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From MAX OSBORN

Registrations for our reunion are coming in every day. If this volume keeps up until September I'll have **GEORGE WHITE** shoot and butcher another buffalo. Every reunion gets better and I believe it is because friendships are reunited and strengthened every time we meet.

The Board of Directors has approved of the selection of Albuquerque, New Mexico for our reunion in 1997. As you know, we will be in Kissimee Falls, Florida, for 1996.

JIM PETTUS, our venerable HQ squadron director, from his Hawaiian paradise sends an article from Aviation History, March 1995, on the European Ace, Capt. James Jabara. The article states he was commander of the 43rd Bomb Wing at Carswell AFB in June, 1961. I didn't know a fighter pilot could be commander of a Bomb Group or Wing. Jabara died even more ignominiously than Dick Bong, our SWPA ace who died in a take-off crash in the U.S. In 1966 Col. (Ret) Jabara died in an auto accident. He was from Wichita, KS. where a small airfield is named in his honor.

BOB COOPER, former board director, complains he didn't get a copy of the news letter. Hope the problem is rectified now Bob. Please come to Cheyenne and bring your lovely lady.

SHAD SHADDUX and RUSS BURNETT, 64th Board of Director members, both promise Cheyenne and acquiesce on Albuquerque and Shad favored us with a copy of the letter he wrote to George Gibon on the heritage of the 43rd. Shad, Jabara flew B-58s when he was commander of the 43rd Wing.

DICK WOOD, another Director heard from, will be in Cheyenne and will be our resident chaplain at the Memorial Service on Sunday morning.

JIM HARCROW, Director from Florida, endorses Albuquerque and advises us to keep BOB and IRENE WATSON on the registration work. He promises to play golf in Cheyenne even though he's shorter off the tee. Aren't we all?

NICK ARABINKO, our master of Churchillian prose, checks in with a news article of the first transcontinental airplane flight in 1911 which lasted 49 days. Nick, we might suggest you deliver a dissertation before the Group, doesn't matter what the subject, it would be highly entertaining.

ROY BAILEY, 64th sends his registration fee for LOUISE and himself as a declaration of intention to be in Cheyenne.

GEORGE ANDERSON, from Blairstown, NJ., writes he and JEAN plan to come to Cheyenne in their 5th wheeler and requested campground information. George, I gave you query to our Convention Bureau who promised to send you the information. The Terry Bison Ranch, where we will be on Friday night has a great number of RV hookups.

Commissioner ART CURREN from Port Townsend, Washington reports he will attend at Cheyenne but **DOTTIE** must start her first grade class off on the right foot, which dates conflicts with our reunion date.

BREEZY, G.E. REAM of Leeds Utah offers the information he was pilot of General Whiteheads B-17, "The Old Man." together with General Doolittle on the flight to Japan for the surrender ceremonies. He'll be in Cheyenne.

GEORGE and MARJORIE LYNCH of Janesville, Wisconsin, is one of those mentioning each reunion gets better, and will be visiting their daughter in Denver while attending the reunion.

HELEN BAUDER, widow of WILLIAM BAUDER sent \$25.00 to help with the reunion although she won't be attending. She wants the book, LARRY HICKEY -- Helen is from DALE BARR's hometown of Omaha Nebraska.

JOE and CHARLOTTE HOWARD 64th, have sent in their Hitching Post reservations and their registrations for Cheyenne from Sebastopol, California. Also, from San Diego California will be DR. JACKSON and DOROTHY YOUNG.

ROLAND FISHER, of Oswego, Oregon, claims he shouldn't have been ignored by leaving his name from the San Antonio attendance list, just because he got rammed by a Kamikaze near Owi. This time he sent a copy of his Hitching Post reservation. There were many tall, handsome, debonair, suave, sophisticated, B-24 jocks at San Antonio, so that's why you were inadvertently omitted from the attendance list.

BOB and IRENE WATSON have written and called in arrangements for our reunion, and of course will be registering all members at the Hitching Post. They have been playing golf in Palm Springs, California for a couple of months and prior to that checked with JACK CAPERTON, KEN BECKSTROM, and J.T. BRITTON in New Mexico concerning the proposed reunion in Albuquerque.

Our loyal, trustworthy, and renowned author, vice-president JAMES T. MURPHY sent in his registration money to demonstrate his eagerness for the Cheyenne reunion. Happily, his daughter lives in Fort Collins, just forty miles from here.

JAMES A. OTTINGER, from Allentown, Pennsylvania sent a check for the "Four Squadrons" print along with his dues. He mentioned he was in the 65th from Dec 44 to Nov 45, and that he had attended two reunions and he felt out of place. JIM, I guarantee you won't feel out of place if you come to Cheyenne. BILL WILSON has never met a man he didn't like.

DICK COOPER, navigator from Conneaut, Ohio sent me a few octant marking disks. He has sent one in a Christmas card and I had forgotten where they were so he sent more to chide me for my Alzeimers. I don't even remember using a Fairchild octant. Dick thinks he will be unable to make Cheyenne because of physical difficulties, but we all have something wrong with us.

KEN BROWN sent a page from the Liberator Club publication. I have subscribed to it for years. On the page is a notice requesting B-24 vets from the South Pacific who live in the Eastern U.S. to call (619) 679-3732 for a special project. George Welsh, the editor and publisher placed the notice.

BOB WHITE, from Peabody, Massachusetts wrote in he flew with the late BILL BRYAN, who got the crud from VERN GASTON, the co-pilot became first pilot. The picture of the B-24 I mentioned in my office does not have a name on the nose so I don't know whether it is "Alice the Goon", but BOB, if you come to Cheyenne I will show you the picture.

Good friends ROGER and AUDREY KETTLESON from Las Vegas, Nevada sent in a newsy letter with registration, and are looking forward to visiting with friends in Cheyenne.

PAUL LEDGER is our official searcher for new members. He reported in that he had located several and will try to get them to Cheyenne.

Our immediate past-pres., **DALE BARR** submits his fairly recent repair jobs: Two artificial knees, five heart by-passes, insulin shot morning and night, preparation for operation on right eye. However, his wife said worse things could happen. Said they are dedicating an aquarium at the rain forest in Omaha, with real sharks. **DALE**, hope you and GEN can make it to Cheyenne.

We have notice of a Reunion of the Santa Ana Army Air Base on April 22, 1995. I remember there were 28,000 cadets when I went through pre-flight there in the last months of 1942 so they must be going to have a big reunion.

CHARLES OLDHAM, from St Louis Missouri writes he was in Ie Shima when the Japanese arrived in a Betty for the surrender. Said the tail gunner on the Betty had tears streaming down his face when they landed. His crew also saw the atomic bomb cloud. Who was it I talked to in San Antonio that mentioned the same thing?

DICK WERTZ, 63rd, one of our busiest members has called Bill Wilson and me and written both concerning getting more memorabilia, hats, and an electronic library in Lomita, California. Some of the matters will be taken up by the board.

D.V. ANGERAME from Albany New York reports he was a ground crew member who went over on the Queen Mary and rotated from Owi in 1944. **JIM MURPHY** said it when he mentioned we couldn't have done it without the unsung ground crew members. D.V., come to Cheyenne and join the fun.

That outstanding golfer, **BUD LAWSON**, checked in and noted he had already reserved at the Hitching Post. He is even bringing his wife so she can believe the tall tales he has been bringing home from the reunions. Also, sent one of many letters to the editor on the *Enola Gay* we have all seen.

BOB ROTH, from Redlands, California has favored us with several letters he has written to every official in California, including the Governor protesting the omission of the 5th AF logo on the license plates. Go get em, Bob!!

Our sometime cobber, **FRED BLAIR** with **MARGARET** will be in Cheyenne. He still has more "DOWN UNDER" books for sale. He would like each man of the 43rd to bring names of their crew members and the names of any others than can point out in the book. Or you may write him at 16 Old Saddle Road, Ridge, New York 11961.

On February 25th SAM COMMONS writes he already has his flight arrangements made to Cheyenne. He is hoping for an early golf game with ART DURBECK and BUD LAWSON. He also reports his pilot JOE DeCESARE lost his battle to cancer on January 10, 1995.

Our dear friend and associate, ANNE LEE-WARNER of Australia writes to report a son of friend is coming to the U.S. to get in some rodeo work and practice. She is becoming a grandmother for the 9th time. I asked her to bring a Mud Crab from Australia to the reunion.

Now new member JIM NAREM called me from Bloomfield, Connecticut and thereafter sent in his registration check for LUCY and him.

Loyal reunion attendee and bomber of the Rabaul volcanoes, CARL HUSTAD sent in his registration from Minnesota.

LYLE and BETTY HEINEKE, with whom we lunched with ART and GINNY DURBECK in San Antonio will be here and challenging JIM DIEFENDERFER for the golf trophy. That is, Lyle and ART will be golfing.

DOC GUSACK has found a new member from the 43rd Bomb Wing!! Col WALTER and MARY SCHRECKER. Even though he is a retired Colonel, he is still young blood to us. Thanks DOC for sending a check for his and your life membership.

JANICE OLSON, associate and one of the greatest finds for the 43rd Bomb Group Association. She now lives in Apple Valley, California and has communicated with me many times for the good of the Group. She has labored ceaselessly in helping Larry Hickey with the B-17 part of the book. She also has been instrumental in finding new members. It will be worth your while to meet her in Cheyenne. We love you Janice, and the drinks will be on me at the Hitching Post.

We always are interested in receiving the newsletter from **TOM FITZGERALD** of the 24 Squadron Association in Australia. Those guys were early dive bomber defenders of their homeland.

WILEY WOODS, 90th BG historian sends a picture of the outhouse on which those scoundrels had placed a banner proclaiming "43rd Bomb Group Headquarters" which General Kenney had reported in his book as having been shot up by aircraft from the 43rd. Wiley seriously doubts the General's accuracy in his report but it made a good story. I called LARRY HICKEY and Willey had sent him the same picture so he will put it in his book for all to see.

See you all in Cheyenne, we're going to have a great reunion!!

Following are our comrades gone to the great hanger in the sky:

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| WILLIAM EDWARDS | 403rd | November 29, 1994 | | | | |
| JOHN F. MCDOWELL | | December 14, 1994 | | | | |
| FRED VESSELS | 63rd | December 17, 1994 | | | | |
| MONTY MONTGOMERY | 403rd | December 18, 1994 | | | | |
| BOYD E. VORSE | 63rd | December 30, 1994 | | | | |
| WILLIAM COULTER | | February 03, 1995 | | | | |
| JAMES WILLIAMS | | February 23, 1995 | | | | |
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From LLOYD

Talked with ELEANOR BRYANT the other day, "DOC" BRYANT passed away in February. Doc was navigator on "DUTCH" EHLER'S crew. He was navigator on the "Old Man's" mission over Gasmata that is depicted in the print of the oil painting by JACK FELLOWS. Doc was a fine navigator and a good friend. I believe he and CHARLIE BELLOWS and WALTER BILL were classmates. I called Eleanor to talk to Doc about a sextant that was shown to me by my dentist. It seems that he took it in trade for some dental work. He wants to sell it, and I don't believe it has ever been used. It is in the original wooden box and looks new. I will give a description of it. The plate on the side of the box read: ASTRO-COMPASS MK11, Manufacturers Assembly NO D500, SPERTI Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A. The bubbles and knobs are in perfect shape, and as I said before, it looks like it has never been used. I would appreciate any of you navigators who know what this is or whether it has any value, contacting me.

JACK FELLOWS the artist who painted "THE OLD MAN OVER GASMATA", did the major paintings which will appear in our book. He is president of the American Society of Aviation Artists year and did the cover jacket painting and four or five more paintings for a new book out titled "AVIATION", A History Through Art. The book is about 10x10 and has 216 pages containing 96 paintings and 8 pencil sketches from the American Society of Aviation Artists. The price is \$45.00 plus postage, and the book is well worth it. You can contact Howell Press toll free at 1-800-868-4512 to order a book. I got a copy and it is a history of airplanes form World War I thru World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and up to the present. Those of you who have prints of "THE OLD MAN OVER GASMATA" will appreciate the art work form the very best Aviation Artists in America. A must for anyone who appreciates Aviation Art.

HELEN and I appreciate you guys sending us on a vacation. That's coming up later this year. I miss the mail already, and feel somewhat like a fish out of water. Helen and I both went work at H&R BLOCK to keep busy, at least part time during the Tax season.

Best regards to all

The Latest News From A Used Car Salesman

DONALD E. GRIMES, a retired accountant asked about a report on the books of the group, and why the increase in dues. The big expense is the news letter. It runs about \$1,300.00 per edition to \$5,500.00 per year. The postal charges run \$1.50 to \$2.00 if the letter is returned. In 1994 we had 550 that paid \$10.00 a total of \$5,500.00. **BREEZY**, our 15 year man that retired in October, received no pay, and at times had to lend the outfit his money to get the news letter out. We have several that make an extra donation each year. In 1994 the total donation was \$850.00. Then postage has gone up more than 50% in 16 years.

RICHARD H. FOX, a 63rd gunner, caught our goof. The computer blew up and he and several others did not get credit for paying their dues. It's all fixed now; besides we made an old time hand list of each check, so it is fixed. If the label on your news letter is wrong on the dues or address just let us know.

STEPHEN A. SHAKO, son of George E. Shako, Jr. 65th pilot, sent a letter in a letter from GENERAL KENNEY on a mission SHAKO and crew ran to Wewak in July 1943. GEORGE passed away last fall, and we all miss him very much. He was a real good boy and a personal friend.

DAVID M. GUINN, 64th nose gunner, turned lawyer. He bought some things form the PX (thanks we need the business). He also sent a little extra.

GEORGE J. CARTER, Headquarters, writes he is not in the market for a used car, but will buy me a beer in Cheyenne if I don't get his job so messed up that we can't get anyone to take it.

JACK NUNNELLEE, 64th from Oregon, made his first reunion. He had not seen RUSS BURNETT or BYRLE MILLER in 49 years. He says his old crew members had aged a little, and he is looking forward to Cheyenne. He is real glad he got a painting of the B-24s. Colonel Pettus signed it for him - You did good Jack. We have been trying to get him to sign a check, but no luck.

ARTHUR H. GARD, 64th bombardier, sent in dues and PX from "Gard house".

MAX E. LONG, 403rd, has just found us and likes the news letter. He will be in Cheyenne, and is looking forward to seeing everyone.

VINCENT "JOE" DECESARE, 64th pilot, moved and sorta got lost. He is back, and his new address is 79 Round Hill Road, Kensington, CT. 06037. Those Yankees sure have pretty addresses. This Reb lives on 33rd.

BILL HERRE, 63rd, just came aboard, and thinks he is going to like it, but has not received a news letter or roster. Should have received the January news letter and we are going to get out a new roster this year. He wanted to make the last reunion, but had to make a sick call - he is fine now.

JOSEPH W. SNYDER, 403rd gunner, sent in a little extra money, and asked me to pick where it should go. I thought about my beer fund, but don't worry Joe it went to the general fund.

DON B. TRUDEAU, 65th flight engineer's wife, was wondering if Don was past due on his dues, well Pam, Don is paid up for 95 - Thanks for asking.

J.C. "CHUNKY" WILFERT, 63rd, sent in his annual extra money for someone that is a little short, plus in December he and his young bride, CLARA MARIE, had a 50th Wedding Anniversary. He is recovering (in great shape) from a bad car wreck last spring in old Mexico.

DR. ORLEY B. CAUDILL, 403rd navigator, ordered one of the prints of the four B-24s. Gosh some of you fellows in the 43rd must have been pretty smart.

JOSEPH PECORARO, 403rd, says to say "Hi" to all his friends from Port Moresby - DOBO, QUICK, and CLARK FIELD. When you think about it Joe, it was a long trip. Bless you.

BRUCE DUNHAM, 403rd, ordered some caps from my fire sale. He got an extra Queen Mary cap for ELMORE APFEL. Elmore road the Queen over - Good show Yank.

