

Sherman Texas

11 January 1989

Hello Russell; I am
sorry I have been
so long letting you
know I received the
material you mailed me
about the 306th Bombardment
Group Association. I enjoyed
the 306th Echoes & the
directory very much. I
was a member of the
Marvin Freeman Crew &
we were assigned to the
423rd Sqdn. I am sure
you know my co-pilot,
Curtis M. Barker of
Ingleside Texas. We are
the only two of the
crew that is still alive.
I also know Travis
Du Bois Jr of Waco Texas.

I am enclosing a
donation in check form
made out to you. Hope
you will take care
of it for me and as
a new member, I
am proud to send
10⁰⁰ plus \$5⁰⁰ toward
cost of the directory.

Hope to meet you one
of these days & keep
up the good work.

306th Fellow Member

James E. Hughes
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Sherman Texas
75090

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Mr. C. Dale Buxie 14 August 1988

Enclosed is my \$500
toward expense of printing
the 1988, 306 Bomb Group
Historical Association
Directory.

I enjoy the Echoes very
much & the directory

Sincerely

James E. Hughes
306 Bomb Grp
423rd Bomb Sqdn.
1944 - 1945

13 Aug 1994

Hello Russell:

Just a few words to say hello and compliment you on your book "First Over Germany". It was good reading for me & I enjoyed it so much. I was a member of the Freeman crew of 306th, 423rd Squadron. They three got out alive from the Sept. 12, 1944 mission to Rhurland. Curtis Barber - copilot, Bob Appell, tailgunner & myself - waist gunner. Bob Appell has passed away & on 12 August ~~1994~~ at the Confederate Air Force Museum in Longview Texas, Curtis Barber & myself had a get together & talked about old memories good & bad. The museum in Longview put out the red carpet for us. B. F. Stansbery a brother of Charles Stansbery, navigator who got killed, was the person who brought us together in Longview. I saw a copy of

the 423rd Combat Diary, so I
am ordering it. (order slip enclosed.)
You also done a great job
on this piece of 306th
History Literature. I look
forward to receiving my
306th Echoes & read it each
time word for word, front
to back.

Keep up the good work, it's
a great history organization
just as it was tops in
World War 4 when the 306th
Bomb Group was always the
best.

Your Friend

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PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Date. 15 Dec 94.

Complete this form and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary, 306th BG Assoc.,
5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205, to be filed with 306th records.

LAST NAME: HUGHES FIRST NAME: JAMES MI: E TITLE: Mr.

Street Address: 7805 ABBEY COURT Telephone: ()

City, State Tyler TEXAS Zip + 4: 75703-5249

Winter Address: SAME Telephone: (903) - 581-4349

City, State _____ Zip + 4: SAME

Date of birth: 23rd August 1920 Wife's name: MARJORIE #c 0
#gc 0
#ggc 0

College(s) attended: NONE Degree(s), & when: N/A

Last employment & job title & retirement date: DEPT OF AIR FORCE
LACKLAND AFB TX. MATERIAL FACILITIES SUPV. 31 Aug. 80

Serial #(s): 38222594 Squadron: 423rd Specialty: WG.

Date joined 306th: 8 Aug 1944 If combat, what crew? FREEMAN

Special duties or assignments w/306th: WAIST GUNNER - ASST.
A/C ENGINEER - B-17

No of missions flown: 5 Date of last mission: 12 Sept 44

Date leaving 306th: 12 Sept 44 Highest rank/grade w/306th: S/Sgt

Other 8AF units served with, and when: NONE

Top service assignment after 306th: Personnel Equip. Sec. NCOIC.

USAF retirement date: 31 Oct 45 Rank/grade: T/Sgt

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of
the Squadrons or other units serving with the 306th, are sought by the sec-
retary, as many of these do not appear in any collections of materials in
National Archives or the Air University.

If you know of others who served with the 306th and who do not appear in the
current 306th Directory, please add their names and current/WWII hometowns
or other addresses to the back of this sheet so that searches may be imple-
mented to add them to our present 306th roster.

Former President Donald R. Ross and Incoming President Dale Briscoe receive bound volumes of the four Squadron Diaries from Secretary Russell Strong in appreciation for their efforts in the Diary and Mission Report projects.



Waiting to be served at the Iowa Farm Dinner, but you can be sure that the demeanor of this group changed when the two-inch thick pork chops were served: Betty Damaso, Ann Tanno, Betty Damaso, Mary and Larry Connolly.



Eating together were Nelson Ake, Bill Feeser and Paul Steele.

Dear Russell:

3 May 1995

I would like to compliment you on the 306th ECHOES. I enjoy it so much and you are doing an outstanding job as editor. Keep up the good work.

Enclosed is a crew picture of the Marvin Freeman crew. We arrived on the 306th Bl. in August 1944. We were shot down over Rhurland on 12 Sept. 44. Three got out alive and the rest of the group was killed except Donald Wilson who was removed from the crew when it went to a nine man crew. Our boys were Curtis Barber (CP) Robert Appell (TH) and James Hughes (WA). Since then Robert Appell has deceased from a heart attack. Barber & myself call each other at 11:30 A.M each 12 Sept 44. Please return picture if possible.

Also I would like to ask you

about a T-Shirt I saw recently. It had a B-17E on it with the triangle H on the vertical stabilizer. The lettering included Flying Fortress, 1941, B-17E. It came to me this might have been a shirt sold at one of the Group reunions. If you have any info on this shirt, please let me know, as I would like to have one.

Thank you for your great job with the secretarial duties and as editor of the E.C.H.O.E.S. I'm sorry I haven't sent the photo sooner.

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P.S. I enjoyed the book "First Over Germany" and also the 423rd Squadron diary. Good FB