

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

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Name John D Jones
 Address 610 1st St Apt 101 Ogden Utah 84404
 Telephone N/A Date 1/17/79
 Occupation Disabled Employer Alcoa Commercial Security Bank
 Address _____ Telephone _____

Service Record:

Before joining the 306th: Drafted: Fort Douglas, Utah
Base - Heizer Field mess
Radio - Salt Field SCL
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 1st 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 ^{coastal?} _{landed} into 15 miles

How and where did you leave plane?

Ditched out from Brest France about 15 miles ^{water}
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 P.O.w.s 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.

RECORD UPDATE

306th Bomb Group Association

(Please complete as much of this form as you wish, and return to
Russ Strong at the reunion, or mail to Russ Strong, 5323 Cheval
Place, Charlotte, NC 28205) Little Rock 1989

Date complete Sept 23

LAST NAME: Jones FIRST NAME: John Z. TITLE:
Street address: 445 S. Main Telephone: (602)-485-2448
City, state, zip: PIMA, ARIZ. 85543

Date of Birth: April 20, 1925 Wife's name: ARLENE
College(s) attended: Northern Ariz. U. Degree(s): BS Year(s):
Last employment and job title: Self Employed: Jones Grain
Owner.

Reunions attended: (by year or location)
Phoenix, Cincinnati, Ohio, Washington D.C., Las Vegas, Nev.
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Serial #: 39864359 Squadron: 369th Speciality: Ball Turret
Cunner
Date joined 306th: Feb 25, 1945 If combat, what crew: L.T. Fisher

Special duties or assignments w/306th:
Number of missions flown: 27 Date of last mission: May 1945
Date left 306th: JANUARY 1946 Highest rank/grade with 306th: STAFF Sgt.
Other 8th AF units served with: None

Top service assignments after 306th: None

USAF retirement date: Rank/grade:

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the
squadrons or other units, will be welcomed by the secretary.

If you know of other 306th people who do not appear in the directory, please add
their names and current or former addresses to this sheet so that we may search
further for them.

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note: Please take Doctor off my name.
My College degree was B.S. not Doctor

PERSONNEL RECORD UPDATE

306th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION

Date. 10/20/94

Complete this form and return to Russell A. Strong, Secretary, 306th BG Assoc., 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205, to be filed with 306th records.

LAST NAME: Jones FIRST NAME: John MI: TITLE:
Street Address: 5865 MAIN Telephone: (602) 485-2648
City, State PIMA, ARIZ. Zip + 4: 85543-
Winter Address: SAME Telephone: ()
City, State Zip + 4: -

Date of birth: 4/20/25 Wife's name: Arlene #c #gc #ggc

College(s) attended: ARIZONA STATE Degree(s), & when: B.S. - 1950

Last employment & job title & retirement date: Self employed; Grain Broker & Trucking Retired Oct. 1992

Serial #(s): 39864359 Squadron: 369 Specialty: B.T.

Date joined 306th: Feb 1, 1945 If combat, what crew? LT. FISHER

Special duties or assignments w/306th: CAMERA MAN on Casey Jones Project.

No of missions flown: 27 Date of last mission: May 1945

Date leaving 306th: Jan 1946 Highest rank/grade w/306th: S/sgt

Other 8AF units served with, and when:

Top service assignment after 306th:

USAF retirement date: Feb. 3, 1946 Rank/grade: S/sgt.

Copies of old 306th orders, either from the Group or Station 111, or any of the Squadrons or other units serving with the 306th, are sought by the secretary, as many of these do not appear in any collections of materials in National Archives or the Air University.

If you know of others who served with the 306th and who do not appear in the current 306th Directory, please add their names and current/WWII hometowns or other addresses to the back of this sheet so that searches may be implemented to add them to our present 306th roster.