



1st Lt. Robert B. Hermann



Former roommates as POWs

THERE I WAS

Missions on which I flew in order -

10-9-42 Lille
11-7-42 Brest
11-8-42 Lille
11-9-42 St. Nazaire
11-14-42 St. Nazaire
11-18-42 LaPallice
11-22-42 Lorient
12-10-42 Rouen
12-24-42 Romilly-sur-seine
1-27-43 Wilhelmshaven
2-2-43 Hamm
2-27-43 Brest
3-6-43 Lorient

12-1/2 missions

End of Line

GROUP AND SQUADRON

306th Bomb Group 367th Bomb Squadron
Stationed: Thurleigh, England - Station 114
Aircraft
 type: B-17
Crew
Position: Navigator
Combat
Missions: 12-1/2
Targets: See above

We were coming off the bomb run when we were hit by A.A. fire and the number three engine was set on fire. We were leading the 306th Bomb Group - about 40 miles out to sea the extinguishers would not kill the fire - our *Cowling* was falling off and the hub was white hot. We made a turn to return to France - some of our planes continued to fly with us until they saw that we were not going to return to England on that day. I had to knock out the lower escape door - I waited until I saw land below us and out I went in a tuck position - after I jumped all the rest of the crew followed. The Germans were shooting at us from the ground as we were probably only at 3,000 feet of altitude when I left the plane. No one was hit by the rifle fire, but it was some new experience to hear the bullets whizing by.

When I hit the ground I did a football roll block and let the parachute blow away. I had an English chute that day which gave you an immediate release after you turned the release and hit it with your fist.

I was on my feet very quickly and started looking for the best way to go. There was a very young German soldier pointing his rifle at me. Up went my hands - for me the war was OVER!

Eventually seven of us were taken to a nearby fighter aircraft field by a school bus. The French people looked so sad as they watched us leave - I was pretty happy myself.

The German officer at the air base told me in halting English "You no try to escape - we shoot you". He then apologized for his poor English - I said "You speak very good English to me - I understand every word you said.

On the train to Paris the next day - Jim Laine and myself were in a compartment with two German guards when a German Oberleutenant(1st Lt) from a fighter group gave us a bottle of water from Germany and told us not to drink any water in France but this bottled water. From this German pilot I learned that Gerald Simmons, our co-pilot had been killed. He told us that they had yelled at him to halt (not his group) but from the infantry division, but he kept running away - he was killed by a rifle bullet to the back of his head.

The capture was really non-eventful - it seems that I had been prepared for this since my early youth. Maybe because of all my previous military training - two years R.O.T.C. and one year C.M.T.C., I knew that some day this could happen.

The real shocker was solitary confinement at Dulag Luft III - interrogation center - north of Frankfurt. No cigareets - limited amount of food - so that the interrogation officer would have it easier to get whatever information we had.

I defintely remember when the interrogation officer took me to the main office and showed me an organization chart of the whole Eighth Air Force. He wanted to know if any of the names they had were incorrect. This question was easy - I told him I didn't know a single person on that chart and I could stay in solitary until the end of the war because I did not know any name on that chart. I am sure that he knew I was just a dumb 1st Lt. and he took me back to my cell and said a group of us would be leaving in a day or two - He was correct!

First Taken Prisoner By Nazis Is Last To Return To Chillicothe

By RAY ORTMAN

First of 49 Ross countians to be taken prisoner by the Germans and last of the captives to arrive home is 1st Lt. Robert B. Hermann, 26, a Flying Fortress navigator, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hermann, 289 North High street.

Up to the time of his capture, Lt. "Bob" had flown 12.5 missions, the returning half of the last mission not being complete until his liberation and return to England 26 months later.

Under the cyclotron of war, Bob's life, which had started out in the usual well-ordered way of Chillicothe youths, split up into a bunch of episodes as nightmarish as the atomic bomb.

Bob was a student and football player at Chillicothe high school and was in the 1936 graduating class. He was graduated with the bachelor of science degree in the college of commerce at Ohio State university in Au-



Lt. Robert B. Hermann

gust 1941. On Dec. 6, 1941, the day before the Jap sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, he was taken

into the air corps. Basic and advanced training followed respectively at Ellington Field and at Kelly Field, both in Texas. He was assigned then to the Second Air Force at Wendover Field, Utah, then was on 30 days of submarine patrol out of Westover Field, Mass.

"On Sept. 4, 1942," he relates, "we said goodbye to this country. We were the third bombardment group overseas—the 306th Bomb Group of 367th pr 'Clay Pigeon' Bomb Squadron. We flew across in 10 hours and 20 minutes, landed at Ayr, Scotland, and then flew to Bedford, England, which was our base thereafter.

"My bomber, the 'Sweetpea,' was leading the low squadron on our 13th mission, March 6, 1943. We were at about 24,500 feet. This was to be the last raid on Lorient, France, to plaster the one remaining building, a plant which supplied power for the re-

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pair of submarines in the reinforced concrete pens. We made the target and dropped our bombs.

"The Germans got three planes, all from our group. An .88 mm shell hit between our No. 3 engine and the nose. The engine caught fire and we started to dive down. At 3,000 feet we were over the coast. Fifteen Focke-Wulfs, FW 190's, came up. One circled us, trying to guide us to an airfield on the ground. The others went after our broken squadron. Our top turret gunner opened up on the FW 190 which was circling us and blew it out of the sky. Then we put the plane on automatic pilot and we all bailed out.

"When I landed I rolled loose from the chute and came up ready to run. An 18-year-old Wehrmacht trooper, armed with a rifle and two potato masher hand grenades, covered me and I put up my hands. Our copilot, Gerald L. Simmons, of Payson, Utah, did run. A youthful Nazi trooper killed him with a shot in the back of the head.

"Capt. John L. Ryan, the pilot, broke his shoulder in landing. He was taken by the French underground and spirited to London, and is now transition instructor for B-29 work at Eglin Field, Fla. He's coming to Chillicothe next month to see me.

