

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 7/21/

LAST NAME: Tressler FIRST NAME: Paul E. MI: TITLE:

Street address: 206 S. 47th Ave Telephone: (509) 965-4296

City, State, Zip: Yakima, WA zip + 4: 98906-

Date of birth: 7/25/15

Wife's name: Brae

College(s) attended:

Degree(s):

Year(s):

Perry Technical, Yakima

Last employment & job title & retirement date:

Reunions attended:

Serial #: 3525-6892

Squadron: * 2/g 306th

Specialty: S-2

Date joined 306th: Wendover, Utah

If combat, what crew:

Special duties or assignments w/306th: July 1942
Map work-S-2

Number of missions flown:

Date of last mission:

Date left 306th:

Highest rank/grade w/306th:

Other 8th AF units served with:

Top service assignment after 306th:

USAF retirement date: Discharged 10/45? 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 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.

* July Echoes incorrectly in listing "367"

7/21/94

Dear Mr Strong -

It's been sometime since we were surprised by your phone call, and a response is overdue.

Paul spent three years with the 306th Bg. Sgd in Thurlough, and was sent home with another group the summer of 1945 to be discharged, but found himself almost sent to the Pacific with that group. His duties in S-2 included keeping the Raid Score from Oct 9, 1942 to Apr 19, 1945. He has copies of these charts which are in the hard cover book "First Over Germany - A Story of the 306th Bomb Group by Arthur P. Bane. (Copyright 1946. Newsfoto Publ. Co., San Angelo, Texas) In addition to copies of the Raid Charts, Paul has several pictures of the Royal Family's visit when the Base of York was christened. There is also a picture of that ill-fated crew.

A brother-in-law was a B-24 pilot based in England and another brother-in-law was in a glider group that was involved in the battles of the Bulge. Paul's 18-year-old nephew was killed in the Normandy invasion, and our son was in the Ram.

The bravery and skill of the pilots is without question, but should the ground forces that supported them be given more consideration?

I did research for a 50th and 60th high school reunion - small scale compared to your assignment. I'm sure you get a lot of satisfaction when you "find" someone.

Sincerely,
Grace H. Dressler

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