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FROM GEORGE WHITE

Believe it or not, there are some members that don't want any delay in the Newsletters, so before someone starts riding me at six o'clock low, here we go again. Remember, we count on all of you to supply the material, so please keep sending in human interest recollections of the past and current activities. It also helps if you will print names, places, and things.

Many of you sent in for the 43rd bumper stickers which are still available from BOB ROTH, 409 W. Olive Ave., Redlands, CA 92373. \$1.00 covers cost and postage. Listen to this in a letter from ROBERT ANDRESS, 403rd, Westchester, PA. "Last month we had a salesman from Strawbridge and Clothier Dept. store come to our house. He arrived a little early for the appointment and when I returned, I did a double take at his rear bumper. Lo and behold, there was the 43rd Bomb Group sticker. Needless to say, we both had much to talk about. Almost forgot, his name, LEWIS SERMAN, 65th, Ardmore, PA." HERB and MILDRED are among the many who have expressed to me their thanks to LLOYD BOREN, 65th, and MAX AXELSEN, 403rd, for the fine time they had at the San Antonio reunion. MILDRED and HERB were in the same graduating class. HERB didn't say when they tied the knot, so I don't know if they are closing in on a 50th wedding anniversary.

Some of BOB ROTH'S other customers were ED DAILEY, Eustis, FL., JOHN KUCKUK, a 403rd navigator from Shawano, WI., BILL BOLY, 65th, Murphysboro, IL., who mentions he flew with BREEZY BOREN and DUTCH EHLERS. Three others were old time 13th Recon men from Dow Field. DENNIS LOMBARDI, who still lives in Bangor Maine, BURT ADEN, Omaha, NE., and BILL GALDI, Campbell, OH., NUNCIO BONINO, 63rd, Philadelphia, PA., EARL RESHAW, 65th, Lafayette, IN., LEONARD SYMROSKI, 63rd, Fort Meyers Beach, FL., JACK APPLE, 403rd, Glenn Allen, VA., EDWARD HOCKMAN, 63rd, Glenside, PA., DEXTER FAIRBANKS, 403rd, St Claire Shores, MI., GARRETT MINNICK, 64th, Cumberland, MD. Also, one of our new members, BOB DEWITT, 63rd, Port Gibson, MS., who was a B-24 Crew Commander in the Sea Hawks from July 44 through September 45, Nadzab to Ie Shima. His crew flew 43 missions covering 431 hours, sank three ships plus one probable. And finally, please note, that the 43rd is still flying. DAVID GUINN, Johnson City, TN., has stickers on his Piper and Stinson aircraft as well as on his family vehicles. They are also great for luggage and recreation rooms. I don't know if AR FORCE regulations would permit it to be placed on one of COLONEL SOUTHERLAND'S B-52'S.

Now, a request from our sticker man BOB ROTH. One of his 403rd New Guinea buddies was flight engineer WARREN KILLION from Santa Paula in Southern California who died in 1983. BOB would like hear from anyone who was on WARREN'S crew.

EDWIN STUELAND, 65th, Carlsbad, NM., sent in a generous check and mentioned two members of his crew, WILLIAM FLYNN, Hot Springs Village, AR., and our faithful reunion worker, DON BAKER, Alvin, TX. EDWIN'S last mission was to Northern Formosa April 7, 1945. He had a confirmed Zeke Oct 10, 1944 on a Balikpapan, Borneo raid.

One of our new members, LINCOLN RUHINEN, 64th, Gwinn, MI., is anxious to get reacquainted with his old buddies. He flew ten missions on Major KEN MC CULLAR'S crew until he was wounded.

BRUCE HOY, Curator of the National Museum and Art Gallery, Papua New Guinea, hopes to come to the United States this year to attend as many reunions as possible in order to meet New Guinea veterans and present a slide show of Papua, New Guinea today, investigating WWII crash sites and what he is doing to preserve the history of the 5th AF. I have invited him to our reunion at Bossier City and have offered to help him with some of his expenses. As I guessed in my bet of one Florin, which nobody took up, BRUCE sent me the history of B-17F # 41-24353, CAP'N AND THE KIDS. The planes history covers three pages of small print from the date it was delivered to the 5th AF on June 11, 1942, to a supply drop at Manus March 2, 1944 when it was in the 69th Troop Carrier Squadron. In brief, it was a 63rd Squadron plane from August 1942 to October 1943 and flown at one time or another by just about every pilot in the Squadron. Lt. JAMES T. MURPHY brought it to Torrens Creek on Aug. 12, 1942. Its last flight for the 63rd was October 18, 1943 when F/O HALBERT V. MILLER took it to Rabaul on a weather recon. Capt EDWARD SCOTT probably flew it more than anyone else. It flew a least 75 combat missions and who knows how many successful raids it made on KING'S CROSS. BRUCE has only received a few responses to the questionnaire we distributed at the last reunion even though it is to our advantage to help him.

In the hope that those that were not at San Antonio will have some answers, here are a few of the questions. Tail numbers for the MISS MAVIS, CALAMITY JANE, MISS MANOOKIE, TOKYO EXPRESS, READY BETTY/GONE FOREVER. Tail number for the B-17h ditched off Urasi Island on Jan 5, 1943 by Capt JEAN JACK. Didn't DALE BARR, 403rd, Omaha, keep any records? Names of crew members for the following three B-17s. Lt HARRIS LEIN in TUGBOAT ANNIE, ditched Jan 16, 1943; Lt RAY DAY, ditched May 24, 1943; B-17E # 41-2481, crashed on takeoff at Jacksons Aug 27, 1943.

In the last newsletter, Dec 1986, I made mention of the 43rd Bomb Group B-50 LUCKY LADY II, the first plane to fly non-stop around the world. I didn't know then that it can be seen at the "PLANES OF FAME" museum at Chino, California.

BOB RANDALL, 64th, Phoenix, AZ., helped salvage parts of LUCKY LADY II when it bellied in two miles short of runway 30 at Davis Monthan in the Spring of 1950. He would like to contact members who were in the 64th at that time. I don't know about the 64th BOB, but at least two of our members were at Davis Monthan when you were there. JAMES THOMPSON, JR, Tuscon, AZ., and JAMES SCHUTT, Holland, MI. BOB, you and the two JIMS must have the names of many men that served with you. Our Ace Finder, MATT HOLOHAN, 7737 91st St. North, Seminole, FL 33543 can tell you how to go about finding them. (note from LLOYD, MATT has located 113 members as of this date.)

KEN STEVENS, 64th, Grand Rapids, MI., remembered to send us his new address and also sent in newspaper photo of himself and his son CRAIG standing in front of a WWII Jeep made in Michigan in 1942. They had completely restored it and donated it to the State of Michigan for a new museum to be built in Lansing.

GARRETT MINNICK, 64th, Cumberland MD., sent in some information about one of our new members, EDWARD BLASKE, 64th, Sacramento, CA., ED was section head of the 64th Medics. According to GARRETT, ED listed GENERAL KENNEY as one of his patients and was a real leader when it came to dispensing medical care.

J.T. BRITTON, 65th, Albuquerque, NM., flew to Hawaii in January on the start of his trek to play bridge in every state in the Union this year. You can bet there will be a river boat game at Bossier City in September.

ELWYN HANSEN, 403rd, North Platte, NE., had to make a difficult choice last fall, the 43rd reunion or a trip to Alaska, and the penguins won. ELWYN and PHYLLIS drove to Vancouver, took in the World's Fair and then took a boat to Scagway, Alaska. Drove from there to Fairbanks and Anchorage and returned home via the Alcan and other highways.

RUDOLPH CHERKAUER, 65th, Kenmore, NY., checked in with LLOYD. He was the co-pilot on a crew with DON WATKINS, Salt Lake City, UT.

BURL HAMILTON, 64th, Seattle, WA., writes to say he is trying to get some names and pictures together to send in. He joined the 43rd in the snow at Bangor, and left it in the heat of Ow. In between, he enjoyed the luxury of an ocean voyage on "THE QUEEN", and touring Australia's countryside in one of our comfortable trucks.

Some people can't get enough of Australia. CHUCK STANGLEIN, 65th, Cape Canaveral, FL., has returned from his third trip back. He received a Christmas card from HARLEY HAYDEN, 65th, Hannibal, MO., giving him "hell for being AWOL from the San Antonio reunion". On this trip he flew out to Perth for one week to take in some of the America's Cup Trials. His first trip to Freemantle since the original members of the 43rd anchored there aboard the Queen Mary back in 42. A boat trip down the Swan River out into the Indian Ocean is spectacular and if you go in the springtime (Sept, Oct), it not only is the prettiest because of the Western Australia wildflowers, but its the most comfortable from a temperature standpoint.

Nice letter from BOB DEWITT, 63rd, Port Gibson, MS., but I'm afraid it contains bad news for our reigning 43rd Group golf champion, JIM HARCROW, 65th, Ft Walton Beach, FL., In BOB'S own words "I love to play golf and play every chance I get; shooting to and honest 10 handicap." BOB was in the 63rd during 1944-45, and remembers the name of his good friend AL GOSSENS (not on roster) who was a crew commander. He also recalls that EARL A. BUTTS was 63rd Squadron Commander when he left Ie Shima in Sept 1945. Bossier City will be old home week for BOB, he was stationed at Barksdale AFB from 1964-66 on the 2nd AF IG team.

HENRY LEWIS, 65th, Houston, TX., wrote to compliment our San Antonio reunion team and also to second the view of others that we must change our method of selecting reunion sites. More on that subject later in this letter. HENRY sent in a very interesting obituary notice in December issue of the Galveston Daily News. The deceased was ROBERT RICHARD THORNTON, a prominent Galveston Attorney who joined the Air Corps and as a 1st Lt., served in the South Pacific. During a bomb run on New Guinea, his B-17 had to make a forced landing. He and the rest of the crew spent four days aboard two life rafts before being rescued by an American Destroyer.

After a brief rest, THORNTON was sent to Europe. On his 13th mission, following a raid on Berlin, the B-24 on which he was navigator was shot down. He parachuted into France and although helped by the underground, he was arrested in a railroad station while attempting to cross into Spain. He spent 13 months as a POW before his camp was liberated by the Russian Army. He left the war with the rank of Colonel with a number of decorations including one I would like to know more about, "Pearl Harbor Medal with Star". Can someone please tell me what Squadron and Group he flew with in the Pacific, and any details about the ditched B-17. This is probably another one for BRUCE HOY. I will bet him one Crown he does not have the answer.

Thanks to LLOYD'S notice in the Afterburner, RICHARD WERTZ, 63rd, Hollidaysburg, PA., has come aboard. DICK is another one of our "Scott Project" members that started out from Langley Field. He has a copy of "Down Under", and asked if there is also a book with pictures of 43rd Group B-24s, and of the many air crew and ground crew men that joined the Group after Down Under was published. According to the man I lean on for information, CY MICHAELS, Hdqrs, Philadelphia, PA., there is no such book. CY was heavily involved in the publishing of Down Under which was printed under heavy war time restrictions and censorship. CY is willing to publish a more inclusive issue of Down Under if we are all willing to help him with photos and material. This ties right in to the project started by MAT HOLOHAN, 64th, Seminole, FL., at the San Antonio reunion.

JOHN ROBERTSON, 65th, Santa Maria, CA., sent in dues for three years because he has trouble remembering things. He can remember his first Jap raid at Port Moresby, but not what he had for dinner two nights ago. Join the club JOHN.

FORREST SIEGEL, 65th, Brantingham, NY., flew with several B-24 crews as flight engineer and finished 300 hours with the 380th Bomb Group. On March 7, 1944 he was in a takeoff crash at Dobodura. The pilot, Sqdn Leader RAYSON and the rest of the crew were with the RAAF. Most of the time he flew with Major E.W. JAREK on a B-24 named ATOM SMASHER.

BILL and BETTY WELCH, 403rd, sent in their new Colorado Springs Address and in addition to moving, have been attending reunions, one of which was the 45th reunion of the Pearl Harbor Survivors.

We extend our sympathy to WALTER HAYS, 64th, Middletown, CA., on the loss of his wife MELMOSTH. They were with us at the Queen Mary reunion in 1983. WALTER sent in the names of crew members he would like to locate, but without some clue as to the pre-war home location. This is almost an impossible task. To all of you let me say that MATT HOLOHAN would like to help you locate your old pal John Doe who was in your tent in Moresby, Nadzab, and Owi, but you must give us something to go on. What town, city or state did he live in?

A note from LLOYD DEMMY, 403rd, Manheim, PA., who is getting dug out from 18 inches of snow, the most for him since 1983. He hopes to see us at Bossier City.

CHARLES HARRISON, 403rd, Anaheim, CA., joined the Group at Nadzab and went on the route to Ie Shima. He is trying hard to locate his B-24 crewmates.

JOHN MC DOWELL, 63rd, wrote all the way from Alaska to send for a reunion cap and remind us that he was a member of the crew ALBERT WEBBER, Fulton, NY., named in the March 1986 newsletter. JOHN did not offer to host a reunion in Anchorage.

It is not surprising that some of our members are disabled to the extent that they cannot travel to our reunions. If you know any of the following, send them an Easter card or note: LEWIS SHAW, 64th, 3015 Wilkinson, Ft. Worth, TX 76103. LEW was in the Group when we had B-50s, so he was probably at Davis Monthan. Also, ROBERT ANDERSON, A 65th Crew Chief, 1621 J. Ave, National City, CA 92050.

RAY QUILLEN, 403rd, Sierra Vista, AZ., visited the Pima Air Museum, Tucson, where the 390th Bomb Group is completing the restoration of a B-17. They let Ray get in the ball turret and he sent me a photo to prove he could still fit inside.

RIMY JOHNSTON, 65th, Winter Park, FL., sent in for a BRUCE HOY questionnaire and was pleased to report that he was in touch with ALBERT FAIR, Marked Tree, AR., and GEORGE WEICHLIN, Pipe Creek, TX., both also in the 65th.

