

306TH ECHOES
5323 CHEVAL PI
CHARLOTTE NC 28205

15 JAN 90

GENTLEMEN:

THRU MR. PAUL TARDIFF I RECENTLY
LEARNED OF THE EXISTENCE OF 306TH
ECHOES.

WILL YOU PLEASE ADD ME TO YOUR
MAILING LIST, AND IF AVAILABLE
WOULD APPRECIATE COPIES ISSUED
IN "89."

RICHARD S. HODGSON
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SINCERELY,



PLEASE ADVISE NAME-ADDRESS OF CURRENT
TREASURER SO THAT I MAY SEND A
CONTRIBUTION TO HELP.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, SEE JULY 1986
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DURING MY TOUR OF DUTY WITH THE 8TH AF, I WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 306TH BG, 368TH SQUADRON AT THURLEIGH AS A BOMBARDIER, APRIL 44 TO SEP 44

THE DAY PRINCESS ELIZABETH CHRISTENED THE ROSE OF YORK, WE HAD RETURNED FROM A RAID ON A NO BALL TARGET NEAR HESDIN, FRANCE. THE DATE WAS 6 JULY 44 THE LEAD PILOT WAS MAJOR ELBERT ODLE (DECEASED) AND I WAS HIS BOMBARDIER. I WON'T FORGET BECAUSE WE MADE TWO RUNS BEFORE HEADING HOME, AND ITS IN MY DAIRY.

THE KING AND QUEEN, BOTH PRINCESSES, MANY BRITISH AND AMERICAN DIGNITARIES INCLUDING LT. GENERAL JIMMY DUNNITTE AND OUR OWN CO. COL. GEORGE L. ROBINSON WERE PRESENT. I RECALL THAT WE CREWMEMBERS ALL AGREED PRINCESS ELIZABETH AND PRINCESS MARGARET WERE VERY ATTRACTIVE YOUNG LADIES. I WAS ALSO QUITE IMPRESSED BY THE APPEARANCE, COMPORTMENT AND GENERAL BEHAVIOR OF OUR COMMANDING OFFICER, COL. ROBINSON. I WAS PROUD TO BE A PART OF HIS COMMAND.

YES, I WAS THERE.

Richard Hodgson
SIGNED 15 JAN 90

MEMBERS OF CREW

PILOT	W. H. BRESLIN	BILL
CO-PILOT	M. E. CHRISTIANSON	CHAS
NAVIGATOR	E. A. SKRAINAR	ERNIE
BOMBARDIER	R. S. HODGSON	DICK
ENGINEER	G. E. WRIGHT	GORDON
RADIO	K. BARDSLEY	
BALL	C. S. HEBSON	CHUCK
R. WAIST	S. D. BENNETT	
L. WAIST	M. F. YEATS	MURRAY
TAIL GUNNER	P. A. MORABITH	PAUL

FROM OLD ISSUES
PAUL TARDIFF GAVE ME



ATTENDED 86 REUNION
ON NAV. LIST

ATTENDED "86" REUNION

TRANSFERRED TO HEAD CREW

PILOT	G. E. BOSWELL
NAVIGATOR	A. B. HAMMOND

POSSIBLY TED BOSWELL LCOL. TEX
ON NAVIGATOR LIST

FLEN INITIAL LEADS

WITH
LEAD PILOT MAJOR ODLE
LEAD PILOT MAJOR FLANNAGAN

MAJOR ODLE MUST HAVE BEEN ELBERT

MAJOR FLANNAGAN MAY HAVE BEEN WILLIAM
UNDER EARLY REGISTRANTS 86 REUNION
WHERE I SAW ELBERT ODLE LISTED
AS DECEASED. A SUBSTANTIAL MAN.

NAMES OF 368TH CREW PERSONNEL

LT. JAMES FULTON BOMBARDIER,

442 N. MELBORN AVE.

DEARBORN, MICH. ADDRESS FROM 1944

NOTATION I WROTE THEN

JIM FINISHED 10 RAIDS

2 PURPLE HEARTS

2 CRASH LANDINGS & A COUPLE 100 STITCHES.

NEW

LT. ALBERT BURNETT RET.

8924 WILMON WAY

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BOMBARDIER

(ALSO REC. PURPLE HEART)

CRASHED IN GULF OF MEXICO WITH THESE MEN
AND FROM 1944 NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS HAVE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

~~315/622-3397~~ STAFF SGT. GORDON E WRIGHT SYRACUSE, N.Y.

PFC.

CHARLES B HESSON ROCKFORD, IND.

SGT.

MURRAY F YEATS PASADENA, CA.

THE GOLDFISH CLUB REQUESTED ALL OF OUR
HOME ADDRESSES AT THE TIME, WHICH I'M CER-
TAIN I WOULD HAVE FURNISHED.

