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8th Edition: 63rd, 64th, 65th, 403rd, Hdqs Squadrons, August 1983

HOW 43rd MEMBERS;

Andy  
We are going to try to pack as much news as we can in this letter, and the rest will be taken up by Al ANDERSON'S reunion schedule. The reunion is definately going to set some kind of a record for the 43rd as far as attendance goes. As of July 30th, Andy has 256 confirmed, counting wives, and that shows every promise of going higher.

Word has been recieved from JAY ZEAMER, Lt Col ret., 403rd Medal of Honor winner, that he hopes to attend the 83 reunion. BOB BUTLER had recent visit with E.P. "LUCKY" STEVENS in New Jersey, and FATHER THOMAS SHEA in Conn. He also talked on phone to FRANK WAYSSE in N.Y., JOHN ROCHE in New Haven, and JOHN PASTERNAK in New Hamp.

GEORGE ACHESON of Dover, Mass. recently sent 5 names of members who came to 43rd from New England area, all in ordinance. We have so many vets from this part of the country, we need to have a reunion soon in the East, which furnished so many of the early 43rd elements. Two postcards have been recieved from JOSE HOLGUIN, 65th, who is back in New Guinea in efforts to retrieve members of his crew who crashed in jungle near Rabaul in 1943. HOLGUIN is also active in efforts to create a 5th AF memorial & museum in New Guinea.

J.C."CHUNKY" WILFERT, 63rd, Crowley, La. was happy to hear from HARRY STALEY, his pilot, from Batavia, N.Y. Staley was Deputy CO of 43rd on 2nd tour. He has been sick, but sent BOB BUTLER a diary of his 1st tour and good wishes for the reunion. Nice letter from wife of EUGENE MILLER, he is too sick to communicate. He was a member of the 403rd, now living in Bella Vista, Ark.; she sent in dues for newsletters and asked to be remembered by all his old buddies.

BOB SAUSVILLE, 65th, is in antique clocks business in Bennington, Vt. PAUL BAUER, 403rd, works for Bell Helicopter Textion in Dallas, Tx. He sends greetings and says he will attend after retirement in 2 years. JOE PECORARO, 403rd, is optician in Flushing, N.Y., and sends best regards to all. BILL EATON has moved from PA to Denton, Tx., and sends in good historical items. JIM MURPHY, 63rd, Huntsville, AL. will be celebrating his 40th wedding anniversary on board the QM.

Our good friends BRIAN BENNETT from Rabaul, and BRUCE HOY from Port Moresby hope to be at reunion as guests of JOSE HOLGUIN, also FREDDIE BLAIR, 63rd, from Australia. "DUTCH" BENDETTI would like to locate a pilot named BOB FULLER, who was his tent-mate at Mareeba. He is from the Fuller Brush family.

WALTER HAYS, 64th, Middletown, Ca. says he was known as "Grandpa", he was 34 years old in 1943. DALE BARR, 403rd, can't make reunion, but says its nice that the big dinner is on his birthday, Oct 1st. We are sorry that many, for health or personal reasons can't come. They all wish us a happy time at the reunion, and maybe next year the meeting will be closer to home for you.

NOTE: To those of you who are listed as "Squadron Unknown", send a note to LLOYD BOREN at Dealer Computer Service, P.O. Box 15036, San Antonio, Tx 78212 for correction on roster.

DEPARTED COMRADES

CHARLES TIPPING 403rd	FRANK SINKEVITCH 403rd	HAL HARTSON 63rd
LOU BARONE 403rd	JOHN MC SWEENY HDQS	HAL GRAHAM HDQS

The following is a partial list of members attending QM.

