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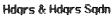
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#### FROM DALE BARR

Attention! HAROLD KAHLER, bombardier, 65th. I was reading your letter over again, and I'm wondering about hitting the bridge from 10,000 feet....Aren't you, after 50 years getting your story confused with the Air Force Propaganda of hitting the pickle barrel from 10,000...I want to see you at the Omaha reunion to verify this story....Incidentally, were you drinking the scotch before the Squadron commander entered your tent, or did you drink it after he came in??? ha ha ha. Anyway, I understand that you got in touch with the engineer that saved your bu--, is that correct?..Wonderful, I bet you guys had a lot to say to each other. Who was it HAPOLD. Make sure he comes to sure ONALLA TOURING TOUR COMES. other...Who was it, HAROLD...Make sure he comes to our OMAHA reunion, Ok?

<u>WILLIAM SONDEY</u>, 65th, Great to have you aboard...Try and make the 1993 reunion in Omaha. I think it will be one of the best and biggest we've ever held....(Got that, Col. Urban). We had a good one in 1985, but now, we've got the only inside Rain Forest in the world. Are you getting the newsletters ok?..

"Car 99, where are you?"....I'm asking the same question of HUGH & DOT JONES, 63rd. Put on one reunion and then drop out of sight... Come on you guys, T went to your reunion, now it's your turn to come to mine, how about it, HUGH? The membership has been asking about you guys...Come on to Omaha and show them you are alive and kicking, OK?

NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE

Members of the 19th Bomb Group Assn. will be holding their reunion April 1-3, 1993 at Warner Robins AFB Georgia. For more info, contact Robert E. Ley, President..3574 Wellston Ct., Simi Valley, Calif. 93063...HARRY URBAN, 403rd. Isn't that the outfit that you were kicked out of??...Ha Ha

Youngster, <u>JACK</u> <u>W. WALSTROM</u>, well, at least, compared to us old f\_\_s. Be sure and come to Omaha for our 1993 reunion, because, I'm trying to have a fellow buddy of yours there. I have written to <u>ROBERT</u> <u>SCHWITZ</u>, of Kaysville, Utah, asking that he attend our 1993 reunion, so you and he can swap stories and us older folks can see what kind of men carried on after the war was over, in the 43rd Group, or shall I say, 43rd Wing. (SAC)?

The cartoon in this edition was sent in by WENDELL JONES, 64th. I think it had something to say about women in the service, but now, after "Desert Storm", I wonder what kind of a cartoon will come out now....Probably, gays would be the topic now. At least we thought it would give you a chuckle, my wife wants me to explain it to her, ha ha...

Now that we are back from visiting the Queen Mary, I went back over some of my correspondence that related to the QM, but I didn't have the time or space to put this info into our newsletter....So, WALTER W. SCHWIDER, 94th Calv., I am now correcting this. Thanks for all your info on the QM and I hope it will be of enjoyment to some of our members ..... BOOKS WRITTEN ON THE QUEEN MARY:

"The Queen Mary --- her inception and history", Potter, Neil and Frost. Jack...SF Press 1971.

"Grey Ghost"--- The RMS Queen Mary at war" by Steve Harding..Personal Histories Publishing Co., Missoula, MT, 1980.

"Sail Ho".. "Tramp Steamers".. "Commodore, War, Peace, & Big Ships" by Sir James Bisset.

Another book concerning the 1942 QM voyage #84 (43rd's trip number).: "Operation---Drumbeat" by Michael V. Gannon, Harper & Row, N.Y. 1990.

I remember someone writing me about a diary or a record of voyage #84, and had it in print. I think it was someone out of Battery "A", 94th Coast Artillery. WALTER, if you can help me with this, I'd appreciate it very much as I have had 3 or 4 members ask me how they could get a copy of this story of voyage #84....Be waiting to hear from you, better yet, bring it with you to the Omaha reunion..ha ha...Got that in very nicely, didn't I?

A special thanks to  $\underline{ROBERT}$   $\underline{BAHL}$ , 403rd, for sending all his material to  $\underline{LARRY}$   $\underline{HICKEY}$  to help finish our book. See you in Omaha.  $\underline{BOB}$ , and I owe you one...

GEORGE R. STARK, 64th, be tuned in and make the Omaha reunion as your ball turret operator, LYLE P. HEINEKE will be therer and wants to see you after all these years...You should have a lot to talk about. We are trying to get your nose gunner, GORDON WICKSTROM to be there also.

This is especially for <u>WILLIAM R. EATON</u>, 403rd. At the SAC Museum, which we will visit during the Omaha reunion this year, there is a plaque of <u>HARL PEASE and JOSEPH SARNOSKI</u>, 403rd, which I know you'll want to see. Incidentally, I have never heard how you got from the 435th to the 403rd...

NOW I'M ASKING SOMETHING SPECIAL from any member of the 403rd Squadron who remembers a red-headed armorer/gunner who always was smoking a pipe....JACK APPLE...one of our members wrote to me asking that his buddies from WWII write him. Seems JACK is paralyzed and can't talk, and his wife had the hard decision to put him in a home since she was unable to care for him properly...She's looking forward to the members writing so she can read the letters to him...Seems he's low in spirit and needs some encouragement...MRS. APPLE WANTED TO KNOW IF COL JAMES PETTUS would drop him a line....I know he will after he reads this, even tho, he's busier than a one arm paperhanger with the itch, trying to get our history book done by the Sept. reunion date. Say, how about big old HANK TEITELBAUM, 403rd, rallying his armament gang to write?

In December's issue of our newwletter, someone asked if the 43rd ever bombed Wadke Island?...Did we ever!! ROLAND T. FISHER, 63rd, not only wrote about the mission, but sent a copy of his log book showing the mission and a copy of a picture showing the results of the bombing...He made it very clear that they didn't kill any fish that day, ha ha. Who ever it was that wanted this question answered, write me, please.

A special thanks to <u>SAMUEL F. COMMONS</u>, 63rd, for doing a little detective work for me...Since he lives in the Philly area, I thought maybe he could locate <u>CY MICHAELS</u>, Hdqrs., for me...I'm going to write to <u>FATHER SHEA</u>, Hdqrs., and I bet he'll know where <u>CY</u> is...Anyway, thanks <u>SAM</u> the detective man..

<u>LARRY D. HOLMES</u>, 63rd, sent me a copy of some orders he had, and I thought I might want a copy since I was promoted from Pvt. to Sgt. on those orders. Get that <u>GEORGE WHITE</u>?, from Pvt. to Sgt. Even <u>LARRY</u> asked how that happened...I'd like to know myself...<u>LARRY</u>, as soon as you finish your narratives, send me a copy and be sure to send a copy to <u>LARRY HICKEY</u>.

Does anyone remember the "Red Raiders", 22nd Bomb Group (M & H), B-25's, B-26's, etc. Well, they will be following the 43rd into Omaha for their reunion on Oct. 6-10 to be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. Ours will be at the RED LION INN, Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 1993.

Thanks to  $\underline{LLOYD}$  A.  $\underline{MORGAN}$ , 403rd, for informing me that  $\underline{JACK}$   $\underline{APPLE}$  flew on a combat crew out of Headquarters Squadron, also. Thanks again!

My thanks to M. L. "SHAD" SHADDOX, 64th, for straightening me out on TRUMAN LEARY'S death. Because of this goof, we are now starting a new system in keeping records of our members deaths. One happy thought tho, I'll get to see and talk to SHAD & NAOMI in Omaha September 27-October 3, 1993.

Those self addressed envelopes that <u>LLOYD</u> <u>BOREN</u>, 65th, Secty-Treas sent out are sure paying for themselves, just received one from <u>ZIGMONT</u> <u>"ZIG"</u> <u>JANOWSKI</u>, 63rd, paying his dues for 5 years in advance, and <u>ZIG</u>, thanks for your kind words.

Calling all Langley Field and Bangor, Maine veterans who rode the Queen. Ahem, I'd better put that a different way, ha ha. <u>LEONARD</u> R <u>NYGARD</u>, 63rd, is looking for some of our members (original 43rd members), who went across the Pacific on the Queen Mary. He's been to the reunions and found only two members...Now, <u>LEONARD</u>, the 3rd time is the charm...So, I'll look forward to seeing you in Omaha in September, ok?

HAPPY NEWS! HAPPY NEWS!....Got a note from <u>LOU ALPE</u>, Hdqrs., stating he had talked to <u>FATHER SHEA</u>, and he sounded good....At-a-boy, COACH, hope you can come to my reunion in Omaha....For those who might want to contact <u>FATHER SHEA</u>, he's in St. Mary's Rest Home, Room 317, 291 Steele Rd., W. Hartford, Conn. 06117...Telephone 1-203-232-1471...Maybe these two Headquarters men can help me find <u>CY MICHAELS</u>, First Sgt. Headquarters????

To LES & HELEN COFFMAN, 64th. Thanks for your dues and your kind words about the 1985 reunion held in Omaha...LES & HELEN, I'm trying my best to make the 1993 reunion even bigger and better, see you in Sept...One day we will go thru the worlds only indoor RAIN FOREST...Go thru a zoo ranked 5th in the nation...Eat lunch at the Tree Top Cafe and watch the birds fly, then on to a bit of old nostalgia....A 1940-50 Union Pacific RR train depot kept exactly as it was when you went thru it during the war years, and now known as the "WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM", with a soda fountain working just as it did when you were courting. All this in just one day....So you see, I'm trying....Wait and see what we have planned for the next couple of days, WOW!!!

Glad to hear that <u>CHRISTOPHER</u> <u>C. SLONE</u>, 403rd, has recovered from his broken leg and is planning to come to the Omaha reunion...Incidentally, <u>CHRIS</u>, we hope you won't need this service, but if you need a hospital room as you did at the Dayton, Ohio reunion, We'll be ready, ok?..ha ha...We'll be looking for you in September.

The Group is so proud of our member's wives who proudly carry on after their husband, our friend and buddy, has passed away. One such widow just sent in her deceased husband's dues, and mentioned how much her husband enjoyed reading our newsletters. Many of us remember her husband ...a very good friend of GEORGE WHITE, 63rd, 403rd....JESSIE with friends like GEORGE & EILEEN, you are in good hands, plus, having the 43rd Group as part of your family....JESSIE, we are expecting over 500 members of your family to be in Omaha in September for our 1993 reunion...Plan on attending and share our love we have for each other.

Thank you <u>JOHN</u> <u>G. SMITH</u>, 64th, you were right. <u>"SHAD" SHADDOX</u> has already informed us of our goof on the death of <u>TRUMAN</u> <u>C LEARY</u>... Hope to see you all in Omaha....1993.

ATTENTION: <u>KENT ZIMMERMAN</u>, 63rd.... We are asking you to call a briefing for your crew, including <u>CLIFFORD W. GRIVOIS</u>, 63rd, to be held in Omaha, Nebr. Sept 27 - Oct 3, 1993....Colonel, with that guy looking over all our shoulders every minute of the day, we all should be with each other as much as possible....War friendships are never broken and never, never forgotten.

<u>JESSE A KIMMER</u>, 63rd, has got the same disease that I have "sometimers disease"....sometimes you remember and sometimes you don't....In <u>JESSE'S</u> case, after long deliberation, he now feels that his radio man,, <u>MICHAEL SCHRIER</u>, drowned at Townsville instead of Owi Island as he stated some time ago....<u>JESSE</u> we will pass along this information to <u>LARRY HICKEY</u> and have him check it out, ok?

One old tail gunner calling another old tail gunner. ALTON "DOUG" LEAMAN, 403rd, since I was in the 403rd also, I think I can help you find the names of the five turret men of the 403rd.....Call or write to HENRY "HANK" TEITELBAUM, 403rd, in Aurora, Colorado. I'm sure he'll be able to name them or put you on to someone who can...Let me know when you come to the Omaha reunion (ahem!) how you made out, ok? Your info on plane named "Taxpayer's Pride", I have passed on to LARRY HICKEY....Thanks a lot, DOUG. Incidentally members, DOUG is stuck with about 30 sets of 3 photos of the Mareeba War Memorial put up by the 43rd Group in conjunction with the 19th Group....They are really nice. If you don't have any of the Mareeba pictures, write to DOUG and help him out, \$3.00 a set.

Since this year's reunion is being held in Omaha...I wonder how many of our members were stationed there at one time or another??? I just received a letter from <a href="HERBERT C PFLUEGER">HERBERT C PFLUEGER</a>, 63rd, stating that he was stationed in Omaha from 1946-1953, and again 1965-1969. I bet he'll make this reunion to see old friends and see how everything has changed since he left. PS...he sent in 2 years dues, too.... That's what makes <a href="LLOYD">LLOYD</a> smile, ha ha...

Another check for dues just came in from <u>FRANK</u> <u>J. SCHIRRIPA</u>, 64th. He mentioned that if everything goes right, he'll see us in Omaha. "Hot Damn", that's what we want to hear....Pardon my French, ladies....ha ha.

Anyone remember <u>GILBERT E. SENA</u>, 403rd, who was the bombardier on <u>DONALD H. PURDY'S</u> crew??? Well, we're happy to announce that he is bouncing back from a stroke and is getting along fine. Best of health to you <u>GIL</u> from all of the 43rd membership.

I hope this doesn't start a run on the bank, but we received some nice information concerning lost medals, citations, etc. from <u>JAMES</u> <u>W. DUANE</u>, 64th. He states that if you write to the "Record Center" in St. Louis, MO, you can get them replaced w/o cost...You'll need to give them dates of service, etc....Say, <u>JIM</u>, I noticed that you live in Overland Park...Do you happen to know a real pal, <u>CHARLES</u> <u>E. MARVEL</u>, 403rd??? Since you were a navigator, maybe you can help <u>CHARLIE</u> find his way home. He flies everywhere with his own plane. Hi <u>CHARLIE</u>

Got a nice letter from <u>DICK & JANE HENNING</u>, 64th, along with their dues....<u>JANE</u> mentioned that <u>DICK</u> was getting along fine and that they want to celebrate the anniversary of their first reunion, which I had in Omaha in 1985....Same guy running this reunion as in 1985, only I think I'm going to have a bigger and better one this year....Take notice Col. <u>URBAN</u>!! He was my bombardier and he had the biggest reunion yet in Colorado Springs a couple of years ago....I got to admit, I even enjoyed it....Since then, he's been sitting back taking it easy and hasn't attended any reunions since then, must have pooped him real good...Come on, <u>RACHEL & HARRY</u>, put the dog temporarily in a dog's home and come and see your old crew again...We promise not to tell anyone of your bombing results...

"Missed the Disneyland reunion because of bottling wine and "degouging" champagne".....Now that's the best excuse I've heard so far..ha ha ...How do you "degouge" champagne?? ROMEO E. FURIO, 65th, us old farmers from the middle west, know how to make "bathtub gin" and how to go "snipe hunting", but degouging champagne???? Anyway, ROMEO sent in his dues and wants to say "hello" to a couple of his buddies from the 65th, ALBERT F. PEPE & WILLARD L. HUMPHRESS, see ya both in Omaha....

Thanks to P.D. "PERCEY" ALEXANDER, 403rd, for his kind words concerning the newsletters....I don't think PERCY has missed a reunion yet....Please, PERCY, don't miss the Omaha one, I'm counting on you and JUANITA being here.

"Happy New Year" received from a young 78 year old 63rd A/Cs maintenance man. MANUEL ALEXOPOULOS, paying his dues and saying "hi" to JAMES J. CONWAY JR., 63rd...He didn't say a word about our 1993 reunion, suppose I haven't made it clear where or when...ha ha. When he gets done reading this newsletter, he'll know...ha ha.

More dues received...This time from <u>ALBERT F. TUBBESING</u>, 63rd, with a new address: 291 Mace Road # 424, Lake Ozark, MO 65049....Ahem!! Nice drive from there to Omaha, don't you think??

NOTICE NOTICE.... Santa Ana Army Air Base Wing will have it's 18th annual reunion on May 1, 1993....All pilots, bombardiers and navigators who passed thru this training center are asked to contact them. Telephone 1-714-631-5918...If any of our members go, be sure and post a notice of our reunion on their bulletin board, tit for tat, or something like that....Hey, that rhymes....I'm a poet and didn't know it..Now, that's really bad, isn't it.

Our prayers and understanding go out to <u>EDWARD & PATRICIA</u> <u>FEILLE</u>, 65th, who lost their son Sept. 17, 1992....We fully understand your not wanting to go to Disneyland and enjoy yourselves, but now the mourning period is over, and you are getting back to rational thinking....Get back with your friends whose support is always with you...I hope your friend <u>ANNE WARNER</u> in Australia will be able to meet you and all your friends in Omaha....

HENRY "HANK" TEITELBAUM, 403rd, your narrative of the 13th Recon and 403rd Squadrons was great...The only reason we didn't print it in the newsletter was it's length, and we would be taking the punch away from our history book...I sent it on to author LARRY HICKEY. I was afraid that we'd print it and then it would be done again in our book...So I left it to LARRY to use it as he needs it. As to what I thought of you writing, I can only say that I will tell all in person when you come to the Omaha reunion on Sept 27 - Oct 3, 1993...aha! I gotcha....Lets see you get out of this reunion, now. See you in Omaha, HANK.

Add another one to the Omaha roster...  $\underline{HUGH}$   $\underline{H}$ .  $\underline{HIMES}$ ,  $\underline{Hdqrs}$ ., sent his dues in and wanted to be counted as coming to Omaha.....

CHALK UP ANOTHER ONE!.... GREGORY L. ROSS, 403rd, sent in his dues and informed us that he'd make the Omaha reunion for sure. (HARRY URBAN, do you feel your title of "top reunion" fading???)

<u>EDWARD A. DALY</u>, 65th, did you receive the missing pages from LLOYD BOREN??. If not, write me, I've got some extra newsletter you can have. Ok?....I hope you'll be able to contact your pilot, <u>ANDREW BUROCHONOCK</u>, and see your way clear to bring all your crew to Omaha. Man! we've got some fine steaks here that will melt in your mouth...Fair Dinkum!!

If I'm not mistaken, (me, No way) we just received the dues from the oldest member of the 43rd Group....Sgt/Major <u>J. R. HOLT</u>. No apology needed <u>FAYE</u>, for missing the reunions, only wish you could make Omaha, it will be a good one...But as you said in your letter "There comes a time for all of us", and that's whats bothering me, ha ha. God bless both you and J.A., we'll be thinking of you.

Got a nice letter from one of our younger generation of the 43rd Group, (SAC-43rd Wing), the ones we will have to rely on to carry our banner, once our guns are silent. He's sorry he can't swap war stories with us, but you got to remember that we have had over 50 years practice....Mine get better every year, my wife says. Anyway, I knew he was young when he stated he graduated from Benson High School here in Omaha the same year I came home from New Guinea....That tells you something, doesn't it? He calls us "happy warriors", he's just about right, isn't he. JACK HALSTROM (43rd Wing), make yourself known when you come to Omaha. I want to meet you personally, as I'm sure many more of the members will.

NED MORRISON, Rte. 2, Warren, Indiana...You are lost and HUGH W. GLOVER, 63rd, is looking for you. At least, that was his last known address...This is about all I can do except, if one of our members live in or around Warren, they may be able to find out some additional information, and in that case, we will be glad to pass it on...Thanks for the dues.

403rd Squadron has two new members who joined up, MILTON & SMITH...Didn't get any info on either one but they are looking for info on where they can get a "Mareeba Butchers" patch. Will both of these men send us some info on their service record and what they've been doing since getting out of the service....If you will write to our Secty-Treas LLOYD BOREN, he'll know where you can get the patch. Great to have you on board....Why don't both of you make arrangements to make Omaha your first reunion....Ok? (Note from Lloyd: The only patches left are a couple fortress patches from the 63rd. I called about ordering more, and the price has doubled since the last order, and since the minimum is 50 for each patch, it's priced itself out of reach. If any of you have an extra patch or two, please bring them to the reunion, there are plenty of fellows that want them.)

Here's a nice quote from a letter just received from ARTHUR A. "BUD" FLETCHER, 65th. "The reunion was so great, it's hard for me to realize that it was only the second I have attended. I could kick myself for not having gotten to some previous ones and seen once more some of the guys who now have answered the final roll call, and others whose health may preclude future travel". Thanks BUD, I couldn't have put it any better...I've been trying to get my crew together for the past two years....I'm afraid we might lose one before I get to see them again. I would think that they would have the same feelings...Oh well, maybe this year...If we don't get together, it won't be because I didn't "Give it a bloody go, mate!".

We missed you, <u>JOHN</u> <u>TALLITSCH</u>, 403rd, at the Queen Mary reunion, but you and <u>ELEANOR</u> can make up for it by reporting in at the Omaha reunion in Sept. 1993.

<u>LLOYD</u> will be sending out your purchases real soon, so look for them. If you don't get them in a few weeks, call me....I'm in the book!!

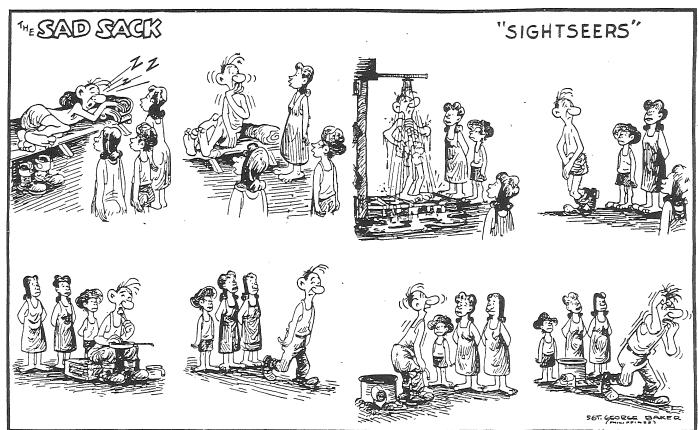
The pay on this job ain't so great, but the fringe benefits are terrific....Even at this late date, I'm learning....Ever hear of a olive drab B-24 named "MODEST MAIDEN"? I guess she was everything but modest, sany ROBERT F. BROCK, 403rd...He even went on to say, that when he was a gunner on FRED P. WILSON'S crew, they had detached service to the 90th Bomb Group...Yep! You read it right, the "Jolly Rogers" outfit...I just knew they had to have some help somewhere to be able to shoot down all those planes and sink all those ships that the 43rd couldn't see....ha ha! Seriously, I didn't know till now, that the 43rd had detached crews to the 90th...Anymore out there that flew with the --th (J---y R----s), don't want to spell it, they've already had enough publicity, AHEM!!!

DID ANY MEMBER OF THE 43RD BOMB GROUP: Falsify their age to serve in the service under age 17?...If so, the National Veterans Association has a hand book they will send you free, so you can find out what the Gov't is going to do with you...Probably put you back in the service to do a hitch in Iraq! Ha ha...(Serously) if you want to know more about this, write me and start looking for your old uniform. Ha ha.

To <u>ELWYN H. HANSEN</u>, 403rd, your suggestion to combine the 13th Reconn-403rd Squadron with the Group's reunion here in Omaha, has already been tossed around, and I'm afraid that it's too late now. Committments have already been made. However, it would be great if some of the old 13th Reconn members could meet some of their buddies at the Group's reunion who have never been to their reunions in Aurora and vice-versa....I even suggested that they come to Omaha and attend the 403rd Squadron meetings only....or just come in Saturday night and join the 43rd for a nice dinner and dance. Incidentally, the 403rd usually has around 100 members who show up for the Group's reunion. It would be nice to have them united for once....But what's that old saying, if elephants had wings, they could fly too.....Incidentally, I had a nice letter from their new President, <u>DANA DAVIS</u>, you remember him, he was the <u>same</u> one in the orderly room...ha ha.

WILLIAM R. SNYDER JR., front and center, the Pres wants to know what the H--- is "FEAF-CRTC"? This man had quite a TDY with the 43rd and later with the 90th Bomb Group. 10 missions with the 43rd and 55 missions with the 90th. He would like to find the crew he was on for a mission into the Celebes after the Jap fleet...Lost an engine and turned back. Rather than waste the bombs, they unloaded them on Biak, plane got hit there and they barely made it to Wadke Island for an emergency landing....Now, surely some of you members will remember this mission, if you do, please write to me....I'll pass it along to RAY, Ok?...Incidentally, RAY, you may be able to find someone with an extra 43rd

YANK



patch for sale at the Omaha reunion, Lloyd is out of them....Ha ha gotcha there didn't I, you thought I wouldn't get my plug in, didn't you?

Received a very nice article from his local newspaper about our Major <u>KENNETH MCCULLAR</u> from <u>PAUL L. MEYERS JR.</u>, 65th. Along with the article, he sent his dues...which reminds me, I'd better send my dues in as I don't want to incur the wrath of <u>LLOYD</u>....Incidentally, <u>LLOYD</u> is doing a heck of a good job pulling in the dues that are delinquent...Without dues, we can't put out this newsletter.

This is the fifth new member this newsletter....which helps to make up the loss of the members I'll mention later in the newsletter. FRANK T. WALDEN, 403rd stat officer from Aug 1942 to July 1943 is retired as an Industrial Engineer, Dallas, TX....Why don't you make Omaha your first reunion and see about 100 buddies of yours from the 403rd?

CAN ANYONE TOP THIS?...34 operations in the last 6 years....This dubious record belongs to RAYMOND CHRISTIAN, 64th. In this record is a quadruple by-pass and 4 amputations, can anyone top this....??? RAY enlisted in the 43rd July 1941 and was with us from Bangor to Leyte, P.I. in 1945. He wrote in about an inquiry I put in a past newsletter about CARL HUFF, 63rd. The last info he had on him was RR 3 Box 62, Sussex, NJ 07461, phone 1-201-875-4149....RAY, the pictures you sent in of HANNA, ERWIN, LUCKY & HOFFECKER, I sent to LARRY HICKEY....Also, LARRY was looking for names & pictures of the nose art on planes...Thanks, RAY for sending in the one on "FRISKY". that also went to LARRY. Lastly, RAY wants to locate a buddy by the name of MICHAEL BACHE, 63rd... Say, isn't this the 43rd member who had an operation while attending the Disneyland reunion?

<u>RAYMOND</u> <u>CHRISTIAN'S</u> letter was 4 pages long with info we have been seeking 4 years...To those who are late bloomers like <u>RAY</u>, get off your duff and do it...NOW...This is going to be the last chance you can get your information into our history book...We are determined to get this book printed this year whether we have to leave last minute material out or not....

A FINAL WORD TO ALL MEMBERS!!!! This is your last chance to send in info or pictures for our book....We are shutting down the deadline so we can fulfill our promise to the members....to get the book printed. Come on you guys, don't wait for the last minute to write...and then find that its too late..

Added another member to our Group from Australia, ROBERT W. LIVINGSTONE, Aviation Journalist and Photographer, whose book will be coming out soon...I'm sure he'll let us know when, ha ha..ROBERT is a good friend of ARTHUR "BUD" FLETCHER, 65th, and has been a great help to LARRY HICKEY for which we give him our "thanks".

Now for the hardest part of this job: Reporting "Taps" for the following listed members of the 43rd:

WILLIAM E. CHURCH, 63rd ELMER R. TAYLOR, 403rd CHARLES W. BOWLES, 64th F. GAGE BIREN, 65th GERALD O. NEWMAN, 63rd
JAMES H. BRYANT, 65th
CHARLES S. NADO, 63rd
RAYMOND ETTER, 403rd

<u>EARL W. GOVAN</u>, 63rd <u>HARRIET</u>, wife of <u>GEORGE MUNSELLE</u>, 403rd <u>DONNA</u>, wife of <u>HERB TOTTEN</u>, Hdqrs.

All our prayers and condolences to the families of the above listed people....from everyone in the 43rd Bomb Group Association. I would like to leave you with there words from an author unknown: "DEATH IS NOT PUTTING OUT THE LIGHT. IT IS EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE BECAUSE THE DAWN HAS COME".

From the correspondence we have been receiving, it looks like this reunion will be the biggest and best yet. (Eat your heart out, <a href="HARRY URBAN">HARRY URBAN</a>).

When you receive the hotel reservation card and the Group registration card, be sure and answer each question so you'll get what you want. Choice of dinner and choice of smoking or non-smoking room, etc....

The hotel has a closed, lighted garage attached and is free to it's guests on a first come basis, as they have only 700 stalls for the cars. Newest hotel in Omaha.

It is located right in the heart of downtown Omaha and you'll be able to walk to many attractions on you own time. I suggest you bring your swimming clothes as it has a beautiful swimming pool, sauna bath and exercise equipment for your use.

On the roof of the hotel, they have the finest dining room in Omaha and surrounding territory, plus a night club that is always swinging for those who are "feeling their oats"...ha ha.

Next newsletter, I will tell you more about our itinerary and our bus trips...So until then, "Happy Trails to you"....

<u>DALE</u> <u>BARR</u>, Reunion Chairman

GEN BARR, Reunion Secretary

### FROM LLOYD

First, we have had good response from the members paying dues, and we especially appreciate those who caught up on 1992 dues and those who paid in advance.

I have had several inquiries about patches, and we have no more. I inquired of the same company that made the last ones, and got a price double what we paid before. That might be all right, but each patch must be ordered with a minimum of 50, and that knocked out the patches.

We do have some caps from several reunions left, also prop 43rd lapel pins, and Tennis or Golf shirts. Caps are \$5.00, pins \$6.00, shirts \$22.00. The only shirt sizes available are large and extra large.

Received a call from <u>JIM MURPHY</u>, 63rd, the other evening. His book, titled "SKIP BOMBING", will be out in July of this year, and he will be sending advance "Authors Fliers", to be sent out with the May newsletter. The book is about 250 pages, hardbound with photographs, line drawings and maps. Should be quite interesting since the 43rd pioneered skip bombing.

<u>DALE</u> mentioned <u>J. A. HOLT</u>, I believe, our oldest member. I just received a change of address from FAYE, his wife. Their new address is 3610 W. Huntington, Lawton, Oklahoma 73501.

The 24 Squadron Association of New South Wales newsletter keeps getting longer and longer. They were the Aussies who flew the B-24's with the 65th Squadron. Their membership seems to be increasing and the newsletters are quite interesting. TOM FITZGERALD is the Secretary and gets out the newsletters. They are getting ready for the big ANZAC Day parade. All Australia celebrates this day every year. Their veterans are well appreciated, some of our members who made the march with them several years ago in Sydney can testify to that.

BOB ROCKER, a well known historian, has a question for you B-24 guys. He received a photo of a B-24 and the name on the nose is "KENTUCKY VIRGIN". It has a beautiful naked gal painted on the nose and right behind her butt it says (But not for long). BOB wants to know if this is a 43rd B-24 and if so, who the crew were. Contact BOB at 1201 NE 2nd St., Pompano Beach, Florida 33060.

Please mark your rosters with the following change: New address for <u>BRUCE C. DUNHAM</u>, 403rd, 1701 Beach Rd. #304, Englewood, FL 34223. <u>BRUCE</u> has been looking for members of his crew, with no results. They joined the 403rd in June of 44 and spent about a year with the 43rd and during that time, they also spent two or three weeks with the 90th on Biak. If any of you guys knew this crew, get in touch with <u>BRUCE</u> if you can help find any of the crew.

IN REGARDS THE UP-COMING BOOK: I have spoken several times with LARRY HICKEY, and received several communications from him within the last several weeks. The book seems to be coming along fine. LARRY sent me quite a bit of first draft material, and it got me excited again, it's going to be a good book. Your board of directors approved an advance to BRUCE HOY to cover some of his expences on a trip to Canberra to copy official documents covering the B-17 era. I think everyone is aware that BRUCE is writing and researching the B-17 part of the book. Your officers and board are doing everything in possible to speed up the book. JIM PETTUS has done a monumental job in researching the B-24 era along with LARRY HICKEY. LARRY is making every effort to keep the format of the book along the lines of his fine book "WARPATH ACROSS THE PACIFIC", which many of you have read. We know the book is taking a long time, but I'm sure we will all be proud of it when is comes out. It should be better than "WARPATH ACROSS THE

PACIFIC", and that's hard to beat. Hang in there, it's coming.

The following is from MICHAEL W. WOOTEN, an artist whose speciality is combat aircraft paintings. If you recall, he has requested information about the B-24 "THE DRAGON AND HIS TAIL" in a previous issue.

## HELP! HELP! HELP!

I desperately need to get in touch with <u>JOSEPH PAGANI</u> or any other pilot who flew the B-24 with the mural entitled "THE DRAGON AND HIS TAIL". If you can put me in touch with Mr. <u>PAGANI</u> or any other pilot who flew that particular aircraft, I will make it worth your while. Please contact, or have one of the pilots contact me at the following. You may call collect any time after 7:00 PM. MICHAEL W. WOOTEN, 909 INDEPENDENCE DR., ALABASTER, ALABAMA 35007. (205) 663-2319.

Received dues and a note from <u>James J. Smith</u>, 63rd, who writes that he is very interested in attending this years reunion. There are seven buddies, including himself, who served in the 63rd radar section that are in contact with each other, and they are trying to have a mini get-together at the Omaha reunion. <u>James</u>, also has a list of men that they have been unable to locate, they are:

<u>AMBONIO H. RUSCIO</u>, Long Branch, NJ, <u>JOHN J. MURPHY</u>, Bayonne, NJ, <u>LOUIS M. BAUER</u>, Port Jarvis, NJ, 1 Emie Street, <u>HOWARD M. ARNETT</u>, Wenonah, NJ, <u>DAVE TRESSER</u>, Jersey City, NJ, <u>ABE HAMMERMAN</u>, Brooklyn, NY, 1817 Kings Hwy., <u>EDWARD J. BRIEN</u>, Philadelphia, PA, 1317 N. 55 St., <u>WILLIAM H. GREEN</u>, Philadelphia, PA, 1540 S. Taylor St., <u>WILLIAM H. SKIDMORE</u>, Springfield, OH, 8 South Walnut St., <u>SEVIER BAMMER</u>, Cumberland, MI, <u>SAMUEL M. BAYLESS</u>, Colorado Springs, CO, <u>WILLIAM J. HALMES</u>, St. Catherine, MO, <u>GARRED O. CLINE</u>, Pikeville, KY, 901 Cline St. Anyone living in any of the Cities, do some detective work and see if you can locate these guys. Get in touch with <u>JAMES J. SMITH</u>, 981 Valleyview, Wichita, KS 67212.

Another member, <u>GREGG "BUD" JOHNSON</u>, 65th, is another one planning on attending the Omaha blast. He is going to try to have his entire crew there. <u>BUD</u> is an antique and classic car collector in Austin, Minn.

A little more about <u>DONNA TOTTEN</u>, who we mentioned before had passed away. She was the wife of our first bookkeeper, M/Sgt <u>HERB</u> <u>TOTTEN</u>, USAF RET. <u>DONNA</u> was awarded the 1st Military Wife of the year Award in 1959 at Tactical Air Command, was also awarded the 1st Tactical Air Command Friendship medal by General Frank Everest, CG, T.A.C.

SHAD SHADDOX, 64th, called this month with the following: SHAD is restoring a WW2 aircraft sextant, and needs a little help or advice. This is a Fairchild Model A-10A. He has the sextant in beautiful condition except for the bubble chamber, which is missing enough fluid that a good bubble can't be formed. You navigators will recognize the problem. Anybody out there who can offer advice or maybe even a working bubble chamber? Call or write SHAD as follows: SHAD SHADDOX, 15723 Blackhawk, Friendswood, TX 77546, (713) 482-6413.

SHAD also dropped the picture of an airplane called "GOLDEN LADY" on me, and says LARRY HICKEY just informed him that this airplane belonged to the 90th BG. Now, before ya'll start throwing rocks, SHAD wants you to know that the GOLDEN LADY wasn't always a 90th airplane. In fact, the real name of that airplane was "TEN HITS AND A MISS-US". This was B-24D, serial number 42-40914, and was picked up, under orders, by the SHAD SHADDOX crew at Herrington, Kansas on June 23, 1943. The lovely painting was done by JOE DIMAURO (nose gunner), at Herrington Army Air Base, using paint that was scrounged by the engineer, VINCENT LAMORGE. The name did not get painted on because of the lack of time. The nose turret was put in a Hickham, and the airplane was flown by the crew over the usual route, ending up at Townsville, Australia. There "TEN HITS AND A MISS-US" was grabbed for a pool, and the Ten Hits lost their Miss-Us.



The crew always wondered who got the lovely Miss-Us, and it wasn't really good news to find out who ran away with the poor girl!!

Also of interest is that <u>JOE DIMAURO</u> is still a talented artist, and is expected to be at Omaha. By the way, some of you 64th people might remember that <u>JOE</u> painted the exotic mural behind the bar in Club 64 at Port Moresby. Thanks <u>SHAD</u>.

Received a nice note from <a href="#">FRANKLYN & HELEN GREEN</a>, 63rd. They have had plenty of snow in Dayton, Washington, and are enjoying the view and snowmobile in the Blue Mountains. <a href="#">FRANKLYN</a> has some health problems, but they still manage to travel some. Hope they can make Omaha.

FRED & MAUREEN MC ALLISTER, Hdqrs., called to report a new address, they are at 3883 Turtle Creek Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75219, Phone (214) 520-8949. FRED & MAUREEN, have their reservation in for the Air Force Village here in San Antonio and hope to be down here within a year. We are looking forward to seeing them.

Received a snap shot of B-24 543 with the crew kneeling outside from <u>ANGUS B TAFF</u>, 64th. This picture was taken in Hawaii on their way home in November 1945. Where a painting should be on the nose, in black painted large letters, reads the inscription; "We did't have time to paint a fancy sign". Probably not, there are an awful lot of bombs (for missions) painted above it. TYPICAL 43RD!

Had a phone call and letter following from  $\underline{RAY}$  COLBERG, 403rd. He was an individual crew member as opposed to being a part of a regular crew. He only remembers one pilot's name, a crew chief, T/Sgt SEILER, but he doesn't find his name on the roster. The pilot was Lt/Col PETTUS, 43rd C/O, and only flew one mission with him.  $\underline{RAY}$ , try to make Omaha,  $\underline{JIM}$  PETTUS, as, at all our reunions, will be there.

BOB & EILEEN GOODWIN, 64th, are going to make Omaha, and are looking forward to seeing all their friends. NOTE: Practically every letter I have received with either dues or news or both, indicates that this is shaping up as the largest reunion we have ever had. DALE is making every effort to make it a fun filled week.

<u>WILTON</u> <u>THOMAS</u>, 65th, navigator on <u>BOB</u> <u>GAFFNEY'S</u> crew, and later on <u>DAYTON</u> <u>BLANCHARD'S</u> crew, writes that he and <u>CATHERINE</u> will make Omaha and is looking forward to seeing old friends. <u>DAYTON</u> <u>& ANN BLANCHARD</u>, we would like to see you in Omaha also.

Bombardiers, Inc. wrote inquiring for the whereabouts of <u>THOMPSON</u> <u>WEBB</u>, bombardier 63rd Squadron, 43 BG. Anyone having information about <u>WEBB</u>, please notify Bombardiers, Inc. 500 Jackson St. No. 1407, Daphne, AL 36526-7035.

Received a nice letter with dues plus, from <u>JOHN COOP</u>, 403rd, Sydney, Australia. <u>JOHN</u> says no one appreciates getting the newsletters more than he does, because before he became a member of the association in 1987, he had no idea what had happened to his old war buddies. I imagine he would like to hear from some of you. He wishes us all the best on the coming reunion, but unfortunately can't be with us. <u>JOHN</u> has eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren which, as he puts it, is probably par for the 43rd.

STEVE WOSNER, 64th, has a new address thanks to Hurricane Andrew which blew his home away. It is: % C. Henry, 6825 S.W. 45 Lane #3, Miami, FL 33155. STEVE, yo have our condolences.

<u>TED ROMANOWSKI</u>, 403rd, writes that he doesn't see many names in the roster that he remembers, although flying as nose turret during 1943 and 1944, he had some pretty hairy missions. He does remember flying a mission with <u>ART DURBECK</u> and <u>CHUCK HAZEL</u> as co-pilot in which they had quite a battle with zero's. <u>TED</u> you need to make the Omaha reunion, I know <u>ART DURBECK</u> will be there along with half the Association.

NOTICE: Mrs <u>RICHARD</u> <u>J. FARIA</u>, 5398 Belleville Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33417, is looking for the following 64th Squadron members who flew with her husband in B-24 "LUCKY LUCILLE" when they were hit on November 24, 1943. The crew: <u>HENRY DOMAGALSKI</u>, pilot, Chicago, <u>ROBERT BRENNAN</u>, co-pilot, Topeka, KS., <u>JOSEPH PEZZOLI</u>, navigator, Chicago Heights, <u>ROBERT SPIROLI</u>, radio operator, Franklin, PA., <u>CHARLES VANCK</u>, asst. engr., Comstock or Sargent, NE., <u>BILLIE JUBE</u>, asst. radio operator, (unknown), <u>WAYNE K. YATES (POP)</u>, tail gunner, Overton, NE. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of these men, or details of the mission,

please write to Mrs. FARIA.

I mentioned before that I had written the board in regards helping <u>BRUCE HOY</u> financially in an effort to speed up the book, and I think <u>JIM PETTUS'S</u> reply accurately sums up the board's answer: "Just received your letter re the Canberra trip by Hoy. I feel that this has to be done, as a real question in the final production is Hoy's input. Without it, the B-17 portion will be difficult to construct, but not impossible. In any event, a few thousand dollars won't break the fund and we don't want any excuses that it was not done for lack of assistance."

 $\underline{\text{JIM}}$ , has worked longer and harder, and has, personally, contributed more to the book than anyone in the Group, and is still at it. We owe him a vote of thanks.

Had a letter from <u>JOE PECORARO</u>, 403rd. He remembers two things vividly. 1. A B-24 crash at Nadzab (44?), on take off, Lt. <u>COLE</u>, pilot died, Capt. <u>TAYLOR</u>, copilot, multiple injuries, Lt. <u>CHARLES ORLANDO</u>, bombardier, leg injury. 2. Listening to <u>SID LEE'S</u> 78 rpm Victrola wind-up phonograph. He was very sorry to hear of <u>SID'S</u> passing. <u>JOE</u>, look up <u>GEORGE SHAKO</u>, 65th pilot, who lives in Latham, NY., and you two show up at Omaha. Attention <u>SHAKO</u>, you are on everyone's list if you don't show up. If you are bald headed, don't worry, so are we.

We are informed by John Clinton, son of <u>ORVILLE</u> <u>W. CLINTON</u>, 64th, that <u>ORVILLE</u> passed away January 2nd, this year. He says <u>ORVILLE</u> was very proud of his part in WWII, and the Association brought him many memories. He will be missed.

<u>LARRY HICKEY</u> received a package from me which included an extract from the logbook of a 65th Sqdn. pilot, along with a sketch of a plane called "Don's Hunt". I failed to let him know who sent this in. Will whoever sent this to me, please contact <u>LARRY</u>, as he needs information to follow up a casualty that he needs more details on. He needs the person's name and Squadron. <u>LARRY</u> also needed <u>SID LEE'S</u> job and Squadron. <u>SID</u> was 403rd, and was Armament Officer.

Another who, along with dues, sent their appreciation for the time and effort that goes into the newsletters, was  $\underline{BILL}$   $\underline{CROFT}$ , 63rd.  $\underline{BILL}$  is another planning to make Omaha.

GEORGE HOLSTEAD, 63rd, wants to know who was making a list of planes and personnel lost in the 43rd. He also wants to know who has a copy of a declassified Group History written in 1944 with a table of contents that partially reads: Number of missions, Bomb tonnage, etc.

HOWARD "LEROY" SPILLYARDS, 65th, missed the California reunion, but heard from BOB HEWITT, 65th, who called and sent a picture. LEROY went over on the QUEEN. Why don't you two guys agree to meet in Omaha, that's just a comfortable drive for you LEROY.

<u>NUNCIO</u> <u>BONINO</u>, has changed his address, and pointed out several mistakes in the roster. His new address is 600 Valley Road Apt E-30, Warrington, PA 18976. In addition, His wife's name is <u>HENRIETTA</u>, and, he is in the 63rd Squadron, not the 64th. <u>NUNCIO</u>, that is a complete change, but it has been taken care of. Show up in Omaha!!

 $\underline{\text{ART MULLIGAN}}$ , called to inform us that  $\underline{\text{HARRY YOUNG}}$ , 64th, died January 22, 1993.  $\underline{\text{HARRY}}$  and  $\underline{\text{ART}}$  were pilots in the 64th. Our sympathy to his wife  $\underline{\text{FRANCES}}$ .

 $\underline{\text{PAUL}}$   $\underline{\text{SEYMOUR}}$ , 403rd, has returned home from some serious surgery, and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

<u>GARRETT</u> <u>MINNICK</u>, 64th, missed the California reunion, but will make Omaha. He has been trying to locate <u>PAUL K. HARMON</u>, 65th, for <u>ED</u> <u>TROCCIA</u>, 65th. He used to live in <u>GARRETT'S</u> neck of the woods, and, along with <u>ED</u>, transferred from the 19th to the 65th.

STUART "STU" BROWN, 403rd, sends thanks for the newsletters, and regrets that he hasn't been able to make one of the reunions. He is hoping for one in the East, and will look forward to it.

<u>WARREN</u> <u>"DOC"</u> <u>BRYANT</u>, 65th, sent in his dues along with a note in answer to <u>DALE'S</u> query in a previous newsletter as to how he and <u>WALTER</u> <u>BILL</u>, 403rd got to be such big buddies. His answer: <u>WALT</u> <u>BILL</u> and I were adjacent Town High School

rivals. However, didn't know it until later. WALT, JIM DIEFENDERFER, & I were at primary flying school at the same time, (Parks Air College in East St. Louis). WALT and I washed out in basic and were sent to Kelly Field for Navigational Training. CHARLIE BELLOWS, 65th, was also in the same class. It was here that we three became friends, JIMMY DUANE, 63rd, was also in this class.

DOC BRYANT, it's about time both you and SHAKO made a reunion.

