

11 January 1990

Mrs. William Van Norman  
669 47th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94121

Dear Mrs. Van Norman:

I appreciate your willingness to talk with me later yesterday, and let me again express my condolences to you and your son on Bill's death. He was a valued member of the 306th throughout its WWII combat career, and played a major role in telling a number of significant stories about the group and its personnel.

As I told you on the phone, I am very much interested in seeing the picture collection which you say your son now has. I would like the opportunity to copy pictures which I do not have, or to acquire any pictures in which he is not interested.

I currently possess a major collection of pictures concerning the 306th, and it will all go to the Air Force Academy Library at the time I no longer have use for them. There it will be used in the education of future generations of cadets concerning America's role in WWII.

You told me that his 201 file has come up missing, but I only mention this to emphasize that I would very much like to acquire copies of any documents which might have survived concerning the 306th. These are now valuable fragments of history.

I look forward to hearing from you as to what arrangements we might make.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

cc: Judge Donald R. Ross

26 July 1987

Mr. William U. ManNorman  
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Dear Bill:

I am curious as to whether or not you may have taken home with you from England any records of the 306th, or lists, or other bits of information that may have been developed in the PR office at Thurleigh?

If so, would you be willing to loan to me so that I might copy them? Or, to add them to the 306th archives?

At the moment I am working on aircraft data, and the issue of plane names is a sticking one. I am searching high and low for information, without great success, and as I was thinking about the problem, some 40 years later, just wondered if you might have anything of interest that could be helpful.

I am enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope for your response.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong