

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE
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Name George Spelman
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Occupation Real Estate Sales Employer Jac Azar Corp
Address 4405 Montgomery ^{NE} Telephone 881-8888

Service Record:

Before joining the 306th:

33rd Battalion Corps Engineers, Aviation
Cadet Ellington + Kelly

After leaving the 306th:

Staff Lt Nathan B Forrest, B.G. Combat Wing
Dir Gnd Trng several stations
Command detachment Mil Govt Germany

306th Record:

Arrival Date June 1942 Squadron or other unit 329th
MOS Navigator Combat Status _____
Missions Completed 25
Promotions to Capt in 306
Decorations AM 5 olcs DFC 1 olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM
 PH Battle Stars _____ other _____

Other personal data:

My Brother said you called him in Florida
My writing is not too good at moment
Since I had a detached retina operation & my
vision, though coming back nicely, makes
this kind of work difficult.

Description of Air Missions:

(What were the highlights of your combat career? What was your role? What heroics did you witness? What events were there of which you have special knowledge?)

I was lead Nav of 369th enroute to England
1942.

I was Nav for BG Frank Armstrong when
he led the first US Mission on Germany
proper. Our Copilot Pate Edvis went as
a gunner on another crew and was
shot down & hid out in Germany 2 months
before capture.

(I was lead Nav for the 54 B-29's that
flew in review down Mich. Blvd while
Pres. Truman reviewed)

Our crew (RP Riordan, Pilot) was
commended by King George VI at Thorleigh
We had returned from hille after a
set-to with the Goering Staffol, Abbeville

My 201 was lost in a move somewhere
so I'm sorry I can't provide any documents.

I am retired Lt. Col. USAF
I still keep in touch with H.E. Caslin (Riverside Cal)
Lt Col USAF (Ret) & for a long time with
Peter Fryer (OKla City)

July 18, 1977

Russell A. Strong

Dear Sir:

At least I am ~~some one~~ ^{some one} who knows George Spelman. Apparently you wrote to the Holyoke paper and a cousin of mine sent me the clipping. George has recently ~~retired~~ retired from the reserve and was a salesman for a real estate firm in Albuquerque. He was and is my kid brother. I am living now, after retiring, in Port Charlotte Fla in a condominium 539 NE Harbor Blvd apt 4 B.

George's address is 6405 Christy N.E. Albuquerque N.M 87109

Lots of luck with the book and I am sure George will be glad to hear from you

Sincerely
Albert F Spelman