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Russel A. Strong, Secretary  
306<sup>th</sup> BG Historical Assn.  
2041 Hillsdale  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Dear Mr Strong: B-17

For the record: I was a bomber pilot in the  
306<sup>th</sup> B.G. from 1 June 1944 until 1 Oct 1944.  
I was a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt., 1<sup>st</sup> pilot and completed 35 missions.

MOS numbers acquired are a little obscure  
but before I finished the service I completed  
Weather officer training and Staff School training.  
Some MOS numbers: 1051, 8219, 857 and 265.  
I became a professional Engineer and acquired  
MOS # 265 while working at China Lake Naval  
Ordnance Test Station. Final rank: Captain

My son, John M Winward Jr. at (5133  
Killdee Street in Long Beach, CA. 90808)  
should know my current address for the interim.

Respectfully.

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RUSSELL A STRONG, SEC.

DEAR RUSSELL:

Thank you for the card advising me on the fact that you do have a record of Theodore Hood in your current directory.

Do you have his phone number, and/or his present address?

Enclosed find orders that transferred me to the A.T.G. in France - eventually. Many combat pilots had to fly a few months of transport, after completing combat duty.

It is my impression that all orders issued from the 306<sup>th</sup> carried other identification. I will attempt to find other orders, but though I cannot trust my memory after this length of time, I know that I was told something about this.

I was required to fly several missions as Co-Pilot with another "combat-experienced" pilot prior to taking my own plane and crew on combat missions over Germany. Although I was a "check-pilot" myself, for a short time before completing my combat tour; I did finish up - a little sooner than my crew.

I believe that I still have possession of all orders issued during my time in the military. If I can be of assistance - please advise.

Cordially,

J. M. Winward



DEAR MR. STRONG:

Recently I sent information about myself in connection with a questionnaire from you.

I was a pilot in the 423<sup>rd</sup> Squadron of the 306<sup>th</sup> bomb group. Assignment was about 1 June 44 and date of leaving about 30 Sept 44.

I would like to correspond with anyone from my crew at that time. Do you have information on ① Eugene Senften, ② Kelly, ③ Malone ④ Hood ⑤ Branstetter ⑥ Schnurman ⑦ Carruthers ⑧ Perry ⑨ Giffelli. Thank you J M Winward

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