

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 10/3/89

LAST NAME: OLSEN FIRST NAME: TRYCVE TITLE:
Street address: 1704-Holly Drive E Telephone: (813) 938-3429
City, state, zip: Holiday FL 34690

Date of Birth: 5-3-17 Wife's name: Jenny
College(s) attended: BKlyn Poly Tech Degree(s): Year(s): 1 Year
Last employment and job title:
Thomas Olsen + Sons President.

Reunions attended: (by year or location) All of them

Serial #: 0745160 Squadron: 369th Speciality: Pilot
Date joined 306th: Oct 5, 1943 If combat, what crew: VARIOUS
Special duties or assignments w/306th: To take green crews on their
first missions in combat as 1st Pilot.
Number of missions flown: 23 Date of last mission: April 11 1944
Date left 306th: April 11 1944 Highest rank/grade with 306th: 1st Lt.
Other 8th AF units served with:

Top service assignments after 306th:

USAF retirement date: 30th Sept. 1955 Rank/grade: Captain

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.

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L S-O-R-T-I-E R-E-C-O-R-D-S

NAME JOHN J. O'BRIEN

SQUADRON 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H)

RANK 1st Lt.

GROUP 306th Bombardment Group (H)

DUTY Pilot

SERIAL NUMBER O-754373

| Date | Group Mission Number | Individual Mission Number | R-E-M-A-R-K-S | Time | Total Time |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1944 | | | | | |
| Apr. 20 | 137 | 1 | NO BALL (France) | 3:40 | |
| 21 | - | - | Re-Call | 3:50 | |
| 22 | 138 | 2 | HAMM (Germany) | 7:00 | |
| 24 | 139 | 3 | OBERFAFFENHOFEN (Germany) | 9:25 | |
| 25 | 140 | 4 | NANCY (France) | 7:00 | |
| 26 | 141 | 5 | BRUNSWICK (Germany) | 7:55 | |
| 27 | 143 | 6 | NANCY (FRANCE) | 6:05 | |
| 29 | 145 | 7 | BERLIN (Germany) | 9:05 | |
| May 1 | - | - | Aborted | 6:30 | |
| 7 | 150 | 8 | BERLIN (Germany) | 8:50 | |
| 10 | - | - | Abandoned | 3:50 | |
| 11 | 153 | 9 | SAARBRUCKEN (Germany) | 6:50 | |
| 12 | 154 | 10 | MERSEBERG (Germany) | 8:40 | |
| 20 | 157 | 11 | ORLY (France) | 5:50 | |
| 27 | 162 | 12 | MANNHEIM (Germany) | 7:00 | |
| 28 | 164 | 13 | RUHLAND (Germany) | 8:10 | |
| 29 | - | - | Air Sea Rescue | 6:00 | |
| 31 | 166 | 14 | LIEGE (Belgium) | 5:45 | |
| June 2 | 167 | 15 | SPECIAL TARGET (France) | 4:35 | |
| 3 | 169 | 16 | SPECIAL TARGET (France) | 4:10 | |
| 6 | 171 | 17 | "A" (France) | 5:55 | |
| 6 | 173 | 18 | "C" (France) | 5:10 | |
| 8 | 174 | 19 | RENNES (France) | 6:25 | |
| 11 | 175 | 20 | ILLIERS*L'EUQUE (France) | 6:30 | |
| 12 | 176 | 21 | LILLE-VENDEVILLE (France) | 5:15 | |
| 14 | 177 | 22 | ETAMPES (France) | 5:50 | |
| 15 | 178 | 23 | NANTES (France) | 5:55 | |
| 17 | 179 | 24 | NOYEN (France) | 6:00 | |
| 18 | 180 | 25 | HAMBURG (Germany) | 7:35 | |
| 19 | 181 | 26 | NO BALL (France) | 5:00 | |
| 20 | - | 30 | (4) 1st B.D. Teletype #U-997 | - | |
| 21 | 183 | 31 | BERLIN (Germany) | 10:10 | |
| 24 | 185 | 32 | BREMEN (Germany) | 7:50 | |
| 25 | 186 | 33 | JOIGNY (France) | 6:30 | |
| 28 | 187 | 34 | LAON (France) | 6:25 | |
| July 1 | - | - | Abandoned | 2:15 | |
| 2 | 188 | 35 | NO BALL (France) | 4:50 | 227:45 |

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Toy B. Husband

TOY B. HUSBAND,
Major, AC,
Opns. Officer,
306th Bomb Gp (H).

