

RECORD UPDATE

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and give)
(to Russ Strong at the Las Vegas reunion, or mail to his ad-)
(dress: 5323 cheval Pl., Charlotte, NC 28205)

Date completed 12-5-88

LAST NAME: *Hammer* FIRST NAME: *Joe* Title:

Street address: *127-Main St #39* Telephone: *916 666-9755*

City, state, zip: *Woodland, Calif. 95695*

Date of birth: *1-24-22* Wife's name: *Carol*

College(s) attended: Degree(s): Year(s):

Last employment & job title: *Working Crop Dusting Pilot.*

Year joined 306th Association: *1980?*

Reunions attended: (by year or location)
1980 - ~~San~~ Minn. St. Paul, 1982 - England

Serial #: *Omaha 39412040* Sqdn: *367th* Speciality: *Gunner*

Date joined 306th: *Jan 45* If combat, what crew? *Fred. W. Mitchell*

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

If commissioned w/306th, date & specialty:

Date departed: Highest rank/grade w/306th: *S/Sgt*

Other 8thAF units served with:

Top service assignments after 306th:

USAF retirement date: Rank/grade:

Most memorable experience w/306th: (use back of sheet, too)

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Russ Strong at the reunion, or mail to Russ Strong, 5323 Cheval
Place, Charlotte, NC 28205) Little Rock 1989

Date complete 9-23-89

LAST NAME: Hammer FIRST NAME: Joe TITLE: S/Sgt
Street address: 127 - Main St #39 Telephone: 916 666-9755
City, state, zip: Woodland, Ca, 95695

Date of Birth: 1-24-22 Wife's name: Carol
College(s) attended: Sacto. J.C. Degree(s): No Year(s): 1939-50-51

Last employment and job title:
Crop Duster Pilot - Still flying every day.

Reunions attended: (by year or location)
Miss - St. Paul Thurleigh
Omaha - has vacas - Little Rock.

Serial #: 39412040 Squadron: 367th Speciality: Gunner
Date joined 306th: Jan 45 If combat, what crew: Fred W. Mitchell

Special duties or assignments w/306th:
Number of missions flown: 25 Date of last mission: April 45

Date left 306th: May 45 Highest rank/grade with 306th: S/Sgt

Other 8th AF units served with:
None

Top service assignments after 306th: None

USAF retirement date: No Rank/grade:

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the squadrons or other units, will be welcomed by the secretary.

If you know of other 306th people who do not appear in the directory, please add their names and current or former addresses to this sheet so that we may search further for them.

Sept 21, 1992

Leif H Hansen
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Dear Russell

First of all, let me say what a great time Anne & I had at the Bedford reunion. The Bedford people were wonderful and I regret not staying there the extra days. We are looking forward to the video. Also, your speech was very touching. Quite a few handkerchiefs were showing.

About Lt. Brunting. - I have a startling bit of news. - I verified that his name did not appear on the "Wall of Missing". I went to the office and inquired why this was so. Their record (Xerox attached) shows he is buried in Brittany! No further information was available.

I did verify the names of Lt Cranmer, Sgt K. Constantine and A.T. Harris, these were the only names I could remember. I do not have the list of all names on the Wall of Missing. Could you check the list for the other crew members: -

- LT John Reed
- LT Paul Byer
- Sgt Wm. Musick
- Chas. Wall
- Robt. Ransom
- Edgar. Whitaker

these names from
your narrative
in 185
Germany

I got in touch with J. W. Hair in Texas who was Cranmer's mechanic on our Trip from Woodover to Westover. He was pleased to hear from me, but could not add anything. In fact by the time of the last mission Hair was on F. Goodwill's crew.

Before pursuing this matter further will you verify the list of 6 names above are on the list of Missing. If not they may have come to the same fate as Lt. Brunsting, whatever that was.

If the Maddingly Cemetery has all this info wouldn't all the Cemeteries have it? Like Arlington, etc.

If you have any other ideas for follow-up I'll be glad to hear them. Until I hear about the 6 names above I'll wait. The possibilities are intriguing. Thank you Leroy H.

12 October 1992

Dear Leif:

The October issue has been put to bed, so I can get back to some other things, like answering letters.

