

March 6, 1989

Dear Mr. Strong,

Your name was given to me as the historian for the 306th Bomb Squadron. My father-in-law was a bombardier on the Sidney Wolf crew of the 369th BS of the 306th. They were shot down on a mission to Germany on Jan. 5, 1944, three days before my husband was born. We know very little about him, the squadron, the crew, etc.

Hopefully, you can enlighten me with some information beyond the above, as that is all I know. I'm doing some genealogy books on the family and would like a composite of my children's grandfather & his military history.

I understand that two crew members of the group survived. Is there

a way to find out if they are still
alive (and if I can get in touch
with them?) Perhaps there is a
reunion group somewhere who
can answer my questions.

I appreciate your help in this
matter. If you have any questions
please feel free to ask.

Sincerely,

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Re: A. Harry Hammack Tomlin

The squadron diary for the date lists the men missing on the mission.

The Missing Air Crew report lists the crew, the plane and some other extraneous information. It does show that Enos and Fremont survived.

I am also including a couple of pages out of my book, "First Over Germany", which more graphically describes what happened to the plane on that date.

Most of my story, as in the book, was obtained in an interview with Alvin Enos by telephone. In checking those notes I find nothing that would assist your story at all. I believe that at the time I was working on the book we had not yet located Fremont Jewell, so I have nothing in my file from him.

However, both Enos and Jewell are still living, and you may wish to contact them. Jewell, in particular, might have information as to whether Tomlin had been permanently assigned to the crew or was just there for the day's mission.

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My recollection is that I had great difficulty even getting Enos to talk to me for a few minutes. Therefore, it would be my suggestion that you concentrate on Jewell for any further information.

I regret that I cannot be of more assistance, but that seems to exhaust my collection on Harry Tomlin.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong
Historian

