

More Issues of 'Echoes'

Here's my help for future issues of Echoes!

I enclose \$ 5⁰⁰ to support the production and mailing of the 306th Echoes. I also want to support continuing reunion activities for those who once served.

Name Barbara A. Thomas

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Mail to: C. Dale Briscoe

11025 Whisper Valley

San Antonio, TX 78230

Widow of Owen E. Ruby, 306th Bomb Grp - 367th
Pilot - 1st Lt - shot down tray 1st '43
into Channel. never found.
Any info would be appreciated.

24 June 1987

Mrs. Barbara A. Thomas
17 High Street
Natick, MA 01760

Dear Mrs. Thomas:

In regard to your late husband, Owen E. Luby, I am enclosing copies of three pages out of the history of the 306th Bombardment Group.

At the time his plane was ~~lost~~ the group was under intense German attack, both from fighters and anti-aircraft. The formation was at extremely low altitude, each plane was endeavoring to save its own hide, and very little notice could be taken of planes around, except to try to avoid any collisions. It was really quite frantic. Much more is known of what happened to the other two planes because they landed in the Brest harbor and one of them had survivors. But from the other planes in the air that day very little can be gleaned.

I have gone through all of my records from that day and kind find nothing further for you than what is contained in the history, which I wrote.

My suspicion is that probably most of Owen's crew was killed when the plane hit the water, and that it sank almost immediately. It takes several minutes to get a crew out of a B-17, and the two pilots are in a particularly precarious position from which to extricate themselves.

I am sorry that I cannot be of more help to you on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

17 High Street
Natick, MA 01760
August 2, 1988



Dear Mr. Briscoe -

Inclosed is my check for \$5⁰⁰

In your next directory, it would
be nice to read under geographical:

MA, NATICK - Barbara Thomas, widow

of OWEN E. LUBY (367th) - also

listed the same way under alphabetical.

The name Thomas means nothing to old
friends in the 367th - and hopefully
under the above listing I might
hear from somebody.

Thank you -

Yours truly
Barbara A. Thomas