Trygve Olsen C.

9/23/80

~~813~~ 813/938-3429

flew 40 minutes

minim air speed

less than 1/2 engine
4 also damaged

lost all windshields

took him to nose to give him 1st aid.

Opdyke came up before crew landing.

23rd mission

turbulence from ground.

Control surfaces damaged

hit tremendous turbulence, came upon a
town, heading for dead-steeple, lost lost
altitude, to avoid steeple, pulled back
throttle.

Opdyke yelled, "cut switches."

Camera hatch open, sod into
radio room.

Couch's rib ~~was~~ broken on landing.
May have punctured lung.

Oxydye Homosassa Springs, Fl.

Ed. Murphy - Bell System

Murphy meter Buzenque

Box 61
Fence, Oregon 97452
Feb. 28, 1978

Dr. G. F. Collins

5/23/78

Holiday Fla

Dear Mr Collins

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I was in the 369 Sq. "Futon Britain"
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I was to Thewleigh in 1970
and enjoyed the trip. In Florida
we have many of our crew members
and would like a list of names to
check off them.

Woolhouse,
5911 N.W. 173rd. Terrace
Opa. Locka, Fl. 33055

Sirs,

please send me information
about my unit of the 8th. A.F.

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(Spelling uncertain) England,
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Yours truly
Trygve C. Olsen
(Olsen)

Trygve C. Olsen
1704 - Holly Drive E
Holiday Fla 33590

Hayden M. Callie
A.S.N. 39691559

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306 B.G.

P. O. Box 61
Lowell, Oregon 97452
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A.P.O. 634.

December 1, 1943.
(date)

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

(In compliance with Circular 50-4)

1. I certify that I have studied all available operating instructions and have received instructions in the operations of all instruments, controls, starting, ignition and fuel systems and other special installations of the type B17-F airplane, and I have answered the questionnaire as set forth by the Operations Officer, 306th Bombardment Group (H), and am familiar with the combat crew duties on this particular type airplane.

Trygve C. Olsen
TRYGVE C. OLSEN
(name)

2nd Lt.
(rank)

2. I certify that I have, this date, completed the check flight of Trygve C. Olsen, on the type B17-F airplane, and that he is now qualified as Airplane Commander and Pilot of same.

Check Pilot.

Edward M. Murphy
EDWARD M. MURPHY
(name)

1st Lt.
(rank)

Ans
12/5/89

10/8/89

Dear Russ:

Enclosed you will find copies of various items for your perusal.

I just found a complete set of letters outlining a commendation from Winston Churchill for the Schweinfurt raid and operations during that period of October 1943.

I have enclosed Winston Churchill's commendation, if you want the three other attached copies let me know.

A copy of the corrections in your book "Fight Over Germany" are also included. It is only meant to set the record right

and not to demean your
wonderful efforts in writing
this book.

In closing Russ
I again extend to your wife
a warm welcome to Bay
hello to Jenny + I in Florida

Your comrade.
Troyce C. Olsen

11 October 1989

Dear Trygve:

Enjoyed getting an envelope full of materials from you this afternoon.

Thanks for your corrections on the book, and I will certainly use them to help get the record straight.

Perhaps at some future date I'll make use of the other material you sent along, and put it in Echoes.

We haven't yet made any concrete plans for Florida, but I suspect we may make in February. We'd like to attend a picnic of the Florida crowd who gather once each year, all of whom once attended the same church in Kalamazoo, MI.

June also has a brother who has a condominium in Bellaise Beach, and I am sure we will spend a bit of time there. That isn't far from where you live, I believe.

And now to work on the October issue of Echoes!

All the best,