

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 1-23-90

LAST NAME: Macy FIRST NAME: William TITLE: "Bill"

Street address: 2545 NW 42nd Place Telephone: (904) 373-1967

City, state, zip: Gainesville, Florida 32605

Date of Birth: 1-29-22 Wife's name: Lois

College(s) attended: Davidson (NC) Degree(s): AB Year(s): 1947

Last employment and job title: President, Macy Insurance Agency,
Cumberland, Md. (except for later real estate sales
part-time, after retiring to Florida)

Reunions attended: (by year or location) None - - - yet

Serial #: 0-819561 Squadron: 423rd Speciality: 1091, Pilot, B-17

Date joined 306th: 7 June 44 If combat, what crew: #3260

Special duties or assignments w/306th: None

Number of missions flown: 35 Date of last mission: 18 Nov. 44

Date left 306th: 18 Nov. 44 Highest rank/grade with 306th: 1st Lt.

Other 8th AF units served with: None

Top service assignments after 306th: None

USAF retirement date: Rank/grade: 1st Lt.

Discharged d/a 9-15-45

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.

1-23-90

Hi, Russ!

Received the packet of 306th stuff yesterday, and thanks much! Five of our original crew are listed in the directory: Mel Clark, Frank Clayson, John Cole, Tom Belcik and Bill Uhlhorn.

Finding Clayson's address in Florida, I decided to call him right away. His wife answered the phone, and there was a long pause when I asked if Frank was there. The news was saddening: he died this past May. His widow, Sofie, told me also that Phil Suntocky had died some time ago. He's not in the directory.

She has been in touch with some of the others, but doesn't know anything about George Broz, Tim Black (ball turrett) or Vernon DeLair, engineer.

I'm getting a note out today to the guys listed in the directory and will ask about the whereabouts of those unaccounted for.

I went through my file of orders, etc., and the few items enclosed are all I could find of any value to the 306th. The rest of the thick stack are pre-306th and post-306th. Dull days!

I also came across a menu from the 306th Bomb Group Restaurant north of Sarasota, FL. Are you acquainted with that? It's privately owned, and has a lot of AF memorabilia. I guess it's still there. Haven't been there for several years.

We come through Charlotte quite often, Russ, on our way to our son's home in Cumberland, Maryland (where I grew up.) Before the next trip, I'll get in touch with you and will stop by. Nice country there. Notice that I graduated from good old Davidson, 21 miles north on rt. 21.

More later. I'm sure glad to finally have found out about the association - was told of it when visiting the museum at Warner Robbins last fall. Sure wish I had maintained close contact with the others throughout the years, but I guess many of us feel that way when they hit our age! Keep up the good work. (I'll be 67 by the time you get this!)

Best regards,

Bill Macy

OFFICE OF THE STATION MESS OFFICER
AAF STATION 111
APO 352

19/11/44

DATE

SUBJECT: MESS BILL.

TO : LT. WILLIAM H. MACY, O-819561

1. MESS BILL FOR THE MONTH OF OCT & NOV, 1944:

24
20 RATIONS @ 3/9 = 8 50

RECEIVED PAYMENT
8 50

19/11/44

DATE

Edward Golder
NAME EDWARD GOLDER

RANK SGT.

POSITION CLERK

William L. Hunt
WILLIAM L. HUNT,
CAPTAIN, AG
STATION MESS OFFICER,

212/50425

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William H. Macy, 1st Lt, 423rd Bomb Sq, AUS, O-819561 Foreign Service

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AAF 111
8th AFRD

5 Jun 44

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Four hours

..... One time deduction for Bond

90 meals for Sep/44 @ 25¢ per meal
Class "B" Allotment

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8 60
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37 50

Sterling

31 Oct 44

WILLIAM H. MACY,
1st Lt., AC.

25vJanuary 1990

Dear Bill:

It was good to hear from you. As is my practice, I have copied the orders which you sent me, and am quickly returning the originals. This helps me keep my desk a little straighter.

Your items on meal costs will make an interesting paragraph for Echoes, and the orders issued by IBD on your departure help me in keeping track of people. Such information is difficult to come by, at best.

It will be nice to see you when you can manage to stop here. Just give us a ring. We are usually here, except when we go north to visit our two youngest sons and a couple of grandchildren.