- **BOB and MARY BYRNE**, 403rd armament, sent is a nice gift to the **BREEZY and HELEN** Fund. Bob went on sick call, and missed San Antonio. The doctor decided he as just free loading, and put him back on duty. He'll see us in Cheyenne.
- JAMES E. NAREM, 64th, is a new member. MARSHALL NELSON, his pilot told him to join up. Then JANISE OLSON told him the same thing. glad to have you James. Just one thing I'm Bill not Dave, but as a used car salesman, this is one of the nicest things I have been called.
- JOHN E. SWEENEY, 64th radar gunner, sent in a very nice gift for BREEZY and HELEN, and bought some of my special cheep PX things. It's sure nice to skin a Yankee. My great grandfather would be pleases. Thanks a lot.
- **BOB** and IRENE WATSON, 65th pilot sent in a very nice gift for BREEZY and HELEN, and a nice donation for the general fund. I have them working on reunions to come. So everyone stay well so we can make roll call.
- LEE and HELEN COFFMAN, 64th, send greetings to Mary Lois and me, and for me to get on the ball. Their 95 dues had been paid. Gosh, good help is hard to find.
- HENRY "HANK" PORTER, III, 65th pilot, is looking for Lt. NEIL G. KIRBY serial number 0-430687. Neil flew co-pilot for JIM MURPHY. He flew some at Mareeba and Port Moresby. He returned to the states the summer of '43. He came from Burlington, Vermont. "Hanks" address is 2909-701 Highland Ave Birmingham, AL 35206. Phone number is (205) 328-2212.
- ROLAND FISHER, 63rd pilot, says hats off to PATRICK and CHARLEY TUTTLE on the 53rd edition in January of the news letter. That goes for all of us Great job! Roland wants a list of all member who are past due. That's a great idea, so I'll include at the end of this letter a list of all past due members. Check the list and call or write someone to please not drop out, but to re-up! Roland sent extra money for someone that's running short. No sweat if you are short, we have funds to cover you. No shame, we are all buddies. Roland was not listed as being at the San Antonio reunion, he was there. He was that handsome, debonair bomber pilot we thought was from Desert Storm. Check him out in Cheyenne.
- HARLEY HAYDEN, 65th, had missed the last three reunions, but we will be in Cheyenne. Getting along great, just one bad knee (not age). Skip bombing February 1943 with CAPT. ARTHUR A. FLETCHER and CREW.
- HAIG SALVERIAN, 63rd, just found us, and is all signed in. Haig sent in a report on one of the last missions of WWII. I have sent it on to our book writer, LARRY HICKEY. Thanks for the information.
- PHILIP N. ADAMS, navigator 64th, wants to hear from the Nadzab through Leyte period (Jan 44 to Apr 45). Phil there are lots of them on the team, not as vocal as some of the early bunch. Your group is my favorite. If you hadn't showed I'd still be there. Phil got a couple of the VCR tapes on the bombardiers to give to his tent mates. He asked about a bombardier in the 19th STANLEY JACKOLA I'm sure I know him, both for the moment I can't place him.
 - PAUL BLASEWITZ, 63rd, did the Queen Mary trip, and says hi to his shipmates.
- WILLIAM R. "BOB" GAFFNEY, 65th pilot just read "Battle of the Bismarck Sea" by LEX McAULAY, an Aussie, says it's a real good book.
- HAL C. WINFREY, 65th pilot reports; he and his lovely wife MAUDE are headed for Cheyenne, and just may bring their four daughters. The girls want to meet all of us. Good idea Hal, some of the other fellows might want to do the same. If the good Lord is willing, MARY LOIS and I will see you there.
- RUSS EDWARDS, 63rd, was sorry to miss the San Antonio reunion. DOT and Russ had to shut down for repairs, but are back hitting all four (a model "A" expression). They are ready for Cheyenne.
- JIM MICH, of Naperville, Illinois, tells of his uncle BRUNI LIPUT, 64th crew chief passing away, and also Bruno's collection of pictures of B-24's and nose art. He is sending that collection to us. Thanks Jim.

FRED and MAURINE McALISTER, Headquarters, are looking forward to Cheyenne. He called Warren AFB to get a park for their R.V. The report--" Come ahead, there is plenty of room". But it is under two feet of snow. They are going to wait until the summer. Good thinking Fred.

PHIL HOFFECKER, 64th crew chief, has been under the weather for a couple of years, but is better now. He is behind on the farm work, but if the weather is O.K. he thinks he can get caught up, and be in Cheyenne. We are counting on you Phil.

THEODORE ROMANOWSKI, 403rd gunner, wants to agree with RICHARD WILLIAMS, that ART DURBECK was a hell of a good pilot. They made several missions together. Great crew!

RICHARD HOWARD, 63rd flight engineer, says he will see us in Cheyenne. He says it's his first reunion in God's country. Rich is from Montana.

DICK and JANE HENNIG, 64th crew chief, are the couple that put on the reunion in Dayton. Dick has been making sick call for a while. They moved from Dayton to 305 St Paul Ave, Springfield, OH 45504. Phone number is (513) 322-5016. A very special couple. Drop them a note or give them a call. God bless.

GARRETT L. MINNICK, 64th Medical, has a new address: 11310 Sunnylane, NE Cumberland, MD 21502. Garrett found PAUL KEITH HARMON, 65th. His address is 1801 East Oak Lane, Bedford, Texas 76022. EDWARD TROCCIA was looking for him. Ed and Paul had a good visit over the phone. then he suggested that he sign on with us.

N.H. O'BRIEN, 63rd, needs a roster, we all do. The **TUTTLE'S**, our new editors are going to mail out a new roster soon. Hopefully, in June. Everyone that is paid for '95 will receive a new roster.

CHARLES FARHA, Headquarters intelligence, recalls Gene Tighe as a bright spot in his job. He is saddened by his passing away. He enjoys the news letter. CHARLES and INGRED will be in Cheyenne.

KENNETH GISSONNE, 403rd navigator, wants to say hi to all, but for sure ART DURBECK, GEORGE MUNSELLE, and AL PUTMAN.

FORREST SIEGEL, 65th engineer, sends a special thanks to HELEN and BREEZY for all their years of work for us, and the pleasure it brought. Forrest, good news, someone made you a life member. God bless and be a good boy.

MARCIA A. BRENNEMAN, niece of WALTER BRENNEMAN 65th pilot KIA August 3, 1943 over Bogadjim. Marcia wrote a book about Walter. Did a good job. She has been to several of the reunions, and she teaches high school in Goshen, IN. She was selected to work with a group of college instructors on school and kids in WWII, bet she did a great job. She says hi to all the fellows, even GEORGE WHITE. Marcia, why him?

JOHN A. ROBERTSON, 65th pilot had a bad go of it in '94. He lost his wife last July, and had a time in the sick bay. '95 looking a lot better. He is headed for Cheyenne come September. Way to go, Robbie.

ART CURREN, Headquarters pilot, said he was glad they unloaded Secretary and treasurer on me. Art, I'm temporary, No 15 year deal like BREEZY. See you in Cheyenne.

ROBERT I. DEWITT, 63rd, pilot, Bob joined the 43rd June of '44, and stayed around to the end. He doesn't hear much about his time. He did say he has heard about AL BROWNFIELD, EARL BUFFS, HARRY STENGLE, HERBIE GLASS, AL GOSSHENS, "MOLE" MAKER, and ED DREA. It looks like you are in contact with a bunch from your time. I'm not the Wilson you asked about. My time was August of '42 to October of '43. I was in the 93rd Squadron 19th BG, then 65th.

ROBERT J. FREEMAN, 65th, says he doesn't think I should be assuring the troops about their 10 years trying to get a \$100.00 Life Membership. You may have a point Pat.

WILLIAM "WILLY" KAPLAN, Got mixed up on his dues. He says he must be getting senile. No way Willy, you have just stored up a lot of knowledge over the years, and it takes time to get it and sort it out. He is going on the Alaska trip in July, and Cheyenne in September. Don't get them mixed up Willy.

BOYD E. VORSE, 63rd Engineer wife, **SHIRLEY** reports of Boyd's passing the 30th of December, 1994. Boyd never got to a reunion, but he enjoyed the news letters. We will miss him.

EARL RESHAW, 65th pilot, made a nice purchase at my used car sale, I mean PX sale. Thanks Earl.

JIM MURPHY, pilot 63rd and our vice president, is pleased with the job PATRICK and CHARLEY did on their first news letter. We all our Jim. This boy got an early start in Montana, and is looking forward to Cheyenne. See you there Jim.

DR. JACKSON L. YOUNG, 64th another smart 43rd sent in dues and sorry to be late. **JACKSON** we are pleased to get money any time. Thanks.

NATHAN "JOE" HIRSH, JR., 63rd pilot, one of we early birds flew with, SMYTH's and MURPHY's crew. He is glad HELEN and BREEZY finally got a little time even if we all miss them. Joe is an Aggie (Texas A&M), which makes him something special. He stayed in the service mostly SAC. JOE and ELIZABETH are sorta goofing off. May take a trip once in a while if space is available.

ROBERT "BOB" FLAHART, 63rd ground crew, says he and RUTH ANN would like to see more letters from the ground crew. Bob got to Melbourne Christmas of '41. and left Owi September of '44. You fellows did a great job. I understand some of the pilots got their aircraft scratched a little.

J.T. BRIFTON, 65th pilot, just got back from Italy. He spent the holidays with his daughter in Naples. He still likes the USA the best.

DAYTON BLANCHARD, 65th pilot just returned from Tucson, and the Air Weather Association Meeting. He saw the Pima Aer Museum, which is great. Dayt, had 39 radiation treatments instead of San Antonio reunion. He heard form most of his crew at Christmas. This was the fiftieth time, what a record! He now lives at Cloudcroft, New Mexico, 9,000 feet elevation, but still plays golf. Hang on there Dayt. Thanks for the picture of a sharp Hudson.

EDGAR T. THORNHILL, Headquarters, sent his '95 dues, and a nice gift for **HELEN and BREEZY**. I must of hit the wrong button on the computer and it still was showing '94 paid. For a young boy of 81 he sure knows how to put me in a brace! Way to go Edgar, be a good boy.

NICK ARABINKO, 64th pilot, sent an extra \$100.00 life membership. Our famous leader COLONEL OSBORN, has stated an extra \$100.00 is a warranty for 10 more good years. Nick you didn't read the fine print, if you don't make it, we will place a refund check in your breast pocket. Address changes, money, etc., come to me as secretary/treasurer. PATRICK and CHARLEY TUTTLE are the editors, COLONEL OSBORN and PFC. WILSON answer the mail, and send it to the Tuttle's, who prepare the news letter. Hopefully, the Tuttles will be able to take over before long.

EDWARD J. PUKAS, 65th crew chief, says he and **DORTHY** were still looking for their January news letter, Ed I hope you got it, if not let us know.

RICHARD W. COOPER, 65th navigator, says I made a bombardier instead of a navigator out of him. Dick says if that had been correct, the war would still be going on. Dick also bought one of our 10 year life warranties.

ROBERT W. WHITE, 65th tail gunner, sent in some extra money to help keep things going. The used car lot can always use it, Thanks!

JIM RODELLA, 64th gunner, hopes we will have a reunion in the east before long, and wants to say hi to all of us. Jim think about Florida in '96.

WALTER BUCHANAN, 65th engineer, made a purchase at the PX, Thanks!

LEON HIMELSTEIN, sent in a life membership, and my 10 year warranty. Leon, you're in good hands.

HARRY W. DALZIEL, 63rd, has been shut down for repairs, but is feeling better. Harry is a fellow who makes the banners for the reunions. The group sent him a plaque to thank him for all his work, and he says thanks very much. We will see you in Cheyenne.

