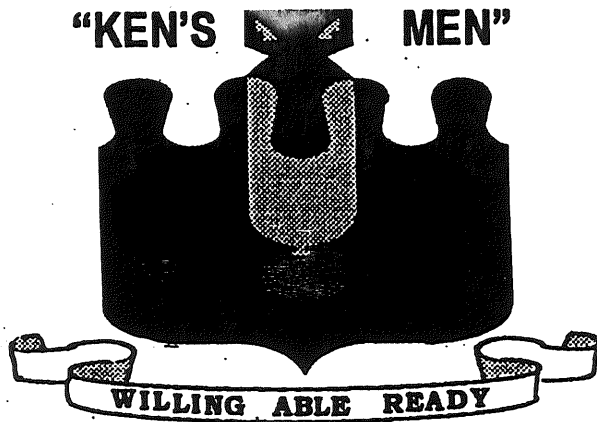


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LAST WORDS FROM MAX OSBORN

The reunion in Cheyenne is over and despite a few glitches all participants registered a good time and extended their appreciation verbally and with letters still coming in. Many refunds were made as members were unable to attend for various reasons after having sent in their fees. As the duly elected and unqualified leader of the organization I appreciated all the help including **HUGH HIMES**, the only other member of our group residing in Cheyenne, who kept the bus system working as well as many other things. I promoted him to corporal.

SAM RICHMOND 65th, was one who regretted, due to personal reasons, although he had his cowboy hat packed. **PAUL COBER** made the reunion and sent his change of address. The new roster will reflect that.

TOMMY MOTE forgot to pick up his ten year warranty for the life membership he sent in. He was too busy trying to jog my memory of grass landing near Nadzab, while I was trying to remember what I had for lunch the day before.

JIM WHITEHEAD, 403rd, was another who had to regret, and mentioned he had read the POW book by Gavan Daws and mentioned the reality of it hit home when he came to the part about **JOSE HOLGUIN**.

Was good to meet Fred Hagen, a young man from Pennsylvania who is a cousin of **BILL BENN**, the skip bombing specialist mentioned in **JIM MURPHY'S** book. He brought the best wishes of Bill's widow to the reunion.

JOHN MANSKER, from Kansas City checked in with the info he would be attending his first convention. He was one of those unsung ground crew members from Owi on to Ie Shima.

Another new member, **JOHN AHRENS**, called and wrote in from Taos, New Mexico. He reported 325 hours of combat from October 43 to July 44. 325 was the number who attended our Cheyenne reunion, John. He also brought his son who jumped in and helped **IRENE WATSON** at the registration table.

Had a pre-birthday greeting from Squadron Commander **JOSH BARNES** and **ALICE**. She and I have the same birthday of September 4, although she is much younger, nicer, and lovelier than me. Glad they were at the reunion, as was our best friend from Australia, **ANN WARNER**, who knew **JOSH** and **JOE NIECE** during WWII.

PAT FREEMAN, my pilot and only crew member of mine to attend a reunion responded to my entreaty and showed up in Cheyenne. If our history is ever published, you'll read more about him.

ORION ROGERS, from Sun City advised he would be attending the reunion, although he decided late, Aug. 14.

JOE BROWN, 65th was the one who sent the news article on **DUTCH HEICKEL**, the latter being the member who gave a talk on his imprisonment, at the San Antonio meeting. I placed the article on the memorabilia room.

GLEN LEWIS, Bountiful, Utah, called and wrote he would be attending although he hasn't been with us since Colorado Springs. I tried to dissuade him, telling him I didn't think we would have a reunion, but he persisted. He won the golf tournament going away in Colorado Springs, and of course won it going away in Cheyenne. He mentioned the story about the nervous tail gunner who bailed out over Rabaul when someone shouted "Let's get out of here." I've heard the story many times so it must be true. **GLEN** says it was his tail gunner.

MAX the Ax, AXELSEN, our great golf chairman and memorial placer did a great job organizing the golf tournament and gave the old golf plaque to the latest winner, **JIM DIEFENDER** since it was filled. **GLEN LEWIS** had his name on the Old plaque and is the new possessor of the new plaque. **MAX the Ax** also accomplished the memorial to be placed at Lackland between the B-17 and the B-24. However, he slipped on his choice of assistant in the golf tournament, **BUD LAWSON**. Between the two of them they lost the golf plaques before the banquet.

HUGH JONES, our Norfolk host checked in with many questions before the reunion, one being about fly fishing. I talked with him at the reunion and I think most of his inquiries were answered, not necessarily to his satisfaction. He also brought his diaries, which he generously turned over to our loyal and wonderful associate member **JANICE OLSON**, at Larry Hickey's request, since Janice has been helping Larry on the history.

Our old golf buddy and board member **JIM HARCROW** had to regret due to his wife's health. I know we'll see him in Kissamee.

Our good board member **SHAD SHADDOX** sent word in on the by-laws for which **BILL WILSON** has explained fully to all concerned and justice has prevailed.

STEVE CERRONE wrote in a long request together with a copy of a former letter on the slow progress of the history. I talked to **STEVE** at the reunion and he had the opportunity to hear Larry Hickey's explanation at the Group meeting. Next summer is the target date for the book, according to Larry and vouched for by **JIM PETTUS**. **JIM** also told me he was going to take the Amtrak back to Hawaii.

