

Russ - Just ran across this sheet cleaning out my drawers.

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 completed \_\_\_\_\_  
MALISZEWSKI EDWARD P.  
LAST NAME: FIRST NAME: TITLE:  
632 CADIEUX Street address: Telephone: (313) 881-6427  
GROSSE POINTE MI 48230 City, state, zip:

Date of Birth: 10/13/1919 Wife's name: K. JAYNE (DECEASED)  
College(s) attended: DENISON U. Degree(s): Year(s): 3  
Last employment and job title: SELF, OWNER & CEO ED MALISZEWSKI CARPETING & INTERIORS  
Reunions attended: (by year or location) Retired Dec 31, 1984

Serial #: 0-437606 Squadron: 369TH (SEE BACK) Specialty: PILOT  
Date joined 306th: ONE OF ORIGINAL 4 PILOTS If combat, what crew: TEMP. SUB AS CO PILOT FOR RICH DAN THEN MY OWN  
Special duties or assignments w/306th:

Number of missions flown: 25 Date of last mission:  
Date left 306th: EARLY 43 Highest rank/grade with 306th: CAPT

Other 8th AF units served with: DIRECTION OF FLYING. THEN WING OPERATIONS - B-29'S UNDER GEN. F. ARMSTRONG  
Top service assignments after 306th:

USAF retirement date: Rank/grade: LT COL

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.

You had me listed as co-pilot on your  
VECHO listing. Actually, I was the  
original pilot of the 369<sup>th</sup> Sq. at Salt Lake  
City. Checked out in B-18's by Paul Tibbets.  
Went to Albuquerque, N.M. for 6 weeks to a  
TWA school for B-24's. I then was, would come  
back to Salt Lake AB and check out group  
in B-24's. Instead, when I got back to  
Salt Lake, the group had moved to Wendover  
and were in B-17's. Instead of being 6 weeks  
ahead, I wound up 6 weeks behind. Was  
made operations officer of the 369<sup>th</sup>. Was sent  
to England in advance of the group to help  
set up Thurlough. 369<sup>th</sup> ran out of pilots  
when Rip's co-pilot was injured in a jeep  
accident. Being the only pilot that was  
healthy, assigned myself to replace (Johnson -  
injured co-pilot). Flew a few raids w/ Rip  
until plane became available, got ~~ETC~~ ERIC  
and finished my tour as my own pilot  
w/ Emanuel J. Mette as my co-pilot.

Graduated from Strickton and was one of 11 chosen  
for immediate foreign duty in fighters\*. Left for  
McCord field in WASH where later was transferred to  
Salt Lake to start the above.

\* Urgent to a point where we left for McCord 2 hours after  
we received our wings

12 November 1991

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for returning the form, but I also want to thank you for the explanations of a few things that you gave me.

Tomorrow I will correct the pilot file, and apologize for my ignorance of your status.

I didn't know that anyone was sent to England in advance of the Group. Who else went with you? And, what did you do once you got there? Did you fly to England?

Basil Johnson and I didn't live too far apart when I was back living in Kalamazoo. We talked once or twice on the telephone, but never got together. He had been a school principal in the lake area north of Kalamazoo, retired, his wife died, and he remarried a couple of years later.

Good to hear from you, and missed you at Pittsburgh.

All the best,

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE  
Russell A. Strong, 4900 Appleridge Ct., Dayton, Ohio 45424

I am endeavoring to put together a good history of the 306th Bombardment group, an idea which has been in my mind for some years. I am working diligently on the matter, collecting all kinds of data and working through the official history and records of the group. I served as a navigator with the 367th squadron from June through November, 1944, and currently am director of news and information services at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio. I solicit your assistance in my project.

I am interested in any special materials which you may have, such as good photographs of personnel, battle damage, plane insignia, etc. I am also interested in commendations (other than the usual Air Medal and DFC) you may have received, special stories which you may have in your possession, letters that are highly descriptive of combat action, or any other documents. I would appreciate receiving xeroxed copies. But, if you do not have such facilities readily available, I would appreciate the loan of materials which I might copy and return to you immediately. I am also interested in manuscripts of memoirs which you may have prepared, particularly if they were done within a couple of years of the events. Again, I would appreciate copies or the opportunity to copy them.

Name Edward P. Maliszewski

Address 1352 Blairmoor Ct Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.

Telephone 313-881-6427 Date Aug 11, 1975

Occupation Retail carpeting Employer Owner/Pres.

