

RECORD UPDATE

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to
Russ Strong at the reunion, or mail to Russ Strong, 5323 Cheval
Place, Charlotte, NC 28205) Little Rock 1989

Date completed OCT. 5, 1990

LAST NAME: ARBEITER FIRST NAME: ERSKINE TITLE:
Street address: 1902 NW 23rd. St. Telephone: (503) 752-3028
City, state, zip: CORVALLIS, ORE. 97330

Date of Birth: NOVEMBER 1, 1925 Wife's name: FLORENCE LORETTA ARBEITER

College(s) attended: Degree(s): Year(s):

Last employment and job title: Stedman Boiler Operator
Retired NOR Pac Foods Specialty, Scale Service & Repair
5/30/90 STAYTON, ORE.

Reunions attended: (by year or location)
San Antonio, Texas 1990

Serial #: 19201699 Squadron: 329th Specialty: GUNNER

Date joined 306th: Sept. 14, 1944 If combat, what crew: Capt. Walter P. Rozett

Special duties or assignments w/306th: Waist gunner

Number of missions flown: 31 Date of last mission: MARCH 17, 1945

Date left 306th: APRIL 15, 1945 Highest rank/grade with 306th: S/sgt.

Other 8th AF units served with:

Top service assignments after 306th: ELECTRONIC SCHOOL, LOWRY AFB DENVER, COLO.

USAF retirement date: NOVEMBER 7, 1945 Rank/grade: S/sgt.

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the squadrons or other units, will be welcomed by the secretary.

If you know of other 306th people who do not appear in the directory, please add their names and current or former addresses to this sheet so that we may search further for them.

12 March 2000

Dear Erskine:

Sorry to be slow in answering your letter, but I was in California for two weeks as my wife and I looked after two teenagers for two weeks. And, when we returned home a week ago I found a "ton" of mail waiting. Your letter was down near the bottom.

Walter Rozett is moving, and I think it is late in March. His new address will be 1515 Shasta Dr, #2109, Davis, CA 92109. I think his new telephone # will be 530/747-6229.

Also, the recent information that I had had about the record collection in St. Louis is that they have recovered part of the records that were burned, so I would suggest that you write directly there yourself. Be sure to include your serial #19201699.

Mail to: National Personnel & Records Center
9700 Page Ave
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.

Note on the envelope WWII USAAF Section.

Also, send me the mission dates you are interested in, and perhaps I will have some information in my mission files that could be of help to you in trying to establish your claim.

Good luck,

Cornwallis OR
Feb 23 2000

306th Bomb Group Ass'n.
5323 Chival Place
Charlotte, NC

Dear Sirs,

My husband, was in the Army Air Force, during World War II. stationed at Churchleigh in England. He was wounded during his mission over Germany and both times was ordered by the Dps to be hospitalized. However he refused, not wanting to miss a mission with his flight crew. Now at this late date he is wondering if he could still be awarded a Purple Heart.

He contacted the local Veterans office here, in

Cervellini and was told that the records at the National office had been destroyed in the 70's and all he can do now is to have his pilot verify that he was wounded.

The pilot was Captain Walter P. Boyett and he is listed in the 306th Bomb Group directory with his address, but no phone number. My husband, a Mike Kramer and Walter are the only crew members listed.

We tried to find him with phone information, but he is not listed at that address. The last we heard from him they were contemplating a move and then we lost track.

So could you find Walter's address or phone number and we can contact him.

He and his wife were regular attendees at the reunions. She was in a wheelchair.

His name has never been in the obituaries in the 306th newspaper.

My husband is

Staff Sergeant
Erskine G. Arbitter
1902 NW 23rd St
Corvallis OR 97330
541-752-3028 phone #

Waist Gunner
306th Bomb Group

269th Squadron

Serial # 19201 699

31 Missions

Thurleigh - England

Major W. Kenney

Commander

May 26. 2003

306th Bomb Group
5323 Cheval Place
Charlotte, NC 28205

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In the event you do not know it, please be advised that Alfred J. Ashton, Jr., a member of your organization, died of a fatal heart attack August 29, 2002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Ashton".

Peggy Ashton, surviving widow
4704 NW 47th Place
Lawton, OK 73505-4751

Telephone: 1-580-357-3923

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