March 6, 1989 Dear Mr. Strong, your name was given to me as the ristorian for the 306th Bomb Squadrond, my Jather-in-law was a bombardier on the Sidney wolf crew of the 36th BS of the 386th. They were shot down on a mission to Dermany on Jan. 5, 1944. three days before my husband was foin. Eve Sknow very little about rim, the squadion, the crew, etc. Hopefully, you can enlighten me with some information deyond the above, as that is all I know. In doing some genalogy books on the Jamily and would slike a composite I of my children's grandfather & his Smilstay history. Danderstand that two crew members of the group survived. On these

a way to find out if they are still alive land if a can get in touch with them? & Gerhaps there is a reunion group somewhere who can answer my questions. I appreciate your help in this matter. I you have any questions please feel free to ask. Sincerely, Beila & Somlin 936 Wynhaven Jane Manchester, Mo. 63011 (314) 221-3309

Re: A. Harry Hammach Jomein

The squadron diary for the date lists the men missing on the mission.

The Missing Air Crew report lists the crew, the plane and some other extraneous information. It does show that Enos and Fremont survived.

@ am also including a couple of pages out of my book, "First Over Germany", which more graphically describes what happened to the plane on that date.

Most of my story, as in the book, was obtained in an interview with Alvin Enos by telephone. In chedking those notes I find nothing that would assist your story at all. I believe that at the time I was working on the book we had not yet located Fremont Jewell, so I have nothing in my file from him.

However, both Enos and Jewell are still living, and you may wish to contact them. Jewell, in particular, might have information as to whether Tomlin had been permanently assigned to the crew or was just there for the day's mission.

Fremont H. Jewell 3224 48th Ave, South Minneapolis, MN 55406

Alvin A. Enos Rt. 1 Cu Cubam NY 14727

My recollection is that I had great difficulty even getting Enos to talk to me for a few minutes. Therefore, it would be my suggestion that you concentrate on Jewell for any further information.

I regret that I cannot be of more assistance, but that seems to exhaust my collection on Harry Tomlin.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong Historian HrMarch 1989

Mrs. Sheila R. Tomlin 936 Wynhaven Lane Manchester, MO 63011

Dear Mrs. Tomlin:

In response to your letter of 6 March, I will try to provide you with some information concerning Lt. Harry Memlin. I hope that I can get copies of the material I am sending you on the morrow, so that this won't be delayed too long.

First: There is the Special Order #252, issued on 27 Nov 1943. Tomlin arrived with the group on that date as the bombardier on the crew of Lt. Richard B. Wong. You will note that he was a first lieutenant at the thine, while most of the other officers were secondlieutenants. He had evidently been commissioned many months before, and in fact, the sertal number he had would correspond more closely with many of our earlier bombardiers. The question then is, what was he doing in the interim? Does the family know? Was he perhaps an instructor for a while? Or he might have been hospitalized? Or he might have been flying in some other theatre.

As to why he was flying with a different crew at this time, I have no explanation. Cops, I just checked and found out that the bombardier on Wolfe's crew died of anoxia 27 Dec 43. So, when Wolfe needed a new bombardier he was given Tomlin. Not unusual at all for such switches.

I cannot tell from what I have available as to how many missions Tomlin had flown. He did not receive an Air Medal, which would indicate five missions completed. I note that he was awarded a Purple Heart, often given to families of those killed in combat.

The intelligence report talks about the mission for the day, but gives only a skeleton of what happened. Wolfe is mentioned in paragraph one of the first section. The airplane they were flying, 42-30794-V was a B-17 F model, which had joined the squadron on 3 September 43.