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FROM GEORGE WHITE

It is not too early to make your arrangements to attend our next Group reunion at San Antonio, Oct 8-12, 1986. The Texas reunion team headed up by MAX AXELSEN, 403rd, and LLOYD BOREN, 65th, have great plans for you which are detailed later in this letter.

HAROLD & LOUISE BARRETT, 403rd, O'Donnell, TX visited Clark Field on a Valour tour last October. The tour group had an audience with President Marcos, led the parade at Tacloban in the celebration of the 41st anniversary of the landing at Leyte Gulf. They spent a day at Clark Field and a day at Corregidor. At Hong Kong a member of the RAF Association, Roger Draper, persuaded HAROLD to go on Radio Hong Kong to relate how the 43rd Bomb Group bombed Victoria Harbor with 55 gallon drums of napalm in May of 1945. Harold joined the 43rd at Clark Field in April 1945. He was a B-24 pilot and was flying missions against Japan from Ie Shima when the war ended. The BARRETT'S plan to be with us at San Antonio.

JOE GREEN, 403rd, Valdosta, Georgia, wrote to give us the sad news that one of our real old timers, ALFRED L. CURRY, 403rd, Columbus, Georgia died last March at the age of 78. AL was in the 49th Sqdn of the 2nd Bomb Group at Langley Field and in the 13th Recon at Bangor, and went over on the Argentina. The real sad message in JOE'S words was, "I had been meaning to drive up to Columbus and see him but just kept putting it off and off until now its' too late." JOE will be at San Antonio. I think that it will be his first 43rd reunion.

VERNA & JOHN MC CRUM, 403rd, Mt Vernon, Ohio regret that ill health will prevent their attendance at the reunion. Their new address is on the new roster, and I am sure they would appreciate a card or note from those of you who know them.

HORACE "ACE" CAREY, 403rd, Mt Laurel, New Jersey, tells us he retired from the ministry and now serves a 1300 member Methodist Church as Visiting Pastor. He joined the 403rd at Townsville in Oct 42, and left from Ie Shima in Aug 45.

One of our most generous supporters, BILL SPENCE, Hdqrs, Virginia Beach, Virginia, remembers HARRY ELLIS, 65th, Fairless Hills, Penn. as one of the men he helped train in the 43rd using the facilities of a WRAN'S radio school in Sydney and offers the following answer to one of HARRY'S questions in the last newsletter. "Maybe HARRY was best man for AL DOXEY, MAYNARD BRANDT or BILLY GRISSOM at a Sydney wedding. I attended Al'S and MAYNARD'S (double wedding), but not BILLY'S. BILLY later died of typhus in New Guinea at Seven Mile."

Several people have responded to HARRY'S other question concerning the tail gunner that bailed out over Rabaul Harbor. He was PFC ARTHUR "ROCKY" MIRARCHI. He landed in the water and was taken on board the Japanese destroyer MAKINAMI on Feb 23rd 1943. His ultimate fate is unknown but his name is inscribed on the memorial at the American Cemetary in Manila. He was a close buddy to ED TROCCIA, 65th, Poughkeepsie, New York.

JOHN CROCKETT, 64th, Riverside, Calif., pilot of another plane on that Feb 23rd mission saw MIRARCHI going down in the lights over Rabaul. JOHN is a dentist and was in the 19th BG on the way to the Philippines but got caught at Hickam Field on December 7th. Stayed with the 19th through Australia, Horn Island, then into Moresby. He was transferred to the 43rd when the 19th went home. He calls himself DAVY, so I expect we will see him at the Alamo in October.

ED TROCCIA also straightened us out on the correct names of the artists who created the cartoons in Life and Down Under. They were PAT BURKE & JIM CONGLETON. PAT was Bombardier and JIM was co pilot on BRUCE GIBSON'S crew in the 403rd.

JIM DIEFFENDERFER, 63rd, Orlando, Florida, checked in to give us a new phone number, a new address, and, hold your breath, the name of his new bride, AUDRY. JIM tells us he has retired from the Walt Disney World and is now free to make all future 43rd reunions. We wonder if JIM has told AUDRY about the Bismarck Sea Battle and how "Old 455" lost her elevators?