HANK DAY was the first one to check into Cheyenne in his motor home. He was at Warren AFB and then moved to Terry Bison ranch, also went to another 380th reunion. Also offered me his crutches but I was too inexperienced to figure them out.

PAUL COBER had notified us of the passing of his flight engineer, **WAYNE TARKINGTON** in March 1995. The only member left of his crew is **JACK PERKINS**.

FRANK HASSETT reported his regrets for the Cheyenne reunion together with the news of the passing of **BOB DUFFY**, the gunner on Frank's crew, that Frank met at San Antonio for the first time in 50 years.

JESS GIBSON, 63rd, informed us he would be passing through Cheyenne on the 8th for the few hours during the reunion. Also, **WILBERT HOUSEHOLDER** inquired about the cost of the bus trip. The cost was covered in the registration fee for the Terry

Bison trip and the Air Base provided the buses at no charge for the base tour. The cost of the lunch at the Officer's Club was covered in the registration fee.

JACK NUNNELLEE he had lost his wife after sending in his registration fee but would be attending with his grandson. I promised him a hug for his grief which I was able to deliver at the Sunday morning services.

FRANK STOLL sent in many news articles on the fly-in at Oshkosh, Wis. I placed them in the memorabilia room. **FRANK**, one of my regrets was the fact that I had my picture taken with **CHUCK YEAGER** at the one-shot hunt in Lander several years ago, then read his book, and then cannot find the picture.

ARNOLD HUSKINS 65th sent regrets on Aug. 23rd, due to effects of radiation treatment for prostate cancer. **ARNOLD**, I had radiation treatment earlier this year for the same thing, so hold in there. **BILL WILSON**, he wants a reunion hat and he most especially wanted to attend Cheyenne. There are a lot of pictures of the reunion as we had a local photographer for the squadron pictures and snapshots all during the reunion.

FRANK HOHMANN 65th, sent in the picture and article on **JAY ZEAMER** 65th at the Punch Bowl which many of you saw in the memorabilia room.

ART CURREN, the commissioner from Port Townsend, WA had to regret and expressed the hope the Book is completed as he wants four copies, Larry Hickey.

Jim McAteer from some outfit called the Jolly Rogers 90th Bomb Group wrote to me and then to **BOB WHITE** about a 43rd member named **LARVE HARRELSON** he had met in Sidney. He had seen **BOB**'s name in "BRIEFING", the B-24 publication. I waved my letter at the Group meeting and **ROGER KETTELSON** responded the **LARVE** was his co-pilot and took the letter to respond to Jim.

AFTER THE REUNION

Received a congratulatory note from Rev. Carl A. Beavers regarding the banquet at which he gave the invocation. Father Beavers is located at St. Mary's Cathedral here in Cheyenne and I tried to get a connection with Father Shea and Father Beavers but was unable to get that accomplished. The invocation is as follows:

Lord, first we thank you for this gathering of the storied 43rd and for all those who brought us together. We pray, too, for those who could not attend and ask especially for those who have died that as we gather and celebrate here they might celebrate in your presence and be at peace. May the legacy of the 43rd ever endure, living on in this country in people, in freedom, in opportunity, and in hope. Bless this food which reminds us each day of your love and care and bless us in your service for which we are willing, able, and ready. Amen.

JOHN ROCHE wrote while he was unable to attend the reunion he received a most wonderful greeting signed by friends, old and new, and thanked them for their remembrance.

JACK NUNNELLEE sent his effusive appreciation for the reunion in great detail We need you in Cheyenne, **JACK**.

In spite of the fact we charged him twice and had to refund, **KENT ZIMMERMAN** expressed his enjoyment of the reunion with the opinion it was one of the best. Stout fellow, **KENT**, and your refund is on the way.

Those thoughts were expressed by **ROGER KETTELSON** and **AUDREY**. **ROGER** is our pledge of allegiance man and I regret some one didn't punch me at the banquet to remind me. He did perform at the memorial service.

Received a call from **LARRY MAIN** that he had arrived in Cheyenne and had to leave before the festivities due to his wife's illness. Refund is on the way, Larry, and we're sorry for your problem.

GEORGE SETHER, 63rd reports he attended his first reunion, sent congratulations and stated five from his original crew were there. In his words to renew acquaintances after 50 years is quite an emotional experience. He also sent a lengthy newspaper article about the discovery of WWII Plane wreckage which involved the brother of Carrie Lee Nelson. Ms. Nelson is wife of the former Governor and Senator from Wisconsin, Gaylord Nelson. The brother's name was **DELMAR DOTSON**, flight engineer on B-17 that crashed on New Guinea on Sept. 15, 1943. The crew in the tent next to mine at Moresby disappeared about that time and I recall someone said they had seen them cross the north coast of New Guinea heading south. If anyone remembers anything concerning this, please respond.

BOB and **DORIS BUTLER**. A note dated Sept. 13, 1995 written by hand, expressing wonderful appreciation for the reunion. Signed "**DORIS AND BOB**". Then a letter dated Sept. 18, 1995, signed "**BOB AND DORIS**". Guess who wrote which? We loved those two!!!!!! **BOB** sent pictures taken at the reunion in San Antonio and at the gathering in Colorado Springs. How can it be that I age and Fran does not? **BOB** finally answered a puzzle I never could figure. In one of the pictures was **RADAR HOOVER**. He was called '**RADAR**' because he would hear the Japanese bomber 30 seconds before anyone else.

And a nice note of appreciation from our gal in Apple Valley, **JANICE OLSON**. She took that picture of the prop off **DUTCH HEICHEL'S** aircraft off Kavieng which picture was in the news article sent to us by **JOE BROWN**.

Refunded **NICK ARABINKO** which he reports turned into Vodka stock, which he claimed needed replenishing. He had ten-in-a-row batting average for reunion attendance and then had to miss Cheyenne. Said he already had received notes, cards, n' photos of the reunion from **JIM PETTUS**, **RUSS BURNETT**, and **JACK NUNNELLEE**. He also reports **CHUCK RAUCH**, from a few blocks down the trail called him and reported a glowing account of the reunion.

All the way from Santa Fe. **PANCHO SENA**, who had regretted some time ago for the Cheyenne reunion, sent an obituary notice on **ELEUTERIO NAVA**, 65th who passed away in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. **PANCHO**, you have to be at Albuquerque in 97 and we will eat some Bernallilo County peanuts.

The irrepressible **GEORGE WHITE** of New Jersey Air Force fame even liked the reunion, and believe this, boys and girls, he didn't have either a destructive or constructive comment to make. All this because he won a prize at the golf tournament. You see, George just took up golf. He thinks you have to get the largest score to win. Max the Ax gave him the prize for a 123 for only 18 holes.

GEORGE also sent a long, rambling story from a publication concerning the attributes of a B-17 and a B-24. He dared me to put it in the newsletter. Having fought courageous combat in both aircraft while in the 43rd, I did not toss the article. I am appending it to this draft for **BILL WILSON** to include in my portion of the newsletter.

If I could express myself as Doc Gusack did in a few newsletter ago it would be my feeling for the 43rd. This time of being in the position you all have accorded me has been a shiny and sunny spot of my life. Our bonds of friendship grow stronger with each reunion. I sincerely deeply appreciate serving with all of you as President.

MAX

A post script from our out going leader and a New Jersey yankie (the worst kind).

There were 12,731 built by Boeing and 4750 were lost in the war. I believe there are only a half dozen still flying condition in the United States. Nearly every pilot that has flown the B-17 says "It's a damn good airplane". Here's a story about one in WWII:

A B-17 over the target caught a direct hit in the center of the airplane, causing the airplane to break in two. The wings spiraled down and the tail fluttered like a maple leaf toward the ground. The tail gunner looked around and saw that the rest of the airplane was gone, so he decided to bail out. However, he couldn't get out due to the mangled mess of aluminum blocking him in.

He decided to make the best of a bad situation so he went back and strapped himself into his seat. He reached up overhead and grabbed the cable that controlled the rudder, then reached down along his side and pulled on the cables that operated the elevator. The controls checked out okay, so he turned the tail around and decided to take her back to England. All went well, and as he approached the coast of England he radioed the tower, "Tower this is B-17 tail gunner, the rest of my airplane has been shot away and I would like a clearance to make an emergency landing straight in on runway 27." The tower responded, "Roger, B-17 tail gunner, give me a clll on five mile final." When he was five miles out the gunner again radioed. "Tower, this is B-17 tail gunner, five miles out on final approached, am I clear to land?"

The tower frantically answered, "Negative B-17 tail gunner, do not land, pull up and go around, there is a B-24 in the traffic pattern with an engine shut down."

FROM GEORGE WHITE

The passing of our comrade **HARRY DANLZIEL**, 63rd ordnance.

It was no surprise to hear, from his brother **WALTER**, that **HARRY DANLZIEL** died on September 15, 1995. I had talked to him on September 3rd, and his voice was very, very weak. You will be pleased to know that he had received and enjoyed the card we all signed and the reunion cap I mailed from Cheyenne.

HARRY was a talented artist. He designed all that banners that decorated all our reunion banquet halls. Each one had a theme appropriate to the location of our meeting. He also prepared other banners for other events; such as the ones we carried at the ANZAC day parade at Sydney 1987, and the we displayed at Bolings B-17 50th Birthday party in 1985.

All this pride in history by a man who flew no missions, received no medals, but as member of the Ordnance Section stuck out the whole damn war loading bombs into our planes.

Our Association was something special to **HARRY** and he will always be a special person to us. God bless him.

From BOB BUTLER

Notes and comments on 43rd Reunion in Wyoming.

Since starting the annual reunion of 43rd Bomb Group veterans in 1981 at San Antonio, my wife, **DORIS** and I have been to (15) fifteen reunions and maybe (5) five more mini-reunions including Seattle in 1985 for 50th Birthday of B-17, Bangor, ME for dedication, Philadelphia, PA and Salem, OR.

