Please change my

RECORD UPDATE

1 Dec 1969

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to Russ Strong at the reunion, or mail to Russ Strong, 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205)

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	Date complete 9/23/89
LAST NAME: JONES FIRST NA	ME: CHARLES F. TITLE: LTCOL, USAF, Red
	Telephone: (703 361-7218
City, state, zip: Henderson, N	N 89014)
Date of Birth: 12/06/20	Wife's name: Luise F. Jones
College(s) attended: Purdue	Degree(s): BS, MS Year(s): 49,51a
Last employment and job title: Boeing Aerospace, Renton WA	Computer Engineering Consultant
Reunions attended: (by year or location	
Serial #: A0 885551 Squadron	: 369, Gp Speciality: Froup Nav
Date joined 306th:	If combat, what crew:
Special duties or assignments w/306th:	369th Sq Nav, 306th Group Wav
Number of missions flown: 25	Date of last mission: 26 Jul 43 (Hannova
Date left 306th: Sep 43	Highest rank/grade with 306th: 15th
Other 8th AF units served with:	
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USAF retirement date:	Rank/grade: Control, DO, SAC Hg (Omaha)
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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.

Charles F. Jones Lt Col. USAF. Retired 60 Darby Road Brockton, Massachusetts 02402

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I was so nice to bear from you again. I missed you at Payton. It was a great reunion and I know that you would have come had it been possible for you to do so. You really did miss the opportunity to gather some valuable information for your book. I just know and pray that the same commades come to St. Louis in October.

You ask about the photo that you sent to me (the copy). You won't believe it but that was me on the might and a wonderful cut, It. Albert Schulstadt, on the left. The photo was taken beside "Little Audrey" after I finished my 25th mission. I remember it well. I am still trying to contact Al. He is supposed to be in "innesota and I have written several letters to him, none of which have been returned. However, he has not answered the letters so I don't know what has happened to him. Incidentally, I have an original print of this photo in my scrap book.

Puss, I took the liberty to make you a rubber stamp as Historian of the 306th Pomb Group Mistorical Society. I am taking a printing class at night and thought that you might like to have one. If you would like to have some stationary like the stationary that you sent to me, I can make you some. I made some for Pill Collins. All I need is a couple of clear sheets so that I can make a plate for the offset printer. If you would like some, please send me a couple of sheets.

This paper with the letterhead was my first endeavor and as you can see, the letterhead is at an angle. I promise that yours will be better. Must close for now. Please keep in touch.

Always, a comrade and friend,

Casey Jones

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28 February 1977

Dear Casey,

Many thanks for the rubber stamp. I have wished several times that I had one, as they are very handy in many structions.

Now if we can get envelopes in quantity. Charlie Patten, the old 423rd adjutant who got shot down as a passenger one day, has an envelope company and is supposed to be printing large quantities for Bill and I. But, I haven't seen anything of them as yet.

Glad to get hhat picture straightened out and to know that you have one, as well.

I don't think I'll need any letterheads at the moment, as I have a considerable number of these, and in special cases I have had letters printed in quantity here on the campus for practically nothing.

Nice to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

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60 Darby Road Brockton, MA 02402 22 August 1977

Dear Bill:

I am repeating the letter that I sent to Russ Strong Saturday. I forgot to make a copy of it and I wanted you to know what has transpired. In addition, I want you to know that I received your very informative letter just this moment. Luise just checked the mail and brought up your letter.

Now for the repeat of Russsell Strong's letter:

Dear Russ:

I just returned from a trip to downtown Brockton where I checked on the Avery paper stock with peelable backs. I found that they were \$2.80 per 150. They measure 2" x 4". This is considerably larger than the name tags that we had two years ago in Miami Beach. Exactly what size do you think that we can use? They have some that are a little smaller but I think that they are too small. I really forgot to take the old name tag with me so I didn't get a chance to match it with the new tags. I assume that we are planning to place our tag over the tag that we will get in St. Louis from the 8th Air Force.

I can probably get some heavy paper stock at school and print on it. That way we can just remove the 8th AF name card and replace it with ours. On the other hand, I can probably get some additional peelable backed paper from the printing company. Yesterday, they gave me about 100 pieces of their scraps. They fit in the old name tag after they have been trimmed a little. That is a matter of a little work with the scissors plus a little patience.

Do you think that we should use the heavy paper stock or should we go ahead and buy the Avery stock with the peelable backs? What size do you recommend?

Let me know and I'll do what is needed to do. How large will the ready camera work be? How much room will be left to print names?

Looking forward to hearing from you soon. I'm sending a copy of this to Bill Collins for his suggestions also.

Always,

Casey Jones (signed)

Bill, sounds like St. Louis is going to be bigger and better than any of the previous reunions. The reunions each year are the highlights of our year. Luise and I can hardly wait each year for the next reunion. She was so sorry that she missed the one last year in Dayton. We already have our reservations for St. Louis, so we will see you there. Drop me a line whenever you can,

Always a friend and comrade,

Casey

Charles 7. Jones Lt Col. USA7. Retired 60 Darby Road Brockton. Massachusetts 02402

15 August 1977

Mr. Russell A. Strong Historian, 306th Bomb Group Route 1, Scotch Meadows Drive Laurinburg, NC 28352

Dear Russ:

Received your letter of the 7th August and was pleased with your idea of the distinctive name tags for the 306th to be used at the St. Louis convention.