D WOOD, 63rd, Saratoga, CA., reports that about twenty people will be with him on the trip back to Australia and New Guinea in April. It is hoped that when they are at Mareeba, the bronze tablet financed by the 43rd and 19th Bomb Groups will be in place and can be dedicated at that time. Several of the contingent served in both Groups. We are all grateful to FRED COOKE, 65th, Ft Walton Beach, FL., for making this possible.

I want to thank the following for sending in some reunion snapshots and banner pictures which I will be sending on to Guam. DON BAKER, PAUL BARBUS, and BOB ROTH.

One of our members, M.L.CRABB, 65th, requested we include the following reunion notice: ANY FORMER MEMBERS OF THE 74TH BOMB SQUADRON STATIONED AT GUATEMALA CITY DURING 1942-45 PLEASE CONTACT M.L. CRABB, 911 OAKHILL DR., KILLEEN, TX 76541, 817-699-3264..

The Memphis Belle, the 1st 8th AF B-17 to complete 25 missions, has found a new home on Mud Island in Memphis. The pavilion-museum housing the Belle will be dedicated May 17th. A two day program starting on May 16th features an airshow and fly over at Sheraton Airport.

The ceremony for the dedication of the 5th AF Memorial in Dayton, Ohio scheduled for June 12, 1987, has been cancelled. A new dedication date will be announced just as soon as there is a firm project completion date.

The Aviation Cadet Alumni Assn. is seeking former pilot cadets. Send Flight Class, primary, basic and advanced locations to ROBERT WHITE, 54 Seton Trail, Ormond Beach, FL 32074. Purpose, to help others locate former classmates. Effort is non-profit and will not be commercialized. Include self addressed stamped envelope for specific class information.

We don't want to alarm DICK WOOD and his volunteers for overseas duty, but a major earthquake measuring 7.4 on the Richter scale hit Ombowi Island just off the northern coast of Papua New Guinea. It leveled villages and left at least 1000 people homeless.

#### REUNIONS

Many members have suggested that we should have a Reunion Site Committee to recommend locations to the Group. This certainly is appropriate for an organization with over a thousand members from every state in the union. The subject is so important to all of us that I am appointing our Board of Directors to serve as the Reunion Site Committee. These mem represent all sections of the Country, north, south, east, west, and central. DALE BARR, 403rd, has agreed to chair the committee. I urge all of you to send your suggestions and any material or literature to DALE, 2622 S. 87th Ave., Omaha, NE 68124. Home phone 402-397-7948.

The last novel I have read in a long time is "Flight of the Intruder" by Stephen Coonts, a naval aviator who flew A-6 Intruders from the deck of the USS Enterprise in the Vietnam War from 1971-73. He later served as a flight instructor on A-6 aircraft and as a catapult/arresting gear Officer aboard the USS Nimitz. Printed by the Naval Institute Press, Annapolis, MD. Also be sure and read "Red Storm Rising" by Tom Clancy. I think it is even better than his first best seller "The Hunt for Red October".

An interesting piece of history came to light for me when I read the obituary of OLIVER RENNINGER who died Feb 15, 1987. He survived the first recorded plane crash in September 1911. The pilot who was killed in the crash was Lt. THOMAS E. SELFRIDGE, the first Army Officer to pilot a heavier-than-air machine.

And this brings me to the part I always hate to write:

We regret to report a number of deaths brought to our attention by members and relatives. We extend our sympathy to their families and friends.

GEORGE ALLISON	403RD	POPLAR BLUFF, MO	DEC 23, 1086
HARRY ELLIS	65TH	FAIRLESS HILLS, PA	JAN 27, 1987
RAY HOLSEY	64TH	ALTUS, OK	DEC 26, 1986
WITHOLD KRESWICK	63RD	SARASOTA, FL	OCT 24, 1986
HOWARD SIMON	63RD	MAUREE, OH	NOV 29, 1986
KIETH SLANE	63RD	ABERDEEN, ID	JAN 12, 1987
ALBERT STAGE	65TH	CUMBERLAND, WI	
CLYDE VAN WORMER	65TH	BINGHAMPTON, NY	DEC 06, 1986

#### FROM LLOYD

Several messages first. In regards the 3 ft + picture which about 59 of us ordered, and took so long to get to us, we learned a lesson the hard way, check on the person first. I had to threaten to go to the District Attorney, and finally the FBI to get him to print the pictures, and then again to mail them out. The picture turned out beautiful, but believe me, we are going to know who we are dealing with next time. About the picture book with the husbands and wives and candid shots, they had advised me that it would be mid February before they mailed, so I wasn't worried about that. They sent me a large box containing all the proofs (about 5 per couple) along with sheets representing the cover, 1st page, 2nd page, etc. It was my job to pick

the best picture and place it in alphabetical order and page order, plus arrange the pictures sent in by members who did not attend and the candid pages. This took me about 3 weeks. So, if I have someone's name wrong, blame me. The company is very reliable, and the book is certainly worth the \$10.00 cost. I have asked them to contact BOB BEAUDEAN and possibly do it again in Bossier City. This time perhaps we can get the whole bunch in. For those of you who did not order one, or were not there, I will have one or two on display in the registration room.

DUES

As you know, we are tax-exempt (Fed. TX # 74-2422772), so if the IRS is still giving tax deductions for contributions, this may interest you when paying your dues @ \$10.00, due from October 1, 1986 to Sept 30, 1987. We have less than half the members who pay dues, but fortunately, some members send in more than their share which keeps us solvent. I have several projects for this year, one of which is some sort of card showing you are paid up. I know who has paid and who has not from my records, but I realize most of you need to be reminded. Hopefully, this will be working by the start of our next fiscal year, beginning October 1, 1987. I have had several suggestions, but the wallet card seems to be the only choice. I know several Organizations use the computer to print on the address label "paid thru ", however, unless they have a much different program than I have, they are going to run into a mighty big problem in the near future. I would have to enter a "paid thru " for every name on record (1096). Then at the beginning of the fiscal year, I would have to erase them all, and do the same thing all over. If I had the means to mass erase all the paid thru dates as of Oct 1, this would simplify the operation, however, my program will not do this. This brings me to the other project I am working on, that is a new program which will allow me to add the wife's name. I have quite a few of the wives names in the computer (all those who have either sent them via the new member card, or included them in correspondence to me. WILL KEEP YOU POSTED. One other project, a new heading for the Newsletter, working on it.

In regards the above dues notice, at the present time, dues are not mandatory, you will receive the newsletter regardless, but only dues paying members will receive the Roster by Squadrons which is usually sent in the second news letter of the year. This means the next issue which will be sent out at the end of May this year. If you do not receive a Roster along with the newsletter next time, I do not have you marked paid on my books. If I have made an error, which has happened before, please let me know and a roster will be forthcoming. By the same token, if you send your dues in after the newsletter, I will forward a Roster automatically.

THE BOSSIER CITY REUNION

WHEN	--	SEPTEMBER 2-4 1987	--	WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY 11:00 AM
WHERE	--	BOSSIER CITY, LA	---	BOSSIER SHERATON MOTEL OLD MINDEN RD. BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA
COST	--	BOSSIER SHERATON MOTEL	--	\$ 50.00 SINGLE OR DOUBLE DAILY REUNION COSTS PER PERSON - \$ 65.00 PER PERSON

ACTIVITIES

Wed, Sept 2	Arrival and Registration
8:00 am	Registration and Memorabilia Room Set up and visitation
	All day shuttle service to Pierre Bossier Mall. "Walkabout" Heart of Bossier.
8:00 pm	Board of Directors meeting - George's Suite.
pm	Dining out on your own, 16 places to dine within walking distance. List in Memorabilia Room.
Thu, Sept 3	Arrival and Registration
8:00 am	Memorabilia Room Visitation
9:00 am	Shuttle service to Pierre Bossier Mall Early Bird visits to American Rose Center Barnwell Art and Garden Center Hamels Amusement Park SPAR Planetarium Strand Theatre Shreve Square Norton Art Gallery

Spring Street Museum  
 La. State Exhibit Museum  
 Natural History Museum  
 Louisiana Downs Thoroughbred Race Track

10:00 am Every day, Race Track Handicapping Seminar 1 Lounge  
 2:00 pm Wine Tasting in Memorabilia Room  
 8:00 pm Squadron Meetings  
 Style and Hair Show for the Ladies - Pamelias Fashion Sch.

Fri, Sept 4 Late arrival registration

8:00 am Memorabilia Room  
 Continental Breakfast  
 9:00 am Shuttle to Barksdale AFB Golf Course Tournament  
 11:00 am Bus Service to Louisiana Downs Th. hbred Race Track  
 with the special 43RD BOMB GROUP H. CAP RACE.  
 1:00 pm Bus Trips and ride the RED RIVER ROSE PADDLEBOAT.  
 THRU Two Cruises.  
 5:00 pm  
 6:00 pm Cocktail Hour - Sheraton - all bars cash bars  
 8:00 pm Southern BarBQ dinner at Sheraton pool side, Casual Western  
 Garb  
 9:00 pm THE LOUISIANA HAYRIDE SHOW

Sat, Sept 5 Memorabilia room open

8:00 am Continental Breakfast - Group Meeting  
 Ladies Breakfast - Special Program  
 11:00 am Group Picture Session  
 1:00 pm Tour of Barksdale AFB  
 7:00 pm Cocktail Hour at Sheraton or Barksdale AFB Club  
 8:00 pm Dinner and Dancing, (coat), at Sheraton or Barksdale AFB  
 Club with 8th AF Combo Showband Orchestra.  
 Special Guests : General Harris and General Eubanks.

Sun, Sept 6 Brunch at Sheraton and depart at leisure.

PLEASE NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ARE INCLUDED IN THE \$65.00 PER PERSON COST. (PLEASE GET THIS IN WELL BEFORE THE REUNION SO WE CAN ORDER ENOUGH DINNERS, ETC.):

1. No parking fees at Sheraton
2. Hotel Airport Shuttle on duty.
3. Coffee in Memorabilia Room.
- 4#0 Shuttle service and Bus service.
5. Wine tasting
6. Friday Continental Breakfast
7. Red River Rose Cruise
8. Friday BarBQ dinner
9. Hayride Show
10. Cont. Breakfast for men Saturday
11. Breakfast for Ladies Saturday
12. Barksdale tour
13. Prime Rib Dinner and Dance Saturday
14. Sunday Brunch

MORE NEWS



Read from ROLAND FISHER, 63rd, Lake Oswego, OR. He was sent a Samurai Sword made especially for him by the Japanese Pilot who rammed him over Davao Sept 4th, 1944. They correspond a lot, and he is going to try to get him to attend the reunion. Wouldn't that be something.

ISADORE MILLER, 63rd, New Haven, CT., writes that he is sorry to hear about GORDON R. MANUEL, he met him in Atlantic City back in Dec. of 44 or Jan. of 45 when they were there for redistribution. He has General Kenney's book, "General Kenney Reports". ISADORE was Sqdn Cryptographer in charge of codes & cyphers under CLARANCE BARNHART.

ALBERT ZACK, 65th, Farmington Hills, MI., says he is trying to contact all of his crew in order to meet in Bossier City at the reunion. He is still trying to locate Sgt. Robert L. Burg, Sgt. Horace D. Hughes, Cpl. James C. Gragg, Cpl. Jack A. Morris. AL, try to get some sort of pre-war address on these guys to MATT HOLOHAN, he is good at this.

HELEN and I got back about two weeks ago from a quick trip to California to see relatives, and since Falcon Crest is HELEN'S favorite show, she insisted we were not leaving till we found it. I had a call from one of our new members, a Bombadier from Headquarters, about 2 months prior to this, GEORGE PATTERSON, St. Helena, CA., and he mentioned that his kinfolks owned a winery near his house. We took a chance and drove up to see GEORGE and PHYLLIS, had a delightful visit with lunch, and a tour of the family winery, Nichelini Vinyard, by Jo Ann Nichelini who is a whale of a lot cuter than Angela Channing. We lucked out for once on the trip, it seems that Falcon Crest (or Spring Mountain Winery actually) is right there in St. Helena, so HELEN is happy now. While visiting with GEORGE and PHYLLIS, GEORGE said that most of the artwork on the planes was done by VANCE R. NORDBY, 64th, artist. Does anyone have any sort of address including pre-war for NORDBY. If so, please get it to MATT HOLOHAN. We should make every effort to locate this guy.

PLEASE CHANGE YOUR ROSTER AS BELOW.

#### SQUADRON UNKNOWN TO HEADQUARTERS

FLOYD H. BREWER

#### ADD HEADQUARTERS

GEORGE A. PATTERSON - 2817 LOWER CHILDS VALLEY RD., ST. HELENA, CA 94574  
 HORACE E. CRITTENDON - 2647 CROCKETT DR. SE, MARIETTA, GA 30067  
 DAVID L. JENSKY - 145 MILL ST. 225W, NATICK, MA 01760  
 IRVING COHEN - 2 ROBIN HOOD RD., NATICK MA 01760  
 LEONARD J. LAWSON - 188 SCOTT DR., MANCHESTER CT 06040

#### 64TH SQUADRON TO 403RD SQUADRON

JAMES J. PRATHER JR.

#### SQUADRON UNKNOWN TO 403RD SQUADRON

CLARENCE MUNSELLE

#### ADD 403RD SQUADRON

DENNIS J. LOMBARDI - 267 CLYDE RD., BANGOR ME 04401

#### SQUADRON UNKNOWN TO 63RD SQUADRON

DELMER W. SMITH

#### ADD 63RD SQUADRON

DONALD R. MAC DONALD - 1014 MANTES, JACKSONVILLE FL 32205  
 HARRY MILLER - 7020 W. PALOS, PALOS PARK IL 60464  
 ROBERT E. FLAHART - 100 DEVONSHIRE RD., WILMINGTON DE 19803  
 JAMES F. MC GUIRE - 42 SUNSET RD. RT 1, SCARBOROUGH ME 04074  
 RICHARD H. WERTZ - RD 2 BOX 235, HOLLIDAYSBURG PA 16648  
 DELBERT SMITH - SPACE 26, 1014 W. OLIVE ST., ROGERS AR 72756  
 JOE PODESKI - 41 HARTMAN HILL RD, HUNTINGTON LI NY 11743  
 STANLEY A MARCHUT - 136 S. FREMONT, LAWTON MI 65049  
 EARL B. CAMPBELL - 53 BOLIVER DR., BRADFORD PA 16701  
 LEONARD E. BURNS - 907 22ND AVE., ALTOONA PA 16601  
 WILLIAM MC MURRAY - 138 SAVAGE HILL RD., BERLIN CT 06037  
 ARTHUR R. NELSON - 41 BERKELEY PL., NEWINGTON CT 06111  
 ISADORE B. MILLER - 1599 BOULEVARD, NEW HAVEN CT 06511  
 RAND D. LAMBERT - 379 CANTON ST., FITCHBURG MA 01420  
 WILFRED B. DAVIS - 14 DOUGLAS AVE., CONCORD NH 03301

#### 63RD SQUADRON TO 64TH SQUADRON

ELO CIOTTI

#### SQUADRON UNKNOWN TO 64TH SQUADRON

ELMER DAUPERT	NICK MALOUTA
EARL H. DEANE	MERLE E. SILVAS
EDWARD L. HEED	LEWIS H. SHAW
ANGUS B. TAFF	JOSEPH V. YAKAITIS

ADD TO 64TH SQUADRON

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This represents a substantial increase in membership, we hit 1100 today, March 15th. Thanks to a lot of you, we are finally getting the Squadron Unknown in line, however we have a lot more to go, If you see some one in Squadron Unknown that you know, drop me a line and lets get them put in the proper Squadron. REMEMBER, OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE SHORT, BUT IT WILL INCLUDE A ROSTER FOR DUES PAID MEMBERS.

Best of health and happiness to all,

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P.S.

This mailing also includes a reservation form for the Hotel, be sure to mention you are with the 43rd so you will get the special rate. You should include one nights rental with the reservation. \$50.00. BOB must have called in some markers to get us a rate like this at this particular Hotel. Last I heard, they were all booked up for that week, and \$50.00 is definately



quite a bit about the 43rd in the book. WALTER was a pilot with BILL SMITH'S crew in both the 403rd and 65th Squadrons, and later had his own crew which was shot down at Bogadjim, New Guinea. MARCIA has quite an impressive list of credentials and has spent 10 years researching the book. If you are interested in a copy of the book, it is being offered at a pre-publication price until Dec. 13 of \$20.00 plus \$3.50 postage and handling. Delivery to be approx. March 1, 1989. Contact MARCIA at 65566 Washington Rd., Goshen, IN 46526.

HERB ANDRESS, 403rd, also sent in a good report on "Shoo-Shoo-Baby", a B-17G of the 8th AF. Dover AF Base reservists got 27 crates of B-17 10 years ago. The object: to restore as near as possible to perfect combat readiness. Ten years later it was flown to the Air Force Museum in Dayton. We just missed it: arrived a week after we were there. "Shoo-Shoo-Baby" will represent the 12,731 B-17's built. Also the 4750 plus lost in combat. WHAT A BIRD.

I had a card from ROBERT "BOB" RICHARDSON. He was a 63rd Gunner. He is selling aircraft in Ashland. I had a story to tell on BOB, but I forgot it. Maybe GEORGE WHITE needs a new aircraft; maybe a float plane.

A nice note from RALPH DE LOACH, 63rd Pilot. He says to mark your calendars for a real must: "BLACK JACK'S LAST FLIGHT". Steve Birdsall and crew and RALPH did a super job. National Geographic will show "BLACK JACK" on the November 20th program EXPLORER. It will be an aerial tribute to a great aircraft and a great outfit, the 43rd.

JAMES "JIM" MURPHY, 63rd Pilot, left Huntsville, Alabama on October 5th, and ended up in China. As long as he had to miss Dayton, he decided to R \$ R in China for a month. Big JIM says he will make Colorado Springs next year. I am going to make sure. I have assigned WILLIAM "RADAR" HOOVER and WILLIAM "BILL" O'BRIEN to your crew. Really, JIM, you were way the hell off course.

ALBERT L.C. PICKNILL, ex Sgt. Australian Intelligence Corp., sends his best regards to all Yanks, but a special hello to ROBERT G. "BOB" CUTLER, Hdqrs., and ANTHONY V. "TONY" IAMPIETRO, Hdqrs., and HAROLD HARFISHORN, of Lancaster, NH. Over the years, he has had visits from the Yanks and also visited some in the States. ALBERT says if you get to Brisbane please contact him. His address is: 6 Turnbull St., Shailer Park, Queensland, Australia, 4128. His telephone is 07-209-7990.

PAUL H. COBER, Director from the 403rd, wants to encourage all non-paying members to send in the \$10.00 dues. It is the only way we will know if you want to be a part of the Association. You might want to get a letter and read about one of your old friends, etc. It really is a good show. Hang in there - we need you: Thanks PAUL for the good words.

BILL "RADAR" HOOVER is a campaign worker for wife VIRGINIA. She is big in the political world in Osceola County, Florida. I hope you made it, VIRGINIA.

FRED RADTKE, 65th, was helpful in early planning of the Dayton Reunion. Thanks for everything. Also thanks go to WALDO SCHAUWEKER, 64th, for his help at the Club.

FRANK HOHMANN, 65th, says thanks for the good Reunion. He met two fellows from January 1940, both from the 74th Bomb Sqdn., Albrook Field, Panama. HARRY STALEY, 63rd, (it would be dull without HARRY) and FOLMER J. SOGAARD, 63rd. FRANK wants to hear from any other 74th fellows. FRANK says he and ALTON "DOUG" LEAMON, 65th, are all that's left of J.P. ROUSEK'S crew. I'm looking for JOHN COOP'S report on the B-26 crash that took JAY'S life. I will find it and make you a copy.

ROGER and NORMA LITTLE, 63rd, report a great time at the Dayton Reunion and wish to thank the gang that put it on. I believe that's mostly you DICK and JANE. Glad you enjoyed it RODGER, we tried.

Got to see PAT FREEMAN, 65th, and MAX OSBORN, 65th, and even recognized them after 44 years. MAX OSBORN, 65th, the quiet one from Cheyenne, Wyoming, had me wearing Wyoming badges, etc. I wonder if MAX is really a loud-mouth, misplaced Texan? (Although I haven't missed any). Col. GEORGE WHITE, of the New Jersey Whites, slipped across the Mason-Dixon Line after the Reunion to Asheville, North Carolina trying to hustle a poor Reb in a pool game. Sorry, GEORGE, no luck. The carpetbaggers worked that place over a long time ago.

AUSTIN R. "MATT" MATTESON and PATRICIA, 65th, made their first Reunion and thought it was great. They went on to Washington, D.C. and then back to Oregon. Make a really super outing. Vote for Queen Mary at a later date.

E. I. "ED" TROCCIA, 65th, sent in a good report on Dayton. Says JOHN "RED" HANLON, 65th, is holding his own and hoping to make the next reunion. I sent JOHN

a bunch of Texas "pee-cans" (that's Yankee talk). We are all rooting for you so hurry and get well.

