

## Treasured Seasons

For everything there is  
an appointed season.  
And a time for everything  
under heaven—  
A time for sharing,  
a time for caring;  
A time for loving,  
a time for giving;  
A time for remembering,  
a time for parting.  
You have made everything  
beautiful in its time  
for everything You do  
remains forever.

## *In Loving Memory*

JOSEPH R. BATMAN

DATE OF BIRTH

JULY 31, 1920

DATE OF DEATH

OCTOBER 14, 1984

AGE 64 YEARS, 2 MONTHS, 20 DAYS

SERVICES

W. G. KYGER FUNERAL HOME

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

OCTOBER 17, 1984

3:00 o'CLOCK

CLERGYMAN OFFICIATING

REV. GLEMMER MATHENY

Organist—ELSIE BATMAN

INTERMENT

E. U. B. CEMETERY

SHENANDOAH, VIRGINIA

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W. G. KYGER FUNERAL HOME

SHENANDOAH, VIRGINIA

(DETACH HERE)

### APPLICANT'S PROOF OF EXAMINATION AND INDORSEMENT

Applicant should retain this proof to show when reporting to reception center or Air Forces stations in the event it may be required to establish his qualifications for assignment.

Recruiting  
Officer Will  
Fill Out  
this Form,  
Tear Off and  
Give to  
Applicant

This certifies that (Name) Joseph R. Batman Date: SEP. 10 1942 has been tested as to intelligence and has been indorsed by U. S. Employment Service as the following civilian occupational specialist.

- Aircraft Mechanic
- Aircraft Radio Mechanic
- Aircraft Metalworker
- Aircraft Armorer
- Aircraft Radio Operator
- Aircraft Welder

(Signature of Recruiting Officer) Sgt. Stanley F. Clarke

(Address) .....

U. S. ARMY RECRUITING STATION  
PARCEL POST BUILDING  
RICHMOND, VA

### UNITED STATES FORCES IN ENGLAND

THIS CERTIFICATE IS TO CERTIFY THAT Joseph R. Batman  
HAS COMPLETED A TEN (10) HOUR COURSE OF BASIC TRAINING  
IN CHEMICAL WARFARE ON THIS DAY 5 February 1943

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

H.B. BLUMENTHAL  
1st Lt., Ord.,  
Commanding. 1628TH Ordnance

/s/ Joseph A. LaMotta

JOSEPH A. LAMOTTA,  
1st LIEUTENANT, C.W.S.,  
Station Gas Officer.

### UNITED STATES FORCES IN ENGLAND

THIS CERTIFICATE IS TO CERTIFY THAT Joseph R. Batman  
HAS COMPLETED A SIXTEEN (16) HOUR COURSE OF BASIC  
TRAINING IN CHEMICAL WARFARE ON THIS DAY 25 January,  
19 43

Joseph A. LaMotta  
JOSEPH A. LAMOTTA,  
2nd. LIEUTENANT C.W.S.,  
Station Gas Officer.

HEADQUARTERS  
39TH SERVICE GROUP  
DET "A" APO 634  
Office of the Commanding Officer

3 November 1943

SUBJECT: Award of the Good Conduct Medal

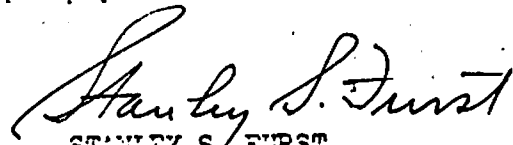
TO : T/4th Grade JOSEPH R. BATMAN, 13117221.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, dated 4 May 1943, you are hereby awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

2. In lieu of the Medal and Ribbon, which will not be furnished during the present emergency you are authorized to purchase and wear the ribbon.

3. The award of this medal indicates that your behavior has been exemplary, your character excellent and you have proven your fidelity by continuously performing your duties faithfully and efficiently.

4. As your Commanding Officer I am proud that your record is of such character as to merit this award. Please accept my personal and sincere congratulations.

  
STANLEY S. FURST,  
Lt. Colonel AC,  
Commanding.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Commanding Officer

The 1st Bombardment Division has been awarded a Presidential Citation for "extraordinary heroism, determination and esprit de corps in action against the enemy on 11 January 1944." This award is the highest that can be given to a Unit. It is equivalent to the Distinguished Service Cross, which is the second highest award that can be given to an individual.

The targets of the 1st Division on 11 January were the Focke Wulf assembly plant at Oschersleben and the factory supplying parts for Junkers fighters at Halberstadt, both in central Germany, about 300 miles inside enemy territory. The 306th Group, flying its 106th mission with Colonel Robinson leading, led the attack on Halberstadt. The other Divisions were scheduled to hit aircraft plants in the same area.

Two hundred seventy five Fortresses, including 33 from the 306th Group, comprised the 1st Division. Shortly before the Division reached its target areas, a recall was sent out from headquarters because increasingly bad weather threatened to close the home bases. At that time some of the bombers of the other Divisions and some of the fighters which had been assigned to our force returned to their bases. The 1st Division Air Commander, however, because of the extreme importance of the assigned targets, decided to carry on the attacks. Both targets were hit visually with excellent results.

For two hours, from the target to the North Sea some 300 miles away, the Division, with its reduced fighter escort, fought its way through flak and unceasing fighter attack by FW 190's, Ju 88's, He 109's, 110's, 210's and 410's. Of these, the Division is officially credited with having destroyed 210. This is the largest number ever destroyed by one Division on a single mission. Forty three more were probably destroyed and 84 damaged. These attacks knocked down 42 bombers of 1st Division, but there were five enemy fighters destroyed for every bomber which failed to return. The 306th Group was subjected to particularly savage attacks, during which we lost 5 aircraft in less than 10 minutes, including both of Colonel Robinson's wing men. This Group destroyed 17 fighters probably destroyed 4 more and damaged 14.

Practically all the 306th aircraft were shot up -- thirteen severely. Three were so seriously damaged that they were scrapped. One man was killed, 13 wounded. Many were recommended for and received special decorations for heroism against heavy odds and for their efforts in successfully returning damaged aircraft and wounded men to England.

This mission was one of a series of heavy and effective blows which finally broke the back of the German Air Force. Not only were a great many aircraft destroyed in the air, but manufacture and assembly of new fighters was critically curtailed. The spectacular and destructive advances by ground forces on all fronts would have been impossible without the work done by 8th Air Force heavy bombers. In these operations, the 1st Division, the oldest Division in the E.T.O., has been outstanding from the beginning. The 306th Group, one of the original Groups and the oldest in continuous combat, has played a major part in these successes, and every member of this organization, on the ground or in the air, can feel justly proud of his contribution toward the successful prosecution of the war in Europe.

A Distinguished Unit Badge identifying this citation will be issued to all individuals who are assigned or attached as members of the 1st Bombardment Division, to become part of the uniform as follows:

- a. Individuals who were assigned or attached to this command on 11 January 1944 are entitled to wear it as a permanent part of the uniform.
- b. Individuals who have been subsequently assigned or attached are entitled to wear the Badge as long as they remain with this command.
- c. This decoration will be worn with the class "A" uniform at all times on the right breast centered over the pocket.
- d. Authority to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge permanently will be noted in service records and Qualification Cards.

Permanently Awarded to Tec/4 Joseph R. Batman

**CONFIDENTIAL**

BATMAN

Bedford, England.  
13 May, 1945.

Dear

Yesterday, May 12th., 1945, four (4) days after the termination of hostilities in Europe, I and ten (10) other members of my organization had an experience that none of us will forget in the near future, if ever. We can term it an adventure more than experience, because it was the first time in our lives that we participated in anything of this sort. We were to witness the fruit of labor and devastation that our combined Air Forces (RAF & AAF) rained down upon the Germans. Here's the story of our mission.

On this date, May 12th., at 0500 hrs., we were awakened by the Squadron Charge of Quarters and after we tidied up our area around our bunks we proceeded to the Mess Hall where we had breakfast at 0530 hrs. Upon our departure from the breakfast table, we adjourned to the Briefing Room, where at 0630 hrs., the Briefing Officer showed us precisely where our "Tour of Operation" was to take place. The entire flight was to take eight (8) hours to complete and we were to cover about sixteen hundred (1600) miles over England, Belgium, Holland, Germany and France.

Since none of us ever flew over the latter four (4) countries the excitement was keen and the anticipation boundless.

At the conclusion of the briefing period, we were assigned to the Fortress we were to fly in. Nine (9) of our fellows were scheduled to fly in one ship and two (2) in another. Our respective pilots gave us instructions on how to get into the harnesses of our "two Nests" and parachutes. Some of the fellows were never up in a plane before and believe me, we really had the time of our lives watching each other climb into the harnesses. At 0815 hrs., our plane engines were started up for the warm-up period. From the time that the switches were turned on the motors "turned over", their constant roar was to continue until we were to get back. We moved into take-off formations at 0845 hrs. and at 0852 hrs., my plane roared down the long runway and our trip was on.

We rose into the blue sky and before I know it, we were circling the field at fifteen hundred (1500) feet where we were joined by the rest of the planes that were to participate in this flight. When we formed in V-formations of three (3), the nose of the planes were pointed for the English Channel and the European Continent. Our adventure had begun! We were off for "Fortress Europe!"

At 0945 hrs. we reached Margate, the last piece of English land we were to fly over until our return eight (8) hours later. While over the Channel, looking back toward England, we saw the White Cliffs of Dover. As the Cliffs disappeared from our view, we left England behind and the Continent lay ahead.

At 1012 hrs., we were flying over land again. Checking our maps, we saw that we were eight (8) miles north of Ostend with Antwerp on our left and Eindhoven on our right. At 1054 hrs., we were winging over Maastricht, Holland and from here on for the next several hours we were to fly over Germany.

The first city of any large size that we were to see was Aachen, which was reached at 1058. Here not only bomb-craters were visible, but evidence of tank battles, artillery and mortar shell holes were in plain sight. We also saw part of the

Magfried Line with 32<sup>nd</sup> Douglas Field stretching for miles before we came to Aachen.

From Aachen we travelled north through Düren, which we reached at 1111 hrs., here, we saw only shells which were former houses, commercial and manufacturing establishments, all deserted.

Leaving Düren behind, our planes swung south and we reached our next destination, Cologne, at 1125 hrs. Flying at 3,000 feet, the most impressive sight viewed so far was the Cathedral which stood unscathed amid the rubble and ashes in its surroundings. Here we saw a piece of real precision bombing, for across the street from the Cathedral, a railroad yard was torn to pieces by bombs, yet the Cathedral was untouched.

Our next stop was Bonn, the birthplace of Goethe, at 1130 hrs. From the air we saw the Rejurgan Bridge, where our boys fought and died so gallantly.

Our next large city was Koblenz where we flew at 1141. Here we saw the junction of the Mosel and Rhine rivers. At 1204, we were over Wiesbaden. Here we had "Dinner" consisting of Corned Beef and Tea sandwiches. We topped this off with orange and grapefruit juice.

From Wiesbaden, we flew due east and we arrived over Frankfurt at 1211 where we saw miles of devastated areas. We also flew over the Frankfurt-Bachhauht Airport.

Schweinfurt was our next "target." We flew over this city at 1233 hrs. This city, the former center of Boeing B29's, had a going over. As far as the eye could see, nothing but ruin was in full evidence.

From Schweinfurt we flew due south and we saw our last German industrial center and chemical producing centers of the Reich, at 1304. Fifteen (15) minutes later, at 1339 hrs., we were over Karlsruhe.

The latter city was the last large city we were to fly over in Germany, for at 1336, we flew over Strasbourg in France. By this time most of the men were tired and most of us relaxed until 1459 hrs., when we reached Paris. Here the excitement and inter-act took on new life. We picked out most places of interest to the tourist namely: Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Champs de Elysees. Paris is indeed a large and beautiful city.

At 1429 hrs., we were over Rouen, the city which was the first to feel the blow of the then small 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force, for on Aug. 17, 1944, the first flight of twelve (12) Fortresses introduced Day Bombing over the warshipping yards in this city.

With Rouen, we were coming to the last leg of our tour, for at 1545 hrs., we reached the English Channel and at 1611 we were flying over Brighton, England.

Our planes made their graceful landings at 1704 and 1707 hrs., All of us were tired and our ears throbbed from the constant pounding of the sixteen hundred (1600) horsepower engines, but if you could see a more jubilant group of boys, you'd have to look a long way. We're hoping to see more of the Continent in the near future.

Hope I haven't bored you with my narrative, but I got such a kick out of the trip I thought I'd write and tell you about it. "Cheerio" for now.

AS OVER,

# Army of the United States



## SEPARATION QUALIFICATION RECORD

SAVE THIS FORM. IT WILL NOT BE REPLACED IF LOST

This record of job assignments and special training received in the Army is furnished to the soldier when he leaves the service. In its preparation, information is taken from available Army records and supplemented by personal interview. The information about civilian education and work experience is based on the individual's own statements. The veteran may present this document to former employers, prospective employers, representatives of schools or colleges, or use it in any other way that may prove beneficial to him.

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL				MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS		
BATMAN, JOSEPH R				10. MONTHS	11. GRADE	12. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY
2. ARMY SERIAL NO.	3. GRADE	4. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		1	Pvt	Army Air Force Basic Training (521)
13 117 3221	S Sgt	229 05 4838		27	Teo 4	Automotive Mechanic (014)
5. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, County, State)				10	S Sgt	Automobile Body Repairman (201)
427 4th Street, Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia						
6. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE	7. DATE OF SEPARATION	8. DATE OF BIRTH				
10 Sep 42	10 Jan 46	31 Jul 20				
9. PLACE OF SEPARATION						
Separation Center, Ft. Geo G Meade, Md.						

### SUMMARY OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONS

#### 13. TITLE—DESCRIPTION—RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIRMAN--Installed and repaired sheet metal objects of motor vehicles. Cut sheet metal with hand shears and hand operated metal cutting machines. Bent, ground and punched metal article into desired shape. Aligned and straightened the frame, body and fenders of automobiles. Used sheet metal mechanic's tools.



MILITARY EDUCATION

14. NAME OR TYPE OF SCHOOL—COURSE OR CURRICULUM—DURATION—DESCRIPTION

None

CIVILIAN EDUCATION

15. HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED	16. DEGREES OR DIPLOMAS	17. YEAR LEFT SCHOOL	OTHER TRAINING OR SCHOOLING	
7 Grade	None	1936	20. COURSE—NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL—DATE	21. DURATION
18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED			None	
Elkton, Virginia				
19. MAJOR COURSES OF STUDY				
None				

CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS

22. TITLE—NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER—INCLUSIVE DATES—DESCRIPTION

AUTOMOBILE MECHANIC--Was employed by Batman's Garage, Shenandoah, Virginia, from 1937 to 1942. Repaired and overhauled automobiles and trucks. Repaired the transmission system, rear end, differentials, ignition, ground valves, installed rings, aligned wheels, adjusted carburetors and fixed brakes, and clutches. Did body and fender work. Removed old paint and applied new paint with a spray gun. Assigned work to two fellow worker mechanics.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

23. REMARKS

None

24. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED

25. SIGNATURE OF SEPARATION CLASSIFICATION OFFICER

26. NAME OF OFFICER (Typed or Stamped)

SOPHUS F PETERSON 1st Lt.AC

*Issued to [unclear] [unclear]*



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
TRANSPORTATION CORPS



ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

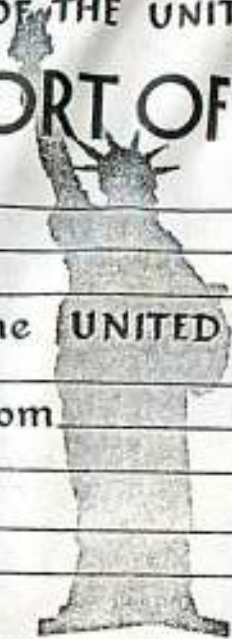
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION

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returned to the UNITED STATES on the  
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which sailed from \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_

Sig. \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_





Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur, His Wife, and His Son, Arthur

## *A Father's Prayer*

By Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur

**B**UILD me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee—and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here, let him learn to stand up in the storm; here, let him learn compassion for those who fall.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength. Then I, his father, will dare to whisper:

"I have not lived in vain."



EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY


*This*  
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

*is awarded to*

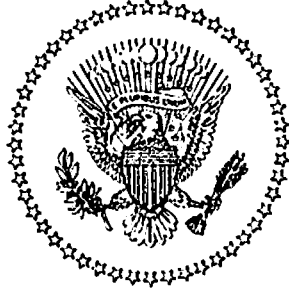
Sgt. Joseph R. Batmen, 13117221

IN RECOGNITION OF CONSPICUOUSLY MERITORIOUS AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF MILITARY DUTY

*Citation*



H. E. UPHAM,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
Commanding.



JOSEPH R. BATMAN

*To you who answered the call of your country and served in its Armed Forces to bring about the total defeat of the enemy, I extend the heartfelt thanks of a grateful Nation. As one of the Nation's finest, you undertook the most severe task one can be called upon to perform. Because you demonstrated the fortitude, resourcefulness and calm judgment necessary to carry out that task, we now look to you for leadership and example in further exalting our country in peace.*

*Harry Truman*

THE WHITE HOUSE

ARMY AIR FORCES  
Certificate of Appreciation  
FOR WAR SERVICE



TO

JOSEPH R. BATMAN

**I** CANNOT meet you personally to thank you for a job well done; nor can I hope to put in written words the great hope I have for your success in future life.

Together we built the striking force that swept the Luftwaffe from the skies and broke the German power to resist. The total might of that striking force was then unleashed upon the Japanese. Although you no longer play an active military part, the contribution you made to the Air Forces was essential in making us the greatest team in the world.

The ties that bound us under stress of combat must not be broken in peacetime. Together we share the responsibility for guarding our country in the air. We who stay will never forget the part you have played while in uniform. We know you will continue to play a comparable role as a civilian. As our ways part, let me wish you God speed and the best of luck on your road in life. Our gratitude and respect go with you.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "H. H. Arnold".

COMMANDING GENERAL  
ARMY AIR FORCES

# Army of the United States



CERTIFICATE IN LIEU OF LOST OR DESTROYED

## Honorable Discharge

*This is to certify that*

JOSEPH R BATMAN 13 117 221 Staff Sergeant  
840th Air Engineer Squadron

**Army of the United States**

*was Honorably Discharged from the military service of the  
United States of America at* Fort George G Meade Maryland

*on* 10 January 1946

*This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful  
Service to this country.*

*Given at the War Department, Washington, D. C., on* 10 March 1948

*By order of the Secretary of War*

*Alfred O. Brewster*  
Adjutant General

This certificate is given under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, "to authorize the Secretary of War to furnish certificates in lieu of lost or destroyed discharges" to honorably discharged officers or enlisted men or their widows, upon evidence that the original discharge certificate has been lost or destroyed, and upon the condition imposed by said Act that this certificate "shall not be accepted as a voucher for the payment of any claim against the United States for pay, bounty, or other allowances, or as evidence in any other case."

NOTE.—This certificate is issued from the office of The Adjutant General of the Army without examen. Any addition, alteration, or erasure made therein is unauthorized.

ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION  
HONORABLE DISCHARGE

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <b>BATMAN JOSEPH R</b>		4. ARMY SERIAL NO. <b>13 117 221</b>	5. GRADE <b>S SGT</b>	6. ARM OR SERVICE <b>AAF</b>	8. COMPONENT <b>AUS</b>
7. ORGANIZATION <b>840TH A ENG SQN</b>		7. DATE OF SEPARATION <b>10 JAN 46</b>	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION <b>FT GEO W MEADE MD</b>		
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES <b>427 4TH ST SHENANDOAH PAGE CO VA</b>			10. DATE OF BIRTH <b>31 JULY 20</b>	11. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>SHENANDOAH VA</b>	
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT <b>SEE 9</b>			18. COLOR EYES <b>BLUE</b>	19. COLOR HAIR <b>BLOND</b>	17. NO. DEPENDENTS <b>1</b>
19. RACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WHITE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)	20. MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)	20. U.S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. <b>AUTO MECHANIC 5 81.010</b>		

MILITARY HISTORY

22. DATE OF INDUCTION <b>10 SEP 42</b>	23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT <b>10 SEP 42</b>	24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE <b>10 SEP 42</b>	25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE <b>CP LEE VA</b>
SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	26. LOCAL & BRANCH NO. <b>NONE</b>	27. COUNTY AND STATE <b>SEE 9</b>	28. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE <b>SEE 9</b>
29. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. <b>AUTO BODY REPAIRMAN 201</b>		30. MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS AND RATE (If in Infantry, or other unit that automatically European, etc.) <b>DRIVER AND MECH BADGE WITH MECH WAR</b>	
31. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS <b>NONE</b>			
32. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS <b>GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL THEATER SERVICE RIBBON VICTORY RIBBON EUROPEAN AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN DISTINGUISHED UNIT BADGE WORLD WAR II</b>			
33. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION <b>NONE</b>			

34. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES				35. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. AND RETURN		
SMALLPOX <b>APR 44</b>	TYPHOID <b>OCT 45</b>	TETANUS <b>OCT 42</b>	OTHER (Specify) <b>FLU NOV 45 TYP DEC 44</b>	DATE OF DEPARTURE <b>8 DEC 42</b>	DESTINATION <b>ENGLAND</b>	DATE OF ARRIVAL <b>16 DEC 42</b>
36. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE			37. HIGHEST GRADE HELD <b>S SGT</b>	27. DATE OF DEPARTURE <b>27 DEC 45</b>	28. DESTINATION <b>UNITED STATES</b>	29. DATE OF ARRIVAL <b>5 JAN 45</b>
CONTINENTAL SERVICE		FOREIGN SERVICE				
YEARS <b>0</b>	MONTHS <b>3</b>	DAYS <b>3</b>				

38. PRIOR SERVICE <b>NONE</b>		40. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION <b>CONVENIENCE OF THE GOV'T RR 1 1 (DEMOBILIZATION) AR 615 365 15 DEC 44</b>	
41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED <b>NONE</b>		42. EDUCATION (Years) Elementary <b>7</b> High School <b>0</b> College <b>0</b>	

43. PAY DATA						
43. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PERIODS YEARS <b>3</b> MONTHS <b>4</b> DAYS <b>1</b>	44. UNEMPLOYMENT OUT PAY TOTAL <b>300</b> THIS PAYMENT <b>100</b>	45. MILITARY SERVICE <b>220 00</b>	46. TRAVEL PAY <b>8 00</b>	47. TOTAL AMOUNT, NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER <b>422.70</b> <b>G A PEARSON</b>	48. GRADE AND PAY <b>CAPTAIN PD</b>	
49. INSURANCE NOTICE						
IMPORTANT IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY-ONE DAYS THEREAFTER, INSURANCE WILL LAPSE. MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND FORWARD TO COLLECTIONS SUBDIVISION, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.						
49. KIND OF INSURANCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U.S. ENL <input type="checkbox"/> BSA	50. HOW PAID <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All at once <input type="checkbox"/> Grad in Y. A.	51. Effective date of latest Discontinuance <b>31 JAN 46</b>	52. Date of Next Premium Due (One month after 50) <b>28 FEB 46</b>	53. PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH <b>6.60</b>	54. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO <input type="checkbox"/> Continue <input type="checkbox"/> Continue Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discontinue	

55. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED <i>Joseph R. Batman</i>	56. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. (Type/print)) <b>LAPEL BUTTON ISSUED NO DAYS LOST UNDER AW 107</b>	
	<b>ASR SCORE 69</b>	

57. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - Signature) <b>WILLIAM M AFMAN 2ND LT INF</b> <i>William M. Afman</i>
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12 February 1987

Dear Mrs. Batman:

Let me offer the condolences of the 306th Bomb Group Association to you in the passing of your husband, Joe.

Thank you for writing me. We will remove his name from the mailing list and carry a notice of his death in the April issue of Echoes.

I also appreciate the materials which you sent along, which answered most of the questions that I had in trying to complete the picture of the men of the 306th.

We feel there are so many that we have not been able to reach, that we are pleased whenever we can add anyone to our mailing list. We treasure them and hate to lose them.

Again, my thanks to you for your nice letter.

Sincerely yours,

Russell A. Strong

Shenandoah, Va.  
Feb. 6, 1987



Dear Mr. Strong,

I am the wife of Joseph R. Batman, I received your card for information and some dates of assignment to the 306th and leaving the 306th for Gae, I don't know these, however I am enclosing some copies of some of his papers, which you may find some information.

My husband passed away Oct. 14, 1984, he had cancer since Feb. of 1983, it was such a shock when we found he had cancer and could not operate and was told only a matter of six months, so he decided to have treatments, Cobalt and Chemotherapy said if it didn't help him, maybe they could learn something to help some one else in the future. He kept his strength and faith when I know it was not easy. He was a good husband, father & grandfather, it has been so hard, but I am so thankful I have two daughters that have been such a comfort to me, we were a very close family.

He loved to fish and hunt, owned and operated a car repair and body shop after getting out of service, until 1973 he had a heart attack and retired on disability. In later years



he started working with wood as a hobby, and built me a Grandfather clock, tables and other things, so pretty.

Joe received the first copy of 306th Echoes in July 1983 during the time he was taking treatments, he enjoyed reading the Echoes very much and his name was in Newly-Found in Oct. 1983 issue.

He received cards from quite a few of the fellows after war was ended, at Christmas each year, I did send the ones that sent him cards at Christmas in 1984, a clipping of his death.

I am sorry I didn't write to let you know about Joe before now, I have been sick several times and too was hard to write about Joe, hope you will understand.

William Buffington (Bill) come by to see him in Sept 1984 and he was so glad to see and talk with him after all these years, and really enjoyed his visit.

Joe had pictures of the planes, some of the men in his group, also one of Captain H. P. Blumenthal taken together.

1st Lt. John F. MacDonnell  
Captain Palletti & Kaplan

Yours truly  
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Mar. 18, 1987

Mr. Strong,

I found another picture which I am sending a copy as it had a list of names on the back, which might be of interest to some of the group which Joe was with.

I noticed the picture of the 1628th Ordnance Company and read the write up in Echo, Jan. 87 which was good. I had not read about it until later in February as I had been sick. The picture was like the one I had sent you later, but I haven't found any of the names, except I saw Joe in the group.

I think the association is doing a great job and I know the men look forward to receiving Echo.

Joe bought a copy of the book "First over Germany" when it first was on sale.

I would appreciate a copy of the April Echo from the association.

Thanking you,  
sincerely yours,  
Lettie Batman