Cheyenne was a good time for everyone and **MAX OSBORN**, and his wife **FRAN** deserve a lot of the credit for the happy time there. Personally, I never feel that I have enough time at the reunion to see and talk with old and new friends, but I will mention a few impressions of things I learned while I was there. Over 320 registered and joined in the activities- elected a new president, **JIM MURPHY**, 63rd and **BOB WATSON**, 65th as vice president. **BILL WILLSON**, 65th volunteered to stay on as secretary- treasurer, until a new secretary can be found.

DON BANKER, 65th. Our faithful storekeeper and dispenser of 43rd caps and other momentos died on August 18, 1995, after a long battle with prostate cancer. I talked to Don in July and at that time, he was worried but still making plans to come to Cheyenne. Don was from Alvine, Texas; he was a good friend of **NOLAN RYAN'S** family and sent me a book on the famous no- hitter baseball pitcher, for the Texas Rangers. I don't know any 43rd member, who who enjoyed the reunions more or worked any harder at them. I'm just sad that when I called him about Cheyenne, he had died the week before. His daughter is **DONNA BAKER ALEXANDER** of 5503 Meadow Lane, Bearland, TX 77584. I sent a small memorial to her, which will be used by the American Legion-Boy State at Alvin, and hope other 43rd members will write to **DONNA** because her dad was something special in the 43rd.

FATHER THOMAS SHEA, Hq. 43rd and later 5th Bomber Command Chaplain, is now in his nineties and fragile, in a Hartford, Conn. Catholic nursing home. **LOU ALPE**, Hq. was the key person who located **FATHER SHEA** in 1981 and when the "COACH" said he would come to San Antonio, I knew that it would be a success and for many years after, he had the Memorial services at the reunions and was a strong financial supporter. **LOU ALPE**, was at Cheyenne and gave a report on "COACH" **SHEA** and his poor condition, so I hope you will remember him in your prayers.

SONS OF INTEREST

PHIL HOFFECKER and **ED "LUCKY" STEVENS** were good friends in the 64th sqd. overseas. **PHIL** and **"LUCKY"** came to several reunions together, but **"LUCKY"** died in NJ, in 1981, after 50 years with Hewlett-Packard. **PHIL** retired after many years as Chauffeur for the **DUPONT** family in Wilmington, Del. I was very happy to see **PHIL** at Cheyenne. He is 83 YEARS OLD, looks like 60 and drove, ALONE all the way to Cheyenne, Wy., from Kennett Square, PA.

"LUCKY" and **PHIL** were both veterans of the Queen Mary voyage and **"LUCKY"** probably had more missions than anyone else in the 5th A.F. in the 64th and other units. He married an Australian lady, but didn't live to use the free trip for two in celebration of his long service to his company.

One last item, which interested me greatly.

At Cheyenne, in conversation with **JEAN JACK**, 403rd. I learned that **COL. JACK**, then 1st Lt., was on the same mission to Rabaul, when Brig. Gen. **KENNETH WALKER** turned up missing in action, after bombing Rabaul. **JEAN JACK** also got shot up on this mission, and had to ditch near the Trobriand Islands, some distance from Rabaul. I was working in 63rd operations at this time and remember the scores of search planes sent out to find **GEN. WALKER**: even a 4 engine British flying boat, a Sunderland. **COL. JACK** got his crew ashore and **DALE BARR**, one of his gunnies was negotiating with the natives in pidgin English. In comes the search planes, thinking they had found the missing **GEN. WALKER**, they were disappointed in just finding a missing crew, that some were doubtful they would be rescued. A young Lt., reporting to **COL. ROGER RAMEY**, 43rd Gp. Commander, when asked about **WALKER**, said to **RAMEY** "No, it was not **WALKER**, but just a Lts. crew. Where upon the Lt was chewed out by **RAMEY**, because **JACK** was trusted and a valuable member of the 403rd.

I checked this out in the history **FLYING BUCCANEERS** "Story of **KENNEY'S** Fifth AF" by Australian writer **STEVE BIRDSALL**--Page 45, quoted verbatim.

WALKER had altered the take off time of the mission during the morning of January 5 ('43) and gone to Rabaul himself, both against **KENNEY'S** orders. Crews from other planes reported seeing the Fortress about twenty-five miles from the target, losing height, one engine afire, and under fighter attack. **KENNEY** sent every available recon plane out to search for survivors, and in the eventing a B-17 was reported on coral reef in the Trobriand Islands. A retrieved **KENNEY** decided to reprimand **WALKER**, severely and sent him on leave to Australia. **MCARTHUR** said "Alright, George, but if he doesn't come back I'm going to send his name in to Washington recommending him for a Congressional Medal of Honor."

A Catalina picked up the stranded B-17 crew (**JACK'S** crew), but it was not **WALKER**. He was awarded the Medal of Honor.

SIDE NOTE

Wonder why no one mentioned **JEAN JACK** and his crew? **JACK** later became C.O. of the 403rd at one time, temporary co. of the 43rd Gp. Post war he had a distinguished career with the Atomic Energy Com. and as a college professor in Tenn.

MAX and FRAN OSBORN, our President and Host, did a super job on the reunion, Great Program. We all thank you for knocking yourself out of us--We are recommending "Max for PFC"--Very good attendance--325,

The 63rd Squadron - Michael & Ada Jo Bachi, John B Ahrens, Lloyd & Jo Anne Anderson, Fred & Margaret Blair, Russ & Dot Edwards, Ken Beckstrom, Tony & Virginia DeAngelis, Al & Mickey Fischer, Jim & Audrey Difenderfer, Alex Sedilko, Wilbert & Jean Householder, Paul & Mary Ledger, Raymond & Betty Gates, Florence Sosnowski, Mary Ellen Roth, Ray & Dorthy Crawford, Richard & Cleo Wood, James Watts, William "Mac" & Claire McKinney, Henry James, George White, Gerald Eggo, C.J. & Pat Rauch, Bob & Doris Butler, Robert & Imogene Hill, Roger & Olga Vargas, Hugh & Dot Jones, Chucky & Clara Marie Wilfert, SL & TJ Flinner, Helen Gren, Roland Fisher, Ed Harris, Dick & Valerie Wertz, Bob & Flo Plownan, Orion Rogers & Edith, John & Helen Miklos, Charles & Beulah Parker, Carl & Jenny Hustad, Kent Zimmerman, William & Sharon Kaplan, Fred Peters, Charles & Liz Woods, Francis W Langland, Rich Howard, Neal & Rudi Fugate, Les Goodridge

The 64th Squadron- Lyle & Betty Heineke, Shad & Naomi Shaddox, Henry Day, Cletus Angermter, Art & Bev Mulligan, Russ & Jane Burnett, Ken & Rosie Brown, Glenn & Della Mae Ream, Marc Ream, Bob & Eileen Goodwin, Garrett & Mary Minneck, Jim & Lucy Marem, Joe & Helen Jancosko, Falcun & Goldie Gifford, Phil Hoffecker, George & Marjorie Lynch, Alvin Haas, Byrle & Dolly Miller, Andy & Anne Anderson, Roger & Audrey Kettleson, Marshall & Billy Nelson, Edwin & Margaret Wejdak, John & Dolly Hollerah, Joe & Dolores Cox, John & Doris McCabe, Bob Schultz, Wendell Jones, Paul Barbus, Jesse Fulton, Ralph D. Grubb, Joe & Charlotta Howard, Clement & Elva Kinkaid, Joe "Shep" Chepulis, Roy & Louise Bailey, George & Ivy Hunter, Charles & Mildren McClenny, Frank & Lynn Waysse, Clarence Creamer, Janice Olson, Jack & Dot Sue Young, Josh & Alice Barnes, William & Mary Myles, Robert & Naomie Augustine

The 65th Squadron- Max & Fran Osborn, Bob & Irene Watson, Glen & Edna Lewis, Frank & Anne Stoll, Bud & Betty Lawson, Rudolph & Anita Cherrauer, James "Mac" McClure, Frank & Betty Tucher, Ed & Patricia Feille, Edwin Stueland, Jules Powell, James Eide, Chalky & Rosemary White, Joe & Chris Brown, Dayton & Ann Blanchard, Norbert Michalowicz, Don Watkins, Sam Commons, Ted Defedericis, Cletus Sweigard, Owen Ernsthansen, Ed & Dot Pukas, Bill & Mary Lois Wilson, Bod & Sue Claycombe, Richard Golze, Larry & Lois Main, Tom & Kathy Jamison, John "Jack" Goosherst, Tom & Catherine Thomas, Tommy Mote, Marjorie Hisey, Bob Vallance, J.T. Britton, Terry Nelson, Pat & Betty Freeman, Cleve & Shirley End, Gus Rapisardi, Bethel & Bonnie Ray, Ben & Jane Damron, John Behrns

The 403rd Squadron- Joe & Clara Gosseaux, Percy & Juanita Alexander, Greg & Vera Ross, Odis & Barbara Cleere, Art & Virginia Durbeck, Bob & Arlene Roth, George & Jean Anderson, John & Eleanor Tallitsch, Everett & Dorthy Lind, Paul & Jackie Bauer, Paul & Carolyn Cober, Richard Williams, Gladys Steadman, Fred & Janet Lloyd, Joe & Sally Snyder, Harold & Phyllis Johnson, Al & Reny Sylvia, Chuck & Midge Downer, Max Long, Neil Fairbanks, Dale & Gen Barr

The Headquarters Squadron- Fred Mc Alister, Hugh Himes, Charlie Farba, Wilson J. King, Gordon Bavor, ~~Jim Pettus~~, Louis Alpe, Jean Jack, George Carter, Robert Cutler, Tony Iampietro

FROM BILL

JAMES BROWN 63rd Naul Bomb wants to know if **JIM PETTUS** still has pictures of the four B-24s-YES- Send Jim \$25.00 and he'll sign your picture and send it to you. His address is James T. Pettus 292 Wailupe Circle, Honolulu HI 96821. It is a great picture, even better with the old C.O. signature on it.

BUD FREEMAN 65th Chutes Rigger sent in his poem. Thanks.

BUD FREEMAN 65th sent in a report on his trip "Down Under" April '42 to July '45.

I WISH I COULD REMEMBER
ALL THE DAYS OF YORE,
WHEN THE UNITED STATES WAS ENGAGED
IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

THEY GRACIOUSLY SENT ME
ON A SOUTH PACIFIC TOUR,
A BOAT TRIP TO MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
A SURPRISE FOR SURE.

AFTER VISITING THE EAST COAST
FROM MELBOURNE TO IRON RANGE,
WITH STOPS IN BETWEEN WITH NAMES
THAT SOUNDED STRANGE.

THEN ON TO PORT MORESBY, NEW GUINEA
SEVEN MILE AIR STRIP BY NAME,
THAT'S WHERE THE 65TH SQUADRON
43RD BOMB GROUP STARTED ESTABLISHING FAME.

FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND WE MOVED ON
THE MARINE, THE SAILORS AND FOOT SOLDIERS TOO,
ALONG WITH THE AIR FORCE
KNEW WHAT TO.

WORKING LIKE A TEAM
WE GOT THE UPPER HAND,
GOT THEM RUNNING
AND THAT WAS GRAND..

I'M GLAD I GOT TO SEE IT
FROM A FRONT ROW SEAT,
BUT PLEASE DON'T REPEAT IT
IT WASN'T VERY SWEET.

BUD FREEMAN 65TH

DR FREDERICK MOTT 63rd flt/sur wanted to get paid up on his due-He is paid up but it is about time to start paying '96 - \$15.00 Please.

STEPHEN SHAKO son of the late **GEORGE SHAKO** 65th pilot recalls stories of Dr. Gusack- and Ray Dou his dad's good friend. Stephen, your dad was right, lots of good stories--Your dad was sorta special.

No 24 Squadron RAAF is alive and well--Many programs during V J Days, Sidney V J march for WWII Veterans etc.

Cactus Air Force Art Project sent picture of B-24 "Joltin Janie" in the creek at Dobodura. **BOB ROCKER**, Director, wants to know what happened--what crew--what squadron--If any of the crew are still making Roll Call--His address is 1201 NE 2nd St. Pompano Beach, FL 33060 Phone (305)-942-9687.

RON BOREHAM P.O. Box 178 Trafalgar, 3824 Vie, Australia sent a request for information on U.S. B-24 Group stationed in 1943-1945 in Corunna Downs Homestead. South East of Marble Bar in North West Australia, he was in the RAAF assigned to U.S. Army Air Force--He was in fueling, bomb loading, etc. He ended up a bus driver for 30 old years--An average fellow like the rest of us think the outfit was 90th Something Bomb Group-----Drop him a note if you know him.

RUSS & DOT EDWARDS 63rd report a great time in Cheyenne looking forward to Fla. Reunion. Also sent in dues for a friend or two--Thanks folks!

GLEN LOUIS 65th Pilot called looking for **CHESTER KENNEDY** 65th Pilot--gave him **CHESTER'S** new address and hope they got together. **GLEN & EDNA** made the Cheyenne Reunion--bet they enjoyed it.

CARL REUTINGER 64th sent in dues and regrets for Cheyenne. Hope things work better next year. We do too **CARL**.

The Australia Remembers Committee thanks us for our letter which was read August 19th, 1995--Also to thank us for our part in bringing peace to their county 50 years ago.

CHARLES GIDDINGS 64th Pilot passed away 8-23-95. His wife **MARY LANE**, I'm sure, would like a note from you folks close to Charles. **CHARLES** was in the 19th B.G. then the 43rd.

FRANK DOLEZAL 65th wanted to know about his account --'95 dues paid--Hope you had a Big Time in Cheyenne.

RALPH MILLIGAN'S son, Bill, advises his father passed away 8-16-94, and that his name be removed from our mailing list.

JOHN TALLITSON 403rd reported in on sick call back in July. But I'm pleased to report **JOHN & ELEANOR** blew in to Cheyenne and had a Big Time--Way To Go!!

JOE C. STRONG 64th says here are my dues and please tell the sheriff of Mission Hill "I'm paid up!" Maybe my collection program is a little to strong--Be a good boy **JOE**.

DON WILBER'S family ordered something from the PX and reported on his love for the 43rd and its efforts in the victory over Japan--**DON** is buried in the National Historic Cemetery in Beaufort, S.C.

BUD LAWSON 65th Bombadier sent in picture of his crew and got most of them to Cheyenne. **BUD** says he may have to make Sick Call-Over-Golf-- Check with **JIM HARCROW** for Quick Fix.

DR. MILTON "BUD" GUSACK regrets not making Cheyenne but sent in a nice Donation--**BUD** called me in Cheyenne to wish everyone a good time--What a fellow--Received lots of Best Wishes to you Dr. In Texas Talk, you are one hell of a good fellow.

RALPH GRUBB 64th reports lots of Aero Code 703 have changed to 540--for sure his--Got it Ralph--Thanks a lot.

ALAN C. CHAMBERLAIN of Mareeba Queenlands, Australia 4880 P.O. Box 179--Needs some help. The Librarian at Saint Thomas's Catholic School is compiling a

History of the Mareeba Aerodrome. Question--What did the yank's call it? She was told some thought "Horvette" or something like that--All I knew from August 1942 to October 1943 was Mareeba. If any one can help tell ALAN at above address.

