

COMBAT CREW INFORMATION - 306th Bomb Group, 1942-45

Name of Respondent J. BRUCE McMATTON

Date: 2 | 24 | 90

Date of Arrival at 306th: 23 April 1943

Combat Crew by position:

Name	Position	Present Status
	Pilot	McMATTON
ORIGINAL CREW	Co-Pilot	WILL REED
	Navigator	GEORGE KONTES
	Bombardier	NORM SANSON
	Engineer	OREN OWENS
	Radio Opr.	SIDNEY GOMEZ
	Ball Turret	WARREN COLE
	Waist	JOE O'CONNELL
	Waist	ALBERT SCHAEFFLEN
	Tail Gunner	JOHN GEMBORSKI

Your date of departure from 306th:

Number of missions flown: 38

If regular, USAF retirement date and rank:

Other information:

INCLOSED: FOTOSTAT 1945 PREFET OF POLICE
REPORT ON FATE OF *GLAZE - GEMBORSKI - OWENS

* I THINK GLAZE WASN'T EXECUTED ?

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

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Occupation RETIRED Employer SELF
Address _____ Telephone _____

Service Record:

Before joining the 306th: COMM. OFFICER 5TH FERRY COMMAND
SENIOR CMU LOVE FIELD DALLAS, TEX
CENTRAL MICH UNIVERSITY
MT. PLEASANT, MICH

After leaving the 306th:

IN BUSINESS - OWNED RESTAURANT-LODGE

306th Record:

Arrival Date 1943 Squadron or other unit 368th
MOS PILOT Combat Status _____
Missions Completed 38
Promotions CAPTAIN
Decorations SAM olcs DFC 2olcs 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 heorics did you witness? What events were there of which you have special knowledge?)

DATE?

RAID ON BREMAN - I WAS LEADING HIGH GROUP.

LEAD GROUP DROPPED ON 4 CORNERS WHEN BREMAN CLEARLY VISIBLE WITH HEAVY FLACK OVER CITY WAS 30 MILES AHEAD --- WE PASSED OVER "4 CORNERS" (WHEAT FIELD!) AND DROPPED ON TARGET WITH GOOD RESULTS.

RETURNING FOR CRITIQUE L. COL RAPER CHEWED ME FOR NOT DROPPING ON LEAD GROUP (WHEAT FIELD)! NEVER GOT OVER "WHEAT FIELD RAPER". SO NOW YOU KNOW MY STUPID MEMVOIRS!

* FEWEST LOSSES WHEN G.L.

* LEAD 1st DIVISION FIRST ON D DAY.

THERE

NOW YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS

FLAK HAPPY JOCKEY!

* MY HIGHLIGHTS! CAN'T FIND # 201

Province de Hainaut
Arrondissement administratif
De Thuin
Ville De Chimay
Commissariat de Police

22 August 1945

Dear Sir:

In response to your letters addressed to the Mayor and the Commissioner of Police of Chimay, we inform you that the aviators who parachuted were put into the care of the Maquis (Belgian Underground) of St. Remy. The leader of the Maquis in charge of the food supply was Florent Simon, of St. Remy. The aviator PINDROCH was momentarily billeted at the farmhouse of Georges Deshorme, Rue Triew Godin No. 38, Chimay. Shortly thereafter he left the farm in order to rejoin his friends at the Maquis. On April 22, 1944, in the course of a skirmish, the aviators and some Belgian refractorys were seized by the Germans and taken to Charleroi (Charleroi, Belgium). We have had no news from them since.

Having been brought information concerning the activities of a Belgian traitor in our region, we heard of a Mr. Eloi PATAT, a farmer of Baillevre; he declared that Marcel JALHAY, Military Police Captain of the German army admitted to him that he had ordered shot, the Americans who were taken from the Maquis at St. Remy. He did not indicate the place where the bodies could be found. The traitor is in flight and is being sought by the Belgian Police. The American commander, Van De Putte, at Charleroi is occupying himself with this case.

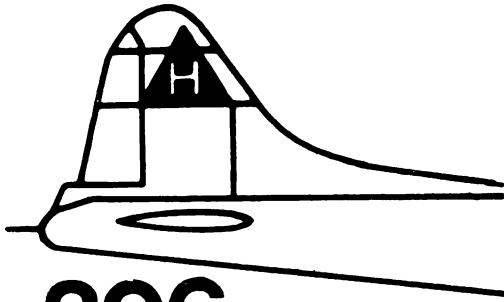
Here are the names of the aviators made prisoner: Yvon GLAZE, Charles NICHOLS, John PINDROCK, John GEMBORSKI, Orian OWENS, George EIKE, Robert BAMINGER, Warren CALE, Billy HUISCH, Vincent REESE.

Yours truly,

The Commissioner of Police

The Mayor

(TRANSLATED COPY OF LETTER REC'D 11 Sept. 1945)



367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations
Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England – September 1942-April 1945

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Dear Bruce:

Don Ross sends his regards, and asks if I have any idea when you might attend one of the 306th reunions? Lots of your old friends of a bygone day do attend, and would be delighted to see you.

I regret very much that during my time back in Michigan I didn't make a more serious effort to get together with you. As I did not, and I do not come to Michigan often anymore, I am writing to ask if you will help me a bit.

Do you have your 201 file?

If you do, would you be so kind as to copy any orders from it that pertain to the 306th or to Station 111? You came at a time that is not covered in the records available to me from National Archives records. After 1 Dec 43 your name pops up in records, but before that date I do not see you in those Special Orders which I have been able to collect hither and yon.

If not, perhaps you could fill out the enclosed forms and send them back to me, which would assist me greatly in filling some of the more obvious cracks in the records I do have.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,