

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE

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Service Record:

Before joining the 306th:

FORT LOGAN - DENVER, COLO 1942
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MCGOWAN FIELD - BOISE, IDAHO 1942
WENDOVER FIELD - WENDOVER, UTAH 1942
ALAMO GORDO, NEW MEXICO

After leaving the 306th:

TRANSFERED TO 9TH AF IN MAY 1945 FOR OCCUPATION DUTY
DISCHARGED OCTOBER 1945

306th Record

Arrival date at Thurleigh OCTOBER - 1942
Squadron or other unit(s) 1 405TH ORDNANCE CO.
2 HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
MOS # ? Specialty 1- WEAPONS REPAIRMAN 3- BASE ORD.
2- BOMB DISPOSAL EXPERT SUPPLY
Missions Completed (and date of last) NO MISSIONS - GROUND TROOPS
Promotions TECH SGT.

Decorations AM olcs DFC olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM PH 6 Battle Stars ?
RECEIVED BATTLE STARS FOR ALL CAMPAIGNS 306TH TOOK PART IN.
ALSO RECEIVED PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

(On unusual DFCs, and Silver Stars and above would like to see a copy of the citation)

Other personal data:

Description of Air Missions:

(What were the highlights of your combat career? What was your role? What heroics did you witness? What events were there of which you have special knowledge?)

- 1- PARTICIPATED IN BOMB DISPOSAL JOB THAT HAD SHOT DOWN OUR BOMB DUMP FOR SEVERAL DAYS PREVENTING 306th FROM PARTICIPATING IN MISSIONS. I HAVE A PICTURE SERIES OF BOMB DISPOSAL OPERATION TAKEN BY THE PHOTO LAB.
- 2- I HAVE A PHOTO OF KING & QUEEN OF ENGLAND, (1942) PRINCESS ELIZABETH (NOW QUEEN), GENERAL DOOLITTLE, AT A ~~THE~~ CHRISTIANING CEREMONY OF ONE OF OUR BOMBERS.
- 3- I ALSO HAVE A PHOTO ALBUM OF VARIOUS MEMBERS AND PLACES OF THE 306th BOMB GROUP.



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367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations
Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England - September 1942-April 1945

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Dear Russ,

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This letter is to introduce myself. I was with the originating group of the 306th in Wendover, Utah in the summer of 1942. I shipped over to Thurleigh in Sept. 1942. I was assigned to 705th Ordnance Co. We lived in tents for several weeks, until the British moved out. It rained almost every day and resulted in everyone wearing wet or damp clothing continuously. I was with the Group until the War ended in Europe.

Author Books
First Over Germany

Command and Staff
Officers, 8th Air
Force, 1942-45

306th Echoes 1975-2000

Editor
306th Echoes (quarterly)
306th Directory
306th Squadron Diaries
367, 368, 369, 423

We have been fortunate in having a lot of men from all the units at Thurleigh. I attended the first reunion in Omaha, Neb. I have since gone to another reunion since I felt shut out. The combat and squadron personnel congregated together, which is understandable, and I had no one to share the gathering with. Fortunately I had my wife to talk to. She has since passed away.

August 1998, my name was Harriet. I was eventually transferred to Headquarters Squadron. There was an incident that occurred in 1944. There was an explosion in the bomb dump, a storage area containing 36 one hundred bombs. However, all of the bombs did not explode. The result was closing down the bomb dump, and putting the 306th out of operation. We were ordered to get rid of remaining bombs which could explode any second. Since I was trained in bomb disposal and along with other personnel, we cleared and destroyed the bombs where they sat, putting the 306th back in service. The thing that irks me is, we did not get any acknowledgment for the job. We were recommended for a citation but were turned down.

Well, I finally got that off my chest,

Wishing you all the best,