

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE
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Name WILLIAM D. BARTON
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Telephone ³¹²⁻484-0912 Date 10/25/75
Occupation RETIRED 2 years Employer _____
Address _____ Telephone _____

Service Record: Serial No(s) 36331845

Before joining the 306th: BDEING SCHOOL of Opera.
Replacement Squadron Base Idaho 10th Air Force
ofica - on to 8th Air Force

After leaving the 306th: Stalag 17- 19 mo - then
out of army.

306th Record:

Arrival Date March 1943 Squadron or other unit 367-2 weeks then
368.
MOS Asst Avial Eng Combat Status Tail Gunner - Waist gunner
Toggler - nose - Ball.
Missions Completed 18 - Shot down on 19th
Promotions None
Decorations AM olcs DFC olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM
PH Battle Stars 2, ofica & England other _____

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MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

Pilot English night Flyer come
Don't Remember - to 306

Plane # and Name B-17- No Name -

Mission Date Oct 9, 1943

Target German Fleet at Gdynia ^{Polish Coast}

Cause of loss: AA fire Fighter attack Other, explain

Describe conditions in the plane as completely as you can:

plane shot from frontal attack, open, controls shot out. went down to 3500 ft. flew to island, plane not level soon as we bailed out it crashed, we saw it go down from parachute.

How and where did you leave plane?

Bail out over small island 7 mi long 1 mile wide. Samsø Denmark.

What happened when you got on the ground?

met ofal Degon, later head of Danish underground. Sounded & sent back 66 American flyers after we were shot down.

Did you meet any of your crew mates?

4 of us got together and from Sat afternoon, till Tuesday morning when all of us were captured.

How were you treated, if captured?

In war time fair, not enough to eat.

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.

Information Questionnaire

We are now on a computer with our addresses. This should help greatly in keeping the list straight and in order. Whenever we have tried to add to the list, names have been inadvertently dropped. But we hope those days are gone.

In addition to addresses, we have pumped some other data into the

computer for future research use. Unfortunately, we do not have all of the data for everyone. The coupons below lists what we have put in, where available.

It would help greatly if you would fill out the enclosed form and return it to

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-Laurinburg, NC 28352.

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City, State, Zip BERNARD ILLINOIS 60402

Squadron 306 Serial No. 3633184 Job (MOS) TAIL

Date of Arrival MARCH 43 Date of Departure 10-9-43

Special Assignments SHOT DOWN GALTIC

Present Title (Gen., Col., Sgt., Dr., Atty., etc.) _____

Decorations (from 306th only) _____