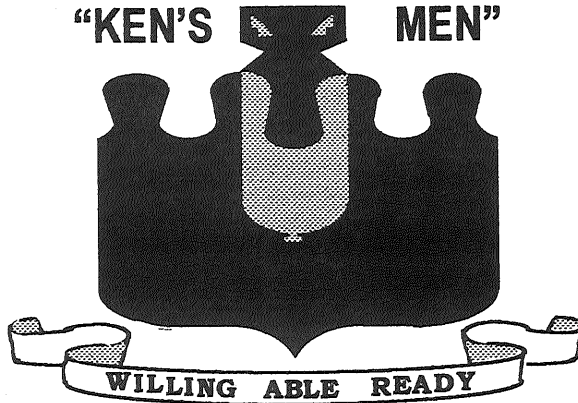


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PLEASE NOTE ABOVE: New address for the Newsletter and Patrick & Charley Tuttle.
We're retired now and living in Joplin, Missouri. Write or stop in anytime.

From MAX OSBORN

Welcome to Cheyenne!! This is the last newsletter before our reunion September 4-10, 1995. Attached are the Agenda, Reservation and Registration Forms. 50 years almost to the day from V-J Day.

From Canyon Lake, TX., **BILL and SHERRILL KING** announce they will be driving to the reunion and report **CARTER, BONINO, TONY, IAMPIETRO, DeROCHA,** and **CUTLER** are coming and he is looking forward to seeing **HUGH HIMES**, local Cheyenne 43rd veteran. Bill states all the above are Bangor men.

PAUL NICHOLS from Picayune, MS., 39466, Box 151, sends a picture he thought might be me in a picture on Ow. Sorry, Paul, I was gone before Ow. I gave his address as he is selling A-2 leather jackets, also with art work on them. Also, an historic log book together with pictures, prints, etc. Contact him at 601-798-1209 if you are interested.

DICK WERTZ is still working on getting more members through the American War Vets Library. He's contacted our member in charge of new members, **PAUL LEDGER**.

BOB ROTH has been successful in his many letters to responsible persons in order to place a representative 5th Air Force logo on the veteran license plate program in California. He obtained a brand new US Army Air Corps shoulder patch to submit. Good going, Bob, you are certainly to be commended for your accomplishment.

SHAD SHADDOX points out his squadron flight surgeon, **DOC BLANK** of the 64th will be coming to Cheyenne if the creek don't rise. We have had our share of rain so it won't rise. **ART MULLIGAN** and **NICK ARABINKO** worked on Doc to get him here as well as Shad. **SHAD** also spoke to a number of classes in his local high school on the subject of aerial warfare in the Southwest Pacific during World War II. Students in the school have been studying the war in conjunction with the anniversary's observance. His talk was backed up by slides, some of them made by copy pictures of the 43rd BG persons, airplanes, and scenes. Way to go Shad!

ANDY ANDERSON, one of our hosts when we had our reunion on the Queen Mary, is traveling through the Grand Teton area in Wyoming, as well as Yellowstone Park prior to arriving at our reunion in Cheyenne. He states 4 or 5 members of his crew plan to attend. **WAYSSE** from Florida, **LANGE** from NY, **JANCOSKO** from Pittsburgh, **YOUNG** and **HUNTER** from California. **ALLEN NELSON**, from Texas will be unable to attend due to health reasons. Andy, we don't allow the Indians to do rain dances during reunions.

Our esteem director for Hq from Hawaii, **JIM PETTUS**, favored me with an article on a new book, *Prisoners of the Japanese*, by Gavin Daws. I obtained it from our library and highly recommend it. It is indeed a startling and chilling account. Jim recommended the book to Mr. Heyman of the *Smithsonian* in a letter to that Secretary, a copy of which letter he forwarded to me. Jim, I requested of my Senator, Hon. Alan Simpson, that he get rid of that guy, since the Senator became a new board member of that institution. I believe that gentleman is no longer there.

SAM COMMONS, sent a card from Paris, having visited the *Louvre*. Said Mona still has her smile and Venus D hasn't found her arms. Sam will be here.

PAUL COBER and **CAROLYN** have moved to their Church retirement home, but agreed with the decisions of the other board members. He states his WWII flight surgeon **WAYNE TALKINGTON**, had the prostate cancer operation but it was unfortunately too late and he is in Chemotherapy. I had the radiation treatment for the same condition earlier this year and apparently got there in time. Paul and Carolyn will be here for the reunion.

ART and **GEN DURBECK** will be here for the reunion after they visit Lake Louise in British Columbia. They both have to be here for the golf tournament.

ARNOLD HUSKINS requests if he needs a down jacket and mittens. All he will need is a jacket and he can buy a 43rd cap and a cowboy hat when he gets here. September is beautiful in Wyoming.

Nice letter from **BRUCE HOY** our great helper from Australia, who has contributed greatly toward the book effort. He's had to adjust from Papua New Guinea to Australia...that's a great leap. Had some great memories with Bruce when he visited Wyoming ten years ago, and again when he attended our reunion in Colorado Springs. Good friend.

FRANK STOLL sent in his check but didn't remember filling out the registration form. Frank, we didn't have the form in the first newsletter this year so your memory is still intact.

GILBERT (PANCHO) SENA from Santa Fe reports his stroke caused his doctor to forbid him traveling any further than Albuquerque in 1997. Pancho sent me some of those excellent Bernalillo County peanuts after the Colorado Springs reunion.

JOE JANCOSKO sent dues for three years together with \$10 for the postal fund. Joe, you are never too late to play golf, we'll have a spot for you.

JIM DIEFENDERFER, our illustrious golf champion and board member did not want to miss defending his title, so will be here all the way from our next reunion site. Jim, you never have to worry whether you have paid. **IRENE WATSON**, our check-inner will straighten out any misunderstandings.

CLEMENT KINKAID reports Chemotherapy and Radiation therapy going well so will be in Cheyenne. We' have quite a club of us radiation survivors.

BOB WHITE sends a letter regarding *Tokyo Rose*, how she was caught in Japan at the outset of the war and although an American citizen had to broadcast for the Japanese. He reminds us of the excellent music we heard in New Guinea from there. Bob, I remember wondering how she knew all that info about our missions while we weren't allowed to write home that we were even in bombers!! The music and the reception was excellent and her comments were absolutely hilarious.

Loyal correspondent **JIM PETTUS** supplies a copy of the article from the Liberator Club requesting B-24 vets of the Pacific Theater who live in Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland to call 619-679-3732 concerning ceremonies celebrating V-J Day. Call that number as they apparently are sending the name list to the White House staff.

JACK NUNNELLE sadly reports his wife passed away April 10, after he had made reservations at the Hitching Post. Jack, our sincere condolences and I hope to give you a comforting hug in Cheyenne.

NICK ARABINKO, the astute member, sent his usual note pads of famous and infamous sayings, while pointing out something in the by-laws only **BILL LAWSON** can explain, which will be exercised at our Board meeting.

The editorial in the May 1995, **AFA Magazine** points out a problem that has apparently arisen after we finally had the *Enola Gay* problem terminated. The administration is denying it is proposing to drop the term "V-J Day". According to the editorial the proposition surfaced in order to not offend Japanese sensitivity and was reported by the *Washington Post*. The report stated that the administration has one policy in Tokyo and another in the United States.

ART MULLIGAN missed San Antonio but will be in Cheyenne. From Del Ray, Florida he is going through northern California, Reno and Denver to get to Cheyenne.

ROBERT CLAYCOMBE has sent his check in so we will expect him and his crew. They had a crew reunion in Branson, Missouri in May.

JAMES THOMAS MURPHY, our venerated vice-president, author and skip-bomb enthusiast, was given a delightful surprise birthday party by his family on June 6. The invitation card was a masterpiece, pictures of Jim from early age to present. A B-17 was superimposed on the picture. I was unable to make the party in Huntsville, but hope to make it to his 100th. He was only his 75th.

MARSHALL NELSON, on the move the last year in Texas, was a little out of touch on the reunion so called that other Texan, **BILL WILSON** who brought him out of the vast space of that State to the relative urban area of Wyoming. Marshall, your \$180 will cover the reunion fee.

JERRY SNYDER reports the said demise of **DON PURDY** of the 403rd. Don was a pilot and Jerry flew 50 missions with him as a radio operator.

TOM FITZGERALD, the Secretary of the 24 SQ from New South Wales, 1166 Beaumont Street, Hamilton NSW 2303 has requested information on his Vultee dive bombers participation at Dobodura from August 30, 1943 to December 16, 1943. Please contact him if you have any information or memory of those RAAF operations.

FRANK HOHMANN sent a flyer on a book by Vera Bradley about the exploits of the 43rd and 19th about the time they flew out of Mareeba. The name of the book is "*I Didn't Know About That*". Her address is 46 Mansfield Street, Earlville, Cairns 4870. Frank represented the 43rd at the Confederate Air Force symposium on the 50th Anniversary of WWII at Midland, Texas.

HENRY DAY checks in from Corvallis with the info he was also in the 380th BG and will attend that reunion before coming to Cheyenne. He was stationed in Cheyenne before 7 Dec. 41 and went to Ft. Lewis to guard the west coast.

PAUL LEDGER will be here with **MARY** and guest **ANN JENKNIS**. The Hitching Post has an indoor pool and an outdoor pool, Paul, so you and I can take our pick in the early morning swim such as we enjoyed in San Antonio. Paul is our official searcher for new members and he reports 80% of the contacts he has made are planning to be in Cheyenne.

Haven't been able to get a commitment on the book yet from **LARRY HICKEY** as to the date of publication.

Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Bill's Used Car News & Views

FRANK SANDER, 63rd navigator, sent in dues and gave the PX a little business -- Thanks Frank, I needed the sales.

SHAD SHADDOX, 64th called last night (6-12-95). He wanted to get his fellow Texan straight on widows getting the newsletter free. He said that the troops voted to do this several years ago and the only way it can be changed is by vote at our reunion. Shad, you and a bunch more let me know I could not drop the windows. So be it! All widows and non-dues payers will receive this July newsletter. Then in Cheyenne we will vote on what to do. Also, the new roster will be published in October instead of June. I'm sure glad I am not hard headed.

JAMES NAREN, 64th, reports he and his pilot, **MARSHALL NELSON**, will arrive in Cheyenne the 5th of September with wives. Hope they bring their own. See you Jim.

JULIAN MOUNT, 64th gunner, found us. He was on Honglan's crew September '44 to November '45. His address is 1407 N. Priscilla Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana 46219. Nice to have you Julian.

ROMEO FURIO can't make it to Cheyenne. He had a little repair on his heart but is doing fine. Regards to all but an extra "Hi" to **DOCTOR GUSACK** and **AL PEPE**.

D.H. BANCROFT, 63rd pilot is looking for his old crew.
JOHN PARRISH, co-pilot, **A.J. GERSHAW**, navigator, **A.J. MUSTO**, radar-nav, **R.N. JANSOSTI**, top turret, **I.M. NOLAN**, radio, **G.B. FRIGLER**, ball turret, **K.F. SHEPARD**, waist gunner, **R.J. CONRAD**, tail gunner. Don's address is 816 Crescent Road, Shreveport, LA. 71107

PAUL PASKUAM, JR. 403rd pilot, and wife **ELAINE** need information on hotels etc. for Cheyenne reunion. Our fearless leader, **MAX OSBORN**, has handled this and we are looking forward to seeing them in Cheyenne. Elaine also sent in life membership. He said the years are going by too fast to keep up with dues.

ROBERT YECIK, engineering officer, says his best assignment was getting the aircraft ready for their trip home when the show was over. Amen to that!

MARGARET HALL, widow of **ROBERT (BOB) HALL**, 64th radio operator on **ROGER KETTLESON'S** crew, sent in her dues and is now a full member. She and **JANICE OLSON** are swapping information on the B-17 days. Margaret and Bob made the Oklahoma City and Long Beach reunions. We are all family.

STANLEY DUCHARME, 63rd, sent in his dues but is not sure how much they are. Stanley, it is an old used car trick. Sometimes they send in too much, but with all the troops checking on me here, it is \$15.00 per year (January to January).

RICHARD SCHAEFFER, 403rd, sent in a nice order to our PX and a little extra. Thanks, we need the business.

ROBERT COOPER, 64th pilot, and wife sent in a nice donation for **HELEN** and **BREEZY**. They are great folks and live in my old town, Fort Worth.

ABRAHAM HELLMAN, 403 navigator, sent in his dues but thinks I need to improve the mail service. He missed the January newsletter but got April's. That is only 50% for '95. I'll try harder Abe. Take care!

LOUIS ALPE, Hq. sent in his dues, plus extra for a friend. Good show "Yank". is all set for Cheyenne. See you there.

LARRY DeHAVEN, 64th crew chief, reports he still has King's Highway Motor Home, but better not try Cheyenne this year. Larry says he just feels better close to home. Wants all of his buddies to know he is thinking of them.

WILLIAM PEAKE, 64th, says thanks for letting him know it was time to pay his dues. I guess we all need a little reminder once in a while.

H.T. "DOUG" CRAIG, 64th top gunner, sent in a nice gift for **HELEN and BREEZY**, bought items at PX and some extra to help us keep things going. He needs **ANDY ANDRUS'** address. It is 130 Draper Drive, Brownsville, TX. 78531, these boys flew 47 missions together. Andy, Doug's # is 703-985-0201. You fellows have a nice long chat and see if it is only 10 cents a minute.

WALTER BLUNK, 64th crew chief, says the crew taking care of business is doing a great job and wants to say "Hello" and "Good Luck" to all the 43rd gang. Same back at you bud.

ROBERT McMULLER, 65th pilot, re-upped with a life membership and nice donation. Also a change of address. It is 178 Franklin Road, Heflin, LA. 71039-3432. Drop Robert a note and thank him.

