

18 October 1977

Mr. Edward B. Hughel
2020 S. Winding Way
Anderson, IN 46011

Dear Ed:

It was nice to touch base with you last evening, and to get your name added to the 306th mailing list. I am enclosing various items with this letter:

Some material from Jim Vaughter, including a newspaper picture, that you may remember,

My questionnaires,

Ralph Peters' obituary,

and a copy of the last issue of 306th Echoes.

When I went home last night and checked by card file, I found that I had very little information about you.

What I would really like to see is a copy of the orders issued when you reported in at Thurleigh, if that part of your 201 file survived. Of course, I am interested in any other leads you might have to people. Of the group in the picture, we have located Vaughter, Kern, and Jones. I have talked with Jones on the phone. He works for the post office in a small town in Georgia, and evidently is not in very good health. Mayer still lives in Johnstown, PA, but has an unlisted phone and I haven't yet run him down.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Anderson, Ind.
Dec. 5, 1977

Mr. Russell A. Strong
R#1 Scotch Meadow Dr.
Laurinburg, N. C.

Dear Russ,

Sorry to have taken so long in answering your letter but there were several places I wanted to search for any material which might be of help. I'm afraid I didn't come up with a whole lot, because my copies of the orders you refer to were not returned from England with my personal effects after I was shot down.

Besides the form you sent me, I am enclosing what I dug up. The picture is of the crew I trained with in the Bowman Provisional Group in June, July and August of 1943. It was taken in Pendleton, Ore. in July 1943. This is the crew I was assigned to the 306th with in Sept. 1943 so all were members of the group.

Back row: James R. Copeland, Earl E. Wynn, Everett L Minto, George A. Vogt, Walter W. Lastinger and Orville C. Hill (All Staff Sgts)

Front row: 2nd Lt. Edward B. Hughel, co-pilot
1st Lt. Craig S. Powell, pilot
2nd Lt. Ralph G.K. Beach, bombardier
2nd Lt. Dudley H. Fay, navigator

I regret to say I can't find any addresses to go with the names except one for Dudley Fay which is not current but the last one I had. It is Joanne Lane, Weston, Conn. 06880.. I am also enclosing the obituary for Craig Powell which I came across in last January's Air Force Times.

I did however, find the list of the crew I was shot down with and am sending it along. Hope it will be of some help. I have copies of all ~~items~~ items except the photo, so it is the only thing you need to return.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Hughel

Obituaries

LT. SCOTT R. BODDY, 25, died Dec. 6 of injuries suffered in an air crash near Nellis AFB, Nev. A graduate of Georgia Tech, he had been in the Air Force about three years. Surviving are his wife, Lynn, a son, Ryan Scott, his parents, a sister, Karen, and a grandfather. After cremation, the ashes were to be strewn over the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Contributions may be sent the American Cancer Society.

BRETT JAMES BRALY, 19, son of Col. and Mrs. Harold G. Braly of Offutt AFB, Neb., died Nov. 19 in Bellevue, Neb. Surviving besides his parents are a twin brother, Scott, and three grandparents.

CAPT. RICHARD S. KEPNER, 30, died Dec. 6 of injuries suffered in an air crash near Nellis AFB, Nev. He had served at Moody AFB, Ga., George AFB, Calif., and in Iceland. Surviving are his wife, Peggy, a son, Jason, his parents, Lt. Col. (USAF, Ret.) and Mrs. Richard D., two sisters, Jane Sparks and Anne, and a grandmother. Burial with military honors was in Arlington National

Cemetery, Va. Contributions may be sent the Lowndes Association for Retarded Citizens, Valdosta, Ga.

COL. MAURICE R. LEMON (USAF, Ret.), 64, died Dec. 31 in Falls Church, Va. A 1938 graduate of West Point, he attended the Air War College and the National War College. At one point he was senior assistant to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and at another chief of staff of the 17th AF in Libya. From 1959 to 1962 he was vice commander of Ramstein AB, Germany. He was commander of Hq. Command, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C., when he retired in 1967. Surviving are his wife, Elinor, three daughters, Jeannette Olson, Marilyn Simak and Linda Rasmussen, a son, Maurice R. Jr., his mother and five grandchildren.

COL. CRAIG POWELL (USAF, Ret.), 54, died Dec. 21 in Guatemala City, Guatemala, where he had made his home since June. A B-17 commander in World War II, he was shot down and spent two years in a German prison camp. After the war he attended the University of Texas,

was recalled to duty and became a member of a jet fighter squadron in Europe. A veteran of the Berlin Airlift, he retired in 1965. He was a former editor of Armed Forces Management magazine and was associated with several national magazines. He also worked on a number of national network radio and TV projects. Surviving is his wife, Ruth, of Guatemala City.

LT. COL. CLARENCE G. TIETZ (USAF, Ret.), 64, died Dec. 27 in Naples, Fla. Surviving are his wife, Edith, a sister, Louise Zimmerman, and two nephews.

FAYE JANE WOLFE, wife of Maj. Louis C. Wolfe (USAF, Ret.), died Dec. 25 in Charlotte, N.C. Surviving besides her husband are five sons, three sisters, her mother, two brothers and 10 grandchildren. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Charlotte.

Obituary notices in typed or printed form may be sent to Obituaries, AFTimes, 476 School St., SW, Washington, D.C., 20024. When sending newspaper clipping, please include date of death.



A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE
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Service Record: Serial No(s) 15080300 & 0-1746113

Before joining the 306th: TOOK CADET EXAMS & ENLISTED BAER FIELD, IND. 1942 (MARCH) PRE-FLIGHT - SANTA ANA, CALIF.
PRIMARY - RANKIN FIELD - TULARE, CALIF.
BASIC - LEMOORE FIELD - LEMOORE, CALIF.
ADVANCED - WILLIAMS FIELD, ARIZ. (CLASS 43-E)
B-17 TRAINING WITH BOWMAN PROV GRP. GEIGER FIELD, WASH - FLEW TO ETO AUG 43.
After leaving the 306th:

LIBERATED FROM P.O.W. CAMP IN MAY 1945

SEPARATED FROM SERVICE DEC 1945.

306th Record:

Arrival Date SEPT '43 Squadron or other unit 369
MOS PILOT Combat Status CO-PILOT B-17
Missions Completed 5
Promotions NONE
Decorations AM olcs DFC olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM
PH Battle Stars _____ other _____

(OVER)

Other personal data:

Description of Air Missions:

(What were the highlights of your combat career? What was your role? What heroics did you witness? What events were there of which you have special knowledge?)

FIRST MISSION TO NANTES SUB PENS SEPT 42
SECOND MISSION TO EMBEN SEPT. OR OCT 43?
THIRD MISSION TO GDYNIA OCT 43
FORTH MISSION TO MUNSTER OCT 10 43
FIFTH MISSION TO SCHWEINFURT OCT 14 43

SHOT DOWN ON FIFTH MISSION. WE TOOK ROCKET HITS ON WAY TO TARGET WHICH RESULTED IN DAMAGE TO LEFT WING SEVERE ENOUGH TO CAUSE US TO SALVO THE BOMB LOAD IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THE FORMATION. AFTER TAKING MORE DAMAGE FROM FLAK ON THE BOMB RUN, OUR PILOT, LT. RALPH PETERS GAVE THE BAIL OUT ORDER.

I LANDED SOMEWHERE IN THE VICINITY ~~PAST~~
~~THE TARGET~~ IN A LITTLE FARM VILLAGE CLOSE TO
A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WERE WATCHING MY DESCENT,
SO I WAS CAPTURED AT ONCE. I SPENT THE REST OF
THE WAR IN STALAG LUFT III AND STALAG VII A.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



ATTENTION.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

AAF 201 - (814) Hughel, Edward B.
O-746113

March 30, 1944.

Mrs. Vivian C. Hughel,
127 West Twelfth Street,
Anderson, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Hughel:

Reference is made to our letter of November 15, 1943 concerning your husband, Second Lieutenant Edward B. Hughel, who was reported by The Adjutant General as a prisoner of war of the German Government.

Inclosed is a list of those who were in the plane with your husband, together with the names and addresses of their next of kin.

I hope that the great anxiety you have experienced since your husband was reported missing in action has been relieved by the knowledge that he is alive and presumably well.

Very sincerely,

T. A. Fitzpatrick
T. A. FITZPATRICK,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Air Adjutant General.

1 Incl.

Official list of those who were in the plane Oct. 14, 1943 with names and addresses of their next of kin. Received from T. A. Fitzpatrick, Colonel, A.G.D. Air Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

First Lieutenant Ralph T. Peters	Mrs. Florence M. Peters (Mother) East 2319 Everett Avenue, Spokane, 14, Washington.
First Lieutenant Dan H. Peterson	Mrs. Katherine Peterson (Wife) 8 North Tenth Street, Fargo, North Dakota.
First Lieutenant James V. Vaughter	Mr. Hiram D. Vaughter Jr. (Brother) Byers, Texas.
Second Lieutenant Edward B. Hughel	Mrs. Vivian C. Hughel (Wife) 127 West Twelfth Street, Anderson, Indiana.
Staff Sergeant Blair S. Steed	Mrs. Marie Helen Steed (Wife) Route Number One, Box 1623 Santa Clare, California.
Staff Sergeant Raymond M. Grimm	Mrs. Josephine Grimm (Mother) 2560 Scranton Road, Cleveland 13, Ohio
Staff Sergeant Manford L. John	Mrs. Dessie A. John (Mother) General Delivery, Celina, Texas.
Sergeant Richard L. Kern	Mrs. Marcella E. Kern (Wife) 516 Tyler Street, Topeka, Kansas.
Sergeant Pierre L. Noisat, Jr.	Mr. Pierre L. Noisat, Sr. (Father) 5435 Clinton Avenue, Richmond, California.
Sergeant Daniel J. Piedmont	Mr. John L. Piedmont (Father) Rural Free Delivery Number Two Holley, New York.

Name: EDWARD HUGHEL

Cadet class: 43-E

Place of graduation: WILLIAMS FIELD, AZ

Number of combat missions: 5

Wife's first name: VIVIAN

Other 306th men whom I know graduated with me:
SEE ENCLOSED COPY

