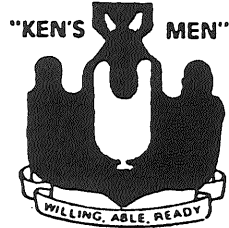


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43rd BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION INC.
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NOTICE!! NOTICE!!

OMAHA REUNION -- SEPT 27TH - OCT 3RD -- HOTEL & REUNION CARDS INCLUDED

REGISTRATION AND ACTIVITIES PER PERSON ... \$85.00 . Make checks payable to 43rd Bomb Group Reunion. Send to DALE BARR.

DALE & GEN BARR, your chairpersons for this reunion, have a wonderful program lined up, so get your hotel reservations in early (NOTE CUTOFF DATE-AUG 30, 93).

FROM DALE BARR

They must be coming out of the woodwork or something, we are getting new members every newsletter....good thing, because we are losing members every newsletter...Where have these fellows been??? Makes me think we haven't done our job in hunting them down correctly.

It will be tougher from now on, unless someone steps up to take the place of our membership researcher, who recently passed away....more about this at the end of my segment.

A special welcome to CLYDE MUSE who joined the 403rd at Tacloban....From the story of his service life, it sounds like he was a pilot plus many other jobs, like S2, B-25's.... I'm asking LLOYD, our secty-treas., thru this newsletter to send CLYDE MUSE, a membership information card to be returned to the group so we will know more about his service in the SWPA...I suggest CLYDE, that you make it to the reunion in Omaha, where you'll meet all of the 403rd membership, which incidentally, your President belonged to.

I have mailed his service story to LARRY HICKEY to see if he has all the info CLYDE wrote about in his letter to the group. With all this publicity, make sure LLOYD, we get his membership dues....ha ha.

Received a list of former 43rd Bomb Group members from my co-pilot, Col. ARTHUR G. DURBECK, 403rd. He took them off of DFC & Air Medal award orders, and also from his Down Under book.....49 names and their home address when they entered the service. Out of these 49 names, we have 11 listed in our roster. That means that there are 38 men who don't know about our organization, providing they are still living. Wouldn't it be great if we could run them down and have them come to the Omaha Reunion!! How about it you guys? Have you ever written to try and trace one of your buddies down....All it costs is 29 cents, and you might get the thrill of a life time. TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT! Incidentally, ART, I'm mailing these on to LARRY HICKEY, after I've made a copy...Oh yeh, ART DURBECK is on our board of directors representing the 403rd Squadron. Ask him sometime how he got me into a life raft!! ART, I still haven't learned how to swim....ha ha! (NOTE FROM LLOYD, DALE, send a copy of those names to PAUL LEDGER. He took over the duties of MATT HOLOHAN, our membership chairman.)

I have been asked by ROBERT E. LEY, President of the 19th Bomb Bombardment Assn., to make the following announcement: "Members of the 19th Bomb Group Assn.

will hold a reunion Sept. 9-10-11, 1993 at Albuquerque, NM. Contact ROBERT E. LEY, 3574 Wellston Ct., Simi Valley, CA 93063. Phone (818)703-7717." Now, I've done my duty, how about the 19th putting our reunion notice in your newsletter? Tit for tat...ha ha.

Since I've mentioned the 19th Bomb Group, I would be remiss if I failed to mention that I got a "off your chest" type of letter from Col. DAVE HASSEMER, Hdqrs., giving us the historical notes on the how and when the 43rd started it's basic combat history. It is very interesting, and that is exactly the reason we want our history book to get out as fast as possible, so that some of the false information will be corrected. It is a lengthy and well written piece of history concerning the assumption of the remaining members of the 19th into the 43rd Bomb Group. I have taken the liberty to forward this information to LARRY HICKEY (our author). I'm sure that this is the type of information he is looking for, and I personally want to thank Col. HASSEMER for coming forward and giving us this piece of history.

The one good thing about being President is that you get to say what you want to say in the newsletter....which I am about to do....Colonel, in all my attended reunions, and I've made a few, I have not heard anything said about the 19th but words of admiration and respect and how lucky we were in the 43rd to get their guidance and combat experience before we went into battle. My first pilot was JACK WILSON from Lincoln, NE, my bombardier was HARRY URBAN, my flight-engineer was JOHN MEEHAN, and my radio operator was CARL AVERILL....All came from the 19th. You know, Colonel, I'm going to tell you we were one of the best combat crews in the SWP...even tho I had only 18 days in the service before being shipped overseas to Australia, and in those 18 days, I was stationed at Fort Crook, Omaha, NE, Fort Leavenworth, KA, Sheppard Field, TX, and Fort Dix, NJ. So come on to the Omaha reunion and we'll hoist a drink to the 19th Bomb Group and the 43rd Bomb Group for doing one hell of a job 50 years ago.

M/Sgt. ROBERT A. ANDERSON, 65th, sent in a zip code change on his address, it is now 91950-4746. Thanks Sarge!

Remember me asking what FEAF-CRTC stood for....Well I received a very nice letter from WILLIAM R. SNYDER JR (couldn't find him listed in our roster explaining in detail the function of the FAR EASTERN AIR FORCE-COMBAT REPLACEMENT AND TRAINING CENTER. It seems that "TAILSKID TOLLY" was one of their school aircraft. Again, I have taken the liberty to forward this info to LARRY HICKEY for his perusal.....like that word? Boy, am I getting hot stuff on this writing....ha ha.

Now, the next letter has got me confused, which isn't hard to do now days. Received a letter from Dr. WILLIAM PAUKERT, a crew mate of LYLE GOLDNER, 64th. LYLE is listed in our roster, but Dr. PAUKERT is not...HOW CAN THIS BE? Shouldn't you be a member of our organization like LYLE? Anyway, I'm going to try and help LYLE'S crewmate out. It seems he loaned a flight jacket for a display to a Mr. AUDIE W. DELP, 8198 Hunters Trail, Roanoke, VA 24019....but efforts to locate this man have been fruitless....even his phone has been disconnected.....Anyone who can help the good Doctor out, please come forward, but in all honesty, Doc...I think you have been had! Please join our organization, if you are qualified, and come to Omaha's reunion for a good time. It will help you to forget....I hope to see LYLE GOLDNER there, so he can fill me in with more details...

While I'm thinking about it, how come I couldn't find WILLIAM R. SNYDER JR. listed in our roster either....It isn't hard to join fellows, just send us a blank check and we'll do the rest....ha ha.

ADDRESS ALERT!!!: ROBERT "BOB" WHITEHEAD, 63rd, sent in his new address: Box 3477, Parhump, NV 89041, phone 727-9798. He also informed us that his wife, DORIS, died 4 years ago of cancer. Never mind asking if your dues are up to date, BOB. Just send us a check and we'll apply to this years dues or next years dues...Don't worry whether it is this years dues or next years, we'll apply it, oh how we will apply it...ha ha.

Received a nice long letter from life member EDMOND L TROCCIA, 65th, informing us that he is getting over a paralytic stroke in May of 1992. He's getting along great and hopes to see us in Omaha...That would be great. He also told us of AL NOVELLI, 63rd, suffering a heart attack in April, and is in the hospital...Get this, while he's in the hospital, he's worrying about getting a

Headquarter's patch. Can anyone help??? ED, I hope you make it to Omaha, as we will be visiting SAC Museum for a program, and in the museum, you'll find a head bust plaque on the wall of HARL PEASE (Medal of Honor recipient). So keep well ED, and we will see you in Omaha.

A special "thank you" goes to HOWARD S. BOOTH, 63rd, for answering our questionnaire for the history book...I hope more members have done the same. We need all the help we can get.

SPECIAL FOR BOMBARDIERS

DANE HANSEN PRODUCTIONS, 3405 Penrose Pl., Suite 103, Boulder, Colorado 80301, has made a video tape called "BOMBARDIER: THE REAL STORY for \$29.99. LLOYD has 5 copies available. First come first served. This program highlights the life and times of a bombardier of WWII. Has interviews of some of the famous bombardiers, and includes both actual newsreel footage and training films.....Does this mean my bombardier, Col. HARRY URBAN, 403rd. Naw, it can't be.....ha ha.

I'm glad that KEN BROWN, 64th, is going to make the Omaha reunion so he can bring his hand painted patches for us to see....If anyone is interested, KEN has information for you. See him at the RED LION HOTEL Memorabilia room.

A SPECIAL FAVOR FOR OUR ONLY LIVING MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT.....

Susan Zeamer, Col. JAY ZEAMER'S, daughter is trying to locate three members of his crew. HENRY "HANK" DYMINSKI, 65th co-pilot, AMIL "BUD" THUES, 65th, top/turret, & GEORGE KENDRICK, 65th, photo/waist gun.

If anyone knows anything at all about these men, please contact Susan Zeamer, 28 Clearwater Dr., Falmouth, Maine 04105, phone 1-207-781-4327...JAY, I hope we'll see you in Omaha.

Received a letter from JANICE OLSON, daughter of the late CHICK OLSON, 64th, telling us about her junket to Papua New Guinea and the celebration marking the 50th anniversary of the Bismarck Sea Battle....JANICE, I hope you can get to our reunion in Omaha so that you can tell your story to all.....However, JANICE needs some questions answered which have arisen since her visit to the battle area. She needs more information about a recently discovered aircraft outside of Wau which was piloted by HOWARD EBERLY, and has tail number 41-24552. Also, she would like a plat of the 43rd campsite at 7 mile strip, showing the tent area, clubs, messes, latrines, etc. JANICE'S address can be found in our membership roster. JANICE'S letter to Breezy and the story of her trip follows:

Dear Breezy: Good cheery days to you and hope all goes well. I have returned from my junket to Papua New Guinea with many new tales to add to a lot I have heard. 'Don't think the place has changed much. I was extraordinarily fortunate to be able to pay tribute to the participants of the Battle of the Bismarck Sea, twice. I have written an account and enclosed it for your consideration in distributing to the members. 'Am trying my darndest to make it to the reunion with photos of what the place looks like 50 years later. 'Hope to see you all. JANICE.....

JANICE'S STORY A glaring haze blanketed Lae, Papua New Guinea on March 3, 1993. This was the day I had selected for a Battle of the Bismarck Sea commemorative fly-over.

Fifty years ago on this date low lying clouds caused delays in locating the Japanese fleet off Finschaven. In 1993 the clouds were high and the haze a reflective irritant but there was no difficulty in seeing across the expanse of the Bismarck Sea when we arrived at a little after 10:00 am.

The ocean was calm, having long ago washed over the remains of that battle; however, I was there to remember, and in my own silent way, pay tribute to a group of men who were all heroes to me: The men who participated in the Battle of the Bismarck Sea, whether they were flying an aircraft or waiting on the ground for one to return.

In a confidential report prepared by Maj. General Ennis Whitehead on April 6, 1943, or roughly the hours of 10:00 am and 11:00 am on March 3, 1943, or roughly the hours of my flight 50 years later, a 5,000 ton ship was hit and a 4,000 ton ship was sunk by the 65th Squadron. The 64th Squadron reported seeing a destroyer sink at 10:20 am and the 63rd Squadron reported two ships burning at

10:25 am. I looked out over the expanse of water; there was on small craft plying the sea. I tried to imagine what it would be like, flying at almost twice our altitude of about 4,000 feet, trying to hit a speck on the water. I tried to envision the air full of P-38s, A-20s, B-17s, Beaufighters, B-25s and Zeros, but a sky free of planes and a sea free of ships made the attempt impossible. I'll never know what it was like but that didn't keep me from thinking about the men who do know.

There were no bands or cheers or speeches. Just a lone plane flying over the Bismarck Sea in honor of the men who were there 50 years ago.

Thanks to the Royal Australian Air Force, the bands and cheers and speeches did take place a week later in Madang, Papua New Guinea, during a quickly-organized commemoration of the 50th anniversary. With an incredible stroke of luck, I was able to hitch a ride on a fully-restored C-47 Dakota from Port Moresby to Madang to - as I put it - stand in for the B-17 contingent.

The event was held from March 11 to March 16, and while I was only able to join the battle of the Bismarck Sea reunion for a day and a half, that was time enough for me to witness the sincere tribute paid to all the participants of that battle. At dinner on the evening of Saturday, March 13, U.S. Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, Bill Farrand, paid his highest respects to all the people who served. Regrettably, with more than one hundred guests in attendance, the only people from the U.S. other than the Ambassador and his attache, were me and four members of the 3rd Attack Group, who flew a-20s during the Bismarck Sea Battle. All my friends in the 43rd were with me in spirit, however. They had all given so freely of their time and their knowledge of New Guinea to help me prepare for my voyage to see the country and its World War II sites. You can take some heart, though...while Ken's men may only have had the daughter of one of its members to represent them at the reunion the Jolly Rogers weren't represented at all.

As for the rest of my trip, well, I walked around the 43rd Group camp area at "7-mile" trying to get my bearings and figure out which concrete pads belonged to which buildings. I got a tour of the air strip, courtesy of the Department of Civil Aviation; parts of the old 7-mile strip are still visible and lots and lots of Marsden matting is in evidence. Revetments on the north side of the strip are still in place, having evolved into their own ecosystems, with grasses, bushes, trees and animal life.

I visited three B-17 crash sites; JOE HOLGUIN'S #41-2430, Naughty But Nice, outside of Rabaul; RAY DAU'S #41-9234, outside of Wau; and the recently discovered HOWARD EBERLY plane, #41-24552, also outside of Wau. At JOE HOLGUIN'S plane, we cleaned the leaves and moss from an overturned wing and when we left the area, we flew over the site in a helicopter, and there, shining through the jungle canopy, as pretty a sight as anyone could ever hope to see, was the USAAF star.

I would greatly appreciate any information anyone has on any of these aircraft. Also, I would like some information on the 43rd Group camp site at 7-mile; the area to the west of the camp site is being graded for government housing. Eventually the construction is expected to cover the 43rd's area. I want to reconstruct the 43rd's camp in map form, showing clubs messes, tents, etc. before it's all gone. Can you remember where your tent was from some landmark, such as a club, or latrine? Or whose tent was next to yours? Or the approximate location of roads? If so, please send anything you recall about the area to Janice Olson, 857 W. Impala Circle, Mesa, Arizona, 85210-5918.

MORE NEWS

Another member needing some help...ROBERT A. CLAYCOMBE, 65th, is looking for any information that will lead him to his enlisted men's whereabouts. If anyone knows any of the following listed men, please write pilot CLAYCOMBE:

<u>BETHEL RAY</u>	Flight engineer
<u>ROBERT GANAL</u>	Radio operator
<u>LEE PATHMAN</u>	Upper turret operator
<u>LEONARD TODD</u>	Tail turret operator
<u>JOHN ZIENIEWICZ</u>	Ball turret operator
<u>FRANK DOLEZAL</u>	Nose gunner

BOB, if you'll write your congressman, he'll be able to tell you where to

inquire about your crew...Let me know how you make out.

MICHAEL NELMES, Curatorial Assistant, Military Technology Section of the Australian War Memorial, is researching the history of a B-24D, #42-41091, of the 403rd Squadron. The wreck of this aircraft still exists at Fata, New Guinea where it crash landed 23 December 1943. Cpl. EUGENE F. HURLEY was killed. The only other names they have associated with this aircraft is Sgt. A. DIXON, Sgt. A.S. LUBY, and Lt. J. FOX. IF ANY MEMBERS OF THE 403RD FLEW IN OR SERVICED THIS AIRCRAFT, OR KNOW THE NAMES OF ANY OF THOSE WHO DID. Please contact the AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL in Canberra or myself here in Omaha.

TOM FITZGERALD, Secy/24 Squadron Association, New South Wales, sent us his latest newsletter informing us of their preparations for ANZAC DAY....The 24 Squadron was an Australian B-24 outfit. Maybe some of you guys remember them training with the 43rd. Lloyd, if you read this, I hope you've sent him a copy of our newsletter. (Note: I did)

From Palm Desert, CA comes our latest recruit to the 43rd Bomb Group Assn. along with a check for dues, JOHN G. YEAGER, 403rd. He joined the Group in September 1944 until he was sent home. His 6 page letter is too long to be put in the newsletter, but I hope JOHN will make it to Omaha's reunion in September and we can distribute his letter then. It has many interesting comments that I think many of you will want to read. It's such a gold mine of information that I'm sending it on to LARRY HICKEY for his perusal (hay, there's that word again, WOW!). Copies of official aircraft movements, travel orders, property turn-in forms, etc....Thanks JOHN, you have made a great contribution to our history book. LARRY probably will be calling you on the "mine laying" raid in Canton Harbor....something new to me and probably many others. I'm going to photostat your letter and have it available to all the members. It will be in the memorabilia room at the RED LION HOTEL, Omaha, NE...Sept. 27 - Oct. 3, 1993.

A SPECIAL THANKS: To HOWARD S. BOOTH, 63rd, for answering our questionnaire in the last newsletter. The information he sent to LARRY HICKEY was invaluable in the writing of our history.....I wish that more members would answer the questionnaire, we need the information so badly.

YOUR PRESIDENT IS ASKING FOR A SPECIAL FAVOR FROM ALL MEMBERS of the 43rd Bomb Group: In the last couple newsletters, there was included numbered questions that our Author needs information on....Will every member reading this, please sit down and answer each question by it's number if you can....like this:

1. N/I (no information)
2. Major Halliwell was -----
3. crew position I think was -----
4. So on and on until all the numbered questions have been answered or not answered.

Mail what you have, no matter how small a bit of information you might have or think you have, to LARRY HICKEY, P.O. Box 3334, High Mar Sta., Boulder, CO 80307....

We are getting so close, so don't let me down now, when we need you the most...Check each numbered question and see if you can help us out....

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

NOW FOR THE SERIOUS SIDE.....

When the last long flight is over
And the happy landing's past
And my altimeter tells me
That the crack-up comes at last
I'll point her nose for the ceiling
and I'll give my crate the gun
I'll open her up and let her zoom
For the airport of the Sun

Then the Great God of flying men
Will look at me sort of slow
As I stow my plane in the hanger
On the field where flyers go
Then I'll look upon His face

The Almighty Flying Boss
Whose wing spread fills the horizon
From Orion to the Cross

The above poem was sent to me by the widow of Lt. Col. FRANKLYN T. GREEN, 63rd, who passed away Feb. 24, 1993. He was 79 years of age. Thanks HELEN for sharing your grief with us. He will be missed by many of our members and all our members prayers go with you.

R. J. "BOB" MULVEY, 403rd, notified us of the death of Lt. Col. BRIAN T. HASTINGS, 403rd. No other information available.

We received a copy of a letter to M/Sgt. HERB TOTTEN, 64th, from the Commanding General of the AIR COMBAT COMMAND, Langley Air Force Base, VA. offering his sympathy to Sgt. TOTTEN on the death of his wife DONNA. DONNA TOTTEN was a former Air Force Wife of the Year. Rest assured, HERB, that you have the deepest sympathy from all the members of the 43rd Bomb Group Assn.

Thanks to ROBERT W. MC VEIGH, 403rd, for sending us the notice of the death of MATT W. HOLOHAN, 64th, March 29, 1993. I would be remiss in my duty if I didn't stop right here and let the Group members know how sorely we will miss MATT. If we had to pick out one member who has done the most to make our group as big as it is, it would have to be MATT HOLOHAN. The officers of the Group want everyone to know that he worked for the Group night and day. Because of his relentless pursuit of the 43rd's lost members, the Group is as large as it is today.....I know, NOELLE, that he was unable in recent years to do the job he wanted to do because of his illness, but please remember the 43rd owes him our thanks and prayers.

"This is to inform you that my husband, WILLARD L. HUMPHRESS, 65th, was killed on March 13, 1993, when a tree fell on our home during a severe ice storm of unpredicted proportions (called the Storm of the Century in the South) that hit the Atlanta area. We had just returned home 5 days previously from a 21 day trip to Australia and New Zealand, a trip he had wanted for years. Having served in the Pacific in World War II, he wanted to return to the Pacific under pleasant conditions. We had a glorious trip."

We received this note from MARY, and we thank her for sharing her grief with us. It just proves that if you want something bad enough, DO IT!! You never know what lies ahead. Our prayers will always be with you.

We received an obituary from HOWARD L. SPILLYARDS, 65th, telling us of the death of another 43rd man, JOHN ROY O'NEAL, a pilot of the 64th Squadron. He was in a VA nursing home for several years. Thanks, HOWARD, he will be remembered at our memorial services we have at each reunion.

Former 403rd Commander, FRANKLYN T. GREEN passed away on Feb. 23, 1993. This news was given to us by ROGER VARGAS, 63rd. Since I served under Col. GREEN as a member of the 403rd, I would be remiss if I didn't write a few words about FRANK. He was the pilot on LULU BELLE, A/C #124358, that was flown from Hamilton Field, CA. to Australia in August, 1942. He was originally in the 63rd which was formed from the Panama Cadre. He was a proponent of the skip-bombing technique and participated, along with 4 other 63rd and 2 403rd crews on the first skip-bombing mission in Rabaul Harbor on Oct. 23, 1942...All this is supported by ROGER VARGAS'S letter we received. Our prayers to his family.

"HE WAS PROUD TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF KEN'S MEN".....writes the widow of KENNETH M. HILLAS, 65th. KEN passed away on January 2, 1993. BETSEY, we are proud to have been associated with your husband too. His memory will be remembered each memorial service the 43rd Group holds.

We cordially invite all widows to remain members of the 43rd Bomb Group Assn. so that we can keep in touch with and you can keep in touch with all the members who knew and fought with your husband. We invite all widows of our warriors to come to the reunions and share our sympathy for our fallen comrades. Simply let LLOYD know that you want to continue receiving the newsletter, and you will be made an Associate member.

The following excerpts were taken from a letter we received from the widow of M/Sgt. VINCENT J. LA MORGE, 64th, who passed away Feb. 4, 1993, is the reason why all of us work so hard to find new members, and I promise to continue to seek out veterans of the 43rd Bomb Group. His widow, AILEEN, writes "I know if

VINCE had known about this group years ago, he would have died a happier man. He talked so often about the "TEN HITS & A MISS", and it's crew. The best man at the wedding of VINCENT & AILEEN 50 years ago was our association member JOSEPH C DI MAURO, 64th.

May I interject a personal thought here? This has been the toughest newsletter I have ever been associated with. Did you count the number of our members who are no longer with us?...I have been accused of pushing too hard, ram-rodging, moving too fast, stepping on toes, etc., but the 10 deaths I just wrote about is the underlying motive for my actions which have offended some of our members, but I have a underlying scare that I will be in that "flying formation" some day without haveing seen our "HISTORY BOOK"! This is why all of us connected with getting the book published, including the author LARRY HICKEY are really working our a-- off to get the job done. Pray for all our deceased and pray that we will be successful in our mission.

Lastly, another writer is asking for information from anyone who knows anything about "blood chits". Anybody interested write to me and I'll give you hi address.

Now for some lighter news.....Everything is going right on time for our big reunion coming up in September at the RED LION HOTEL in Omaha, Nebraska.

REUNION NEWS

As usual, we will have the registration desk open from Monday thru Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and from Saturday at 9:00 am to noon. The registration desk will be located in the Memorabilia room.
Monday and Tuesday you have time on your own, and there will be a free time display in the Memorabilia room.

MONDAY 27TH FREE TIME SUGGESTIONS:

UNION PACIFIC MUSEUM
HISTORIC "OLD MARKET"
CENTRAL PARK WALK
RED LION HOTEL (SAUNA, SWIMMING, ETC.)
OMAHA DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
DOWNTOWN SHOPPING
HEARTLAND OF AMERICA PARK
(GENERAL MARION BOAT TRIPS)
(COLORED WATER JET DISPLAY)
CONAGRA DEVELOPEMENT PARK
OMAHA INDIAN CASINO (ASK ABOUT BUSES)
RESTAURANTS (ALL KINDS) "OLD MARKET"
NOODLES COMEDY CLUB

ALL THE ABOVE EXCEPT OMAHA INDIAN CASINO WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE OF HOTEL

TUESDAY 28TH

FREE TIME SUGGESTIONS SAME AS FOR MONDAY EXCEPT: JOSLYN ART MUSEUM will be open and the DOG RACES will be running.

WEDNESDAY 29TH

10:00 am Golf Tournament (MAX AXELSEN, Director)

FREE TIME Downtown shopping
Federal Reserve Bank
(Tour, see vaults, money shredded, etc.)

NOON, Take "Ollie the Trolley" to
"OLD MARKET" - .50 cents round trip
or walk 5 blocks
Walk 2 1/2 blocks to Authenic Chinese
Restaurant - same as 70 years ago

AFTERNOON OLD MARKET shopping
JOSLYN ART MUSEUM
Take "Ollie the Trolley"

.50c rd trip - or walk 6 blocks
Central Park Mall walk
Omaha's Main Library

2:30 pm Bridge Tournament (Tentative)
Possible "Bingo" ?????

3.30 pm MANGELSON'S ARTS &
CRAFTS demonstration

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Bohemian - French - Chinese - India
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Bar - American)

7:00 - 9:00 pm BOARD MEETING

Inquire about the Dog Races
Try one of Omaha's 100 "STEAK HOUSES".
It will be an experience you'll long remember.
Walk to the "Heartland of America" Park for
Boat rides and Dancing Water Spouts in color

THURSDAY 30th

9:30 am OFFUTT AIR BASE TOUR
USSTRATCOM TOUR (Underground Command Center)
Air Force Briefing

11:30 am OFFICER'S CLUB (Lunch)
2:00 pm SAC MUSEUM (43RD Program)
4:00 pm Back to RED LION HOTEL
7:30 pm Squadron Meetings
7:30 pm Ladies special meeting (Entertainment)

FRIDAY OCT 1st

8:00 am Full breakfast
9:30 am RAIN FOREST-ZOO-TRAIN RIDE
12:30 pm TREE TOP Restaurant (lunch on your own)
2:00 pm WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM
(Train depot preserved as it
was in 1941, with an operating,
old fashioned... SODA FOUNTAIN)
4:00 pm Back to RED LION HOTEL
Dinner on your own
7:30 pm LAS VEGAS NITE plus other surprises

SATURDAY 2nd

8:30 am Continental Breakfast
10:30 am Main Group Meeting
Afternoon free
4:00 pm Photo session (per Squadron)
7:00 pm Cocktail Party (cash bar)
8:00 pm Dinner (Introductions)
9:30 pm Music Dancing

SUNDAY 3rd

9:00 am MEMORIAL SERVICES
9:30 AM Brunch

Have a safe trip home and We hope you had a good time during your stay in Omaha

NOTE:Some of these functions, times, etc. may change, DALE has a couple ideas
still hanging.

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DALE & GEN BARR, Co-Chairpersons .. 43rd Bomb Group Reunion.

FROM LLOYD

First, we have some items for sale in limited supply. Price includes postage.

1. Queen Mary & Langley Field caps. Both 50th Anniversary caps. \$5.00 each.
2. Propeller lapel pins, 43rd, 5th AF. \$6.00 each.
3. Video "BOMBARDIER, The real story", includes training film shots, newsreel footage, interviews, action shots. 5 only. \$30.00 each.
4. Golf or Tennis shirts (large & x/large only), \$22.00 each.
5. Fifth AF-43rd Bomb Group bumper stickers. \$1.50 each
6. Blazer patches. 43rd Bombardment Group. These are the expensive hand made Blazer crests in 3 dimension, highlighted with gold bullion. They are available now. There are only 24 available at \$35.00 each, and won't last long. First come, first served. We can probably order more if the demand is there, but delivery takes 3 months since they are hand made in Pakistan or India. You will be able to see one at the reunion.
7. We also have copies of the letter sent to the group from President Bush at Langley Field on our 50th Anniversary. \$1.00
8. A limited supply of the 5X7 pictures of our plaque in front of the nose of "LUCKY LADY II" at the PLANES OF FAME MUSEUM in California. \$1.00
9. Several copies of the speech given by the Australian representative at the Queen Mary reunion, detailing the part played by the 5th AF in the SW Pacific area during the early part of the war. \$1.00

I had a call the other night from Susan Zeamer, one of JAY'S daughters. Her address is 28 Clearwater Drive, Falmouth, ME 04105, and phone # (207) 781-4327. Susan and her sisters are trying to locate several members of JAY'S crew. They are HENRY "HANK" DYMINSKI, co-pilot, AMIL "BUD" THUES, top turret, last known station, AAF - Alexandria, LA., GEORGE KENDRICK, photographer and waist gun, last known 353rd AB Squadron, Rapid City AAB, Rapid City, SD. If any of you know the whereabouts of any of these guys, contact Susan. Any help would be appreciated.

Once again, as we have done the last 2 years, we are giving a free room to some lucky person who sends in his registration to DALE by August 30th. This is for the length of your stay at the reunion. Believe me, the fellows who won the last two years say it's the cheapest reunion they ever made. So, get those registrations in early and get your name in the hat for the drawing on Friday night. DALE has some high class entertainment planned, and just about everyone I have talked to or heard from is coming this year.

Received a real nice letter from OLETA LE CLAIRE, and know some of you would appreciate the letter, so here goes: Dear friends of "Speedy" Le Claire; This is a most difficult letter to write, telling long time war buddies that their pal has gone to Heaven. On Easter morning, April 11, 1993, I found my beloved husband dead in his lazy boy sleeper chair. He must have had a heart attack during his sleep because he was positioned in one of his favorite ways of sleep.

I'm so sorry, we all lost a dear special friend. My husband was talking about

attending the next reunion ... I'm thankful though, he was able to visit with his buddies during the past conventions.

Would you please place his name in the departed comrades list...Most of his pals knew my husband as "Speedy" for his baseball good times on different bases. His family called him "Caty", and people here in Texas knew him as "Frenchie". My beloved "Frenchie" was a shimmering diamond and had a heart of pure gold, gentle as a lamb to me during his life with me from Oct. 18th, 1971 to April 11, 1993.

My husband truly enjoyed visiting his buddies by phone, letter or in person at reunions. It is good that old pals can stay in touch through your association roster. Sincerely yours, Oleta Le Claire. AMEN

A LATE NOTE CONCERNING THE ABOVE: I just received a letter from DALE A. HUEY, 64th. He says "In the February newsletter I asked to hear from members of our 64th Squadron ball team. I received a call the day he received the newsletter from ALBERT "SPEEDY" LE CLAIRE, our catcher. We corresponded and planned to meet in Omaha. Yesterday I received a letter from Mrs. LE CLAIRE advising of his death on April 11, 1993, Easter morning. We'll see you in Omaha.

Another letter, this from LOUISE LONNOQUIST, reporting the death of her husband KARL LONNOQUIST, 63rd, who passed away April 28, 1993. She added that they were both so disappointed that the "Book" hadn't been published yet so he could see it. She wonders how many others have paid the \$70.00 and have died since. Very sad situation. Maybe her sons will see it.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following listed men who became members of the "Faithful Dozen"....The first 12 men to register at the RED LION HOTEL for the reunion...

NUNCIO BONINO	Philadelphia, PA
RUSS BURNETT	Conway, MA
GEORGE CARTER	Cream Ridge, NJ
RUDOLPH CHERKAUER	Kenmore, NY
BOB COOPER	Ft Worth, TX
ART DURBECK	Bradenton, FL
RUSS EDWARDS	Massillon, OH
FALCNOR GIFFORD	Yakima, WA
LARRY MAIN	Tulelake, CA
JOHN TALLITSCH	Mountain Home, AR
BILL WILSON	Snyder, TX

From all parts of the nation, they are gathering for the biggest and best reunion we have ever had....why don't you send in your registration NOW!!!

&85.00 per person pays for 5 days of wonderful pleasure...plus \$60.00 per night for the finest hotel in Omaha....It can't get any better than this! Start making arrangements NOW!!!

Had a nice letter from BOB & DORIS BUTLER, 63rd. They had heard from JANICE OLSON, and sent a copy of her letter which I am including as it gives more details on the plane and crew she is looking for. You fellows in the 65th especially, see if you can come up with anything that might help her. She is in the roster. BOB & DORIS will see us in Omaha.

The following is from a letter to BOB & DORIS from JANICE OLSON:

New Guinea survived me and I survived New Guinea. Every single day of the three weeks was an incredible experience - and Doris was right - Barramundi is a gift from the Gods.

I trekked the 43rd camp site, toured "7-mile" with FIVE armed guards, circled Hood Pt., crossed the Owen Stanleys so many times I lost count, toured Lae, Salamaua and Bismarck Sea in a light plane, toured Rabaul in a helicopter and buzzed Vunakanau. I also hiked into three B-17 crash sites: one 63rd Sq. and two 65th Sq. Which brings me to this particular cry for help: one of the B-17s, #41-24552, piloted by HOWARD J. EBERLY, 65th Sq., was last seen September 15, 1943. The plane was discovered by opossum hunters in October, 1992. Except for local residents, no one but me has been in there, even though U.S. authorities were notified in October. Crew remains are still there, for Pete's sake, and the locals are pilfering the site. But that's another problem. One of the locals had taken a gold I.D. bracelet with HOWARD J. EBERLY'S name and serial number on it.

I paid this upstanding citizen a visit and through methods I'd prefer not to discuss, but which did not involve money, I came away with the bracelet and my life. Now I want to get the bracelet back to the family. The Army Remains Recovery Section has ignored letters and contacts; Sen. McCain, who gets a lot publicity for his "M.I.A" work, has ignored requests - so I'm going to ignore them and try to find the family myself. Maybe it would be appropriate for the 43rd to return the bracelet when the family's found?

BOB - do you have any suggestions on where I can start a search? I'm hoping someone in the 65th might remember EBERLY and/or crew members and where they're from. I have no intention of embarrassing our government - I just want the families to know. These guys have been MIA for 50 years, for cryin' out loud. HELP!.

LAST NOTICE!! CHECK AFTER YOUR NAME ON LABEL - IF IT DOESN'T SHOW PAID 93 OR LIFE OR COMP, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER.

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KENNETH M. HILLAS, 65th. KARL LONNOQUIST, 63rd. VINCENT J. LA MORGE, 64th,

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REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

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Number persons @ \$85.00 each _____ Number permanent badges @ \$2.00 each _____

Total amt. enclosed \$ _____

Will arrive _____ Will depart _____ Driving [] Flying []

Prefer Steak [] Turkey []

Name _____ Squadron _____

Spouse and/or other guests _____
