

Honorable Discharge

This is to certify that

John R. Roller
38175915; Staff Sergeant, Air Corps Unassigned, Atchd Detachment of Patients,
Army Air Forces Convalescent Hospital (ZI)
Fort Logan, Colorado
Army of the United States

is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military service of the United States of America.

This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful Service to his country.

Given at Fort Logan, Colorado.

Date 29 August 1944.

R. R. CAMERON, Lt. Col., Medical Corps.

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Other personal data: Sarry Im late with this Ive fear sick. Diabetic -Even blacked out twice in the hospt. 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?) The main thing I can remember is the Ist. of May 1943 - This is the Day I get of! That raid was a complete SNAFU! Tunder sland our out fit - got a bunch of batch stors unit cititions and so on-Do you know how I could to about getting We didn't land book at our box of the we we skat up. They unloaded us at Pordanic or some thing like that - Then took we on be cornwall England - Hospto It is down or Jands end ("They tall it) Mª Calebs When the the mines are. Jopling Mo. 6 BUIN 5-PM Bye far may This is the add, of one of my aunti- Her son Kennith was in the 367th Spon. He was shot down Mennion for fut some lime-andaprismoe for fut give you his address Add additional pages, if necessary

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* Enter periods of active duty of enlisted men of the Regular Army Reserve and the Enlisted Reserve Corps and dates of induction into Federal Service in the cases of members of the National Guard.

* In all cases of men who are entitled to receive Certificates of Service under AR 345-500, enter here appointments and ratings held and all other items of special proficiency or merit other than those shown above.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE AR 345-470.

Insert name; as, "John J. Doe," in center of form.

Insert Army serial number, grade, company, regiment, or arm or service; as "1620302"; "Corporal, Company A, 1st Infantry"; "Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps," The name and grade of the officer signing the certificate will be typewritten or printed below the signature.

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John J. Howell, first lieutement, Air Corps, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States in May 1943. The aircraft in which Lieutemant Howell was serving as pilot was severely damaged as a result of enemy action. With great courage, resourcefulness and skill this officer managed to fly the badly disabled aircraft back to friendly territory, and ordered the crew to abandon the craft. With complete disregard for his personal safety, and thinking only of the lives of the civilian population, Lieutenant Howell flew his disintegrating aircraft away from a densely populated area and was killed in the resultant crash. The courage, skill and high devotion to duty displayed by this officer are in the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Florida. (AG 200.6 M)

II — AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded to the following enlisted man:

John R. Roller (Army serial No. 38175915) staff sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in action against an enemy of the United States on 1 May 1943. The aircraft in which Staff Sergeant Roller was serving as tail gunner was attacked by a force of enemy fighter airplanes and during the encounters he was severely wounded. In spite of his wounds this soldier remained at his post of duty, continuing to fire his guns, with the result that one enemy airplane was definitely destroyed. Enemy fire had started a fire in the tail section of the plane and Staff Sergeant Roller's clothing was ablaze. He was removed to the radio room where first aid was administered. Immediately thereafter several attacks were encountered by enemy fighter airplanes. With complete disregard for his own personal safety and the pain from his wounds, and thinking only of the safety of his airplane and crew, Staff Sergeant Roller gallantly manned the radic gun and beat off several attacks until he fell unconscious as a result of his wounds. The courage, hereism and devotion to duty displayed by him without regard to his own personal safety contributed materially to the safe return of the aircraft and crew and is an inspiration to the armed forces of the United States. Residence at enlistment: (AG 200.6 M) Lincoln, Arkansas.

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Mr. John R. Roller Box 323 Lincoln, AH 72744

Dear John:

It was nice to chat with you briefly this afternoon, and I am very interested in learning more about the Distinguished Service Cross you earned. I had long known that I did not know all of those who had received the decoration, but could not find any reference to whom other recipients were. I had traced two of them, but two others were missing.

This week I received quite a bunch of material from Kermit Cavedo, who flew during the same period that you did, and in among some clippings I saw your name mentioned, hence the call today.

I am working on a history of the 306th, and have been at it for about two years. I have accumulated a great deal of information but am constantly seeking more. I would appreciate anything you might loan me in this regard. I'll return it the same day as I receive it.

We have a newsletter going out to those from the group we have found, in fact I am finishing the third issue bight now. I enclose copies of the first two.

Let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong