

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE  
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I am endeavoring to put together a good history of the 306th Bombardment group, an idea which has been in my mind for some years. I am working diligently on the matter, collecting all kinds of data and working through the official history and records of the group. I served as a navigator with the 367th Squadron from June through November, 1944.

I am interested in any special materials which you may have, such as good photographs of personnel, battle damage, plane insignia, etc. I am also interested in commendations (other than the usual Air Medal and DFC) you may have received, special stories which you may have in your possession, letters that are highly descriptive of combat action, or any other documents. I would appreciate receiving xeroxed copies. But, if you do not have such facilities readily available, I would appreciate the loan of materials which I might copy and return to you immediately. I am also interested in manuscripts of memoirs which you may have prepared, particularly if they were done within a couple of years of the events. Again, I would appreciate copies or the opportunity to copy them.

Name HENRY C. CORDERY  
 Address 3840 N.E. 22 TERR LIGHTHOUSE RD, F/A 33064  
 Telephone 942-6265 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation Postal CLERK Employer U.S. GOV.  
 Address FORT LAUDERDALE Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Service Record:

Before joining the 306th:  
5<sup>th</sup> U.S. INF. 3 years  
34 Bomb Gr.

After leaving the 306th:

SECOND TOUR - ~~51~~ ~~351~~ 351 Bomb Gr. 510 Sq

306th Record:

Originally joined Gr as 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt 368 Bomb.  
 Arrival Date April 1942 Squadron or other unit 423  
 MOS 612 Combat Status TAIL GUNNER  
 Missions Completed 25  
 Promotions T/Sgt  
 Decorations 1 AM 3 olcs DFC 1 olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM  
PH Battle Stars 5 other \_\_\_\_\_

Other personal data:

*Retired Mass State Police 1966*

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?)

Dear Russ.

Jan 5, 1988

Thanks for the promotion. My highest grade while serving with the "306 Bomb" was First Sergeant, one pay grade below that of Master.

Hope to see you in Las Vegas. My last trip there was 1942, Feb when I attended gunnery school.

Sincerely,  
J. C. Cordery

P.S.

An officer has Rank.  
Enlisted man has Grade.

Hand

### **OUT OF STATE**

#### **CALIFORNIA**

Cole, Nat Kelly

#### **FLORIDA**

Cordery, Henry Charles  
Cousens, Charles J.

#### **HAWAII**

Brady, Katherine Dana

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Durling, Bridie

**CORDERY**—Henry Charles, 7442 Pine Walk Dr. So., Margate, FL. Born in Dorchester and former resident of Framingham. He leaves his devoted wife of 46 Mrs. Reita (Dwelly) Cordery; 2 daughters, Louise York and Marion Robinson both of Florida; 2 brothers, John of Florida and Leo of Erving, MA; 3 grandchildren, John Peeler and Jessica and Mark Robinson of Florida. He was predeceased by a daughter Harriet O'Shea and his brother W. Joseph Cordery, Former Sgt. of Mass State Police. WWII Vet Sgt. in the Army Airforce, ETO. Burial private.



Dear Sir: Thank you for keeping in touch. Many times over Henry relived his Service Career. He fought this battle hard right to the end. His family, relatives & friends miss him. He is buried in Homestead, Fla among many comrades.

Sincerely  
Reita D. Cordery