We are originally from Michigan, but came to Davidson in 1966 when I joined the PR staff at Davidson College. I was the one responsible for the development of Davidson Update. When we left in 1974, we left three sons behind, or at least they came back to Charlotte after college. My eldest son lives in Davidson, the second one lives in Huntersville, and the third lives in Salisbury and is presently on the ROTC faculty at Davidson.

We ended up back in Michigan from 1980 until I decided to retire in 1988 from Western Michigan University where I was a senior development officer and director of research. We bought a home in Charlotte which our second son wanted to sell so he could build a new home in Huntersville. We settled in here in July 1988, and are very happy that we did.

We are planning a trip to Florida in February and if we get close to Gainesville I'll give you a ring.

All the best,

2545 NW 42nd Place
Gainesville, Florida 32605

Feb. 1, 1990

Joint letter to the guys of Crew #3260

I finally found in December past that there existed the 306th Bomb Group Association, and that through it I could find out where some of you are at last report. This revelation came about through a visit to the Air Force Museum at Warner Robbins in Georgia. I sure hope this letter finds you in reasonably good health (we are aging, aren't we?) and up and about!

When I found Frank Clayson's address in Florida, near us here, I phoned, and was saddened to hear of his death this past spring. I gather that Sofie has told you all about this. She and I had a long chat by phone, and I'll try to get down and visit her before too long.

I've been here in Gainesville since 9-78, after retiring from the family insurance agency in Cumberland, Maryland. I married a girl from Pascagoula, Miss. whom I met on a blind date while stationed at Gulfport AFB in late '45. She was a war widow, her husband was killed in Italy in '43. He was an infantry CO. In the marriage I acquired a wonderful step-son, Fred, and after I finished college we produced another one, Bill Macy, Jr. That ended production.

I'm sort of bald now, and have a bit of a pot, numerous wrinkles, and bi-focals of course. Also a bit hard of hearing. Otherwise in fair shape, and give blood every other month.

Sofie says that Phil Suntocky is no longer with us. She doesn't know about George Broz, Vernon Delair, or Tim Black. Do any of you have any idea as to where they might be, or have been? Broz I recall was from the state of Washington, but I can't recall just where there. If you'll let me know of anything that might produce a lead, I'll try to track these guys down. I'm embarrassed that so many years have gone by before it became so important to me to renew these old associations, but I do want to see as many of you as possible now.

I'm hoping to get to San Antonio in September. Can you Guys maybe get there too? I'll buy the first round of drinks. We have an old piece of a motor home and probably will steer it towards the re-union. That depends on the physical condition of our Chihuahua ("Cookie") who rules the roost here and who isn't in good health.

Why do you fellows live in such outlandish places, when Florida is so close? We welcome visitors here, so Y'all come, hear? Russ Strong, 306th Ass'n secretary (Crew # 3262 on our Special Orders: Adam, Prescott, Strong & Vann & Company) may come by here in February. Walter McGregor (Fisk, McGregor, Barnes & Tonkin) I visited in Atlanta some years back when we lived there. He may still be there. I'll try to check that out too. He's not in the directory. After enduring combat and surviving, he made the news by being hospitalized in Atlanta after swallowing a pin! Was picking his teeth with it. How clumsy.

All for now. Best of everything to you guys. Let me hear from you!

Bill Macy

*Bill -
So we'll be sure to be here.
Let me know,
Can drop in on us in
Feb.!*

*Do you have a copy of
Special Orders # 124, 3-104 & 4,
Alexander & Co. off mtg. w/ 120
send you name. # 124
Crews from # 3263 thru
3298.*

Wednesday, 4-24-90

Dear Russ,

Just received the April issue of "306th Echoes," which serves as a reminder to write you. Present plans are that I'll be in the Charlotte area O/A Tuesday, June 5, enroute to Maryland. If you'll be on hand about this time, I'll for sure look you up! Let me know please if this fits in with your plans. If not, maybe the return trip from MD would be better. That should be about maybe 6-14 or so.

I appreciated the inclusion of the meal costs in this issue. However, I do request a transfer from the 369th ("New Additions") to the 423rd! Suntocky also was in the 423rd ("Obits") (I'm a 423rd survivor!)

I haven't heard anything yet from several of the guys in my crew who are listed as members of the Ass'n., only from Mel Clark, our navigator. I guess I'll try one more time by mail. Sure would like to get some response from them.