ANGUS B. TAFF, 64th pilot, tells of VINCENT DECESARE passing January 19, 1995. Angus and Vincent were both in 61st Troop Carrier Outfit for about nine years. When Vincent retired he was JIM WALTERS (the house builders) pilot.

DR. ARVID J. HOUGLUM, 64th pilot, re-uped on his life membership. Dern shame with our all doctors now we won't have to make Dr. Gusack, Dr. Carp, and others have to work so hard. Thanks for the re-uping.

ED DALY, 65th bombardier, is having his 50th anniversary in April, in Naples Florida. He is going to Cheyenne to see ANDY and DOTTIE BUROCHONOCK, and many others.

ROBERT R. DUFFY, 64th waist gunner, made the San Antonio reunion. Returning home he had a call from his co-pilot, FRANK HASSETT, they had breakfast together. They flew 46 missions together. they hadn't heard from each other in 50 years. In anyone knows anything about his navigator SIG HARTMANN, call him at (818)964-8656. He recalls "LUCKEY" STEVENS 64th ball gunner, and all the missions he ran. Some fellow, we miss him. GLADY's still gets the news letter.

WAYNE CALDWELL, 403rd radar operator, wants to know how much we took in for HELEN and BREEZY's retirement. Wayne just before Christmas we had \$2,000.00 and sent it to them. We have more now to send. Nearly everyone has kicked in. Great show! Your label said paid '96.

REV J.B. YOUNG, 64th thinks he and **JOHN A. CROCKETT** are all that's left of their crew. If you flew any missions with these boys, drop them a note.

THOMAS W. JAMISON, 65th pilot, another life member, wants to re-up. We must have the best used car warranty in the business with the top legal mind in the business (Max Osborn), doing the paper work and not too bad a peddler, we have a winning team. Thanks Tom.

JOSEPH KARMOSAY, 403rd, lost his wife July 28, 1994, just short of 50 years. Joe is trying hard to adjust. You fellows drop him a note. He is a good 403rd man. Check your label on this news letter, it's marked paid '95. Good help for free is hard to come by.

M/GEN JOHN A WILSON III, 63rd sent in his dues. He enjoys hearing form the old bunch, Sir Robert and I. Dewitt remembers you from the 63rd days, and thought I might be you. Bob this Wilson made general, and I ended up selling used cars.

LOIS LORAINE "SHINE" GRIFFIN, 403rd, Joel's wife sent in her dues. She said she and Joel loved to read the news letter together. They also enjoyed getting letters from you during his last days. Very pleased to have you "Shine".

LEO H. THALER, 403rd flight engineer, thinks the B-24 "Petty Gal" was tail #724 was badly damaged on a raid to Hong Kong. In landing, the aircraft had no brakes and was ground looped. The pilot was LT. CALVIN MERCER. The crew was O.K. The B-24 was scraped. Thanks for the information, Leo.

LOUIS E. STEINFELD, 63rd, did some business with our PX, and sent best regards to all.

WALTER BUTLER, 63rd, reports he and LUCILLE are fine. the newspapers overstated their early February rain in Calistoga, California. Walt, if it ever rains in West Texas I'll over state it.

DALE ALLTON, just found us and looking forward to his first news letter. His address is 78 Utah Ave, Newark, Ohio 43055. Phone number is (614) 366-3061. Glad to have you.

FRED BLAIR, 63rd bombardier, says he and MARGARET are settled in Ridge, New Your. Sent in dues for MAX MORMAN, a Yankee living in Melbourne. Fred still has a few copies of "Down Under". Same book, new printing. If you need a copy call him (516) 942-2273.

RAYMOND R. BRIMBLE, 63rd has enrolled Mrs. William Fullenwider, Bill's wife as a member. CAROL and RAY, both sent in \$15.00 so Carol is paid up for '95 and '96. Bill was Ray's pilot; he passed away awhile back. I assured her we are very pleased to have her.

CLAIR H. BLACK, is still waiting on his book. Clair, we all are. Maybe pretty soon, now.

In Midland Texas the **CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE** is having a blow out May 20 - 21, 1995. WWI Aircraft and modern aircraft, and antique cars will be at the show. This is something that is really worthwhile. Call (915) 563-1000 if you are interested. If you are near, stop in.

RALPH R. SARAFINE, 418 Rear Howard Street Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania 15666, is a CBI Vet and collects Air Force patches. If that's your thing drop him a note.

W. JOSEPH BROWN, 65th pilot, reports they will be in Cheyenne. Their last reunion was Colorado Springs. We will be looking for you Joe.

RICHARD N. WOOD, 63rd radar navigator, sent in a nice gift for HELEN and BREEZY. Dick bought MARY LOIS and I a beer in New Zealand in 1987, and sent us a check for a meal for our 53rd anniversary. I hope I'm not bust next time we meet. I need to return the favor.

LEROY JASMER, 63rd maintenance, has suggestion for **LARRY HICKEY**, our book writer. Since we are not immortals, why not print what we have, and if we ever get the rest of it print a supplement? Leroy, that might be something to think about. Our plans at the moment are to complete the book in the next few months.

JIM PETTUS, Pilot Co., re-uped on the life deal, and recalled the doctors examinations when we were in the RCAF. They look down your throat and up the other end, and if they didn't see each other you passed.

EDWARD S. ICKOWSKI, 64th says he was in the very best squadron, the 64th not as he as listed, the 65th. Being a 65th fellow, sure hate to loose a good man.

JAMES H. BROWN, 5th crew chief, wants to thank the new letter crew for doing a great job. They were the best, I am sure PATRICK and CHARLEY TUTTLE will carry on the tradition.