J. C. "CHUNKY" and CLARE MARIE WILFERT, 63rd, were fun to be with in Dayton. They are extra nice folks that add a lot to any gathering.

GEORGE PUTNAM, 403rd, reports more on the circling B-24. GEORGE was the Co-pilot, first combat mission. (Ain't combat fun?). The aircraft was not RIO RITA, GEORGE later landed it on two engines, no nose wheel, and most of the crew shot. GEORGE also reported the Class of 43-A and up, from Fort Stockton, Texas, had a Reunion the last of September.

ALTON D. "DOUG" LEAMAN, 65th Tail Gun, says no one knows ALTON, so we need to use the "DOUG" part now. DOUG thinks one of the pictures of a B-17 at the Air Force Museum has him looking out the waist window. DOUG brought copies of pictures of Air Crews to Dayton. Thanks for the help.

BOB and DORIS BUTLER, 63rd, seem to always be handy when you need them. BOB, this time in spite of a bad back. They are really a big help in keeping this thing flying.

GEORGE CRITSIMILLOS, 64th, reports that HARRY STEVENSON'S crew had their own reunion in Dayton in June, so they had to miss Dayton in October. See you next year GEORGE.

MAX and MARGARET AXELSEN missed Dayton. I think this is the first one they have missed. We really missed them this time. MAX wants to remind us all of two events in 1989: Fort Worth, TX, May 19-21, the 50th Anniversary of the B-24. For more information, contact Bob Vickers, 6424 Torreon Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, telephone 505-821-4484. Then another Anniversary celebration, this one September 20-24, 1989, in San Diego, CA. Contact the B-24 Liberator Club, P. O. Box 841, San Diego, Calif. 92112, telephone 619-582-5445. These events are for all Air Crews, Ground Crews, and all people in B-24 Groups. That's us folks. MAX is also helping on the Memorial at the Air Force Academy. I'll keep you posted on this one. Bronze Plaque is the way it is done there, I think.

DALE BARR is also working on Colorado Springs for '89. He has asked all the bunch that live in and near Colorado Springs to get ready for a little work-out. This includes; HARRY URBAN, 403rd, BILL WELCH, 403rd, and GUS RAPISARDI, 65th. DALE has lots of ideas and maybe we have enough people in Colorado to carry them out. Stay after them Dale, they'll make a hell of a Reunion.

KENNETH "KEN" BROWN, 64th, sent me a couple of patches to put on my A-2 jacket. Thanks very much KEN. This is like most of my deals - I get a free patch that was too nice for my old jacket, so I bought a new jacket. If any of you want a new A-2 jacket, LLOYD BOREN has the order blanks. They are nice, a retired Air Force Colonel sells them. For \$175.00 you can get the regular GI cowhide, and the soft goatskin ones are \$195.00, both plus 6.50 postage and handling. A real buy.

FRED Q. EPPLEN, 63rd, sent in the combat log of Capt H. PARK and crew from August 1943 to April 1944. This is a one of a kind thing and we really need a place to put it. I hope DALE BARR works out something with Omaha SAC.

WILLIAM "BILL" KING, 1st Sgt., Hdqrs., has a son who is retiring after 26 years in service. There goes time again. I'm sure you are very proud of him.

CLIFFORD J. KOCHA, 65th, wants to thank BOB MITCHELL, 65th, for sending in his name. He says he got the roster, etc., and is sorry to report the death of AMBROSE LAUS, 63rd Crew Chief, in May of this year. We will all miss AMBROSE.

WILLIAM G. SCHMIDT, JR., 63rd, is a new member. He spotted us in the July Air Force Times Magazine. Has a good report on the 43rd from May 1946 on. Nice to have you BILL.

JACK FAERBER, 65th, reports a little heart flare-up. It occurred in mid-July, but says the treatment has been great. JACK lives in Newport, so his therapy includes walking on the beach. Way to go JACK.

HENRY J. LEWIS, 65th, sends kind words for HELEN and LLOYD. He has charts of Eastern and Western New Guinea. Hope you enjoyed the reunion HANK.

ED TROCCIA, 65th, reports he and WALTER BILL, 403rd, had a nice visit at Poughkeepsie. They were also together in Dayton at the reunion.

MAXON WOTRING, 403rd, sent in some of his writings from New Guinea days. One,

"Unexplored Territory", a tale about a mountain north of Nadzab was very good.

WARREN V. KAESSE, 65th, was operation clerk 1944 and 1945 from Owi to Ie Shima. WARREN missed a C-47 ride from Leyte to Ie Shima that didn't make it. Capt. TOM SLYON pulled him off the C-47 and took him home in a B-24. WARREN is 78 and runs one to two miles every morning before 7:00. Needless to say, he is in excellent health. This should give GEORGE WHITE something to shoot at. Right now he is getting in shape by walking to the bathroom every morning at 7:00.

ROBERT HELMKAY, is wanting a Mareeba Butchers patch. BOB, you are in luck. LLOYD has patches of each squadron and the Group patch. They are \$10.00 each, and real nice. DOROTHY and BOB were looking at the Return of the Eagles trip Down Under. I'm sure it was a good one.

CARL O. SIMPSON, 403rd, was 13th Recon at Langley Field, VA - Sgt. of the Guard, Bangor on Pearl Harbor Day, then on to Melbourne August 14th, 1942. He left the service Sept. of '45 and worked for Exxon for 34 years.

WESLEY D. COWAN, 403rd, says he can't make the reunions, but he really enjoys the newsletters. He would to say hello to JOHN COOP, and others who may remember him.

WILLIAM E. DUMKA, 63rd Crew Chief, is looking for MARIUS EVELPETHIS, 63rd, who served on the ground crew of "TALISMAN". Let BILL know if you have any leads. He also sent a copy of "The Dinkum Oil", Headquarters 43rd Bomb Group (H) dated Oct 6, 1943. It was the first I had ever seen.

LLOYD tells me he talked to LON WEYLAND, 64th, 300 Mitchell St., Hot Springs, AR 713. LON asked about another line crew fellow and all he could remember was the nickname "RACEHORSE". Several Crew Chiefs from the 64th knew the fellow, and one said he had died, but none knew any more than that his name started with an "A". If anyone knows more, let LON know.

BERNARD LYNN, 65th, a new member, sent in a nice donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Sgt. PAUL R. ELLIS, radio gunner who was killed on takeoff in November of 1943.

ERVIN CHAMPEAU, 65th, reports he was the owner and operator of a moonshine still at Nadzab. No wonder he got to return early.

SPENCER C. "SPIKE" WOOLLEY, Hdqrs., Assistant Group Intelligence Officer, says his fame is mostly from getting the super fine (??) movies at Port Moresby.

Paul J. Murphy, class of 43-E (WCTC & SETC), 7013 Bellrose NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, is trying to locate his classmates for a reunion. Any help in this area, let Paul know.