Russ, it's great to know that you are giving your time to this matter of the 306th. I'm sure I, as many others, have just recently become aware of the idea that we are interested in the whereabouts and welfare of other 306th guys. This I guess comes of age and the realization that we don't have unlimited time to check into such matters! I sure wish I had kept in close touch with the others on our crew in years past, but I guess it's never too late, eh? 20/20 hindsight if great!

I'm going to do everything I reasonably can to find out about Cole and Uhlhorn. Broz and DeLair I'm afraid are too remote to catch up with without a private eye or some such. But I'll try.

All for now. Let me know about the June dates. The Good Lord willin', and the creeks don't rise, I'll enjoy a visit with you before too long!

Hang in!

Brian May

Tuesday, 5-22

Hi, Russ -

Present plans are that I'll leave
Heineville on Monday A.M., June 4,
enroute to western Maryland.
I'll hit Charlotte some time that
afternoon, with luck & a good tail
wind, between 3:00 & 4:00. If you'll
be on hand that day, I'd sure like
to see you. As the time draws
closer, I'll be able to give (maybe!)
a more accurate ETA. With these
new-jangled 4 cylinder cars, I
find myself reluctant to push too
hard & fast!

Anyhow, drop me a line if you
will, Russ, & let me know.

While rumaging through an old
address file yesterday, I lucked

upon the addresses (as of 1945, I
guess) of Armin Broz, Uhlhorn,
Clark, Cole, de Luis & Suntuoky!
Don't know if this will help in
locating them now, but I
intend to try.

All for now. Let me know
about 6-4.

Best regards -

Bill -

Tuesday, June 26th, '90

Hi, Russ,

Uneventful trip to Maryland and back, the brief visits with you being the highlight! I'll try for a repeat.

As to George Broz, and the forthcoming "First Over Germany" revision, I'm enclosing my check for \$48.00 to cover the book, and a contribution to get Broz into membership. I sure hope some other of our guys respond. Will keep trying. Will you send Broz application form, etc? I sent him a copy of April "306th Echos" and some other info.

Russ, could I get you to put a little blurb in the "Echos" asking that former (and later) Paper Doll crews get in touch with me? Unfortunately I didn't keep a record of how many raids were flown in the old girl, but would guess 20 or so. That leave about 58 missions as I recall flown by other crews. Would like to hear their stories.

Also, if you could find time to get a copy of the photo of the Paper Doll made, I'd be more than happy to cover the cost. Old 444 treated me very well, returning right on schedule and in essentially one piece!

Unless three or four of our crew will commit to attend the San Antonio reunion, I suspect I'll pass that one by. But am I correct that the '91 reunion will be in Pennsylvania? That one I'll for sure make, the Good Lord willin' and the creeks don't rise! My home town is about 90 miles +- from Pittsburgh.

This is about all for it now, Russ, until I sign, seal and mail this, at which time I'll remember the other important things I intended to say or ask!

Best regards,

Bill
Bill Macy

P.S. By chance Broz sends in a contribution also, keep it & mine. I've read him to believe I'm contributing on his behalf this first time, & he therefore owes me a drink some time.

11-17-90

Russ, here's my check for two copies of your great book - "Just over Germany." My two sons will be tickled pink to get these come Christmas!

My favorite course in college was one in Creative Writing, taught by a great & demanding professor. Although I've yet to write anything of consequence except for letters, grocery lists, etc, that course instilled in me an appreciation of the fine points of writing. Were she to read your book, I'm positive she'd grade it A+++! I sure do.

if you could come up with some little personal touch along

with your autograph, that would
be nice. Something like "your
pop was the best pilot in the
306th Bomb Group," or maybe
"your pop didn't get shot down
by the Germans because they
had heard of his lousy jokes."

Just kidding, of course!

Had a letter from Orel Clark this
week, suggesting we try to get
together at The Homestead in
Hot Springs, Va. this coming July. He
& Helen will be there for a golf
tournament. Lois & I definitely
plan to go.

Incidentally, when Allen Miller &
band came to Thurleigh, one of
his ~~the~~ B-24's banged into the control
tower, wrecking a wing tip.

at the moment I was with a small group (4-5) talking to him, & witnessed the mishap. I've never heard such a string of profanity before since! I suggested that he should request Lt. Gracy as one of his pilots, as he & band were leaving Thurleigh very shortly. He didn't take me up on it, so I went back to flying missions. Wasn't it shortly after that that his little plane disappeared on the way to the continent? Maybe he should have gone with me, eh?