I compared your list of six names and found that Charles Wall, John Reed, Paul Byer and William Musick are indeed listed on The Wall of the Missing at Madingley

That leaves Robert Ransom and Edgar Whittaker unaccounted for.

I am enclosing copies of my reference cards on these two men, although I note that you caught the variant spelling of Whittaker's last name. The serial numbers might be helpful in verifying the correct data.

Let me know what you can find out. I know that we have men buried in Luxembourg, in the Netherlands and on the Brest peninsula. Let me know any pertinent data concerning other burials that you come up with.

All the best,

BRINNER RUSSELL R	MO	FEB	03	1943		LT COL	0-902521	MC ARMY AIR FORCES
BRUNNER WILLIAM F	COLO	DEC	07	1941		NEW YORK		
BRUNNET ARTHUR	PA	JAN	03	1943		PFC	03722812	USN
BRUNETTE ALBERT M	MINN	FEB	07	1944	D-15-36	HONOLULU		
BRUNNING ROBERT G	IND	JAN	07	1944		SGT	13031181	358 BOMB SQ 303 BOMB GP/H/
BRUNNORTH OSCAR J	ILL	JULY	17	1944	J-4-13	CAMBRIDGE		AM/OLC/ PH
BRUNO ANGELO C	N J	JUNE	22	1944	F-22-30	1 LT	01177305	125 FA BN 34 DIV
BRUNO ANTHONY	PA	JAN	04	1945	E-8-43	SICILY-ROME		
BRUNO DOMINIC C	ILL	AUG	23	1944	B-13-33	SGT	06275734	USNR
BRUNO GEORGE F	MASS	JAN	07	1945	H-1-84	NEW YORK		
BRUNO JERRY	W VA	JAN	07	1945	D-15-7	TEC 5	36070579	69 ARMD FA BN
BRUNO JOHN N	CONN	JUNE	06	1944	A-2-43	SICILY-ROME		
BRUNO JOHN V	LA	JULY	15	1944		TEC 5	32061124	8 INF 4 DIV
BRUNO JOSEPH JOHN	LA	NOV	24	1943		NORMANDY		BSM PH/OLC/
BRUNO NICKOLAS V	N J	SEPT	15	1944	H-4-60	PFC	07024822	550 ABN INF BN
BRUNO ORLANDO S	UTAH	NOV	27	1943		LUXEMBOURG		
BRUNO PETER A	PA	SEPT	19	1944	J-43-11	PVT	36698528	759 FA BN
BRUNO RICHARD S	MINN	APR	03	1945		NORMANDY		
BRUNO SAM S	NEBR	AUG	15	1944	A-5-20	SGT	31030779	328 INF 26 DIV
BRUNO SAMUEL	ILL	AUG	11	1944	D-11-9	LUXEMBOURG		
BRUNO SAMUEL A	PA	APR	11	1944	F-6-36	PVT	35073924	41 INF 2 ARMD DIV
BRUNO SAMUEL A	PA	MAR	15	1945	J-9-7	HENRI-CHAPELLE		
BRUNO WILLIAM N	MASS	NOV	08	1943	J-7-44	PVT	31252700	325 GLI INF 82 ABN DIV
BRUNO WILLIE	W VA	AUG	10	1944	G-4-24	NORMANDY		
BRUNOW ROBERT	MO	JAN	26	1944	D-9-12	LT /JG/	0-126006	USNR
BRUNS ALFRED P	MINN	OCT	24	1944	F-9-3	NEW YORK		
BRUNS NORBERT W	MINN	DEC	26	1944	F-13-10	PFC	00813123	USMC
BRUNSKA JOHN E	CAL	MAR	23	1944		MANILA		
BRUNSON CHARLES E	IND	MAY	08	1945	L-5-98	SGT	32773511	109 INF 28 DIV
BRUNSON CHARLES P	S C	OCT	24	1944		HENRI-CHAPELLE		
BRUNSON CLYDE P	ALA	JUNE	09	1942	B-958	PFC	39906691	853 ENGR BN/AVN/
BRUNSON CLYDE P	IND	APR	02	1944	D-8-3	NORTH AFRICA		
