

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 complete 9-22-89

LAST NAME: Stevens FIRST NAME: BARNEY TITLE:
Street address: 7605 W. Manchester Ave #104 Telephone: (813) 649 4782
City, state, zip: Plano, Del Rey CAL. 90293

New

Date of Birth: JUNE 17 - 1923 Wife's name: MAGIE
College(s) attended: MISSOURI Degree(s): B Year(s): 1937
Last employment and job title: Berkline - Pres.

Reunions attended: (by year or location) Wach D.C. - Vegas - Little Rock

Serial #: Squadron: 369 Speciality: Pilot
Date joined 306th: JAN 1944 If combat, what crew: Flack Shack

Special duties or assignments w/306th:
Number of missions flown: 33 Date of last mission: OCT 1944
Date left 306th: OCT - 1944 Highest rank/grade with 306th: 1st Lt
Other 8th AF units served with: 301st

Top service assignments after 306th: All weather Squadron - Orlando Fla
USAF retirement date: '45 Rank/grade: 1st

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.

Joseph Tunstall - Philly Pa
Crew of Flack Shack 1944 Feb - Oct.

RECORDS UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish to, fold and mail as per address on reverse side. Or, if obtained at a reunion, hand to Russ Strong)

LAST NAME: Stevens FIRST NAME: BARNEY TITLE: 1
STREET ADDRESS: 13700 Tahiti Way 237 TELEPHONE: 213 306 2614
CITY: MARINA DEL REY STATE: CALIF ZIP: 90292

DATE JOINED 306th ASSOCIATION:

REUNIONS ATTENDED: (Years) 2

WIFE'S NAME: —

LAST EMPLOYMENT:

COLLEGE(S) ATTENDED: Missouri University DEGREE(S): — DATE: '42

SERIAL #: 0-697507 SQDN: 369th MOS: 8

DATE ARR: Spring 44 CREW: Pilot

DATE DEPARTED: Oct 9all HIGHEST RANK IN 306th: 1st Lt

SERVICE RETIREMENT DATE: 1945 RANK OR GRADE: 1st Lt

DECORATIONS WITH 306TH: 2 DFC - 5 AIR medals - Campaign - good clean record

TOP SERVICE ASSIGNMENT AFTER 306TH: Desert - Arctic - Tropic etc

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS WITH 306TH: 055

QUESTIONNAIRE

CATERPILLAR CLUB - IRVING CHUTE COMPANY

NAME:

COMBAT JUMP DATE & MISSION:

HEIGHT WHEN BAILED OUT:

ANY PROBLEMS WITH PARACHUTE:

306th Bombardment Group. SQDN:

Pilot Survey

Name BARNEY STEVENS
AKA B. SILVERMAN

Cadet Class 43J

Adv. Trng. Location Forworth
ENID, OKL.?

Combat Missions 27-28-33 ??

Date leaving 306th Fall 44

Rank on leaving 306th 1ST LT

Did you fly with the Casey Jones
Project in 1945-46? ?

Send to: Russell Strong
5232 Cheval Place
Charlotte, NC 28205

Barney Stevens

(213) 306-2614

**13700 TAHITI WAY, #237
MARINA DEL REY, CALIF. 90291**

12-7-81

Dear Bill Collins —

I received a number of issues of "306th Echoes". In the July 1979, Vol 3, No #1 I first learned that my ship — [It was a replacement for me — 1st to fly in Combat] #42-87619 — It was a painting I had made that was painted on the plane and called "Flak Shack" by my crew. It was a sad memory to bring back. It service us well & it had its share of holes etc. I'm enclosing another copy of photo of crew & ship.

I do not have the following issues of "306th Echoes" — If they are available I would like to have them.

Missing — all of Vol #1

Vol	— 2 —	issues	2+3	1979
Vol	— 3 —	issues	2+3-4	1979
Vol	— 4 —	issues	1-2-3-4	1980

I have all of Vol #6 1981

(over)

I am returning Vol 3 - issues 1 & Vol
6 issue 4 - they were sent as duplicates &
maybe some one may want them.

Sincerely
Barney
Stevens

R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General
APO 557

GENERAL ORDERS)

16 September 1944

NUMBER 335)

E X T R A C T

SECTION
II

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS - - - - -

II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq Eighth Air Force, File 200.6, 4 August 1944, subject, "Awards and Decorations," an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following-named Officer for wear with the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS previously awarded.

As of 1945 ASK BARNEY STEVEN S

BARNEY S. SILVERMAN, O-697507, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 16 August 1944. On this date a few minutes before release of bombs Lieutenant Silverman's aircraft was subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire. The Number Four engine was seriously damaged and as a result had to be feathered. The Number One engine was damaged to the extent that there was no control over the power settings and the manifold pressure dropped to thirty one inches. Several shell fragments punctured the exhaust manifolds on both the Number Two and Three engines causing a drop in maximum obtainable manifold pressure to twenty nine and thirty inches. Lieutenant Silverman skillfully maintained position in formation and continued on to drop his bombs. Forced from the formation because of the damaged condition of his aircraft Lieutenant Silverman expertly held the airplane in flight and successfully accomplished the return to home base. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this officer on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

By command of Major General WILLIAMS:

BARTLETT BEAMAN,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Roberts P. Johnson, Jr.
ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.,
Lieut. Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

A TRUE COPY:

R C Henrickson
R C HENRICKSON
1st Lt, AG

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Aug 16 1944
Luva oil Refinery?
1st Lt. Douglas
1st Lt. Douglas

R E S T R I C T E D



Barney S. Stevens
(Silverman)
October 8, 1917- March 26, 2003

Dad passed away
Wednesday March 26, 2003
in his home
both peacefully and quietly
as he had hoped and wanted

He will Be Remembered
and missed by those he loved
and who loved him




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7-1-82

Dear Russ

I have received "First Over Germany" - It a great book - wonderful. It brings back lots of beautiful & sad memories. Thanks again for this most welcome book.

I'm disappointed that I'm not of record in this book - I understand & hope that future records will include my crew & me. At least I am of record in the April 1982 - Vol 7 No. 2 "306th Echoes", in the newly-found.

I am enclosing 2 photos for confirmation & 2 letters of awards. The photos show my first assigned ship - "Bizarre". The other photo shows my new ship "Flock Shark" assigned (15th crew) July 29, 1944. I was the artist that drew the pictures after a raid, that result in much flock damage, hence the name. "Flock Shark" is pictured on page #209 - again on page #311 - It is a sad memory - Just that this letter & enclosures help to round out some more history of the 306th.
Sincerely,
Barney Steeles
(Silverman)

P.S. Somewhere - there is an diary - I'm looking for it.

14 July 1982

Dear Barney:

There was just no way to list every man who came to the 306th in this book. My insistence in including the crewmen who were shot down lengthened the book considerably, but I thought it of the utmost importance to get this information into the record.

It would be nice to put out a complete listing of all men in the 306th, but I have grave doubts that this will ever be accomplished. There is no complete roster. I have developed a card file which is reasonably close and that includes more than 9,000 men.

I am going to begin running a feature in Echoes which will include all combat crewmen, picking them up on the date that they reported in at Thurlaigh. Even then, I have trouble locating all of them because the early records were never collected and saved. I have only the piecemeal records I have collected to go in this regard.

Thanks for writing, and I'll keep trying to improve on the history in Echoes.

Sincerely yours,



Bunny Stevens

"Black Shack" # 42-37619

Group 306 Squadron 369

"Fighter Bitten"

Change of address

Barney Stevens

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PLAYA DEL REY, CA 90293

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These are the only pictures I have like the enclosed. They are important to me. I hope that you will return them after you have made your copy for records

Sorry about Max. But the 15th Flt we made together as a crew was a nightmare. Group Comrades ask what happen on take-off - it's my secret! but I had to take over less than 50 feet at take-off.

He's well, the best of my knowledge in Florida. It wasn't his fault.

Barney Stevens

New address

since sept 1, 1993

Barney Stevens
7395 Alicante Rd
Carlsbad, CA 92009



From the desk of

Following per "306th Echoes"
page 15th
Vol 18 #1
Jan 1993

Barney Stevens

"Flack Shack"

#1

MCKINNEY
 ELMER SANDLBY
 B. STEVENS
 P. EDWARDS
 NAME?
 GROUNDCREW
 C. PILOT
 PILOT
 W. GUNNER
 GROUNDCREW
 CHAS NAGEL
 FRANK BISIGNANO
 MCCUE
 HERMAN HOSKIN
 TOP GUNNER & MECHANIC
 TAIL GUNNER
 B. TURT GUNNER

#2 (1st ship to be assigned) B Isgorte

MAT WILLIAM
 PILOT
 (grounded after 1st flight)
 B. STEVENS
 C. PILOT
 VOSSEY
 TUNSTALL
 NAVIGATOR
 RICHARD WARE
 COMBATTANT
 KIA

CHAS NAGEL
 TOP GUNNER & MECHANIC
 NAME?
 PILOT/GUNNER
 ? NAME?
 RADIO
 REBT FOWLER
 GUNNER
 EDWARD BISIGNANO
 TAIL GUNNER

(OVER)

From the desk of

Barney Stevens



Barney Stevens
7395 Alicante Rd
Carlsbad CA 92009

Dear Russ —

From the July 1993, Vol 18 # 3

"306th Echoes", I've read of

the 369th Diary. Enclosed

"Please find my check for the
Diary of the 369th Sqn". I hope
that it will cover including postage

Sincerely
Barney Stevens

P.S. Located old card of Joseph L. Tunstall Jr.,
a member of our crew, lost all contact after returning
to USA - He wrote on card - 220 So 49th St.
Philadelphia (39) PA
5 Herwood 2644
would like to know?
over

I've enclosed a War record, that
maybe of interest to the 369th (30th) history
Aug 16th - we flew formation to Bohlen &
(Deeping) oil works (Suna Refinery) on the
Bomb run (we were on the left or port side of
the lead ship. About a minute or so
is when all hell seem to break loose. It
was riding a rough sea & then the flake
got to us. We completed the run & ^{low} drop.
Banking with the lead to left but could not
keep up. We fluttered about & then our
ship leveled off & we struggle west.
loosing altitude - we talk about dumping
guns & jumping etc & what's possible
to the North neutral country in case
England seem to be too far. fear! ??
Nothing happen our altitude was slow decline.
We dodge a german flak school below
& went around we headed like a arrow to
our runway at about 1000' - 1500' finally
making it - that's my story with the
enclosed etc

11-5-81

Dear Russ —

My Name is BARNEY Silverman Stevens. I served with the 306th Bomb Group; 369th Squadron, "Fightin' Bitix" as Pilot. My MOS was 1091, (during the year 1944), My serial number "697507".

My arrival at Thurleigh was 1944 early. I was assigned a ship by the name of "Bigerte" the following names below were crew at this time.

Barney Stevens - Pilot - H. L. Miss Mo.

Joseph Sunstall - Nav. - Philadelphia

Robert Carleton - C pilot —

Frank Bisignano - gunner Iowa

Wm Williams - Pilot - Florida - grounded

Horace Haskins - Radio - Nebraska

Richard Ware - Bom. - Texas - Killed in action 4th 5th mission

Richard Nagel - Engineer - Ohio

Robt. Fowler - gunner - Arkansas

Victor Siebert - gunner —

Others, who joined our crew for various reason were: —

Frank McCue - gunner Kansas

Elmer Sandberg - C pilot —

McKinney — ground crew (gunner) —

About the 7th mission I was given a new ship (picture enclosed). We named the ship "Flake Ship" for many holes we got from flake. It was from a drawing I made & had painted on the ship by the group artist. The Commanding Officer at this time was Col. Robinson, Texas. Hope this adds some to your memory —

Sincerely
Barney Stevens



369th Squadron
"Fightin' Bitin'"

○
McKinney
ground
crew

⊗
Elmer
Sandberg
C-pilot NAV.
CALIF

⊗
BARNEY
Stevens
Pilot
CALIF

⊗
Robt
Fowler
Topgiver
ARK.

○
Elese
ground
crew

⊗
Chas Nagel
Engineer
OHIO

⊗
Bisignano
~~Mc~~
GUNNER
~~KANSAS~~
IOWA

⊗
McCue
GUNNER
KANSAS

⊗
Horace
HASKIN
Nebraska

* crew