

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

Before joining the 306th:

BASIC TRAINING MIAMI, FLA.  
MECH. SCHOOL AMARILLO, TEX.  
MECH. SCHOOL BOEING AIRCRAFT, SEATTLE, WASH.  
GUNNERY SCHOOL LAS VEGAS, NEV.

After leaving the 306th:

RAC SHEPPARD FIELD, TEX.  
AIRCRAFT MECH, LANGLEY FIELD, VA.  
SEPARATION, INDIAN HEAD GAP, PA.

306th Record:

Arrival Date 1/44 Squadron or other unit 367<sup>TH</sup>  
MOS 748 AMG Combat Status AEG  
Missions Completed 35  
Promotions 4  
Decorations XAM olcs XDFC olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM  
PH Battle Stars PVC GC other \_\_\_\_\_

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?)

I WAS IN CONTACT WITH SOME OF THE CREW AFTER THE WAR, BUT AS ALWAYS, WE SOON DRIFTED APART AND STOPPED WRITING EACH OTHER, REGARDLESS YOU NEVER STOP THINKING OF THEM AND WHAT YOU WENT THRU TOGETHER.

JAN. 11, 1944 WORST MISSION OF ALL. WE REALLY GOT TORN UP. MOST PLANES WERE RECALLED BUT WE NEVER GOT MESSAGE. PRETTY ROUGH AT FIRST WITH NO FIGHTER ESCORT, BUT AS THEY BECAME AVAILABLE THINGS CHANGED. OUR FIRST BRIEFING FOR BERLIN WAS HAIR RAISING - WE EXPECTED THE WORST - IT WAS BAD AS THEY MADE AN ALL OUT EFFORT TO STOP US, BUT TO NO AVAIL. THOSE 17'S WERE SOMETHING ELSE, THEY COULD REALLY TAKE A BEATING AND STILL FLY. WE HAD, IN MY OPINION, ONE OF THE BEST PILOTS A CREW COULD HOPE FOR. WE WERE A DEDICATED "BUNCH" AND WE DID WHAT WE HAD TO. THOSE FIGHTER PILOTS WERE SOMETHING ELSE. WISH I HAD KNOWN EACH ON PERSONALLY.

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Dear Mr. Strong,

Could you please advise me as to how I may obtain an 8<sup>th</sup>, Air Force, 306<sup>th</sup>, and 367<sup>th</sup>, patch. I had these items some time but am not sure what happened to them.

This information would be greatly appreciated.

Just received the latest 306<sup>th</sup>, Echoes and I will in the near near future make a donation to the 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Historical Association.

Again, I thank you for the information requested and hope you can help me locate these items,

Respectfully,  
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Ans.  
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