

RECORD UPDATE

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to  
Russ Strong at the reunion, or mail to Russ Strong, 5323 Cheval  
Place, Charlotte, NC 28205) Little Rock 1989

Date complete May 29, 1990

LAST NAME: Lytle FIRST NAME: Grover TITLE: Reverend  
Street address: 8115 Ellerton Avenue Telephone: (314) 426-5245  
City, state, zip: St. Louis, Missouri 63114

Date of Birth: April 18, 1918 Wife's name: Idah  
College(s) attended: Salem Bible College Degree(s): Year(s): 1 1/2  
Salem, Ohio

Last employment and job title: Paddock Forest Condominium  
Carpenter-Maintainance  
(See attached sheet)

Reunions attended: (by year or location)

Serial #: 15071492 Squadron: 367th Speciality: Mechanic  
Inspector

Date joined 306th: June 1942 If combat, what crew:

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

Number of missions flown: Date of last mission:

Date left 306th: October 3, 1945 Highest rank/grade with 306th: Staff Sergeant

Other 8th AF units served with:

Top service assignments after 306th:

USAF retirement date: Rank/grade:

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the  
squadrons or other units, will be welcomed by the secretary.

If you know of other 306th people who do not appear in the directory, please add  
their names and current or former addresses to this sheet so that we may search  
further for them. (Please see reverse side of this sheet.)

1. Jesse Ellis, Texas-Married a girl from Ireland. Her name "Maggie".

2. Bill Hamilton, Liberty, Indiana-Oxford, Ohio

3. Steven <sup>J</sup> Pekarovich (sp. ?), Willimantic, Connecticut <sup>203/423-1563</sup> <sup>Rev/429-2946</sup> <sup>1988</sup> <sup>Rocky Hill</sup>

4. "Jimmy" Byrd, Wisconsin, Virginia or West Virginia (?) - Married an English girl. <sup>25 JUN 84</sup>

5. Roy Tilley, Lampassas. Texas <sup>D</sup> <sup>512/556-3189</sup>

6. "Rusty" Stadina, Scranton, Pennsylvania <sup>1 FEB 78</sup>

7. ~~Van Deever (?)~~ DECEASED

8115 Ellerton Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63114  
May 29, 1990

Dear Russ,

Please forgive me for taking so long to answer you. Your call and information opened up many memories.

I joined 306th at Wendover Field and was with 306th to the end of the war. When we went to Thurleigh, England, I was assigned to Glen Tompkins crew. After he flew a few missions he installed a 30 caliber machine gun in the nose of our B-17. I think the nose turret evolved from that installation. I was assigned assistant squad inspector under Francis McGarvey. Later I was assigned to a group inspection team. (One man from each squadron under command of a captain constituted this team.) When Francis McGarvey returned to the U.S.A., I went back to being squad inspector and that was my assignment until the end of the war.

In January (?) 1949 I became a permanent caretaker of 2, L-16 planes of the air wing of the 28th Division of the Pennsylvania National Guard. During our summer encampment in September 1950 the 28th was called into action proceeding to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. I was assigned to DIVARDY Division Artillery Headquarters. I was in charge of 3, L-16s and 4 other artillery sections planes...two planes in each section.

The 28th Division split up in 1951. Some of the men went to Korea and the remainder went to Germany. I was in Germany 7 months, returned to U.S.A. in May (?) 1952. I had 12 years as Tech Sergeant.

I became a Christian November 1950. In 1964 after 14 years of preparation at 46 years of age I and my family went to Papua New Guinea in the Southern Highlands interior ministering and building. We retired in 1980.

At 72 years of age I am in good health still doing carpentering, have a small work shop to do crafts and repair work as well as preaching when called on to do so.

Would there be any way I could get "clay pigeon" and 8th A.F. insignias? Back in the late 1940s I loaned a man my copy of the photo of the 367th so that he could get a copy. He never returned it. I remember we were all standing on the wings of a B-17. Would there be any way I could get a copy of that photo?

God bless you for putting the 306th back together. I am looking forward to reading "First Over Germany".

Sincerely,



Grover Lytle

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3 June 1990

Dear Grover:

I appreciate your sending along the information which you completed on yourself.

You also gave me a list of names, which I am reporting on:

Jimmy Bird died 25 June 84 in Wisconsin; Rusty Stedina died 7 Feb 78, and Steve Pekarovic died in 1988 in Rocky Hill, CT.

I was unable to locate anything on Jesse Ellis or Bill Hamilton, and only learned that Roy Tilley does not now live in Lampass, TX, and the man named Tilley with whom I spoke was a transplant and had never heard of Roy.

Thus, I didn't do very well on that listing. Have done better recently on several others.

At the San Antonio reunion we will have Squadron patches available. They are being redone and should be better. But to fill in I am enclosing both 306th and 367th patches from some I keep on hand for special purposes.

Your duty in New Guinea sounds as though it must have been interesting.

Hope to see you some time at a reunion.

All the best,