

PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Date. 12/6/94

Complete this form and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary, 306th BG Assoc.,
5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205, to be filed with 306th records.

LAST NAME: BAAR FIRST NAME: LEO MI: E TITLE:
Street Address: 22A ELMWOOD COURT Telephone: (201) 791-7216
City, State ELMWOOD PARK NJ Zip + 4: 07402-
Winter Address: Telephone: (201) 791-7216
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Date of birth: 2/10/21 Wife's name: ISABEL #c 2
#gc 4
#ggc

College(s) attended: NEW YORK UNIVERSITY Degree(s), & when:

Last employment & job title & retirement date:
MCLEAN TRG CO, SALES MGR, FEB 1953

Serial #(s): 12083452 Squadron: 365^B Specialty:
Date joined 306th: NOV, 1943 If combat, what crew? BALL TURRET
LT RAY TRIPP
Special duties or assignments w/306th:

No of missions flown: 31 Date of last mission: JUNE 6, '44
Date leaving 306th: AUG, 44 Highest rank/grade w/306th:
Other 8AF units served with, and when: S/SGT

Top service assignment after 306th:

USAF retirement date: OCT, 1945 Rank/grade: S/SGT

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of
the Squadrons or other units serving with the 306th, are sought by the sec-
retary, as many of these do not appear in any collections of materials in
National Archives or the Air University.

If you know of others who served with the 306th and who do not appear in the
current 306th Directory, please add their names and current/WWII hometowns
or other addresses to the back of this sheet so that searches may be imple-
mented to add them to our present 306th roster.

2/20/92

22A Elmwood Court
Elmwood Park
N.J. 07407

Dear Mr. Strong,

Some additional information —
I was ball turret gunner on the crew
of (pilot) Ray Troop, came over @ the
368th in November of 1943.

After a crash landing (March,
April?) we got a new ship which
we named "Daisy", after the dog in
the Dagwood comic strip. We painted
a pup after each mission.

The only surviving members
of my crew, to my knowledge, are
Col. (retired) Ray McDaniel, who
began as co-pilot, but eventually
became first pilot, and Ed
Jungler, navigator.

Ray lives in San Antonio, Texas,
and Ed is in Jameson, Missouri.

Ray Tripp was killed in the crash
of a private plane about 15 years ago.

We lost 3 members of our original
crew in the first 5 missions, when we
were split up to fly with experienced
crews to get our feet wet — Ray
Manski, radio, killed — Bill Lee,
waist, wounded, sent home —
Ed McLaughlin, bombardier, bailed
out, P.O.W. Eugene Nolan, waist,
was grounded because of sinus
problems and became a crew chief.

I flew 31 missions, including
3 to Berlin in 4 days (March) and
flew my last two on D⁺ day.

Hope this information is helpful,

Very truly yours,

L. E. Praar

