

25 September 1992

James W. Johnson
5111 Boca Raton
Dallas, TX 75229

Dear Jim:

I came across extra copies of the two pages of your Intelligence Review following your first mission as a crew, and thought you might find it interesting reading.

It also gives me an excuse to ask a couple of questions of you:

Do you remember the first names of the various men of your crew, as shown on the second page, and do you have any information or recollections as to where they may have come from.

I almost came up with H. M. Dunn early in the year, with a Florida address, but the trail turned cold.

I am also enclosing a copy of a printout off the computer, would ask that you fill in the gaps noted.

When we first added you to the mailing list, I enclosed a personal information form, which was not returned. In the event you are so moved now, I would appreciate any data you might wish to note.

One last: currently we are trying to track down the pilot class you graduated in and the site of your advanced pilot training.

Thanks in advance, for any assistance you may be able to give.

All the best,

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 Sept. 13, 1993

LAST NAME: JOHNSON FIRST NAME: JAMES MI:W. TITLE: LT.COL.USAFR
Street address: 5111 BOCA RATON Telephone: (214) 368-7845 (RET.)
City, State, Zip: DALLAS, TEXAS 75229 zip + 4: 75229 -2927

Date of birth: JUNE 8, 1921 Wife's name: JANELL B. JOHNSON
College(s) attended: Degree(s): 2 Year(s):

Last employment & job title & retirement date: ROLEX WATCH U.S.A. INC.
SOUTHWEST SALES REP. RETIRED 1988.

Reunions attended:

Serial #: AO 665309 Squadron: 367th Specialty: PILOT
Date joined 306th: *May 43* If combat, what crew: A/C COMMANDER
Special duties or assignments w/306th:
Number of missions flown: 2 Date of last mission: JUNE 22, 1943
Date left 306th: SAME POW Highest rank/grade w/306th: LST LT.
Other 8th AF units served with: NUMEROUS ASSIGNMENTS AFTER WORLD WAR II
INCLUDING KOREA.

Top service assignment after 306th: PILOT

USAF retirement date: * JUNE 1966 Rank/grade: LT.COL.

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.



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Sept. 13, 1933

Mr. Russell Strong
306th Bomb Group Association
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, N. C. 28205

Dear Russell:

First, let me thank you for the intelligence review you sent from the first mission my crew completed, 13 June '43. I would be most grateful if there were intelligence reviews covering the June 22, '43 mission to Huls, Germany which was the mission we were shot down on. I would like reports concerning our airplane and any info about the success of this mission.

I have no orders covering any of my 306th assignments or activities, but I am enclosing a copy of the orders from my graduating class of '42 I. During my POW years, my wife kept contact with many of those pilots and made pencil notes day to day as she learned of happenings to the individuals.

I don't know the exact day I was assigned to the 306th? But my first flights at Thurleigh started on May 30th, 1943.

I am very grateful to those responsible for the 306th Echo and I am enclosing a donation to help further this publication and please get this in the proper hands.

Please be sure to include me on your list to receive the updated 367th Combat Diary when it is ready.

Sincerely,

James W. Johnson
5111 Boca Raton
DALLAS, TEXAS 75229

JWJ:jj

Name: JAMES W. JOHNSON LT/COL USAFR(Ret.)

Cadet class: 42 I

Place of graduation: ELLINGTON, HOUSTON, TEXAS

Number of combat missions: 2
(2 ADDITIONAL MISSIONS, NOT COMPLETED)

Wife's first name: JANELL

Other 306th men whom I know graduated with me:

3 December 1994

Dear Jim:

Enclosed are the mission reports for the two which you flew. These are actually fairly complete. At this time there were no Crew Interrogation forms made out until the crew returned from the mission. By 1 Aug 43 they were typing the forms in advance.

Also, I have never been able to find a Missing Air Crew Report for your crew, hence I put together the one which is in your set.

A short paragraph in the 367th Combat Diary does list your crew after you were shot down, and states that this was the Group's first venture into Happy Valley, The Ruhr.

I would appreciate receiving from you any details concerning you and your crew from the time you realized you were in trouble, the bailout, landing, capture, etc.

Several times I have thought I had located Hardie Dunn, I guess you and Ed Gast are the only ones from your crew on our mailing list.

Good to hear from you,



Former Prisoner of War
at
Stalag Luft III

Russell A. Strong

Please find enclosed 2 CHECKS ,
ONE A \$25.00 donation to your general fund;
hoping the association will continue print-
ing the "Echoes". The other \$5.00 ck. is
for any mission report which might be
interesting about June 22nd 1943 Raid to
Huls, Germany. I was shot down on this
mission near the target and have very
little information as to what happened to
the group or success of this mission and or
other losses.

Thanks,
JAMES W. JOHNSON
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Sent 3 Dec 94



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August 2, 2000

306th Bomb Group Publications
Mr. Russell A. Strong
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Dear Russell Strong,

In the 97-98 Issues of the 306th Echoes I was unable to find my flight engineer's name listed among those killed in action. I am hopeful some of your records might show if his body was recovered and if so where he might have been buried.

TSgt. L. B. Hansen was assigned to my crew from the beginning training in early January '43, and flew with our crew to England to the 306th bomb group. We were shot down June 22, 1943 on the raid to Huls, Germany after we left the target. Sgt Hansen was wounded and went down with the ship.

The German interrogator told me that one body was found in the wreckage several days later, also that one 500 pound bomb had exploded on impact.

I am unable to supply any other details about the sergeant such as serial numbers and so forth, but I would appreciate any information as it has been a long time question for me.

I am enclosing a contribution towards the continuation of The Echoes. Please keep up the good work Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

James W. Johnson
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Dallas, TX 75229

Enc: Check #1485