MARRION R. HAMILTON is a new member address 225 N. Jeffreys Pleasant Hill, MO 64080.

JOE BEVILL 403rd advised of **ALBERT F MATINKO** 64th passing 7-24-95. **JOE** also sent in a nice donation to help on postage or what ever.

JOSH & ALICE BARNES 65th Pilot says either I'm learning some English or he is changing. He can almost tell what I'm talking about--Maybe some of both, **JOSH**. The Barnes sent in a reup on the life membership--Not going to hold me to the 10 year membership--says its been a wonder life and we will just let tomorrow take care of it's self. You said it **JOSH**--I can only add Amen & God Bless.

JOE HIRSH 63rd Navigator, ex Texas "Longhorn" football great, has me sorta back on track--one more of my goofs. **JIM MURPHY** is back as a Pilot. Chester, Kennedy and I are the co-pilots. Joe's tent mates are all reporting good things from their days at Mareeba & Port Monesby. **DUTCH EHLERS** TCU and **JOHN KIMBROUGH** A&M recall **JOE** played hard & tough--enough said--Be a good boy Joe.

JAMES "MAC" McCLURE 65th has had a round with the "Sam Bones". "It worked!" he made Cheyenne. Mac is hanging in there--He is one of my good boys--God Bless.

AL & MARY LOUISE PEPE 65th reports that both of them are in good health--playing golf, travel, and visits their family. Got a note from Remeo Furio 65th--Real Glad to hear from him.

DON BAKER'S daughter **DONNA** sent a picture of a flower arrangement at **DON'S** service. A B-24 resting on the flowers named "Going Home."

A special request from several of the troops to the Board of Directors that **GEORGE WHITE**, the famous Yankie, may need to be placed on the temp--Disabled list--this was brought about by certain actions in Cheyenne.

JIM & MICKEY MURPHY 63rd pilot send thanks to **MAX & FRAN OSBORN** for a great reunion -it was that- Good Show.

ED & MARGARET WOJDAK 64th NAV sent in address change for new roster -had a great time in Cheyenne-- Just one objection, some guy from Texas gave a report on the affairs of the Group--it was some foreign thing. He thought Texans were English speaking people--**GEORGE WHITE** says most are.

BILL GALIDA 403rd made an all expense paid trip from Bangor, Maine to the Philippines, only Bad Deal -it took 4 years--Enjoys the News letters--Send God Bless to all.

ELY L. HILL, a new member was with the Group at Clark Field and Ie Shima - Glad to have you.

JOSEPH KARMOSEY 403rd reports a memorial to the 43rd Bomb Group has been placed in the Melitrap Museum. It's the 43rd flag with 16 Champaign ribbons. Our flag flew over the State House of Nebraska before it was retired to the Museum. It honors the 13th Recon., 403rd Squadron, 43rd Bomb Group and 5th Air Force. Good work, Joe.

ORION L. ROGERS 63rd Orion flew his first mission as co-pilot for **WILLIAM BAUDER**, then co-pilot for **GEORGE WELCH'S CREW** when **ALBERT**

BROWNFIELD became G.O. of the 63rd Orion got his crew. **ORION & EDITH** made their first reunion in Cheyenne -Sorry they were so long finding out about us--missed a lot of fun -you're so right--Welcome aboard.

RICHARD M ROWINSKI 403rd sent in an article from the Milwaukee Journal on the Recover of Tech Sgt. **DELMAR DOTSON**. This must be the 65th B-17 that crashed September 15, 1942 and **JANICE OLSON** found in 1994 -Delmar's sister's husband was a Senator & Governor from Wisconsin- very good article.

IRVING POLIN 65th sent in dues and a request to let him know how much more he owes--Now **IRVING** your smarter than to ask a used car salesman how much more you owe--It is real tough for me to have to tell you but you are paid up through '97.

WALTER & MELISSA BILL 403rd NAV had to miss another reunion. Miss seeing **JIM HARCROW, CHARLEY BELLOWS, DOC BRYANT, BRUZY BOREN** and many others--will not miss Florida--Wait it is always a surprise to me to remember you were in the 403rd . You're nice enough to have been in the 65th. Take Care and God Bless.

ED & MIRIAN GIMMILL 63rd you label on the news letter will confirm your life membership and thanks very much--We will try to get **HICKEY** to return you photo album--He says he is now working full time on our book. Maybe so by Fla. Reunion--Then returning all our stuff--seeing is believing--Be a good boy **ED**.

HENRY BARRETT 64th wants to know how much dues are for '96. They are \$15.00--This will also get you a new roster--I can't believe we can do all this so cheap. If everyone will send in '96 dues now, it will sure make my job easy--who cares?

OLIVER M. CSONTOS 63rd, last of the B-17 period, wants to sign up. Information was sent to him the 1st of August. If you know him, tell him to sign on. I think we called him Mike -Address 259 Autumn Run Schenectady, NY 12306-6702.

EARL RESHAW 65th Pilot sent in a story in the news paper on **ERNIE PYLE** 50 years ago--I did not remember he was killed on Ie Shima, about four miles from the 43rd strip. The paper had a picture of **EARL** and the four B-24's painting -a very short article, Thanks **EARL** for sharing " your short lived fame" with us- In our world your fame will always live on. Sorry you couldn't make Cheyenne, but you were in our thoughts. God Bless.

