



SEPARATION QUALIFICATION RECORD

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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		
HAMILTON JOHN T.,				10. MONTHS	11. GRADE	12. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY
2. ARMY SERIAL No. 13 020 580	3. GRADE S/Sgt	4. SOCIAL SECURITY No. 225-16-7161		1	Pvt	AAF Basic Training 521
5. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, County, State)				20	S/Sgt	Airplane Armorer Gunner 612
7109 Park Drive, McCormick County, Newport News Va.				12	S/Sgt	AAF Gunnery Instructor 938
6. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE 28 Oct 42	7. DATE OF SEPARATION 28 Sept 45	8. DATE OF BIRTH 1 Apr 1922				
9. PLACE OF SEPARATION						
Separation Center Ft Geo G Meade Md.						

SUMMARY OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONS

13. TITLE—DESCRIPTION—RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

AAF GUNNERY INSTRUCTOR: Instructed theory and actual practice in flexible gunnery. Conducted classes using such training aids as charts, cut away models, actual models, and conducted and interpreted examinations. Conducted range instructions and organized students for training in Air Firing. Actual firing was conducted by instructor after taking necessary safety precautions.

MILITARY EDUCATION

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

Army Air Force Flexible Gunnery, Kingrove Arizona, 9 weeks, June 1943. Studied theory and actual use of 50 cal. machine guns and turrets; principles of firing and actual flying.
 Army Air Force Technical Training School, Lowery Field, Colorado. Aircraft Armament 9 weeks. September 1943. Studied theory and practice in use of 20 mm and 50 cal. guns. Gears were stripped to learn their operations and maintenance.
 Army Air Force, Laredo Texas, AAF Gunnery, Instructor Specialist Course, 5 weeks, January 1945. Studied theory and phases of instruction in gunnery; prepared lessons, administering tests. Conducted discussions, and graded students.

CIVILIAN EDUCATION

15. HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED	16. DEGREES OR DIPLOMAS	17. YEAR LEFT SCHOOL	OTHER TRAINING OR SCHOOLING	
4 yrs H.S.	Diploma	1938	20. COURSE—NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL—DATE	21. DURATION
18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED			Sheet Metal Drafting School, Newport News, Virginia	10 hrs. a week. For four mos.
19. MAJOR COURSES OF STUDY				
Academic				

CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS

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

INSTRUMENT MAN III: Was an instrument man, Surveying for State Department of Highways, Richmond Virginia. From May 1941 to May 1942. Started as a rodman and chainman and later set up adjusted and operated Angles, and elevations. Kept notes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

23. REMARKS

None

24. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED

John J. Hamilton

25. SIGNATURE OF SEPARATION CLASSIFICATION OFFICER

William M. Hinton

26. NAME OF OFFICER (Typed or Stamped)

WILLIAM M HINTON Capt. AG

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 131

RESTRICTED

EXTRACT

Hq 1st Bombardment Division,
APO 557, 28 June 1944.

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, 1 June 1944, subject, "Awards and Decorations", an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded, for wear with the Air Medal previously awarded, to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men, organizations as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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306th Bombardment Group (H)
JOHN T. HAMILTON, 13020580, S/Sgt. Newport News, Virginia.
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By command of Major General WILLIAMS:

OFFICIAL:
ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.,
Lieut. Colonel, A.C.D.,
Adjutant General.

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

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NO. 325

RESTRICTED

EXTRACT

Hq Eighth Air Force,
APO 634, 30 April 1944.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Restricted TT Message No. 2139, Hq USSAFE, 11 January 1944, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded, for wear with the Air Medal previously awarded, to the following-named Enlisted Man, organization as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this Enlisted Man upon these occasions reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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306th Bombardment Group (H)
JOHN T. HAMILTON, 13020580, Sgt. Newport News, Virginia.
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By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:

OFFICIAL:
EDWARD E. TORO,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

JOHN A. SANFORD,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.