"ACE" HASTINGS, 64th, Denison, Texas, is off again to the Greek Islands for the summer and more golf. He plans to be back in time for the San Antonio reunion with his golf clubs for MAX AXELSEN'S "TOURNAMENT OF SAGEBRUSH"

MORRIS KIRSCHNER, the Group Dentist, has the best of all worlds, Summer in the Berkshires Mass., and winters in Boca Raton, Florida. (note from LLOYD, MORRIS, I have switched you from Squadron Unknown to Headquarters).

WESLEY ROWE, 64th, Levittown, Penn., just retired after 32 years as a bus operator in Trenton, New Jersey. He is justifiably proud of his driving record. Thirty two years without a charged accident. Nice going WES and thanks for the names of the new members.

A short note from JOHN TRINKO, 403rd, Huron, S. Dakota who wonders where all the other radar maintenance men are hiding.

EDWIN "LES" JOHNSON, 63rd, Rockford, Ill., missed Omaha but plans to make the San Antonio reunion and hopes to be with as many of his old crew as possible. He flew as bombardier on the first B-32 combat mission and asks if KENT ZIMMERMAN is the CAPT. ZIMMERMAN that flew as co-pilot.

The feature condensation in the March 1986 issue of Reader's Digest is "Song of a Valiant Lady" which tells the life story of "Shoo Shoo Baby", a B-17 now being restored to flying condition at Dover AFB, Delaware. When completed, it will be flown to the Museum at Wright Patterson AFB at Dayton, Ohio.

HENRY DAY, 64th, Corvallis, OK, is very active and holds high office in the 40/8 organization so he will miss our reunion this year in order to attend their national meeting in Portland. In answer to those who asked for the whereabouts of Flight Engineer DELRAY ECHOHAWK, HENRY regrets to tell us that DELRAY died around 1969.

The B-17 salvage operation mentioned in the last newsletter did not take place in March because of some misgivings of the Papua New Guinea Government. However, according to the Air Force Magazine, the red tape has been cleared away and the event is now scheduled to take place this fall. We are counting on BRUCE HOY and GLEN SPIETH to keep us posted.

In a group where the average age is well over sixty, the arrival of a grandchild is no great news, but when it's the first one and the grandparents are the parents of this organization, I know you will all want to extend congratulations to BOB & DORIS BUTLER, 63rd, Fayetteville, N. Carolina. MATTHEW GREGORY, son of GREG & LYNN BUTLER, arrived on April 2, 1986. His application to the Air Force Academy, Class of 2008, with proper endorsements, has been forwarded to Colorado Springs.

Our members are finders of lost souls. JIM SHROPSHIRE, 65th, Sacramento, Cal., just found two more members. JIM says the telephone company can be of help in this. He also says that some libraries have sets of phone books for many cities. In this connection, can anyone in North Carolina track down BURNICE A FLOWERS, a 65th M/Sgt crew chief. Also, ALFRED O. CUMMINGS, a 65th First/Sgt who came from Kansas. (note from LLOYD; want to locate our ball turret gunner, MICHAEL "MICKEY" ANDRADE, from New York or New Jersey, also 65th). JIM informs us that ROBERT L. SWANSON, 65th, Citrus Heights, Cal., died on May 6, 1986.

Again, thanks to CHARLIE BELLOWS, 65th, Davis, Cal., we have located LEONARD "PAT" BURKE, 403rd, Sacramento, Cal. PAT is a retired Attorney.

WILLIAM "RADAR" HOOVER, 63rd, St Cloud, Fla., located JAMES DE WOLF, a 63rd pilot who now lives in Edenburg, Tex.

The navigator who flew with JAY ZEAMER, 403rd, Booth Bay Harbor, Maine, on the famous Buka Passage mission has joined us. He is RUBY E. JOHNSTON, 65th, Winter Park, Fla.

RAY QUILLEN, 403rd, Sierra Vista, Ariz., sent in some of the propaganda we kicked out for the natives and also for the Japanese to tell them who was winning the war.

