

PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary,
306th BG Association, 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205.

Date completed 8/8/94LAST NAME: Beckerdite FIRST NAME: Atlee MI: D TITLE:Street address: 1021 Lee Trevino Blvd Telephone: (505) 864-8386City, State, Zip: Belen, NM 87002 zip + 4: - 7050Date of birth: 1/9/26Wife's name: Arlene

College(s) attended:

Degree(s):

Year(s):

New Mexico Institute of
Mining + TechnologyB.S. Geology1946-1950

Last employment & job title & retirement date:

ADB Inc., President - Retired 1/1/94

Reunions attended:

NoneSerial #: 37732146Squadron: 423rdSpecialty: Tail GunnerDate joined 306th: 2/20/45

If combat, what crew:

#617? Pilot Wm Baker

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

Number of missions flown: 18

Date of last mission:

Date left 306th: 4/11/46Highest rank/grade w/306th: T/Sgt

Other 8th AF units served with:

FH Maint-Gunner 748

Top service assignment after 306th:

None

USAF retirement date:

4/26/46

Rank/grade:

T/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 secretary, as many of these do not appear in any collections of materials in Federal files:

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

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February 4, 1996

Russell A. Strong
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Dear Russell:

In your January issue of 306th Echoes you requested information on the identification of personnel in certain photos. On page 6, photo 6-B, 367th (center, top row) this is William H. Baker's crew and they were in the 423rd - not the 367th. The crew members are as follows:

Top row from left to right - Martin J. Burnett - Radio Operator, Richard O. Kutchens - Co-Pilot, Sam J. Cangelose - Bombardier, Albert P. Compagna Jr. - Navigator, and William H. Baker - Pilot. The bottom row from left to right - Atlee D. Beckerdite - Tail Gunner, Raymond M. Frey - Ball Turret Gunner, Perley A. Foster - Waist Gunner, and Walter R. Clark - Top Turret Gunner.

Walter Clark also flew a tour of missions with the 367th so that may be the Clark (possibly second from the right, bottom row, of photo 6-A - although he looks a bit different) mentioned under photo 6A.

We were there at the end of the war and flew with varied crews. I had 18 missions and I really don't know how many missions the other crew members flew.

Baker, Cangelose and Clark are deceased - I don't know the status of the other crew members.

Sincerely,

