

A HISTORY OF THE 306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP - EIGHTH AIR FORCE

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Service Record:

Before joining the 306th: Drafted: Fort Douglas, Utah  
Base - Heizer Field mess  
Radio - Scott Field Ill.  
Senior Harlingen Texas  
 After leaving the 306th: Primary Training Wendover Field Utah  
Discharged - Santa Ana, Calif.

306th Record:

Arrival Date 1944 I don't know probably Air Gunner school in Harlingen, Texas Squadron or other unit 367 B Sq  
 MOS 3 yrs Combat Status Radio Gunner  
 Missions Completed 3  
 Promotions 1/SGT  
 Decorations AM olcs DFC olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM (P)

( PH Battle Stars unknown Don't know when other

lost all records when I became a POW

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MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

Pilot Rolph Gaston L.A. Calif. Plane # and Name 7 can't remember  
Mission Date 11/18 Target Sub Pens Brest, France  
Cause of loss: AA fire  Fighter attack  Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Describe conditions in the plane as completely as you can:

AA knocked out right two engines + punctured gas tanks.  
Top turret Bismarck hit in head + knocked out top turret.  
navigator Bombardier tail fooling in bomb bay + dropped acid - AA hit bomb bay door + could not close them. Tried manually, would not close. Right waist hit, but don't know how bad. Salvaged all fuel before ditching <sup>coastal?</sup> <sub>into</sub> <sup>land</sup> <sub>water</sub>

How and where did you leave plane?

Ditched out from Brest France about 15 miles <sup>water</sup>  
had to help wounded out so could not bail out

What happened when you got on the ground?

Picked up by French fishermen, later killed by German mariner that took us from their boat.

Did you meet any of your crew mates?

yes Top + waist gunner. ball turret gunner + waist + tail gunner.

How were you treated, if captured?

Like all German POWs though security reasons would not allow work permit.

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.