CHARLES E. MARVEL, 403rd, says the 403rd Reunion in September was a very nice turnout. He just bought a two place Gruman and is looking forward to flying to our next reunion. He found CARL AVERILL at 8407 Dawn Drive, Rome, NY 13448. You might want to drop CARL a note.

New Member, MILTON H. COLLIER, 64th, reports on the 43rd post WWII days. Early days of the B-50's - taking part in refueling "LUCKY LADY II" on non-stop around the world flight, etc.

IRENE HOFFERBER reports the passing of her husband, KENNETH HOFFERBER, 403rd. IRENE would like to keep getting the newsletter and any other correspondence. She is a new Associate member. Glad to have you. IRENE is sending KENNETH'S pictures, etc. to DALE BARR for safe keeping. Thanks a lot.

JOHN J. ONDRIS, Hdqrs., says your old First Sgt. at Ranwick Race Track - Torrance Creek - Mareeba, says hello to all the troops.

CHARLIE BELLOWS, 65th, writes everything is back to normal after a little surgery. He and GENEVA also sent in more information on some of the members. He missed all you folks at the Reunion, but is already getting ready for next year.

The Collings Foundation, River Hill Farm, Stow, Mass. 01775, phone 617-562-9182, is moving along on restoring their B-24. They need money - donations of all kinds will be welcome. Write or call and they will fill you in on the program. They are holding a Open House called "Kick the Tires & Light Your Fires", Feb. 4-5, 89 at Tom Reilly Vintage Aircraft, 231 N. Airport Rd., in Kissimmee, Florida. Contact Monica at 1-800-545-3349 for further details.

We regret to inform you that ARMAND LAMBERT, 63rd, has had his mail returned

marked "deceased".

FRED CHEUVRONT, 63rd, did move from Whittier, Calif. to Bishop, Calif. to be with his son. Shortly thereafter, in June, he passed away. We will all miss him. In addition to bringing and selling the caps through the Omaha reunion, FRED was the backup man for our computer program. If you have an IBM compatible and want to help, LLOYD will send you a copy of the program, and an updated roster disk each month. This is insurance for LLOYD, he may fall again playing tennis.

RUSSELL A. AURENTZ, 65th, sent in a report on the 43rd, "The First Team of the Pacific" written by ARTHUR VERSEY. Well maybe we were. He sounds very convincing.

It was a real treat to have Col. JAMES T. PETTUS with us in Dayton. That way we had our real C/C, not a used-car salesman trying to act like one. The funny thing, JIM and I were both in the RCAF before WWII. JIM was flying for the RCAF in 1940 and I was there in 1941. For a while we were both stationed with the Empire Training Scheme #5 Bombing and Gunnery School, Dafoe, Saskatchewan.

DON BAKER, 65th, was a big help again. As usual, DON sold caps and patches, etc. A real nice fellow. Thanks again DON.

This is the last newsletter for half of you, those who do not pay dues. We need all of you, each of you mean a lot to us, but our expenses have constantly risen as the membership has increased, and our income stays about the same. The only way we can offset this deficit is to drop those who do not pay dues. Knowing that if you are like me, you hate to address an envelope, the Board has instructed LLOYD to include a self addressed envelope with this mailout. NOW, IF YOU WILL LOOK AT THE LABEL ON THIS NEWSLETTER, YOU WILL SEE EITHER THE WORD "PAID" OR THE WORD "LIFE" AFTER YOUR NAME. THIS MEANS - PAID FOR 1989. IF NEITHER OF THESE APPEAR AFTER YOUR NAME, YOU ARE NOT PAID FOR 1989. IF AN ERROR HAS BEEN MADE, LET LLOYD KNOW RIGHT AWAY, OR IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PAY THE \$10.00, LET LLOYD OR I KNOW. Now pay up! Incidentally, if you don't want a life membership, how about 5 years. GEORGE MUNSELLE, Hdqrs., sent \$100.00 in and then phoned LLOYD and told him he didn't want the life membership, just to put it down as a contribution. "Hell" he said, "At my age I wouldn't buy green bananas". GEORGE admitted he got that line from George Burns. LLOYD promptly wrote GEORGE back and told him that the computer program was only set up for an additional 5 years and he would have to mark him paid for life cause GEORGE was too ornery to die in 5 years. Anyway folks, I'll be fired before too long, and the newsletters will be much better. A lot more to look forward to.

This is pretty much it for now. Missed hearing from JIM SHROPSHIRE, JAY ZEAMER, JOE NIECE, GEORGE SHAKO, GUS RAPISARDI, DR. MILTON GUSACK and lots of others. Well maybe next time.

We really need to get things rolling on the Colorado Springs Reunion in late September or early October '89. Let me know if any of you can be of help - we need all we can get.

Take care and God Bless.

#### FROM LLOYD

Heard from BILL GALIDA, 403rd. They had planned on making Dayton after visiting their daughter who was ill, however, by the time they were ready to leave, it was too late. BILL and DAYE hope to make the next one. He talked with HUGH BROWN and says HUGH is a 403rd man. We had him as Squadron Unknown. This brings me to another gripe, We have too many in Squadron Unknown. How about you guys letting me know, at least, what Squadron you were in.

Sent 2 caps and a Group Patch today to ED TORDOFF. ED was unable to make the reunion in Dayton. On top of all his other troubles, he developed pneumonia and suffered a collapsed lung. WINONA wrote that he fell the other day and bruised himself. She also sent in his dues and said he enjoys reading the newsletters. I'm sure he would also enjoy hearing from some of you.

The Costa Mesa Historical Society will sponsor the 14th Annual Reunion of the Santa Ana Army Air Base former military and civilian base personnel, Aviation Cadets and guests on March 11, 1989. Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA. Contact SAAAB Wing, P.O. Box 1764, Costa Mesa, CA. 92628, Phone 714-631-5918.

PAUL MEYER, 65th, wrote to let us know about the death of another Bradenton, FL, member, M.C. "JOHN" TOWNSEND, 63rd. PAUL writes that he has worn his 43rd cap so long it getting worn out. He wanted a new one. It's on it's way.

M. L. "CRABBIE" CRABB wants the following in the newsletter: 74th Bomb Sqdn. stationed in Guatemala City during 1943 to 1945. Our reunion this year is being held in Las Vegas, NV. in September of 1989. Dates are 10-11-12-13. Contact CRABBIE at Box 85, Killeen, TX 76540.

Now, a very special letter from DICK and JANE HENNIG:

This is the only way that we know to thank all of you who attended the 8th Annual Reunion in Dayton. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

It started when you sent your reservations - you praised us for accepting something we hadn't asked for and some of you, we think, felt sorry for us - we did too, at times. However, we had a lot going for us as we had been to Omaha, San Antonio, and Bossier City and felt we had a lot to live up to, and also knew what would be expected of us. We also had the right people to call when we stumbled.

We want to thank you for the help and encouragement you gave us. Thanks, too, to the ladies who helped at the reservation table and ladies program, and a special thanks to Lloyd Boren and Bill Wilson - we couldn't have survived without them.

We appreciate your nice notes and letters - one mentioned that we even had an "in" with the weather man as it was so beautiful. It was good to see all of you - hope to see you next year in Colorado Springs - and thanks for helping us have such a "great" reunion.

