

507 South 13th Avenue
St. Charles, IL 60174

November 1, 1988

Mr. Russell A. Strong
5323 Cheval Pl.
Charlotte, NC 28205


Dear Mr. Strong:

With regard to the October, 1988 issue of the 306th Echoes, and in particular your article, "Navigators", under the 368th Squadron listing is the name, Charles W. Leake. To the best of my knowledge and available documentation (see enclosures), Lt. Leake was killed while taking off one evening from Thurleigh, preparing to fly on a pathfinder flight the next morning from another base. I remember attending his funeral and believe he was buried in Cambridge.

On another more personal matter, I would appreciate any information you can offer relating to the circumstances surrounding the death of my friend, Richard Claeys. (Claeys was mentioned in your book, First Over Germany, p. 313.) Claeys and I grew up together in St. Charles, Illinois, and in fact flew together on his first mission as co-pilot on or about August 6, 1944. It is my understanding that Claeys was shot down and killed after the war.

I look forward to reading further issues of the 306th Echoes.

Sincerely,



Karl C. Madsen

Recd 1/25/89

507 North 13th Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

November 1, 1988

Mr. General L. Starn
1881 General St.
St. Paul, MN 55108

Dear Mr. Starn:

With regard to the October, 1988 issue of the 308th Signal
and the "Special Source" article, "Investigation", under the name
of "Special Source" is the name of the person who provided the
information and available information (see enclosure), it
is clear that while being off one being from the
personnel list the next morning the
personnel list. I remember attending his funeral and believe
he died in Germany.

On another, more personal matter, I would appreciate any
information you can offer relating to the circumstances
surrounding the death of my friend, Richard O'Leary. (O'Leary was
mentioned in your book "The American Soldier" p. 311.) O'Leary was
I was up together in St. Omer, Belgium, and in fact was
involved in his first mission as a pilot on or about August 9,
1944. It is my understanding that O'Leary was shot down and
killed after the war.

I look forward to hearing from you again.
Sincerely,

G. L. Hedson