

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE  
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WALT <sup>MY</sup> GUAN - NAVIGATOR - OAKLAND CALIF DIED 10 NOV 1978  
WAS IN 367TH

WOULD BE GLAD TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE ASSOCIATION  
IF YOU WOULD LET ME KNOW HOW IT CAN BE DONE.

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Service Record: Serial No(s) 0-760957

Before joining the 306th:

5TH BOMB GP - HICKAM FLD HAWAII  
AVIATION CADET WESTERN FLYING TRAINING COMMAND

After leaving the 306th:

DISCHARGED - JOINED AF RESERVE 89TH FIGHTER BOMBER  
10 JUL '45 WING  
PROMOTED TO MAJOR IN RESERVE 1955

306th Record:

Arrival Date 7 AUG 1945 Squadron or other unit 367TH

MOS 1091 Combat Status PILOT 4/ENG

Missions Completed 30

Promotions 1ST LT 14 DEC 1944 (AVS) CAPT 10 MAR 1945 (AVS) CAPT (BRD) 5 DEC '45

Decorations  AM  olcs  DFC  olcs  SS  DSM  DSC  MH  SM

PH  Battle Stars EARNED CAM MDL - AP CAM MDL other  
AFR-35-50 16 MAR '51

(OVER)

Other personal data:

MARRIED - 2 CHILDREN -  
 WORKED FOR NEW ENG TEL 32/45

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?)

					TIME	
1.	STUTTGART - CO PILOT	#2	LOW SQDN	SEPT 10, 1944	7:00	
2.	MERSEBURG - CO PILOT	#2	HIGH SQDN	SEPT 15, 1944	8:35	
3.	DORTMUND - PILOT	#5	LEAD "	SEPT 19, 1944	7:10	
4.	COLONGE - PILOT	#3	HIGH "	SEPT 27, 1944	6:50	
5.	MAGDEBURG - PILOT	#5	LOW LEAD	SEPT 29, "	8:20	
6.	MUNSTER - PILOT	#2	LOW SQDN	SEPT 30, "	5:30	
7.	KASSEL - PILOT	#3	LOW LEAD	OCT 2, 1944	8:45	
8.	KOBLENZ - PILOT	#3	HIGH SQDN	OCT 5, 1944	6:30	
9.	STETTIN - PILOT	#6	LEAD "	OCT 6, "	9:50	
10.	SCHWEINFURT - PILOT	#2	LOW "	OCT 9, "	8:00	
11.	KOLON - PILOT	#2	HIGH LEAD	OCT 17, "	6:50	
12.	BIELEFELD-MUNSTER-PILOT	#1	HIGH	OCT 26, "	6:40	
13.	MUNSTER - PILOT		WING DEPUTY LEAD FROM IP	OCT 30, "	6:45	
14.	HAMBURG - PILOT		SQDN DEP HIGH LEAD	NOV 6, "	8:20	
15.	AACKEN - PILOT		" " LOW LEAD	NOV 16, "	7:45	
16.	MERSEBURG - PILOT		GP " #1	NOV 21, "	8:45	
17.	KOBLENZ - PILOT		HIGH DEPUTY	DEC 2, "	7:15	
18.	BERLIN - PILOT		WING DEP #2 LEAD	DEC 5, "	8:00	WORST ONE!
19.	MERSEBURG - PILOT		SQDN DEP #1 "	DEC 6, "	9:00	BADLY SHOT UP
20.	FRANKFURT - PILOT		SQDN LEAD #1 HIGH	DEC 11, "	9:00	NAVIGATOR KILLED
21.	MERSEBURG - PILOT		GP DEP #2 LEAD	DEC 12, "	9:10	AA FIRE - TWO
22.	GIESSEN - PILOT		HI LEAD	DEC 24, "	8:00	LARGE HOLE IN FUSELAGE.
23.	KOBLENZ - PILOT		GP DEP #2 LEAD	DEC 28, "	6:30	
24.	KYLLEBURG - PILOT		" " " "	JAN 2 '45	6:20	
25.	NEIDERKANDIG - PILOT		LOW LEAD - SQDN	JAN 5 '45	6:50	
26.	URSKIRCHEN - PILOT		HIGH SQDN LEAD	JAN 7 '45	7:25	
27.	SPEYER - PILOT		LOW LEAD - SQDN	JAN 8 '45	7:50	
28.	ASCHAFFENBURG - PILOT		WING LEAD - AF LEAD	JAN 21, "	8:10	
29.	PLAUEN - PILOT		LOW LEAD - SQDN	FEB 23, "	10:30	
30.	PLAUEN - PILOT		HI LEAD	MAR 19, "	9:30	

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Place of graduation: YUMA, ARIZONA

Number of combat missions: 30

Wife's first name: JEAN

Other 306th men whom I know graduated with me:

NONE THAT I AM AWARE OF -



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DEAR RUSSELL,

THE JAN ISSUE OF ECHOES IS MOST INTERESTING!  
WAS GOOD TO SEE THE LIST OF PILOTS AND GP'S  
AND WHAT NAMES MIGHT RING A BELL!

I MIGHT OFFER A LITTLE INFO ON CARROLL Q  
HILLS - HE WAS MY CO-PILOT AND HIS ARRIVAL DATE  
SHOULD BE 44-09-01. HE DID NOT COMPLETE HIS  
MISSIONS WITH ME - I FLEW GP & WING LEADS & HAD  
VIP'S IN THE RIGHT SEAT! "C.Q." AS WE CALLED  
HIM DIED IN THE EARLY FIFTIES OF LEUKEMIA.

DO YOU KNOW IF IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO GET  
ANYMORE OF THE BLUE HATS WITH THE 306TH EMBLEM?  
SURE WOULD LOVE TO GET ANOTHER ONE - WAS A GREAT  
CONVERSATION PIECE!

(HOPE TO MAKE LAS VEGAS)

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR EFFORTS

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