

15 February 1980

Col. Henry W. Terry  
310 Panarama Circle  
Longmont, CO 80501

Dear Col. Terry:

Enclosed are copies of past issues of 306th Echoes, which I thought you might find of interest.

Also in this packet is a letter which I have used in the past and which explains who I am and what I am doing. I would also hope that you would fill out the data form and also take a look at the orders list. I would hope that you might add a few sheets to my collection.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

28 July 1980

Dear Col. Terry:

Can you identify at this late date any of the men standing behind you in this picture?

As you doubtless remember, this was taken in November 1942 at Thurleigh.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

29 October 1980

Col. Henry W. Terry  
810 Panorama  
Longmont, CO 80501

Dear Tiger:

In answer to your recent letter, the 306th Bomb Group Association does not have dues, as we have found that we can raise enough money to finance the publication of Echoes four times a year and put on our reunions without trying to get people to join up. We seem to have enough interested, and some are affluent, that there are sufficient funds to carry on as is.

Thus we avoid lots of money for postage, printing, etc., and the headache of trying to keep up membership lists.

This way we have about 1350 men on our list, all of whom receive Echoes, and probably a couple of hundred who contribute anywhere from \$1 to \$50.

We also have another fund, which covers my research and the preparation of a manuscript on the history of the 306th. That is coming along well, and the first draft should be done before the end of the year. Then Jack Ryan will be the editor. We have offered people who contribute \$100 or more to this a free copy of the book. Such contributions are also tax deductible.

I hope that answers your question. You can send a check along to me and I'll see it gets in the proper place.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

April 7, 1976

Dear Mr. Strong,

I received a copy of a letter written December 15, 1975, to the City Editor of the Citizen-Register, Ossining, New York, inquiring about my father Col. Henry W. Terry.

At the present time, my father is out of the country and I don't expect him to return until late fall of this year. Any information or correspondence may be sent to me and I will be happy to forward it to

him.

Sincerely,

JILL POMAINVILLE.  
810 PANORAMA CIRCLE  
LONGMONT, COLO. 80501

2 December 1982

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for the information which you sent me about yourself.

Now, I'd like to bother you some more and ask if you have any rosters, or other information about 1st Combat Wing. I need a run-down on staff officers in the grade of lieutenant colonel or higher with the wing organization. As you served two lengthy tours with it, perhaps you have several rosters of officers.

If you could copy such information and send it along, I would be most appreciative. If you want to loan it to me, I'll make the copies and return the originals immediately.

You asked for addresses, and they are:

Donald E. Sheeler  
8219 Strube Av  
Whittier, CA 90602

John H. Reid  
215 Dogwood Drive  
Newport News, VA 23606

Again, my thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

41-24489



Dear Russ, As you can see  
your card came sort of uny/ful.

I don't have a 36¢<sup>4</sup> postage -  
and I can't remember the name  
but I can picture him in my  
mind. Will try to remember and



see you at  
the reunion in D.C.  
All the best Tiger

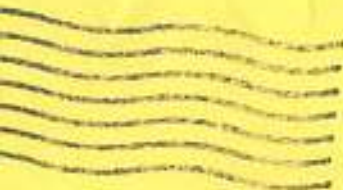
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306th Bombardment  
Group Association



Col. Henry W. Terry  
1800 W. Liddle Dr  
Tucson, AZ 85704



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IN THE POSTAL SERVICE



TERRY, Henry W. III

Original Group member

C.O. 369th 12/7/42

Air Medal 1/2/43 *o/c 4/6/43 o/c 4/6/43 o/c 7/7/43*

Led group to Rouen 3/12/43

Led raid to Wilhelmshaven 5/15/43

Led raid to Wilhelmshaven 6/11/43

Deputy Group C.O. 6/22/43 (?)

Group Air Executive 6/21/43

Lt. Col. 7/7/43

Deputy Group C.O. 7/7/43

Distinguished Flying Cro

AMolc 7/7/43

Transferred to 41st Bomb

C.O. 91st BG (Bassingbourn)

## More Issues of 'Echoes'

Here's my help for future issues of Echoes!

I enclose \$ 20.00 to support the production and mailing of the 306th Echoes. I also want to support continuing reunion activities for those who once served.

Name Col. Henry W. Terry, USAF-RET

Address 1800 West Liddell Drive, Tucson

Mail to: Wm. M. Collins, Jr.  
2973 Heatherbrae Drive  
Poland, OH 44514

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**CHANGE OF  
ADDRESS**

Col. & Mrs. H. W. Terry  
1800 West Liddell Drive  
Tucson, Arizona 85704

27 January 1990

Dear Tiger:

I was delighted to get the Silver Star citations in the mail today.

Have I ever asked you to search through your 201 file for items from Station 11 or the 306th? I am especially looking for Special Orders, as these were not saved until a presidential executive order took effect 1 Dec 43. I have a large collection of 306th orders issued from 1 March 42 through 29 Nov 43, but am always looking for a few more items that help in keeping track of people.

