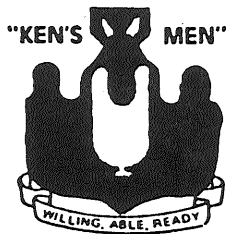


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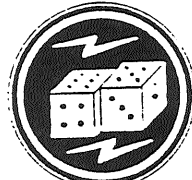
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43rd BOMBARDMENT GROUP NEWSLETTER

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FROM BILL WILSON

THE COLORADO SPRINGS REUNION LAST MONTH WAS THE BEST EVER.

HARRY and RACHEL URBAN, 403rd, LLOYD and HELEN BOREN, 65th, GUS and JEANNE RAPISARDI, 65th, plus a lot of others made it possible. JOANN KASTNER and the fine people at the Marriott were something else. They did everything they agreed to plus a lot more. While we are on reunions, BOB WATSON, 65th, is project officer for St. Louis in 90. I sent LLOYD BOREN to St. Louis on the 10th of November to meet with BOB, and others, to set plans for the reunion there. Looks like Monday 8th of October to Sunday the 14th. Another Marriott Hotel, Paddle Boat Ride, etc.

I have BOB and DORIS BUTLER, 63rd, checking out Norfolk, Virginia for 1991. Then Long Beach and the Queen Mary for 1992. 50th Anniversary for both of these, we will dedicate plaques at each. All will be great fun, so take care and save up some money.

The only bad thing that happened at Colorado Springs was LLOYD found out I have some letterhead left over so he would not pay for new officers. You got stuck with DALE BARR and ME for a second term. I have assigned DALE the duty of Project Officer in charge of the 43rd History along with the history of the Squadrons. He is also in charge of contacting SAC and the State of Nebraska for a place to put all our records, etc.

DENNIS J. LOMBARDI, 403rd, has been assigned duty officer of the Bangor, Maine project. Mission: Install memorial plaque at International Airport, Bangor. Memorial Service for placing plaque will be late April or early May 1990. We want to make a small reunion out of it for those in that area. I guess it will be nothing but Yankees. I would love to come if DENNIS and JAY ZEAMER can slip in a reb.

Your new directors are: NICK ARABINKO, 64th, BOB WATSON, 65th, and DICK WOOD, 63rd. The executive committee will consist of President, Vice President, Secty & Treasurer, plus past presidents: BOB BUTLER and GEORGE WHITE. A very special thanks to our retiring directors: BOB BUTLER, 63rd, ROGER KETTLESON, 64th, and PAUL COBER, 403rd. NEIL FAIRBANKS, 403rd, along with backups: MAX AXELSEN, 403rd, and ROGER KETTLESON, 64th, will continue to be our representatives with the 5th Air Force Association.

HARRY and RACHEL URBAN, 403rd, have been relieved of duty as Project Officer Colorado Springs reunion, and reassigned Project Officer in charge of fund raiser for the Memorial Wall. Some seventy five or more Groups want to place a plaque at the Academy, but, no space. Will keep you posted from time to time.

KEN BECKSTROM, 63rd, presented a plan for reunion in Albuquerque. Looked very good but the Directors felt it was too close to Colorado Springs for now. Thanks for an excellent job, KEN.

A few changes: Dues are for a calendar year (1990 due Jan. 1st.). Dues paid at the reunion were for 1990. Officers will also serve on a calendar year basis, not reunion to reunion.

A special note to O. K. COULTER, 64th: WALDO SCHAUWEKER, 64th, and RICHARD "MONTY" K MONTGOMERY, 63rd, all got birthday cakes at the reunion. Nice to know we have fellows young enough to still have birthdays.

DON BAKER, 65th, sold caps etc. for the 4th time, and turned in over \$1500.00. BREEZY priced everything. Must have cleared around \$600.00. I wish I had that pair selling used cars for me. Thanks from all of us DON. Great Job!

CHARLIE STEWART, 65th, gave me a note about a gray camera case with camera and a blue windbreaker. Not just sure what the deal was. JIM PETTUS, Hdqrs., had just fixed me a drink. Anyway, if you have the camera and windbreaker it is CHARLIE'S.

The Memorial Fund got some strong help from WILLIAM and CLAIRE SPENCE, Hdqrs, CHARLES KELLY, along with JEAN and BETTY JACK, 403rd, ART and BEV MULLIGAN, 64th, CLAIRE and JULIA WRIGHTS, 63rd, and DUTCH and MARJORIE BENEDETTI, 65th. Our thanks to each of you.

MIKE and SANDRA EDSALL, 64th, sent in their nice donation in memory of the crew he came over with. They were lost on a night mission late May or early June 1944. MIKE was a little under the weather and missed Colorado Springs, but will see us in St. Louis.

BILL and NANCY SOLOMON, 403rd, sent a nice gift in memory of EUGENE F. HURLEY, 403RD radar specialist KIA 9th January, 1944 off Kairiree Island. BILL and NANCY send their best to HARRY and RACHEL URBAN and their crew for an outstanding job on the crew for an outstanding job on the Colorado Springs reunion. Had a great time seeing so many of the old friends.

GILBERT and REYES SENA, 403rd, were first timers at Colorado Springs. They had a big time and hope to make St. Louis. They say thanks to all who helped make it such a success, also sent in a nice memorial gift.

HOOVER and KATHRYN COTT, Hdqrs, sent in a nice gift to the memorial fund. They are also first timers for the reunions. HOOVER was trained as a photographer, got to Nadzab and the 403rd in the spring of "44". No job opening for a photographer, but he had majored in journalism in college. Thus the 43rd had a public relations man, just like the 90th. He sent stories to home town newspapers about what we were doing. If we had had this guy in '42 or '43, GEORGE WHITE might have been president instead of IKE.

MAX OSBORN, 65th, a legal eagle from Cheyenne, made the reunion. Sent me some nice pictures he made.

NICK and SHIRLEY ARABINKO, 64th, a new director, gives HARRY and RACHEL five stars on the reunion. NICK suggests we all give MATT HOLOHAN, 64th, our Project Officer for missing persons, a helping hand. Get local publications to plug the 43rd Bomb Group search for former members. There are still some out there we need to reach.

A very special thanks to HARRY'S big brother LOU URBAN for his help with those of us having trouble getting around. Several came in wheel chairs and crutches. The whole group salutes their spirit. Another one, RACHEL'S friend, BETTY HAYES, came to help RACHEL and ended up helping us all. Thanks from all of us BETTY! Great girl!

JACK FAERBER, 65th, reports he could not get his act together for Colorado. Missed seeing everyone. Says FATHER SHEA calls to check on him. JACK says he is going to get a running start on next years reunion. Meet you in St. Louis JACK, good Lord willing.

JIM and ANNE SHROPSHIRE, 65th, sent in Life Memberships. JIM reports his health problem is coming along fine. JOSH BARNES, 65th, called JIM and gave him a report on the reunion. Likewise, JOE HOUSTON, 65th, and LAYTON BACON, 65th. Big help to have old friends call. JIM got a report that someone knew the whereabouts of ALFRED O. CUMMINGS, 65th 1st Sgt. If so, please let JIM know. Call collect, 619-448-6483 or write 1120 Pepper Drive #120, El Cajon, CA 92021. JIM and ANNE are very special people to MARY LOIS and me. God bless.

