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8 July 1975

Dear Mr Strong.

Reference your AF Terma request  
for information about the 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq.

As a former 389<sup>th</sup> 306 Type

I noticed your name on the list sent  
out by Lt Col (Ret) W. M. Collins for the 8<sup>th</sup> AF  
reunion.

I don't know if you are aware,  
but a MR ARTHUR P. BOVE, 100 South Main  
Street, Putnam, Connecticut; published a  
history of the 306<sup>th</sup> in November 1946. I have  
a copy of this limited edition book... If  
you're enable to locate a copy of the book  
I'll loan you my copy.

I plan to take the book along  
to the 306<sup>th</sup> BG reunion... If you need it  
very soon please drop me a note.

Sincerely

JJM

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Dear Col. Marciano:

I do have the material on the 306th you mentioned, and have accumulated a great deal more besides that.

Would you be so kind as to complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to me?

My project is proceeding well, but I do need a great deal more input from other members of the organization.

14 September 1979

Dear Joe:

As I indicated in my call earlier today, here are materials about me and what I am doing. I have completed writing the first three chapters of the book, expecting to complete it during the next year. I have now started on the actual combat phase of the group's life.

I have written a brief background on the research, enclosed my letter I use with group members about what I am doing, and also a resume about me.

This should give Col. Hurley sufficient background to make some kind of judgement about what he might be interested in doing.

Good Luck,

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24 Oct '77

Dear Bill,

It was great to once again meet with fellow 306'ers and other 8th Air Force personnel in St. Louis. I'm looking ahead to Washington next year.

Bill - of special interest to all 306'ers - The Air Force Academy recently had a display by the Aviation Art Museum. On sale at the display were fantastic black & white drawings of USAF aircraft. (see list enclosed). The drawings measure 15" x 20" and cost \$3.00 each. It so happens that the drawing of B-17 are of the 1st & 3rd Air Divisions. And of special interest to all 306'ers - the drawing shows a B-17 Triangle  $\Delta$  of the aircraft tail # 337715 "Lassie Come Home" - included in the same picture is a smaller drawing.  $\Delta$   $\Delta$  tail # 337701 - "Lazy Sue".

The gentlemen who operate the Art Museum said that they travel all over the country - Perhaps we can arrange for this museum to come to our next reunion. .... In sending a copy of this letter to Aida Kaye ...

Joe Marsland

Hi Russ.

11 July 86

Received the 306 BG Directory. Super  
Job. Nice to have it all in one handy  
reference. --- need one change. I was a  
member of the 369<sup>th</sup>. member of J.J. Gaydos's  
crew. --- The directory shows me - incorrectly -  
in the 368.

THX.

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20 March 1989

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Dear Joe:

Writing for myself, and for Don Ross and Reg Robinson, let me express our appreciation to you for your recent gift to the 306th BG Project Fund.

Your interest in the Association, as marked by your participation in reunions and this gift, is appreciated. We will keep you informed about the progress of the Fund.

Sincerely yours,

William F. Houlihan  
President

Amount received: \$100.00



13 August 1991

Dear Joe:

You certainly throw a large order at someone!

As to Vitus Fecht, I have not a sliver of information on him other than name, rank and serial number.

The only enlisted man who came on the shipment to us 3 Feb 45, who is on our mailing list is Albert Figone, 1571 Alta Glen #4, San Jose, CA 95125. OOps, also Richard B. Fawcett, PO Box 363, Marshfield, MA 02050.

Both of these men were assigned to the 423rd, but might have known Fecht in gunnery training, etc.

You might send name and serial number to the Veterans Administration, Washington, DC, including a stamped envelope addressed with Fecht's name, asking them to forward it. If they tell you he is deceased, please let me know for the records. If you get a response from him, we would like his mailing address.

I have no records on the 1946 people, so have no clues as to the man's name. I think I would begin, if I were you, with a letter to the Adjutant General, U. S. Army, Washington, DC, and see what they might do about searching out a name. If they can come up with a name, they also ought to be able to supply a hometown. If they can get that for you, I'd then write the newspaper there for help in locating family.

I'll carry an item in the October issue of Echoes, as well.

