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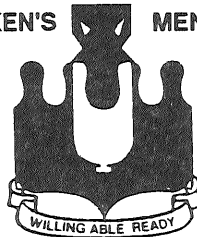
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IMPORTANT NOTICE CHANGING DUES

Voted upon and changed at the 1994 reunion in San Antonio: The dues beginning with the fiscal year 1995 shall be increased to \$15.00 annually.

FROM MAX OSBORN

As I write this newsletter, I face a picture of a B-24 given to me by BILL BRYAN, 65th pilot who passed away a few years ago, topped by a National Geographic map of Australia. The wall of my home dinette is covered with sectional maps of New Guinea. I have B-17 and B-24 buckles for paper weights on my office desk, together with a B-24 model hanging over my desk. Then to make sure I never forget I am a 43rd Bomb Group member, I have a collage of mementoes from my 1982 trip to New Guinea on another wall of my office.

EDWIN JOHNSON, 63rd, of Rockford, Illinois, writes he will be attending his first reunion and wanted to know the best part of the reunion to attend. ED, just come when you can but the meetings are toward the end of the week when you can see the most members. I will be there the 29th of August through the 4th of September.

ROGER & AUDREY KETTLESON, 64th, of Las Vegas, report that they visited with Dr. J. A. "DAVEY" CROCKETT & MEL, 64th, in Riverside, and both are in good health. "DAVEY" is a retired navigator, dentist and rancher. ROGER & AUDREY also went to Port Townsend, Washington to visit ART & DOT CURREN, Hdqrs., in their new home. ART is Port Commissioner. They then traveled to Idaho to visit with CHARLIE & MARY GIDDINGS, 64th. MARY wants a copy of the Battle of the Bismarck Sea. The source will be reported later in this newsletter, MARY. I read it from our local library here in Cheyenne. ROGER, old buddy, you are a good reporter.

FRANK HOHMANN, 65th, reports from Princeton Jct, New Jersey. He and VIRGINIA went to Australia in March. He noted a new plaque on the Memorial at Mareeba for a crew of the 19th Group that crashed in July of 1942, but no names. FRANK, Breezy should know. If not, there is a guy in New Jersey named GEORGE WHITE who can tell you, although he may not be able to tell you what happened last week. After FRANK cleaned up his yard, he went to England on the Concorde, then back to the U.S. on the QE II. Then he says he will come to San Antonio if DUTCH BENEDETTI, 65th, will show. So DUTCH, it's up to you.

Our favorite associate member, ANNE LEE-WARNER, writes from Double Bay, Australia she will be in San Antonio, and also that she met FRED & MARGARET BLAIR, 63rd, also of Australia. ANNE, in accordance with your instructions, I have requested Breezy to show "Black Jack's Last Mission" at San Antonio. (Note from Breezy - J.C. "CHUNKY" WILFERT, 63rd, has also requested that we show the tape. "CHUNKY" has recently gone through open heart surgery, and is doing fine, and will be at the reunion).

FRED & MARGARET BLAIR reported they are going to be in San Antonio, and are going to move back to the U.S. this month. (Note from Breezy - FRED has had the well known pictorial book "DOWN UNDER" reprinted as a 50th edition, and is bringing copies to the reunion for sale. This is the well known book featuring all the B-17 era crews, both ground and air of the entire 43rd at that time. Most of the B-17 era men received a copy. I received mine after I had returned home. FRED did not tell me how many copies he had printed, but I hope a lot. They won't last long.)

BRUCE HOY, Assoc. member, wrote that he is sending more stuff about the B-17s to LARRY HICKEY, the author of our book, and LARRY, has reported receiving it and will have something tangible on the book at the reunion. We appreciate all the work BRUCE has done for us. JIM PETTUS, Hdqrs., C/O, has been instrumental in getting necessary material for LARRY in finalizing our history.

The 20th Air Force Command is now based in Cheyenne. At the invitation of the Commanding General, I attended a few functions for former 20th Air Force members in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the 20th AF which was held here in Cheyenne.

June 3rd, JIM MURPHY, 63rd, our indefatigable vice-president, came to Cheyenne and I had a good luncheon get-together with he and MICKEY. We enjoyed discussing his book and the Air Force Magazine article. JIM'S daughter lives just 40 miles south of here in Ft. Collins, Colorado. If you buy the book you get a picture of BOB BUTLER, 63rd, when he was young, scrawny and handsome.

Old friend Tom Fetter, permanent Secty/Treasurer of the 90th BG notifies us in his newsletter their reunion is in Salt Lake on September 1. Their "Taps" list seems longer than our list.

Boomerang Publishers, 6164 West 83rd Way, Arvada, CO 80003, has books, videos, pins, t-shirts, etc. concerning B-24s.

SHAD SHADDOX, 64th, and RUSS BURNETT, 64th, have done a job in promoting our reunions by setting out flyers and talking to schools about WWII. SHAD mentioned he might hit Cheyenne while he and NAOMI are visiting his daughter in Littleton, CO. SHAD, you and RUSS deserve the "MOST ENTHUSIASTIC" award and my personal thanks to both of you.

FRED RADTKE, 65th, from Thousand Oaks, CA suggests tables at Friday night be set in groups for each squadron. Breezy says its a good idea so hope it can be done.

ROBERT DUFFY, 64th, from Rowland Heights, CA checks in for membership. Waist gunner for Pilot WALTER SHANKEL and navigator SIGMUND C. HARTMANN.

If you wish to join the DFC society, contact Alexander D. Ciurezak, 34552 Camino Capistrano, Capistrano Beach, CA 92624.

New member, MAURICE MAGORIAN checks in as a 63rd member from April to September of 1945.

The 5th Air Force Memorial Foundation will be at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, from Oct. 2,3,4, 1994.

The Air Force Enlisted Widows Home Foundation, 92 Sunset Lane, Shalimar, Florida 32579 has contacted us to spread the word in our newsletter about Teresa Village and Bob Hope Village located in the Fort Walton Beach area. If you are interested in locating in that area, please contact them for brochures. (Note from Breezy - They also have a short video on the Foundation, and from what I have seen, it looks like a good deal.)

STEVEN SHAKO, Assoc. member, reported in. His father GEORGE SHAKO, 65th, deceased, had told him a story of a Catholic Priest who manned a waist gun on a mission with GEORGE. STEVE has his father's diary, and he is willing to share it with the group. STEVE, suggest you contact LARRY HICKEY regarding the diary, if you haven't already. This is the kind of document LARRY has been asking for since he started working on the book. (Note from Breezy - STEVE sent it to me, and I have sent it on to LARRY who has already found plenty he can use, and will get it back to me ASAP before the reunion.)

A nose artist has turned up!! ENOCH WINGERT of Palmetto FL responded to LARRY HICKEY'S plea and also had a telephone conversation with DOC GUSACK about his

nose art. Hopefully LARRY got the info soon enough to credit ENOCH in the book. ENOCH, you just have to get to the reunion. Make that necessary effort.

More about the Waist Gunners Association. Contact Jay E. Ingle, membership chairman, 35469 Colossians Way, Shingletown, CA 96088.

SAM COMMONS, 65th, of Flourtown, PA reports he and his buddies went down and spent a few days with DOC GUSACK, 65th Flight Surgeon. Also visited BUD & MARIAM FLETCHER. Bet you're real glad you made the drive now, SAM. DOC also got SAM and his buddies in to the Holocaust Museum, and SAM will be in San Antonio.

EULAMAE MILLER of Tahlequah, OK writes her husband, ROBERT MILLER, Hdqrs., has had a rough time with his throat, is taking radiation therapy and speech therapy to learn to talk again. EULAMAE, you and BOB have our prayers for his recovery.

DICK COOPER, 65th, of Conneaut, OH, reports he was glad to learn DOC GUSACK was still around. DICK thinks he remembers me, so lets get together as navigators in San Antonio, DICK. His crew included MARVIN STEPHENS, pilot and BEN BARRON, bombardier.

The 19th Bombardment Association reunion will be held in Wichita, KS Sept. 21-24 at the Wichita East Hotel.

HOWARD MARTENS'S grandson, MATT MARTENS of 8518 Oyler Lane, Millstadt, IL 6226 contacted DICK & JANE HENNIG, 64th, as to whether anyone knew of his grandfather in our group. DICK sent his pictures along with the request to contact MATT if you knew him.

"Liberator--America's Global Bomber", published by Pictorial Histories Publishing Company, 713 So. 3rd W., Missoula, MT 59801. This company published the best work on the Midway battle among the dozens I have read as my brother was killed in that battle. From that, I am sure this is an outstanding book on the B-24. Check with them for a brochure on this promising book. (Note from Breezy - A copy of the book will be at the reunion and you may see it in the memorabilia room.)

BOB ROTH, 403rd, reported his attendance at the 5th Air Force Memorial Foundation Sundial Dedication at Hill Field, Utah. Lots of nice pictures of the event. BOB is one of our best reporters.

Jeffrey Ethell, Rt. 1 Box 3154, Front Royal, VA 22630, aviation writer, is looking for color slides from WWII even from the home front as well as recollections about wartime tour. We really need to educate the new generation, so contact him if you can help.

Professor of History, Eric M. Bergerud at Lincoln University in San Francisco, address 531 Kains Avenue, Albany, CA 94706 is working on a book about WWII in the SWPAC. He is interested in New Guinea, Rabaul and Guadalcanal for his book. We need to contact these writers to keep the new generations informed of our sacrifices and lost comrades.

TOM FITZGERALD, the cobbler from Australia and 24 Squadron Association secretary and news editor, favors us with his newsletter and their activities. Those guys are still funny and fun-loving in their newsletter.

Lex Mc Aulay, author of "Into the Dragon's Jaws", wrote "Battle of the Bismarck Seas" published by St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010, price \$19.95. All who are interested should contact the publisher or write to Lex at Box 937 Belconnen, Australia 2616. Lex favored me with a blurb in "Jaw" along with many of our group. I met him in Denver once and took him to meet LARRY HICKEY in Boulder and LARRY has been in contact with him on mutual matters since that time. LARRY has promised me some surprises in the book, a draft of which I hope will be available by San Antonio time. The plan is to get it printed and bound for distribution in the year 1994. I want JIM PETTUS to personally autograph my copy and date his signature. In 1994.

Hope to have my copy of the 90th's latest book soon. Obviously it won't be comprehensive as ours, but it should be interesting. I checked and noted it is slated for distribution this month so maybe I'll have it by our reunion time.

I hope everyone who reads this can make it to San Antonio and hope to converse with each and every one of you during the reunion. Heidi Sedar from the Cheyenne

convention bureau will be there a few days to encourage all of you to attend the 1995 reunion in Cheyenne.

Here is the list of the comrades who won't be making it but will be with us in spirit from the great beyond.

ROBERT F. GIPE, 65th, April 9, 1992
JOSEPH A. GREEN, 403rd, January 22, 1994
LEROY E. GROSS, 403rd, June 15, 1994
HARRY N. YOUNG, 64th, January 22, 1993
HAROLD HAHN, 63rd, December 15, 1992
DONALD J. ANDERSON, 65th, December 12, 1992
JOHN AHERN, 63rd, January 12, 1994
JAMES ASPINWALL, April 19, 1994
ARTHUR "BUD" FLETCHER, 65th, July 1994
FREDERICK DOEHREL, 64th, August 16, 1993
WILLIAM "BILL" O'BRIEN, July 30, 1994
ROBERT F. BROCK, 403rd, unknown

In closing, be sure to make your plans for Cheyenne in 1995 for the first part of September. We are blocked off at the Hitching Post Inn, and there are no elevators to impede your activities at the Hitching Post Inn. We have got wide open spaces and mountains for your viewing. Part of the activities will include a huge barbecue at the Terry Bison Ranch seven miles from Cheyenne. The ranch is inhabited by 2000 buffalo or bison, and you will be able to take a tour for viewing all of the various animals on the ranch. Warren Air Force Base is located at Cheyenne, and is one of the oldest military installations in the U.S., starting out as Ft. Francis E. Warren, 127 years ago. Cheyenne is also the State Capitol of Wyoming.

This will be the most reasonable reunion we have ever had, the rooms are \$52.00, and much more will be forthcoming in future newsletters about this special reunion where you are guaranteed a relaxed fun vacation. (Note from Breezy - MAX OSBORN, our President and a prominent attorney in Cheyenne is putting this one on, and if you want to enjoy yourself while visiting with your old buddies, Max has promised us a terrific time.)

REPORT FROM THE SAN ANTONIO REUNION

MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT AT THE REUNION

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

FRED & MAURINE MC ALISTER, JIM & MARGARET PETTUS, WILSON "BILL" & SHERRILL KING
PAT & CHARLI TUTTLE

63RD SQUADRON

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403RD SQUADRON

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Our largest function was the Friday night show and dinner dance with an attendance of 362 including quite a few guests.

We sold out of caps for the first time, but we still have coffee mugs available % \$5.00, blazer gold bullion crests % \$35.00 plus, we have the same 5th AF, 43rd BG bumper stickers, but now they are magnetic so you don't have to mess your car up, they are \$5.00. All prices include postage. In addition to these, you may order the approx. 16x20 print of the following paintings % \$35.00 with \$10.00 going to the Group: All 4 Squadron B-24s over IE Shima from Jim Pettus, 292 Wailupe Circle, Honolulu, HI 96821. The 65th Squadron's B-17 "The Old Man" in combat over Gasmata from Lloyd Boren, 102 Beechwood, Universal City, TX 78148. Both prints are suitable for framing. Both include postage.

FREDDIE BLAIR, 63rd, went to quite a bit of expense to have a special 50th anniversary edition of the famous "DOWN UNDER" book printed. It features a new cover, page numbering and all the same pictures as the original edition. This book (in case you have never heard of it), has the entire 43rd Group pictured in mid-1943. It includes both ground and air personnel during the B-17 era. Lots of you guys who got the original copy and either lost it or find it in sad shape like mine, can now get a new one for \$30.00 plus \$3.00 postage from: FREDERICK O. BLAIR, 16 Old Saddle Rd., Ridge, New York, 11961. Phone 516-924-2273. Personal checks ok. Those of you who came after the B-17 era will probably enjoy this book. It also features quite a bit of the B-17 nose art and pictures of the native population around 7 mile strip. You may also like to see what some of your comrades looked like as young slim men back in 43.

During the Friday night dinner dance and show, our president MAX OSBORN presented 43rd Plaques to the following for their dedication and efforts throughout the years to: DON BAKER, 65TH, BOB & IRENE WATSON, 65TH, & HARRY DALZIEL, 63RD. For those of you who have never made a reunion, DON BAKER is the guy who sells our merchandise at all the reunions, BOB & IRENE WATSON handle the registration & dues, and HARRY DALZIEL has always made our long 43rd banners which adorn the wall during our various functions. A sincere thanks to all of these dedicated workers. Also to BERNIE LEE who was a great volunteer at the dues desk.

Another plaque was purchased and forwarded by the 65th Squadron to DR. MILTON "BUD" GUSACK, 65th, signed on the back by all the 65th men present at the Squadron meeting. The inscription read "From a grateful 65th". The plaque is to be delivered by SAM COMMONS, 65th.

A highlight of the reunion was 63rd Squadron's BYRON "DUTCH" HEICHEL'S description of his experiences after crash landing and being picked up by the Japanese. BYRON'S life in prison camps was narrated in detail, and it kept the Saturday meeting crowd so quiet you could hear a pin drop. Thanks BYRON.

FROM MAX AXELSEN

Some twenty eight (28) stalwart "swingers", golfers that is, showed up at Riverside Golf Course on 1 September to smash away at the little white ball. SAM FRAILEY, HELEN COMMONS, JANE BURNETT, DOLLY MILLER & FRAN OSBORN, joined the men for this gala event. The threat of rain disappeared, and seemingly, all enjoyed the outing. THE BIG WINNERS: JIMMIE "D" DIEFENDERFER with a low net of 67. He received the 43rd Plaque as well as some golf balls, etc. Number 2 low net was shared by JIM MURPHY & LYLE HEINEKE at 72. LYLE also took honors for the longest drive. BUD LAWSON & JESS FULTON shared third place low net with 73's. JESS was also low gross with a 91. BYRLE MILLER & CLETUS SWEIGARD tied at 74 for fourth place low net. JOHN HOLLERAN captured fifth place low net with a 75, and in sixth place was our illustrious president, MAX OSBORN with a solid 78. AL HAAS & JOHN LOMBARD were accuracy champs with closest to the pin honors on a couple of par three holes. LOMBARD also made the longest putt of the day...some say it was 35 or 40 feet.! SOME SAY.

Keep swinging, y'all. Next golf affair will be at Cheyenne where the ball and bull go a looooooong way! See you there.

FROM LLOYD

A PERSONAL NOTE: For the past several years, Helen and I have discussed giving up my work for the Group. Over the past 14 years, since the Association formed, I have watched it grow from the original 56 men to, at one time over 1500 members, and now over 1200. As the Association grew, the various tasks needed to keep current also grew. I have been Secty-Treasurer, editor & publisher of the newsletter plus the roster, have helped to set up all the reunions since the first Omaha reunion in 1985, and have helped run the reunions. Over the years this has become a full time job and has affected our time together and limited our personal travel and family visits. Helen & I decided that after the San Antonio reunion I would resign all my duties, and this was announced at the San Antonio reunion. I have assured the Officers and Board Members that I would carry on until they could find others to handle the work load, within a reasonable time of course. The Group office will be kept open until the end of October with the phone numbers intact, and during that time, or longer if necessary, I would be available to help in the transfer of duties to whomever they choose. This in an effort to achieve an orderly and uninterrupted flow of business. IN THE MEANTIME, I HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY OUR PRESIDENT THAT BILL WILSON HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS TREASURER, AND AS OF THIS NEWSLETTER, ALL DUES SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO: 43RD BOMB GROUP ASSN. & BILL WILSON, DRAWER M-360, SNYDER, TX 79550.

It has been both a pleasure and honor to have handled the duties, and although the pay has never been that good, it has been a labor of love for me. This is not the end of me, I will see you at the reunions and we will continue to enjoy the many friendships we have made. It has been something I shall never forget. God bless you all.

Add the following new members to your roster.

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For some strange reason we still are gaining more members than we are losing. Its probably due to the extensive advertising. I advertise the reunions in 18 Veteran related magazines each year, and also subscribe to a service that mails the reunion notice to 2500 newspapers yearly. Looks like it pays off.

The 5th AF MEMORIAL FOUNDATION. sends pictures of the memorial presentation held May 13th this year a Hill AFB, Utah, and advises that they have proposed the next memorial for Randolph AFB, San Antonio, and a later memorial which they are trying to arrange for Washington, DC. Our own NEIL FAIRBANKS, 403rd, our representative to the 5th AFMF, participated in the dedication of the Foundation Memorial, on May 8, 1994 in Townsville, Australia.

The Confederate Air Force AIRSHO 94 will be held in Midland, Texas October 8-9, 1994. All the historic aircraft will be on display from the CAF'S World War 1. Ghost Squadron to the supersonic fighters and bombers of today. Many activities will take place during these two days. Its worth visiting if you can make it.

The 5th AFMF is recommending the book "FIFTH AIR FORCE" being published by the Turner Publishing Company, P.O. Box 3101, Paducah, KY 42002-3101, (502) 443-0121. The cost, from the publisher, the cost is: Deluxe Edition -- \$48.00 plus \$5.00 shipping for the 1st book, and \$2.50 shipping for each additional book. Kentucky residents must add 6% tax. There is also a protective book cover @ \$2.50 available.

New member, DICK A. HILL, 64th, who flew on "BOB'S HOPE" from Hamilton Field out to the Squadron, also flew a mission to Hiroshima on the morning after the bomb. He also flew a mission over all southern Japan challenging anti aircraft guns to fire on 25 Aug., 1945. (Last mission WWII)?

Received a letter from JIM "MAC" MC CLURE, 65th, saying he hated to miss the San Antonio reunion due to a quad bypass operation and a carotid operation. He's doing fine now, and plans to make Cheyenne.

Press release: The 4th annual reunion of Kingman Army Air Field, 30 September, 2 October 94. Looking for former military & civilian personnel & families. General public welcome. Static Displays, Air Demos, Dinner & Dance, Tours -- Please contact us at: Kingman Army Air Field Reunions, Attn: Rob Chilcoat, 6000 Flightline Dr., Box 3, Kingman, AZ 86401 - (602) 757-1892.

Rotary International with assistance from Australian veterans of the New Guineas campaign is launching a program called "Kokoda Memorial Project" to build a health center and medical post in the Kokoda region of Papua New Guinea. This in honor of the "Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels" who fought alongside US and Australian troops during a bitter three-month campaign in 1942 that resulted in the defeat of a numerically superior force of Japanese. This is being created as a living memorial to the participants of the Kokoda Track campaign in which 625 were killed and 1,055 wounded in this remote area.

RICHARD E. WILLIAMS, 403rd, writes that the Coke bottle story reminds him of a mission where they were to bomb a small island off the coast of New Guinea sometime in late 1943. The briefing officer pointed out the portion of the island to be bombed and pointed out that they were to be careful and not bomb the opposite end of the island. Someone asked why, and he replied "there's a Coke plant there". Does anyone else in the 403rd remember this? Later, on his discharge, the subject of Coke came up, and someone claimed that Mac Arthur had the Coke franchise there. Any truth to this?

TED ROMANOWSKI, 403rd, remembers the same thing, they were covering an invasion, and they saw the Coke plant, and managed to drop their bombs without hitting. He is wondering whether this might get them some stock in the plant.

JEAN JACK, 403rd, writes that he and BETTY BELL would not be making the reunion due to eye surgery for BETTY BELL. JEAN sends regards to everyone and says he will be with us in spirit.

KEITH SKELTON, 403rd, writes that the FRED WILSON, 403rd crew, had its own reunion last fall in Lodi, California. Lodi was chosen because HARRY WEBER, their assistant engineer, has a great spot right along the Sacramento River where he has an RV park and lodge. Those attending were: FRED WILSON, pilot, AL SYLVIA, engineer, HARRY WEBER, asst. engr., and DON HAWTHORNE, radio operator. NEIL FAIRBANKS, the substitute bombardier was supposed to attend but couldn't make it. Missing were: the regular bombardier EMERSON YOUNG, the armorer gunner, ANTHONY FORTUNATO, and the tail gunner, EUGENE SESSLER. BOB BROCK, the tail gunner is deceased. KEITH sent a copy of a picture he had taken out of the window of the plane they were in, showing an ack-ack burst directly in front of them and another B-24 while on a mission over Balikpapan. KEITH, this picture should interest LARRY HICKEY. KEITH says that they do not know the whereabouts of YOUNG, FORTUNATO & SESSLER, and he would like any help you may give in locating any of them.

DICK WERTZ, 63rd, volunteers twice a month to assist visitors at the "Pioneer Historical Society's Library" in Bedford, PA, helping in researching their genealogies or historical happenings from the 1770's to the present. In July, he had a lady visitor who asked him if the car with the 5th Air Force bumper sticker on it was his. Upon receiving an affirmative answer, she said her husband (who was with her) was in the 5th AF. When asked what unit he was with, her husband said the 90th Bomb Group. DICK explained that those bumper stickers had been on his car since 1987, and that was the first time anyone had ever questioned him about them. DICK started to question him about his service with the 90th, and mentioned that the 43rd and the 90th Groups were big competitors. He said he had never heard of the 43rd Group and DICK thought he was pulling his leg since he had been stationed at Moresby, Dobodura, Nadzab, and returned to the States from Biak Island. DICK says the man didn't seem to want to discuss the subject anymore so he dropped the conversation. DICK says it's ironic that the first person to mention the 43rd Bomb Group sticker was from the "Jolly Rogers". He didn't get a chance to ask him about the "Chic Sale" incident at Port Moresby or the "Convoy Sighting in the Vitiaz Straits" by the 90th and confirmed by the 63rd as "rocks" (Gen. Kenny Reports), page 246, or he may have gotten hostile and they do not like to scare off customers at their library. (Editors note: I'm interested in hearing about the "Chic Sale" incident.)

HELEN O'BRIEN, widow of BILL O'BRIEN, 63rd, writes: "As his wife, I thought I knew him very well, but I never realized the depth of his love for the 43rd Bomb Group and all his friends there. We were so happy to have become a part of the Bomb Group reunions, and BILL loved seeing all his old buddies. I thank you for being his good friends". BILL was buried in Riverside National Cemetery on August 4th with military honors. Attending the services in addition to HELEN were his six children, one grandson, and two sons-in-law who were able to come from great distances. HELEN says hello to all their dear friends.

The Air Force Gunners Association held their 4th biennial reunion in Bethesda, MD, July 15-19, 1993, attended by approximately 325 members & guests. The members voted to hold the next reunion in San Antonio, Texas. The 5th reunion will be held May 14-18, 1995 at the Holiday Inn North-Riverwalk in San Antonio. Contact Jay E. Ingle, membership chairman, 35469 Colossians Way, Shingletown, CA 96088, (916) 474-1632.

The History & Traditions Museum, Lackland AFB invites inquiries, and is open for tours and has a theater available for viewing video tapes, etc. The museum instructs basic trainees in the traditions of the Air Force, and covers the

entire range of the service. Included are static displays of seventy-eight aircraft and missiles ranging from a Curtis JN-4D Jenny through an SR-71 Blackbird, an F-15, and an A-10. The museum also houses a large collection of medals and uniforms dating back to WWI. This has all been greatly enhanced since our visit to the static display in 1986.

The newsletters from our friends in 24 Squadron, Australia keep getting longer and better thanks to the editor TOM FITZGERALD. In the last newsletter there is one paragraph I've got to pass on: We've known the words of "Waltzing Matilda" for years, but what was the Swagman's name? It was ANDY. If you will recall the words "Andy sat, Andy watched, Andy waited till his billy boiled." If this doesn't bring a laugh, you missed Australia.

CLYDE MUSE, 403rd, was unable to make San Antonio due to wife's medical problems. He wants to know, as I suppose we all do, when the book is coming out. At the reunion, we learned from LARRY HICKEY that we should have the book before the next reunion. Your officers and board are definitely on top of this. We have paid BRUCE HOY for the final batch of material which has been received by LARRY, and LARRY assured us at the reunion that he has sufficient material to complete the book. He is in the process of writing it up now. I was with him when he conferred with his publishers. We want it as bad as you do CLYDE. Hang on.

New member, TED MORAN, 91st Strat. Reco. Sqdn., Japan, Korean War, then Davis-Monthan would like to make contact with anyone who knew him during this period. Contact him at: 11222 Long Lake Dr., Sparta, Michigan 49345, (616) 887-9184.

BOB SHEPPARD, Hdqrs., sent a clipping in from Springfield, MO, concerning Aviation Heritage Week there. In addition to other Vintage planes, it mentions "Diamond Lil", one of 2 B-24s still flying. Also, a pilot who flew a B-24 during WWII had the distinction of landing one with all four engines dead. It was, he recounted, "like trying to control a piano sliding down stairs."

STAY WELL AND WE WILL SEE YOU IN CHEYENNE!!!!

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Note from LLOYD: The following note from Bill Wilson was sent to me to include in the newsletter. On refusing to include it, Willie said he would just include it in the next newsletter. So here it is. This was not my idea, and while I appreciate the gesture, it is not necessary.

LATE NOTE: For the 43rd Bomb Group, 64th Squadron History, any information on the whereabouts or hometowns of the following B-17 era crew would be appreciated: JOHN Y. BARBEE, JACK L. MATISOFF, SIDNEY SCHWIMMER. Jack Matisoff's last known address was in the Huntington Beach, California area. Contact Janice Olson, 15100 Tuscola Road, Apple Valley, CA 92307-4863 or phone (619) 241-3145.

S P E C I A L N O T I C E

Lloyd "Breezy" Boren is retiring as Secretary & Treasurer of the 43rd Bomb Group Association. For 15 years he has worked every day for us. Keeping up with each of us; getting out the newsletter -- doing the Reunions, etc. Too many jobs to count. He has received no pay; some bites on his rear end and a few "Thank You's". Helen has been his right hand. Now is our chance to really say "Thank You". Send me whatever you like and I will get it to them -- a nice trip would be great or a free beer -- you decide what 15 years of hard work for free has meant to you. Send money to Bill Wilson, Drawer M-360, Snyder TX 79550.