WILLIAM KING, hdqrs., **BILL and SHERRIL** have a new phone number, 210-899-8509, and are going to dive to the reunion and see all the sights along the way. It will make you proud to see how really beautiful our great country is. Have a safe trip Bill, see you there.

JESS and VIRGINIA GIBSON, 64th nav-bomber, are coming to Cheyenne. Jess says he may not stay the full time, but hopefully he can. Give it a go "Yank."

MICHAEL FRAYCHAK, 63rd gunner, sent in his '95 and '96 dues. He is from Hemet, CA. I had an aunt that lived there. She was a WAC Major in WWII.

LARRY MAIN, 65th pilot, and **LOIS** think they paid their 1995 dues at the San Antonio reunion, but went ahead and sent it in. Thanks folks, I couldn't find it but we can always use the funds. Thanks for your help. **GEORGE WHITE** said that is what we would have to watch, a used car salesman messing up the money.

JAMES HAUSER, 64th, had the same trouble with our substitute treasury. In the transfer of records the computer blew up. **BREEZY** got it fixed and things are going much better.

L.C. KRATZ, 63rd, wants the staff to know how much he enjoys the newsletter. Also, he has pictures of Japs landing on Ie Shima. He took them.

ALTON HOWARD, 65th crew chief, says **GRACE** has been on sick call but maybe they can make Cheyenne. Wants to thank **DOCTOR GUSACK** for taking care of him during WWII. So do the rest of us Alton.

ROBERT ROTH, 403rd gunner, reports **FRED VESSELS** passed away and his wife doesn't want us to bother with sending her the newsletter. He sent in funds for some of the other widows. Bob you can relax. **HAROLD THOMPSON**, your co-pilot, sent in his dues. Now all we have to do is get you two together. Take care Bob, you're a good guy.

CLINT and MAXINE DOUTHITT, 403rd engr/gunner, have a new address. It is 912 Pine Drive #103, Pompano Beach, FL. 33060, same phone number. Clint must have some pull with the phone company.

Had a nice from **ANNE LaMORGE**, widow of **VINCENT**, 64th. She met his crew in Omaha and had a great time. 1994 was hectic but hopes to make Cheyenne. She had a nice card from **JOHN and ANNE SMITH**, 64th navigator. Let Anne know we want her to come to Cheyenne.

RICHARD SALLEY, 63rd radar/mech. had trouble with our computer (not me), but we got him paid 1995 dues. I never would have made a mistake like that. Dick reports time in the sick bay, things are looking up. Doctor canceled his trip to Cheyenne, but has OK'd Florida for next year. The place in Florida is Kissemmee, not Kissemmee Falls as was stated in the last newsletter. It's pronounced Kiss-simm-mee, according to Dick. **SAM and RACHEL BAYLESS**, 63rd, stopped by for a visit.

RAY SNYDER, 403rd, also 90th, thinks the missions in the 43rd were the hardest, but with the 90th there were no milk runs. He and **MONNA** are looking forward to the 96 reunion.

PAUL and MARY LEDGER, 63rd sgt/maj. is our locator of missing persons. Their address is 2206 Flaugh Road, Fort Wayne, IN. 46818-9733.

Paul reports on 63rd persons that have passed away: **WILLIAM STARICHENKO 12/78, STANDLEY TRACEY 1/78, LOUIS TESHER 4/85, MARSHALL TERRELL 9/79, ALEXANDER SHOMPH 10/57, OTIS DOSSETT 3/71, CHRISTIAN TANSON '65, ARLEE FRISBEE 6/78, AMIL MAILADA 10/91, JACOB WARREN FETTZ 12/79, LESTER BETTS 3/81, JAMES MANTZ 2/93.**

Paul also report that **RAY BAASE** passed away March 30, 1995. Paul would like a copy of any rosters and orders, etc., which you might have. This will help them locate some of the troops. If on your orders you know names and address, or hometowns, even from the 40's, he can start there.

WILLIAM JOBE, 63rd and 64th, from September 43 to June 44, was a radio operator/gunner. He flew 54 missions. Seven were in B-17s the rest were in B-24s. He would like to hear from any crew or mates of that time. I sent him the info on his crew that I had. Bill was 19 at the time. You kids did a hell of a good job. I was an old man of 23.

JOHN MANSKER, 63rd crew chief on B-24s Ovi and Ie Shime, retired in 1963 as CWO. John gets a big kick out of the Newsletters.

PHYLISS PATTERSON, widow of **GEORGE**, Hq, sent in dues for herself and their son. Phyllis, I think the computer has taken enough blame. Let's say I goofed. It is corrected and you and son **DOUG** are full fledged card carrying members. Good help is hard to come by. Take care.

Palomar Publications, PO Box 1244 Brisbane, Qld., Australia 4001, has published a 400 page book with 100 pictures on the Australian front 1941-1942. The name of the book is *Nor the Years Contemn*. The price of the book is \$39 plus \$16 postage. The total is \$55. I have not seen the book, so if anyone orders it tell us if it is any good.

JOHN HOLLERAN, 64th operations, sends thanks for the Blue List. John says some of the troops are getting forgetful. John, you must be mistaken. Your name is John or is it Bill.

BOB GORDON, 63rd sent in a gift for **HELEN and BREEZY** and heartfelt thanks for all their work for us.

RICHARD WERTZ, 63rd gunner. Dick, we have the dues straight on the funds you sent in. Slowly, but surely, we are getting on top of things. See you in Cheyenne.

HARRY DALZIEL, 63rd ord. Harry your account is now correct. Thanks for the help. **MARY LOIS** and I are fine. The good Lord is kind to both of us.

MERTON JESSEL, a friend of **WAYNE TARKINGTON**, 403rd Engr., reports Wayne's passing on March 10, 1995. Wayne's wife, **BERTHA**, still lives at 3006 McNiel Ave. #129, Wichita Falls, TX 76309. The 43rd was very important to them so why not send her a note expressing our loss.

ORION ROGERS, 63rd pilot, has moved to 13607 W. White Rock Drive., Sun City West, Arizona 85375-4448. His phone number is 602-584-2645. Orion wants **HELEN BOUDER** to know he flew his first mission with her husband **WILLIAM** as his co-pilot. He was co-pilot on **GEORGE WELCH'S**. Got his own crew in January '45.

HELEN O'BRIEN, widow of **BILL**, just returned from France and Turkey. She was on a visit to see her con-in-law. Too much unrest but is back and fine.

SHIRLEY VORSE, widow of **BOYD**, 63rd engr, sent in dues for 1995 and wants very much to be a member. She feels important to keep the memories of WWII alive and well. Thanks Shirley we are very pleased to have you.

WALLACE MUNSON, 64th radio oper., has a new phone number. It is 520-378-3379. Call him and see if it works.

FRANCIS WALKER, 65th flight engr., Tour dues arrived and are no longer on the hit list. Be a good boy F.L. and God Bless.

NATHAN "JOE" HIRSH, JR., 63rd nav. Sir, when I was in the R.C.A.F., the Base Commander **GROUP CAPTAIN DELLAH** said I could butcher up the Kings english like no one he had ever seen. If he had met you, I'm sure I would have lost out. Sir, I'm sitting here reading your 3 page letter, and being a fellow Texan, I'm still not sure what the hell you're saying. I may send this on to your co-pilot **JIM MURPHY**. Jim is not a Texan, but is a book writer. Maybe he can decode this. Sending **BREEZY** things to correct won't work. He's a bombardier. I don't think they know about decoding. **CHARLEY TUTTLE** was in intel (for SAC), but I don't know who has the answer. Best I can tell you want to be a navigator instead of a pilot. I'll get that done. Want to "Hook 'em Horns"? OK, so you are now a tea sipper (University of Texas). No longer an Aggie. Next, the books show your dues are paid for 1996. Well sir, I'm out of time but will be working on your letter for the next newsletter. In the mean time, "Hook 'em Horns."

MANUEL ALEXOPOULOS, 63rd A.C. maint. He wants his newsletter. I hope he got it. This job has me tied down and I can't take on the post office. Manuel wants to say "hi" to all the troops. We got that done.

A.V. IAMPIETRO, hdqrs, is on the ball. He sent in his '96 dues. Way to go.

RUSSELL BURNETT, 64th engr, reports the passing of **WILLIAM BROWNE's** wife **LORA** in Florida on the 19th of March. Bill was 64th radio operator. Also, **JACK NUNNELLER**, 64th nose gunner, lost his wife, **NELL**, the 10th of April. Jack and Nell attended their first reunion last fall in San Antonio. Jack is bringing his grandson with him to Cheyenne. This is a sad time yet a good time of life. We have all been blessed with a full rich life. God bless each of you. Russ and **JANE** are booked in for a week in Cheyenne. See you there.

Tech. Sgt. **HAROLD YEOMANS**, 403 flight engr., sends his best to all the troops of the 43rd. Thanks Harold!

ARTHUR DURBECK, 403rd pilot, attended an RF-101 VooDoo reunion at Shaw AFB. When I see Art, I'm going to ask him what that is. In 50 years, we Ford dealers have not had one of those.

A fellow Texan, **ALEXANDER HYDAK**, 63rd, sent in his dues and reports Fort Worth has grown since they shipped me to West Texas.

PAUL COBER, 403rd pilot, reports he and **CAROLYN** are down sizing their living quarters. When you go from four bedrooms to two, what do you do with all that stuff you have been saving? If you know, let Paul and Carolyn know.

