

RECORDS UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish to, fold and mail as per address on reverse side. Or, if obtained at a reunion, hand to Russ Strong)

LAST NAME: *BRESLIN* FIRST NAME: *WILLIAM* TITLE:
STREET ADDRESS: *104 LOYOLA DR* TELEPHONE: *(904) - 672-8439*
CITY: *ORMOND BEACH* STATE: *Fla* ZIP: *32079*

DATE JOINED 306th ASSOCIATION: *1984*
REUNIONS ATTENDED: (Years) *Dallas - Colorado Springs - Dayton - Wash DC.*
WIFE'S NAME: *DOROTHY*
LAST EMPLOYMENT: *SELF Employed*
COLLEGE(S) ATTENDED: *XAVIER University* DEGREE(S): *2 yrs* DATE: *1940-42*

SERIAL #: *0-808071* SQDN: *368* MOS: *PILOT*
DATE ARR: *APRIL 31-44* CREW: *BRESLIN*
DATE DEPARTED: *JULY 31-44* HIGHEST RANK IN 306th: *1st Lt.*
SERVICE RETIREMENT DATE: RANK or GRADE: *Capt.*
DECORATIONS WITH 306TH: *Air Medal & 3 oak leaf clusters - Flying Cross*
TOP SERVICE ASSIGNMENT AFTER 306TH: *None*
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS WITH 306TH: *None*

QUESTIONNAIRE
CATERPILLAR CLUB - IRVING CHUTE COMPANY

NAME:
COMBAT JUMP DATE & MISSION: *None*
HEIGHT WHEN BAILED OUT: *None*
ANY PROBLEMS WITH PARACHUTE: *None*
306th Bombardment Group. SQDN: *368*

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Russ Strong at the reunion, or mail to Russ Strong, 5323 Cheval
Place, Charlotte, NC 28205) Little Rock 1989

Date complete 9/30/89
BRESLIN Wm HUGH
LAST NAME: FIRST NAME: TITLE:
Street address: 104 LOYOLA DR Telephone: (904)-672-8439
ORMOND BEACH FLA - 32175
City, state, zip:

Date of Birth: 6-22-21 Wife's name: DOROTHY M
College(s) attended: U of Cincinnati Degree(s): None Year(s): 2 yrs.
Last employment and job title: Sec & Treasurer
Self Employed - Drafting & Blueprinting Business

Reunions attended: (by year or location)
Dallas 1984 Dayton Oh. 1986 Las Vegas 1988
Colorado Springs 1985 Washington DC 1987 Little Rock 1989

Serial #: 0-808041 Squadron: 360th Speciality: PILOT

Date joined 306th: 4/31/44 If combat, what crew: BRESLIN'S

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

Number of missions flown: 32 Date of last mission: 7/27/44

Date left 306th: 5/3/44 Highest rank/grade with 306th: 1st Lt.

Other 8th AF units served with: None

Top service assignments after 306th: None

USAF retirement date: discharge 4/15/46 Rank/grade: Capt.

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the squadrons or other units, will be welcomed by the secretary.

If you know of other 306th people who do not appear in the directory, please add their names and current or former addresses to this sheet so that we may search further for them.



**Russell A. Strong, Secretary
306th Bomb Group Association
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, NC 28205**



Name:

Breslin, Wm 19

Cadet class:

43 G

Place of graduation:

43
TURNER FIELD
ALBANY GA

Number of combat missions:

32

Wife's first name:

DOROTHY

Other 306th men whom I know graduated with me:

None to My Knowledge

Bill Breslin

to Russ Strong

Here is some
information on #231455
Anthony & crew

7-26-93

May 15, 1986

William H. Breslin
104 Loyola Drive
Ormond Beach, Fl. 32074

Russell A. Strong
2041 Hillside
Kalamazoo, Mi. 49007

Dear Mr. Strong:

Answering your request for data on airplanes of the 306th B.G. During our tour of duty with the 306th B.G., I was assigned ship #231454 - B, it was named St. Anthony at my request and the approval of the entire crew. This wonderful flying machine completed 32 missions, give or take a few, under the guidance of the best damn crew in the 306th and the mighty 8th Air Force.

Crew of St. Anthony:

Breslin, William H. - pilot
Christensen, Maurice E. - co-pilot
Skrainger, Ernest A. - Navigator
Hodgson, Richard - bombardier
Wright, Gordon -- flight engr.
Bardsley, Kenneth -- radio
Bennett, Sherman - waist gunner
Yeats, Murry - waist gunner
Hessen, Syl. - Ball Turret
Morbith, Paul - tail gunner

After completion of my 32 mission tour, M. E. Christiansen took over the crew to complete his missions. Ralph Bordner, a newcomer to the 306th, completed two of his missions with this crew.

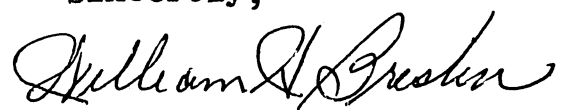
The events of this crew and St. Anthony would make an unbelievable story - St. Anthony was badly beaten and bent many times but always returned to base, regardless of damage done. Miracles do happen, not one member of this crew was injured.

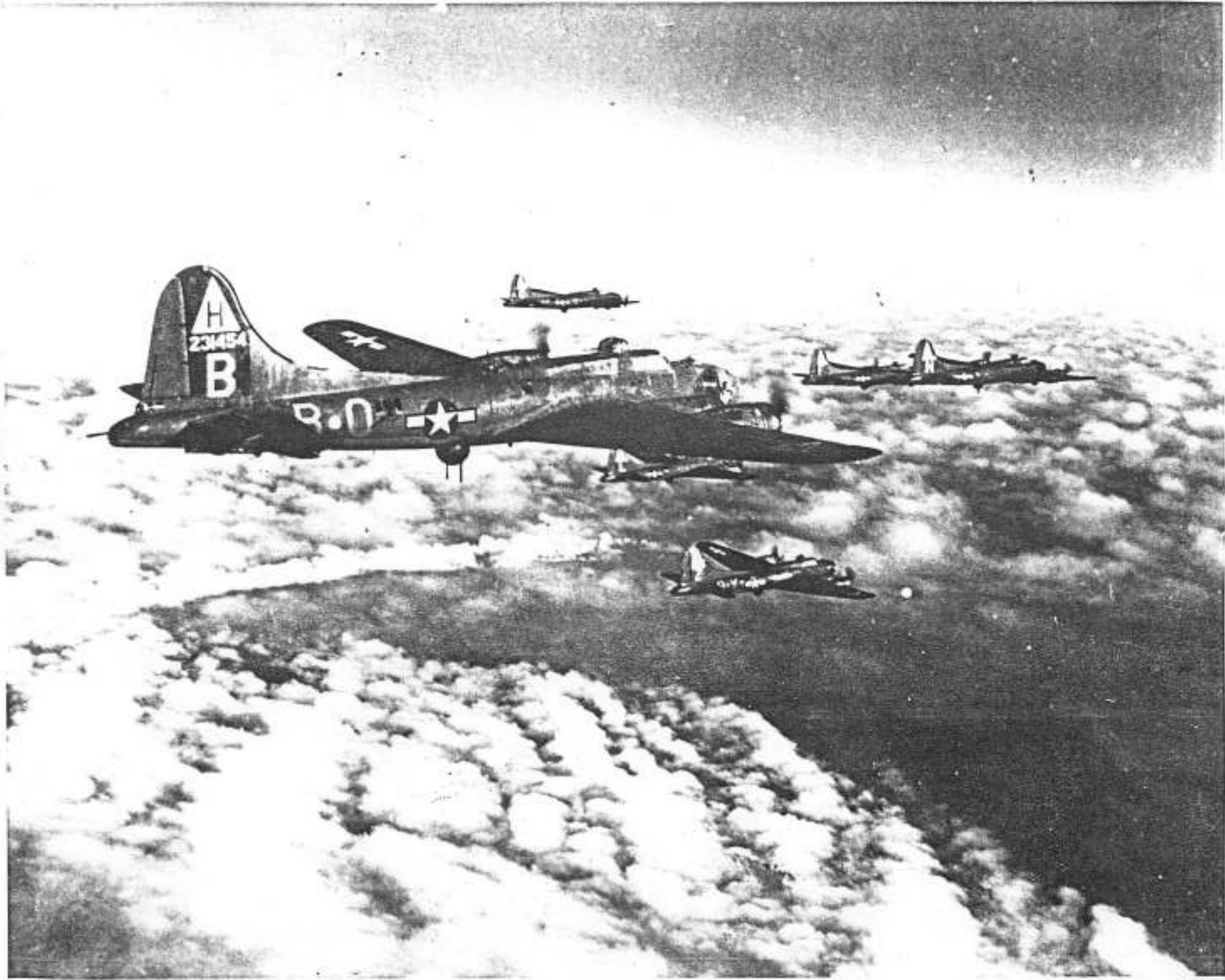
If possible I would like to know if any member of the 306th B.G. completed his tour of missions in a shorter period of time than I did. I arrived at the 306th April 31, 1944 and departed July 31, 1944 to 12th R.C.D. My first mission as co-pilot was May 11, the final mission was on July 25, 1944 with 32 missions in between. If you need any additional information let me know.

Hope to see you in Dayton in September.

Seattle " " " "

Sincerely,


William H. Breslin



454 - St Anthony - B24 mission with my crew
before my another crew flew 454

ENLISTED RECORD OF

Breslin
William
H.
15097466
A/C

(Last name)
(First name)
(Middle initial)
(Army serial number)
(Grade)

Born in Cincinnati in the State of Ohio

Enlisted or inducted 19 May, 1942, at Cincinnati, Ohio

When enlisted or inducted he was 20 years of age and by occupation

a Student

He had Blue eyes, Brown hair, Ruddy complexion,

and was Five feet Eleven inches in height.

Completed 1 years, 2 months, 9 days service for longevity pay.

Prior service: None

Finance Officer

Turner Field, Albany, Ga.

Final Statement Paid in Full

This Date JUL 23 1943 \$94.50

Noncommissioned officer None

D. S. CUSHMAN, Major, F. D.

Military qualifications None

Army specialty Pilot

by Edward J. Bechard

Attendance at Specialized Pilot Training School

(Name of noncommissioned officers' or special service school)

Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions None

NO FURTHER GUARANTY BENEFIT UNDER TITLE III OF THE SERVICEMEN'S READJUSTMENT ACT OF 1944, AS AMENDED, IS AVAILABLE TO THE PERSON TO WHOM THIS DISCHARGE WAS ISSUED. B. Potthoff ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Decorations, service medals, citations None

Wounds received in service None

Date and result of smallpox vaccination 23 October, 1942

Date of completion of all typhoid-paratyphoid vaccinations 15 November, 1942

Date and result of diphtheria immunity test (Schick) None

Date of other vaccinations (specify vaccine used) Tet. Tox. 26 December, 1942

Physical condition when discharged Good Married or single Single

Honorably discharged by reason of Par 16a, AR 615-160 to accept commission as 2nd Lieut., AUS.

Character Excellent Periods of active duty None

Remarks No time lost under 107th AW.

OHIO WORLD WAR II CLAIM
COMPENSATION APPLIED FOR No. 151742



Signature of soldier William H. Breslin

George S. Updegraff
GEORGE S. UPDEGRAFF,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,

Commanding

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENLISTED RECORD

- * Enter date of induction only in case of trainee inducted under Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 (Bull. 25, W. D., 1940); in all other cases enter date of enlistment. Eliminate word not applicable.
- * For each enlistment give company, regiment, or arm or service with inclusive dates of service, grade, cause of discharge, number of days lost under AW 107 (if none, so state), and number of days retained and cause of retention in service for convenience of the Government, if any.
- * Enter qualifications in arms, horsemanship, etc. Show the qualification, date thereof; and number, date, and source of order announcing same.
- * See paragraph 12, AR 46-210.
- * If discharged prior to expiration of service, give number, date, and source of order or full description of authority therefor.
- * 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 case 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 "1623322"; "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.

MILITARY EDUCATION

14. NAME OR TYPE OF SCHOOL—COURSE OR CURRICULUM—DURATION—DESCRIPTION

AAF--Preflight--2 months--Maxwell Field, Alabama
 AAF--Primary--2 months--Bennettsville, South Carolina
 AAF--Basic--2 months--Shaw, South Carolina
 AAF--Advanced--2 months--Turner Field, Georgia
 AAF--Transition--2 months--Hendricks Field, Florida
 AAF--Advanced Instruments--2½ months--Columbus, Ohio
 AAF--Aircraft Maintenance Training Course--Chanute Field, Illinois--6 months
 AAF--Military Instructors Training Course--San Antonio Cadet Center, Texas

CIVILIAN EDUCATION

15. HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED	16. DEGREES OR DIPLOMAS	17. YEAR LEFT SCHOOL	OTHER TRAINING OR SCHOOLING	
			20. COURSE—NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL—DATE	21. DURATION
2 yrs Coll	HS	1942	Analytical Geometry College Algebra and College Physics at University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio	2 nights per weeks per year
18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED Xavier University Cincinnati, Ohio				
19. MAJOR COURSES OF STUDY Pre-Engineering				

CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS

22. TITLE—NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER—INCLUSIVE DATES—DESCRIPTION

STUDENT—Was a student of engineering when he entered the Army at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio. Had completed two years of pre-engineering. Worked the school year 1934-1940 and three summers for A.K. Le Blond Machine Tool Company. Was taking the apprenticeship mechanic training. Probably has one and half years to go to complete the apprenticeship.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

23. REMARKS

Awarde 3 battle stars to the ETO Ribbon, and the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters. Was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for operations over Europe.

24. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED

William H. Breslin

25. SIGNATURE OF SEPARATION CLASSIFICATION OFFICER

Robert L. Ross, Jr.

26. NAME OF OFFICER (Typed or Stamped)

ROBERT L. ROSS JR.
CAPTAIN AC

Army of the United States



Honorable Discharge

This is to certify that

William H. Breslin

15097466, Aviation Cadet, Aviation Cadet Detachment

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 Turner Field, Albany, Georgia

Date 27 July, 1943

John B. Patrick

JOHN B. PATRICK,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

THE
PRESIDENT
OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



To all who shall see these presents, greeting:
Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity
and abilities of William Hugh Breslin
I do appoint him Captain, Air Corps in the

Army of the United States

such appointment to date from the twenty-first day of February
nineteen hundred and forty-six. He is therefore carefully and diligently to
discharge the duty of the office to which he is appointed by doing and performing all
manner of things thereunto belonging.

He will enter upon active duty under this commission only when specifically
ordered to such active duty by competent authority.
And I do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under his command
when he shall be employed on active duty to be obedient to his orders as an officer of his
grade and position. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time
to time as he shall receive from me, or the future President of the United States of
America, or the General or other Superior Officers set over him, according to the rules
and discipline of War.

This Commission evidences an appointment in the Army of the United States under
the provisions of section 37, National Defense Act, as amended, and is to continue in
force for a period of five years from the date above specified, and during the pleasure
of the President of the United States for the time being.

Done at the City of Washington, this fifteenth day of November
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-six, and of the
Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-first.

By the President:



Assistant General



SEPARATION QUALIFICATION RECORD

SAVE THIS FORM. IT WILL NOT BE REPLACED IF LOST

This record of job assignments and special training received in the Army is furnished to the soldier when he leaves the service. In its preparation, information is taken from available Army records and supplemented by personal interview. The information about civilian education and work experience is based on the individual's own statements. The veteran may present this document to former employers, prospective employers, representatives of schools or colleges, or use it in any other way that may prove beneficial to him.

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL				MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS				
BRESLIN WILLIAM H.				10. MONTHS	11. GRADE	12. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY		
2. ARMY SERIAL No.		3. GRADE		4. SOCIAL SECURITY No.		28	Capt	Pilot, B-17 (1091)
0 808 041		Capt		Unknown				
5. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, County, State)								
1521 Burdette Court Cincinnati Hamilton County Ohio								
6. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE		7. DATE OF SEPARATION		8. DATE OF BIRTH				
28 Jul 43		11 Mar 46		22 Jun 21				
9. PLACE OF SEPARATION								
Separation Center Camp Beale, California								

SUMMARY OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONS

13. TITLE—DESCRIPTION—RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

PILOT, B-17--Flew 32 combat missions with a total of 251 combat hours from a base in England over Western Europe including Poland and Denmark. Had 11 missions as squadron lead pilot, 9 missions as second element lead and two missions as acting command pilot of a wing of 54 B-17 airplanes.

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CAPTAIN AC



Army of the United States

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that

WILLIAM H BRESLIN O 808 041 Captain
482nd Army Air Forces Base Unit

*honorably served in active Federal Service
in the Army of the United States from*

28 July 1943

to

11 March 1946

Given at SEPARATION CENTER Camp Beale California

on the 11th *day of* March 1946

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "I. N. McCollom".

I. N. McCOLLOM
Major, AGD



ARMY AIR FORCES TRAINING COMMAND

RATING: *Very Satisfactory*

Be It Known That

1st Lt William H. Breslin 0308041, AC

Has Satisfactorily Completed The Prescribed Course of Training For
Military Training Instructor's Course

Given at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center

From 12 Apr 45 To 26 Apr 45

In Testimony Whereof and By Virtue of vested Authority I Do Confer Upon Him This

DIPLOMA

Given on this 26th day of April, one thousand nine hundred and forty five

Attested: *W. H. Moore*
Lt Col, Air Corps
Director

M. F. Davis Brigadier General
Commanding USA

AFTRC FORM 8

AVIATION CADET IDENTIFICATION

A.A.F.B.F.S., SHAW FIELD, SUMTER, SC
THE PHOTOGRAPH APPEARING HEREON IS
THAT OF

AVIATION CADET
W. H. Breslin

THE FOLLOWING IS HIS SIGNATURE
W. H. Breslin
SIGNED IN MY PRESENCE



E. W. G. [Signature]
E. W. G.
1st Lt



ARMY AIR FORCES TRAINING COMMAND

RATING: *Very Satisfactory*

Be It Known That

1st Lt. William Breslin 0808041, AC

Has Satisfactorily Completed The Prescribed Course of Training For
Aviation Training Instructor's Course

Given at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center

From 12 Feb 45 *To* 26 Apr 45

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DIPLOMA

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Attested: [Signature]
Lt. Col, Air Corps
Director

[Signature] M. F. Davis Brigadier General
Commending USA

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AVIATION CADET
W. F. Breslin

THE FOLLOWING IS HIS SIGNATURE
[Signature]

SIGNED IN MY PRESENCE
[Signature]
W. E. WILSON
1st Lt. Air Corps



RDA



*Breslin
Reproduction
Service, Inc.*



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WILLIAM BRESLIN

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919 NORTH BEACH STREET
DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32117



United States Veteran
BRESLIN, WILLIAM HUGH—Funeral
 Mass for William Hugh Breslin, 81,
 Ormond Beach, who died Friday,



January 31, 2003, will be 12:30 p.m. Saturday, February 8, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 201 University Blvd., Daytona Beach. Interment will follow at Volusia Memorial Park. Family will receive friends on Friday, February 7, at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., with a wake service at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Philip Egitto (Father Phil) will officiate. A local resident since 1960, Mr. Breslin was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. He and his wife, Dorothy, founded Breslin Reproduction Service 35 years ago. Bill retired from an active role in the company in 1998. He was an Army Air Force Corps veteran, serving in the Eighth Air Force, 306th Bombardment Group. As a captain and pilot, he flew a B-17G bomber on 32 missions over the European Theater. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, The American Theater Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, 3 E.T.O. Battle Stars, and 3 Oak Leaf Clusters. He maintained his military associations through active participation in the Florida Chapter of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society and attended the most recent reunion in November 2002. Over the years, he consistently looked forward to sharing stories and memories with the other members of the Society and paid honor to his Group by proudly flying the Eighth Air Force flag and the American flag on his front porch daily. Several years ago, Bill had the opportunity to take a flight on the Nine-O-Nine, B-17 G, Flying Fortress. He and his son, Ned, flew from New Smyrna to Tallahassee. Although it was a rough ride, Bill enjoyed reconnecting with his aircraft. He was also an active member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church since 1960, the Daytona Beach Quarterback Club, The Knights of Columbus Council #5422, and the Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge #1263. He is survived by his sons, William D. Breslin, Bradenton, Thomas J. Breslin, West Chester, Pa., and Ned A. Breslin, Daytona Beach; daughters, Nancy A. Shay, Ormond Beach, and Jennifer B. Preston, Oviedo; sisters, Jeanne Wiehe and Joanne Kolkmeier, Cincinnati; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy Mae; daughter, Barbara Garcia, and brother, James Breslin. The family requests memorial contributions to Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, FL 32119 or to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 201 University Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32118. Arrangements are under the direction of Haigh-Black Funeral Home, Ormond Beach.

BRESLIN, DOROTHY—Mass of Christian Burial for Dorothy Breslin, 75, Ormond Beach, who died Monday, August 16, 1999,



will be 11:10 a.m. Saturday, August 21, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with the Rev. Phil Egitto as celebrant. Interment will follow at Volusia Memorial Park. Friends may pay their respects to the family from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Haigh-Black Funeral Home, 167 Vining Court, Ormond Beach, where a wake service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Breslin was co-founder and president of Breslin Reproduction Service Inc. until her retirement in 1998. She and her husband of 56 years, William, led the growth of their business from a home based company to what it is now the largest blueprinter in the Halifax area. Mrs. Breslin was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and came to this area in 1960. She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, its Women's Club, Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce, and various trade organizations. She enjoyed shopping, working and traveling. Her family requests memorial contributions to A Child's Dream, 517 S. Ridgewood Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32114. She is survived by her husband, William H.; six children, Barbara Garcia, Ormond Beach, W. Dennis Breslin, Bradenton, Thomas Breslin, West Chester, Pa., Ned Breslin, Daytona Beach, Nancy Shay, Ormond Beach, and Jennifer Preston, Oviedo; a brother, William Mantrop, Cincinnati; and 14 grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Haigh-Black Funeral Home, 167 Vining Court, Ormond Beach.

Dorothy Breslin

ORMOND BEACH — Dorothy Breslin, 75, of Loyola Drive, co-founder and president of Breslin Reproduction Service until her retirement in 1998, died Monday at Memorial Hospital-Ormond Beach.

Mrs. Breslin came to this area in 1960 from Cincinnati, her birthplace. She was a graduate of Ursula Academy, Cincinnati. She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and its Women's Club, and the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce. She enjoyed shopping and traveling.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, William; three sons, Thomas, West Chester, Pa., W. Dennis, Cincinnati, and Ned, Daytona Beach; three daughters, Barbara Garcia and Nancy Shay, both of Ormond Beach, and Jennifer Preston, Oviedo; a brother, William Mantrop, Cincinnati; and 14 grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to A Child's Dream, 517 S. Ridgewood Ave., Daytona Beach 32114. Haigh-Black, Ormond Beach, is in charge.