

RECORD UPDATE

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to
Russ Strong at the reunion, or mail to Russ Strong, 5323 Cheval
Place, Charlotte, NC 28205) Little Rock 1989

Date completed NOV. 30, 1990

LAST NAME: STONE FIRST NAME: JOHN TITLE: C. CHIEF

Street address: Box 411 Telephone: (218) 778-6981

City, state, zip: KEEWATIN MN, 55753

Date of Birth: AUG. 29, 1917 Wife's name: BEVERLY

College(s) attended: VIRGINIA JR. COLLEGE Degree(s): - Year(s): 1936

Last employment and job title:
CLEVELAND CLIFFS IRON CO. PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR

Reunions attended: (by year or location) 1979 COLO. SAGS.
1981 ST. PAUL, MINN. 1983 OMAHA, IEBR.

Serial #: 17026637 Squadron: 367TH Specialty: INSTRUMENTS.

Date joined 306th: MAY 1942 If combat, what crew:

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

Number of missions flown: Date of last mission:

Date left 306th: JULY 1945 Highest rank/grade with 306th: M/SGT.

Other 8th AF units served with:

Top service assignments after 306th:

USAF retirement date: Rank/grade:

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the squadrons or other units, will be welcomed by the secretary.

If you know of other 306th people who do not appear in the directory, please add their names and current or former addresses to this sheet so that we may search further for them.

29 May 1999

County Clerk
Itasca County
Court House
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Dear Friend:

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I have been informed by friends that he died in 1995, but do not have any definitive information on it.

If by any chance, you know of any surviving children, I would appreciate your assistance in reaching one of them for further information on John.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

Jan. 23, 1988

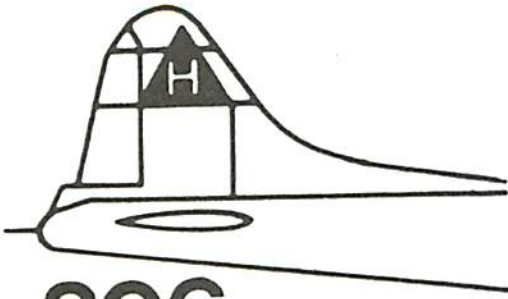
Dear Russ:

Received your letter of Jan. 18, and can only add a small amount of info which I know to be fact.

Duties as a master was a job as crew chief, also I served as "B" flight chief of 367th. Sqdn. for several months.

It consisted of supervising ground crews in "B" flight, and as a liaison man between Engineering office + ground crews.

Sincerely,
John Stone



367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations
Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England – September 1942-April 1945

306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION

Secretary/Historian

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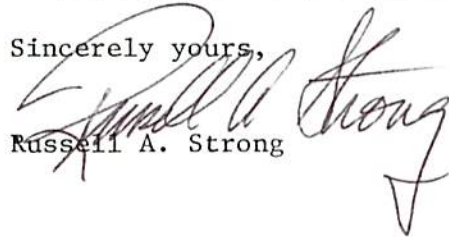
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*Mr. Strong,
John has a nephew in Keewatin, Minn, who is in regular contact with John's children. The nephew is Roger Toman, Boy 72, Keewatin, Mn 55753, Tele # 218-778-6636. Marvin Ott, USO*

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Grand Rapids, MN 55744

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July 3, 1987

Dear Mr. Strong:

I am very happy to be able to contribute what little I can to your wealth of information.

I had 5 planes in my track as a crew chief.

I was elevated on July 14, 1943, and worked in that job until Aug 1, 1944.

I had 42-3274, it was traded for a different plane. Next came 42-3076

which crashed in England
returning from a raid,
Then came 42-5407 which
I inherited from Glenn
Tompkins. It was subsequently
lost in action after it was
transferred.

Next came a brand new
plane 42-30728 an F
model I believe, It made
25 missions for the 367th,
and was lost when a 368
Crew piloted by ~~Capt~~ Lt.
J.M. Gay were shot down.
and finally my pride and
joy! A brand new G model

No. 42-32099 which went on to fly 68 missions when I ceased to follow it closely.

I was lucky, I had some real fine fliers as regulars. Captained by Malsom a good flier. In my stint our ground crew went over 50 missions without an abort caused by our negligence. William Edwards, and Jackson W. Vandever were the ground crew with me on 7284099 on our good run of luck.

We only lost one plane

of the fine with a 306
Crew aboard over Europe.

I hope I have been able
to provide something
useful for your files.

Keep up the good work,

Sincerely;

John A. Stone