ANTHONY DE ANGELIS, 63rd crew chief is headed for Cheyenne. He wants to see another bison. The last one he say was in 1954 in Phoenix Park in Dublin Ireland. He was stationed in Prestwick, Scotland at the time. Tony, our fearless leader, says they got bigger and better one. We'll see.

NORBERT S. MICHALOWICZ, 65th flight engineer, is a new member. he flew with LT. GAFFNEY's crew. Norbert, our old pilot, BOB GAFFNEY is well and kicking. His address is 102 Green Road, Madison, IN. 47250. Drop him a note. Norbert worked for Ford Motor Company on the manufacturing staff for 36 1/2 years, and retired. Well, come August 13th, I will have been a Ford dealer for 50 years. Just tired. A really great company. Glad to have you aboard.

CLAYTON SPENCER, 64th gunner, is a new member. He say the bomb land on Nagasaki August 7, 1945. Clayton's address is 2834 S. Edgewater, Springfield, MO. 65804. Phone number is (417) 883-2947. He is a retired teacher and coach.

CHRISTOPHER C. SLONE, 403rd tail gunner, spent some money with our PX. Hope he is another satisfied customer. Chris has to make sick call once in a while, but hopes very much to make Cheyenne. He send his best to all. We will be looking for you. God Bless.

WILLIAM A. AUSTON, 403rd photo, sent in dues, and wishes best of luck to all. Thanks Bill, maybe I'll sell a used car.

LAVERNE KINZLER, 403rd, sent BREEZY and HELEN a nice gift. The last reunion they made was St Louis. They are going to try hard to make it to Cheyenne. VERN and RITA are staying out of the sick bay. He says thanks to the officers and directors for giving their time.

S.R. "GUS" DRUMM, 64th pilot, was M.L. "SHAD" SHADDOX's co-pilot at 7 mile and Dubo. Spent a lot of time with JOHN GORDON and ELVIN GULL building "CLUB 64". Gus reminds me of the 65th club project. Swapping scotch for building supplies at Moresby. Gus, if 20/20 TV program finds out about it, we will be in big trouble. Yes, I remember HARRY HAWTHORNE, I liked him very much. Flew a few missions with him as his co-pilot. I don't recall the memory book from "Reunions, Inc." in 1993. JOSE HOLGUIN chaired that reunion. LITTLE JOE passed away in 1994. Maybe BREEZY or someone else will know. Drop Gus a line if you have any information.

I haven't heard form my old friend RALPH DE LOACH, 63rd pilot, lately. ROBERT J. HASSE Headquarters bombardier, the last I heard he was training race horses. Some of those, I bet, on last year with GEORGE WHITE needed a little more training. A lot more of you need to report in, I'll pass the word along.

KATHLEEN F. TOEPPERWEIN, 403rd widow of **LINDON's** sent in dues and wants to continue to be part of his outfit. Drop her a note and let her know how pleased we are to have her - Thanks Kathleen.

JOHN COOP, 403rd, sends in dues from Australia. the big news from down under, he became a great-grandfather Christmas morning. Way to go Yank. Their TV has a lot of news on the volcano at Rebaul. Still a chance for more action. The fallout has helped the gardens in Australia. John says the report in our last news letter about making two runs over Rebaul reminded him of his pilot WILLIAM R. GOWDY, he always wants to make a couple of more bombing runs. Should have been flying with me. All I wanted to do was the job and get the hell out of there! CHUNKY and CLARA MARIE had written him, he was very pleased to hear from them.

M.L. "SHAD" SHADDOX, 64th pilot, sent in money to re-up his life membership. After reading MAX OSBORN's remarks, he really needed to do something about his life membership. He decided to ask for a five year extended warranty, but no Texas warranty. Shad, Max, our legal mind, is making a special Wyoming warranty. Now when you read the fine print, you may wish you were back in Texas. Best regards!

The PX still has some caps left. A \$10.00 deal for three. We have a few of the 43rd gold blazer crest - \$20.00 each. **PETTUS** has not sold out of the 4, B-24's and **BREEZY** has some B-17's. These are prints of the painting. Don't forget **FRED BLAIR's** reprint of "Down Under".

That is it for now. Mary Lois joins me in God Bless to each of you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

!!! DEADLINE JUNE 1, 1995 DEADLINE !!!

Membership dues remain to be an issue of concern. Some of the troops are two years or more behind on their dues. Check your address label. If it doesn't have "94" or "95" or "Life", this means you. The Bylaws require that you be dropped and the deadline in June 1, 1995. The attached BLUE PAGES are a list of members who have not paid their 1995 dues. If you have recently paid, we thank you and will update our computer. We Need everyone!

From the EDITORS

PATRICK TUTTLE began terminal leave on March 3, and will retire from the Air Force effective June 1, 1995. At this writing, no determination on where home will be or employment--still looking. To young to stay at home, especially when I try to telephone BILL WILSON with newsletter information and he's out corralling cattle. Wish I was his age. I'll keep everyone. CHARLEY separated from the Air Force in November of last year. We are both now Veterans The high point of my 20 years were the 4 years with the 43d Bombardment Wing (Hq) in Guam, chasing B-52s around the Pacific.

LETTERS RECEIVED:

The View from Down Under:

TOM FITZGERALD, 166 Beaumont Street, HAMILTON NSW 2303 AUSTRALIA, has been asked to try and locate a fellow Aussie who was with the 43rd in the S.W.P. area. His name is REG C. NUNYAH. He left NSW 7 or 8 years ago and hasn't been heard from. If anyone knows of Mr. Nunyah, please contact Tom.