Althea best,

Letter 2.

14 Dec 90

Russ -

I still another question that needs your help.

Can you help me identify a radio operator who was killed in a B-17 crash Feb/March 1946 - near Frankfurt, Germany. As I recall there was a 5 man crew and possibly one of the pilots was named LT. Reid.

All these years - since 1946 I thought the R/O name was Lewis. At the San Antonio reunion I was told that the R/O name was LIPTON!!!

The following will explain my interest. The unnamed R/O became engaged to an American Red Cross girl (named Helen???) located at Thurleigh. It seemed that the engagement ring was too large and Helen asked me to take the ring to the R/O to be resized. Unknown to me the R/O left on a flight to Mراكش, Morocco. A few days later, I also flew to Monaco - with the ring. When I arrived in Morocco, the R/O left on a flight to Nibelstadt, Germany. Again, I followed a few days later. But when I arrived I learned of the crash - all aboard killed. A few days later I returned to Thurleigh and Maj McKinney Sq. CO. authorized me to go to London to locate Helen and return the ring. I went to the ARC Headquarters in London and explained my mission. I was introduced to a very well dressed lady - who was serving tea and coffee to the G.I.s. Later I was taken by this lady in a chauffeured limousine

to a beautiful estate - where I was served coffee - brandy  
and coffee... quite an experience for a kid from Brooklyn.

Later the lady took me to small hotel-residence  
to meet Helen and to explain my Red mission. The  
lady remained with Helen, and the chauffeur took  
me back to the ARC where I remained over night.

The next morning I inquired about the lady and was  
told that she was Mrs. Baelyons, sister-in-law  
to the Queen of England. Two weeks later I saw  
that same lady again at the ARC - she recognized me  
and said Helen was doing "very well"... again what  
an experience for a 19 year old from Brooklyn.

That is why I am requesting your help. Time  
goes by and memories fade - but I'd sure like to  
know the P/O name.

Thanks. and happy holidays.

*Je marci*

369<sup>th</sup> BS - 306 BA.

Dear - I just returned from my 24<sup>th</sup> US Navy ship board  
assigned assignment. Two months chasing Drug smugglers  
in the Caribbean Sea!

Letter #1

14 Dec 1990

Dear Russ -

I had hoped to talk to about this matter during the Great San Antonio reunion - but you already had enough to do!

Here's the issue: Sometime in late 1945 - early 1946 a T/SGT. VITUS T FECHT, J handed me his dog tags that also show serial # "12134970 T-42-44". On the dog tag chain is a ST. CHRISTOPHER medal and another metal tag marked "54". I recall that he said that his dad carried the ST. Christopher medal and metal tag during WW I. He further stated some like "I pick them up later." ... That's the last time I saw Fecht.

Since WW II, I have carried those tags with me every where I went - some 3 million miles of travelling - including 3 trips around the world. I've looked at a 100 telephone books in the hopes of finding the name Fecht. all without success.

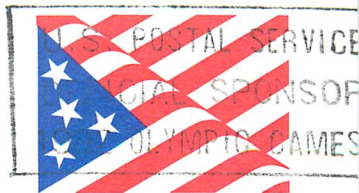
I would like to return the tags to either Fecht or his family.

Do you have any data that might give me a clue? If so, I would appreciate your help. Maybe an item in the next 306<sup>th</sup> Echo.

Thanks.

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369 - 306<sup>th</sup> BG.

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18 Sept 91

Dear Russ

Thanks for your letter of 13 August '91



Regarding Vitus Teclat.

I had hoped to be able to meet and talk to you at the Pittsburg reunion. However my job will not make it possible to attend this year. ... I expect to be at SEAF teaching aboard the USS Midway leaving around 29 Sept. that will keep me busy for 8 weeks. ... I've already spent 8 weeks at sea earlier this year.

Enjoy & thanks again.

Be good.

RUSS:

NAMES ARE ON BACK OF PICTURE.  
YOU MAY KEEP PHOTOGRAPH FOR  
YOUR RECORDS. I HAVE A SECOND PRINT.

SIX OF THE CREW ARE LISTED  
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