JERRY and VELL SNYDER, 403rd, sent in report on B-24 that was going to do a fly by at the Air Force Game. The Cincinnati Inquirer ran a feature story on the aircraft. It was at Lunken Airport. JERRY talked with some of the crew, they had tickets for the game. Tell em we lost. Also, JERRY got to see his bombardier, GILBERT "PANCHITO" SENA after 44 years. Some trip.

MIKE O'MALLEY, 63rd, the 43rd's own Judge in Pittsburgh, sent me a picture of a 43rd B-24 crew with GENERAL KENNY. It's in a new book called "Ghosts of World War

II". Judge, I goofed up, thought I had the picture for the reunion, left it at home. Go easy on me, will try St. Louis.

JOHN and GENEVIEVE ROCHE, 64th, couldn't say enough nice things about the reunion: Dedication service of plaque at the Air Force Academy, Flying W party, fine people at the Marriott, etc. A parting meal with CLETUS and CHARLIE ANGERMIRE, 64th, then came car trouble, must of been brand X. I got all the Fords headed home. HARRY URBAN got the special rate at the Marriott extended, car fixed and ROCHE'S on their way. Good show HARRY. They stopped by to see LES and HELEN COFFMAN, 64th, Emporia Kansas, on the way home.

GERALD and LYDIA EGGER, 403rd, sent me a couple of books on WWII air craft. They have film, books, etc. Zenith Books, P.O. Box 1, Osceola, WI 54020. You might want to write for a catalog. Thanks GERALD.

BILL and MARY EATON, 403rd, had a big time at the reunion seeing RACHEL and HARRY URBAN, visiting with JAY and BARBARA ZEAMER, 65th, then he got to call BILL WELCH, 403rd, "Porky" without getting a tooth sandwich. Up to then, only HAL BRECHT, 64th Pilot, got by with it. BILL reminded me that Mrs. ROGER RAMEY would love a copy of our book the "H" boys (HICKEY & HOY) are working on. The 43rd will send her a copy, BILL thanks for suggesting it. BILL is a big help to me, keeps me going in the right direction.

A note of thanks from Travis AFB Historical Society for our report last newsletter on the "SWAMP GHOST", a B-17E, downed in New Guinea. They want to get it back to Travis AFB and restore it. Need money. Maybe some one knows a company that would make a big donation.

EVERETT and DOROTHY LIND, 403rd, enjoyed the reunion and sent some information for MATT HOLOHAN, 64th, which might help in trying to locate more of our people. Thanks, EVERETT, its on its way to MATT. From Holiday, Florida to Snyder, Texas to Seminole, Florida.

DAYTON and ANN BLANCHARD, 65th, met us at Dalhart coming home. They were on the way to Mexico only to find the trip canceled. They decided to take the motor home and head down the road, had to hold up, ANN sold 26 paintings over the weekend. Also picked up a commission. DAYTON says ANN is happy and rich. Sure is lots of talent in the 43rd, even if most of us had to marry it.

FRED and MAURINE MC ALISTER, Hdqrs., showed up at Dalhart on the way to Colorado Springs. They had their fancy motor home. Gave MARY LOIS, HELEN and BREEZY and ME a drink in that fancy thing. It doesn't get much better than that.

C. C. MC MC DAWALL, Shire Clerk, Mareeba Shire Council, sent pictures of our Memorial there. REX BUDD, retired Royal Australian Air Force officer, and the Mareeba Council have landscaped the area. It is very Beautiful. FRANK HOHMAN, 65th, was there not long ago. FRANK was very pleased.

Gosh, I'm glad FRED COOKE, 65th, got us started on this project. From an old wood sign to this. The 43rd is still "WILLING, ABLE, AND READY!"

JAMES T. PETTUS, Hdqrs., is the new Director for Headquarters. JIM is a pretty good boy, but his wife is one hell of a nice lady. They are giving one of the paintings for our new book. Our thanks to both of you.

WILLIAM J. "RED" ALMAND, 64th, called trying to get a flight from Fort Walton Beach, FL. to Colorado Springs, wanted the 43rd special rate. It took three trys, but he made it. If JIM HARCROW or FRED COOKE, both 65th, had been at home, things would have gone a little smoother. Sorry we had so much trouble, RED.

Got a letter from Australia from a Mrs. Ann Surany. Her parents knew two 43rd fellows in mid 1942. All she remembers is BOB and DUKE. They spent most of their time off at the Imperial Hotel, Cairns, went dancing at the R.S.L. Hall. BOB and DUKE were great mates. Maybe part of the 19th. Mrs. Surany is coming to the States before long, and wants to meet these two fellows. Any help - her address is 2 Dougan Street, Ashfield, N.S., 2131 Australia.

More on the Memorial Fund: CHARLES and NATALIE STEIN, 403rd, and GEORGE and MARY ELLEN HOLSTEAD, 63rd, sent in nice memorials. BILL and LUE SPENCER, 403rd, sent in a memorial for ANNE HOAG, wife of F.E. "ED" HOAG, 403rd, Greenville, S.C. Very nice thought BILL.

ALTON "DOUG" LEAMAN, 65th, sent in a excellent article on the 5th Air Force. Glad to see the 43rd got a good report. Bismarck Sea Battle and others. Thanks DOUG. When DALE BARR gets us a resting place for our history, I will send it to him. DOUG also called Hudson, N.H. operator looking for LUCIEN, got one. It turned out

to be WALTER J. LUCIEN'S brother. WALTER had worked for the City of Los Angeles for years, and is now in the group, and DOUG found a friend after years of looking.

MAX OSBORN, 65th, along with many others, was quick to let me know JIM WRIGHT was a member of the 380th Bomb Group. LEO PAINTER, 65th, reports that JIM was in the 530th Squadron, was lead Bombardier on an Oil Field Raid in 1943. Target, Oil Refinery the Japs had rebuilt; Time, 17 hrs. Distance 2800 miles. LEO replaced PAUL HUNTER as Squadron Radar Officer. PAUL returned in '45, and LEO went to the 380th. LEO is a little under the weather, so drop him a line.

JOHNNA SIMON, widow of HOWARD SIMONS, 63rd, writes she sent some of HOWARD'S keepsakes to some one in the 43rd, per request in old newsletter. Never received word we got them. If anyone received same, drop her a note, she would like that. Her address is 837 Lamonde, Maumee, OH 43537.

BOB ROTH, 403rd, sent excellent report to LARRY HICKEY. Made the B-24 thing in San Diego and got more good information. He agrees with GEORGE WHITE, my newsletters are pretty dragie. But unlike GEORGE, he says I may be improving. BOB, with words of praise like that, I'll sure try.

WILFRED HARDER, 65th, thinks he might be the BILL HARBER (HERCLER) we're looking for on 65th History. BILL, ED TROCCIA has confirmed it's you. Well, with DAN CROMER looking for the 65th history in his boxes of things, we may find it. Yes, ED, DAN CROMER, 1635 Hollingsworth Creek, Lakeland, FL. 33803, phone 813-682-1554, is the ex-C/O of the 65th. JIM SHROPSHIRE found him. I have talked with him, says he's in good health, but has trouble remembering things. I told him, welcome to the club, we all do. I flew several missions with DAN as his co-pilot.