All for now. Have happy holidays with plenty of love & happiness & good health! And regards to June!

Bill Macy

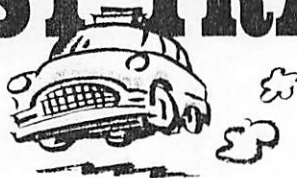
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I'm just now getting to the period of time I was active there, & noted the account of Merrill Latham's being shot down on the ~~19th~~ ^{20th} ~~of June~~ over Hamburg. I had flown co-pilot with him & his crew on my first mission the day before (6-19), & we were on his right wing in the low element (as I recall) on the 20th. At any rate, I had a close look at what went on, & was convinced that nobody could get out of that alive! The mission of the 19th was a milk run, & I was sure I could do 50 or more of these without strain! The 20th to ~~down~~ Hamburg was an eye-opener for sure. I believe truly that I could have scratched a match on the roof of my mouth, it was so dry! That was a "baddy."

Bill -

Our younger boy —
 We're so proud of him that he's finally off of
 Food Stamps, &
 making an honest
 living!

FAST TRACK



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BRIEF LIVES

Macy's Day

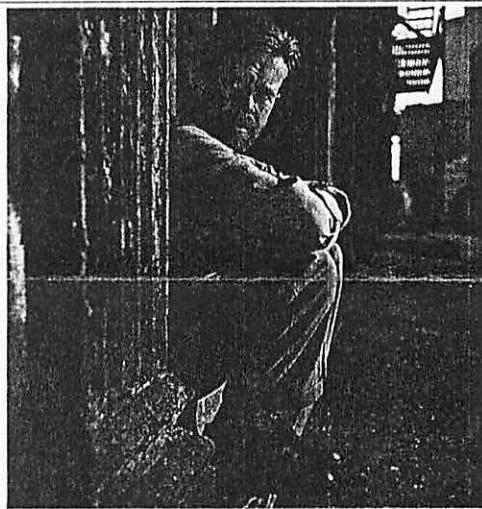
IN THE MIDDLE OF *Homicide*, David Mamet's tense new movie about confused loyalties, a detective played by Joe Mantegna gets lost in an ethical fog. His partner, played by William H. Macy, tries to help him focus. "We'll work it out," Macy says, each word quick and precise. "We'll play some cops and robbers, we'll bust this big criminal, we'll swagger around. Then we'll garner some of them kudos and all that they got."

The punchy, funny lines are pure Mamet, but the delivery—deadly serious except for the one eyebrow slightly raised in bemusement that's critical to the joke—is pure Macy. And when *Homicide* opens this week, the impish 41-year-old

actor is going to have to start ducking them kudos.

Born the son of an insurance agent in western Maryland, Macy found his calling in his high-school senior-class play, as Mordred in *Camelot*. He found his preacher, Mamet, the next year at Goddard College. "Dave said, 'I ain't no acting teacher,'" Macy remembers. "I'm a man of the theater. If you want to be men and women of the theater, you're in the right place." Well, Macy admits, the play wasn't the *only* thing: "Theater was where you met women."

Macy, Mamet, and a whole driven crew spent the seventies creating a legendary theater community in Chicago. Though his pal Joey



Killing in *Homicide*: William H. Macy.

Mantegna is prettier and more famous, Macy may be the ideal Mamet actor: working-man handsome, street smart, and nimble of tongue.

Macy's kept busy, co-writing an episode of *thirtysomething*, directing *Boys' Life* at Lincoln

Center, playing the Devil in Mamet's *Oh, Hell*, changing his billing from W. H. to William H. He's full of energy (he answers the phone, "Macy here! Excellent!") and ribald aphorisms (to be prepared is to "have your s--- stuffed in one sock"), but refreshingly empty of

attitude. You almost don't mind that he's so talented *and* that he got the girl—his "sweetheart" is actress Felicity Huffman. "I'm a lucky Palooka," Macy says. Mamet couldn't have written the line any better. C.S.

