

Clarence, Missouri
July 20, 1979

Mr. Russell A. Strong, Editor
306th Bomb Group Ass'n.
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Dear Mr. Russell

Thought you might wish to place these photos in your files. You may wish to use them in your paper for lack of anything better.

Our crew arrived around the first of June '44 and flew our first mission 19 Jun 44 over Calais, France. From there on through 30 Sept 44 we hit them all. Berlin, Leipsig, Munich and others. Our crew completed their 35 missions 30 Sept 44 thru 10 Oct 44.

The photo with the 30 bombs painted on nose is of the "VERNA E". The pilot, James Edeler, named the plane after and for his wife. It was a good ship and crew. To my knowledge we all returned to the states. We never aborted or had a reason.

We all had our lighter moments aside from the rigorous schedule of combat flights.

I remember when Queen Elizabeth came to the field, along with King George, Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeths sister Margaret, to christen a plane that someone had named in her honor. We were 1500 feet above, flying in formation, making one pass over the field when the dignitaries all came onto the field. I do believe that every pilot and crew member observed the show until we were out of sight of the field. As they would say "Good Show".

I have enjoyed the 306th paper.

Yours truly,

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Mr. Wm M. Collins
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Collins

Just read one of your issues of the 306th Echoes
and being in the 369 Sqdn it brought back many
memories.

In this issue you asked for names and addresses of
men in the 306th. I only have 3 besides myself of
which I have present addresses.

James Edeler---pilot
514 No. 56th Ave
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Ellis L. Schoonover--navigator
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\$10.00

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Enclosed my check to help on expenses. Would
appreciate receiving the 306th Echoes.

Yours truly,

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