

Subbock, Texas

May 15, 1995

Russell Strong:

Havent much left to share with you on my time in the 306 ~~etc.~~. Perhaps these will help.

1. Became Sine Chief about May of '45 and served during time of photo mapping of Europe. Left 306 about Aug. - returned to USA and was discharged Sept 26, 1945.

Have enclosed some snapshots of 367 people still in my possession.

Recently tried to copy a group photo that was made in Wendover before leaving for England. Had only moderate success. Some people can be recognized however. I thought you might like to see it - unless you have a better copy of it.

A copy of my Bronze Star citation is enclosed.

Leonard A. Barr Jr.

BRONZE STAR 17 Jun 44

Master Sergeant LEONARD A. BARR, Jr., for meritorious service while serving as Crew Chief of B-17 type aircraft during the period 15 August, 1943, to 17 June, 1944. During this time Sgt Barr has maintained 5 aircraft which completed 41 consecutive operational missions over enemy and enemy occupied territory without a mechanical malfunction. From 15 August, 1943, to 3 February, 1944, Sgt Barr served as crew chief for four B-17 aircraft that completed 22 operational missions without a mechanical failure, though all were lost as a result of enemy action. On 6 March, 1944, Sgt Barr was assigned as crew chief of B-17 aircraft No. 42-38163. This aircraft successfully completed 19 operational missions without an abortion before it was lost by enemy action on 17 June, 1944. Sgt Barr has been an aircraft mechanic in the 100th Bombardment Group (H) since its institution in July, 1943. His devotion to duty and skillful handling of assigned tasks has won for him a deep respect from all those who work with him. Under his tutelage, several inexperienced mechanics have gained valuable experience and won promotions. Sgt Barr was the first aircraft mechanic to replace the old type Supercharger Regulators with the new Electric Supercharger Regulators at this base. This he accomplished successfully in spite of the fact that he had no prior experience in this line. Through long hours of duty Sgt Barr has performed his duties with enthusiasm and interest that is reflected by the perfection of his maintenance. The manner in which he has performed these duties reflect the highest credit both on himself and on the Armed Forces of the United States of America.