

June 4, 2006

Dear Russell Strong;

Getting in contact with the 306BMB has been a highlight for me! I've looked in many army magazines but never could find any mention of the group at all--so after 50 some years--CONTACT!

I had 27 missions before V E Day--224 hours combat time! My pilot was grounded on our 5th mission. He wouldn't fly tight formation--in and out etc. The other pilots refused to fly with him. From then on I was a spare tail gunner! Not the best thing in the world as you would know!

My co-pilot, William Piccarr, and me flew with green crews and checked out co-pilots that acquired a crew. 22 missions were like hitchhiking on New Years Eve---we had no idea how these green men would pan out! I remember one kid browned out over the target! Anyhow, I've often wondered now just who I flew with--if they all made it etc! Don't know if this knowledge is available or not, if so maybe you could advise me how to come by it.

It's just my curiosity. One thing I lacked is the fact that those that flew together became bonded for the rest of their lives! I missed out on that!

Sincerely yours,

Ray L. Slope

January 16, 2007  
By the Sea

Dear Russell,

We enjoyed your book very much---some incidents I recalled! My problem in the 367 began after the 5th mission. My pilot, Sutton from Texas, was grounded for not keeping position tight in formation. Other pilots refused to fly with him in the formation!

My copilot and myself as tail gunner flew 22 missions with total strangers on their first mission. Not the best kind of feelings "not knowing what their reactions would be in combat! I have always wondered how the different crews survived and who they were!

Three times over Berlin would be my choice if it contains names of crews, losses etc, etc otherwise I have my list.

If the reunion is not at hunting time I might make it! Was not lucky this year but enjoyed the campin! Son Terry got a six point elk that weighted 650# and son Jim got elk, deer and bear! We delightin having deer and elk in our back yard but don't like it when they eat our flowers! The mighty Pacific ocean is the view from our living room--we see sunsets, storms, ships and the whales migrating! Have just had some unusual snow!

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306th Bomb Group (M)

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	5	3	Niedermendig, Germany		6:55	
	6	4	Koln, Germany		6:40	
	10	5	Gymnich, Germany		7:00	
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	21	8	Aschaffenburg, Germany		7:45	
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	14	11	Dresden, Germany		9:05	
	16	12	Dortmund, Germany		7:50	
	17		Abandon		5:00	
	19	13	Munster, Germany		7:05	
	20	14	Nurnberg, Germany		8:15	
	24	15	Hamburg, Germany		9:00	
	27		Abortion		1:55	
	28	16	Hagen, Germany		8:00	
March	2	17	Bohlen, Germany		8:10	
	17		Weather Ship		4:30	
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	24	21	Vechta, Germany		5:50	
	25		Recall		2:20	
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	13	25	Neumunster, Germany		8:15	
	14	26	Royan, France		8:15	
	16	27	Plattling, Germany		9:20	223:55

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