ARTHUR TASSONI, 64th, says he is sorry to be a little late with his dues, but remembers he was a lot quicker than the *Queen Mary* was in getting him to Australia.

PATRICIA WILBER, widow of **DON**, hdqrs. Pat worked at Willow T-Run Plant along with her sister on the wings. They were riveters and buckers. Her dad was in parts and her mother was chief inspector on final assembly. A real love affair with the B-24. Pat says thanks for the newsletter. It's wonderful to have.

EPHRON HENRY JAMES, 63rd radio opr. Sorry he missed San Antonio reunion last year. He had a big fishing trip booked. I know Henry likes to fish. I ran into him a few years back in New Zealand. You guessed it, he was fishing. He's taking a week off from fishing this September for Cheyenne. Henry, our fearless leader says they really have fishing in Wyoming.

WALDO and MARY SCHAUWEKER, pilot 64th, can't make it to Cheyenne this year, but will catch up with us next year. Waldo's primary flying school is having a reunion in Decatur, AL. Class 42D. Have fun, take care, and we'll see you next year.

ROBERT MULVEY, 403rd, sent *Cape Cod Times*, 3-19-95, with a story on a B-25 pilot and his art work done while he was overseas. He flew 40 missions to Rabaul. His paintings are of his missions and are very good. His name, **HERB SUNDERMAN**. Thanks Bob!

FRANK DOLEZAL, 65th, found us, signed on, then moved and hopefully we have his new address. Glad to have him along.

FATHER SHEA and **DOCTOR GUSACK** are both very capable, hard workers. I think they have reached a new, higher level. I sent them shelled Texas "pucons". They take them and make Yankee "pee-can" pies. A modern miracle. Dr. Gusack sent in another life membership for himself and another for a young friend of his. What a fellow.

BOB WATSON, 65th bombardier, called **J.T. BRITTEN**, 65th pilot. He said that he and **IRENE** were headed for Albuquerque to close the deal on our 1997 reunion. J.T. got **JACK CAPERTON**, 65th bombardier, **KENNETH BECKSTROM**, 63rd navigator, and **JAY ZEAMER**, 65th pilot, plus wives, together. They had a great meeting and have big plans for reunion 97. They want to stay in good health so they can make role call '97. Good show yanks.

NUNCIO BONINO, 63rd, has moved. His new address is 379 Shadey Lane, Huntington Valley, PA. 19006. He will see us in Cheyenne and tell us all about his move.

ALEXANDER NOVELLI, hdqrs, passed away July 20, 1993, his wife **JEAN** reported. We will all miss Alexander.

WILLIAM JOBE retired in 1964 then had a very interesting job with the Navy's Polaris-Poseidon-Trident missile programs. Still not enough! He then went on to McDonnell-Douglas, inspecting Tomahawk guidance systems. Good show Bill!

PHILLIP NEAL ADAMS, 64th nav, has comment on **LLOYD BREEZY BOREN'S** Astro compasses. Phillip says its main use was in swinging the aircrafts magnetic compass. It did a good job aligning the magnetic compass, but not much help in celestial navigation. Thanks Phil for the report.

JAMES THOMAS MURPHY, 63rd pilot and vice-president of the 43rd Bomb Group. He's a book writer and lots of other stuff. There was a surprise birthday party Friday the 9th of June, 1995. It was James' 75th birthday. We all wish you good health and many more.

DALE HOLT, 63rd, is all tied up with family reunions so he won't be in Cheyenne. It will put a load on the rest of us. Dale had lots of war stories ready for the reunion. Maybe someone else has one.

R.E. LEIBNER, 65th nav, caught another of my screw ups. **VINCENT J. "JOE" DECESANE** was not in the 64th, but was in the 65th. Bob was his navigator. I guess the pilot part was O.K. They made it. Bob says some of his bunch are making sick call so no Cheyenne, but wishes for a great reunion.

ARTHUR JOHNSON has a new phone number, 914-889-4333.

GERALD EGGER, 63rd arm., got lots of rain in Douglas, NE. No crops planted in May. We didn't plant in West Texas. Too dry. Rain in June so things look a lot better. This boy has a great thing going. He is restoring his P-51. He sent me a picture and it is really something. His first aircraft in 1934 was a Gel Bee special. Hang tough Gerald.

DALE BARR, SR., 403rd tail gunner, past-president, and grandfather to many. He is also **MARY'S** mate. Dale's by-passes are working. He said he would let us know if they didn't. Diabetes is up and down but generally everything i O.K. His mind may need checking. He wants to help me. He signed up for Cheyenne. He reports the **COL. JACK**, his pilot, is still teaching at Middle Tennessee University, plus farming in Nebraska. Col. Jack and **ARTHUR DURBECK** are going to meet Dale and Mary in Cheyenne. Lots of fun brewing. See you there.

FRANCIS WALKER, 65th flight eng., was on **ALBERT TURVERO'S** crew from Aug '43 to Oct '45. He thanks everyone for their work on the newsletter. Hope you enjoy it F.L.

NEIL FAIRBANKS, 403rd, tells of the Big Blowout in Townsville, Australia. It is called "Victory Pacific". It is happening August 15-20 of this year. It is much bigger than Coral Sea '92. Neil is going to represent the 43rd Bomb Group. He will do us a good job. Let him know if anyone else is going. Neil, if you are in Darwin, visit the new Military Aviation Museum. The B-52 on display was from the 43d Bomb Wing, Guam. Our editor would like any photo or information. We need to keep informed on the 43rd's second generation.

H. LEROY SPILLYARD, 65th, says things are going pretty good. Had his 50th wedding anniversary in December. Received flowers from **BOB and PAULINE HEWITT**. He does have a bit of trouble. His St. Louis 43rd cap is soiled. If you have an extra one, let him know. Leroy, I have you and Bob on my "good-boy" list so don't twist off.

PHILLIP BARBER, 64th, sent in money for PX. It was a sad deal for me. We were sold out of one thing and that was what he wanted. I had to return his money. Man, that's hard for a used car salesman to do.

JACOB TIMMONS, 63rd, nose gunner. He was on **LARRY GRIMM'S** crew. Jacob, after fifty years, made contact with their waist gunner, **TRUMAN N. THACKER**. Truman's address is 2537 E. LaJolla Drive, Tempe, AZ. 85282-6020. He stayed in the service until retirement time came along. We will send him info on us. Maybe he would like to sign on.

SHAD SHADDOX, 64th pilot, now wants to know why I put the widows on the Blue page as not paying. Article 13 amendments say they do not have to pay. This will be covered at the board meeting in Cheyenne. But to answer your question, I'm trying to get things on a paying basis. Several of the widows have paid, several have asked to be dropped, and I have not received a reply from most. We have gone from a few widows to a hundred and some odd. Government reports show that women outlive men by an average of 7 years. What happens when it's all women. Who pays then?

The no. 24 Squadron Assoc., New South Wales R.A.A.F. is well and kicking. They have lots going on this year. It has been 50 years since V-J Day. Write to **TOM FITZGERALD**, 166 Beaumont Street, Hamilton, New South Wales 2303 if you want information. His telephone number is 049-616396.

My buddy **NATHANIEL PHILPOTT**, 403rd gunner, and I, have had a little trouble getting the zeros correct on his check for life membership. Thanks to his wife **LUCY**, we got it done. Nathaniel is now officially a card carrying life member.

That's it for now. See you in Cheyenne. God Bless!

Mary Lois and Bill

P.S. 88 who were on the Blue list have paid.

From the EDITORS

Just a short closing note. As this newsletter is being mailed the **TUTTLE'S** are watching the packers move their belongings from Montgomery, AL. to Joplin, MO. I was raised in Joplin and will be employed at Crowder College (formerly Camp Crowder, Neosho, MO.) No word on what **CHARLEY** will do with her time just yet. She's enjoyed just staying at home. Please note the new P.O. Box address at the top of the cover page.

I did receive a fine package of information from **BOB ALFORD**, thanks to **BOB LIVINGSTON** who passed my request on. Bob Alford is the historian of the Darwin Aviation Museum. I hadn't seen or heard updated news on "*Darwin's Pride*", the last B-52 to leave Guam that belonged to the 43d Bombardment Wing--**COL. J.B. HALL** was the Wing commander. We gave her as a museum piece before the Wing deactivated. The information I received will go to the crew who flew her into Darwin, but I will share other postings through the newsletter as it comes to me. Thank you Bob L.!

Patrick and Charley

43rd BOMB GROUP



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June 21, 1995

FOR YOUR INFORMATION THIS LETTER WAS READ AT THE MAREEBA AIRDROME ON V J DAY.

We are honored to be asked to share this day with the Mareeba Shire Counsel and Australia Remembers Committee. V.J. Day was accomplished by the joint efforts of the Australia and United States of America forces. The 19th Bomb Group (H) was based at the Mareeba Airdrome in 1942. Finding safe haven after the Japanese over ran the Phillipines and the Dutch East Indies, the 19th was short on personnel and equipment. The RAAF helped fill the air crew ranks and repair the aircraft ---- the 43rd Bomb Group (H) arrived at Mareeba in September of 1942. The 19th was redeployed to the USA with help from the RAAF and experienced personnel from the 19th Bomb Group; the 43rd was on it's way. Mareeba Airdrome was the first air base the Japanese did not capture ---- for the 43rd it was the Spring Board to Victory. The 43rd was present at the signing of the surrender terms by Japan. We are very proud to have had a part in the beautiful memorial at the Airdrome ---- it expresses our love and admiration for each of you and your help, and a permanent memorial to those who no longer make roll call ---- so long ago and so far from home. The bonds between our two great countrys were welded together. May they always endure!

