

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE  
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**Service Record:**

**Before joining the 306th:**

13 Jan 1942 -- 4 July 1942 ---- Cadet  
Reception Center -- Ellington Field, Texas  
Navigation Training -- Mather Field, Calif.

**After leaving the 306th:**

Released from AD in Jan 45 at end of R/R leave  
granted returned POWs...

Recalled to AD in '50 and served with the 73rd Air Depot Wing  
in Chateauroux..... Released from AD in Feb 52. Resigned commission and discharged  
306th Record: 1958

Arrival Date July 42 Squadron or other unit 369 Bomb Sq  
Wendover, Utah  
MOS 1034 Observer (Nav) Combat Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Missions Completed Three (Incl the one I went down on)  
Promotions to 1st Lt. 12 Jan 1943  
Decorations AM olcs DFC olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM  
PH Battle Stars other \_\_\_\_\_

(OVER)

**Other personal data:**

Personal effects returned from 306th after I was captured included no orders... I therefore, can furnish no old orders. I have only a few personal orders such as promotion to 1st Lt that I acquired from central person@ll orders storage.

**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?)

Credit for one Lille raid and one Brest raid prior to the ill-fated flight over Lille on 13 Jan 43.. See other page for brief description of that one..

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### MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

Pilot Jack Spaulding Plane # and Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mission Date 13 Jan 1943 Target Rail yards, Lille, France  
Cause of loss: AA fire \_\_\_\_\_ Fighter attack \_\_\_\_\_ Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Collision between two B-17 aircraft. Cause of collision was combination of evasive action and the turbulence caused by the AA.

Describe conditions in the plane as completely as you can:

How and where did you leave plane? Near Lille -- Based on conditions as remembered and later discussions with co-pilot, we believe that the pedestal and/or instrument panel broke loose and pushed me out the escape hatch located under the cockpit on the B-17. Lt. Kahl, co-pilot, apparently went out the top the aircraft as result of the same breaking up of the cock-pit...

What happened when you got on the ground?

Captured almost immediately by German personnel from nearby barracks.

Did you meet any of your crew mates?

Yes.

How were you treated, if captured?

Reasonably well.

Any additional details, reminiscences, letters, or documents of these events would be appreciated. If you do send such materials, I will copy them and put them back in the mail to you within 24 hours.



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24 Jul 79

Dear Russell

Got your note and the picture of my crew a few days ago and finally found my only picutre of the crew with names so that I could give you good information...

Attached is that information and thank you very much for the print....

We've been moving and things are kinda hard to find. Please note new address below. And please change your mailing list to reflect the change..

Appreciate the work you are doing on the history of the 306th.. Since we were the first --- and didn't last long ----- it's interesting to find out just what happened to the outfit over the long haul..

As you probably know, we got to England about Sept 42 and had some pretty hectic times of it.. As can be seen from the attached, my knowledge of the group ends in Jan 43

Again, thanks for your efforts--

Sincerely,

W. B. KIRKPATRICK

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Fortunately, I have a list of the crew members from another picture that I have so I can give you a good list of names..

Left to Right they are:

			Notes:
Jack A Spaulding	Pilot	Caspar, Wyoming	a.
W. B. Kirkpatrick	Nav	San Antonio	b.
Gordon R. Grant	Bomb	Corpus, Christi, Tex	a.
James O Jones	Co-Pilot	Snyder, Tex	c.
E. A. Nork	Radio Op	Penn	b.
Dale A Davis	Ball Turret	Calif	a.
L. A. Morgan	Tail Gunner	Penn	a.
Leon Williams	Waist Gunner	Ga.	a.

a. KIA- 13 Jan 43

b. POW from 13 Jan 43

c. KIA -- Either Nov or Dec 42

I don't remember the time of this picture nor the occasion however one very important man is not shown..

The engineer/top turret was T. H. Gilliland from Temple, TX who was KIA 13 Jan 43....

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Gender Code:

Selection Code: 369

Memo 1:

Memo 2: MARRIED:

Memo 3:

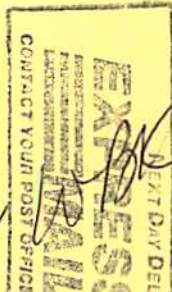
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