BRUNSON JOHN B JR	LA	JUNE	11	1945	M-1088	PFC	33335326	317 INF 80 DIV
BRUNSON LEE O	TEX	DEC	08	1944		LORRAINE		
BRUNSON ROBERT T	IND	APR	22	1943		PVT	17157829	759 BOMB SQ 459 BOMB GP/H/
BRUNSON THEODORE R	OHIO	FEB	18	1942		FLORENCE		AM PH
BRUNSON WADF T	TEX	FEB	16	1945	A-10-1	LUXEMBOURG		BSM PH
BRUNSON WILLIAM F	OKLA	JULY	28	1943		CRN	00000000	USN
BRUNSON WILLIAM L	OREG	NOV	03	1943	D-13-1	MANILA		
BRUNST JOHN C	OHIO	FEB	04	1945	A-7-82	S SGT	35172077	145 INF 37 DIV
BRUNSTING ALBERT	IOWA	JAN	03	1943		MANILA		BSM PH/OLC/
BRUNSVOLD DONALD D	IOWA	NOV	08	1944		PFC	34312619	32 INF 7 DIV
BRUNT ARCHIE G	ARK	APR	07	1945	B-25-46	MANILA		BSM PH
BRUNT CARL F	N Y	JULY	12	1944	F-4-27	1 SGT	06993791	31 BOMB SQ 5 BOMB GP/H/
BRUNT PAUL R	ILL	NOV	20	1944	A-12-48	HONOLULU		
						1 LT	0-684263	743 BOMB SQ 455 BOMB GP/H/
						LORRAINE		AM PH
						2 LT	0-039077	USMC
						HONOLULU		SS PH/OS/
						PFC	38099706	357 INF 90 DIV
						LORRAINE		BSM PH
						2 LT	0-416208	75 BOMB SQ 42 BOMB GP/H/
						HONOLULU		
						AS	06141061	USNR
						NEW YORK		
						S SGT	38555031	615 BOMB SQ 401 BOMB GP/H/
						NETHERLANDS		AM/2 OLC/ PH
						S SGT	18084496	336 BOMB SQ 95 BOMB GP/H/
						CAMBRIDGE		AM/OLC/ PH
						1 LT	0-795695	332 BOMB SQ 94 BOMB GP/H/
						ARDENNES		AM/2 OLC/ PH
						PFC	35916674	35 INF 25 DIV
						MANILA		
						2 LT	0-726189	369 BOMB SQ 306 BOMB GP/H/
						BRITTANY		AM PH
						1 SGT	17071215	749 BOMB SQ 437 BOMB GP/H/
						NETHERLANDS		AM/2 OLC/ PH
						CPL	37101892	753 TANK BN
						LORRAINE		PH/OLC/
						FLI O	T-061746	332 BOMB SQ 94 BOMB GP/H/
						LORRAINE		AM/OLC/ PH
						CALT	0-328982	776 TD BN
						EPINAL		244 PH

Please send Mission Reports for the following date that I flew with the 306th. I was in the 367th Bomb Sqdn.

	Feb.	16,	1945	Dortmund
o	"	21,		Nurnberg
	"	22,		Wudz
	"	26,		Berlin
	"	27,		Leipzig
	Mar.	1,		Neckarsulm
	"	2,		Bohlen
	"	4,		Ulm
12 July 94	"	8,		Gelsenkirchen
	"	10,		Dortmund
	"	11,		Bremen
	"	12,		Swinemunde
	"	18,		Berlin
	"	21,		Rheine
	"	22,		Feldhausen
	"	23,		Coesfeld
	"	25,		Recalled
	"	28,		Berlin
	"	30,		Bremen
	April	4,		Fassberg
o 11-7-94		5,		Weiden
		6,		Leipzig

April	10, 1945	Oranienberg
"	11,	Kraiburg
"	13,	Neumünster
"	14,	Royan

I am enclosing \$50⁰⁰ to cover the charges for the Mission Reports. If this is insufficient please let me know and I'll send another check.

I am also sending an additional \$50⁰⁰ to help defray some of the costs of the Asso.

Thanks:

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