

PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary,
306th BG Association, 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205.

Date completed SEPT. 22-1992

LAST NAME: LANTZ FIRST NAME: CHESTER MI: W, TITLE:

Street address: 1510 S.W. BELLE Telephone: (913) 273-7776

City, State, Zip:
HOPEKA, KANSAS-66604

Date of birth: AUGUST 4, 1919 Wife's name: DARLEEN

College(s) attended: COLLEGE OF MORTUARY SCIENCE Degree(s): Year(s): 1946

Last employment & job title & retirement date:
EMBALMER & FUNERAL DIRECTOR
RETIRED AUG 4, 1984

Reunions attended: NONE

Serial #: 37038501 Squadron: 367 TH Specialty: ARMORER GUNNER
(BALL TURRET)

Date joined 306th: 1944, JUNE 18 If combat, what crew:
CAPT. H.W. BARRETT - Pilot
(LVE PROMISED)

Special duties or assignments w/306th:

Number of missions flown: 27 Date of last mission: AUG 27 1944 27th Mission

Date left 306th: Highest rank/grade w/306th: S/SGT

Other 8th AF units served with:

Top service assignment after 306th:

USAF retirement date: 1945 Rank/grade: S/SGT

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the squadrons or other units serving with the 306th, are sought by the secretary, as many of these do not appear in any collections of materials in Federal files:

If you know of others who served with the 306th who do not appear in the current directory, please add their names and current/WWII hometowns/or other addresses to the back of this sheet so that searches may be implemented to add them to our present 306th roster.

RETURNEES TO THE ZONE OF THE INTERIOR

1. LANEY, CHESTER L. S/Sgt. 37038501 (BTG) 306th Bombardment Gp.(H)
(NAME) (RANK) (ASN) (FLIGHT RATING) (ORG-LAST)

2. REASON FOR RETURN TO THE ZONE OF THE INTERIOR: (If because of complete operational tour, so state with date. If case of operational fatigue, give date diagnosis made and details. If not operational fatigue, so state)
Completed 27 Operational missions, 27 August, 1944.

3. FLIGHT STATUS: (Here explain and include statement whether or not on flying status. If not, explain fully.) On Flying STATUS.

4. DATE OF LAST FLIGHT: 27 August, 1944.

5. MEDICAL BOARD FINDINGS: (If individual has appeared before a medical board, give findings and date when findings were reached.)
This man has never appeared before a Medical Board.

6. In what state is it desired to spend leave or furlough? Nebraska

7. MEDICAL HISTORY SUMMARY: (Here include all instances of hospitalization, removal from flying status, etc., with dates, diagnosis, LOD, and disposition.)

Grounded, 9-2-44, Wound, lacerations, left knee, incurred when patient collided with jeep. "Q" Returned to Duty.

Charles E. Hannagan
(SIGNATURE OF COMMANDING OFFICER)
-Maj. A.C.

Arthur R. Weils
(SIGNATURE OF FLIGHT SURGEON)

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 305)

EXTRACT Hq 1st Bombardment Division,
APO 557, 4 September 1944.

I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq Eighth Air Force, File 200.6, 4 August 1944, subject, "Awards and Decorations", the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men.

CHESTER L. LANTZ, 37038501, Staff Sergeant, 367th Bombardment Squadron, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while serving as Ball Turret Gunner of a B-17 airplane on a number of combat bombardment missions over Germany and German occupied countries from 18 June 1944 to 27 August 1944.
Home address: R.F.D. No. 2, Tecumseh, Nebraska.

By command of Major General WILLIAMS:

BARTLETT BEAMAN,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.,
Lieut. Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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