"The top turret gunner, whom I did not know, is still missing in action, so far as I know. Seven of us were captured by the Germans. First we were taken to Brest, then to Rennes, France. We got out of the railroad station there just before our group came in and gave it a plastering. We were moved to Paris and then to Frankfurt-on-Main for interrogation. I was one of those picked for interrogation and spent three days and three nights in the 'sweatbox', a cell made unbearable not at night when it is cool outside and made cold in the daytime when outside it is warm.

Claimed Relationship

"The first Nazi officer who came to interrogate me introduced himself as 1st Lt. George L. Hermann. When he learned my name was also Hermann, he claimed to be a distant relative. Failing to get any information from me, he ordered me back into the sweatbox. I stalled them for three days and nights, then was sent to the regular compound. The next move was to Offlag 21-B at Bromberg, Poland, 50 miles from Danzig. This camp, operated by the Wehrmacht, covered four acres and held 825 officers, including 125 Yanks.

"In the late 1943, we were moved to Sagan, Germany, into what had served as Herman Goering's propaganda camp. We were fed reasonably

well there, by reason of the receipt weekly of about 10 pounds of food supplied through American Red Cross to supplement the meager diet forthcoming from our Nazi captors. We also had gardens and raised vegetables to further supplement our diet. I specialized in tomatoes, onions and flowers.

In Solitary Confinement

"I spent some time in solitary confinement at the Sagan camp for helping a buddy in an escape try. They got him back and we both were sent to solitary. On the way from Poland to Sagan, we switched names and identification. He went through 'identification' as Lt. Robert Hermann, Chillicothe, O., and I went through as Norman L. Widen, of Minnesota. Between Posen and Sagan, my buddy jumped off the train which then was traveling at 40 miles an hour. He injured his knee and was retaken.

"Things got worse in the camp after the Battle of the Bulge. In January, 1945 came the 'March of Death' from Sagan to Spremberg, 80 miles away. The first night we hiked 34 miles with full packs. Everyone's feet froze. It was so cold our shoes broke apart as we walked. The main weight each of us carried was food and an extra blanket. We couldn't throw anything away. At Spremberg we boarded the familiar 40 and 8 box cars and were taken to the Moosberg prison camp, Stalag 7-A, 30 miles north of Munich.

Lost 45 Pounds

"I weighed 160 pounds when captured, gained 10 pounds in the Sagan camp, in February and March, 1945 at Moosberg went down to 125 pounds and was completely weak and cold and had to stay in bed most of the time.

"I was assistant property officer at the Sagan camp, for property except food. At Moosberg the prisoners had an organized black market and I was a buyer for it. After it became disorganized, I would go out on walks with guards and would buy up food for my own black market, operated for a certain group of prisoners.

Liberated April 29

"We were liberated April 29, 1945 but did not get away from the camp for another eight days. On May 8, which was V-E Day, we were flown out to Liege, Belgium, by mistake, then were moved by truck to Namur, Belgium, where we remained two days. A 26-hour train ride followed to Camp Lucky Strike near Dieppe, France. I remained there until May 17, then went to London and travelled all over England until June 29. I visited my old squadron, other bomb groups and English friends. Then on June 29, I got aboard the U. S. S. Wisteria, a hospital ship and 18 days later we landed at Charleston, S. C. I put through a long distance phone call to Eglin Field, Fla., and talked with Ryan, now a major."

Lt. Hermann looks "fit as a fiddle" and is expecting discharge from service soon after reporting back on Aug. 28 to Darnall hospital, Danville, Ky., where he is under treatment for nervousness. Upon his return there, he is slated for promotion to captain and for the award of two Purple Heart medals and of second and third clusters to his Air Medal, already decorated with one cluster.

Wounded In 1942

Bob became eligible for the first Purple Heart when he was wounded in action Dec. 20, 1942 while flying his eighth mission. "We were over Romilly-sur-Seine when a 20 mm. came in between me and the bombardier," Lt. Hermann said. "He was hit in five places. One fragment struck me in the leg and is still there. We worked on the bombardier and dropped our bombs. I shot down an FW190 which attacked us and was awarded a cluster to my Air Medal for it. We limped back to base badly damaged. Six ships of our squadron went on the mission. Five were lost but we made it home.

"The other Purple Heart is for 88 mm flak scratches I received on March 6, 1943, when we were shot down. The two other Oak Leaf clusters to the Air Medal are for additional missions. For 26 months while we were prisoners we only had 12.5 missions to our credit, but we are back now and have a full 13."

Ice From Stratosphere

The week before the squadron's 13th mission started, the Clay Pigeons threw a big party, with

hamburgers, white buns and liquor. But there was no ice available to cool the beverages. A new bomber had been received and had to be high altitude tested before combat. Necessity being the mother of invention, Capt. Ryan, Lt. Hermann and a radio operator took the ship up for the test flight, but loaded pans of water into every available inch of floor space.

Recalling the flight, Lt. Hermann said: "We went up to 37,500 feet. The temperature was 60 below zero, centigrade. On the ground the temperature was about 35 above, fahrenheit. We came down with about 100 pounds of ice all frozen for the party."

During the months at the Sagan camp, the prisoners studied languages under native teachers who were also captives, radio, meteorology, parliamentary law, arts, sciences and philosophy, and engaged in athletics and musical hobbies, Lt. Hermann explained.

Thanks to the "Fighters For Freedom" birthday campaign instituted by the Gazette columnist, Amelia Hydell, Lt. Hermann received 83 birthday cards on his 25th birthday, Dec. 25, 1943. He noted down the addresses in a book, intending to acknowledge all the cards when sufficient writing material was available. Then came the march from Sagan to Spremberg and Lt. Hermann had to leave the book behind because it was too bulky and heavy to carry along with the full pack.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL Hermann, Robert B.			2. ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 0 660 491		3. GRADE Capt	4. ARM OR SERVICE AC	5. COMPONENT ORC	
6. ORGANIZATION 306th Bomb Gp, 367th Bomb Sq			7. DATE OF RELIEF FROM ACTIVE DUTY 20 Dec 1945		8. PLACE OF SEPARATION Danville, Ky			
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES 289 N High St., Chillicothe, Ohio				10. DATE OF BIRTH 25 Dec 1918		11. PLACE OF BIRTH Chillicothe, Ohio		
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT See 9				13. COLOR EYES Blue	14. COLOR HAIR Brown	15. HEIGHT 6'0"	16. WEIGHT 175 LBS.	17. NO. OF DEPENDENTS 0
18. RACE X WHITE		19. MARITAL STATUS X SINGLE		20. U.S. CITIZEN X YES		21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. Student College		


MILITARY HISTORY

SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA X	22. REGISTERED X YES	23. LOCAL S. S. BOARD NUMBER	24. COUNTY AND STATE Chillicothe, Ohio	25. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY See 9					
26. DATE OF ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY 23 May 1942		27. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. Navigator 1034							
28. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS Participated in the Air Offensive Europe and Submarine Patrol							<p align="right"><i>1983884 HAS BEEN FOR CONFORMANCE, A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY NO. ISSUED BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION TO BE USED FOR THE FUTURE REQUEST OF BENEFIT UNDER TITLE III OF THE SERVICEMEN'S READJUSTMENT ACT THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO THE PERSON TO WHOM THIS CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE IS ISSUED.</i></p>		
29. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star, American Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star, American Defense Ribbon, Air Medal with three Clusters, Purple Heart with one Cluster.							30. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION WIA 20 Dec 1942 and 6 Mar 1943 in air raid in England		
31. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED Air Corps School				32. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U. S. AND RETURN					
				DATE OF DEPARTURE 4 Sep 1942		DESTINATION European The	DATE OF ARRIVAL 6 Sep 1942		
33. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION Reverted to an Inactive Status due to Physical Disqualifications per *				DATE OF DEPARTURE 29 Jun 1945		DESTINATION U.S.	DATE OF ARRIVAL 16 Jul 1945		
34. CURRENT TOUR OF ACTIVE DUTY							35. EDUCATION (years)		
CONTINENTAL SERVICE			FOREIGN SERVICE				GRAMMAR SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
YEARS 0	MONTHS 8	DAYS 16	YEARS 2	MONTHS 10	DAYS 12	8	4	5	

INSURANCE NOTICE

IMPORTANT IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY-ONE DAYS THEREAFTER, INSURANCE WILL LAPSE. MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND FORWARD TO COLLECTIONS SUBDIVISION, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

36. KIND OF INSURANCE X Nat. Serv.			37. HOW PAID X Allotment		38. Effective Date of Allotment Discontinuance October 1945		39. Date of Next Premium Due (one month after 38) November 1945		40. PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH 6.60		41. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO X Continue		
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42. 	43. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directives) * Paragraph 2, Special Orders Number 241, Headquarters, Darnall General Hospital, Danville, Kentucky dated 3 October 1945. "Lapel button issued"													
44. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER BEING SEPARATED Robert B. Hermann					45. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - signature) DANIEL POLL 1st Lt., MAC Director of Personnel.					<p align="right">APPLICATION FOR READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCE PUBLIC LAW #346</p> <p align="right">MADE THROUGH</p> <p align="right">STATE OHIO</p> <p align="right">DATE 1-11-46</p>				



A A F PERSONNEL DISTRIBUTION COMMAND

**Liaison Office at
DARNALL GENERAL HOSPITAL
Danville, Kentucky**

19 September 1945

Lt. Robert B. Hermann
289 North High Street
Chillicothe, Ohio

Dear Lt. Hermann:

Please send me a detailed description of the circumstances surrounding your receipt of wounds which would entitle you to the award of the Purple Heart, in order that I may prepare a recommendation that the award be made here at this hospital in compliance with Letter, The Adjutant Generals Office, 12 September 1945, File AG 383.6 OB-S-A-SPGAM-M.

Delay in instituting this recommendation was necessitated by our having to await a transcript of decorations which you have received, which has just arrived.

Also I would like to know if both the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Clusters have been presented to you in formal ceremonies and also if you have received the actual medals.

Shoot this information back to me in a hurry so I can be sure to have all medals ready which you have not already received.

Yours truly,

EDWARD L. RICHMOND
Captain, Air Corps
AAF Hosp Liaison Off



JAG/csg/4415



IN REPLY REFER TO:

AGPO-P 201 Hermann, Robert B.
(23 May 45)WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

23 May 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion.

THRU: Commanding Officer
3rd Army Prisoner of War Enclosure 17
APO 403, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

TO: First Lieutenant Robert Burnard Hermann, 0660491, AUS

1. The President, on this date, promoted you to the grade of First Lieutenant, Air Corps Reserve, in the Army of the United States, under the provisions of Public Law 97, 77th Congress, and Section 37, National Defense Act, as amended.
2. Neither an acceptance nor an oath of office is necessary as this promotion will be regarded as having been accepted on this date. A commission evidencing this promotion will be issued. However, if you are serving overseas when this commission is mailed, it will be mailed to your nearest relative for safekeeping.
3. If you are now serving under a commission of an equivalent or higher temporary grade in the Army of the United States or in the Army of the United States-Air Corps, you will continue to serve under that commission.
4. Two copies of this letter are attached as this promotion will not be announced in War Department Special Orders.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Adjutant General.

2nd Lt ROBERT B. HIRSMANN
AIR MEDAL
306 B GP

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Commanding General

1 February 1943.

GENERAL ORDER)
NO.....11)

	SECTION
AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF AIR MEDAL * * * * *	I
AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS * * * * *	II
AWARDS OF AIR MEDAL * * * * *	III
AWARDS OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER * * * * *	IV
AMENDMENT TO G.O. #10, HQ. EIGHTH AIR FORCE 1943 * * * * *	V

I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 74, HQ., ETOUSA, 18 November 1942, the AIR MEDAL is awarded posthumously to the following named Officers.

EDWARD P. MYERS, O-23482, Major, 91st Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane, on five aerial combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 17 November, 18 November, 22 November, 6 December and 20 December 1942. The courage and skill displayed by Major Myers upon these occasions reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Petriya C. Myers, Tides Hotel, Reddington Beach, St. Petersburg, Florida.

