



367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations  
Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England – September 1942-April 1945

# 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION

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Dear Russ

I was just reading one of the 306th Echoes and saw a article in which you would like to the names ~~of~~ and number of the planes we worked on, Well I was one of the crew that joined the 306th later. I was one of the mechanics and later became the assistant crew chief, we lost the first plane I worked on shortly after I joined them it was one of the first ones and was painted olive drab, Our next one was one of the new ones without paint. The name of that plane was "Steady Steady"

The letters and number on the tail was H  
297181  
B

If you would care to write to  
Everett V. Daniel RT 2 Elidden Iowa he may be able

to tell you as he was the crew chief and was with the 306th from the beginning. or let me know and I will write or call him and try to get the info for you. I know him and have been at his place several times.

Well I see the 306th has quite a showing and they are having a reunion in England on their own which I think is better. But being retired and on a fixed income we can't see our way clear at this time, however we hope to see you all at the reunion in St Louis this fall if nothing happens.

In one of the news letters I saw a while back where someone wanted pictures and they would copy them and send the ~~originals~~ <sup>originals back</sup> <sup>which I want</sup> now. I have 30 some odd pictures taken at Thurleigh England. This fellow was writing a book or making a survey. Would you know who he is. I have looked thru a lot of these news letters and can't find him.

Yours Truly  
Earl Schwab



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Dear Russ,

In closed are the pictures I have like you say some of them may be duplicates of some you already have I have wrote on the bottom of them. If you can read it. It is all right by me as I have thought some of doing it my self. And type it on paper before I put them in an album.

Most of them have been taken at Thurleigh. and in the area.

I am also sending along some pictures taken in Germany after the war. I don't know whether or not you are interested in these.

All my pictures have been laying around in envelopes and they got rather stained. After you send them back they will be put in a album.

I hope you have had better weather than we have had up here the last couple of weeks got down

ALWAYS FIRST

FIRST OVER GERMANY

to 40° at night if it keeps this up we will have a rather short summer

We are not ~~planning~~ going to England this year but expect to be in St. Louis in Oct.

Being a member of the ground crew the only orders we got is can you have it ready by morning.

Sincerely yours  
Earl Schwab