GOLDFISH CLUB

BEEHIVE WORKS

STANMORE

HONEY POT LANE

MIDDLESEX

RAIDS

1	BERLIN HIT ALTERNATE	5-5-44		
2	BERLIN	5-8-44		
3	THIONVILLE FR.	5-9-44		
4	SAARBRÜCKEN	5-11-44		
5	MEISEBURG	5-12-44		
6	BERLIN	5-19-44		
7	SAARBRÜCKEN	5-23-44		
8	MANNHEIM	5-27-44		
9	RUHLAND	5-28-44		
10	ROTTBUS	5-29-44		
11	COAST OF FR.	6-4-44		
12	INVASION FR.	6-6-44		
13	NEAR CAEN	6-6-44		
14	RENNES FR	6-8-44		
15	ST ENOAE FR	6-11-44		
16	LILLE FR	6-12-44		
17	NANTES FR	6-15-44		
18	HAMBURG	6-18-44		
19	CREPY FR	6-19-44		
20	HAMBURG	6-20-44		
21	BERLIN	6-21-44		
22	JOIGNY FR	6-25-44		
23	NO BALL TARGET FR	7-6-44		
24	ST. LO SECTOR	7-24-44		
25	N. OF CARRISKEY	7-25-44		
26	DOLLBERGEN	28 MUNICH	30 BOHLEN	32 BERLIN
27	BRANDENBURG	29 GANON FR	31 STADE	BAD WEATHER BOMBED WITNESS HAVE

FAILED TO RECORD
DATES OF LAST 7
RAIDS

HOPE THIS MIGHT FILL IN EVEN ONE DAY IN
EFFORT TO ESTABLISH COMPLETE HISTORY OF 306 BG
BOMBING ACTIVITY.

CURIOSITY OVERCAME ME AND I CALLED INFORMATION
AND LOCATED ALBERT F BURNETT IN SAN ANTONIO
THIS EVENING. HE WAS CALLED BACK INTO THE SERVICE
AND RETIRED AS A LTCOL. HE HAS EXTENSIVE
RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE 368TH AND WILL BE
GLAD TO SHARE COPIES, HIS ADDRESS IS,

LTCOL. ALBERT BURNETT
8924 WILLMON WAY
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78239
1 (512) 653-2604

PLEASE SEND JAN 1990
ISSUE FOR REVISION
DETAILS

PLEASE ADD HIM TO YOUR MAILING
LIST. HE WAS GWYNN BOSWELL'S
BOMBARDIER, AND WILL FURNISH YOU WITH
NAMES OF ORIGINAL CREW.

SORRY I DIDN'T LEARN ABOUT THE 306TH
ASSOCIATION YEARS AGO.

Sincerely,
Dick Dodger

P.S. NORMALLY I WRITE BRIEF NOTES OR PHONE.

26 JAN 90

HODGSON, RICHARD S.

2828 AUGUSTA #31

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93401 (805) 544-2179

BORN 3-17-18

WIFE MARY E.

COLLEGE NONE

EMPLOYMENT

RETIRED 6-15-80

OWNED & OPERATED LIQUOR STORES

SERIAL # 0-762101

368TH

BOMBARDIER

JOINED 306TH 11/01/29

CREW

W.H. BRESLIN

PILOT

M.E. CHRISTIANSON

CO-PILOT

SPECIAL DUTIES W/306TH

LEAD BOMBARDIER

GWYNN BOSWELL

PILOT

MISSIONS FLOWN 32

LAST PROBABLY SEP 44

LEFT 306TH SEP 44

RANK

1ST LT.

WHILE SERVING AS

PERSONAL AFFAIRS OFF. BIG SPRINGS, TX

PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

LAST FLYING ASSIGNMENT AT VICTORVILLE, CA.

AS BOMBARDIER FOR NEWLY COMMISSIONED

RADAR OFFICERS, EVENTUALLY SENT TO

FAR EAST COMMAND. DISCHARGED FEB 45

3 December 90

Mr. Russell A. Strong
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, NC 28205

Dear Russell,

My wife recently called the enclosed article to my attention that appeared in our local paper 29 Nov 90. As a former Bombardier it certainly reminded me that I had never taken the time to think beyond them being crosshairs, and that they served a vital function. Maybe it is common knowledge.

Someday this year if you need a story about our new President Chris Christianson, ask him how he managed to get us all safely from Iceland to Scotland when we flew a B-17 in weather that was terrible. Icing conditions prevented the Navigator from directing the pilots properly and Chris worked with his radio and was successful ultimately through the 26th harmonic in finding our destination. I personally felt it was due to him that a potential catastrophe was averted. No one at the time fully understood what he had accomplished and to this day I'm still vague about the elusive 26th harmonic.

I'm very glad former S/Sgt. Paul Tardiff acquainted me with the existence of the 306th Bomb Group Historical Association.

Sincerely,

Dick Hodges

16 November 95

Dear Mr. Houser,

Have enclosed my check to help continue publication of our fine 306th ECHOES. Always enjoy reading it cover to cover and so delighted to read about or see pictures of former crewmembers or old friends. Hit the jackpot in the October issue. My Pilot Bill Breslin, Page 5, And my Co-Pilot Chris Christianson, Page 4 and 8.

On a trip West recently Chris and Em were able to spend a day with us in San Luis Obispo. Needless to say we discussed being crewmembers 51 years ago and the fact that we both had celebrated our 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary this year. Another subject was his ability to use the radio and direct the plane to a successful landing on a flight from Iceland to Scotland in weather that had to be the worst. Our Navigator experienced trouble with our Navigational Equipment and decided he was unable to direct us. Chris took over and through the radio and the 26th harmonic succeeded in locating the landing field in Scotland.

As one of four survivors of ditching two months earlier in the Gulf of Mexico I always gave great credit to Chris for saving our lives. Not being a Pilot I felt what he did was beyond routine, and have never learned to the contrary.

Sincerely,

Rec'd 20th
A 2014

Richard Holson