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Dear Mr. Strong:

I recently visited Thurleigh and met Connie and Gordon Richards. They showed me your book on the 306th and I learned for the first time some of the details of my brother's death. He was on Lt. Stewart's plane when it was lost over St. Nazaire on 11/9/42. You refer to that mission on pp.41-42 of your book. I am trying to get some more facts about that mission and what exactly happened to the plane. I have written to others who were on the mission etc. Our family never knew any of the details or even what plane he was on until I saw your book, the reason being that I think George may have been assigned to the 306th only a few days or so before that mission. His last letters in late September gave another Group number. Can you suggest where I might find out when he was assigned to the 306th? We think he flew 3 or 4 missions before he was killed which squares with the number of missions the 306th flew. Any information you may have will surely be appreciated.

Connie showed me pictures of Stewart's plane in the July, 1986 copy of the 306th Echoes and I would very much appreciate having some copies for my family. George was the 2d of 10 children and my mother is still alive and well at 91. Please let me know if you have a few back copies and I will be happy to purchase them. I am a freelance photographer and I am doing a story for the Washington Post Magazine on my brother's death for next Memorial Day's issue. I spent time in France shooting the sub pens at St. Nazaire and Lorient and at Thurleigh trying to capture a little of the flavor of the past. I will be pleased to send copies to you when it is published.

Thank you in advance for your help. I truly appreciated your book.

Sincerely,