I would appreciate anything you can do for me on this, or if you have 306th pictures you would loan me for copying purposes, etc.

Talked with Dale Briscoe a bit ago, and he told me that today he had received the first four registrations for the San Antonio reunion. Looks like we are in business once again.

Hope all is well with you, and look forward to seeing you and Hazel once again in San Antonio.

All the best,

1810 West Kibbitt Drive  
Tucson, ARIZONA  
85704

Dear Russell,

Enclosed is form you  
requested. Upon completion

I certainly would like a  
copy of the 8<sup>th</sup> AF Directory.

I'm sure you'll let us know  
upon its completion.

There is a list of duty assignments  
with 8<sup>th</sup> AF.

Arrived in England 1 Sept 42

Flight Commander 367<sup>th</sup> Sqdn 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Grp  
1 Sept - 5 Dec 42

Squadron Commander 369<sup>th</sup> Sqdn 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Grp  
5 Dec 42 - 22 June 43

Deputy Gr Commander 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Grp  
22 June 43 - 14 May 43

Chief Staff 1st Combat Bomb W.29  
14 May 43 - 15 May 44

Commanding Officer <sup>2.</sup> 91st Bomb GP  
15 May 44 - 1 June 45

Chief Staff 1st Combat Bomb Wing  
1 June 45 - 1 Sept 45

Reported 8th AF + England  
1 Sept 45.

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1st 8th AF Duty (Apprentice tabs)

Deputy Chief Staff 9th AF  
15 Oct 45 - 30 Aug 47

Command Ground Staff School  
30 Aug 47 - 1 July 48

Director Operations Langley AFB  
1 July 48 - 1 July 49

Munitions Board  
1 July 49 - 1 July 50

Officer Secretary Air Force  
1 July 50 - 1 July 54

Chief Air Mission to Chile  
1 July 54 - 1 Sept 57

19 Jan 90

Dear Russ,

In the October issue of 306<sup>th</sup> Echoes information was requested about recipients of the Silver Star by members of the 306<sup>th</sup>. Enclosed is a copy of General Order No. 131 dated 17 Aug 43

Headquarters Eighth Air Force in which I was awarded the Silver Star. Note that other 306<sup>th</sup> personnel were on the same order for the Silver Star - i.e. George Robinson, Bill Raper - etc.

I was subsequently awarded two Oak Leaf clusters to the Silver Star but that was with the 1<sup>st</sup> Combat

Wing and the 41<sup>st</sup> Bomb gp.  
I was recommended for two  
Outburst clusters to the Silver  
Star while in the 306<sup>th</sup>, each  
for the 306<sup>th</sup> Squadron flying  
15 consecutive missions without  
a loss. I didn't hear about  
their approval as I was  
transferred over to Dressinghouse  
to the 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Wing at that  
time.

Again it was nice meeting  
you at Little Rock, Hazel  
and I are looking forward  
to San Antonio, which I  
know Rip and Oriscoe will  
make a first class show.

All the best

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Grandchildren?



Henry W. Terry

(Toland)

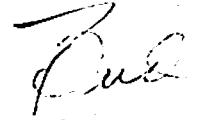


21 Barony Lane  
Hilton Head, S. C. 29928  
January 15, 1991

Dear Mr. Strong:

Enclose you will find some information on Terry. Hazels" maiden name was Boston. Her Aunt owned a pub in Norwich. Hope the enclosed info will be of help to you.

Best regards and good luck

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

Bud Evers

Mr. Russel A. Strong  
5323 Cheval Pl.  
Charlotte, NC. 28205

21 Barton Lane  
Hilton Head, S. C. 29926  
December 13, 1990

Dear Rudy:

Here is a brief summary of Col Terry:

TERRY THE TIGER  
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Col Henry W. Terry, 0375352, known to all as "THE TIGER", joined the 306th BG when it was forming at Wendover, Utah. Traveled overseas to Thurleigh, England in September 1942. The Tige came to the 306th as a Lieutenant and in less than a year traded his single bar for the silver oak leaves of Lt. Colonel. He wasn't even a flight commander when he started with the 367th Squadron but in a short time he became a Squadron Commander. He had the 369th Squadron when it earned the name " Fightin' Bitten' Squadron" with an almost unbelievable record of flying 41 consecutive combat missions without losing a single aircraft.

On August 19, 1943 he came to Bassingborn as Chief of Staff for the 1st Combat Wing, second in Command to Col. William M. "The Boss" Gross. He continued flying combat and on January 20th, 1944 became a full Colonel.

Tige joined the 91st as its Commanding Officer on the 17th of May 1944. A fighting Commander, he led the 91st, 1st CBW, 1st Division and the 8th Air Force to Berlin on 24th of May 1944. On July 20th 1944 Col Terry and Miss Hazel Boston of Norwich were married in St. John's Church in Norwich. Hazel and Tige took up housekeeping on the base at Bassingborn.

On November 13th 1944 he assumed temporary command of the 1st Combat Wing and continued until Christmas 1944 when General Gross returned from R & R in the States. Col Terry Commanded the 91st for 185 of its 340 missions. He left the 91st after the wars end on June 3, 1944 and returned to the 1st Combat Wing. Both he and Hazel were respected and loved by the men of the 91st BG.

Thats all. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. A special THANKS for all the work you do for the 91st. Best Regards.

Mr Rudy Malkin  
1643 Thetford Road  
Baltimore, MD. 21204

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL HENRY TERRY  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
91ST BOMB GROUP

To condense a tribute to a person as interesting, intelligent, knowledgeable and capable as Colonel Henry Terry is far from an easy task. One could write volumes about his attributes and the accomplishments that encompassed his life.

Colonel Terry led an exciting life and lived life to the fullest. He was always unassuming, never displaying his authority and truly respected the men who served with him.

A knowledgeable, tactical combat pilot and leader, he had an uncanny ability to mold men out of boys and to select leaders. While having the hands-on experience at most things, he always respected each man's ability to perform his job as well as being willing to listen if there was a better way of doing things.

Everyone was always impressed with his planning and his ability to express things. I flew 2 missions with Colonel Terry as we led the 1st Division and 8th Air Force over Berlin on May 24th, 1944 and then again on October 22nd to Brunswick. He was the best Command Pilot I have ever observed and epitomized the true leader of men. Colonel Terry made impressions on me as well as the rest of the group that have lasted a lifetime.

At the last reunion in Colorado Springs, Charles Hudson, Colonel Terry and myself spent much time together. Although his health was failing, he was still the leader, but wanted no recognition. "Everyone did their part in their own way" was his belief.

He left behind his wife, Hazel, 2 children and a few (5 I think) grandchildren. They deserve our condolences. Terry has now joined so many of our fallen comrades, but I am sure Colonel Terry's influence will continue for generations to come.

## COLONEL TERRY

This is a revelation about the most knowledgeable person on combat tactics that the Air Force could produce and when they needed it the most!

We were a party of four on our way to Braintree to put forth our problems on a typical mission into enemy land. Terry brought with him a lead pilot, a lead navigator and myself as lead bombardier. During the course of travel, each one of us related our problems on what we thought could be improved upon in combat. The lead pilot told of problems in the assembly and formation changes that should be made. The navigator needed more information on the flak route, and turn off the target and many minor misgivings. As bombardier, I wanted to change the turn at the IP into a gradual move making the turn from the mode, killing the drift, then making small evasive action turns until twenty-seconds before bombs away!

The travel time to Briantree was about a hour and one half. During this time, Terry absorbed all our conversations. The General Staff of the 8th Air Force occupied the auditorium and when Terry took the floor, he held them spellbound. For the next two and one half hours, I heard one of the most convincing and tactical speeches the Air Force had ever listened to.

I was awed by the performance. As a matter of fact, I had no idea the old man had it in him. This I will always remember as the most impressive oratory that I have ever heard!

Charles Hudson

Spring 1988

Brett Pomainville.  
American History/Literature  
Fourth Quarter Interview

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Tenny  
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*Ed Pls look this over for me.  
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(C) Hazel's maiden name was Boston. Her aunt, Agatha Dixon, ran the Falcon Inn - where Terry met Hazel. He managed to get permission to marry her so she became the wife who would be waiting curiously at the Tower on those days when Terry flew missions. Gruesome. They had two daughters and each of them is the mother of a boy and a girl.

Brett Pomainville (Terry's grandson)  
American History/Literature  
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Written the Spring of 1988  
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of its great mission record. It returned from its first 35 missions without a single casualty. This was especially amazing because those missions were fought early in the war when overall there were many casualties.

The missions over Germany during the early part of the war were usually quite disastrous. This was due to the Allied lack of military preparation for this war. The bombers had to fly over Germany without fighter support because the British Spitfires and other fighters lacked the range needed to fly over the Channel into Germany and back. Many lives were lost. On one mission, my grandfather saw all 36 of the 100th Bomb Group's bombers be shot down right in front of his group. In another mission with the 367th Squadron, of the 103 men who left for the mission, he was one of the only three to return.

The targets the Allies bombed through 1942 were mainly anything related to the German submarines. These targets were chosen because of the great importance shipping had for the British Isles. Beginning in 1943, they began to bomb more airfields, factories, and synthetic oil plants in Germany with greater fighter support due to the production of longer-ranged American fighters.

While in Thurlie, England, my grandfather met my grandmother. In July of 1944, they were married. Their situation during the war was very different <sup>from</sup> than that of other married couples. Nearly every morning my grandmother would see my grandfather get up and leave for the base to

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This note added  
by my father!

NAME:



H. W. TERRY.

Pilot class:

RYAN School of Aeronautics.  
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

Graduation site:

Randolph Field  
Texas.

JULY  
1940.

Kelly Field.

The pilot's class may be a 42-, 43-, or 44-  
with a letter appended to the number, or you  
may have only a date.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "H. W. Terry".

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