



**Honorable Discharge**

*This is to certify that*

JAMES H JORGESEN 17 123 236 Technical Sergeant

425th Army Air Force Base Unit

**Army of the United States**

*is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military service of the United States of America.*

*This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful Service to this country.*

*Given at*

SEPARATION CENTER Gowen Field Boise Idaho

*Date*

23 September 1945

State of Nebraska ) ss  
Book as County

Recorded *Oct 1* 19*45*

*John Hewitt*  
County Clerk

*Edward A Crouchley*  
EDWARD A CROUCHLEY  
Major Air Corps

this is a true copy of the original Discharge as presented to us.

*Thomas J. ...*



**ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION  
HONORABLE DISCHARGE**

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1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <b>Jorgensen James H</b>		2. ARMY SERIAL NO. <b>17 123 236</b>	3. GRADE <b>T/Sgt</b>	4. LINE OF SERVICE <b>AC</b>	5. COMPONENT <b>AUS</b>
6. ORGANIZATION <b>425th AAF Base Unit</b>		7. DATE OF SEPARATION <b>23 Sept 45</b>	8. SEPARATION CENTER <b>Separation Center Cowan Fld Boise Ida</b>		
9. PRESENT HOME ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES <b>1936 So 50 Ave Omaha Nebr</b>		10. DATE OF BIRTH <b>14 Aug 20</b>	11. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Omaha Nebr</b>		
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE RECEIVED <b>4961 Center St Omaha Nebr</b>		13. COLOR EYES <b>Brown</b>	14. COLOR HAIR <b>Brown</b>	15. HEIGHT <b>5'9 1/2"</b>	17. NO. DEPENDENTS <b>2</b>
16. RACE <b>W</b>	18. MARRIAGE STATUS <b>Y</b>	19. U.S. CITIZEN <b>Y</b>	20. VENTURE OCCUPATION AND NO. <b>Power Shovel Operator</b>		

**MILITARY HISTORY**

21. DATE OF INDUCTION <b>29 Sept 42</b>	22. DATE OF DISCHARGE <b>29 Sept 42</b>	23. CALL OF INDUCTION/ACTIVITY <b>Omaha Nebr</b>	24. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE <b>Omaha Nebr</b>
25. MILITARY SERVICE DATA <b>5</b>	26. LOCAL ADDRESS <b>Douglas Nebr</b>	27. COUNTY AND STATE <b>Sec 9</b>	28. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE <b>Sec 9</b>
29. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. <b>Aerial Engineer Gunner 743</b>		30. SELECTED/PROBATIONARY GRADES (List in order of attainment from lowest to highest) <b>Marksmen Carbine 3 Dec 43</b>	
31. THEATERS AND CAMPAIGNS <b>Rome Arno Theater Air Combat (Balkans) CO 33 WD 45</b>			
32. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS <b>DPC CO 926 15AF 44 AM CO 226 15AF 44 OLC to AM CO 506 15AF 44 2d OLC to AM CO 923 15AF 44 3rd OLC to AM CO 1438 15AF 44 4th OLC to AM CO 1440 15AF 44 5th OLC to AM CO 1873 15 AF 44 Unit Citation CO 86 WD 44</b>			
33. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION <b>None</b>			

34. LATEST IMMUNIZATION ENTERED		35. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. AND RETURN	
34a. SMALLPOX	34b. TETANUS	35a. DATE OF DEPARTURE	35b. DATE OF RETURN
<b>18 Nov 43</b>	<b>18 Nov 43</b>	<b>11 Nov 42</b>	<b>11 Nov 42</b>
36. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE		37. HIGHEST GRADE HELD	
36a. CONTINENTAL SERVICE	36b. FOREIGN SERVICE	37. GRADE	
<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	
		<b>T/Sgt</b>	

38. PRICE SERVICE  
**None**

FOR CONVENIENCE, A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY NO. **6297-1068** HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION TO BE USED FOR THE FUTURE REQUEST OF ANY GUARANTY OR INSURANCE BENEFIT UNDER TITLE 38 OF THE SERVICEMEN'S READJUSTMENT ACT OF 1944, AS AMENDED, THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO THE PERSON TO WHOM THIS SEPARATION PAPER WAS ISSUED.

39. CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT AR **615-365**

40. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED	41. GRADE	42. POINTS	43. CREDIT
<b>AF Mech ACTS Keesler Fld Miss Aerial Gnr Laredo Tex</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

**PAY DATA**

44. MONTHLY PAY (Basic Pay)	45. MONTHLY PAY (Total Pay)	46. GRADE POINTS	47. GRADE PAY	48. TOTAL AMOUNT, NAME OF SUGGESTED OFFICER
<b>300 00</b>	<b>300 00</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>65 40</b>	<b>\$238 27 E V BROWN Capt FD</b>

**INSURANCE NOTICE**

49. DATE OF SEPARATION	50. DATE OF BIRTH	51. PREMIUM RATE	52. INTENTION OF VETERAN (S)
<b>30 Sept 45</b>	<b>31 Oct 45</b>	<b>6 60</b>	<b>X</b>

53. SERVICE (List reason for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Instruction)

**Lapel Button Issued  
Authorized Air Crew Member Badge AAF Reg 35-30**

54. SIGNATURE OF VETERAN	55. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization)
<i>James H. Jorgensen</i>	<b>F E CONRAD CWO USA</b>

DD FORM 1300, 1 NOVEMBER 1944

This form superseded all previous editions of WW Form 43 and 48 for equipment models acquired in the Hawaiian Islands, which will not be used after receipt of this revision.



15th AAF IN ITALY -- T/Sgt. James H. Jorgensen, 23, whose wife, Mrs. James Jorgensen, lives at Benton, Washington, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, it was announced by 15th Army Air Force Headquarters..

In the words of the citation, Sgt. Jorgensen was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross "for outstanding achievement in aerial flight as crew member of a B-24 type aircraft. While participating in a bombing mission against a vital enemy aircraft factory in Italy, this outstanding crew, with complete disregard for their own personal safety and almost unsurmountable odds, successfully dropped their bombs on the vital industrial target following a serious mid-air collision which resulted in the loss of their tail turret, the complete destruction of the left rudder and stabilizer and other severe structural damage to the ship. Courageously remaining at their positions, despite the imminent danger that their aircraft would spin out of control, each man coolly performed his duties in an effort to bring their ship safely to base. Through their exceptional teamwork, these men succeeded in the seemingly impossible task of bringing their stricken plane through enemy territory under constant threat of enemy fighter attack, for a safe landing at base without further damage or injury to aircraft or crew".

Sgt. Jorgensen is stationed in Italy with a 15th AAF Liberator Bombardment group. A top turret gunner, he has taken part in successful attacks on such enemy held targets as the Me-109 factories at Bad Voslau, for which outstanding performance his group received special commendation from higher headquarters. Other targets hit have included the oil fields of Ploesti, Rumania, airdromes and railroad yards in Italy, France, Rumania, Austria, and Yugoslavia. He entered the service on September 29, 1942. He is the son of H. L. Jorgensen, 1226 So. 50th Avenue, Omaha, Nebr.

Jack you can keep this copy. I made it for you so you would have one.. Be good and take good care of yourself.

Betts

# United States Army



## Army Air Forces

*Be it known that*

SERGEANT JAMES HARRY JOHNSON

*has satisfactorily completed the course of instruction*

*prescribed for*

**AERIAL GUNNERS**

*at the*

**LAREDO ARMY AIR FIELD**

*School.*

*In testimony whereof and by virtue of vested authority*

*I do confer upon him this*

**DIPLOMA**



*Given at* **LAREDO, TEXAS** *this* **SEVENTH** *day*  
*of* **AUGUST** *in the year of our Lord one thousand*  
*nine hundred and* **FORTY-THREE**

*William H. Hanson*

*Attest*

*Louis H. Haring*  
LOUIS H. HARING  
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS  
SECRETARY

WILLIAM H. HANSON  
LT. COLONEL, AIR CORPS  
COMMANDANT





*For Valor*

FROM THE  
ARMY AIR FORCES  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS

*It is with great personal pride that I present this certificate to  
T/Sgt. James H. Jorgenson 17123236 Gunner  
who, having been engaged in 51 combat missions in the  
Mediterranean theatre in air battles of great intensity, has  
gallantly and repeatedly carried the offensive against heavy  
opposition to the heart of the enemy and has, by his unfaltering  
courage, earned the gratitude and praise of his fellow -  
countrymen, as well as his Commander.*

*Joseph Cannon*  
Lieutenant General U.S. Army  
Commanding

Dear Folks Jan. 8, 1944

Just a few lines tonight  
Maybe the last for a while  
Getting the blue yonder  
soon so it will be a little  
while till you hear from  
me again

Every thing is fine. Have  
been awful busy though

Got a telegram from  
Betty today. Said she had  
tripped to see Edith & Cybil  
with a gal. Sure thinks  
lot of the family. Guess  
she is yours for a while  
Said she didn't want  
to go back to Wash.

I know you will  
treat her fine

and I'll really appreciate  
it and will make it all  
up to you when I get  
back.

Weather here has cleared  
here but is rather chilly.  
I guess the pilot wants to  
name our ship Betty  
bet. after his wife. Just  
a coincidence but it will  
be named after mine to.

Well folks I imagine  
my Betty is home by now  
and she has probably told  
you all about me so I'll  
close. Hope this finds you  
all ok. I am fine & set  
for the future so please  
don't worry about  
me for I am going to



be OK.

I imagine Betty will  
 feel kind of sad when  
 she gets there so Mom I  
 know she will have a few  
 tears to shed as they were  
 rolling pretty free when  
 she left. Brace her up  
 a little please.

I'll close

Write soon

Lots of love Jim

I'll write as soon as I  
 can. Don't worry.

Tell all I said  
 hello.