BOB WATSON, 65th, who, along with wife IRENE has worked so hard at the last three reunions, sent a copy of the article appearing in the Air Force Magazine about the Mackey Trophy which is awarded for the MOST MERITORIOUS FLIGHT OF THE YEAR, and dates back to 1912. The award for 1961 reads: LT/COL WILLIAM R. PAYNE, MAJ. WILLIAM L. POLHEMUS, AND MAJ. RAYMOND R. WAGENER, 43RD BOMB WING, SAC, CARSWELL AFB. TEX-TO-PARIS, NONSTOP FLIGHT, TWO SPEED RECORDS. Thanks BOB.

<u>LA VERNE</u> "VERNE" <u>KINZLER</u>, 403rd, missed the last reunion, but <u>RITA</u> and he will be making Omaha. They are especially glad the reunion is earlier this year as they will still be in Illinois, and closer, at that time. Note: Last year was later due to the weather in California. November is beautiful that time of the year, and we are expecting <u>DALE & GEN</u> to provide wonderful weather this year.

A letter from <u>DALE HUEY</u>, 64th, wondering how many men of the 64th Squadron remember the excellent baseball team that we had at Nadzab? We were challenged, with a sizeable bet by another Squadron in our Group and, as I recall, about 3500 pounds (\$10,000) changed hands that day. Does anyone remember which team won, the score, members of the team? The only players that I remember are <u>SHEP</u>?, and Sgt.<u>FAY</u> & Sgt. <u>PEARSON</u>, both lost in action. Would like to hear from other members of the team. We could not make it to the Queen, but plan to see you in Omaha.

STEVE BIRDSALL, the Australian Author a lot of us are familier with, is in the final stages of his current work which basically deals with 50 "Famous" B-17s from all theaters of war. He has indicated that the 19th and 43rd Groups will be properly represented. He would like to hear anecdotes about missions in the following planes - #432 THE LAST STRAW, #430 NAUGHTY BUT NICE, #403 THE OLD MAN, #454 GEORGIA PEACH. He also desperately needs good clear photos of #353 CAP'N & THE KIDS and #454 GEORGIA PEACH. He would like to hear from any air or ground crew associated with these planes. Write to STEVE at 31 Parkland Road, Mona Vale 2103, Australia.

STEVE further wonders what THE OLD MAN was doing at Clark Field in July 1948....whether she was just derelict, or still performing some kind of duties. PANAMA HATTIE, one of the 63rd's original planes, was there too. (Note: it would help if we knew whether THE OLD MAN seen in 1948 at Clark was an F or a G, as word has it that the original was replaced by a G, and if so, was probably the only G in the theater.)

MARGARET LEGERSKI, wife of WILLIAM "BILL" LEGERSKI, 403rd, writes to thank us for the wonderful newsletters they have received over the years. BILL was injured on the job over 26 years ago, and they just went out of circulation, and consequently have missed attending any of the reunions. BILL still talks about the fellows in his unit, and regrets not keeping in touch. He sends his regards to all. I'm sure BILL would appreciate a note from some of you fellows who knew him.

<u>CHARLIE</u> <u>NUMEZ</u>, 63rd on <u>ZIMMERMAN'S</u> crew, writes that he was unable to make the Queen reunion due to hurricane Andrew, but will make Omaha.

SAM COMMONS, 65th, wrote thanking JOSE HOLGUIN for a job well done, and adds "Each time we meet it's like reliving those days we'll never ever forget". He says , the words on a panel at the Vietnam War Memorial in Philadelphia expresses it so well: FOR THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR IT, FREEDOM HAS A FLAVOR THE PROTECTED WILL NEVER KNOW. Amen.

Another letter from JOE GREENWELL, Hdqrs. He has an answer for LARRY HICKEY on the last questionnaire. Photo #6...man on the left is RUSS SEDERBERG, Hdqrs., and the third man, with his right arm on the aircraft, LEN NYGARD, 63rd. JOE watched a Desert Storm parade the other day, and couldn't help but compare the wonderful equipment with what he was issued, especially the woolen uniforms. He particularly notices the way his old blouse has shrunk. They just make everything better nowadays.

We have a new address on <u>LEWIS KAISERMAN</u>, 65th. 514 E. Lancaster Ave., Wynnewood. PA 19096. <u>LEWIS</u> has had a stroke lately, leaving him partially paralized. I'm sure he would enjoy hearing from some of his friends.

BOB MULVEY, 403rd, sent in a picture of the B-24 "ALL AMERICA", along with a B-17 traveling with it, taken at the Norwood, Mass. Airport. These planes are visiting various bases across the country, and if they are due anywhere in your area, it is worth your time to travel to see them. He also enclosed a newspaper clipping on Camp Edwards (adjoins Otis AFB), Mass. This was a major jumping off base for personnel going overseas during WWII. Later, it served as a holding area for prisoners of war, and servicemen wounded in action. It is used now as an Army National Guard and Reserve training site. Because of its history, it has been designated as a Commemorative Community, and from 1992 to 1995, officials at the base have agreed to hold at least three activities each year that honor veterans and their families and teach people about WWII.

Please cut out the following section when you have finished the newsletter, and place it at the end of your roster.

### <u>TAPS</u>

WILLIAM E. CHURCH, 63rd

ELMER R. TAYLOR, 403rd

CHARLES W. BOWLES, 64th

F. GAGE BIREN, 65th

CHARLES E. ROBINSON JR., 403RD

ORVILLE W. CLINTON, 64th

HARRY YOUNG, 64th

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GERALD O. NEWMAN, 63rd
JAMES H. BRYANT, 65th
CHARLES S. NADO, 63rd
RAYMOND ETTER, 403rd
STEPHEN D. BATSON, 403rd

DELBERT SMITH, 63rd
DONNA, wife of HERB TOTTEN, Hdqrs.

<u>PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS TO YOUR ROSTER</u>
<u>CS</u>, 65th <u>DONALD A. SMITH</u>, 403rd

ROBERT M. HOYES, 65th Perron Ave. Shavertown, PA 18708

DONALD A. SMITH, 40 620 Warren Rd. Cody, WY 82414

<u>JOHN</u> <u>J.</u> <u>WILLIAMS</u>, 63rd P.O. Box 26 Prattsville, AR 72129

SHIRLEY LUPOLD, Assoc. 1250 Manatowny Rd. Pottstown, PA 19464

NORMAN SMITH, 64th Banks, OR 97106

The reunion this year will run from Monday September 27th thru Sunday Brunch October 3rd. The place, THE RED LION HOTEL, Omaha, Nebraska. The room rate, \$60.00 single or double plus tax. Be sure to say you are with the 43rd Bomb Group.

Again this year, we are going to have a drawing on Friday night for a free room for someone during their stay. Believe me, the guys who won it the last two years were pretty happy. Everyone who has their registration money in by a certain date to <u>DALE</u> will get a name in the hat. We will announce the registration fee and close off date in the next newsletter, we will also enclose a complete rundown of reunion activities, and a form to fill out for registration, and a mail-in form for Hotel registration.

## SEE YOU IN OMAHA!!!!

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