ROGER VARGAS	F. E. NICKEL	LUCKY STEVENS	J.A. HOLT	JIM PETTUS
WILLIAM BRYAN	PHIL HOFFECKER	EMIL LANGE, JR.	BOB AUGUSTINE	JOHN BORTELL
CHARLES PARKER	GEORGE HUNTER	F.V. JASTRZEMSKI	GLEN REAM	RALPH PAULSON
RALPH POWELL	BILL WILSON	JOHN PRESTON	ED FEILLE	A. M. DAVID
JOE HIRSH	LLOYD MORGAN	NORM FRIEDBERG	LOU ALPE	JOE NIECE
FRED MC ALISTER	ROBERT DEUPRES	HARRY BRADLEY	JOSE HOLGUIN	TYSON BARNES
RICHARD BELL	BOB BUTLER	WADE KEHR	HAROLD JOHNSON	TED EOFF
DON KING	ROBERT MC LARTY	LOUIS MOLIN	JOE CHEPULIS	SID LEE
ED GAMMILL	JIM MURPHY	ART TASSONI	LARRY DE RUSHA	ART HANE
BILL WELCH	"RADAR" HOOVER	CHRIS SUNDERMAN	MARSHALL NELSON	GERALD NEWMAN
TONY IAMPIETRO	RUSS SEDERBERG	BILL DAVIS	ROBERT CUTLER	BILL DIETZ
HARRY URBAN	AL HAAS	BILL CHURCH	PHIL WELCH	LLOYD BOREN
ROBERT WALTERS	J.S. MC CREA	DICK WOOD	DR. ALBERT CARP	HUGH HIMES
HOWARD WAUGH JR.	ART MULLIGAN	CHRIS SLONE	FRED COOKE	E. J. JAMES
Y. ROWE	EARL RESHAW	"BUCKSHOT" SINCLAIR	DON BAKER	KENNETH HAYDEN
ROBERT DE MARIA	JOHN BERKEY	WALDO SCHAUWEKER	K. L. DAWSON	MAX AXELSEN
BOB BEAUDEAN, SR.	CYRUS MICHAELS	ROBERT HALL	DAVE MELICK	WALT SISMLICH
A. FISCHER	BILL STAMPER	JAMES DALY	JOHN LOMBARD	MAX OSBORN

FRED GROSCH	HESTON MC DONNELL	GEORGE B. GREEN	ELLIOTT DRESDEN	WILLIAM H. JONES
GEORGE MATTHIESEN	DR. MILTON GUSACK	CHUCK DOWNER	MIKE BACHI	CHARLES SULLIVAN
JOHN ROCHE	TOM DOYLE	CHARLES MARVEL	JIMMY DIEFFENDERFER	TOM JAMISON
ALLEN NELSON, JR.	ED JOHNSON	FATHER THOS. SHEA	TONY DE ANGELIS	WILLIAM SCHRIEVER
HARLEY HAYDEN	HERBERT BRUNE	C. LLOYD ANDERSON	ODIS CLEERE	CLAUDE SACHSE
JOHN E. TAYLOR	FRED WILSON	FOLMER SOGAARD	EUGENE C. JACKSON	ROBERT GOODWIN
"SWIFTY" PRIFTI	FRANK WAYSSSE	RICHARD PATTON	AL. HARCLORODE	CHRIS PARR
BILL LAIRD	HOWARD BLANDING	KEN EIDEN	HARRY HAWTHORNE	NELSON BROUILLETTE

### MORE NEWS ITEMS

MAURICE WHITWORTH, 403rd, Girard, IL, was good enough to send us Squadrons on 5 unknowns. And of course, ANDY ANDERSON has supplied us with new names, 3 from the 63rd who are coming to the reunion. Andy indicates a lot of good publicity about the reunion, also some rivalry for certain cabins on the Queen Mary. He also just got back from the QM where he had a mini-reunion with ROGER VARGAS and wife, ED FEILLE and wife PAT, FRED CHEUVRONT, and GEORGE MATTHIESEN. Pat Feille is an artist, and is going to paint Squadron Emblems of the 63rd Seahawk design, and the 65th Moosehead design. GEORGE HUNTER has already painted the 64th "Indian riding a bomb with a telescope in hand" design. It is hoped that someone will paint the 403rd emblem. How about it 403rd. Incidentally, the designs are about 2'x 2' in size. Had a very nice letter from GEORGE O. ANDERSON, Blairstown, N.J., who is going to try to make the reunion, and sends best wishes to all.

One last appeal for those of you who have never responded. We had quite a good response from the 1 newsletter, but not enough by far. WE NEED TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE RECEIVING AND WANT TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER. While the \$10.00 dues are needed, they are NOT necessary to receive the Newsletter, but we must know that you are interested in receiving the letter, and we would especially appreciate any news items you can send us that we can use in the newsletters. Let us know whats happened to you since 43, if you do, what your hobbies are, old buddies you may know. You would be surprised at the tremendous interest these small items generate.

We would also like all of you who live in or near a metropolitan area to contact your local media and arrange for notices in papers, on radio and on TV about the upcoming reunion. This never fails to get new members who may have had no prior knowledge of the 43rd Assn. You may have them contact me, BOB BUTLER, 511 FOREST LAKE RD., FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28305, or LLOYD BOREN, 102 BEECHWOOD, UNIVERSAL CITY, TX 78148, or if you wish, have them contact you.

THE BEST TO ALL OF YOU, AND HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE QUEEN MARY

BOB BUTLER

### A REUNION

by Andy Anderson

### THE R.M.S. QUEEN MARY AND THE FABULOUS 43RD BOMB GROUP

In 1969 a book was written entitled R.M.S. QUEEN MARY, "QUEEN OF QUEENS". The author summarizes his feelings about the ship in this fashion: "A ship that survived a depression, a war, and a scrapyard; a ship that was a floating Taj Mahal; a ship that carried more Americans than Englishmen; a ship that carried the poorest of the poor. and the richest of the rich... A living legend in our times."

A romance has developed... A love affair between this grand old lady and the thousands of GIs who rode her to war or return. The 43rd Bomb Group spent "40 days and 40 nights" aboard her and traveled 19,000 miles early in 1942. That voyage is known as the "Queen Mary One"... The first time she was used as an American troop ship... But not the last.

I have had many letters and phone calls from all over the country, and I will try to answer your questions. First, I will repeat the dates: Sept 30, Oct 1,2,3. If you don't have a reservation envelope, write to the Queen Mary, P.O.Box 8, Long Beach, CA 90801. After Sept 1, call (213)435-3511 for confirmation by phone. MENTION 43rd BOMB GROUP or else you will be charged almost double the \$46 single, \$54 double guaranteed price. Send check for FIRST NIGHTS lodging, add 6% city tax. To date we have booked about 125 rooms... over 200 remain. If the QM runs out of rooms, call Queens Way Hilton (213)435-7676. The Hilton is within walking distance of the Queen Mary. Next best bet is the Hyatt Regency (213)491-1234.

The City of Long Beach has built a new RV park near the Queen Mary. For reservations, call (213)432-2194 or contact me for a packet of information. I think ART HANE and JOHN TAYLOR, our Oklahoma buddies, already have reservations. I now encourage travel by RV.

The Sat Oct 1 dinner dance is INFORMAL DRESS, and all other functions are VERY CASUAL. Weather will be sunny but cool when the sun goes down because the ocean temp. is a constant 65 degrees. Leave your raincoat at home! Be prepared to pay by check or cash \$30.00 per person for the dinner-dance (no credit cards) at the registration desk. This will cover the New York steak dinner, orchestra, tax, tip, security, coffee for meetings.. I will establish a check clearing account at a Long Beach bank that is open on Saturday. Try to pay before noon because the bank closes at 1:00 PM.

By the time you receive this mailing, I expect to have 300 reservations counting wives and guests... I now have 265, and hope to get 500. But I have a problem. Over half of the post cards mailed out are not in. All I need now is your BEST ESTIMATE of whether you can come or not. All it will cost you to change your mind later is a 20 cent stamp. If you lost your card, send me a letter. I must know how many steak dinners to prepare... Otherwise you may have to eat C-Ration stew or cold Spam sandwiches... Or S.O.S.

I am sending no map. I don't think its necessary. The Queen Mary is located at the South end of the Long Beach Freeway (Route 7). All major highways into the Los Angeles area intersect Route 7. Just go as far South as you can go on the Long Beach Freeway.

For air travelers: Air America, United, and American serve Long Beach airport. I think TWA is preparing to serve Long Beach. Some "local service" airlines like PSA or AirCal probably do also. I think United's only service is via Denver. I mention this for convenience. For best price, you may have to fly into Los Angeles Intl. Airport (LAX). This airport is being remodeled and enlarged to accomodate the 1984 Summer Olympics. There is considerable confusion due to construction. Just be patient and allow a little extra time to get out of the airport. For transportation to the Queen Mary from any airport. call SUPERSHUTTLE at 777-8000. Their phone number is posted at all BAGGAGE CLAIM COUNTERS. At LAX, you must wait at the traffic island at the Bus Stop sign for your SUPERSHUTTLE bus....DO NOT wait at the curb where cars and taxis load.

I will repeat an earlier offer. Those of you who are handicapped, or might need help... Please write or call me to let me know your airline flight number and time of arrival and you will be met at the airport.

My wife, Marcella, and I have been enjoying your many post cards and letters. We have been saddened by notices of illness or death, and have been gladdened when your message did contain good news. Some of you have a great sense of humor. Here is the one I like best: CHRIS SLONE wrote from Kentucky; "Will be there if I am not shot down over Little Rock or Phoenix". My answer is this: We have "friendly natives" in Arizona and Arkansas if shot down there. I am sorry that I cannot provide fighter cover... Just fly a tight formation men, no stragglers.... Also RUSS SEDERBERG, (HQ) who is coming from Washington wrote; "Sure hope the rest of the fellows are as young as I am"!

