



367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations
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Author Books

First Over Germany

Command and Staff
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Force, 1942-45

306th Echoes 1975-2000

Editor

306th Echoes (quarterly)
306th Directory
306th Squadron Diaries
367, 368, 369, 423

Dear Maureen:

I trust you have the book by now. Sorry for the delay but if you could see my desk you might have some comprehension, plus the fact that I was gone about three weeks for a family vacation along the shores of Lake Superior.

Also, my correspondence continues to be reasonably heavy.

Here is the supportive data, except for the crew list. I lost it in process of preparing this material, but I know it is here someplace in my mess. I'll forward it, along with any data I may have on surviving crew members.

This material comes at a small charge, as it cost us a lot of money to assemble this data bank. Send me a check for \$2.50 and out to the 306th Bomb Group Association.

Sincerely yours,

WALTER D. MORRIS

MAUREEN M LANG
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August 13, 2003

Dear Mr Strong,

We corresponded about a month ago via e-mail, and I purchased your book. If you'll recall, I was asking for information about my late father, who was a B-17 navigator in the 306th.

You e-mailed that you already knew my father's date of death and had a crew picture of him. You suggested that by the time you received my check as payment for your book that you would probably have a fair bit of data about him. I'm not concerned about the date of death, because that didn't happen until 1998, and I was with him. It's the "fair bit of data" and the crew picture that I'm interested in.

I was wondering if you had anything yet? I'm sending you a self-addressed envelope so that you can send me any info you have. I understand that you don't do much e-mail and that's not a problem, but I sure would appreciate an answer to my letter.

By the way.....I think I mentioned that I thought my father used to get your newsletter. As you can see by the copy I've enclosed, I was correct.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely



Maureen M Lang

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Maureen Lang

From: "Russell Strong" <russell.a.strong306@worldnet.att.net>
To: "Maureen Lang" <wildwilly1@wdcunet.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2003 3:52 PM
Subject: Re: 306th Bomb Group

Need your address. I don't do much e-mail. The book iis \$35. Make check out to me and send to me at 5323 Cheval Pl., Charlotte, NC 28205. Sorry about the interludes in your search. If you had gotten to me first I'd have saved you time & money. By the time I get your check I may have. Give me some data on your dad. I know dod. Did he try to go over the falls in a Barrel?. I have a crew picture of him, and probably have a fair bunch of data.

--Russ Strong

----- Original Message -----

From: Maureen Lang
To: Russell Strong
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2003 11:00 AM
Subject: Re: 306th Bomb Group

Good Morning Mr Strong,

I wanted to wait until the weekend so that I wouldn't have to rush, and perhaps leave out some important information.

As I mentioned, I have gotten pieces of information from a couple of different gentlemen, and they mentioned your name and suggested I contact you.

I was on the 306th's website and I found my father's name, but it said to get more information I needed to become a member. I clicked on the "contact us" button and said I'd be happy to become a member to get the information, but if I paid my "dues" and then clicked on that button only to have it say "no further information available", I'd be pretty upset. That's when a gentleman by the name of Joe Demes e-mailed me back and said there was no further info on my father, but he quoted me a paragraph out of the 306th Bomb Group history book. It talked briefly about their last mission, ditching in the sea and being rescued by a Swedish fishing boat. No date and no further details were given. I then purchased a book entitled "Heavy Bombers of the Mighty Eighth" from a gentleman named Mark Copeland. He says he's a pilot for NWA in Minnesota. He helped me find the information about my father's crew in the book. He also suggested I contact you and that I should get a copy of a book called "First Over Germany". He says he has a book called "Making For Sweden" and he's going to look there for any info for me.

Here's the details:

My father's name was Walter D Morris. At the time of the ditching he was a 2nd Lieutenant and a B-17 Navigator. The Pilot's name was 2nd Lieutenant Louis F Matichka. They were in from the 222 Combat Crew Training School in Ardmore Oklahoma. They were in crew #888. I believe the serial-number of the plane was 238008. Then it says the following: 306 367GY 369WW

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08 05 44 FTRINT AA Vallo, Sweden-2Lt. Louis F Matichka-10 INT-MACR 4669

I took all that information out of "Heavy Bombers of the Mighty Eighth". I was wondering what their target was when they ditched, how long were they in Sweden, what happened to them there, where exactly were they, how did they get back, how many missions did they fly together, and any other information that I can get.

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I don't know what other information you might need, but I'll try and provide it if I can. I think my father used to get your newsletter.

Also, can you tell me where I can get that book "First Over Germany"?

I sure would appreciate any help you can give me.

Thanks

Maureen Lang
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----- Original Message -----

From: [Russell Strong](#)
To: [Maureen Lang](#)
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2003 10:40 PM
Subject: Re: 306th Bomb Group

I'll be happy to give you any information I can. Need name, etc, to move along. - Russ Strong

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From: [Maureen Lang](#)
To: [Russell Strong](#)
Sent: Monday, July 07, 2003 6:05 AM
Subject: Re: 306th Bomb Group

Mr Strong,

I've been doing some research over the last couple of months regarding my late father's participation in WWII. He was a B-17 navigator and was interned in Sweden. Your name has been mentioned to me by a couple of different gentlemen, as a possible resource,

I know the name of his pilot, the serial number of his plane and I believe I have the date. I also have a MACR#. I believe my father used to get your organization's newsletter.

If I provide the above mentioned information, would you be able to help me?

Maureen Lang

----- Original Message -----

From: [Russell Strong](#)
To: [Maureen Lang](#)
Sent: Sunday, July 06, 2003 10:25 PM
Subject: Re: 306th Bomb Group

Yes, I am that person.

----- Original Message -----

From: [Maureen Lang](#)
To: Russell.a.strong306@worldnet.att.net
Sent: Sunday, July 06, 2003 10:48 AM
Subject: 306th Bomb Group

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