

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

Before joining the 306th:

- COLLEGE STUDENT - 1939-1940
- ENLISTED 130 INF REG. 33rd INF DIV. - 1941-1942
- AVIATION CADET S.E. TRAINING COMMAND 1942-1943
- COMMISSIONED 2ND LT. MAY 28, 1943
- COMBAT CREW TNG. MAY 1943 - NOV 1943

After leaving the 306th:

P.O.W. STALAG LUFT 1 MAR 29, 1944 - MAY 1945
MEMBER U.S.A.F. UNTIL DEC 1, 1972
RETIRED THAT DATE - RANK OF COLONEL

306th Record

Arrival date at Thurleigh NOV 1943
Squadron or other unit(s) 369th Bomb Sq.
MOS # _____ Specialty PILOT
Missions Completed (and date of last) 25 - SHOT DOWN ON 26th MAR 29, 1944
Promotions 1ST LT. JAN 1944
Decorations 1 AM 3olcs 1 DFC olcs SS DSM DSC MH SM PH 2 Battle Stars

(On unusual DFCs, and Silver Stars and above would like to see a copy of the citation)

Other personal data:

- GRADUATED LEWIS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW 2/18/78 J.D. D26.
- ADMITTED TO THE ILLINOIS BAR 5/19/78
- ASST STATE'S ATTY DUPAGE COUNTY 9/18/78 - TO DATE

Description of Air Missions:

(What were the highlights of your combat career? What was your role? What heroics did you witness? What events were there of which you have special knowledge?)

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MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

Pilot SCHUERING Plane # and Name ?
Mission Date MAR. 29, 1944 Target BRUNSWICK GERMANY
Cause of loss: AA fire Fighter attack Other, explain _____

Describe conditions in the plane as completely as you can:

LOST 2 ENGINES AT ALTITUDE DUE TO FIGHTER ATTACKS -
COULD NOT MAINTAIN ALTITUDE - ATTEMPTED TO COME HOME
ON THE DECK LOST 3RD ENGINE TO AA FIRE - CRASH LANDED
THE ABOVE OCCURRED AFTER BOMB RELEASE ON RETURN
TO HOME BASE

How and where did you leave plane?

CRASH LANDED NEAR DUMMER LAKE - NEAR HANNOVER

What happened when you got on the ground?

EVASDED FOR A FEW HOURS - CAPTURED BY GERMAN INFANTRY

Did you meet any of your crew mates?

YES - AFTER CAPTURE - DWLAC LUFT AND AD STALAC LUFT
ALL CREW MEMBERS SURVIVED.

How were you treated, if captured?

UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES FAIR BUT HUNGRY

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.

WILL SEEK OLD DOCUMENTS ETC AND WILL FORWARD
AT A LATER DATE.

AL SCHUBERT

Mar. 24, 1979

Dear Mr. Strong:

Since receiving your phone call and the letter that followed I have searched my files for information pertaining to the 306th B.G. during W.W. II years and unfortunately found very little. After I was shot down I assume most of my records became lost in the shuffle.

I did find on old General Order No. 123 dated Dec 22, 1945 which awarded the Group the presidential citation for a mission flown on Feb 22, 1944 against Bernberg, Germany. It was not listed in the 306th Echoes on the attachment to your letter. I am forwarding it to you with a request that you return it. This was a mission in which I participated.

Also came across the war time addresses of some of my crew members which I will list.

① MICHAEL COMARNISKY - RAIDO Op. 717/875-3316
511 Troutwine St 12th. Main St. CENTRALIA, PA. 17927

② FREDERICK^{M.} HAWTHORNE - TOP TURRET 609/
200 E. WASHINGTON ST. TRENTON, N.J.

③ LEON W. CURRIE - WAIST GUN.

317 So. WARREN AVE BIG RAPIDS, MICH

④ HENRY^{W.} ASHLEY - BALL TURRET
9 RIDGE ST. WARE SHOALS, S.C.

⑤ ^{Benji} B.E. AMBLER - WAIST GUN 812/275 3506
1018 O ST. BEDFORD, INDIANA d. 20 Aug 62

⑥ NORTON S. McALISTER - WAIST GUN
31 HIGH ST PORTLAND, MAINE

⑦ ^{Bornel} B.R. PRICE - Co-Pilot - LATER PILOT
3017 E. 5th ST. TULSA, OKLA.

