

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE
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Occupation AUDITOR APPRAISER Employer ASSESSOR
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COUNTY OF RIVER SIDE

Service Record: Serial No(s) _____

Before joining the 306th:

AVIATION CADET KELLY FIELD, TX
NAVIGATION SCHOOL

After leaving the 306th: FROM LAST 22^D BOMB WING,
3960 CSG (GUAM), 341ST STRAT. MISS WING, 341ST
CSG DYESS AFB, TEXAS, 17TH A.F. RAJAT FR MOROCCO.
PRIOR MARCH AFB, CASPER AFB - ALL I CAN
RECALL

306th Record:

Arrival Date ABOUT JUNE, 1947 Squadron or other unit 423^D

MOS 1034 ? Combat Status NAVIGATOR

Missions Completed 25

Promotions TO CAPTAIN WHILE IN 306TH

Decorations AM 3 olcs DFC 0 olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM

PH Battle Stars _____ other _____

(OVER)

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?)

IN RETROSPECT, I WOULD SAY THAT HEROISM WAS DISPLAYED BY ALL CREW MEMBERS WHO CONTINUED TO FLY MISSIONS AFTER SEEING THE ODDS AGAINST THEM INCREASE. AS MORE MISSIONS WERE COMPLETED, LESS THAN 1/4 OF THE NAVIGATORS IN THE 423^D COMPLETED A TOUR. NEITHER NAVIGATORS OR OTHER CREW MEMBERS IN THE SQUADRON MADE ANY EFFORT TO BE ASSIGNED OTHER DUTIES

SORRY - THOUGHT THAT I HAD SOME OLD SPECIAL ORDERS, BUT I DONT

I AM INCLUDING A PICTURE OF FLAK TAKEN ON MY LAST MISSION AND "SHORT SNORTER" BILLS. THIS MAY HAVE SOME NEW NAMES

Interview with
HAROLD GASLIN
at Riverside, CA
June 1979

Lots of night flying at Wendover.

Robert Levy reported for a mission in his dress uniform. Said he wanted to go to prison camp in style. Was killed on the mission.

Chester May had a piece of his nose shot off.

Your continued support of newsletter and research activities is making possible the success of the various 306th ventures. But, we need to remind you that assistance must continue if these activities are to be carried on.

I enclose my check for \$ 20⁰⁰ to support the production and mailing of ECHOES, and reunion activities of the 306th Association. (Mail your check to Wm. M. Collins, Jr., 2973 Heatherbrae Dr., Poland, OH 44514)

I enclose my check for \$ _____ to support the research, writing and publication of a new history of the 306th Bomb Group. Publication is expected during 1980. (Mail your check to Russell Strong, 2041 Hillside, Kalamazoo, MI 49007) Contributions of \$100 or more will receive a copy of the history without further charge.

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FEB 80

DEAR MR. MC CLURE,

MY FATHER, HAROLD GASLIN, DIED ON MAY 25 FROM A HEART ATTACK. HE HAD BROKEN HIS HIP IN APRIL AND WAS SUFFERING FROM SEVERAL COMPLICATIONS AS A RESULT.

THANK YOU FOR SENDING THE INFORMATION ON THE B-17'S AND THE 306TH. I WILL BE SHARING IT WITH MY BROTHER JOHN AND MY SONS.

SINCERELY,
LISA GASLIN SANNER
5921 GREEN HERON
BATON ROUGE LA 70817

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall
not want. He maketh me to lie
down in green pastures; He leadeth
me beside the still waters. He
restoreth my soul; He leadeth me
in the paths of righteousness for
His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil; for Thou art with me.
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort
me; Thou preparest a table before
me in the presence of mine enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord for ever.*

IN LOVING MEMORY

Harold Earl Gaslin

BORN

*November 14, 1917
Winchester, Illinois*

PASSED AWAY

*May 25, 1997
Riverside, California*

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

*Riverside National Cemetery
Riverside, California
Friday May 229, 1997 11:45 A. M.*

DIRECTORS

*Acheson & Graham
Garden of Prayer Mortuary
Riverside, California*