

Wm D Jones

713/497-0601

~~on list out~~

lost mission

haul's End

hit runway, bellied in in mud

lightened plane

Thought would have to ditch.

lost engine on way in

lost group, & bombed w/ another

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Des Plaines

904/737-2126

20 March 1989

W. D. Jones
11706 Wickhollow
Houston, TX 77043

Dear W. D.:

Writing for myself, and for Don Ross and Reg Robinson,
let me express our thanks to you for your recent gift
to the-306th BG Project Fund.

Your interest in the Association, as marked by this gift
and by your attendance at reunions, is much appreciated.
You will be hearing further from us on the Fund.

Sincerely yours,

William F. Houlihan
President

Amount received: \$100.00

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: JONES FIRST NAME: W. D. (Bill) TITLE:
Street address: 11706 WICKHOLLOW Telephone: (713) 497-0601
City, state, zip: HOUSTON, TX 77043

Date of Birth: 1/20/17 Wife's name: GENE
College(s) attended: U OF HOUSTON Degree(s): NONE Year(s): 1
Last employment and job title: BILL D JONES BLDG CO
OWNER

Reunions attended: (by year or location)
MIAMI - LOS VEGAS - (DALLAS - FT WORTH)
CINCINNATI - DAYTON - WASHINGTON D.C.

Serial #: 0-734098 Squadron: 368 Speciality: PILOT
Date joined 306th: APRIL 43 If combat, what crew: JOE HANK BELSER
(CO-PILOT)
Special duties or assignments w/306th:
Number of missions flown: 25 Date of last mission: SEPT 43
Date left 306th: SEPT 43 Highest rank/grade with 306th: 1ST LT
Other 8th AF units served with:

Top service assignments after 306th: 3 YRS DYERSBURG AFB - INSTRUCTOR PILOT -
- OPERATIONS OFFICER
USAF retirement date: 1945 Rank/grade: MAJOR
3 YRS RESERVE
1955 - 1958

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.

COMBAT CREW INFORMATION - 306th Bomb Group, 1942-45

Name of Respondent *W.D. Jones*

Date:

Date of Arrival at 306th: 23 April 1943

Combat Crew by position:

Name	Position	Present Status
<i>W.D. JONES</i>		<i>RETIRED HOUSTON</i>
Joseph M. Belser	Pilot	deceased Jun 80
W. D. Jones	Co-Pilot	Houston, TX
George M. Arnold	Navigator	Little Rock, AR
James T. Harrison	Bombardier	Austin, TX
<i>SPANGENBERG</i>	Engineer	<i>— SEGUIN, TX</i>
<i>PHILPOT</i>	Radio Opr.	<i>GEORGIA</i>
<i>NORMAN</i>	Ball Turret	<i>NAVDOTA, TX</i>
<i>McDaniel</i>	Waist	<i>Coffeyville, KS</i>
	Waist	
<i>W.M.D. BALTON</i>	Tail Gunner	

Your date of departure from 306th: *SEPT 1943*

Number of missions flown: *25*

If regular, USAF retirement date and rank:

Other information: *Reserve 3 yrs 1952-55
attained Rank of Major*

*Instructor 3 yrs
Dyersburg AFB Tenn
3 yrs - Discharged
on points Sept 1945*

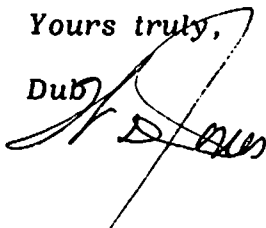
March 12, 93
11706 Wickhollow
Houston, Tex 77043

Dear Russell:

In response to your letter in Dec. 92, I have enclosed the copy of our original crew and written the names of each person. The picture isnt of the best quality and had to visit with Spangenberg to help ID everyone. Spang lives in Houston now not to far from my house. The fellow on the left end was a fill-in and probably never made a raid with us. We did not know him.

Sorry that I took so long to answer your letter but I misplaced it and just found it last week. Hope to see you in Seattle next Sept.

Yours truly,

Dub


Joseph Belser and crew
368th

(Hallman)



Philpot, Rodis
Barton Tailgunner

Spangberg - Eng.
Norman

Bill Turner
McDaniel
Gunner

Geo Arnold
Nav.

Bill Jones
Co-pilot

JOE
HANK
Pilot

Jing Harrison
Bombardier

Dub: Can you identify the men in this photo for me?

Handwritten signature in red ink

PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Date.

Complete this form and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary, 306th BG Assoc., 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205, to be filed with 306th records.

LAST NAME: JONES FIRST NAME: William D. MI: TITLE: MAJ.

Street Address: 11706 WICK HOLLOW Telephone: (713) 497-0601

City, State Houston, Tx Zip + 4: 77043 - - - - -

Winter Address: SAME Telephone: () SAME

City, State HOUSTON TX Zip + 4: - - - - -

Date of birth: 1/20/17 Wife's name: GENE #c #gc #ggc

College(s) attended: U of Hou Degree(s), & when: NONE

Last employment & job title & retirement date: 1987 BUILDER & DEVELOPER OF HOUSING & SUBDIVISIONS

Serial #(s): 0-734098 Squadron: 368 Specialty: PILOT + COPILOT

Date joined 306th: APRIL 1943 If combat, what crew? BELSER FOR ABOUT 12 RAIDS

Special duties or assignments w/306th: CO-PILOT & PILOT

No of missions flown: 25 Date of last mission: SEPT 1943

Date leaving 306th: SEPT 18TH 1943 Highest rank/grade w/306th: 1ST LT.

Other 8AF units served with, and when: NONE

Top service assignment after 306th: TRAINING COMBAT CREWS OPERATIONS OFFICER DYERSBURG, AFB TENN.

USAF retirement date: 1945 ACTIVE 1957 RESERVE Rank/grade: MAJ (IN RESERVE)

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 National Archives or the Air University.

If you know of others who served with the 306th and who do not appear in the current 306th 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.

Nice to see you at convention - We all admire you for your work on the group all these years. Thanks a lot
Bill D

notice of the passing of

W. D. JONES 07340888

Pilot 306 Bomb Group

368 Squadron -

Bill passed away 5-8-96 in
Houston Texas

Signed E. C. Spangenberg
new member



E. C. Spangenberg
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Houston, TX 77074-3406