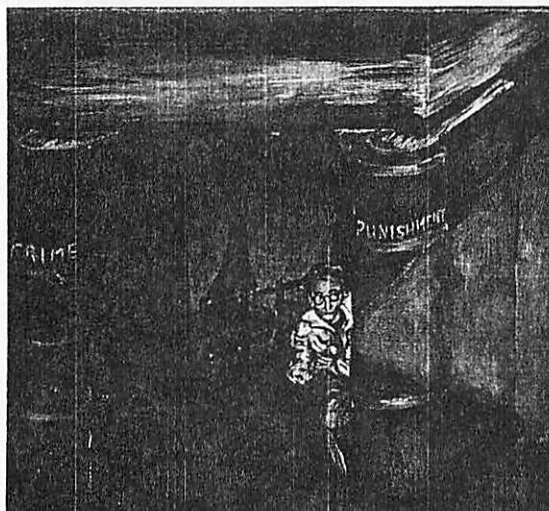
LAW AND ORDER

GUTS COURSE

BY NINE O'CLOCK ON FRIDAY night, most college students are kicking back after a tough week of classes. But tonight, six NYU students are heading for Washington Square Park armed with walkie-talkies and flashlights. Their mission: to deter crime *and* to earn a course credit as part of NYU's Watch Team.

An offshoot of Police Commissioner Lee

Brown's vaunted "community policing" program, the Watch



Team has been on the lookout since early September.

Students patrol the park in groups of four or more and regularly check in by radio with a police officer and the NYU security office. The team

is instructed never to confront anyone directly.

Even though the kiddie cops are easily identifiable in their bright-white Windbreakers, some criminals have made their job easy. One night, a man approached the team and offered to sell them some "smoke." They notified a nearby cop, who arrested the hapless

marijuana dealer. Another sharp-eyed Watch Team helped police catch a car thief within minutes of the crime.

NYU became the first city college to offer gumshoe credits after Allan Hoehl, the deputy chief of patrol for southern Manhattan, proposed the idea. Besides patrolling for two hours a week on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday night, the 23 Watch Team members must write a term paper and attend weekly seminars.

The NYPD is making arrangements for the team to tour police headquarters and the local precinct. They'll see fingerprints being matched in a crime lab, mug shots being taken, and trials in criminal court. Says Evan McNeeley, a junior, "I'm psyched to go to the morgue."

ELIZABETH JOHNSON

11-16-93

NAME William H. Macy

306th B.G., 423rd B.S.

Correct as is

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904-373-1967

Lois

Lois + I were in England in April, + took a side trip to Shrewsbury had a ~~great~~ great visit with Ralph + Daphne Franklin. Also found what I'm reasonably sure was the pad where we parked The Paper Doll! Very Nostalgic day!
Bill -

Russ, please transfer me from the 369th to the 423rd!

Best of every thing to you + June.

Bill -

University & Main



The Gainesville Sun

Friday, January 21, 1994 *

Cynthia Barnett/Gary Kirkland

The cameras roll as movie set rocks



Most people can look in their wallets or over the mantel to see pictures of their children, but **Bill and Lois Macy** of Gainesville also have the option of flipping on the

television or going to the movies.

Thursday's edition of *The Sun* carried a brief story on how actors Christian Slater and Kevin Bacon were rocked on the set of their new movie, "Murder in the First." They were filming when the earthquake shook Southern California on Monday. Well, the story had a local connection — the Macys' son, **William H. Macy**, 42, also is featured in the film.

"His description of the quake was that it was like trying to walk on a boat while it was pitching and tossing in rough seas," said Bill of his son's story.

"He also said that the concrete floor of the building rose up in the air about two feet or so, then settled down. He came through unscathed but said many others on the set were injured."

Lois said her son has been acting for more than 20 years and has appeared in many TV and big-screen movies and on stage. That's an exciting career even without earthquakes.



423rd Bomb. Sqdn
306th Bombardment
Group (H)
8th Air Force
Thurleigh RAF Station

George Broz Pilot
William Macy Co-Pilot
Melvin Clark Navigator
William Uhlhorn Bombardier
Frank Clayson Radio Operator
Tom Belcik Armorer/Gunner
Tim Black Ball Turret Gunner
Phil Suntuocky Waist Gunner
John Cole Tail Gunner
Vernon Delair Engineer
(not shown)

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Dec. 1, 1994

Russ, I received word
today from Helga Broz that
George Broz died 11-15-94.

He was in the 423rd with
us, altho the '92 directory
showed him to be in the 369th -

Best of every thing to you & June
& family in the coming holidays,
& then in '95! We may
make it to the 21st Century yet!

Best regards
Bill —