

HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 557

A certified Operational Sortie Record classified as "Confidential", prepared by Group Operations, Headquarters, 306th Bombardment Group (H), APO 557, recording the following combat accomplishments of S/Sgt. WILLIAM J. MC GONIGLE 13124809 during his tour of duty with this organization has been filed in his No. 201 file.

1. Number of Operational Sorties Accomplished
2. Date of Operational Sorties.
3. Geographical Location of Targets.
4. Operational Flying Time.

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19 May 1945

SUBJECT: Record of Achievement.

TO : William J. McGonigle, S/Sgt, 13124809, Air Corps.

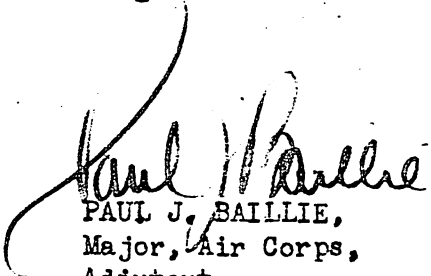
1. Our records indicate that you have completed 251:50 hours of Combat Flying as a Armorer-Gunner . You have completed a total of thirty-two (32) combat missions, none of which were flown as a lead, and one as deputy lead. You are eligible to wear the following decorations:

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| Air Medal. | Meritorious Achievement |
| Oak Leaf Cluster | Meritorious Achievement |
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2. You are recommended for assignment as a Armorer-Gunner.

3. Your performance of duty is rated by your Commanding Officer as Excellent.

For the Commanding Officer:


PAUL J. BAILLIE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 15)

R E S T R I C T E D

E X T R A C T

Hq 1st Air Division,
APO 557, 6 January 1945.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq Eighth Air Force, File 200.6, 23 September 1944, subject, "Awards and Decorations", an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded for wear with the AIR MEDAL previously awarded to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men, organizations as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over Germany and German occupied countries. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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306th Bombardment Group (H)

WILLIAM J. MC GONIGLE, 13124809, S/Sgt. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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By command of Brigadier General TURNER:

BARTLETT BEAMAN,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

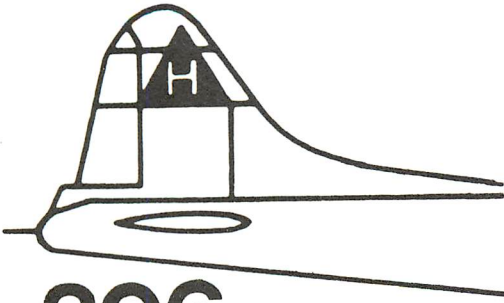
OFFICIAL:
ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.,
Lieut. Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

R E S T R I C T E D

I hope to be able to attend
but since I have leukemia
I will have to wait & play
it by ear. Do you know
the latest I can register?

William McSquire
338 Shagbark Ct
TBear, DE 19701

P.S. You may keep the picture
of our crew,



367th, 368th, 369th, 423rd Squadrons, and service organizations
Thurleigh, Bedfordshire, England – September 1942-April 1945

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306th Directory

Dear Bill:

Can you give me left to right, front row and back row, of this crew picture?

Once I have that I can put it in line for a future issue of Echoes.

All the best,

Russ

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| | LT. | LT. | LT. | LT. | |
| Front Row - left to right | Charles Toner Pilot PA | Rigger Co-Pilot N.Y. | Mounts Bombardier Calif. | Baller Navy. Kan. | |
| | ⑤ | ⑥ | ⑦ | ⑧ | ⑨ |
| Back Row - left to right | T. Sgt. John Hickman Eng Ark. | T. Sgt. Oliver Hobbs Radio Texas | S. Sgt. William McDonough Armor PA | S. Sgt. Lawrence McCormick Ball N.J. | S. Sgt. Elmond Richardson Waist La |
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| | | | | | S. Sgt. John Kieffer Tail Kan |

Sorry I don't remember the first names. We used nick names.

Bill