

This is Mr. Florian Gesiriech's daughter writing to you now. My name is Rebeka Carr. My Dad wrote to you in May of this year asking if you knew how to get replacements for his lost WWII medals. The E-mail you sent acknowledged the medals he had received from the war, but nothing on how to get replacements.

Could you offer some assistance. One of the '306th Echoes' issues, from **1992**, had an article re: a company that could provide replacement medals, but our copy has been misplaced.

You may also E-mail me directly at <mailto:....rgcarr@lasd.org>

Thank You for your time.....Rebeka

--- Florian Gesiriech  
--- [floriang1@earthlink.net](mailto:floriang1@earthlink.net)  
--- EarthLink: The #1 provider of the Real Internet.

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AAF STATION 111  
APO 557

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SPECIAL ORDERS }  
NUMBER 110 }

21 April, 1944.

1. Capt WILLIE S. WILLIAMS, Jr., O-462526, 369th Bomb Sq (H), 306th Bomb Gp (H), WPR o/a 22 Apr/44, to London, England, to carry out instr of the CO, TD approx 1 day. CTRS. TWA. TCNT. TDM. 91-5 2-32-02 A 212/40425.

2. UP of AR 615-5, and upon recommendation of his orgn candr, Cpl John W. Sayles, 36304525, 4th Sta Comp Sq, is hereby reduced to the gr of Private, eff this date.

3. Having rptd to this sta in comp with par 4, SO 111, Hq, AAF Sta 112, APO 639, dd 20 Apr/44, and asgd to 306th Bomb Gp (H), the fol named O and EM, are hereby fur asgd to orgns as indicated, eff this date, and will rpt to the CO's thereof for dy:

<u>367th Bomb Sq (H) - 306th Bomb Gp (H)</u>			
2nd Lt EDWIN H. JACOBS	O-811387	2nd Lt GEORGE H. CRACE	O-707264
2nd Lt IRA D. OGDEN	O-634904	2nd Lt C. E. MILLER	O-818507
S/Sgt(757) Robert J. Klein	32730059	Sgt(748) Robert J. Grofenberg	12024040
Sgt(748) Henry R. Wehrmann	35683428	Sgt(748) Robert H. Dolin	35724627
Sgt(612) Edward A. Getzewich	6150291	Sgt(612) Jesus H. Salas	39854386
2nd Lt DARVIN A. SMITH	O-687715	2nd Lt WENDELL J. R. HIN	O-693945
2nd Lt CLAUDE R. HAWKINS	O-703992	2nd Lt M. THOMAS J. LAURA	O-741192
S/Sgt(757) Jack W. Childers	38464704	S/Sgt(748) Eugene E. Wright	35763967
Sgt(611) Robert P. Granberg	32741189	Sgt(612) William D. Holder	39556500
Sgt(611) George E. Kriekhaus	17073979	Sgt(748) Raynard M. Miller	36606465
<u>368th Bomb Sq (H) - 306th Bomb Gp (H)</u>			
2nd Lt FRANK L. KRZYSTON	O-811404	2nd Lt DONALD W. MURPHY	O-817257
2nd Lt IRVING R. NORTON	O-670217	S/Sgt(748) Orville C. Huddle	33196179
S/Sgt(757) Stanley B. Haas	37505532	Sgt(611) David T. Reese	16077312
Sgt(748) Andrew J. Roe	14056905	Sgt(748) Florian L. Gesiriech	37468709
Sgt(612) James R. Joimson	38454928		
<u>369th Bomb Sq (H) - 306th Bomb Gp (H)</u>			
2nd Lt MAX I. WILLIAMS	O-687790	2nd Lt BARNEY (MII) SILVERMAN	O-697507
2nd Lt JOSEPH L. TUNSTALL, Jr.	O-704141	2nd Lt RICHARD K. WARE	O-756934
S/Sgt(757) Robert G. Carleton	39461463	Sgt(748) Charles E. Nagel	35682394
Sgt(611) Frank S. Disignano	37676040	Sgt(612) Robert A. Fowler	20757239
Sgt(612) Horace W. Hoskins	37347289	Sgt(748) Victor L. Siebert	16131375
<u>423rd Bomb Sq (H) - 306th Bomb Gp (H)</u>			
Capt EARL W. KESLING	O-453722	2nd Lt BENNLEY B. PETERSON	O-818528
2nd Lt EDWIN C. JARVIE	O-707065	2nd Lt NORMAN G. NIEBSBACH	O-670215
S/Sgt(757) John P. Zamora	39274028	S/Sgt(748) Charles E. Schwoch	17111049
Sgt(748) Willard H. Chessman	39192430	Sgt(748) William C. Lacy	36429823
Sgt(611) Charles H. Obye	17053461	Sgt(612) Robert A. Prestidge	36455808

By order of Colonel ROBINSON:

C. G. DUY, Jr.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

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Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

28 October 00

Dear Florian:

Here is a list of your original crew members with addresses as now appear on my Echoes mailing list. Haas, Roe and Reese I cannot account for, and it seems to me the Krsyston informed me some years ago that he had some very serious illness, but I cannot find a letter from him at the moment.

All I ask in return is to inform me if you get rebuffs from individuals, or family, indicating death or some other calamity, so that I can adjust my records. Good luck.

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Would also like address or phone # corrections.

Sincerely yours,

June 21, 2002


306th Echoes  
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Dear Russell:

In one of the issues of Echoes (1992) was an article explaining how to get lost citations replaced.

I have tried to locate that issue with no success so I would like to order all four 1992 issues. Where do I place the order and at what cost ???

Very Truly Yours,

  
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