Another View from Down Under:

BOB LIVINGSTON, a Viet Nam era veteran wrote to inform us that his book, *UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS: The B-24 Liberator in the SWPA*, will be published this year. The book covers the story of the B-24 in the SWPA, beginning with the B-24As of the Ferrying Service and the 7th BG LB-30s and ending with the *QANTAS* civil operations and the beginning of the restoration of the last remaining ex-RAAF B-24. "The 43rd features in the training of RAAF aircrews and the theatre transfer of one of your B-24s (*Rio Rita* featured in *Down Under*) to the RAAF." Bob spends his days as an Air Traffic Controller in the Sydney International tower.

Reunion Announcements:

Reunion of Women in the Air Force (WAF), June 8-12, 1995, Holiday Inn-Fairlane, Detroit, Michigan. Contact: Josievet Moss, 9000 E. Jefferson Ave., 69, Detroit, MI. 48214-2959. (313) 331-7966

19th Bombardment Group, August 10-12, 1995, in Dayton, Ohio. Contact: Robert E. Ley, 3574 Wellston Court, Simi Valley, CA. 93063. (818) 703-7717.

Y1B-17 Research:

JOSH BARNES or anyone with Y1B-17 information, especially when assigned to Bangor, please contact W.R. SHEPHERD, 3355 Debbie Lane, Riverside, CA. 92501-1248. He wrote requesting our help.

One Worth Repeating:

From the February 1995 newsletter of No. 24 Squadron Association, NSW. Their **DON PRIOR** sent in the following clipping from the Melbourne Age, "A WWII Polish pilot was explaining his last dogfight to an enraptured Women's Auxiliary Tea Party. He described, 'One Fokker was in my sights and und anoder Fokker vas comink in ofer my tailplane". Madam Chair interrupted and explained to the Members that Fokker was a very proficient German aircraft company, to which the pilot replied, 'Ja und this Fokker behind me vas un Messerschmitt!" In Europe "W" is pronounced "V", and "O" as "U".

The Dragon and It's Tail Aircrews:

NOEL L. DUNN is painting the B-24, *The Dragon and It's Tail* and offers to any crew member who wishes, the opportunity to autograph this artwork. Noel can be reached at 767 E. Roselawn, Ave., Maplewood, MN. 55117 (612) 772-1603.

V/R

PATRICK AND CHARLEY TUTTLE

43rd Social and Ceremonial Archives:

To close this News Letter I would like to make an offer to the membership as a whole. During a recent veterans reunion held here at Maxwell, AFB, I had a discussion with one of the participants about personal archives he had from his "Military Years." He felt his children didn't care about them now, much less when he is gone. After some discussion, he concluded with the feeling that he needed to do some soul searching and find the right person to properly care or distribute his archives, their meaning and purpose-items meaningful to him and to his service. I personally enjoy every story I have ever heard from all my seniors. Of course the stories I remember most, and can relate too the best are those of units or bases my own career has touched.

I lecture and write about *Protocol*. I am deeply interested in the "Why" matters of human nature are or were done. My experiences with international, domestic and diplomatic Protocol began during my tour with the 43rd, and, as the last Chief of Protocol for the 43d Bombardment Wing, I retained many social and ceremonial archives from the final 4 years the 43rd was activated.

To enrich my interest of Protocol I collect old books on the subject, plus writings on Etiquette and Manners. Recently my family found and gave to me as a gift, *Parties in Wartime* by Louise Price Bell, c1943, and *Vogue's Book of Etiquette*, c1948. Both books are on rough war time paper and superb records of social norms of times we may never know again, yet they are great measuring sticks of the society we are today.

My offer to you is this -- If anyone has archives of a social or ceremonial nature; items such as writings or manuals on Protocol or behavior from the War Department or a civilian author, or copies of invitations and programs from socials, dances or ceremonies, I would like to review them and possibly add copies of them to my collection of 43rd Social and Ceremonial Archives. Also, any stories that relate unit or individual superstitions -- the ones like the Beer Stein in the movie (and reality of) *Twelve o'clock High*. I want to do my part with keeping traditions alive.

PATRICK TUTTLE

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THANKS, BILL

PX NEWS:

\$750 have be made through PX Sales. Some items are still available, but going fast. Don't delay getting your request in.

QUEENSLAND AIRFIELD WW2 - 50 YEARS ON:

This book was released on Oct 28, 1994. The author is Roger Marks, an Australian. Some of our members ordered this book some time ago and you have already been notified of the publication. Those of you who were at Iron Range may be interested in this work. The order form has been reproduced below. Jim McAteer, 1230 Camino Del Lago, Lake San Marcos, CA 92069 helped Mr. Marks with information about the 90th at Iron Range. Any of you who might want further information can contact Jim.

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Dear Sir,

The "Stillwater Airport Memorial Museum Assoc., Inc." has been organized to locate and display items of historical significance about our airport. In June 1945, bomber, fighter, and tactical aircraft began to arrive at "Searcy Field" in Stillwater, Oklahoma. At first to be stored and later to be scrapped.

Our purpose in writing you is to enlist your aid in obtaining pictures and information about any of the 142 B-24s and 2 F-7As that were sent to Stillwater. We located a copy of the "Bill of Sale", which listed the <u>Serial Numbers</u> of these aircraft. Through diligent research we have been able to identify many of the aircraft, but we are lacking I.D.'s on many of the WWII veterans. Enclosed is a listing of the B-24s that were sent to Stillwater. The list includes the "Nose Art" or information on the aircraft that we have been able t identify.

We greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide. If I can be of assistance, please contact me at my home address: Rte 3 Box 132, Stillwater, OK 74075.

Sincerely

Jeff Handwerker Assistant Curator

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