MEMBERS OF THE 43RD BOMB GROUP

43rd BOMB GROUP REUNION AGENDA

September 4 - 10, 1995

REGISTRATION at Hitching Post Inn lobby Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1995, 1:30 p.m. in the Presidential Room.

GOLF Thursday, Sept. 7, 1995, 10:00 a.m. at Warren Air Force Base.

SQUADRON MEETINGS Sept. 7, 1995 7:30 p.m.

FASHION SHOW for the wives Sept. 7, 1995, at 7:30 p.m.

TERRY BISON RANCH Friday, Sept. 8, 1995, 2:30 p.m. depart on buses (East lot of Hitching Post). **TERRY BISON EXPRESS** 3:30 p.m. motorized tour of buffalo herd. Waivers to be picked up at registration desk and must be signed in order to board express. **CHUCK WAGON DINNER** 6:00 p.m. BBQ buffalo or beef (chicken upon request). **TERRY BISON TRAILBLAZERS** band starts at 6:30 p.m. - bring jackets and don't bring high heels.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, 1995

GROUP MEETING 9:00 a.m. in all coach rooms in Hitching Post Inn

FORMAL BANQUET music and dancing 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY BRUNCH 7:30 a.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE 9:30 a.m. all coach rooms at Hitching Post Inn.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE available throughout the week. Schedules will be posted at the registration desk at the Hitching Post Inn.

43rd Bomb Group Association Reunion **Cheyenne, Wyoming (Hitching Post Inn)** **September 4-10, 1995**

NAME: Last _____ First _____

SPOUSE/GUEST: _____ SQUADRON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ ☐ Check if information has
 changed since September 1994.

REUNION FEE: \$90 per person X _____ = \$ _____
(no. of people) (amount enclosed)

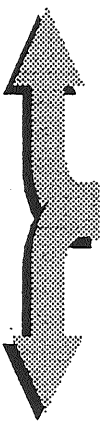
ARRIVING _____ (date) AND DEPARTING _____ (date)

TRAVELING BY: Auto _____ Plane _____ Other _____

I WILL BE PLAYING: Golf _____ Tennis _____ Bridge _____

MY SPOUSE/GUEST WILL PLAY: Golf _____ Tennis _____ Bridge _____

NOTE: *Make check payable to:*
 43rd BOMB GROUP REUNION
Mail check with this form to:



Max Osborn, P.O. Box 1025, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

☐ Do you
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43rd Bomb Group Reunion

We invite you to stay with us!

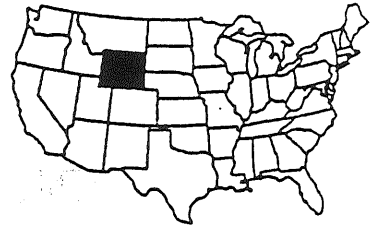
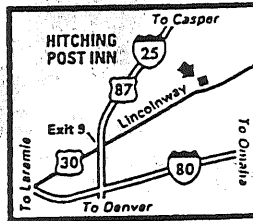
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- ❖ *Cheyenne Cattle Company*, Cheyenne's newest steak house
- ❖ *Coffee-House*, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner
- ❖ Indoor and Outdoor Swimming Pools
- ❖ Fitness Center with Lifecycles and new Cal-gym weight lifting system
- ❖ Men's and Women's saunas and a Jacuzzi
- ❖ Voice mail in all guest rooms
- ❖ The Statement, a fine women's apparel shop
- ❖ Gift Shop and Package Liquor Stores on property
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- ❖ Complimentary morning coffee in the lobby for hotel guests
- ❖ Discount meal coupons for each guest upon check-in

To ensure that you have a room with us, we have provided you with the following reservation form. A room block will be held up to 2 weeks prior your seminar. Please place your reservation prior to August 21, 1995. We are anxious to see you in September!



Hitching Post Inn
1700 W. Lincolnway
Cheyenne, WY 82001
(800)221-0125 - Reservations



Group: **43rd Bomb Group Reunion September 4-9, 1995**
Return to Hitching Post Inn
Attention: Reservationist, 1700 W. Lincolnway, Cheyenne, WY 82001

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please send 1st nights rental with room request or Credit Card number.

Credit Card Company _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

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Arrival _____ Departing _____ 19 _____

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