I will be only too happy to print them, at no charge. I will do it at school after school begins in September. I will check on the price of the Fasson or Avery stock with peelable backs. This would be the only thing that I need be reimbursed for.

I will need the ready camera work from you at your earliest convenience as school begins on 6 September. It will be the first thing I do. I will also make up some letterhead stationary as we had already spoken about. Hopefully, we can sell it for a profit for the 306th BG.

I am sending Bill Collins a carbon copy of this letter so that he will understand what we are doing. If Bill has any objections to this, he can let me know and we can scrap the project.

See you all in St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,

Casey Jones

cc: Bill Collins

7 August 1977

Mr. C. F. Jones 60 Darby Ln Brockton. MA 02402

Dear Casey:

A stray thought went through my mind recently--what are the possibilities of your printing distinctive 306th name tags for the St. Louis convention?

I'd be happy to furnish camera-ready artwork, if you could put it on a press and run and cut them. You would need Fasson or Avery stock, with peelable backs, and I would uggest that we lay them out to be about 22°x32°, so we could print them on a 7x10 sheet. If we printed 40 sheets we'd have 320 tags.

I'm sending a carbon along to Bill Collins, so we can try out the idea on him too. I'd like to see the triangle H prominently displayed at St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

cc: Bill Collins



60 Darby Road Brockton, MA 02402 18 August 1977

Dear Russ:

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Let me know and I'll do what is needed to do. How large will the ready camera work be? How much room will be left to print names?

Looking forward to hearing from you soon. I'm sending a copy of this to Bill Collins for his suggestions also.

Always,

Casey Yones

CC: Bill Collins

30 August 1977

Dear Casey:

My proposal on the name tags would be for you to print them about 8 up, on a sheet about 8x10, making them 4 inches wide and 2½ inches high. I would prepare artwork with eight up so that you could make one plate, and then print 50 or 60 sheets to come out with what we need, and after they dry, cut them apart.

If you'll give me your phone number I'll give you a call.

A friend here has loaned me his East Coast WATS line nights a nd weekends, so I can talk with you at no charge. Tried to call you last Sunday night, but couldn't find a number.

Incidentally, my search list shows two people from Brockton we have not been able to locate: Leon J. Blood and Arthur Cruff. You might do a little looking and see if you can locate either or both.

Back to the name tags: trying to print them individually is a laborious job and a bit difficult to get the press to hold them properly.

Also, would you be interested in trying them two-color? In the later days, we had a group color--yellow--and each sq uadron had a little stripe on the top. These could be put on with felt tips and would make a nice touch. If you can give the second color, I'll prepare the art work accordingly.

Sincerely,

15 July 1977

Mr. C/F. Jones 60 Darby Road Brockton, MA 02402

Dear Casey:

I had already typed you a note, but have thrown that away as I just percolated an idea.

You expressed an interest in printing some lettersheads. Why not print a quantity, without anyone's names on them, just the top of the heading, and bring them to St. Louis to sell in perhaps packs of 50? This would pay for your paper, and if there was any excess, the profit might go to the 306th. I think quite a number of men might like to have a small quantity of it for their own use, but don't need 500 sheets.

It was nice to visit with you last Sunday and I appreciate your stopping by.

Since seeing you I have received a bunch of pictures from Allan Richardson, an intelligence type, as well as a couple of more addresses. They do keep coming, although slower than we would like.

See you in St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

I've also enclosed the squadron sketches in a photo print.

cc: Wm. M. Collins

60 Darby Road Brockton, MA 02402 13 December 1975

Dear Russell,

Just received the "Preliminary Bibliography of the Bomber Offensive of the Eighth Air Force, 1942 - 1945". I have many of these books in my war library. Now, I hope to get the remainder of the books. I sincerely thank you for this information. It was very kind and thoughtful of you to think of me.

I have sent so many letters to our comrades-in-arms recently that I am not sure whether I have answered your correspondence or given you the information you had requested. If I have not done so, please accept my apology. If I have failed to send you any information, please let me know and I promise that it will be returned by the next post.

I have been in contact with Mr. Royal Frey of the Air Force Museum. They were delighted to get the log and the chart of the first bomber mission over Germany, to Wilhelmshaven on 27 January 1943. They had already designed the Eighth Air Force exhibit, therefore, they will use it in about two years when they redesign the exhibit. I am also going to send them my sextant but have been so busy that I have not had the time to find a box for it. But, I will send it after the holidays after the big mail rush. That way, there will be less chance of it becoming lost.

Hope that you enjoyed the reunion as much as my wife, Luise, and I did. I don't know when we have had a better time. Luise was very proud to meet our fellow warriors and flyers. I think that she was more impressed than any one else that attended. She and I were very happy to renew old acquaintances and to see and learn more about my buddies. I was very excited to see and talk to Bill Casey. I have thought of him so often. I have talked about him and the mission that he was shot down on so many times. It seemed just like it was yesterday.