⑧ JACK M. HAMILTON - NAV
419 ARLINGTON ST. ~~FENTON~~ MIDDLEVILLE, MICH.

⑨ ROSS E. HANDY - CO. PILOT

511 N. CAPITOL AVE, LANSING, MICH.

⑩ MAX H. BERGEN - TAIN GUN.
CAMERON, WIS.

⑪ ROBERT J. FLOOD - BOMB.

LATEST ADDRESS LISTED IN 306th ECHOES

I trust this information will be of some help to you and as I go through my old papers perhaps I will find additional information which I will forward to you.

Also I am enclosing a check for \$10. - to aid you in offsetting your expenses

Please forgive me for not having this typed, but in the rush of other tasks I thought you would prefer a speedy answer.

Sincerely,

Al Schuerin

AL SCHUERIN

25W 511 H. G. H. KNOX DR.
WHEATON, IL 60187

Please keep me informed on any 306th activities.

513/299-3612

506 N. Cottage
Taylorville IL 62568
217/924-2530

Virgil Mitchelson, Decatur, Ill

PO

217/877-7981

May 16, 1991

306 BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION

John R Grimm
5085 Morelawn Ct Apt B
Centerville, Ohio 45429

Dear Mr Grimm,

Thank you for sending the picture of my husband Al Schuering and his crew, taken during World War II. It will be treasured by someone in the family.

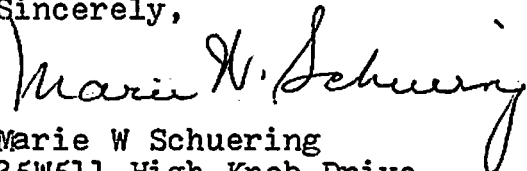
It is time that I reported the death of Col Alvin Schuering to your group newsletter, which I am still receiving. I am sorry to be so late in doing so, but there seems to be other business requiring my attention. Please use this information in your newsletter.

Alvin G. Schuering of Wheaton, Illinois died June 2, 1990 from Parkinson disease. He was born in Quincy, Illinois April 8, 1921. After 31 years in the Air Force, he retired as a Colonel in 1972. During WWII he flew B-17s over Germany and was a prisoner of war, after being shot down in 1944. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

He served with the Strategic Air Command, the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon, and as Commander of the Technical School at Chanute Air Force Base. In 1964 he was graduated from the National War College in Washington, D C and Lewis University in Glen Ellyn, Il with a law degree in 1979. He served with the DuPage County States Attorney from 1979-85.

He is survived^{by} his wife of 42 years, Marie Walsh Schuering, five sons, one daughter, and eight grandchildren. Burial in Wheaton.
Thank you for your effort and help in this matter.

Sincerely,


Marie W Schuering
25W511 High Knob Drive
Wheaton, Il 60187

May 16, 1991

THE BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION

Ross:

I just received this from Mrs Schuerling. Don't know if you know of his death.

That is regarding the picture of my husband Al Schuerling and his or taking during World War II. It will be preserved by someone in the family.

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Sincerely,
Marie W Schuerling
25511 High Knob Drive
Wheaton, IL 60187

① ALVIN G SCHUERING COL USAF RET

Pilot Class: 43-E 27 MAY 1943 DISCHARGE DATE
28 " " COMMISSION DATE

Place of graduation: GEORGE FIELD

LAWRENCEVILLE - ILLINOIS

Members of Class 43E, with all other available manpower, were filling sand bags to save the hospital and other important facilities the day before graduation. Family and friends (The Wabash River overflowed) Please include me on the Echoes mailing list, and here is my current address, telephone #, and first name.

were forced to seek accommodations in ~~surrounding~~ surrounding towns (Vincennes, INDIANA etc.) and content themselves with listening to the graduation ceremony as broadcast by local radio. We of class 43E were rescued and delivered to high ground by the Coast Guard and proceeded on leave with orders to report to Lockborne, Ohio for E17 check-out. Schuering, Stroffard, Tucker (in alphabetical order of class 43E) became left command in 8th AF in different Bomb Groups, shot down ending up in Stalag EW5 and all ending together after liberation, etc. at Chanote AFB

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My son, M. J. STROFF III, MAJ USMC,
is married to daughter of family.
Currently stationed Camp Lejeune NC

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In Loving Memory of
Alvin G. Schuering

April 8, 1921

— † —

June 2, 1990

"Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life." —Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

