

ROBERT FRANKLIN MORRIS

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17 January 1981

Dear Russ:

Here are Xeroxes of Special Orders  
from my 201 file while I was at Thurleigh.

Sorry I wasn't able to send them  
sooner but have only just returned from  
vacation in Puerto Rico.

I hope they may be of some use.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob".

11 August 1980

Dear Mr. Cardile,

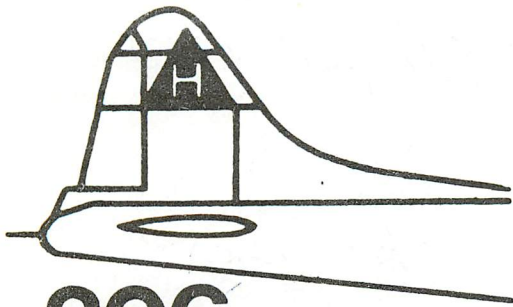
My nephew and namesake in Salisbury, Maryland forwarded me your letter.

I was with the 306th at Thurleigh from November 1943 until the fall of 1945 when I was transferred to a fighter group in East Anglia preparatory to being returned home. At Thurleigh I served successively as group personnel officer and adjutant of the 493rd Squadron.

If a roster is to be compiled of members of the group, I would be interested in having a copy. I have a number of photographs done by base photographers and would be glad to lend them for reproduction if desired.

Sincerely yours,  
Robert F. Morris

ROBERT F. MORRIS  
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367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations  
Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England - September 1942-April 1945

## 306<sup>TH</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION

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August 7, 1980

Dear Mr. Morris:

The 306<sup>th</sup> Assn. is trying to locate the men who served with our unit in World War II and I have been asked to help out. A list was furnished me of men from Maryland and a Robert F. Morris was thereon, at that time living in Salisbury (1945). Will you please let me know whether or not you (or perhaps a relative) were a member of the 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Grp. You can write me on the back of this note and a self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your use.

All we are trying to do is locate as many as possible of our old comrades, absolutely nothing more.

Yours truly

William R. Carlile Jr

I located your name in the Salisbury telephone book.

2 December 1980

Mr. Robert F. Morris  
116 W. 75th St.  
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Dear Robert:

Your letter of last August to Bill Carlile has come along to me, and at this late date, I hasten to respond.

I am very interested in the collection of pictures which you report having. I am not interested in strike photos, but am very much interested in people, equipment, planes, battle damage, Thurleigh, etc.

Would it be possible for you to loan me your collection so that I might copy those in which I am interested? As a number of others have done this, I now have a collection of 2000-3000 pictures at Thurleigh.

You may also be aware that I am now completing a manuscript on the history of the 306th, which I expect will be published in 1981. In that book I hope to use a number of pertinent pictures, and thus am interested in looking at any and all pictures that I can locate.

As to a directory, we will be publishing one about the turn of the year. It is now being typeset and will include about 1400 names. It will be mailed to everyone upon publication.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

ROBERT FRANKLIN MORRIS

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8 December 1980

Mr. Russell A. Strong  
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Dear Russell:

Thank you for your letter. Some of my pictures at Thurleigh seem to have disappeared over the years -- I can't imagine what happened to the shots of the royal family when the Princess Elizabeth christened "The Rose of York" -- but here are what I have left.

I feel very embarrassed at being able to identify so few of the people whose faces are still familiar to me.

I shall look forward to your book and hope you will let me know when it is available.

Sincerely yours,



P.S. I still have copies of 306 Group Special Orders pertaining to me (changes of assignment, detached duty, etc.). Naturally, many other members of the Group are identified as well. Would this information be helpful at all?

20 December 1980

Mr. Robert F. Morris  
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Dear Bob:

I am returning those prints which I already have, but am retaining those which I would like to copy. I'll get them back to you as soon as possible.

I appreciate your willingness to loan me these pictures, and I am also interested in copies of any orders you may have from Thurleigh. I have copies of many, but would like yours as they might fill some gaps, or provide more readable copies than I have now. Of especial interest are orders from the Squadrons or any other organizations on the base.

While in England I bought a set of the Rose of York christening photos from a London photographer, so still have an excellent set of them.

Thanks much for your help. Perhaps when I am next in New York we may be able to get together.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong