

PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE
306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary,
306th BG Association, 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205.

Date completed 12-10-93

LAST NAME: ANDERSON FIRST NAME: OLLEY MI: G. TITLE:

Street address: 20510 Highland Lake Dr Telephone: (572) 267-2819

City, State, Zip: LAGO VISTA FL 78645 zip + 4: -

Date of birth: MAY 12, 1919

Wife's name: Ruth

College(s) attended:
Coe College

Degree(s): -0- Year(s): 1

Last employment & job title & retirement date:

SELF EMPLOYED. Retired 1979
Construction. Builder

Reunions attended: None

Serial #: 38560101

Squadron: 423

Specialty: AERIAL ENGINEER

Date joined 306th: APRIL 1945

If combat, what crew: DORSEY

Special duties or assignments w/306th: AERIAL Eng.

Number of missions flown: 5

Date of last mission: APR MAY 1945

Date left 306th: NOV 1945

Highest rank/grade w/306th: T/Sgt.

Other 8th AF units served with:

Top service assignment after 306th:

USAF retirement date:

Rank/grade:

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the squadrons or other units serving with the 306th, are sought by the secretary, as many of these do not appear in any collections of materials in Federal files:

If you know of others who served with the 306th who do not appear in the current directory, please add their names and current/WWII hometowns/or other addresses to the back of this sheet so that searches may be implemented to add them to our present 306th roster.

Dear Mr Strong, 2/23/01
Our crew was assigned to the 367th squadron
on our arrival in England in a B-17. I flew a
few missions before given a B-17. I was a right
waist gunner my whole tour of duty.

S. Sgt. Shale was our ball turret belly gunner
I was lost flying as a replacement crew member.
I have never heard whether he survived or not.

My roughest mission was also as a replacement
gunner with the crew of Sqn E Page. The mission
was to Halberstadt & Dornumers lake. I was told the
eighth lost sixty planes on this one. Our tail
gunner was given credit for three kills.

In April 1944 we were transferred to Foggia
Italy to the 15th Air Force, 342 Bomb Squadron
& our group finishing our tour there. Our
replacement for our ball turret gunner was
Sgt. Hoddix.

My favorite fighter escort was P-38th
for when they tipped to one wing the identification
was positive.

Thanking you for your efforts in the
publication of the 308 Echols & your other
involvement on our behalf.

Sincerely yours
Milo Anderson

Grover C. Goode

Russell:

Attached is column written by former member (according to directory) of the 368 Bomb ^{SB.} Group. For many years he was investigative reporter for "The Charleston Gazette". He would not have won a popularity contest because of a more than somewhat abrasive manner.

He visited my offices sometime during the 1970s or 1980s; however, neither of us knew, or learned, that we had once belonged to the same bomb group. I am certain that neither of us developed any friendship for the other. I knew that he and the "Gazette" parted company and that he switched to the "Daily Mail," a rival newspaper. He usually writes a weekly column for the "Mail".

I am told that he and his wife are not in very good health and do not get about very well.

Just thought you would like to know.

Grover

Charleston Gazette 6-9-2004

Longtime newspaper columnist Anderson dies of cancer

Leonard Troy "L.T." Anderson, an iconoclastic Charleston newspaper columnist for half a century, died Tuesday in Philadelphia after cancer surgery. He was 83.

He was widely known throughout West Virginia for his pithy columns that appeared for three decades in The Charleston Gazette and two decades in the Charleston Daily Mail.

Anderson was born in 1921 at Hinton, the son of a railroad engineer. As a high school basketball player, he acquired a nickname because



Anderson

he uttered "zip" as he loosed a long shot during a game — and missed. Thereafter, Hinton folks called him "Zip" Anderson.

During World War II, he was a waist gunner on U.S. bombers striking Nazi targets in Europe. He married his high school sweetheart, Jean McCarthy, a former "Miss Bobcat" at his high school. He became a reporter at the Hinton Daily News, often covering events and writing his reports in lead type on a Linotype machine. He earned a journalism degree at Marshall College, later university, and became editor of the Daily News.

In 1950, he became a Charleston Gazette copy editor, then advanced to city editor. His sardonic column, "In Re-

verse," became highly popular during the rebellious 1960s as it spoofed the posturing of politicians, the guile of evangelists, the ignorance of mountain folk, and the like.

Gardner's Cleaners in Charleston posted a sign at its drive-in window: "Honk twice if you love LTA." Two times, Anderson's columns were among the final three considered for a Pulitzer Prize, the highest honor in journalism.

He was a fierce opponent of the Vietnam War, and helped set the Gazette's editorial outlook. He was promoted to associate editor and wrote many of the newspaper's editorials. He retired from the Gazette in 1982, underwent the first of several cancer operations, and became

a part-time columnist for the Charleston Daily Mail.

West Virginia State College gave him an honorary doctorate in 1984 for his "positive influence on politics and morality in the state."

Anderson attended St. John's Episcopal Church. In addition to his wife, a resident of Charleston Gardens care center, he is survived by a daughter, Martha Sprowles of Philadelphia, and a son, John, a former Gazette copy editor, now living in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The family said Tuesday that Anderson requested that his body be cremated, and that no service be held. Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association are suggested.