All persons coming should write to Long Beach Area Convention & Visitors Council, 300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802. or call (213)436-3645 and ask for their free Long Beach Visitors Guide. It contains 48 pages printed in color, and is very good. It will be sent by 3rd class mail, so hurry!

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#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR QUEEN MARY REUNION WITH KEN'S MEN

##### Friday, September 30

Beginning at noon. Check in, registration, WINDSOR ROOM and GRAND SALON. Coffee and visiting. Use this day if possible to take a tour of the ship and visit the Spruce Goose, Howard Hugh's gigantic flying boat. For those staying aboard the QM, these tours are free. For others, tickets are available at a booth near the Spruce Goose exhibit dome at \$6.00 each or \$8.00 for both. Meals are available at restaurants aboard the ship and in the London Village adjacent to the ship.

##### Friday night

Registration desk will be open till 9 p.m. Informal Squadron meetings, and plane crew meetings. Free time.

##### Saturday, Oct 1

Continued registration, WINDSOR ROOM. Desk opens at 8 a.m. Have an early breakfast at the Promenade Cafe. GRAND SALON: Morning meeting of all men starting at 9:30 a.m. with self introductions. 10 a.m. election of officers and discussion of next year's reunion site and date. Discussion of proposed 5th Air Force Memorial for New Guinea by JOSE HOLGUIN and other supporters. Break for lunch at 12:30 p.m. (Ladies, while the men are busy, shop for a souvenir to take home at the Picadilly Shops aboard ship, or brouse around the London Village adjacent to the ship. Many interesting shops to visit )

SHIP'S THEATRE: Afternoon session beginning at 1:45 p.m. Welcome by ship's captain, Captain John Gregory. Resume meeting with movies and slide photos by JOSE HOLGUIN of his POW experiences and recovery of remains of his crewmen and plane lost for 40 years. Ladies and guests will like to attend this session. 3:30 p.m. Free time begins. Exchange photographs, tour the ship, tour the Spruce Goose, visit friends. Registration desk will be open till 4 p.m.

FLAMENCO ROOM: 6 p.m. Cocktails with 7 p.m. dinner. Our own bar outside on our own private deck. Dance listen to the music of the 40's by Johnny Scarrino and the Film Music Company Orchestra, with vocals by Johnny Oliver.

Sunday Oct 2

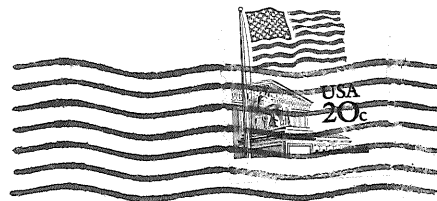
For some, early breakfast at the PROMENADE CAFE. 9 a.m. Memorial service (ecumenical) FLAMENCO ROOM for 43rd Bomb Group men who have "Flown on Ahead". Elegant Champagne Brunch in the GRAND SALON for those who skipped breakfast. Time: 11:30 a.m. Reservations necessary. Price \$14.50. A harpist plays while you select from the 47 foods available. No limit on Champagne. Second sitting at 1:30 p.m.

FOR THOSE WHO CAN STAY ANOTHER DAY

Sunday Oct 2

1 p.m. Bus to March Air Force Base Museum and Chino "Planes of Fame" Air Museum. See a B-24J in good condition (it flew to the 90th Bomb Group Reunion in 1979). Go inside a B-17 at Chino, and see the Lucky Lady II, 43rd Bomb Group B-50... First to fly non-stop around the world. Arrive back at the Queen Mary 4 p.m. OR Tour the Long Beach-Los Angeles harbor by boat. Catch the boat near the bow of the Queen Mary. 5 p.m. departure. Ride lasts 90 minutes. OR Stay aboard the QM and visit with others. Have a relaxing afternoon. OR Drive to Bolsa Chica State Beach south of Long Beach and see the girls in bikinis and boys on surfboards. Your friends with cars might wish to drive around the harbor. See the Navy Base at Terminal Island. See the world's largest floating crane "Herman the German", confiscated from the Nazis at the end of World War II. See Marineland of the Pacific or Ports O'Call village and the tuna boat fleet at San Pedro Channel. The battleship New Jersey may be in port. The "Love Boat", Tropicale, will depart in the late afternoon from San Pedro Channel for Puerto Vallarta and Mazatlan with a crew of 500 and 1000 paying passengers.... P.S. Write me about the bus trip to the air museums. If enough people are interested, we will charter a bus or two and do this... ANDY

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