

Henry J. "Hank" Larwig - Military Record Summary

Researched & compiled in January 2009 by Lillian Larwig, wife.

Walter "Walt" Keilt pilot 368th Sqdr, a/c B-17G # 42-37943 "Weary Bones", crew: Rene C Fix co-pilot, Shelby L Tanner navigator, Howard L Harmston bombardier, Henry J "Hank" Larwig engineer/top turret gunner, George J "Shorty" Allen radio, Phillip Vaught ball turret gunner, William "Bill" Wiersma waist gunner, James P "Smitty" Smith waist gunner, Raymond D "Mike" Kemp tail gunner

Enlisted: U.S. Army Air Force, September 16, 1942, rank Pvt

Basic Training: Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, TX, 3 months

Airplane Mechanical School: Amarillo, TX, completed March 7, 1943

B-17 Specialist School: Boeing Plant, Seattle, WA, completed April 23, 1943, rank Cpl

Gunnery School: Kingman, AZ, completed June 21, 1943, rank Sgt

Flight Training: San Angelo & Dalhart, TX, completed September 1, 1943, rank S/Sgt

Crew Formation: B-17 Crew for overseas duty, Grand Island, NE, Oct, 1943, rank T/Sgt

Depart for Overseas Duty: Refuel in Maine, Oct, 1943

Continue Travel for Overseas Duty: Refuel in Iceland, Oct 1943

Arrived in England, October 27, 1943

Combat Assignment: European Theater of Operations (ETO), Station 111, Thurleigh, England, November 15, 1943 to August 13, 1944

Combat: completed 30th Mission flown May 26, 1944, total 251 hours

Non-combat: 35 Missions flown, total 84 hours

Flying Experience: One year, 3 months

Returned to Continental U.S.: Lowery Field, CO, 1944

Rest & Recuperation: Santa Monica, CA, September 18, 1944

Start as Aircraft Instructor: Chanute Field, Rantoul, IL, September 24, 1944

Married: Lillian Intemann, December 28, 1944

(Lived off base in Urbana, IL, then Champaign, IL while serving at Chanute Field. Also went to Philadelphia, PA for six weeks of schooling. Lil took the train with Hank, lived in one room in a two-story house. Ate meals at a cafeteria two blocks from rooming house. Two other soldiers from Chanute Field also went on the training mission)

Honorable Discharge: Sheppard Field, September 29, 1945, rank T/Sgt