PAPPY

CHARLES L. GRIMES, O-660486, 1st Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement while serving as Navigator on a B-17 airplane, on five aerial combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 7 November, 9 November, 17 November, 18 November and 9 December 1942. The courage and skill displayed by Lieutenant Grimes upon these occasions reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. G. L. Grimes, 517 East Jefferson Clinton, Missouri.

GROVER C. BENTINCK, O-726111, 2nd Lieutenant, 305th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement while serving as Bombardier on a B-17 airplane, on five aerial combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 17 November, 18 November, 22 November, 23 November and 6 December 1942. The courage and skill displayed by Lieutenant Bentinck upon these occasions reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs G. C. Bentinck, Jr., 347 West 55th Street, New York City, N.Y.

II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 74, HQ., ETOUSA, 18 November 1942, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named Officers.

YEA!

* ROBERT E. HERMANN, O-660491, 2nd Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement while serving as Navigator on a B-17 airplane, on five aerial combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 9 October, 7 November, 8 November, 9 November and 18 November, 1942. The courage and skill displayed by Lieutenant Hermann upon these occasions reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 289 N. High Street, Chillicothe, Ohio.

THEODORE A. JANKOWSKI, O-726247, 2nd Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement while serving as Co-Pilot on a B-17 airplane, on five aerial combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 9 October, 9 November, 11 November, 17 November and 12 December, 1942. The courage and skill displayed by Lieutenant Jankowski upon these occasions reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 28 Darrow Street, South River, New Jersey.

LEWIS P. JOHNSON, JR., O-661846, 2nd Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement while serving as Co-Pilot on a B-17 airplane, on five aerial combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 9 October, 7 November, 8 November, 9 November and 17 November, 1942. The courage and skill displayed by Lieutenant Johnson upon these occasions reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Crummies, Kentucky.

CARL G. JONES, O-725988, 2nd Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement while serving as Navigator on a B-17 airplane, on five aerial combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 9 October, 9 November, 14 November, 17 November and 18 November, 1942. The courage and skill displayed by Lieutenant Jones upon these occasions reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 1136 Hazel Avenue, Lima, Ohio.

STANLEY N. KISSENBERTH, O-726039, 2nd Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement while serving as Bombardier on a B-17 airplane, on five aerial combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 9 October, 7 November, 8 November, 9 November and 17 November, 1942. The courage and skill displayed by Lieutenant Kissenberth upon these occasions reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 34 W. Lynwood, Phoenix, Arizona.

ROBERT E. KYLIUS, O-726043, 2nd Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement while serving as Bombardier on a B-17 airplane, on five aerial combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 9 October, 9 November, 14 November, 17 November and 18 November, 1942. The courage and skill displayed by Lieutenant Kylius upon these occasions reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 802 Cedar Street, Yankton, South Dakota.

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1942.

PERSONNEL ORDERS)
NO. 123)

EXTRACT

49. The following-named Second Lieutenants, Army Air Forces Reserve, are rated AIRCRAFT OBSERVERS, (Aerial Navigators), under the provisions of Army Regulations 95-60, War Department, 1941, and paragraph 3 d (2) (e), Circular 50-10, Office of the Chief of the Air Corps, dated June 30, 1941 and as amended:

* * *
James Walter Knapp
John Warren Lauderdale
Warren Milner Lewis
John Robert Patterson
Victor Hugh Franco
Peter Jason Fryer
Harold Earl Gaslin
William John Gise, Jr.

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Charles Louis Grimes, Jr.
Patrick Louis Guglielmo
Forrest Dana Hartin
Robert Burnard Hermann
Regis John Newland
Bernard Lewis Otto
George Joseph Spelman

* * *
All orders in conflict with this order are revoked.

By command of Lieutenant General Arnold:

J. H. BEVANS,
Colonel, Army Air Forces
Director of Personnel.

OFFICIAL:

JOHN H. WALLS,
1st Lt., Army Air Forces,
Assistant Chief,
Military Personnel Division.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY

/S/ E. W. EARNEST
/T/ E. W. EARNEST
1st Lt., AAF
Assistant Secretary.

TRUE COPY:

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E. E. EBEL
1st Lt., A.A.F.

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BRANCH,
MILITARY PERSONNEL DIVISION, AGO.

Initials **RM**

Date **6 Nov 45**

RECORD OF AWARD OF DECORATION BY AGENCY OTHER THAN WAR DEPARTMENT

Last Name HERMANN	First Name ROBERT	Middle Initial B.	Serial No. 0-660491		Grade 1st Lt
Organization 306th Bomb Gp (H)			Foreign		Others
Headquarters 8th AF		Station or APO	C.O. No. 46	Section VIII	Date 17 Apr 43
Type of Award			Posthumous		DO NOT WRITE IN COLUMN BELOW
Oak-Leaf Clusters Air Medal		Number 1	Posthumous NO		
By Command of Maj. Gen. EAKER			Amended	Revoked	

CITATION

For meritorious achievement of the destruction of one enemy airplane, while serving as crewmen on a bombardment mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe. 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.

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS BRANCH,
MILITARY PERSONNEL DIVISION, ACO.

Initials **rn**

Date **6 Nov 45**

RECORD OF AWARD OF DECORATION BY AGENCY OTHER THAN WAR DEPARTMENT

Last Name HERMANN	First Name ROBERT	Middle Initial B.	Serial No. 0-660491		Grade 1st Lt
Organization 306th Bcmb Gp (H)			Foreign		Others
Headquarters 8th AF		Station or APO	C.O. No. 30	Section VI	Date 13 Mar 43
Type of Award			Posthumous		DO NOT WRITE IN COLUMN BELOW
Oak-Leaf Clusters Air Medal		Number 1	Posthumous No		
By Command of Maj. Gen. EAKER			Amended	Revoked	

CITATION

For exceptionally meritorious service while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by each of these Officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions was of the highest order and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

(See AR 40-100 and 40-105)

Instructions.—Unless otherwise prescribed, this form will be used for all physical examinations of officers, nurses, or warrant officers; applicants for appointment as such in the Regular Army, National Guard, or Officers' Reserve Corps; and enrollment in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Use typewriter if practicable. Attach plain additional sheets if required.

1. HERMANN Robert R. 0-660491
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number)

2. 1st Lt. 306th Bab Grp., A/C Age 26 Years of service 3
 (Grade) (Organization and arm or service) (Nearest birthday) (Whole number only)

3. Nature of examination ¹ Special Component of Army ² _____
 4. Typhoid vaccination. No. series completed _____ Last series _____, 19____
 5. Date of last smallpox vaccination 18 June 1945 Type of reaction _____
 6. Other vaccination or immunity tests Typhoid and Typhus - 18 June 1945
 7. Medical history ³ Head injury as result of sledding accident in 1932, but wasn't hospitalized.
Operation for deviated septum October 1941. Hospitalized for a short period
after liberation from German Prison Camp because of Malnutrition.

8. Eyes Normal - Myopic.
 Distant vision: Right 20/ 30 correctible to 20/ 20 by ⁴ Proper lenses
 (Snellen type) Left 20/ 30 correctible to 20/ 20 by ⁴ " "
 Near vision: Right J# 1 correctible to J# _____ by ⁴ _____
 (Jaeger type) Left J# 1 correctible to J# _____ by ⁴ _____
 Refraction ⁵ (under cycloplegic): Right _____ Left _____
 Color perception (red and green) ⁶ Normal

9. Ears
 Hearing (low conversational voice): Right 15/15/20 Left 15/15/20. Audiometer (percent loss): Right _____ Left _____

10. Nose and throat Normal

11. Teeth: ⁷ Right (Examinee's) Left
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Indicate: Restorable carious teeth by O; nonrestorable carious teeth
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 by /; missing natural teeth by X.
 Remarks, including other defects None Classification IV

Prosthetic dental appliances None

12. Posture Good Figure Medium Frame Medium
 (Excellent, good, fair, bad) (Slender, medium, stocky, obese) (Light, medium, heavy)

13. Temperature 98.6 Height 72 1/2 inches. Weight 171 pounds. Chest: Rest 35 inches; inspiration 37 inches;
 expiration 35 inches. Abdomen 31 inches.

14. Cardiovascular system: Heart Normal
 Blood pressure: S. 110, D. 65 Pulse: Rate—Sitting 72 Immediately after exercise 116
 Two minutes after exercise 78 Character Normal
 Arteries Normal Varicose veins None

15. Respiratory system Normal

16. X-ray of chest ⁸ Reported normal on 23 June 1945.

17. Skin and lymphatics Normal Endocrine system Normal

18. Bones, joints, and muscles Normal Feet Normal

19. Abdominal viscera Normal

20. Hernia Normal Hemorrhoids None

¹ Appointment, promotion, retirement, annual, active duty, special.
² Regular Army; National Guard; Officers' Reserve Corps; Reserve Officers' Training Corps.
³ If annual physical examination, record only for past year.
⁴ If annual physical examination, record only distant and near vision, and state whether defect is properly corrected.
⁵ When indicated.
⁶ Not required for annual physical examination.
⁷ If rejected for appointment in Regular Army because of malocclusion, send plaster models to the Surgeon General.
⁸ Required for candidates for commission.

21. Genito-urinary system Normal
 22. Nervous system Normal
 23. Laboratory procedures: Kahn ¹ Negative Wassermann ¹
 Urinalysis: Sp. gr. 1.024 Albumin Neg Sugar Neg.
 Microscopical (if indicated) ¹
 Other laboratory procedures

24. Remarks on defects not sufficiently described (See Psychiatric Examination.)

25. Corrective measures, or other action recommended Further Hospitalization in the Z of I

26. Is the individual permanently incapacitated for active service? Yes
 If yes, specify defect Psychosis

27. If applicant for appointment: Does he meet physical requirements? - Do you recommend acceptance with minor physical defects? - If rejection is recommended, specify cause

28. Examinee states he is not drawing a pension, disability allowance, or compensation or retired pay from the U. S. Government.
 If yes, state disability

H. W. RISK, Captain, M.C. Corps.
 (Name and grade)
96th (US) General Hospital (MP)
 (Place)
23 June 19 45
 (Date)
Jacques A. Mage Corps.
 (Name and grade)
Halley W. Snook, Major, M.C. Corps.
 (Name and grade)

1st Ind.²

Headquarters
 To the Commanding General
 Remarks and recommendations

..... (Name)
 (Grade) (Organization and arm or service)
 Commanding.

2d Ind.²
 19..... To The Adjutant General.

¹ Required for candidates for commission.
² State action taken on recommendations of the board. If incapacitated for active service, state whether action by retiring board is recommended



Army of the United States

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that

ROBERT B. HERMANN

"O 660 491;" CAPTAIN 1st Lt, Air Corps"

