

PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Date. NOV. 28, 1947

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: TOMKE FIRST NAME: John MI: TITLE: S/SGT

Street Address: 54999 MARTINEZ #36 Telephone: (619) 365-7049

City, State YUCCA VALLEY, CA Zip + 4: 92284 - - - -

Winter Address: SQMC Telephone: ()

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

Date of birth: DEC. 13, 1925 Wife's name: JOAN ^{bc}
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^{bc}

College(s) attended: LORAS College Degree(s), & when: 1946-49

Last employment & job title & retirement date: 3 YEARS
Ret. Oct. 1, 1986 VICE-PRES. IDA County State Bank
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Serial # (s): 171 81832 Squadron: 369 Specialty: TAIL GUNNER

Date joined 306th: 8/15/44 APPROX. If combat, what crew?
LT. Ritter's crew

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

TAIL GUNNER

No of missions flown: 8 1/2 Date of last mission: 10/15/44

Date leaving 306th: 10/15/44 Highest rank/grade w/306th: SGT

Other 8AF units served with, and when: N/A

Top service assignment after 306th: CLERICAL

USAF retirement date: NOV. 21, 1945 Rank/grade: S/SGT

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.

NEW ADDRESS FOR:

(EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY)

TO: 306TH ECHOES

JOHN W. TOMKE
1010 VIA ZAPATA - Apt. 2

RIVERSIDE, CA 92507

Phone: 714-682-~~5117~~ 5117

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Address*

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JOHN W TOMKE
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Feb. 20, 1986

MR. Jack Grimm

5085 MoreLawn Ct., Apt. B
Cincinnati, Ohio 45429

Dear Jack:

I read in The DAV magazine of The Planned Reunion
of The 306th Bomb Group Sept. 11-13. Could you
please furnish me with any details, particularly a
list of names that may attend. Have they had a
Reunion before?

I was a Tail Gunner with the 369th bomb squadron
and was with The 306th near Bedford, England approx.
2 months before we were shot down over Cologne,
Germany on Oct. 15, 1944. Six out of nine of us
survived. All six of us were POW's.

Believe Col. Robinson or Col. Riordan was our
Commanding Officer.

Thanks for your help

Sincerely Yours

John W. Tomke

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700 Fifth Str.

Battle Creek, Iowa 51006