RESTRICTED

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 285)

R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 1st Bombardment Division,
APO 557, 29 August 1944.

E X T R A C T

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.

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JOHN T. HAMILTON, 13020580, Staff Sergeant, 367th Bombardment Squadron, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while serving as Tail Gunner of a B-17 airplane on a number of combat bombardment missions over Germany and German occupied countries from 6 March 1944 to 25 August 1944. Home address: 214-33rd Street, Newport News, Virginia.

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By command of Major General WILLIAMS:

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

OFFICIAL:
ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.,
Lieut. Colonel, A.C.D.,
Adjutant General.

R E S T R I C T E D

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 204)

R E S T R I C T E D

Hq 1st Bombardment Division,
APO 557, 27 July 1944.

E X T R A C T

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, 1 June 1944, subject, "Awards and Decorations", an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded, for wear with the Air Medal previously awarded, to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men, organizations as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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306th Bombardment Group (H)

JOHN T. HAMILTON, 13020580, S/Sgt. Newport News, Virginia.

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By command of Major General WILLIAMS:

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OFFICIAL:
ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.,
Lieut. Colonel, A.C.D.,
Adjutant General.

R E S T R I C T E D

RETURNS TO THE ZONE OF THE INTERIOR

1. HAMILTON, JOHN T. S/Sgt. 13020500 (WG) 306th Bombardment Group(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 32 Operational missions, 25 August, 1944.
3. FLIGHT STATUS: (Here explain and include statement whether or not on flying status. If not, explain fully.)
This man is on Flying Status.
4. DATE OF LAST FLIGHT: **25 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? Virginia
7. MEDICAL HISTORY SUMMARY: (Here include all instances of hospitalization, removal from flying status, etc., with dates, diagnosis, LOD, and disposition.)
**Grounded, 4-9-44, Nasopharyngitis "Q". Returned to Duty, 4-18-44. LOD - Yes.
Grounded, 7-6-44, Nasopharyngitis "Q". Returned to Duty, 7-13-44. LOD - Yes.**

Charles E. Hannagan
(SIGNATURE OF COMMANDING OFFICER)
Maj. AC

Dubin R. Weick Cathrine,
(SIGNATURE OF FLIGHT SURGEON)

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L S-O-R-T-I-E R-E-C-O-R-D

NAME Hamilton, John F.

SQUADRON 567th

GROUP 308th

RANK S/Sgt. DUTY Aerial Gunner

SERIAL NUMBER

15020580

Date of Missions	Group Mission Number	Individual Mission Number	Geographical Location of Targets	Time	Oper. Total Time
March 6 1944		1	Berlin, Germany	9:00	
8		2	Brickner, Germany	8:30	
18		3	Lechfeld, Germany	8:50	
20		4	Frankfurt, Germany	7:30	
22		5	Berlin, Germany	8:50	
25		6	Hamm, Germany	6:50	
26		7	Abortion	3:20	
27		7	La Rochelle, France	6:45	
April 20		8	Noball, France	3:50	
21			Abandoned	4:00	
22		9	Hamm, Germany	6:20	
26		10	Brunswick, Germany	8:00	
27		11	Noball, France	3:30	
30		12	Luca, France	8:00	
May 10			Abandoned	4:00	
11		13	Saarbrücken, Germany	6:50	
12		14	Hersberg, Germany	8:25	
13		15	Stettin, Germany (DITCHED)	10:00	NORTH SEA
14			Return	4:40	
22			Spare	6:45	
25		16	Chicoville, France	7:05	
June 14			Weather Ship	4:05	
17		17	Noyen, France	6:15	
18		18	Hamburg, Germany	7:55	
19		19	Noball, France	6:15	
20		22	1st Bomb Division Teletype		
22		23	Ghent, Belgium	8:10	
24		24	Bronn, Germany	8:00	
25		25	Joligay, France	8:15	
26		26	Luca, France	6:25	
29			Abandoned	6:25	
July 6			Spare	8:45	
21		27	Hiltsbach, Germany	8:10	
24		28	St. Lo Area, France	6:00	
25		29	St. Lo Area, France	6:25	
August 6		30	Brandenburg, Germany	9:50	
8		31	Caen Area, France	4:50	
12		32	Chamont, France	7:40	
16		33	Frankfurt/Sachsen, Germany	8:00	
18		34	Böhlen, Germany	8:45	
25		35	Parow, Germany	10:00	582:10

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Robert C. Williams
 ROBERT C. WILLIAMS,
 Lieut. Colonel, AG,
 Operations Officer.

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Commanding General
APO 634

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 237)

1 April 1944.

E X T R A C T

I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Restricted TT Message No. 2139 Hq, USSAFE, 11 January 1944, the AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men, organizations as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, cobleness and skill displayed by these Officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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306th Bombardment Group (H)

JOHN T. HAMILTON, 13020580, Sgt. Newport News, Virginia.

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By command of Lieutenant General DOLLITTLE:

JOHN A. SAMFORD,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Edward E. Toro,
/t/ EDWARD E. TORO,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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J. A. LAMOTTA,
Captain, CTS,
Asst Adjutant.
306th Bomb Gp (H).





Glenn Miller, Capt. U.S. Special Forces
306 Bomb Base, Thurleigh, Eng. July, 1944

The popular Miller Band regularly broadcast on the BBC from the Corn Exchange in nearby Bedford (5 miles from Thurleigh). On several occasions made their broadcasts from a hanger at our base.

In Dec. 1944, Miller and an Air Corps pilot left the 306 Bomb Base during stand-down weather conditions headed for France. Miller's plane disappeared without a trace. The popular music world was devastated with the loss of America's favorite band leader.

JOHN HAMILTON + CLARENCE O'MALLEY



KEARNEY AAB - NEBRA. 1943

JOHN HAMILTON, (LEFT),
CAME TO THE 306 B
OCTOBER 1943





JOHN T. HAMILTON
13020580
I-45-1

Laredo, Texas - May, 1945



S/SGT John T. Hamilton
Tail Gunner, 306th Group
after completing
his missions
August 25, 1944



306 Bomb Group - April, 1944 - Thurleigh, England.

Some of Henry Hancock's
crew after
ditching in the
North Sea.

Kneeling - Donald
Urban
Standing L-R. -
Robert Maxwell,
Domino Bloise
Robert Coy
Alex Clarke,
John Hamilton



Neptune's wayward sons - May 17, 1944
Happy to be "home" after Sea & Air rescue.

435 Old Mill Road
Glade Spring, VA 24340
February 20, 2007

Dear Mr. Strong,

It is with continued sadness
I send the following notice to you.

John T. Hamilton, 367th tail gunner
(H.E. Hansom's crew), died 16 Oct. 2005
in Glade Spring, VA. He was with
the 306th from Oct. 1943 - Aug. 1944
when he completed 35 missions.

On May 14, 1944 while returning from
a raid over Stettin, Germany, his
plane ditched in the North Sea. All
crew members were rescued. He
graduated from VA Tech and was a
cost engineer in the shipbuilding
industry for 30 years. His wife,
Eleanor, survives him.

Sincere good wishes,
Eleanor J. Hamilton

August 23, 1993

Russell A. Strong
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, N.C. 28205

Dear Mr. Strong:

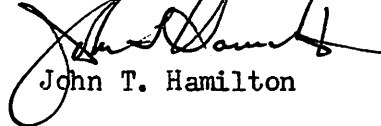
Recently met Dellon Bumgardner at Tri-City airport where the refurbished B-17 was on display.

After fifty years was amazed to meet someone who had flown for the 306th Bomb Group and during the same time in 1944. He was attached to the 369th Squadron while I flew for the 367th.

Would appreciate any particulars you can furnish such as membership dues, available memorabilia, member lists, etc.

Look forward to your reply.

Yours very truly,



John T. Hamilton

291 Henderson Court
Abingdon, Virginia 24210