honorably served in active Federal Service

in the Army of the United States from

23 MAY 1942 to 20 DECEMBER 1945

Given at DARNALL GENERAL HOSPITAL, DANVILLE, KENTUCKY

on the 20th *day of* DECEMBER 19 45

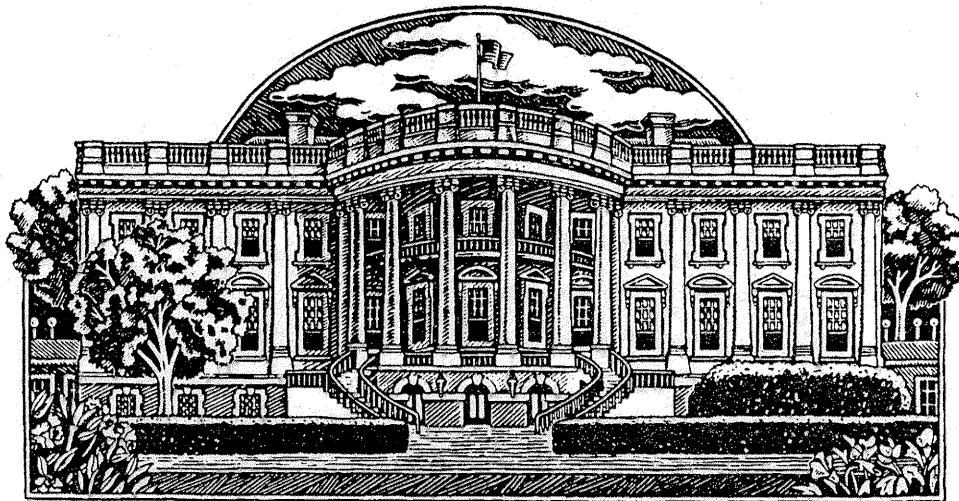
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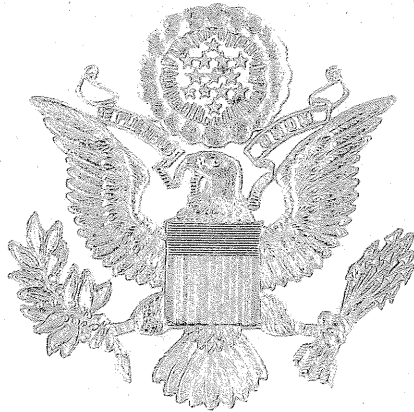
County Recorder

Frank H. Dixon
FRANK H. DIXON,
Colonel, Medical Corps,
Commanding.



The President has requested that the enclosed certificate be sent in memory of your beloved, deceased veteran. If this certificate contains an error, or arrives in an unacceptable condition, or if you wish additional certificates for other family members, please write to the following address:

*Office of Presidential Correspondence
Attention: Code VA-NCS
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500*



*The United States of America
honors the memory of*

Robert B. Hermann

*This certificate is awarded by a grateful
nation in recognition of devoted and
selfless consecration to the service
of our country in the Armed Forces
of the United States.*

George Bush
President of the United States

ARMY AIR FORCES
Certificate of Appreciation
FOR WAR SERVICE



TO

Robert B. Hermann

I CANNOT meet you personally to thank you for a job well done; nor can I hope to put in written words the great hope I have for your success in future life.

Together we built the striking force that swept the Luftwaffe from the skies and broke the German power to resist. The total might of that striking force was then unleashed upon the Japanese. Although you no longer play an active military part, the contribution you made to the Air Forces was essential in making us the greatest team in the world.

The ties that bound us under stress of combat must not be broken in peacetime. Together we share the responsibility for guarding our country in the air. We who stay will never forget the part you have played while in uniform. We know you will continue to play a comparable role as a civilian. As our ways part, let me wish you God speed and the best of luck on your road in life. Our gratitude and respect go with you.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "A. H. Arnold". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with prominent loops and flourishes.

COMMANDING GENERAL
ARMY AIR FORCES

Special Orders)
No. 240)

WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington, 8 October 1945

EXTRACT

Par. 15. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following named officers to the grades indicated in the AUS with rank fr date of this order:

1ST LT TO CAPT

ROBERT BURWARD HERMANN 0660491 AC

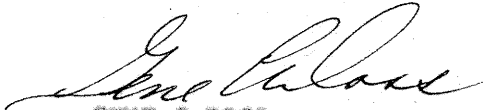
BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

OFFICIAL:

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General

G.C. MARSHALL
Chief of Staff

A TRUE COPY:


GENE C DOSS
1st Lt., Air Corps

HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR FORCES OFFICER REPLACEMENT POOL
Office of the Commanding Officer
830 West Broadway
Louisville 3, Kentucky

GCD:rlm

210.88

9 January 1946

SUBJECT: Certificate of Service

TO : Captain Robert B. Hermann, 0660491
289 N. High Street
Chillicothe, Ohio

1. Returned herewith your Certificate of Service and Promotion Orders. Certificate of Service corrected to read Captain.

2. Inasmuch as Darnall General Hospital has been inactivated, suggest you write the Fifth Service Command, Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, for information as to what Finance Office you may obtain the difference in your final pay.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls:

1. WD AGO Form 53-98 for
Capt. Hermann
2. WD SO 240 (4)

GENE C BOSS
1st Lt., Air Corps
Personnel Officer

HEADQUARTERS
GULF COAST AIR CORPS TRAINING CENTER
Office of the Commanding General

Randolph Field, Texas

May 23, 1942

In reply
refer to: AG 201 Hermann, Robert Burnard
(1-1-42)

Subject: Appointment under Section 37,
National Defense Act, as amended.

To: Aviation Cadet Robert Burnard Hermann
U.S.A. A O-660,491
Kelly Field, Texas

(Appointed 2nd Lt., Air-Res.)

1. The Secretary of War has directed me to inform you that the President has appointed and commissioned you in the Army of the United States, effective this date, in the grade and section shown in address above. Your serial number is shown after A.

2. You will not perform the duties of an officer under this appointment until specifically called to active duty by competent orders.

3. There is inclosed herewith a form for oath of office, which you are requested to execute and return promptly to the agency from which it was received by you. The execution and return of the required oath of office constitute an acceptance of your appointment. No other evidence of acceptance is required. This letter should be retained by you as evidence of your appointment.

By command of Major General Harmon:

STEPHEN F. TILLMAN
Adjutant General.

Inclosure:
Form for oath of office.

Corps Area: 5th

Date of Acceptance: May 23, 1942

Permanent Address: 289 North High

Chillicothe, Ohio

A TRUE COPY:

William M. Walters
WILLIAM M. WALTERS,
1st Lieut., Army Air Forces,
Personnel Officer.

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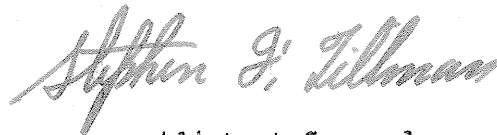
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Inclosure:

Adjutant General.

Form for oath of office.

