

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, and currently am director of news and information services at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio. I solicit your assistance in my project.

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.

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**Service Record:**

**Before joining the 306th:**

RADIO SCHOOLS - SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK. & MADISON, WIS.  
RADAR SCHOOL BOCA RATON, FLA.

**After leaving the 306th:**

STATIONED IN PARIS AND LUCKY STRIKE CAMP FOR 6 WEEKS THEN  
HOME TO CAMP KILMER + FT. ATTERBURY  
OR  
CAMP

**306th Record:**

Arrival Date JAN 1944 Squadron or other unit 423  
MOS 852 Combat Status —  
Missions Completed —  
Promotions TECH SGT  
Decorations AM olcs DFC olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM  
PH Battle Stars — other —

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**Other personal data:**

I have visited the 306th site at Thurlough several times, the last in 1969 and was pleased to find many of the buildings still standing, especially the 423 squadron site. I have sent some souvenirs to a Cyril Norman of 16 Rye Crescent, Cople, Bedford MK44 3TJ England who seems to be doing a lot of research on the 306th. If you have not heard of him he might

**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?)

be a good one to write to. I will gather up some photographs newspaper clippings etc and send them to you. I have many things pasted in a scrap book and hope I can get some of them loose