John Corcoran, Warren Borges and I with our wives are going to spend New Years eve together. We plan to go to the Officer's Club at Hanscom Field. We should have a ball.

Russell, Luise, Steve and I want to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We wish you good health and a prosperous future. We wish you well with the book. I am looking forward to buying a copy as soon as it is finished. Drop me a line when you have a few extra moments. A card will do. Looking forward to seeing you next year.

Always and all ways.

Casey Jour

11 February 1977

Mr. E. F. Jones 60 Darby Road Brockton, MA 02402

Dear Casey:

I am having a delightful time poring over about 800 photos of the 306th loaned to me by Rudy Skalak. I came across this one, and that's your name on the nose above the swastikes.

Now, who are the people in the picture?

I hope to have another newsletter off to the printer in another week. I've put together a directory that has a lot of names that are new, as Bill Collins and I have uncovered a lot of people since the Dayton meeting.

And, I have the St. Louis affair firmly on my calendar.

You can believe that my wife and I have heaved many a sigh of relief in the last two months over being in North Carolina rather than Dayton. It has been cold here, but we've had no snow and I don't miss it a bit. In my travels around I see a bit of it now and then, and that's plenty! I talked with Bill Collins last Sunday and he was moaning about conditions in Ohio.

Sincerely yours.

Russell A. Strong

Sure missed your being in Daylon.

I understand though how tough it

is asking for a day off when your

are just starting a new job. Sure hope

you can make It downs. Looking

Joward to seening your there.

Best wishis he a successful and

healthy new year.

With all good wishes for a happy holiday season... a happy year... and all the best things--always!

Lursi, Steve + Casey Jones

SEASON'S GREETINGS

note from Casey Jones

2 January 1976

Dear Russell,

Enclosed you will find a color photograph of the members of the 306th Bomb Group. This photo was taken on Sunday morning, 12 October 1975, on the poolside of the Marco Polo Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida. There are six members of the Group that are in the photo that I do not know the names. However, if you want the names I do know, I will send them to you.

Hope your Christmas was as nice as our Christmas. We wich you a successful, prosperous and a very healthy New Year. Hope the book is coming along. We are looking forward to buying a copy. Sure hope you will sign it for us.

See you in Dayton, if not before. God bless you all.

Always,

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note from Casey Jones 3 Nov 75

Dear Russ,

Received the first package with my things in it. Also received a letter today with the picture of King init it. This picture was mine and I appreciate your returning it.

I am sending the navigational map off to Mr. Royal Frey today. I hope that he can use it.

I also offered several other items which are in my possession but do not want to give them away unless they are going to be used. The Royal Air Force would also be interested in these articles but I want the Air Force Museum to have first crack at them.

Must run. Oh !!!!! The photo that I took of the 306th Group was excellent. I will send you a picture when I get to going my own color printing and enlarging. Also have an excellent photo of the 369th "Fightin' Bitin'" sign.

Keep in touch.

Casey Casey

note from Casey Jones

3 August 1977

phone (617) 587-5885

Dear Russ:

Received your letter yesterday and wanted to get a quick answer back to you immediately.

When I received your letter, I immediately tried to locate Leon J. Blood and Arthur Cruff. I located Blood but cannot locate Cruff. Through Blood, I picked up another name, Charles Barchard. Barchard is in charge of the Dartmouth rental property at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Since you have access to the WATS line, I thought you might call him. You will probably have to call him thru Dartmouth College. Blood's address is:

L. James Blood 600 Central Avenue Stoughton, MA phone 617 344-9776

I'll continue to try and find Cruff by checking old newspapers at the library.

Russ, I don't want to try two color printing at this time. I don't mind putting the yellow on with a felt tipped pen but I have no experience with two color printing as yet. Maybe next year.

I don't mind printing them one at a time. We all do business cards and they are smaller or about the same size as the name cards. So, that shouldn't be any trouble. I am enclosing a sheet of Avery stock that I bought. If this stock is satisfactory, then we can print on this. Therefore, art work must be made for this format, 3 cards per sheet. Whatever you send, I will make do and print accordingly.

In case you ever forget my telephone number, please remember that it is listed under the C's. It is listed as Casey Jones, 60 Darby Road and not under the J's -- Jones Casey. My phone number is 617 587-5885. I will look for a phone call from you in the near future so we can discuss the printing of the cards. You can reach me anytime after 4pm. And, you can call me as late as midnight. I never gt to bed until at least midnight because I am always looking at student papers. Weekends are usually another good time to call as I usually am at home watching football, especially on Sundays.

Russ, I'll send a note to the Reunion Services so they can get a brochure off to Blood. I think he will go to St. Louis. He was in the 306th for about 3 months in April - June 1944 at which time he was shot down and became a prisoner of war.

Looking forward to hearing from you. If you find anyone else in the Brockton area that you need to have looked up, please call on me for help.

Always,

Casuz Casey Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Jones 40 Arthur Matthew Drive East Hanover, Massachusetts 02339

11 August 1979

Dear Bill,

Hope this finds you all well and adjusting to all the hot, muggy weather. It has been so warm and humid here. It wouldn't be so bad if it were only for a day or two but it lasted for over three weeks. Yesterday and today, it finally cooled off but we are now having rain. If it isn't one thing, it's another.

Are you going to the reunion in Phoenix or are you going to the 306th reunion in Colorado Springs or both? We are hoping to be able to go to Colorado Springs. The last Eighth Air Force reunion in Washington was a fiasco as far as we were concerned. Everything is John Woolanough or Warth. I was so sorry to see Joe Warth voted into the Presidency again. Between Warth and Woolanough, it is bad. Besides, it is getting far too big to really enjoy especially for the money we have to put out. We are looking forward to seeing you again.

Would you make a correction to your list of airplane numbers? "Little Audrey" was 41-24560 and not the number shown in the list. This information was taken directly from my log book. I have other airplane numbers but do not know all of the names of the planes. If we could match up numbers, planes and pilots, we could find the names of the planes.

I will bring my log book to Colorado Springs. Hope to see you there.

Always,

Casey Jones

PS: Almost forgot the important thing -- enclosed is a check in the amount of \$10.00 to help cover costs of postage and other expenses.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Jones 40 Arthur Matthew Drive East Hanover, Massachusetts 02339

17 May 1980

Dear Bill and Betty:

Thanks for the nice note that you sent along with the 306th Newsletter. I always appreciate hearing from you.

I am returning your check which you sent to me for payment of the mug. This mug was a gift from me to you and there is no cost. I just wanted to be able to have it displayed at the next reunion so we can get some orders. I have ask Debbie to find out about a regular beer type mug instead of the type we got. She thinks this will be no problem. I like this style as well since it allows a great deal of room to nut name. rank, organization as well as the logo. I am also enclosing a photo of my mug. The photo came out a little on the yellow-red side but it will give you an idea of what was on my mug and not on your mug. I was just sorry that I didn't know your rank and crew position. I also thought about putting the dates of my tour with the Group on the mug also. I hope that some of the members of the Group will order the mugs. I thought the prices were very good, especially in this day of inflation. Debbie will guarantee delivery -- at least, I will with her.

Steve and Luise just returned from the Orientation Day at the Naval Academy last night. Guess the ty really had a great time. They are really impressed.

I just spent 4 days in Florida at Eglin AFB assisting in the testing of the software package for the NKC 135 which will be carrying the relay equipment and communications system of the JTIDS project (Joint Tactical Display Information System). When perfected, this system will be the greatest thing in communications. It was even mentioned several times in the book, "World War Three, 1985". Can't say much more than that at this time.

Bill, if you and Betty ever get up out wav please stav with us. We have plenty of room and will try to make your visit the best. Come see us whenever you can.

Alwavs

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611/

22 December 1980

Dear Casey:

Here are some more pictures I just received. Also, included are some negatives which came along, and which I would like to make use of in the next issue of Echoes.

No great rush on the copying. I would like the others when it is convenient for you.

Have finished the first draft of the book, all except the last chapter, which I'll do later. So now I am busy on the rewrite which ought to take about three months--if I stay home and don't go gallivanting all over the country.

Sincerely yours,



CASEY JONES
Christmas 1980

Dear Friends,

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you. May your new year be as wonderful as our past year has been to us. We hope that you will enjoy a few notes on our year.

I bought a complete computer system, a TRS 80 and it was delivered to our house in Hanover in January. It has been loads of fun playing with it. There have been some frustrating times as well. I was able to do most of my homework for my computer courses at Northeastern University where I am working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Data Processing. My company is paying my tuition and my books which help. They even gave me a bonus for my 5 "A" and 1 "B" grades. Sure was appreciated.

Steve graduated from Brockton High School, 18th in his class of 1497 graduating students. He had his first real date and took her to the Prom. He was accepted for admission at Purdue, Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute, California Institute of Technology, the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Naval Academy. His choice, after much deliberation, was to attend the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. He reported for his Plebe summer on the 8th of July and we saw him at the Parent Weekend in late August. He came home for two days at Thanksgiving and enjoyed every minute of it -- sleeping.

Steve also earned his Boy Scout Eagle award before leaving for the Academy. However, it could not be presented to him at that time, so he will receive it on the 27th of December when he comes home for Christmas.

All the honors bestowed upon Steve this year has made us very proud and we are very happy for him.

My job at ACSI, Analysis and Computer Systems, Inc., has been very rewarding as well as being a happy one. Bonuses galore were given to me and I finally felt that I belonged. I participated in the Eglin AFB, Florida tests of the new Joint Tactical Information Distribution System (JTIDS). To date, it has been a great success.

Luise has done well with her job. She now runs the Travel Agency's computer after a short course for computers in Florida. Through her job at Plaza Travel, she got a reduced fare flight for herself and for me to Europe.

We spent 10 days in Germany visiting her parents and relatives in the Hamburg area and 3 days in Sweden with my friend Bjorn, Max and Inga-Lill. We got the opportunity to see the Tutanchamun exhibit in Köln and it was beautiful. We also took a Rhine cruise from Köln to Koblenz. The vacation was great but much too short.

Luise and I spent 4 glorius days in Orlando, Florida at the 8th Air Force/306th Bomb Group Reunion in October. As usual, we saw my old comrades from WW II and had a great time reminiscing about our past heroics. It was fun and we look forward to each new reunion.

As you can see, our year was filled with happiness and many honors and we are happy that we can share a few of our moments with you. We hope that your year was great and your next year even better than the last.

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Casely Luise

home 617/826-5540

Bill,

Thanks for the photo. Please tell

me volvo does your color printing.

It is excellent. In looking for a

new Color Lot to do my photos. How

about the name of yours!

Ke

from the desk of Casey Jones 1/11/81 Russ, Here are better pectures from the negative - more contrast. Contrast. I have completely reprinted some of the pictures I copied. I dedut like the first ones so bought as set of polycontrast fetters and show they are very good. I did about half of them then this week or on next weekend. Well get them in the mail by next Monday. Casey

from the desk of Casey Jones

4 January 1981

Dear Russell:

Enclosed are the photos that you wanted for the Echoes. I hope that they are satisfactory. I wasn't entirely happy with the prints I did of the copies and am going to redo them this next weekend. You will have them within the next two weeks.

I bought some polycontrast filters to help me darken up the pictures properly. I want to keep the negatives you sent and the photos until I can compare them and get the prints that I consider good. I shall return them to you with the prints in about two weeks.

Have had the Bangkok flu and it really got to me. Have been down for about two weeks. Will return to work tommorrow. Sure will be good to be back.

Always,

Carry

from the desk of Casey Jones Russ, I have some pictures from my Acrapbook which I rule send ni next batch. Sony for the delay Casas

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Jones 40 Arthur Matthew Drive East Hanover, Massachusetts 02339

12 may 1981

Dear Ruse,

Received the shotos on the monday before I left for Georgia, consequently, I did not get to work on them until this past weekend when I returned home.

Thought they came out good considering the size and clarity of some of the photos. Hope your can use them

and healthy. We are fine. Lusi will have an lar operation in late June to close a hole in her lar and to rebuild the lar drum. She had thus done about 4 years ago with only some success. With the new methods and procedures, they thunk They can help her even more this time.

Steve well have plastic surgery done on his
eye and cheek next week. He had a behe accident
just 2 weeks prior to reporting to the Navel academy.
The skin is pulling his eyeled down and he must
tape et each night to keep it from drying out.
The surgery mult be municipality only a local anesthetic.

He well be in Bethesda Naval Hospital only about 2-3 Lup. He will be out in true for us to see him during Commissioning week when the Plebes Clinit Herndon monument which is about 12-15 ft high and well be Greased and oiled (about 4-6" thich). It is said that the person retrieving the admirals hat on top well become the first admired of the class. not really true!!!! Steve is doing his final exams for the year. He is expecting good grades as he has A's and B's in all subjects. Thould have a 3,57 average for the year. not bad for a growing boy. He goes to sea in a ballistic muste sut for a To day oruse donny enlisted duty. If he works hard he can earn the selver dolphin for his efforts. He says he is going to give it his best shot. He must do thus in his 70 days where the enlisted personnel have 6-7 months to earn theirs. must close for now. Drop me a line when you can. If you need further plutos, let me know. Celways a comrade and friend Casign

Memo FROM THE DESK OF CASEY JONES 60 Darby Road Brockton, MA 02402 Dear Russ Enclosed are the photos of the 369th and of alan. Too bad the lights are on the negative. If you can get me the originals, Ill redo the photos from scratch. I would like to make a good photo of the 369th. I recognize many comerades but forget some names. In sure others might like to have a copy of this group photo. Dry to get it for me! I am enclosing a copy of the article from the Stars and Stripe about operation Casey Jones. Thought your sught be interested in it.

How is the book coming? must be about purched and realy to go to press 1?1 If you still need photos done, let me know. Hope they have been satisfactory. Say hello to June and all the feeds for us. See you in St Paul! always Careye

Memo Gazel Jowez FROM THE DESK OF 60 Darby Road Brockton, MA 02402 (Kuss, Enclosed are some photos taken in color at StPaul. Would appreciate your putting him in the Echoes (mext issue) with my name, address and que list. Trices are the Lat prices + postage Aspe all is going well with the book. Looking forward to seeing it. Bet your glad it's done. Sorry we dedn't get to see you in St Paul. Our Seepest sympathy in the loss of your brother. all our best Durse + Casey

Memo FROM THE DESK OF CASEY JONES Brockton, MA 60 Darby Road Squadion photos Banquet photos any other photo \$200 - 36 x 5 500 - 5×7 800 - 8×10 all in color B+W's are 1/2 the Color prices Color Photos were excellent! send chuck or M.O. or cash to Casey Jones 40 arthur matthew Dr. E. Hanover, MA 02339

7bMarch 1982

Dear Casey:

I certainly appreciate your assistance with photography. It makes my job a lot simpler.

Here are shots I took in England while at Mildenhall AFB to give a speech. One sheet is at dinner at the base, and the other has principally pictures taken at the Cambridge \cemetery that I want to use with a feature in $\underline{\text{Echoes}}$.

Finally got the January issue to Bill Collins for mailing. Bert Perlmutter held me up with type. Guess I'll have to buy it in the future. Enjoyed the free aspects, but it sure caused me a lot of problems.

Best to you and Luise.

Information for ordering Squadron Mugs

Name:

Rank:

Squadron or Organization:

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8003 NW Lawton Avenue Lawton, Oklahoma 73505 16 October 1982

Hello from Lawton,

Well we finally made it to Lawton. It has been long and a hard trip. This will not be a long letter as there are so many letters to try and write.

We want everyone to know our latest and most current address which is the address above. Our telephone number at home is (405) 536-5103 and Casey's work numbers are (405) 351-3642 or 351-3759.

We finally arrived in Lawton on Sunday evening, 26 September, very tired and hungry. We spent two nights at the Montego Bay Hotel which was adequate and comfortable. On Monday morning at 0730, I reported to the head office of TELOS Computing, Inc. in downtown Lawton. After filling out the usual paperwork, I reported to my group at Fort Sill to begin work. I will be working on the Interoperability project. This project will eventually translate all U. S. programs for use with NATO, German and British artillery. I think I am going to like it. The project officer and the group chief are both very nice as are all my associates. I was welcomed with a big sign on my desk welcoming me to NATO, the name our group goes by.

Meanwhile, we were ask to stay with one of the fellows that started the same time as I started, Ron Emry. Ron ask us to stay with him since he had lived in Lawton for some time and had an extra bedroom. We agreed to stay until we found a place to buy or to rent. We did find a very nice house to rent, address above. We had to sign a lease for one year which will give us a lot of time to find what we want to buy. This time there will not be a rush. We stayed with Ron for a week, then moved into this house. They will move all our furniture into the house on Monday, the 25th. We are using a sleeping bag and the cushions from the trailer to sleep on and are having no trouble at all. In fact, it is fun. We are using the refrigerator in the trailer to keep our perishables. So we are getting along fine.

Must run, so until later, we wish you all the best. Drop us a line.

Always,

Change my address for the 306th Echoes to about address. How did the recursion go this year? If it hadn't been for the job change, would have been there. Where is the next recurrin? Hope to be there wherever it is.

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Sorty, we missed the last runion. May be you till us in? We stayed with La KeskiTon the way down here and had a nice visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Jones 40 Arthur Matthew Drive East Hanover, Massachusetts 02339

18 June 1980

Dear Russ:

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I am sorry that I haven't written to you for so long. I am so involved with school and work and computers that I have almost no time for anything else. I have to leave for work at 0600 and never get home before 1900, that is if I come straight from work. After spending an hour to eat and relax, I then must start my studies. I go to school at Notheastern University two nights a week taking Fortran IV Programming and Accounting. Needless to say, it takes a great deal of study. I spend every Friday night, part of Saturday and at least 8 hours on Sunday just doing Accounting. The other nights I do Fortran. So you can see where my time goes. When I go to school, I don't get home until after 2200. Makes for short nights. No wonder I am always tired.

Received a letter from Bill Collins and he said that you were going to put the picture of the mug in the next issue of the Echoes. He wanted me to send you my idea of an order blank so I will make one as an enclosure to this letter. You can change it if you think it could be made to sound better.

I hope you are going to be able to make it to Orlando. We are planning on it. I sent in my application last week for the reservation.

Our son, Steve, reports to the United States Naval Academy on the 7th of July as a member of the class of 1984. We are sure proud of him. He was accepted to the Air Force Academy as well but he declined their offer in favor of the Naval Academy. It was a very difficult choice. He also was accepted at Purdue, Rennsealar Polytechical Institute, and California Institute of Technology. He hated not being able to accept Cal Tech though, but he felt that he could get his Master's degree there and maybe even his Doctobate.

Looking forward to seeing you in Orlando. Best of luck on the book. When are we going to be able to buy it? Just put in my order for Bove's book, First Over Germany. Hope they will print it soon.

Always,

Casey Jones

354 Coachman Dr apt 3D Troy, MI 48084

Hi Russ.

Made the move to Tray on 10 Oct. Worked begin on 14 Oct at Beneral Depramies Land Systems (GDLS). Jot is challenging and intensting. Bought a house. Should close around I Dec but owners with be permetted to stay another 60 days but paying out payments. This, they tell me, is michigan law.

CASEY JONES

In the new derectory, please use his address: 2027 Jeffrey Truy, MI 48084.

The 354 Conshman address is only temporary until we move into the new shouse.

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LT COL & MRS. CHARLES F. JONES 1119 NW 74th STREET LAWTON, OK 73505



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Casey Jones

Kuss

Mice talking to you at the reunion and also on the phone today.

Enclosed are the checks I promised. One is for the 2 broks and one for the Echos or whatever.

Hope you are rid of the cold. When do your plan on publishing the list of members and

addresses! I plan on taking the got in Warren, much at General Dynamics sometime in October. Ill send my new address ASAP. If you publish it before I Can send an address, put the present address of 1119 NW 74th St, Lawton, EK 73505 in it. at least it will be better the one now listed. Keep in touch Carry

Kuss Everyone has had the Echoes for some time I still do not have mue True we have moved but I get all my other mail, magazinis and news papers because I pay to have them forwarded so don't undustant why I haven't received mint. Could you send one a copy of all Echoes mailed sind the Reunion in Colorado Spring?. my current (temporary address) is 354 Coachman

Drwi, apt 3D, Tray. MT. 48083. When we move into our house o 2027 Jeffery, Truy MI 48098 in January, Il let you know. This sult be a permenant adhess Casey Jones

Lt. Col. & Mrs. Charles Jones 136 Coventree Drive Henderson, Nevada 89015 I have ask Russ Strong to ahange it Two times and it apparently has not been Changed as everything is still garry to in Tray Michigan. Tuclosed is a donation of Thanks lany

all is going well with us. Tuse is working en Las Vejas and In stell waching in I ray, Mr I have a room reented in melugan and fly fo Las Veges about every 6 weeks. Looking for a Job sin the West Coast or Arrayona Maybe it would be too long before Divil be in nevada too - and germenantly. Forcedentally, my mail was address for the moment is Box 201, Dray, MI 48099-d201. But the addies I want in the records is the one in Ke



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3770 E. Desert Inn Road



Las Vegas, Nevada 89121

138 Missions In, A Veteran at 22 Asks for More

Flier Jones Will Get Them. Too, After Visiting Sick

Father in Chicago

AN AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
BASE, Nov. 14—His application for another tour of missions accepted, a U.S. veteran of 138 section with the Fields hair veteran of 138 sorties with the Eighth Air Force and the RCAF, and holder of four. American and British medals, has left here for a furlough in the United States.

1/Lt. Charles F. Jones, 22, of Chicago, went home for one reason-to see his father, who is seriously ill.

Jones could retire from combat, as flying veterans have done after fewer sorties than his 138. But Jones said he liked action and flying and wanted to come back for more,

"I've been here for all the rough, hard work, and I want to see it over," he said. "I don't think it will be long now.

"There's a little stroll I've promised myself down that well-known street in Berlin."

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Jones went to Canada in February, 1940, to join the RCAF, his mind made up to "walk down the Wilhelmstrasse in one piece, or go home in a pine box." In England he went on scores of sorties with the RAF Coastal Command, to which he was attached by the RCAF. He was a general handyman on the British was a general handyman on the British bombers—did the jobs of navigator, observer, gunner, bombardier, radio operator and anything else that needed doing.

Transferring to the Eighth Air Force in November, 1942, he became a group navigator. He flew in Forts that pointed the way for some of the biggest raids and is credited with knocking down one German fighter and probably destroying two others with his nose guns.

By chance, he was in the first Fortress to wing over the German border. He was aboard the Little Audrey en route to Wilhelmshaven last Jan. 27, when drift resulted in Little Audrey going across the German frontier first.

Gray haired since he was 15. Jones said he has had a lot of close calls on such missions as St. Nazaire, Emden, Paris, Bremen and Hanover.

Medals and a Souvenir

Jones has the U.S. and British DFCs, Jones has the U.S. and British DFCs, the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the British Air Force Cross, and an inchlong piece of flak, souvenir from Hanover, which stopped dead in a metal bar less than an inch above his head. "Just plain luck," he said of the latter memento. "I was riding the Fort Dark Horse that day."

Although he thinks missions are a lot easier now than they used to be, Jones said, "But I'm not saying they aren't rough—rougher than anywhere else under

rough—rougher than anywhere cise under the sun.

"We used to strike out alone, just a few of us. Now we go in droves, with fighter support all the way to the target, and think what hell those fellows on the ground are catching."

About the claims of bomber crews, Jones said, "I know they may seem high, but I know enough about the scoring

but I know enough about the scoring system, and the shooting, too, to know that when they say they got 150, they got 150, period."











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1991 Reunion Chairman James F. Macry Box 165 New Brighton, PA 15066 136 Coventry Drive Henderson, Nevada 89014-2726 13 December 1991

Dear Russ.

Enclosed you will please find an advertisement for the 306th memorabilia to be inserted in the Echoes when you print the next issue.

The only photos I had to put on the ad was a copy of the ones sent to me by one of our group who ordered several items. I realize the ad is small but I tried to keep it two columns wide. The length was as long as I needed. I did not have a photo of the Navy blue and tan cap but didn't think we needed one as there are only 2 of those left. Neither did I have a photo of the 306th window decal. If you have one you can place it under the the decal ad.

If this ad is too small or whatever, please let me know and I will redo it. Maybe you can have it blown up and use better photos than the ones I pasted on it.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!!!

Casey Jones

1991 Reunion 19-22 September Pittsburgh, PA

Airman's emotional return



Back in town: Lt Col Charles Jones presents the picture to Donna Reilly.

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Dear Casey:

The travel people will be "picking up" your tickets for events in Bedford and London.

All you need do is send a note to Jan Peterson at Witte Travel as to what your needs will be, basically the events you will be planning to attend, and whether you will need any Bedford accommodations.

This should take care of the matter nicely.

All the best,

cc: Don Ross

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Enclosed find the three (3) checks for your services as Secretary of the 306th Bombardment Group Association for the months of July, August and September.

Russ, how am I supposed to handle the \$350.00 for the Secretary's Account? Do you make the check out and send it to me every month or am I supposed to write the check every month and send it to you? I am assuming that we shall continue to do it the way it has been done recently - you writing the check and sending me a copy of the check for my records and for entry into the check book.

Hope your trip to the National Archives was successful. Got the check for your expenses but did not find one for the car payment. Did I miss it or will you send it later?

Hope you had a nice 4th of July holiday. Ours was fun. Saw the Las Vegas Stars beat the Portland, Oregon, Beavers 6-3, then saw a great fireworks display after the game. It is the one game that we go to every year. Makes for a nice evening.

Am working madly on the financial report. The first report is the hardest to do since it is all new and I am still not quite sure what has to be done. However, I hope to have it ready sometime next week. Will send all the officers and directors a copy as soon as it is finished.

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Secretary/Historian Russell A. Strong 5323 Cheval Place Charlotte, NC 28205 704/568-0153

6 December 1992

Author
First Over Germany
Command and Staff
Officers, 8th Air
Force, 1942-45
Editor
306th Echoes
306th Directory

Dear Casey:

Your apology is accepted, with thanks.

I am not so sure that we will wind down to nothing in three or four years. By the time we have dropped five hundred members our expenses will begin to decline, and I think we will be able to muster sufficient funds to keep going for quite some time.

I would place at least ten more years as a much more likely attainable target, and perhaps even beyond that.

For instance, I expect that the secretary's stipend, and other expenses associated with the secretary's office will begin to decline before long. Echoes will become smaller, and if necessary, we may not publish as often. Reunions will become simpler and attendance will drop, as well.

As I have mentioned to one or two others who have asked about the lifespan, I have reminded them that a fair number of the organization are considerably younger than others. This will serve to keep something going.

Remember, I am only 68 at this point, and there are others who are younger than I.

From another viewpoint, I see no good reason for trying toextend the life into another generation as was mentioned very seriously by a few at a reunion several years ago.

I hope I am around to attend that reunion 10 years from now when there are only a hundred of us who can make it! Well, its worth a try.

All the best,

"FIRST OVER GERMANY "











Re: 306th FAX Machine

367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England — September 1942-April 1945

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Russ Strong 5323 Cheval Place Charlotte NC 28205

Dear Russ:

I must apologize for my complaint about the acquisition of the FAX machine.

In going through my 306th reports on Sunday I discovered, to my embarrassment, the motion and approval of the FAX on the backside of a page which I had previously overlooked. I should have realized that there could have been some procedural back-up for this acquisition.

My basic opposition to the acquisition of the FAX remains, however, because of my belief that the Association's life-span appears to be winding down quickly. Judging from the decreasing financial support of our aging membership and our growing expenses, it appears to me that we will run out of operating funds in about three or four years.

I have to wonder if the Association should be allowed to starve to death or if it would be better to give some thought to a formal dissolution that would preserve the dignity of its passing

I know of many members who thought this should have been done coincidentally with the 50th anniversary reunion in England.

It is difficult to watch the slow demise of anything that has been so meaningful., but time marches inexorably onward. How long can the 306th remain viable?

Casey Jones Treasurer

306th Bomb Group Association

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Russell A. Strong 5323 Cheval Place Charlotte, North Carolina 28205

Dear Russ.

Just picked up the new 369th patches and 306th patches from Namark Diversified Printing in Las Vegas.

Would you rerun the ad in the Echoes again omitting the blue visored cap and changing the 306th patch. The 306th patch is not the round one like we had before. Namark made a mistake and made the smaller one. When these are gone, I will order the round ones again. I am enclosing one of the 306th patches so you can get a photo made of it to replace the round one in the previous ad.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,000 which you ask me to send to you for the 306th reunion expenses. I made the check out to you as I did not know to whom I should really make it out. I hope this is satisfactory.

Received the box of envelopes. You should let me make them here in Las Vegas as I can get them done for almost what the postage was to send them to me.

Casey Casey

1991 Reunion 19-22 September Pittsburgh, PA

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12 March 1993

Dear Casey:

Got back last night and am trying to work my way through a rather large stack of mail. Now its your turn.

I am enclosing the bill for the 367th Combat Diary, which W have not paid. With a unit cost of \$9.34, it would appear that we can safely continue the same charge as we did for the 369th book, \$15 + \$2 for mailing.

That will eventually lead to a bit of a surplus.

I am now a third of the way through the 423rd book.

Also, there is an enclosure from a company trying to sell label pins. I suppose you might think about adding them to the PX list and have them for Seattle. Or, maybe not.

Regarding the 367th Diary. I ordered additional covers at this time, in the event we reorder, as we did with the 369th. It is much cheaper to buy them this way than to have them reprinted, as well as the insides.

All the best,

Casey Jones 136 Coventry Drive Henderson NV 89014-2726

26 April 1995

Robert N Houser 2412 28th Street Des Moines IA 50310

Dear Robert:

Enclosed is another donation from a 306th member who apparently does not read the Echoes. This is not the first nor will it be the last donation sent to me since I retired as Treasurer of the 306th.

I have also enclosed a statement for the expenses due me for postage to you for the period 1 January to the present. Hopefully, this will be the last unless I receive another donation.

A check should be sent to me at the above address.

Sincerely,

Casey Jones

Tuesday, April 25, 1995 irs/afsb 1995 - 306th Expenses Page: 1

306th Bomb Group Postal Expenses 1/1/95 Through 4/28/95

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