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Date of Acceptance: MAY 23 1942

Permanent Address: 289 North High

Chillicothe, Ohio

WAR DEPARTMENT
MESSAGEFORM

Date 15 July 1945
Republic 6700
Telephone No. Ext. 79679

File No. _____

Office of origin AGO, Military Personnel Division Officers' Record PO-R
(Arm or service) (Division) (Branch) (Section) (Symbol)

Address Munitions Building, Washington 25, D. C. Room 1503

To:

Mr. Oscar H. Hermann
209 North High Street
Chillicothe, Ohio

PRECEDENCE		
WIRE OR RADIO	ESSENTIAL MILITARY MAIL	
Urgent	Air mail	X
Priority	Special delivery	
Routine	Ordinary	
Deferred	Registered	
Week end		
Any message not X'd for precedence will be sent "Deferred."		Initial of officer assigning precedence RWF/flt

MESSAGE:

Dear Mr. Hermann:

This is in reply to your telegram dated 12 July 1945, requesting information concerning your son, First Lieutenant Robert B. Hermann, Air Corps, 0660491.

The records of this office show that Lieutenant Hermann is enroute to the United States, however, there is no official report of his arrival as yet, but he will undoubtedly contact you when he arrives.

It is hoped the above information will relieve your present anxiety and that you will have some personal word from your son in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

Edward F. Wittsell
EDWARD F. WITSELL

Major General
Acting The Adjutant General
By: *MSB*

*Due to my disappearance on June 14, 1945
and placement in an N.P. Hospital.*

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
COLUMBUS**

Reg. Dist. No. 1132
Primary Reg. Dist. No. 8430

CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

State File No. _____
Registrar's No. 497

<p>1. PLACE OF BIRTH:</p> <p>(a) County <u>Ross</u></p> <p>(b) <u>Chillicothe</u> <small>(City, Village, Township)</small></p> <p>(c) Name of hospital or institution: <u>242 Cherry St.</u> <small>(If not in hospital or institution, give street or location)</small></p> <p>(d) Mother's stay before delivery: In hospital or institution _____ In this community _____ <small>(Specify whether years, months, or days)</small></p>	<p>2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER:</p> <p>(a) State <u>Ohio</u></p> <p>(b) County <u>Ross</u></p> <p>(c) City or village <u>Chillicothe</u> <small>(If outside city or village, write RURAL)</small></p> <p>(d) Street No. <u>242 Cherry St.</u> <small>(If rural, give location)</small></p>
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<p>3. FULL NAME OF CHILD <u>Robert Bernard Herrmann</u></p>	<p>4. DATE OF BIRTH <u>Dec. 25, 1918</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small></p>
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5. Sex: <u>Male</u>	6. Twin <u>Triplet</u>	If so—born 1st, 2d, or 3d	7. Number months of pregnancy	7a. Weight at birth	7b. Congenital malformation	8. Is mother married?
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<p align="center">FATHER OF CHILD</p> <p>9. Full name <u>Oscar Herrmann</u></p> <p>10. Color or race <u>White</u></p> <p>11. Age at time of this birth <u>26</u> yrs.</p> <p>12. Birthplace <u>Ohio</u> <small>(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)</small></p> <p>13. Usual occupation <u>Machinist</u></p> <p>14. Industry or business</p>	<p align="center">MOTHER OF CHILD</p> <p>15. Full maiden name <u>Beatrice Burlile</u></p> <p>16. Color or race <u>White</u></p> <p>17. Age at time of this birth <u>20</u></p> <p>18. Birthplace <u>Ohio</u> <small>(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)</small></p> <p>19. Usual occupation <u>Housewife</u></p> <p>20. Industry or business</p> <p>21. Children born to this mother not including this child <u>1</u></p> <p>(a) How many other children of this mother are now living? <u>1</u></p> <p>(b) How many other children were born alive but are now dead? <u>0</u></p> <p>(c) How many children were born dead? <u>0</u> <small>(The total of a-b-c should equal Item 21)</small></p>
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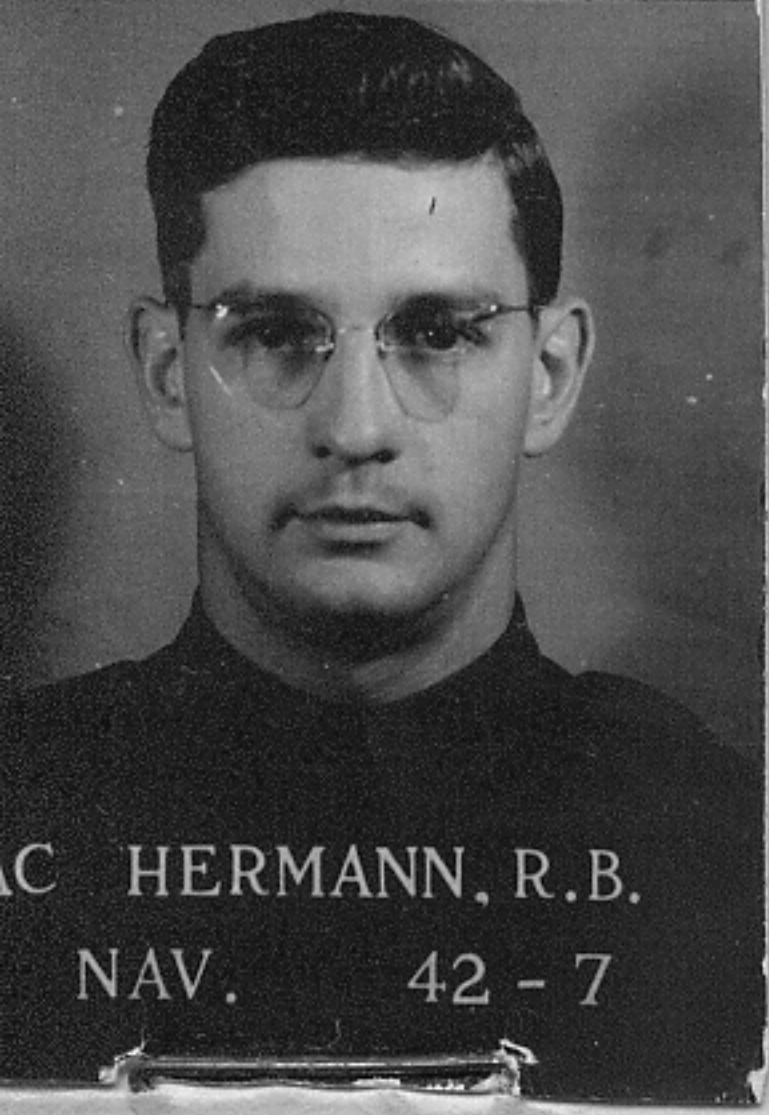
24. I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child who was born alive at the hour of 8:30 A.M. on the date above stated and that the information given was furnished by Beatrice Herrmann related to this child as mother

<p>25. Registrar's signature <u>Philip Seward</u></p> <p>26. Date received by local registrar <u>Jan. 9, 1919</u></p>	<p>Signature <u>C. D. Leggett, M. D.</u> <small>(Specify if physician, licensed midwife or other)</small></p> <p>Address <u>74 E. Second St., Chillicothe, O.</u></p> <p>Date signed _____</p>
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Do not write in this space

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of _____
 Certificate on file in this office.
E. Miller
 LOCAL REGISTRAR

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
THIS CERTIFICATE SHALL BE PRINTED LEGIBLY OR TYPEWRITTEN IN UNFADING INK.
N. B.—In case of more than one child at a birth, a SEPARATE RETURN must be made for each, and the number of each child, in order of birth, stated.
 V.S. 3



HERMANN, R.B.
NAV. 42-7

AIR CORPS ADVANCED FLYING SCHOOL

Kelly Field, Texas

Aviation Cadet (Nav)

Name Hermann, R. B. (42-7)

Dept. ~~Av. Cadet Det.~~

Address Kelly Field, Texas

is authorized to enter U. S.
Military Reservation at Kelly
Field, Texas.

Dale L. Harmon

CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS
Signature
COMMANDANT

Duplicate

*Carl J. Frey
Chief Clerk Ross Co Board #1*

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that in accordance with the
Selective Service Proclamation of the President of the United States

ROBERT BERNARD HERMANN
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

289 N. High St. Chillicothe Ross, O
(No. and street or R. F. D. No.; city or town, county and State)

has been duly registered this 16 day of Oct, 1940

T G WATSON
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Ohio State University, Col's Ohio
(Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

BE ALERT { Keep in touch with your Local Board.
Notify Local Board immediately of change of address.

CARRY THIS CARD WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES

Robert B. Hermann
(Registrant must sign here)



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, MAY 11, 1942
HAS AWARDED

THE AIR MEDAL

and Two Oak Leaf Clusters

TO

CAPTAIN ROBERT B. HERMANN, 0660491
Air Corps, Army of the United States

FOR

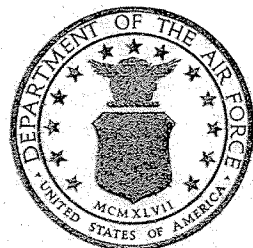
MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT
WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT

European Theater of Operations

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS 10th DAY OF April 1950

Colonel, USAF
Air Adjutant General



SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

Timeline of Service

Captain Robert B Hermann

8th Army Air Corp, 306th Bomb Group, 367th Bomb Squadron

Navigator Boeing B-17F-30-BO, #42-5130, **Sweet Pea**, Pilot, Capt. John L Ryan

From: 289 North High Street, Chillicothe, Ohio

Born: 25 Dec 1918

Died: 22 July 1990 Elgin, IL

Buried: Arlington National Cemetery, Washing DC, Section 70 Grave #1821

Serial Number: 0-660491

- 6 Dec 1941, Enlisted as Aviation Cadet Fort Hayes Columbus Ohio
- 11 Dec 1941, Basic training at Ellington Field Texas
- 7 Feb 1942, Navigation School, Kelly Field Teas
- 23 May 1943, Commissioned 2nd Lt
- 9 June 1942, Assigned to 306th Bomb group at Wendover Air Field Utah
- 6 Aug 1942, Transferred to Westover Air Field MA
- 5 Sept 1942 – 8 Sept 1942, Flew overseas to Thurleigh England,
- 31 Dec 1942, Promoted to 1st Lt
- 6 Mar 1943, Shot down on mission to Lorient France, MACR- 15568
- 8 Mar to 17 Mar1943, Sent to Dulag III Frankfort Germany for interrogation
- 20 Mar to 8 Apr 1943, Sent to Oflag 21B
- Apr 1943 to Jan 1945, POW Stalag Luft III, Sagan Germany (now Zagan Poland)
- Jan 1945, Marched to Stalag VII A, Mossburg Germany
- 29 Apr 1945, Liberated
- 16 July 1945, Returned to USA
- 8 Oct 1945, Promoted to Captain
- 20 Dec 1945, Discharged Danville Ky.

Missions List:

9 Oct 1942, Lille France (Pilot Capt. John Ryan)

7 Nov 1942, Brest France

8 Nov 1942, Lille France (Pilot Capt. Lambert)

9 Nov 1942, St. Nazaire France

14 Nov 1942, St. Nazaire France

18 Nov 1942, La Pallice France

22 Nov 1942, Lorient France

12 Dec 1942, Rouen France

20 Dec 1942, Romilly-sur-Seine France

Timeline of Service

Missions List: (Cont.)

27 Jan 1943, **Wilhelmshaven Germany (First Over Germany)**

2 Feb 1943, Hamm Luxembourg

27 Feb 1943, Brest France

6 Mar 1943, Lorient France (Shot Down)

Note: Claimed shooting down 3 enemy aircraft

Medals/Awards:

- Distinguished Flying Cross (for action on 12 DEC 42 mission)
- Air Metal with 2 Oak leaf Clusters, 1 Feb 1943, 17 Apr 1943, 13 Mar 1943
- Purple Heart with one with Oak Leaf Cluster, 20 Dec 1942 & 6 Mar 1943,
- American Campaign with one Bronze Service Star
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign with one Bronze Service Star
- American Defense
- World War II Victory
- Prisoner of War, Stalag Luft III Mar 1943 to Apr 1945