

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE

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Service Record:

Before joining the 306th:

*aviation cadet*

After leaving the 306th:

*Prisoner of war  
Repatriated as the war ended  
Returned to civilian life*

306th Record

Arrival date at Thurleigh \_\_\_\_\_  
 Squadron or other unit(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 MOS # \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty Bombardier  
 Missions Completed (and date of last) 7-27-1943  
 Promotions \_\_\_\_\_  
 Decorations  AM  olcs  DFC  olcs  SS  DSM  DSC  MH  SM  PH  Battle Stars 3

(On unusual DFCs, and Silver Stars and above would like to see a copy of the citation)

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?)

Add additional pages, if necessary

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MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

Pilot Wesley Carson

Plane # and Name B17

Mission Date 7-23-1943

Target HANOVER Germany-

Cause of loss: AA fire \_\_\_\_\_ Fighter attack  Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Describe conditions in the plane as completely as you can:

*completely shot up.*

*Radio man Dead*

*Ball turret man Dead.*

*Top turret shot up Engineer Blinded*

*Two waist gunners killed on way down (Bailed out)*

How and where did you leave plane?

*29000 feet parachute of Holland about Groningen*

What happened when you got on the ground?

*Picked up by ground troops - Home Guard*

Did you meet any of your crew mates?

*next day Pilot & Engineer  
Carson went to Hospital. Took a week to get champion  
the Engineer to Hospital*

How were you treated, if captured?

*from poor to good*

Any additional details, reminiscences, letters, or documents of these events would be appreciated. If you do send such materials, I will copy them and put them back in the mail to you within 24 hours.

16 February 1982

Dear Henry:

Thanks for responding to my inquiry.

As to the addresses you wanted:

Roy B. Bronson  
814 E. Pierce  
Luling, TX 78648

John G. Champion  
900 First Place  
Tyler, TX 75702

Thanks for adding Crezla<sup>..</sup>'s address. We'll get him on the mailing list as well.

Have not been able to locate Courson, although I have tried several times. He once lived in Salinas, CA, but one of our men in Salinas found he had left and could not trace him.

Sincerely yours,

# Native Sons of the Golden West

ELK GROVE PARLOR No. 41

P. O. Box 372  
Elk Grove, California

Russell Strong

2-10-1982

I am sorry that I have been unable to  
return this letter now due to poor health  
Wish you luck on your adventure.

Please send to me the addresses of  
Champion & Bronson

Thanks

Henry J. Lynch

another new member was

Jed Mezlak

17455 Devonshire

North Ridge - Calif 91324-

He is in poor health. I talk to him every

3 or 4 months. in fecemia  
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