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September 16, 1991

Russell A. Strong
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Charlotte, NC 28205

Dear Sir:

Please send me the microfilm on my personal information.
My check made payable to 306th BG ASSOCIATION in the amount of
\$20.00 is enclosed.

Very truly yours,


William A. Guilfoyle

WAG:ecp
Enc.

September 15, 2000

Russell A. Strong
5323 Cheval Pl.
Charlotte, NC 28205

Dear Russell:

My mission log shows that on January 3rd, 1945, I went to Hermilheim, Germany, and on January 5th to Niedermendig, Germany. I believe that it was on my last mission that when we climbed through the overcast we could not locate our formation. We saw a formation but when we joined it we discovered that it was from the Third Division. After conference with pilot, we decided that we could go with that group to their target with the gas load that we had, even though I had no maps that would cover that area, as our division was going to another location. We made three bomb runs before we dropped the bombs; and, on the way back, someplace in France, the Third Division planes all landed. We continued on by ourselves and crossed the coast of France at a point south of England. We later turned straight north on a course that would have taken us to London. Four Spitfires came out to look us over, but were satisfied with our colors of the day, etc. We landed at Thurleigh just as we were running out of petroleum.

I have always wondered why the Third Division formation landed and if you have any luck in discovering that information, I would appreciate receiving it. I do not know how much reimbursement to send you so will wait until I hear from you.

It was good to see you and June at the reunion and all of the other members of the 306th.

Mabel and I were married in Lawrence Kansas in 1947 by Father Towle. I enclose a copy of a letter which might be of interest to you. A couple years ago, I received a copy of the letter from a third party (the third party, being a lady who lives in our locality, and who at 17 years of age was a member of the German Navy and was assigned to an antiaircraft battery and who, no doubt, fired at us at times when we were in the vicinity of the North Sea and Hamburg).

Very truly yours,



William A. Guilfoyle
511 Charles Rd.
Abilene, KS 67410

Encl.

17 January 2001

Dear Bill:

In response to your inquiry of 15 Sep 00, I really can't find anything that answers you refer to. Freeman in the Mighty Eighth War Diary doesn't help any, and our materials for the day do not shed any light.

I am enclosing a copy of Freeman's accounting for the day so that you can read it.

At one time I had two or three 3rd Division histories, but long since have sent them off to the Mighty Eighth Heritage Museum, which may have some leads for you.

You can address Rusty Bloxom at PO Box 1992, Savannah, GA 31402. Perhaps a look at 2 or 3 of the 3rd Division histories would reveal something about it.

Look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis,