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19 February 1980

Russell A. Strong, Secretary  
The 306<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group Historical Association  
2041 Hillsdale  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

Dear Russ:

The January, 1988 issue of "Echoes" lists Raymond E. Gates as one of incomplete records. Ray was co-pilot on the Charles J. Thelen crew. Your list has me as co-pilot. I was the bombardier. Thelen, Gates, Lewis and S.S. Miller, the navigator all joined the 367<sup>th</sup> on the same date. We were all shot down and made POW on 5 April 1943. Thelen was flying co-pilot on another crew that day. They were shot down. Kelly G. Ross was flying pilot, Gates as co-pilot and the remainder of the "Thelen crew" were with Ross and Gates. Gates was able to evade for several weeks and did arrive Sagen after the rest of us. I have remained in contact with Thelen and Miller. They live in California. The last known address for Gates was Downs, Kansas. If you get anymore information about Ray, please let me know. He had a wife, Marjorie and a daughter.

Very Truly Yours

George L. Lewis

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Dear Sirs:

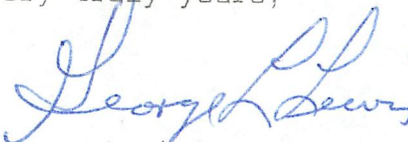
Colonel David G. Palmer, Director of Air Force Affairs,  
Reserve Officers Association has suggested that I contact  
you.

I was a member of the 306<sup>th</sup> Group, 367<sup>th</sup> Sqdn., 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force.  
I was also a prisoner of war from April 5<sup>th</sup> 1943 until May  
8<sup>th</sup> 1945.

I am trying to re-establish some communication with the  
unit in order that I may be advised concerning future reunions  
and meetings.

Several other members of my crew will want the same infor-  
mation and I will relay it to them if you are able to give  
us some help.

Very truly yours,



George L. Lewis  
Lt.Col. USAFR (ret.)