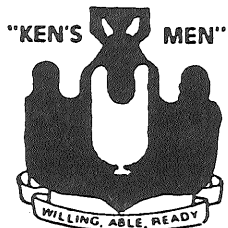


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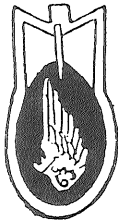
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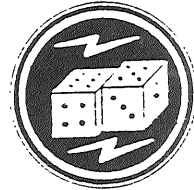
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FROM DALE BARR

Just got a call from my co-pilot (God bless him), pointing out an error I made in the last newsletter. Col. ARTHUR DURBECK contacted our bombardier, Col. HARRY URBAN, and they agreed that their memories weren't too sharp, but they are certain that the old Capt. JACK WILSON'S crew, (later to be Col. JEAN JACK'S crew) was never officially in the 19th Group as I stated. Seems they were stopped on their way over to Australia and pulled a mission or two with the 13th AF before arriving at Mareeba at which time they were assigned to go with the 19th on a couple of missions, but they were officially part of the 403rd Sqdn. It was after these missions with the 19th that I joined the crew as tail gunner. From there on it's history how this crew won the war, ha ha! (Boy will I get the mail on that, ha ha)

Just received a letter from the author of "QUEENSLAND AIRFIELDS WWII". He hopes to have it ready for our September reunion in Omaha....Where have I heard this before? At his request, I'm sending him some observations on Torrens Creek....It seems he is short on material concerning this base.

Just talked to a person who has read JIM MURPHY'S book on skip-bombing. They said it was well done and very interesting to read. I just sent my money in so I can add it to my collection, it might be wise if you guys do the same.

Omaha is getting to be the "reunion town" of America. I think it is the 380th Bomb Group that will be holding their reunion the week ahead of ours...Then following our reunion, the 22nd Bomb Group will be holding their reunion here in Omaha also.

In the last newsletter I reported that VINCENT LAMORGE, 64th, had passed away this year. I'm sorry, but his pilot, SHAD SHADDOX, was kind enough to inform me that he had passed away Feb. 4th, 1988.

Two other deceased members of the SHAD SHADDOX crew are represented by relatives in our Associate Squadron. These Associate members are: AILEEN LAMORGE of Vacaville, CA, widow of VINCENT J. LAMORGE, engineer, and SHIRLEY LUPOLD, of Pottstown, PA, daughter of TRUMAN C. LEARY, asst. engineer.

Our Associated Squadron was set up for widows or family of deceased members who express a desire to continue receiving the newsletters. Historians and others who have a close relationship with our organization are also eligible on a dues paying basis. None of the above have voting rights. One of the first to come to mind is JANET OLSON, daughter of "CHICK" OLSON. She has enjoyed our reunion membership for several years. Look her up at the reunion as she has a wonderful tale to tell about revisiting the Group's old haunting grounds, especially about the anniversary of the "BISMARCK SEA BATTLE". Her deep love for her father shines through everything she says or does.

Just received a letter from my ball turret operator, ARMAND "MOOCH" MANCINI, 403rd, in which he states that he hasn't made his mind up as to coming to the

reunion. MOOCH, this is your old buddy who wrapped your mangled legs up with a parachute who is looking forward to seeing you again. Our pilot, JEAN JACK has ordered the crew to report to Omaha, that's an order. You haven't forgotten what an order is, have you? That's those things we husbands get free, ha ha ha....

CARL AVERILL, 403rd, you are not going to get off so easy either. Pack them bags and come on down....Your crew hasn't seen you for 50 years....It would be a great pleasure if we all can get together in Omaha since none of us have too much time left. Seriously, CARL, make our day, and honor us with your presence.

Help!! Your President needs some divine help. If any of our members are ORDAINED MINISTERS, please let me know who your are and if you are coming to our Omaha reunion? I would appreciate hearing from you ASAP.

ROY BAILEY, 64th, sent me some sad news along with his registration fee for the Omaha reunion. Seems he was traveling in New York and decided to call on GEORGE SHAKO, 65th, on a Saturday and as he was leaving after getting no answer to knocking, GEORGE'S daughter drove in the driveway and notified ROY that GEORGE SHAKO had been buried that preceding Monday. Died of Cancer after a short bout. Thanks ROY for letting us know and thanks for your registration fee.

More registration fees coming in....Received GEORGE LYNCH'S money along with a note explaining why his wife isn't planning on making the reunion as of now....Tremendous back problems as of now, but if she gets to feeling better, she'll come as she has relatives close to Omaha, in fact, in the same town I have relatives, Seward, Nebraska....Marjorie, I hope you get better and we'll see you in Omaha. You aren't going to let GEORGE loose here in Omaha, are you? ha ha....

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL VETERANS:

October 9-10, 1993 -- The Confederate Air Force will host the Airshow 93 at the Midland International Airport, between Midland and Odessa, Texas. The CAF will celebrate their 30th annual homecoming airshow featuring the ever popular WWII airplanes. For more info call 1-915-563-1000.

A big, big, thanks to BEN DAMRON, 65th, for writing to G. REX BABB in Provo, Utah and giving him all the info on how he could join the 43rd. I received a copy of REX'S letter plus a wealth of info on members of the 43rd who are NOT members of our association. But that won't be for long, cause I'm writing each and every one of them to join us here in Omaha in Sept. Thanks to both of you guys. I'll be getting in touch with you.....See you in Omaha, BEN & REX, ahem!...

I've got a great idea. GEORGE GREEN, 403rd. Instead of trying to get everyone to write to you about your missions, why don't you come to Omaha's reunion and talk to the members personally that you flew with. I'm sure you'll get more information than from letters.....LARRY HICKEY, our author, will be here and I'm sure he could help you in many ways..... Bring your tape recorder, have fun and kill two birds with one stone. What do you say?

ATTENTION.....ALL YOU GUNNERS!

The AIR FORCE GUNNERS ASSOCIATION formed in 1986 are looking for anyone who flew in any type of a bomber as a gunner. This includes radiomen and engineers. Write to Jay E. Ingle, 35469 Colossians Way, Shingletown, CA 96088.....

COURTESY NEWS RELEASE:

The 3rd annual reunion of KINGMAN ARMY AIR FIELD, Oct 1-3, '93. Looking for former military and civilian personnel and families. General public welcome. Air Show, Dinner & Dance....Much more. Please contact KINGMAN ARMY AIR FIELD REUNIONS, INC., 6000 Flightline Drive, Box 3, Kingman, AZ 86401.

More than 1,500 former military dependents are expected to attend a Grand Reunion in Dallas, TX., at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport, Friday thru Sunday Aug. 6-8, 1993. It offers chance for students and their former teachers from more than 35 Overseas Department of Defense and State Department schools from all over the world to come together for the first time in 20 years. (We know this has already happened, but thought it might be of interest to some.)

Thanks, RICHARD WILLIAMS, 403rd, for answering TED ROMANKOWSKI'S call for help

in the last newsletter..... shows that our members are reading our newsletters, doesn't it. TED when you write or call these 12 or more members of the 403rd, talk them into coming to the Groups reunion in Omaha...Sept 27-Oct 3, 1993. As one tail-gunner ,403rd to another tail-gunner, 403rd, I thank "WILLIE for sending TED the names of the former members of the 403rd. Now if we could just get them together: HMMMMMM I wonder where and when?? ha ha hah

ANOTHER CRY FOR HELP:

Received a letter from BOB ROCKER where he states that JACK FELLOWS, the artist who is doing the paintings for our history book is asking for some assistance in locating some aerial photos of the Nadzab airstrip complex (Strips #1, 2, 3 and 4). Needs aerial shots of Gasmata and the Japs airfield on Halmahera near two craters....Can anyone cover this request....If so, write to Robert Rocker, 1201 N.E. 2nd St., Pompano Beach, Florida 33060.

WARNING!! WARNING!!

Have a message from BILL MORAN, 42 Brooks St. Macquarie Fields 2564, N.S.W, Australia.....Bill states that the crime rate in New Guinea is so bad that it is not safe to walk alone in the daytime.....Anyone contemplating a trip to New Guinea should be aware of the dangers involved. Bill is the same 90th Group member who took my wife and myself under his wings while we visited in Australia and showed us a great time, and GEN and I will ever be grateful for his hospitality (even if he belonged to the 90th Bomb Group, ha ha. Incidentally, the 90th has a nice newsletter they put out, but not as big or as good as ours, AHEM.

A special invitation to HOWARD L. SPILLYARDS, 65th, to come to Omaha to accept my apologize in person. It seems we listed him in that Great Squadron in the sky, but as of this date, he is alive and wants everyone to know it....."So don't blow taps for me yet". Seriously, HOWARD, we will all be looking for you at Omaha....OK? I hope you can make it so you can see your friends in person. NOTE from Lloyd : The fault was mine not Dale's.

It seems like every time we put out a newsletter, we have found new members for our organization. JIM MURPHY, 63rd, author of a great book "SKIP BOMBING", writes to inform us of two new members he got. Seems WILLIAM TRIGG read his book and contacted JIM where upon WILLIAM TRIGG had information on another member, BYRON "DUTCH" HEICHEL, 63rd. All three are planning to attend the Omaha reunion....Man! Can't you just see their eyes when they see old buddies they haven't seen for 50 years.....Thanks, JIM MURPHY, I hope you sell a lot more of your books.

For you members who don't know or have forgotten, the Group association is run by the Board of Director comprised of members from each Squadron and it is this board that LLOYD and I answer to. I would be remiss if I didn't give credit where credit is due, and as I'm bowing out at the end of this year, I publicly want to thank all the board members for their support of my administration. The reason I brought this up is that I just received a very nice letter from JIM HARCROW who represents the 65th Squadron on the Board. He thanked me for doing a good job as president. Thanks JIM, I needed that. But to show you how devoted these directors are, JIM and his wife BERT, who is just coming off several major medical problems, will be driving in from Sacramento, California in time for the Board of Directors meeting. Drive carefully JIM, we need your wisdom and guidance, This man, Ladies and Gentlemen, would make a great officer for the Group.

WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER:

EDWARD E. MANNING, 63rd, writes on his application that he would like to find his crew, piloted by FRED MILLER, 63rd, and he went on all the crew he could remember, two of them are already members of our group so now I'm trying to get them all to meet in Omaha for our reunion... Sounds like a great idea, doesn't it? I called one of his gunners, LE ROY R. JONES, 63rd who lives just 80 miles from Omaha, and he recalls ED very well and is going to get in touch with him. Also, LE ROY says he has never attended one of the Group's reunions. Maybe some of our members ought to write LE ROY and tell him what he is missing.....He lives so close to Omaha. This would be a good one to attend....How about it, LE ROY?

A special thanks to JAMES WARREN, 65th, for giving so much of his memorabilia to

LARRY HICKEY to use in our forthcoming book. I just bought JIM MURPHY'S book on Skip Bombing, now how about sending me a copy of your book you have written so we can put it in our depository at the SAC Museum here in Omaha? (A special thanks for sending me copies of your correspondence).

A special invitation to JIM REMBISZ of Pennsburg, PA, to come to our reunion at Omaha, where he will find a plaque on the wall in the SAC Museum of someone dear to him, Lt. JOSEPH R. SARNOSKI, 403rd, Medal of Honor recipient. I and 9 other recruits of the 403rd, spent 4 months being trained by M/Sgt. JOSEPH R. SARNOSKI to be bombardiers.... but that's another story, isn't it?

Got a call from JAMES PETTUS, Hdqrs., our Group Commander living in Hawaii letting me know that he has finished the war part of the 43rd for 1944-45. He now need info on the Group after he left for home..... So all you members that have the information on the Group's activates after 1945.... BE SURE AND BRING IT TO OMAHA'S reunion sos he can have discussions with all of you. He still has a few dates he needs to clear up, so let's make it a point to see him at the reunion.

He sent me an itinerary of his whereabouts from August till after our reunion.....Man, is he going to be a busy boy... He'll need our reunion to rest up, ha ha....His first stop will be in Canada for a reunion. I didn't know that he and BILL WILSON, 65th, were in the Canadian Air Force when Pearl Harbor was hit. I would be remiss if I didn't mention what a hell of a job BILL WILSON did as President of our Group for many years....He has been a great help to me, and I publicly want to thank him.See both you ex-chinooks in Omaha, OK?

I know that all the members of the 43rd Bomb Group Assn. are not retired Colonels, ha ha....but some of us had to work for a living when we got home and if there are members who would like to come to Omaha's reunion and are troubled with the "Shorts" (You Colonels wouldn't know what I mean, ha ha...) Contact me personally as we have some private rooms available in some homes here in Omaha during the reunion. These homes have donated these rooms at no charge, and the group will observe your privacy. This could save you as much as \$360.00 o hotel costs. (Incidentally, I have a spare room with two single beds in it available now that my ball turret gunner has turned my invitation down. Someone else is sure welcome to it....Drop me a note, ok?.

Just received a note from PHYLLIS CHRISTIANSEN, Assoc Sqdn, widow of CHRIS CHRISTIANSEN, 403rd crews chief, informing me that there will be a mini-reunion of the 403rd Squadron Sept 10-12, 1993 to be held at the usual place in Aurora, Nebraska. Those members of the 13th Recon Squadron/ 403rd Bomb Squadron who want more info can call Phyllis at 1-402-725-3440.

The UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE has a new publication "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" which I recommend highly.....Cost \$3.25, and is well worth it.Gives you all the benefits you are eligible for, now and after your death. Send prepayment to Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C. 20402-9325, or to order with Visa or Mastercard, call (202) 783-3238

Newsletter arrived from Australia...24 Squadron Assoc. letting us know then had a a record number of veterans marching in the ANZAC DAY PARADE.....Wouldn't it be great if the 43rd could charter a planed and march in the parade next ANZAC DAY!!! Incidentally, the 24 Squadron (RAAF) was one of the Squadrons that trained with the 43rd Group in B-24's. Do any of our members recall them Aussies?

Thanks to JOHN G. YEAGER for the information he sent us concerning the death of R. M. DAWSON who died of cancer in 1991.

Just received an itinerary from our former boss, Col.JAMES PETTUS, hdqrs., which shows him traveling from Hawaii on Aug. 1 to Oct 1, 1993. Man, he's a glutton for punishment, isn't he. Looking forward to his report at the reunion of his meeting with BRUCE HOY in Hawaii.

From all parts of the nation they are gathering for the Biggest and Best reunion we ever had....Why don't you send in your registration NOW?

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

This section of the newsletter is the worst job of all... I hate doing this part of the newsletter with a passion.

Guess I'll start with one of my old buddies from the 403rd, CARL E. HENNINGSSEN. He passed away August 5, 1993 here in Omaha. He was 75 years old and had been confined to a wheel chair for a number of years. However, CARL didn't let that stop him, as he made every mini-reunion of the 403rd he could, and was looking forward to our reunion here in OMAHA. Our condolences to his widow ALICE. he will be surely be missed by all.

We are grateful to JOHN J. ROCHE, 65th, for sending us info on the death of KENNETH STEVENS, 64th. Ken Jr. said his one constant wish....."Was to make one more reunion". His wife preceded him in July 1992. JOHN & GENEVIEVE ROCHE will be seeing us in Omaha at the reunion.

FROM THE LAND DOWN UNDER:

Comes a piece of history, supplied by our member JOHN COOP, 403rd, who lives in Kellyville, NSW Australia. He wanted us pass along the information Brigadier K. W. EATHER, 25th Australian Army had passed away. It was his army who stopped the Japs just a few miles away from Port Moresby. He also played a great part in the Nadzab Campaign.... and the capture of Lae....For this, he was awarded the American Distinguished Service Cross for his wartime efforts. He was a fine man and a very fine soldier. What else can you say. He will be remembered by many.

WALTER BUTLER, 63rd, dropped us a note to tell us that WALTER HAYES, 64th, passed away in Calistoga, CA. Thank you ;WALT, many times the only way we hear what has happened to our members is by our members, just like you, dropping us a note. Thanks members, and keep up the practice.

One bright spot in PAUL LEDGERS traveling was that he found a long lost friend of 39 years, GORDON WILLIAMS, 63rd, living in Livingston, MT. PAUL did you have GORDON send in his reservation to the Red Lion Hotel in Omaha for the reunion? To go further, PAUL contacted IRVING I. KAMP formerly of the Bronx, he is living in Tamarack, FL. PAUL be sure and get these guys signed up, ok?

Another newsletter returned marked "deceased". However, since this one was a member of our organization, we have some data on STEWART CAMPBELL, 63rd, from Melbourne, FL. Our condolences to COLLEEN, his widow.

From ROBERT J. MULVEY, 403rd....

Received my newsletter and as usual thoroughly enjoyed reading it until I reached the "TAPS" section and found my name included. I am pleased to relate to you that I am alive and well, playing golf daily on Cape Cod. Now this is the type of letters I like....keep them coming, oh how I wish.... Seriously, BOB please accept our apologies and come to our reunion here in Omaha and enter MA AXELSEN'S, 403rd, golf tournament. When you tangle with MAX & JIM HARCROW, and that bunch you better be practicing daily...ha ha....

LLOYD sent a clipping from the San Antonio Express on the death of one of our bombardiers, a classmate, tentmate and good friend of LLOYD'S. GEORGE V. WICHLEIN, 65th. GEORGE was one of those unique persons who made every reunion. He was 74 at the time of his death. LLOYD represented the 43rd at the funeral. Our sympathy to his wife, the former Anna Laura Main and his children.

1993 OMAHA REUNION TAPES AVAILABLE

Sentimental Journey has been given permission by the 43rd Bomb Group of the 5th Army Air Force, to record the activities and personal histories of those attending the upcoming reunion on September 27 ~ Oct 3rd, in Omaha at the Red Lion Inn.

Sentimental Journey will videotape highlights of the activities held during the reunion. We will also videotape some of the personal memories of those who served during WWII on an "interview" tape. If you pre-order tapes there is a reduced cost. They will also be available to purchase at the reunion.

Look for the Sentimental Journey table at the reunion where the interviews will be taking place. and PLEASE stop by and sit down and have your experiences recorded on videotape to help preserve the events of WWII.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY ORDER INFORMATION:

	Pre-order	At reunion
Reunion Highlights Tape (2-hr)	\$ 16.00	\$ 18.00
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We have been notified by Prime Travel, your official Omaha Travel Agency, that since the Airlines are changing their rates every other day, please contact them by their toll free number 1-800-253-3509 for the latest quotes. Remember, there is also a 3% additional discount from Prime Travel.

REUNION HAPPENINGS

To those members who are debating whether or not to come to this year's reunion, may I offer the following information:

You will get to see the World's largest and only indoor "Rain Forest" in existence. Covering over 2 acres and housing over 100 species of birds and animals. You'll experience the sights, sounds and smells of the rain forests from Asia, Africa and South America without leaving the Midwest.

You'll have the opportunity to lunch in the informal atmosphere of the new Tree Top Restaurant, where you can overlook the entire jungle and be entertained by monkeys, birds and other wildlife while you eat.

You'll be able to stroll through the World's largest free flight Aviary. Peer into one of the midwest's biggest aquariums and get nose to nose with polar bears swimming in Bear Canyon.

Picture yourself in the "Railway Station" in the year 1941 or 1942. We will tour the Western Heritage Museum, the "NATION'S" first restored Art Deco railway station which houses permanent and temporary exhibits of more than 100 years of Omaha history, including the famous "Byron Reed" collection of coins, paper money and signatures.

Do you remember a "Peanut Buster", ice cream sodas, and "banana splits"? Maybe a "Black & White" will jog your memory.....Well, all these will be available at the railway station's "Ice cream soda fountain". Exactly the way it was in "our day".....Remember?

Do you know that you will be within two blocks of Omaha's historic "Old Market"? Once the hub of Omaha's fruit and vegetable trade where the streets are still cobblestone with dozens of shops, boutiques and galleries where you'll find exactly what you are looking for.

FOR THOSE OF YOU STILL DEBATING:

We have over 200 registered so far, and the ratio between flying or driving is almost 50-50. Surprising isn't it? Probably because Omaha is so centrally located. From the East coast or the West coast. It cuts your air fare in half, so now is the time to take in your first reunion or your 13th.....I guarantee that you will not get any better steaks than "OMAHA'S STEAKS". How about it, send in your registration and join the many memories of the 43rd.

Come to the Omaha reunion and become part of a "first".....One of our members is planning on getting married (WOW) at our reunion and he wants all the men to be his best man and all the women to be the bridesmaids. Now you have got to admit, that this is something new in our reunion itineraries.

We must have caught a virus or something. I just boad a call inquiring what the regulations were on getting married in Omaha at our reunion? This is the second member who is planning on getting married at our Omaha reunion. What are they feeding our members? This is absolutely wonderful and I hope we'll have a big

turn out for the reunion.....Call a buddy and get them to come to Omaha as old father time isn't giving us much more time to attend one of our reunions....I just got a letter from a Widow who was so sorry that she and her husband didn't make any of our reunions as that is all he talked about, and now he's gone and she is having second thoughts why they didn't attend when they could have...but just kept putting it off for no real good reason.

If you have any questions, no matter how dumb you think they are, we have a hot line information number for you to call....1-402-397-7948.

FROM LLOYD

We have mentioned BOB ROCKER & JACK FELLOWS several times lately and I think its about time you know who they are: BOB is a historian and JACK is the fellow doing the terrific paintings for our book. Some years back, they figured out that the European Theatre got all the glory and publicity during WWII, and the Southwest Pacific was woefully neglected. Since both were interested in the Pacific war, they decided to do something about it. BOB began looking for interesting missions or stories that would make graphic painting. They formed the Cactus Air Force Project. (Cactus was the code name for Guadalcanal). Through the National Archives, old orders, and stories passed down through the years, they located many missions which would tell a good story through a painting. These paintings were to be donated eventually to the Air Force Museum at Dayton, Ohio. Every little detail in each painting is carefully researched from both the American side and the Japanese side. JACK'S paintings are meticulous in their detail as you will be able to see at our reunion.

Received a copy of the Springfield Sun (Oreland, PA), from SAM COMMONS, 65th, which includes a long article on his time with the 43rd. Also includes a photo of SAM wearing his old A2 jacket, and it actually still fits. This isn't really odd since SAM is quite a tennis player. He and another top tennis player, ARTHUR "BUD" FLETCHER, 65th, will be coming to the reunion together.

I thought it appropriate to quote SAM'S remarks to our Group gathered at Langley Field on our 50th Anniversary: "To an outsider we may appear to be a gathering of old fogies, but to me we will always be those courageous young men who came together to do a job for our country. We were and are a family dedicated to a cause and to each other. We did our job and we shared an experience that knit us together with a bond that we'll never forget.

Received a letter from Michael Mc Connell, 3 Commander Dr., Atwater. CA 95301. He is a collector of WWII bomb group and squadron patches, either original or reproductions. If any of you are interested in selling, contact him. Along this line, I had planned, some time ago, to have another batch of patches made as I did some years back, but the price has doubled, and they are out of reach since you need to order from 50 to 100 of each patch. So, thats out.

You guys who see the gold bullion blazer patches we have on our jackets are going to be sorry you didn't get one. At \$35.00 each, they are almost gone, and I doubt if any will be left at reunion time.

STANLEY "BILL" SCHIRMER, 65th, a new member from the Davis-Monthan era, is trying to locate M/Sgt. D.E. Hendricks, M/Sgt. Herman Stringer, S/Sgt. John Crosby, and S/Sgt. John E. Petty, all from Maintenance and Supply. Any info, send to BILL.

In regards DALE'S remarks on JIM MURPHY'S book "SKIP BOMBING", if you have already purchased the book, JIM will autograph it if you bring it to Omaha. If you wish to purchase the book, it's \$36.00 from Greenwood Publishing Group, 88 Post Road West, Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881. Be sure to specify you are a 43rd member. If you are not coming to the Omaha reunion and want one autographed by JIM, send the money to him at 4003 Nunn Rd. SE, Huntsville, Alabama 35802.

Have a new address on ARTHUR J. LUTZ, it's 1951 Woodlawn St.#2, Allentown, PA 18104.

Had another nice letter from JANICE OLSON, bringing us up to date on her fight to get some of our MIA brought back. "I want to take a moment to update you all on the status of aircraft site I visited in New Guinea. You may recall I trecked into the crash site of the recently-discovered 65th Squadron's B-17 #41-24552 and upon my return to the U.S. contacted various government officials about the site, with no response from any of them. Much has changed.

Sen. McCain's office contacted me recently to let me know that the Army remains recovery team had landed in New Guinea. The next day a friend of mine in New Guinea sent me a fax confirming that 16 Army staff were on their way into the mountains to recover the remains of the crew from the plane.

A couple of days later, the Chief of Mortuary Affairs in Washington D.C. contacted me about filing a report and submitting photos to aid in their investigation. I am happy to do so. He said it would be months before they would be able to issue any statement of their findings, let alone announce the positive identification of any of the crew. This is understandable considering the onerous conditions of the crash site and the number of years since the accident took place.

My search for the pilot's family, for the purpose of returning his gold I.D bracelet, is making some headway. 43rd member RAYMOND GATES sent me some information which has led me to HOWARD EBERLY'S home town. I hope to have more to report by reunion time. My requests for hand-drawn maps of the 43rd camp area at Port Moresby have produced a lot of information. Thanks to you all. I need more, please."

JANICE will be in Omaha.

HERB TOTTEN, Hdqrs, visited me this morning and showed me the plaque he was just awarded by the INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF POETS. It reads "HEREBY AWARDED TO HERB TOTTEN, THE INTERNATIONAL POET OF MERIT AWARD FOR 1993".

The book "THE GREAT POEMS OF OUR TIMES" from the National Library of Poetry lists a poem written by PVT HERB TOTTEN in 1941. The award was made in Washington. Just think, HERB used to be our bookkeeper. He probably knows more history of the 43rd than anyone in our organization.

See you all in Omaha!!!

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IMPORTANT NOTE

Since our roster comes out every three months, the following information should be added to your present roster.

TAPS

HOWARD J. BLANDING, 63RD.
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CARL E. HENNINGSEN, 403RD.
KENNETH STEVENS, 64TH.
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