Address 21435 Mack St Clair Shores, Mich Telephone 313-776-5510

Service Record:

Before joining the 306th: February 1942 Commission and Wings - Assigned, one of eleven, to immediate foreign duty in fighters. Transferred to Salt Lake City to become one of the original four pilots of the 306th Bomb Group. Of the total of eight, we counted off in fours- the even became 306th and odd became 305th Bomb Group. at tent city in Wendover, Utah.

After leaving the 306th: Became a training group commander, promoted to Director of Flying in command of 4 groups. Than with General Frank Armstrong became Wing Operations and Director of Flying in charge of all the B-29 training in the country, including atomic bomb outfit.

306th Record:

Arrival Date May 1942 Squadron or other unit 369th

MOS Operations and pilot Combat Status Pilot

Missions Completed 27

Promotions To Lt Colonel

Decorations XAM 6olcs XDFC 3olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM

XPH Battle Stars Group estimates range from other  
5 to one per mission (27)

(OVER)

Other personal data: Was recommended for the DSC by then Sect. of War Stimson-----was told it would either be a DSC or court martial and suggested that whole thing be dropped. Action occurred on LaPalice mission.

*Order of Merit*

**Description of Air Missions:**

(What were the highlights of your combat career? What was your role? What heroics did you witness? What events were there of which you have special knowledge?)

Fight like hell. We didn't know any better at the time because we were the first. Never got to see allied fighters.

Highlights: Coming out alive. Not too many of the original can make that statement. Was 2nd officer to finish his tour or combat in the 8th AF (total of 3 groups at that time) Had the good fortune to be with the group from its conception--Col. Overacker was our CO; MAJOR LeMay our exec; Ralph Oliver, a zero, Squadron CO. At the time of originating group, I was S-1 S-2 S-3 and S-4 Chief pilot.

Paul Tibbets, who flew the Leola Gay, checked me out in B-17s, Ferraby, my staff bombardier, dropped the first atomic bomb. Sweeney, the pilot of the second atom drop was checked out in B-29s by me. Quite a tight package.

A special happening too, was receiving the Air Medal, Purple Heart and DFC at one time and I believe the first to do so. Also broadcast on the BBC to the underground and was fortunate enough to meet King George VI as well as the present Queen and her sister.

GOOD LUCK

Date:

To:

From:

Subject:

went over early  
one of the 6<sup>th</sup> of sent  
up bar

When Smith got MA.  
La Pallise, dropped out  
to protect a stranger.

Harold Green, radio operator

**MALISZEWSKI**

**EDWARD P.** Age 84, June 1, 2004. Beloved husband of the late K. Jayne. Dear father of John (Caroline), Peter, Kay Stirling, and Amy Maliszewski. Grandfather of Jed and Anne Maliszewski. Brother of Irene Macomber, Mildred Morris, Lillian Anderson and the late Angeline Gregory. Son of the late Peter and Sophie Maliszewski. Private services were held. Memorials may be made to Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.



6/11/04

Chris

Bill Hamilton sent this to me - it was in both Detroit papers

Strangely no mention of his WWII experience, rank and numerous awards. Maybe they are all penicils!

Ed Henry

Nov 23, 1991

Dear Russ -

Thank you for your prompt attention to my earlier letter re: pilot status. Co-pilot is a very honorable status but I'm rather proud of joining the 369<sup>th</sup> before my Co. Ralph Oliver.

I flew with the group to Westoverfield but was transferred over to Fort Dix and sailed to England with 5 other officers and about 50% enlisted personnel. Unfortunately, the only person I remember being in the group is Allen Richardson - intelligence (and maybe John Straker). Our trip on the Queen Elizabeth supposedly had a record booking of 24000 men and equipment. All I remember was that during each 24 hours of our un-escorted trip was 8 hours on deck,



PC: I think the other three  
originals were, Reber,  
Williams and O'Brien (who  
left the group). Wonder if he  
made it - surprisingly at  
least 3 of us did



8 hours in the lounge and 8 hours  
in a bunk (triple deckers; 2 to a  
single room). NO EXCEPTIONS!

We were last on so as to be  
first off. By rail to London &  
trucked to Thurleigh where we  
went about the routine of getting  
together w/ RAF people who helped  
us set up areas, procedures, etc.

Wish I could be more helpful  
but I have no records to help  
me remember.

Hope to see you soon; possibly  
England though being there a  
few years back makes it doubtful  
if I'll go for a repeat.

Best of everything, you're  
doing a hell of a job. Happy  
Holidays.

Ed Malozemski