

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 - Hensley Field main
Radio - Scott Field Ill.
Senior Bomber Training Harlingen Texas
 After leaving the 306th: Wendover Field Utah
Discharged - Santa Ana, Calif.

306th Record:

Arrival Date 1/18/46 Don't know Squadron or other unit 367 Tsg. 1st
 MOS 3 yrs probably Air Gunner school in Harlingen, Texas
 Combat Status Radio Gunner
 Missions Completed 3
 Promotions 1st Sgt.
 Decorations AM olcs DFC olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM (P)

PH Battle Stars Don't know other unknown

Lost all records when I became a POW.

(OVER)

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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 gunner 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 ^{coasting} ^{into} ^{landing} ^{area}
How and where did you leave plane?

Ditched ^{water} and from Brest, France about 15 miles
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 turret gunner. Ball turret gunner + waist + Tail gunner.

How were you treated, if captured?

Like all German P.O.W. 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.