THE 380th Bombardment Group Assn, Inc. is a very active association and puts out an especially fine newsletter. In their March edition of their publication, "The Flying Circus", is the following historical note by Glenn Horton, Jr. "While reading a book put out by the National Air and Space Museum, concerning the "Irving", the Jap twin-engine night fighter, the first man killed in action with the 529th Sqdn. was a pilot named Bob Heller. He was flying a 43rd Bomb Group B-17 on a trip to Rabaul as an observer. They were intercepted and shot down by an "Irving" - the first night victory of the war for the "Irving". The 380th was a B-24 outfit that became operational out of Darwin the summer of 1943. Can BRUCE HOY or one of you give us the date and details of BOB HELLER'S mission? The 380th association has established a strong relationship with the current 380th Bomb Wing which is stationed at Plattsburgh AFB, New York. They have a museum at Plattsburgh and are holding a reunion there this Sept.

CY MICHAELS, Hdqrs, Philadelphia, PA, sent in a couple of newspaper items. The first from a friend which says that the 22nd Bomb Group is planning a reunion on Australia Day, 1988, at the Pittwater RSL Club. The second item concerned the current problems in Port Moresby, Papua, New Guinea. Unemployed youths are a big problem for the city, where crime rose so high last year that a state of emergency was declared. "Prime Minister Wingate found it necessary recently to order four legislators to stay out of Port Moresby's discotheques after reports that they were behaving scandalously." We taught them well. For those of you interested in history, CY recommends two publications that can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

1. Combat Squadrons of the Air Force, World War II, Compiled by the Office of Air Force History. This book traces the activities and accomplishments of each AF combat squadron from World War II through 1963-1969. S/N 008-070-00027-0. 853 Pages - \$22.00.

2. The Army Air Forces in World War II: Combat chronology 1941-1945. A factual day-to-day record compiled by the Air Force History and Air University Research Center. S/N 008-070-00334-1. 991 Pages - \$17.00.

On May 19th, this year, Cyclone Namu hit the Solomon Islands with winds of 140 mph leaving a death toll of 98 plus 40 missing feared buried under mud or swept out to sea.

BOB HALL, 64th, Carmel, New York, a radio operator on ROGER KETTLESON'S crew is recovering from a sudden heart attack. He will probably not get to San Antonio but wants to say hello to ROGER, LUKE STEVENS, ART MULLIGAN, JIM DALY, ART TASSONI, BOB WARDELL, JACK BREEN, TROY MC CONNELL, and DICK PATTON.

JANET & RUSS BURNETT, 64th, Conway, Mass., have made their plans for San Antonio. They are flying the Cherokee (November-niner-five-four-two-two) over to Massillon, Ohio to meet RUSS & DOT EDWARDS, 63rd, and motor to the reunion with a stop at Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum.

We have our first response to the request for midnight requisition stories from JESS GIBSON, 63rd, Woodland Park, Colorado. His pal CLYDE FARRELL, 63rd, Denver, Colorado, asked JESS at Iron Range if he could use a large wood burning range in the troop feeding operation. JESS said yes and shortly thereafter CLYDE showed up with the range. He later learned it was a midnight requisition from the Aussies. They built a cement platform and installed screen paneling around it and began baking pastries. JESS stayed with troop feeding until retirement after 27 years of service. Following that, he ran college feeding, in-plant feeding and back to troop feeding as a Civil Servant at Lowry AFB.

Just when I thought we were squared away with the answers to the questions from HARRY ELLIS, in came a letter from ROBERT "TOP" MILLER, Hdqrs, Tahlequah, Okla., with an unconfirmed story that OTTO HUTTO, 65th, bailed out over Rabaul one night. Does this ring a bell with anyone?

RICHARD WILLIAMS, 403rd, Rapid City, S. Dakota, tells us he will be at San Antonio and expects to see other 403rd crew members, JOHN TALLITSCH, JIM PRESTON, FREDERICK LLOYD, JOHN ROLLO and BOB ROTH. They are hopeful that LENARD CLARK will join them and can anyone help them find ROBERT L. JONES, the radio man that lived in Collinsville, Oklahoma?

AL HANE, 403rd, Purcell, OK., is sorry to tell us that strong 403rd supporter, ZANE CARTER, Stephenville, TX., died on April 14, 1986. ZANE and SAMMIE CARTER were at the Omaha reunion last year and it was a great effort because ZANE had been on dialysis for the last eleven years. Friends can write SAMMIE AT P.O.BOX 11, STEPHENVILLE, TX 76401.

We are also sorry to learn from HAZEL JOHNSON that EDWARD JOHNSON, 63rd, Starkville, Miss. died Dec 21, 1985. HAZEL'S address is P.O. Box 317, Starkville, Miss. 39759. HAZEL wants to continue to receive the newsletters so she can keep track of our efforts to establish a museum in the U.S. Hazel is holding a number of items including a daily diary ED kept from his days at Bangor thru his missions, and return to the States in 1943. In this connection, LLOYD will keep on the mailing-list all widows that make the request. Payment of dues is not necessary. Widows are also welcome to attend reunions, there were at least two at Omaha.

We received a long letter from BILL NANCE, Hdqrs, Telopen, NSW, Australia. He has been in touch with J.A. HOLT, 64th, Riverside, Cal., and is going to make every effort to get to San Antonio. He has offered to help DICK WOOD, 63rd, Saratoga, Cal., with arrangements for the proposed trip to Australia next year. He belongs to a 168 member American Legion Post in Sydney that marches with the ANZAC'S every year. He recommends a visit to Brisbane to see General Mac Arthur's old Allied Forces Hq in the old AMP building, a Memorial site where his office is just as he left it. There is also a small city park with a very tall steeple dedicated to all the "Yanks" who passed thru. According to BILL, the old Mareeba air strip is still in use, Cairns has high-rises and the strip at Iron Range has no roads going in, just a rough trail from the ocean up the mountain.

Sticking with Australia, FRED BLAIR, 63rd, NSW, sent in a FIRST REUNION booklet of BOMBARDIERS ASSN. prepared at their Midland, TX. get-to-gether in April 1985. About 70 Bombardiers plus wives attended "THE GATHERING OF DINOSAURS". The forty page booklet with individual pictures of all attendees plus pictures sent in by non-attendees sold for \$10.00. We will explore the desirability of such an undertaking by our Group.

At the Omaha reunion, the Group agreed that we should incorporate for many good reasons, not the least of which is to obtain tax-exempt status. You will remember we created a thirteen member steering committee consisting of the Chairman, the past Chairman, the Sec-Treas, and two representatives from each of the five Squadrons. The committee held an all day meeting in San Antonio on April 25th, 1986, and prepared the Articles of Incorporation, and a set of By-Laws. I think you should take pride in the fact that nine of the 13 members took the time and expence to attend the meeting. The four that found it impossible to attend (e.g. ROGER VARGAS, 63rd, Riverside, CA., is recuperating from open heart surgery in February) mailed or phoned in comments and suggestions on drafts that had been mailed out in advance of the meeting.

LLOYD filed the Articles which were approved by the Secty of State on May 7, 1986, and our Charter was issued as of that date, so we are now a Texas Non-Profit Corporation. This cost us the huge sum of \$25.00. The obtaining of Tax-Exempt status is more difficult and takes more time but we have already started the process. The IRS is everybody's friend so with a bit of luck we might be tax-exempt before the San Antonio reunion.

The night before the meeting, the Steering Committee and several wives were treated to a wonderful Texas outdoor picnic at the home of HELEN & BREEZY BOREN. It was a fun evening. HI I makes a terrific pie, and LLOYD knows my brand of Scotch. Here comes LLOYD now to tell you all about San Antonio and everything else.

FROM LLOYD

First a few late arriving news items:

SUSAN SHEEHAN, Associate Member, Washington DC and New York, NY., who is a feature writer for the NEW YORKER, wrote me a long letter along with three copies of the NEW YORKER which contained her new book "A MISSING PLANE" which should be at the book-stores in September. Its published by Putnam's and should be of interest although the pilot was from the 22nd and the plane from the 90th, its still our area.

Had a very interesting letter from MIKE LONG, 403rd, N. Miami Beach, FL. MIKE was one of 24 Cadets who finished pilot training at Pecos, TX., Class 44F. 16 of these were sent to the 43rd. When the Public Address system called out the 4 new men for the 403rd, it broke up the Squadron. The call went out for LONG, STRONG, WONG, AND MACKINNEY. MIKE left the Squadron in Layete, June of 45. MIKE will be in San Antonio at which time I will get together with him on some 43rd patches. MIKE has a good source for good and reasonable work. (BOB BUTLER please note, and bring your 43rd patch) (Col. ROBERT ISAAK please note, can you let me know how I can get a current patch per squadron incl. Hdqrs).

A note from BILL BEDNARSKI, 403rd, Terryville, CT. BILL is hoping to make the San Antonio reunion, and reminded me of something that had slipped everyone's mind. It seems to me we OK'd some money for a monument of sorts in Mareeba, would FRED COOK, 65th, Fort Walton Beach, FL, contact me about this, I believe he gets over there from time to time.

A word to the wise about reservations at the El Tropicano in San Antonio. In this mailout, you will find a reservation form to use. Do Not delay if you intend to come. We started out with a block of 200 rooms, but as of the 15th of this month, 84 had already been taken. On the strength of this, I have increased our block to 250, but remember, San Antonio is an Air Force town, and we are definately expecting the largest turnout ever, so reserve early.

The room cost at the El Tropicano is \$48.00 plus tax single or double. You should include one nights rent with your reservation. This is sent to the El Tropicano.

The cost for the reunion is \$65.00 per person, and that is sent to LLOYD @ P. O. BOX 15036, San Antonio, Texas 78212. This price includes all scheduled activities except golf.

I hired a bookkeeping service to draw up and file the necessary forms for the Federal and State tax-exempt status. HERB TOTTON, Hdqs, Universal City, TX, a historian of the 43rd from way back, owns Specialized Bookkeeping Services, and did a fast bit of work getting them out, they went in the mail June 23. Hopefully we will have tax-exempt status before the reunion.

I have mailed notice of the reunion to all the Air Force and Veteran's Magazines that I have on my list, however, we get terrific response from the Newspapers across the country. Please help

FROM MAX AXELSEN

This is the schedule for our largest reunion.

1. 8 Oct. ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION

Come early and enjoy San Antonio and the association with old friends. If you have never been to S.A., or have not been here for some years, arrive early and enjoy this gem of South Texas. (Fourteen million people did last year)

8:00 AM Registration & memorabilia RIVER ROOM
7:00 PM Meeting Steering Committee GEORGE OR LLOYDS SUITE

Thus 9 Oct. ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION

Visit the famous San Antonio River Walk, The Alamo, The Missions, Witte Museum, the Mexican Market (Mercado) etc., all convenient to the El Tropicano Hotel.

8:00 AM Registration & memorabilia RIVER ROOM
8:00 PM Squadron Meetings -- 403rd LANAI ROOM
63rd CHULA VISTA ROOM
64th N. AMERICAN ROOM
65th & Hdqrs S. AMERICAN ROOM

Fri. 10 Oct. ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION

7:00 AM Continental Breakfast CONTINENTAL ROOM
8:00 AM Registration & memorabilia RIVER ROOM
8:15 AM Buses leave hotel for Lackland AFB. Parade of the "troops" will occur at 09:00. Following the parade, review WWII aircraft at the parade grounds.
11:00 AM Buses depart Lackland AFB for the hotel.
12:00 AM Style show for the ladies HEMISPHERE ROOM
12:45 PM Golf group departs for THE course. (All interested participants) Sign up at check in-registration. (Last year a number of folks signed up, but did not appear to play; SO! This year we will pay green and cart fees up front (very reasonable). AND, we expect you to show up for a great time! The course will be announced later ... just to preclude the professionals coming in early to get in a practice round.
6:30 PM The El Tropicano's famous MINI-MEXICAN-FIESTA. Food, dancing, mariachis, cash bar. CORONADO BALLROOM

Sat. 11 Oct CONTINUING REGISTRATION

8:00 AM Registration & memorabilia RIVER ROOM
8:00 AM MEN - Cont. Breakfast & Group meeting CORONADO BALLROOM
8:00 AM LADIES Breakfast PARADISE LOUNGE
Rest of the morning and afternoon free.
6:00 PM Buses depart For Randolph AFB Officers Club for an evening of dining, dancing, and entertainment. Cash bar
12:30 AM Last buses will depart for the El Tropicano. There will also be buses leaving earlier at 10:30 and 11.30.

Sun. 12 Oct

9:00 AM Brunch. Depart at your leisure. CORONADO BALLROOM

The Personnel of the El Tropicano Hotel have pulled out all the stops to insure a wonderful get-together, and a fun filled 5 days. All you have to do is show up.

All the best to everyone,

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As of 29 Dec 1986, we have 1044 members on the roster, this represents an increase of 124 members in the last 6 months.

Some late news: GEORGE PUTNAM, 403rd, 3411 Ellenmere Dr, Sacramento, CA 95821, is trying to contact members of the pilot class of 43-A at Junta, Colorado. Anyone having info, drop him a line.

ROBERT I. DEWITT, 63rd, P.O. Box 506, Port Gibson, MS 39150, is trying to locate his crew, co-pilot, RALPH A. NUMBERS, COLUMBUS, OHIO, navigator, LEON SLAVITT, bombardier, DAVE WEXLER, engr., GLENN WRIGHT, radio oper, ED DREA, nose gunner, BEN FINCHEM, tail gunner, GUY TUCK, radar operator, GLEN? TESKE, armorer gunner, ED ZEA, asst engr & bottom turret gunner, RUDY SANTANA. Anyone able to help, write to him.

FRED CHEUVRONT arrived early at the reunion, and spent several days with CLIFF and MAXINE BOWEN, 63rd, San Antonio. This was his first visit since his cadet days. He started at what was then the "Hill" at Kelly Field. This has since been renamed Lackland AFB. I know what you mean about changes FRED, I used to ride horses from the stables at Kelly Field up and down that same hill when there wasn't much more than a couple of horse trails there.

MRS MEYER FELDMON, Associate member, Randolph, MA, wrote to MATT HOLOHAN thanking him for his persistance in trying to locate her husband. Unfortunately, MEYER passed away in 1975, but she has requested that we send her the newsletters. We will always be glad to do this if requested.

ther Associate member, PHYLLIS CHRISTIANSEN, wanted us to say that the 13th Recon Squadron held a reunion at the Youth Development Center in Aurora, NE on the 5th thru 7th of Sept. with a good time being had by all. Plans were made to have the 1987 reunion at the same place in 1987.

Received a nice letter from REG TATRO, 65th, Greenfield, MA. He wonders if it would be feasible to send a card showing dues paid up. Shortly after the first of the year, when I get caught up

on my work, I will look into this. I know it is a good idea, but its a question of time, not money. We only have about one third of the members who pay dues (some of you guys who have never paid any dues, and can afford to, should get on the ball). Anyway, I will look into it after the first.

CLARENCE T. HUFFMAN, 64th, 802 Lafayette St., Kennett Square, PA 19348, would like info members of MC GLASSON's crew.

Every year, we run out of CAPS at the reunion, so this year I got some extra caps, and sure enough, we have quite a few left over. I know a lot of you guys who do not make the reunions have wanted one in the past, so, while they last, you can get them at \$6.00 each from me (we will pay the postage). Better hurry, I don't imagine they will last long. LLOYD

MAX AXELSEN, our reunion chairman for the San Antonio reunion, sends his thanks along with GEORGE and LLOYD to all those who were kind enough to help man the registration desk. A special thank you to WADE KEHR from all of us.

This year has been the busiest year of them all for your Officers and Board. We have probably accomplished more than in all the years of our existance. First, we were Incorporated (non-profit) in the State of Texas. Next, we applied for and were granted tax-exemption by the IRS. We then applied for and received tax-exemption from the State of Texas. We then received a bulk mailing permit from the Post Office Dept. as a veterans group. These exemptions have already saved us money. YOU MIGHT REMEMBER THAT ANY DONATIONS YOU MAKE IN THE FUTURE TO 43RD, ARE TAX-EXEMPT BY THE IRS. OUR IRS TAX NUMBER IS # 74-242-2772.

We hope your holidays were bright and cheerful, and wish you all the best in the coming year.

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