PATRICK TUTTLE is now located in Joplin, MO -new job with the University: I think he needs to devote all his time to his new career, so he will not be helping me for a while. He has saved me and we all thank him very much. If I goof up he will still bail me out. Thanks again and Best Wishes on your new career.

That's about it from **MARY LOIS** and me--due to time this news letter is mostly from a Used Car Salesman--Next letter in January will be back to 43rd Standers, several have offered to help and will be aboard shortly. God Bless & Keep You

BILL & MARY LOIS

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM THE ROSTER FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

LELAND ADAMS	64TH	CLARENCE T HUFFMAN	64TH
WARREN H BENDER	65TH	DONALD E JOHNSON	65TH
EDWARD J BERGER	64TH	DR. JOHN KAPITAN	65TH
CLAIR BLACK		ROBERT "BOB" KERSEY	403RD
ARMAND BLAIS	64TH	BILL KILLEEN	63RD
BORE		RICHARD D KING	ASSOC
LEONARD O BOWEN		WILLIAM P KISILUK	65TH
ROBERT F BROCK	403RD	ROBERT B LANGLEY	63RD
JAMES H BRYANT	65TH	WILLIAM LEGERSKI	403RD
LEONARD "PAT" BURKE	403RD	BRUNO LIPUT	64TH
LEONARD E BURNS	63RD ✓	DANIEL R MAHONEY	63RD
JOHN J CAIN	64TH	NATHAN M MALNEKOFF	64TH
PETER P CARDARO	63RD	FRANCES J MC BRIDE	64TH
JACK A CARLYLE	403RD	JOHN F MC CARTHY	65TH
ERVIN J CHAMPEAU	65TH	JOHN F MC DOWELL	63RD
ORVILLE W CLINTON	64TH	J F "MAC" MC GAUHEY	65TH
RAYMOND COLBERG	403RD	KENNETH A MEAD	63RD
WILLIAM T COOPER		JOHN H MITCHELL	ASSOC
M L CRABB	65TH	FIDEL G MONTALVO	64TH
DANIEL H CROMER	65TH	ROBERT L MORHART	HDQRS
HAROLD F CROSS	64TH	ARTHUR R NELSON	63RD
DAVID CURRAN	403RD	JOHN R O'DWYER	65TH
ALAN CURTIS	403RD	JAMIE C OSBORN	63RD ✓
WINFRED B DAVIS	63RD	CAESAR PAGNOTTA	HDQRS
VINCENT DECESARE		WANDA WISKIN PARKER	ASSOC
EARL C DILLINGHAM	63RD	GEORGE L PASCOE	403RD
MARLIN W DITCHEY	63RD	THOMAS H PASKELL	
SEYMOUR DRESHER	65TH	HULBERT PINKERTON	64TH
RUSSELL DUBLIN	63RD	E PAGE PRESTON	65TH
JOHN T DUCK	63RD ✓	JOHN B RATEKIN	65TH
MURRAY DUGGER SR	403RD	JOSEPH B RICHARD	65TH
WILLIAM E DUMKA	63RD ✓	RUDOLPH RYPYSC	63RD
MIKE DURMOND	65TH	WARREN L SCHAEFER	403RD
KENNETH EIDEN	63RD ✓	ROBERT SCHWITZ	65TH
LESTER R EMERSON	403RD	BERNIE SCHWARTZ	403RD
ALBERT E FELDBIN	64TH	GEORGE A SCHWARTZ	65TH
PATRICK FITZGERALD		HOMER C SHERIDAN	ASSOC
BRYAN A FLATT	403RD	GLEN SHUMAN	64TH
MERVYN GADWAH	63RD	ROBERT V SIDENSOL	64TH
VERN H GASTON	65TH	NEAL SMITH	403RD
RUBY A GLOVER	63RD	DONALD A SMITH	403RD
GENE "FLASH" GORDON	403RD	ROBERT T SNIDER	64TH
HAROLD D GORE	63RD	CLINTON S SPURGEON	64TH
A H "HANK" GOTHELF	403RD	WILLIAM "BILL" STAMPER	65TH
ESTHER A GOVAN	ASSOC	JULIAN P STEWART	63RD
GEORGE GREEN	403RD	JOHN P STUPAK	65TH
GEORGE B GREEN		W B TRIGG	
E M "MIKE" GYERMAN	64TH	ALBERT F TUBBESING	63RD
E H HALLSTORM	65TH	LILLIAN TULIG	ASSOC
EVERETT A HAM JR	65TH	FRED VESSELS	403RD
WILFRED R HARDER	65TH	JOHN WADDELL	403 RD
PAUL D HART	403RD	EARNEST J WALES JR	65TH
BRIAN T HASTINGS	403RD	GEORGE C WELCH	63RD
KENNETH HAYDEN	65TH	LAWERNCE W WELCH	63RD
ROBERT H HEISE	64TH	CLIFTON WHITE	403RD
FRANK D HERNDON	65TH	PHIL WOLF	403RD