

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and give)
 (to Russ Strong at the Las Vegas reunion, or mail to his ad-)
 (dress: 5323 cheval Pl., Charlotte, NC 28205)

Date completed

LAST NAME: CHARLES FIRST NAME: FOIL Title: TSGT.

Street address: 3003 HENDERSON RD. Telephone: (919) 299-3188

City, state, zip:

GREENSBORO, N.C. 27410

Date of birth: OCT 9-1920 Wife's name: RUTH

College(s) attended: UNC-HIGH POINT COLLEGE Degree(s): B.S. Year(s): 1946-1950

PRESENT
 Last employment & job title: WILLIAM W. KENDRICK CO, VICE-PRESIDENT
 401 BUTTERNUT ST. N.W.
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20012

Year joined 306th Association: 1985

Reunions attended: (by year or location)

LAS VEGAS

Serial #: 14062296 Sqdn: 39TH Speciality: CHEMICAL WARFARE
 SERVICE GROUP

Date joined 306th: OCT. 7-1942 If combat, what crew?

Special duties or assignments w/306th: TRAINING IN CASE OF POISON GAS ATTACK

If commissioned w/306th, date & specialty:

Date departed: OCT 10-1945 Highest rank/grade w/306th: T-SGT.

Other 8thAF units served with: NONE

Top service assignments after 306th:

USAF retirement date: NOV. 21-45 Rank/grade: T-SGT.

Most memorable experience w/306th: (use back of sheet, too)

THE VISIT OF THE ROYAL FAMILY
 ATTENDING A COURSE AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY/
 GLEN MILLER BAND VISIT TO OUR BASE

In the continuing search for 306th people, please inform the secretary as to any persons you know from the 306th who are not listed in the 1988 directory: con-

204 Marengo Avenue
Forest Park, Ill. 60130
September 10, 1991

Mr. Russell A. Strong
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Dear Russ:

I am late in reporting the death of one of my buddies, T/Sgt. Foil V. Charles of Greensboro, North Carolina. I believe he had attended some of your reunions. His wife, Ruth, informed me of his death some months ago.

I am also enclosing a bit of memorabilia that I found among some old papers. We arrived at the little town of Rushden near Thurleigh by train about Oct. 8, 1942. One of our favorite watering spots was the Railway Inn at Rushden to which we could cycle.

You are doing an excellent job and are to be commended.

I am getting to old to do much travelling anymore so don't attend reunions. I will be 81 in February.

My best to you.

Sincerely,


A. W. Uek

Order of Worship

SUNDAY, 09.30 HOURS

MAY 13, 1945

Organ Prelude Sgt. James Eisnaugle

Call to Worship

Hymn Standing

Prayer Period:

Unison Prayer. Selection 8: "A Prayer for Mother."

Pastoral Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer.

Special Music

Scripture Lesson

Registration of Attendance

Hymn Standing

Sermon Chaplain Ralph E. Simester

Hymn Standing

Benediction

Organ Postlude

INVITE GUESTS FOR TONIGHT

The men of this Station are urged to extend an invitation to the English families who have been so gracious and friendly to us during our stay in England. This invitation should be extended especially to the Mothers who have acted as our foster mothers in these homes. Transportation will be provided leaving the Officers' Red Cross and the Bromham Road Red Cross Clubs at 6.45 p.m. Of course, the men will make their invitation personally, and will notify the Chaplain of the number to expect so that adequate transportation may be provided.

Refreshments will be served at the Aero Club after the Service.

Special Mothers Day Service

SUNDAY EVENING, 19.30 HOURS: MAY 13, 1945

Organ Prelude

Song Service Familiar Hymns

Prayer

Special Music Men from this Station

Scripture

A Tribute to our British Friends

Presentation of our Floral Appreciation

Special Music

Prayers

Sermon Chaplain Ralph E. Simester

Hymn

Benediction Organ Postlude

OUR GUEST OF HONOUR

For many months The Hon. Mrs. Bowes-Lyons has been one of the best friends we Americans could have had. Working through the American Red Cross she has given of her own time and energy without measure and enlisted the interest and service of many scores of British persons who have contributed to our happiness and the richness of our experience. Tonight Mrs. Bowes-Lyons receives our personal affection and through her we extend our appreciation to all who have befriended us.

BRITISH HOSPITALITY

Most of us who have been here for many months have received the friendship and hospitality of the British homes. In spite of war conditions many thousands of our men have been blessed with these contacts which we will never forget. We appreciate beyond words the kindness of these our many friends and the open doors of welcome given to us whenever opportunity afforded.

TO OUR MOTHERS AT HOME

We send you this Chapel Bulletin. The picture on the cover is the interior of our Chapel. Many of us have found this a real place of worship and of Christian fellowship. Our regular hours for service are . . .

Worship and Sermon every Sunday morning at 09.30 hours.

Communion Service the first Sunday of the month.

Fellowship and Bible Study every Sunday and Wednesday at 19.00 hours.

And something more . . . Mother, the Chaplain's office is always open and we can drop in at any time.

MOTHER'S MEDAL

By CHARLES E. MELVIN

I left her standing by the train,
Smiling through tears of grief and pain;
My striped collar showed the trace
Of tears from that beloved face.

I wondered then why she should fright,
For wasn't I prepared to fight
For victory, freedom, peace and love,
Protected by my God above ?

For days I thought of her standing there,
Her smiling face, her graying hair,
Till God helped me to realize
The mystery of those tearful eyes.

Dear Mother, yours is the hardest fight,
For yours is the misery of sleepless nights
And dragging days in the house alone,
Watching for mail and the silent phone.

And when at last peace reigns o'er the world,
You'll stand at the station, your flag unfurled
To receive the medal that you have won:
The loving smile of your homecoming son.

OUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

The American Red Cross

While we are thinking of our mothers and of those who have been our friends away from home, we would not forget the American Red Cross. Somehow it is not the organization, as such, that we think of, but those wonderful girls who have been our sisters, and our counsellors, and our boosters of morale. To the American Red Cross girls on our stations and in the Club-mobiles, and in our nearby city centres we express our warmest appreciation. God bless you.

CHAPEL BULLETIN



THE POST CHAPEL

RALPH E. SIMESTER

CHAPLAIN

306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

AND

ALL ATTACHED ORGANIZATIONS

COLONEL H. H. UPHAM

COMMANDING OFFICER

306 BG

a note from the desk of...

FOIL CHARLES

Foil V. Charles

3003 Henderson Rd.

Greensboro, N. C. 27410

January 20, 1985

Dear Sir:

I have just joined the 8th
Air Force Historical Society,
Member #14536.

I received information concerning
joining the 301st Veterans
Association. They mention
your office under my name.
There must be a mistake since
I was in the 306 Bombardment
group station in England.
Please forward my name to
this association if they COVER

have a veterans association.
Please change my records
to show 306 instead of 301.

Greensboro, N. C. 27410

I have a lot of information
concerning the 306 which
might be interesting to them.

Thank so much. I am
planning to attend the
11th Reunion.

I am sending you a copy
of our 1st N.C. Reunion
which I attended.

Thank you

Bill J. Carter