RALPH DELOACH, 63rd, sends more news on the BLACK JACK story. The French Festival International, December 14th to 17th, '89, asked RALPH to be present and show "BLACK JACK'S LAST MISSION" in the REAL LIFE ADVENTURE FILM FESTIVAL, Laplagne, France. RALPH is going. Still more, the Cousteane Society is doing a film on Papua, New Guinea for "REDISCOVERY" TV Series. BLACK JACK is in it. Then JEAN MICHEL COUSTEANE'S new book on New Guinea includes BLACK JACK. BLACK JACK is almost as famous as some GEORGE WHITE put in the drink.

The Airman Memorial Museum, 5211 Auth Road, Suitland, Maryland 20748, wants information on you. They are trying put together the story on ground crews. ALL SUPPORT PEOPLE AS WELL AS FLIGHT CREWS. They have an 800 number: 800-638-0594. Regular number 301-899-3500, call and they will send you a questionnaire.

ALBERT T.C. PICKNELL, an Aussie S/Sgt., also a friend of BOB CUTLER, Hdqrs.. reports on how pleased the Australians are over the Memorial at Mareeba. We are too, ALBERT.

CHARLES and PATRICIA STENGLEIN, 65th, couldn't make the reunion this year. They are in Germany checking on CHARLES' roots. His father was born in a small town called Kempton in Bavaria. Trust your trip was great. See you next year.

Received word WARREN "CLANCY" BALES, 403rd, passed away in April this year. Burial was in Mc Cook, N.E. Our thoughts are with his family.

CHUCK and NATALIE STEIN, 403rd, couldn't make the reunion, they were in Egypt and Africa. They took a safari in Kenya and send their best to each of us.

ALBERT E. FELBIN, 64th, is a new member. He was on KENNETH BROWN'S crew. Met his co-pilot BILL CURRAN in Omaha having last seen him in November 1945 on Ie Shima. He also called KEN. Just 44 years later. They are looking for the rest of the crew. ROBERT DAWING, Navigator, JOE EDENS, Engr, M. BARSOTTI, Radio/gunner, V. MC DONALD, Engr, J. FOLEY, Gunner, and E. MOORE, Gunner. If you can help, let ALBERT know, 104 Mansion St., Coxsackie, NY 12051. 518-731-6996.

EARNEST J. WALES, JR., 65th, another new member, is pleased to be back in the 43rd. Recalls many things, missions to Rabaul, etc. But in particular, thought about Dr. "BUD GUSACK, 65th. Nice to have you back EARNEST.

CLIFTON WHITE, 403rd, is another new member. Not really new, he started in the 43rd at Bangor, Maine. Learned of us in the American Legion Magazine. CLIFTON'S address is Rt 1 Box 706, Brewer, Maine 04412.

The Santa Anna Army Air Base Wing, Costa Mesa, CA 92628, is having a reunion March 21, 1990. Anyone ever stationed there might want to attend.

DON WALKER, 403rd, on HAROLD BARRETT'S crew, reports CHARLES DEWEES their co-pilot, died in 1985. ALVA JOHNSON was on their crew. Wants information on THOMAS CARROLL, their engineer. DON'S address is 4046 Marathon Rd., Columbiaville, MI

48421.

Sgt/Major J. A. HOLT, Hdqrs., reports he and FAYE better not try the reunion this year, recalls a trip in years past from Omaha to Colorado Springs in the snow. At 87, J. A. and FAYE thought they best just read about it. God bless and maybe St. Louis in '90. If I remember correctly, their last reunion was in San Antonio.

BRIAN J. BENNETT, curator, Historical and Cultural Center, P.O. Box 714, Rabaul, East New Britain, Papua, New Guinea, needs help. The provincial Government is establishing a center to house relics of WWII. The Museum has the nose art from HAL WINFREY'S 65th B-17 #41-2430. Also items from other B-17's including Capt. HARL PEASE'S B-17 #41-2429. PEASE was flying out of the 93rd Squadron of the 19th Group, and was awarded the Medal of Honor. This was the flight both ED TROCCIA and LLOYD BOREN, both 93rd Squadron at that time, already had their gear on board when they were bumped from the flight by the two regular crew members who had been in sick bay. Close call. BRIAN needs pictures of operations over Rabaul, notes from diaries, even poems, etc., about the 43rd's many missions to Rabaul. BRIAN, bet the 43rd can handle that

GEORGE and ANNE WEICHLEIN, 65th, writes saying: Sorry we can't make the reunion, we bought a new Ford, and are building a new house. GEORGE you sure know how to shake me up. Nice people, made their first reunion in Dayton and we hope to see you in St. Louis. These reunions are getting better and better.

EDWARD and FLORENCE DRISCOLL, 403rd, sent in their 1990 dues. Say next year they will bring them to the reunion. See you all in St. Louis.

TROY and EVELYN MC CONNELL, 64th, writes to say EVELYN is not feeling too good, so had to miss reunion. Said tell ROGER and AUDREY KETTLESON, 64th, and others hello, and will see us in St. Louis next year.

WILLIAM A. BEDNARSKI, 403rd, sent in Life Membership, also an extra \$50.00 for 43 efforts. BILL has a health problem but hopes to make '90 reunion. Drop BILL a note and let him know we miss him.

DAYTON BLANCHARD, 65th Pilot, is a member of the DEDALIANS, an order dating back to WW1. whose aim is to support military flying. Membership has always been limited. Those of you who may be candidates are pilots that stayed in the service and are now retired from service. Get in touch with DAYTON for more info.

RODGER and NORMA LITTLE, 63rd, had too many reunions this year. Had to skip us. We are down for next year. NORMA must have bought RODGER'S scratch pads. They say: "A retired husband is a wife's full time job".

MARCIA BRENNEMAN'S book is ready to go. Bad year for MARCIA, she wrecked her car, got sick, trouble with the printer, etc. Was going to tell you my troubles, but after reading MARCIA'S letter, I don't have any.

M. T. HESTERMAN, 65th, is pleased he "got found". Learned of the Group through the American Legion Magazine (Breezy notifies about 17 or 18 such publications each year). Looking forward to the Roster and Newsletters.

CLIFTON WHITE, 403rd, is looking for FRED TURNER, a lineman who worked with him in New Guinea. Check newsletter, some of us will be in Bangor around April or May 1990.

ARMAND D. LAMBERT'S, 63rd, mail has been returned marked deceased. I have no further information at this time.

DELBERT "SMITTY" SMITH, 65th, over in Rogers, Arkansas, reports everything is on ok his way and says "HI" to all.

TONY and VIRGINIA DEANGELIS, 63rd, got all wrapped up in high school reunions, so missed ours. TONY says all the men that have hair, the hair is gray or white. All the ladies have colored their hair. TONY check out MARY LOIS, just like the Lord made it. We are all headed your way with the reunions, 1990, St. Louis, 1991, Norfolk, Virginia.

JOE C. STRONG, 64th, had surgery so couldn't make it to the reunion. He is going to get HARRY STEVENSON to fill him in on Colorado Springs. All report you missed a good one.

DON WILBER, Hdqrs., has been found. Sent in Life Membership and looking forward to seeing everyone in St. Louis. Good to have you back DON.

ALVIN and LORAIN HAAS, 64th, send in their thanks to all that worked on the

Colorado Springs reunion. Great time, great success.

MARK CARRELL, 65th, got a picture of his crew from Dr. MILTON "BUD" GUSACK taken beside "LUCKY LUCILLE". Good to have a report from his crew and the aircraft they flew. Thanks very much, will send it on to LARRY HICKEY.

Putting on the reunion is really a big job & takes lots of time. I thought it might be nice to look back a bit and recall the folks that have done so much for us.

CHRISTMAS 1981

San Antonio, Texas - BOB BUTLER, with help from LLOYD "BREEZY" BOREN, 65th, LARRY DE HAVEN, 64th, and CHUCK EDWARDS, 65th. 56 showed up to get this organization off the ground.

1982

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - We met with the 403rd at which time their already established group joined us marking a big step in getting the 43rd Air Borne. ART and MAXINE HANE, 403rd, and their fine family ran this one.

1983

The Queen Mary, Longbeach, California - HOWARD "ANDY" and MARCELLA ANDERSON, 64th, A real treat to return to the Queen.

1984

Arlington, Virginia - BOB and DORIS BUTLER, 63rd, and their family. Nice trip to the Capitol.

1985

Omaha, Nebraska - DALE and GEN BARR, 403rd and MAX and MARGARET AXELSEN, 403rd. Good look at SAC Headquarters - Great meeting. DALE BARR'S kids were a big help.

1986

San Antonio, Texas - LLOYD and HELEN BOREN, 65th, and MAX and MARGARET AXELSEN, 403rd. River walk, the Works.

1987

Bossier City, Louisiana - BOB and LILLIAN BEAUDEAN, 64th, and TROY and EVELYN MC CONNELL, 64th. River boat, Race Track, Party in court yard. Great time.

1988

Dayton, Ohio - DICK and JANE HENNIG, 64th, Memorial bench dedicated at Air Force Museum, excellent party at Officer's Club, super job by DICK and JANE.

1989

Colorado Springs - HARRY and RACHEL URBAN, 403rd - learning from other reunions plus two wonderful people. BEST YET.

The whole Group says a big thanks to each of you - plus all those others I didn't name.

From LLOYD and HELEN, DALE and GEN, MARY LOIS and ME: "THE BEST HOLIDAY SEASON EVER, AND MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS YOU ALL".

FROM HARRY and RACHEL URBAN REUNION CLOSE-OUT

Rachel and I are tying up loose ends and writing well-deserved "You Done Good" letters to the many people who helped make the reunion a success:

(1) The hotel staff which I think did a marvelous job in the meeting room arrangements, table settings and food, especially on the Prime Rib dinner which was delayed over an hour because of game traffic.

(2) Transportation did a great job of getting us around, especially on the day of the Academy tour.

(3) The Air Force Academy who provided the personnel for the Memorial Plaque Dedication.

(4) The Officers Club which did a fantastic job on lunch. I had signed a contract for 110 people for lunch based on your letters to me on optionals. About 3 hours before lunch the number had swelled to 340. They only asked for a 30 minute delay in the scheduled time. I can only imagine the work that went into serving our group an excellent lunch on such short notice.

(5) Howard's Pit Barbecue for great chicken and ribs at the Tailgating party.

Individually, we have many people to thank: President BILL WILSON, Vice President DALE BARR, Secretary-Treasurer LLOYD BOREN, and JANE and DICK HENNIG, in charge of the Dayton reunion, who gave us much appreciated guidance and advice.

We are also deeply appreciative of the gifts the 43rd gave us.

To the people who cheerfully volunteered to help RACHEL with Registration: CELESTE CAPERTON, DORIS BUTLER, MARY LOIS WILSON, BETTY HAYES, ANNA MARIE & VIC FRANCO, JEANNE & GUS RAPISARDI, VIRGINIA & JESS GIBSON, TOM ROTE, MAXINE HANE, BERT HARCROW, GEN & DALE BARR, ANNE LEE-WARNER, MIDGE & LOU URBAN, FRED CHRISTMAS and JIM PETTUS. If I left someone out forgive me, but your contribution was no less appreciated. We are most grateful.

I must admit I turned pale more than once when I saw \$100 and \$50 bills flying through the air when people were whisked through Registration, but it all turned out OK.

(6) "Big Brother" Lou, who was a big help in assisting people in wheel chairs at the football game. RACHEL and I are still marveling at the great spirit of those folks in wheel chairs and on crutches who came to rekindle old friendships with their "Comrades in Arms" and their wives. They were an inspiration.

(7) GUS RAPISARDI, my transportation honcho, and CARL NELSON who handled golf. 38 played golf.

Numbers-wise -- We had 478 fully paid registrations (\$75). In addition, we had a few folks we pro-rated who arrived on Friday and Saturday and didn't get to participate in all the scheduled meals, etc. We did the same for some of the local people who only attended certain events such as the Saturday night dinner. 455 had dinner at the Flying W. Some of the local folks had already been there and did not attend this event.

A few folks couldn't make it due to sudden illness or emergency. We refunded their money. BOB WHITE, 65th, and his wife DORIS came in on Oct. 9 and had to leave the next morning - his 90 year old mother had broken her leg. BOB wrote and told us she is OK now.

Speaking of fully paid registrations -- I had quite a few personally, paying for RACHEL and myself, our house guest BETTY HAYES, my cousin, my brother and his wife, and dinner and brunch for our son and his date.

We had registration folders for about 14-15 couples and a few singles left who we never heard from, around 32 people in all. We picked up their names from the hotel confirmation print-outs we received periodically. These folks were "No Shows" -- why, we don't know. We had a few people show up that we had not heard from, and had no idea they were coming.

Optionals -- We had around 225 for Pikes Peak, 340 for Officers Club lunch, 191 for Tailgating out of the 280 who went to the game, and 50 for the Royal Gorge.

The bus company took about 15-20 of our group to the magnificent Air Force Chapel for Sunday services and got them back in time for brunch.

Over 100 people attended the morning church services at the hotel in a beautiful outdoor setting -- a little "brisk" though.

Football -- Even though Air Force lost, who can forget the exciting pre-game and half-time activities --? Especially the parachutists and the flybys. How about that B-1 Bomber?

Weather -- We really lucked out (note from LLOYD - nobody could get that lucky, I believe HARRY and RACHEL had the whole thing planned). Sunday night (departure day) wet snow started and lasted for two days. Night temperatures dropped into the 20's!

Since the reunion, we have received many letters from people telling us "What a Great Reunion" we chaired. We are very grateful for the kind words. But, RACHEL and I should thank all of you. It was your enthusiasm for and enjoyment of the reunion that made us look good. More importantly -- you are no longer just a "name in the newsletter" -- we now consider you our friends. Until we see each other again, God bless you all.

To IRENE and BOB WATSON --Hope you have as much enjoyment running the reunion in St. Louis as RACHEL and I did running the one in Colorado Springs. Not to steal your thunder BOB, but as the song goes, "MEET ME IN ST. LOUIE, 43RD".

RACHEL & HARRY URBAN

FROM LLOYD

Please add the following names to your roster:

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The reunion was a great success thanks to the tireless efforts of HARRY and RACHEL URBAN. They have our sincere thanks for a job well done. I think everyone

attending would say this was the best ever. Even the weather stayed in the 70's until the day it was over, then it snowed. A list of those attending the reunion follows:

HEADQUARTERS

COL. and MRS JIM PETTUS, TONY IAMPINETRO, BOB CUTLER, FRED and MAURINE MC ALLISTER, HUGH HIMES, GENE and LUCILLE STRAW, WILSON KING, VINCENT STOPCZYNSKI, HOOVER and KATHRYN COTT, ROBERT DE MARIA, and DAVE and PHYLLIS HASSEMER.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ANNE LEE WARNER, BRUCE HOY, LARRY HICKEY, and MARION USSET.

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64th SQUADRON

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IMPORTANT

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL!. IF YOU ARE PAID FOR 1990, IT WILL READ PD-90 AFTER YOUR NAME, OTHERWISE, IT WILL READ PD-89. In the past we have paid dues from reunion to reunion. At the Colorado Springs reunion, we changed to a calendar year, and dues will be due January 1st. or before for 1990. Those of you who paid at the reunion should have PD-90 after your name on the label along with those who have paid since. A self addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Dues are still \$10.00 yearly.

We had a very nice visit in St. Louis with BOB and IRENE WATSON, 65th, and some of the local and nearby members to discuss the upcoming St. Louis 1990 reunion. Among those present were: AL and CHARLOTTE FISCHER, 63rd, NORM and EVELYN FRIEDBERG, 64th, BEN and KAY SCHNEIDER, 63rd, E.M. GYERMAN, DICK and CLEO KELLY, 65th, and M/M ALVIN TONNE. BOB and IRENE WATSON, who will chair our 1990 reunion in St. Louis, have a terrific program lined up already.

FROM BOB and IRENE WATSON

We have chosen the Marriott Pavilion Hotel, downtown, as our reunion site for several reasons. Within about three blocks, you will find 2 terrific malls, the famous St. Louis Arches, LeClerc's Landing, and about 150 restaurants of every kind. If you don't feel like walking, St. Louis has a bus that takes you by all of the above, and is right outside your door every 15 minutes. The best part, it's free. If you like baseball, Busch Stadium is just across the street from the hotel. The hotel rooms will be \$60.00, single or double, and for those of you driving, instead of the usual \$8.00 daily indoor parking, there will be no charge. The rooms are subject to State & Local taxes as usual.

The St. Louis Train Depot (three blocks away) has been converted into an enormous Mall, even housing a Hotel with a lake. You can spend several days here with everything you would like to eat and see. Restaurants range from fancy to fast food, with everything in between. Stores and shops galore. The other large Mall is anchored by the Famous Barr, and contains something for everyone.

We have a special treat planned for Friday night. Buses will take us to the landing, and we will board the "President", the largest paddle boat around, for a 3 hour trip with a real German band, German food, and show. All this while cruising on the Mississippi. We also have some other treats planned and will include them in the next newsletter.

This is going to be another extra special reunion, so start preparing ahead of time. Remember - From October 8th, thru brunch Sunday the 14th. Don't miss this one. We will be posting Air Line bargains and information in the next newsletter.

Please note our phone number which is different from the one in your roster. Correct number is 618-537-6211.

LATE NEWS

Had a nice letter from JULES POWELL, 65th. JULES wrote to say they had a wonderful time at the reunion - their first. After they left the reunion they went to San Francisco. They left San Francisco at 9:00 am Tuesday on their way to Seattle. The quake happened at 5:04 that evening. JULES is telling friends the quake was a direct result of the hell he raised with the hotel people over his hotel bill. He says they were spoiled by the great rates HARRY URBAN got at the Colorado Springs Marriott. JULES, I don't know of any hard and fast rule as to the placement of the patches on the jacket. I have the group on my left side and

the squadron on the right. If someone knows differently, write to JULES.

RAY QUILLEN, 403rd, sent in money for a cap from the reunion along with a car or window sticker. RAY missed the reunion due to a heart attack, but is coming along fine now. He hopes to make St. Louis in 90.

MANUEL ALEXOPOULOS, 63rd, sent dues and asks to be remembered to LAIRD, CONWAY, HESS, and all the guys on the line. He is waiting for the newsletter so he can read all about it - will try to make the next one.

Another sending in dues and expressing sorrow over missing the reunion was GEORGE JUOPPERI, 64th. GEORGE and ANN hadn't missed one since Arlington. ANN broke a bone in her foot, and between the cast and the crutches it was just too much for this year. They also will make St. Louis.

ROBERT "SHEP" SHEPPARD, Hdqrs, writes that he enjoyed a visit SPENCER "SPIKE" WOOLLEY, Hdqrs, in Nokomis, Florida. First time they had seen each other since October 45'. SHEP says that "SPIKE'S" lovely wife ALICE asked him if he called him "SPIKE" when they were in Headquarters Squadron where SPIKE was his boss in the Citations department. SHEP replied that he most certainly did not as SPIKE was a Captain and he was a PFC. They had a great time.

In July, SHEP visited with JIM DAVIS, Hdqrs. When "SHEP" joined the group in early 45', JIM was in charge of Citations and SHEP eventually took his place. JIM is a retired Judge in New Hampshire. He is busy making stained glass lampshades, and playing golf.

Had a nice letter from EUGENE "DUTCH" BENEDETTI, 65th. "DUTCH" has got to be one of the oldest MARATHON runners in the world. He sends a nice check as a donation to the memorial fund, which represents a percentage of his winnings as a runner. DUTCH, now check this out, was victorious in his last three this year; LONG BEACH, SAN FRANCISCO, and ST. GEORGE. He is complaining because he did not make a sweep. He only finished second in the Los Angeles Marathon. He can't understand it since it was only 26.2 miles. He was sure wishing that DOC GUSACK had been within commuting distance. He is running the Honolulu Marathon next month.

GARNETT PEELING, 65th, sent dues and expresses sorrow over missing the Colorado Springs reunion. He is still recovering from two operations and hopes to be in condition to make the St. Louis shindig. He says that BOB BYRNE, 403rd, and ED O'CONOR, 65th, keep him posted on the reunions.

HY MARDER, 403rd, sent me a copy of a long letter he sent to the Historian of the 19th Bombardment Association. Pretty interesting, but too long for here. HY flew several missions with JAY ZEAMER as radio/oper, one in particular pretty rough. Like many of us, HY was in the 19th prior to joining the 43rd. He says he is feeling great and playing tennis. HY, try bringing your tennis stuff to St. Louis, we have some hot tennis players in this outfit. Perhaps we can get up a Tennis Tournament while the old men play golf. HY, I hope you sent a copy of that letter to BRUCE HOY or LARRY HICKEY as they could use information like that.

WALT KICHURA, 403rd, who has been to almost all the reunions, missed this one. His wife FLORENCE has been in and out of the hospital most of the year, but her condition is improving, and he hopes to be able to make St. Louis. WALT sends his regards to MAX AXELSEN and SID LEE, both of the 403rd.

Received 1990 dues from new member WILLIAM "BUCK" AUSTIN, 403rd. Along with his dues he enclosed photostats of a historic document. It is four pages of signatures dated 1-18-42 from Fort Dix, NJ. At the top is written "I received 2 blankets and 1 comforter this date - 1-18-42. The pages contain approximately 140 signatures of those who shipped over on the USS Argentina and formed the 403rd.

We are enclosing another questionnaire from LARRY HICKEY and BRUCE HOY. Please - if you can answer any of the questions, or help in any way - do so. Also enclosed is a pre-publishing order form for the book. Another order form is enclosed for Associate Member, MARSHA BRENNEMAN'S book, "WALTER" which is about her uncle, WALTER BRENNEMAN, 43rd. I have already received my copy of the book. The book should be of interest to quite a few, especially to those in the 403rd.

One more enclosure, a self addressed envelope for your dues in case you are not marked PD-90. January is coming up quickly, and I hope to get the 1990 Roster out sometime in January. Let me repeat this note - We do not send Paid Cards anymore - too expensive, and really not necessary as the year you are paid for is shown after your name. There is one exception to this, LIFE MEMBERS will receive a deluxe card, gold with blue raised lettering.

I have some caps left from San Antonio, Bossier City, Dayton and Colorado Springs. Until they are gone, they are \$4.00 each including postage. I also have a very limited number of Squadron and Group patches left. They are \$10.00 each including postage. If you are ordering either 65th patches, or 63rd patches, be sure to specify which patch you want. One was B-17, and the other B-24.

Just received a letter from VINCENT STOPCZYNSKI, Hdqrs. He made a trip to see FATHER SHEA and take him pictures from the reunion. "COACH" SHEA is doing fine and was most happy to hear about the reunion and get the pictures. He wanted to thank everybody for everything, especially the fellows that posed for the pictures. Thanks VINCENT.

Every time I think I have finished my part of the newsletter, I'm, always wrong. Since I have some more to go, I will include a little more on the "Order of Daedalians" from DAYTON BLANCHARD.

Amongst our 43rd Bomb Group Assn. members, there may be some pilots who are eligible to join the Order of Daedalians. This Order was organized on March 26, 1934 by a representative group of American World War I pilots to perpetuate the spirit of patriotism, the love of country, and the high ideals of sacrifice which place service to nation above personal safety or position. The order is dedicated to insuring flight safety ... it fosters an esprit de corps in the military air forces and promotes the adopting of military service as a career. It also establishes scholarships of deserving young individuals in specialized higher education.

We have several Daedalians in our 43rd Bomb Group at the present time. Eligibility is as follows: Must be a rated commissioned pilot, either on active duty or retired and drawing retired pay. Active Reserve pilot or National Guard pilots are also eligible, if they fall into the above categories. If you are eligible, write to: Order of Daedalians, Building 1635, Kelly AFB, Texas 78241, for an application. There are Flights located in many areas throughout the U.S., Europe, Middle East, and Pacific areas. When applying, or writing to Kelly AFB, ask where the nearest Daedalian Flight is located. They usually are near Air Force installations.

If you are eligible, we strongly recommend you join this outstanding group and represent our 43rd Bomb Group Association. You will find a very strong bond among the membership and an outstanding fellowship. Yearly dues are minimal, as well as Flight dues in local chapters. Submitted by L. Dayton Blanchard, Daedalian number 10136, assigned to the founder membership of Ernest M. Blanchard (World War I).

The Colorado Springs reunion was a good one for three of our Association members. DAYTON BLANCHARD, 65th, reports that his co-pilot, DICK GOLZE, and DON MARSAGLIA, his bombardier, were re-united for the first time since 1945, when they flew the last mission of WWII from Ie Shima. DICK GOLZE is semi-retired and continues to maintain his skills as a pilot, flying his own plane to Colorado Springs. DON MARSAGLIA is now retired and he and his wife SHIRLEY spend part of the year in their Florida condominium. DAYTON resumed his flying career in 1949 after finishing college at Wisconsin State and Marquette University. He completed over 30 years service in the Air Force as a Pilot and Meteorologist. When the war ended in the Pacific, DAYTON, DICK GOLZE, crew chief SAM DANTE, and radio operator MEL SCHROEDER were selected to participate in The Sunset Project, which was set up to fly war-weary and newer B-24's back to the U.S. BLANCHARD'S skeleton crew was assigned B-24 # 44-51034 at Clark Field. They received permission from the Project officer to remove all the surplus weight from the airplane. DICK GOLZE and SAM DANTE proceeded to remove the nose guns and armor, the Martin turret guns, the pilot and co-pilots armor, the waist guns, and the remainder of the excess weight. They covered the Martin turret with sheet aluminum and reduced the weight and drag by a large factor. On the first leg from Clark Field to Guam, they were amazed to find that the cruising speed was increased from 155 mph to 180 to 190 mph, after some of the fuel was burned off and they got the airplane on "the step". Thus they were always lead-off airplane and probably set a record in total flying hours from Clark Field to Muroc Dry Lake AFB, California (now Edwards AFB). Before departing Clark Air Base, the name "43RD'S BIG BIRD" was painted in red on the front of the airplane. It later appeared in some post-war newsreels at Tucson Arizona where the airplane graveyard was maintained, and was probably reduced to scrap at a later date. An undeserved ending for a great airplane: As an added note, BLANCHARD'S crew picked up Navigator WILTON E. THOMAS at Clark Field. Thomas had been the navigator on Lt. GAFFNEY'S crew while in the 65th Squadron, and proved to be an outstanding addition to the skeleton crew on the "43RD'S BIG BIRD". THOMAS now resides in Austin, Texas.

BILL BOLDY, 65th, who was radio operator on DUTCH EHRLER'S crew along with myself,

has had a pretty rough time of it lately. First by-pass surgery, and now is back in the hospital for a stomach operation. You guys that knew BILL drop him a line, he has been in this association from the start, and something has always come up to keep him from making a reunion. We are hoping you can make St. Louis, BILL.

JOE SHAPURAS, 65th, sent BOB BUTLER a clipping showing PAUL BLASEWITZ, 63rd, wearing the Distinguished Flying Cross. It was from the Tampa Tribune, dated October 27, 1989. Heading read "World War II bomber gunner receives medal 45 years late". The article Forty-five years after flying 51 hazardous missions against the Japanese in World War II, Paul Blasewitz finally has the recognition many of his comrades had already received.

Thursday, in a special ceremony at MacDill Air Force Base, a gleaming medal was pinned on the former staff sergeant and tail gunner. No trace of sentimentality crossed the 73-year-old Blasewitz's face when he received the Distinguished Flying Cross - no tears, no ear-to-ear grim. He flashed the smile of a man who now had something long denied.

"This may just seem like a blip on the screen to you" the Clearwater resident said after the ceremony "But it's important to me".

Some members of Blasewitz's division, the U.S. Army Air Corps', 43rd bomber group, received their medals years ago, said Capt Dian Lawhon, MacDill spokeswoman. The group saw action in the Pacific Ocean from 1942 to 1944.

As for Blasewitz's medal, "There was an administrative glitch", Lawhon said. "During World War II, while his unit was dispersed, he was lost in the shuffle, and it took them more than 40 years to catch up with the retired civil engineer".

They further state that Blasewitz considers his most memorable mission, "BLACK JACK'S LAST MISSION". The paper goes on to describe that famous ditch in the drink.

BLASEWITZ received his medal from Brig. Gen. Ben Nelson Jr., MacDill AFB base commander.

My good friend JOE GREEN, 403rd, from Valdosta, Georgia, returned my money and said the onion crop won't be in for 4 or 5 months, but not to worry, I'll get my onions.

I had some pleasant experiences at the reunion, met two guys I haven't seen since Moresby; JACK CAPERTON and CHALKY WHITE, both 65th. Played a little tennis with BOB BUTLER, but not enough, we spent more time trying to find the courts. You guys that play tennis, bring your stuff to St. Louis, we have got to make time for some tennis.

FROM GEORGE WHITE

On behalf of BRUCE HOY, I want to extend his sincere thanks to the twenty-four members who made it possible for him to be with us at Colorado Springs. Also special appreciation to FRED BLAIR'S wife MARGARET, who helped me communicate with BRUCE; and to FRED RADTKE who made it possible for BRUCE to return to Australia on a Continental Flight that was overbooked. They only run two a week to Brisbane. During the course of the reunion many members took the opportunity to talk with BRUCE and gave him valuable information that will help make our history book a volume we will all be proud of. At the Group meeting, he showed slides of some of our old strips and campgrounds as well as views of how our favorite targets look today. He enjoyed his first American football game and shared our disappointment in the Air Force loss to Notre Dame. I assured him that, given the opportunity, the Yankee Fighting Irish would probably do the same job on BILL WILSON'S Dallas Cowboys.

May you all have a HAPPY and HEALTHFUL Holiday Season.

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For period 1/1/89 through 9/30/89 Figures prior to reunion

INCOME		
BALANCE FORWARD	20126.25	
BANK DEPOSITS	14386.65	(INCL. 6000.00 FROM REUNION FUND)
BANK INTEREST	719.86	
		35232.76
EXPENCES		
ACCOUNTING & BOOKEEPING	200.00	
CONTRACT TYPING & LABELS	260.00	
RENT, OFFICE EQUIPMENT/TRAVEL EXPENCE	1896.00	
OFFICE REUNION	7411.94	(INCL. 6000.00 LOAN TO REUNION)
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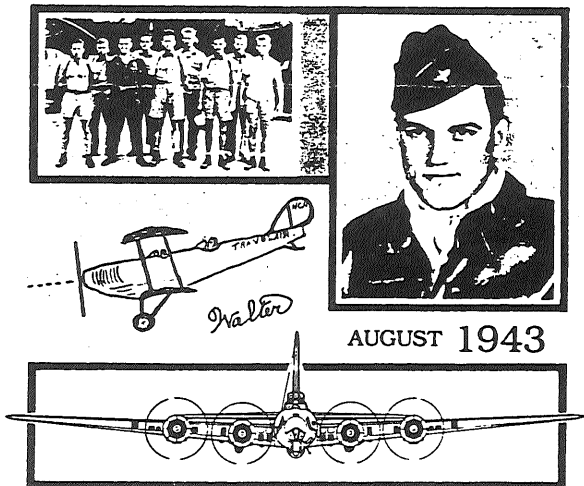
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General

1. We must locate color movie film, slides or photos showing aircraft artwork, bases, missions, etc. for the 50-60 color photos planned for the color section of the book. Does anyone have or know of same?
2. We now have sponsors for all four squadron paintings being commissioned for the book. One painting is already finished and the other three are in the works. Thanks to those of you who have supported the book by sponsoring these paintings.
3. We need hard copies of any of the Group or Squadron records from the Maxwell AFB Archive microfilms or copies of the originals obtained overseas with the unit. This includes copies of both Group and Squadron historical reports. Are copies out there?
4. Urgently need copies of diaries, flightlogs, narratives for major decorations such as Silver Stars, Purple Hearts, DFC, DSC, etc.
5. The 63rd SQ maintained a SQ diary until the end of their B-17 operations. Does anyone know of the existence of squadron diaries for 64th, 65th and 403rd and for 63rd from Sept 43 to Aug 45?
6. Names of the crew required for the B-17 ditched by Lt. Ray Dau on 24 May 43. Pilot was Ray Dau, Navigator was 1/Lt. John Hanlon and the bombardier was 1/Lt. Max Mayer. Who were the others? Also need description of the ditching.
7. Need the current address for Byron Heichel who survived the loss of his airplane on May 7, 43 and was captured by the Japanese. 403rd B.S. Jack K. Wisener also survived being shot down on 13 June 43, last known address was Austin, TX, as a member of the State legislature. Paul F. Cascio is also believed to have survived his crash on 1 June 43. Mr. Cascio may assist the Army's recent re-investigation of the crash-site.
8. B-17E #41-2481 crashed on take-off at Seven Mile on 27 Aug 43, Clarence O'Connor being the pilot. Who were the other members of this crew?
9. B-17E #41-9234 crash-landed near Wau on 8 Jan 43 following a mission to Wau. Did this airplane have a nickname?
10. A photo exists of B-17 #41-9015 about to ditch. We need date, crew, location and details of this incident (previously flew at least 18 missions with the 19th B.G.).
11. Need photos of a/c hit by Jap bombing at Milne Bay on Jan. 17, 1943 and tail numbers of any of the planes damaged or destroyed in this incident.
12. On Jan. 16, 1943, Gen. Whitehead flew co-pilot on B-17E #209 on a recco mission. Who was the pilot that day?
13. Need eyewitness accounts plus crew, sq. and date of late May/early June '43 incident where B-17 with one engine feathered came in to land wheels up, chewed off ends of props then lifted off and came around and landed safely wheels down.
14. When and why was B-17 SUPER SNOOPER'S name changed to CAROLINE?
15. What Sq. was IAK-A-NOOKY assigned to during March-June '43? On March 3, '43, its gunners knocked down 2 Zeros. Who were the crewmen of this plane?
16. Photos of the following B-24s have been submitted by 43rd veterans but squadron assignments or tail numbers unknown. Many may not even be 43rd A/C: ARMED VENUS, BAIL OUT BELLE, BARBARA JEAN, BELLE WRINGER, BEN BUZZARD, BIG TIME OPERATOR, BOMB BABE, CAROLYN MAE, DEVIL'S DELIGHT, DOUBLE TROUBLE, DUCHESS, THE DUCHESS, FAT STUFF, THE FLYING FIFEN, 4F, FURIOUS SAL, GOLPHER GUS, HAND JOB, HELEN'S REVENGE, HELLS BELLE, IT'S HEAVEN, JUNE BRIDE, LADY FROM LEYTE, LOOSE LIVIN IV, LONG DISTANCE, LUCKY PUPPY, MAG THE HAG, MAJORETTE, MANILA CALLING, MISS GIVING, THE MISSOURI MULE, MODEST MAIDEN, THE MRS, NAUGHTY BLUE EYES, NET RESULTS, OLD GEORGE, THE PETER HEATER, PICKLED PEACH, POM POM EXPRESS, PUG NOSE, REPUTATION CLOUDY, ROARIN ROSIE, SACKTIME UNLIMITED, SITTING PRETTY, SKY WITCH, SLIDIN, THE SLUT, SMOOTH SAILING, THE SNOOPER, SOOPER DROOPER, SPORT MODEL, STARFU, SWEET ROUTINE, SWEET TAKEOFF, TEXAS KATE, TWO TIME, UNTIMELY VISITOR, WILCO, WOLF, THE GOON. Need any info on these A/C.

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17. B-17 #403 THE OLD MAN was originally BLITZ BUGGY. When was it renamed it, who named it THE OLD MAN and who did the artwork?
18. Was the cause of the crash of B-17 #41-24391 on Sept. 14, '42 at Mareeba (Henson crew) ever determined?
19. We now know that Thomas Rote designed the 63rd "Seahawks" emblem in the summer of 1944 at Owi Island. We still don't know when this emblem was put on the tails of the 63rd's black B-24s. It had to have been after October, 1944. Can anyone pin down the date more precisely than that? Who actually painted the insignia on the plane tails? We need all available photos of "Seahawk" emblem on B-24 tails.
20. Several wrote in suggesting the all-black paint was first applied to 63rd B-24s about September 1944. One source says after October 1944. Can anyone provide more definite dates?

21. George Holstead, 63rd Ops Officer, sent us a list of serial numbers, nicknames and assigned pilots for 18 early 63rd B-24s. Of them, I need good photos of PUG, PITTI-SING, MALLET HEAD and BUSTER. Also need crew chiefs' names and dates of assignment for these plus I'LL BE AROUND, SACK WAGON, SWEET SIXTEEN, FERTILE MYRTLE, MISS LIBERTY, QUEEN OF HEARTS, ART'S CART, AT EASE, and WHO'S NEXT. The wheel of WHO'S NEXT broke on landing; does anyone know when, where, and how it happened? Can anyone provide the serial number and crew chief of early B-24 LADY LUCK? Was SHIRLEY ANN a 63rd or 65th Squadron B-24? Does anyone know anything about a B-24 named SITTING PRETTY?

22. We've received several photos of a late-war black B-24 #126 with a scoreboard below the pilot's window with 18 ships sunk and 28 mission markers. We want to do a color profile of this aircraft, but need details of crew chief, nickname (if any) and stories of the missions it flew. Can anyone help? Need photos of black B-24 BOOTS #127.

23. We also want to profile the B-24 "QUEEN OF HEARTS" and need similar info. Was this an all-black aircraft?

24. We need similar info on ART'S CART, with full photos of the scoreboard.

25. We need good photos of B-17 KA-PUHIO-WELA aka DOUBLE TROUBLE for use as an artist guide for a color profile. Anyone know the history of this aircraft, its crew chief's name, the meaning of the Hawaiian nickname and the color of the lettering? It was the B-17 lost during the Bismarck Sea Battle.

26. We need nicknames and photos of 63rd SQ B-24s not mentioned above.

64TH SQUADRON

27. Need crew names for B-17 #653 which crashed on T.O. from Jackson's Strip on 1 June '43. None of crew were badly injured and repaired plane transferred to 65th Sq.

28. Require names of crew for B-17 TAXPAYER'S PRIDE which was hit by 40mm shell on 1 April '43 mission.

29. S/Sgt. Walker was accidentally killed on 9 Jan. '43. Can anyone provide details?

30. We need full info (artwork color details, crew chiefs names and tail numbers) on the following B-24s reported in 64th: NOBODY'S BABY, THE RECORD BREAKERS, IT AIN'T SO FUNNY (#853), LAST HORIZON, SHAWNEE RAIDER (Chepulis crew chief), LOVELY ANNETTE (808?; Haas crew chief), GALLANT LADY (later LADY LYNN).

31. Was diagonal white band first applied to stabilizers of 64th B-24s in August of 1943? Were white cowlings painted on some planes at the same time? When were red and white tail stripes first applied to the SQ's uncamoouflaged B-24 tails?

32. By whom, when and where was the 64th "Indian boy with a telescope riding a bomb" insignia first designed?

33. Can anyone provide full nose-to-tail photos of these B-24s: COCKTAIL HOUR, HEAVENLY BODY, IT AIN'T SO FUNNY, LAST HORIZON, MICHIGAN, MABEL'S LABELS, or THE RECORD BREAKERS? Need nose art photo of LOVELY ANNETTE.

65TH SQUADRON

34. Who was crew aboard B-17 YANKEE DIDLER #458 on 19 May '43 when #3 engine failed on take off and a wheels up landing was made?

35. Who flew B-17 BLUES IN THE NIGHT #209 on 2 Mar. '43 (Ken McClullar reg. pilot)?

36. Can anyone provide serial #, insignia color details, crew chief names, or photos of following B-17s: GEORGIA PEACH, RED MOOSE EXPRESS

37. Need color details, crew chief names and artwork color details for following B-24s: JUNGLE QUEEN, KENTUCKY VIRGIN (later SURE POP), TWO BOB TILLIE, GERALDINE, MR. 5 BY 5, THE PREGNANT WHALE (Pilot Miller?); need crew chief's name LUCKY LUCILLE and date and details of crash landing at Milne Bay, N.G.; need color details, service dates, and tail number of QUEEN OF THE CLOUDS.

38. Need above info plus serial #s of B-24s SHIRLY ANN (may have been 63rd a/c), VIRGIN II, WINDY CITY KITTY, RUM & COKE, PETTY GAL, COME AND GET IT, BIG ASS BIRD (crew chiefs Brown/Govoni).

39. We think 65th SQ dice emblem was designed in September or October 1943 and applied to B-24 tails shortly thereafter. Can anyone provide more information on this? Need all possible photos of use of this on a/c tails.

40. TARGET FOR TONIGHT #060. Need regular pilot and crew chief's name as well as color artwork details and plane history.

41. Need nicknames and info on any other 65th B-24s not listed here.

42. Need photos or nose art for MISSIN' YOU (399).

43. When and at what base was name KEN'S MEN first applied to pilot's side of 65th SQ B-24 noses?

44. When and where was the tail B-24 rudder striping first applied on 65th B-24s?

403RD SQUADRON

45. We have virtually no identifications of nicknames or nose art on 403rd SQ B-17s. Can anyone supply some?

46. Early 403rd SQ B-24s used a white front tip on top of the stabilizers. We think this was first applied about August, 1943. Can anyone confirm this?

47. The following 403rd SQ B-24 nicknames are known: ACE O' SPADES, FLAMIN' MAMIE, FLYING FANNIE*, THE FLYING WOLF*, GENTLEMAN JIM*, JOLTIN JANIE, THE MIRAGE*, PRIDE OF THE CORNHUSKERS*, RIO RITA, SACK BOUND*, SATAN'S SISTER, STUGO'S 1ST*, TAILSKID TOLLIE, MILLION \$ BABY (I & II), VIRGINIA GIRL, MAREEBA BUTCHER'S, KEN'S MEN (with MAREEBA BUTCHER'S insignia). Need crew chief's names, artwork color details, and dates of loss (for planes with * also need serial number).

48. When was MAREEBA BUTCHER'S Squadron insignia painted on noses of all 403rd B-24s? Some have reported about mid-1944. Confirmation? (Three examples known from photos)

49. By whom and when was MAREEBA BUTCHER'S Squadron insignia designed?

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