The gifts - the leather jacket and silver tray - were greatly appreciated and unexpected. Dick is very proud of the jacket and shows it off every chance he gets - thank you so much.

DICK & JANE HENNIG

VINCENT STOPCZYNSKI, Hdqrs., wrote to say how much he enjoyed the Reunion. He asked for FATHER SHEA'S address. He and WALT SISIMILICH, 64th, are going to try to drive up to see him. VINCE says that every time he went to confession, he would confess in Polish. He says FATHER SHEA always referred to him as a good boy. (FATHER SHEA didn't understand a word of Polish.)

CHARLIE STENGLEIN, 65th, wrote saying that he and PATRICIA attended the big Return of the Eagles Air Show at Richmond, Australia. They had a Jap Zero on display there. The plane had been abandoned at Gasmata, and was the personal aircraft of Saburo Sakai, the 4th ranked Jap Air Ace. Larry Hickey refers to him on Page 42 of "Warpath Across the Pacific". Anyhow, Sakai flew this plane while attached to the Rabaul based 204th Air Group in June - July of 1942. CHARLIE said he got a funny feeling looking at that plane and remembering the past.

ED TROCCIA, 65th, wrote with some bad news. MICKEY ANDRADE, 65th, who was the ball turret gunner on "The Old Man", the ship DUTCH EHLERS, DOC BRYANT, THE I IAN, BILL BOLY and MYSELF flew in, died in 1987 of a heart attack. MICKEY had been in a Veteran's Hospital and had lost both hands in an accident. He never got to make a reunion, we located him too late.

The following members and wives were present at the Reunion in Dayton. We had a total of 443 present. We had a large turnout who were making their first reunion with us, and these are indicated by a asterisk after their last name.

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One last word, LLOYD has a few caps left from Bossier City, and some from Dayton. In an effort to sell them out, they will go for \$5.00 and we pay the postage while they last. DALE BARR says he picked up a few 5th Air Force patches while in Dayton at the museum. Dale wants \$3.50 each. Contact him if you need one.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF BOB BUTLER'S ADDRESS TO THE ASSEMBLED 43RD AT THE DEDICATION CEREMONIES.

From the 20th day of November 1940, when the 43rd Bomb Group was constituted, until the present day, now serving as the 43 Bombardment Wing, the 43rd has established a proud history in the United States Air Force. In pre-war days, flying the B-18, and evolving through the years to the B-52. Thousands of air personnel, who worked together on the ground and in the air, can look back with pride, as we do, on the 43rd's record of achievement.

The group was activated at Langley Field, Virginia, on January 15, 1941, from elements of the 2nd Bomb Group, the birthplace for the implementation of the B-17. In August 1941, the group moved to Bangor, Maine for further training; comprised of Hdqrs., 63rd, 64th, and 65th Squadrons. It was joined in April 1942, after moving overseas, by the 403rd Bombardment Squadron, formerly the 13th Recon. Squadron.

After the outbreak of World War II, the group engaged in anti-submarine patrols on the Atlantic Coast until, in February 1942, it was moved to Boston for transport on the Queen Mary, with other troops, on a 40 day solo voyage across the Atlantic and Indian Oceans to Sydney, Australia, arriving on 28 March. Early elements of the 403rd Squadron had already arrived in Australia on the Argentina.

After moving to the Brisbane area and further combat training at air bases in northern Australia at Torrens Creek, Charters Towers, Iron Range, and finally settling in Mareeba, west of Townsville. Early combat missions were performed with the 19th Bomb Group.

The 43rd Bomb Group, now an established unit, continued to operate from

Australia, New Guinea, and Owi Island from August 1942 until November 1944 with numerous attacks on Japanese shipping in the Netherland East Indies and Bismark Archipelago, experimenting with low level skip bombing tactics for effective results. There were also many missions on enemy airfields and installations and tactical support of ground troops in the area of Buna and Sanananda Point. These missions were culminated in early March 1943 by participation in the complete victory over a large Japanese convoy in the Bismark Sea; a unified effort of all 5th Air Force units and those of the Royal Australian Air Force and five PT Boats of the U.S. Navy. Other targets during this period included Rabaul Harbor, Lae, Salamau, Wewak and Kavieng.

Until later in the summer of 1943, most of the 43rd missions were executed in the B-17, models "E" and "F". Then a transition was made into the B-24 Liberator, supplemented by 12 radar equipped B-24s for special missions. This latter innovation was known as the "Scott Project". The group moved from Jackson Strip at Port Moresby to Dobadura on the north coast of New Guinea in December 1943, and in later months to Nadzab and to Owi Island in July 1944. Constantly on the move, the group continued northwardly to Tacloban and Mindora in the Philippines, with some elements a Palau in the West Carolines Islands. In March 1945, the 43rd moved again to Clark Field in the Philippines and within four months began flying missions from Ie Shim in the Ryuku Islands.

As all units of the 5th Air Force grew in strength, attacks were made on the march north against Yap, Halamahera, the Southern Philippines, and oil refineries in Ceylon and Borneo. After the move to the Philippines in November 1944, missions were flown to installations in Formosa and China, with ground support for our Army forces in Luzon. Then in July 1945, as the end of the War approached, the group bombed the Japanese homeland and later participated in the surrender negotiations.

This has been an abbreviated and partial summary of World War II activity by the 43rd. Official battle honors are: Anti-submarine - New Guinea - Papua - Guadalcanal - Western Pacific - Bismark Archipelago - Northern Solomons - Ryukus - Luzon - Leyte.

The Presidential Unit Citation was awarded; first for New Guinea, and later for the Bismark Sea Battle, then the Philippines. Among many other individual decorations and awards for valor, was the award of the Medal of Honor to Major JAY ZEAMER, JR. and, posthumously, to Lt. JOSEPH H. SARNOSKI, his bombardier, for heroic action on a recon mission over Buka, in the Solomon Islands on 16 June 1943.

During the years from 1941 until the War ended, the 43rd Bomb Group was commanded by: LT. COL. HAROLD D. SMITH, LT. COL. FRANCIS B. VALENTINE, MAJOR CONRAD H. DIEHL, JR., COL. ROGER M. RAMEY, LT. COL. JOHN A. ROBERTS, COL. HARRY J. HAWTHORNE, LT. COL. EDWARD W. SCOTT, JR., AND COL. JAMES T. PETTUS, JR.

The group was inactivated at McKinley Field at Luzon on 29 April 1946 but, after return to the States, was re-activated at Davis-Monthan Field in Arizona. With the advent of Strategic Air Command, the 43rd continued to serve under its former 5th Air Force Commander, GENERAL GEORGE C. KENNEY, JR.

The group has continued to distinguish itself in peace and war until the present day, making the first round the world non-stop flight between 26 February and 2 March 1949 in a B-50 known as "LUCKY LADY II". Inscribed on her nose, was the legend "KEN'S MEN", "43rd BOMB GROUP".

And so, as we pause today, in reflection and memory for this dedication, we, as survivors, are proud to share in this event, but truly to remember our deceased fellow airmen and their devotion to duty on the ground and in the air.

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