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## SEASONS GREETINGS

It is almost impossible to send individual Greetings to all of you wonderful People, so just let me take a little space to wish all of you a special Holiday Greeting from my wife Hannah and I and also all the members of the Board Of Directors of the 34th Bomb Group.

Summer has come and gone and my wife and I have met a lot of you wonderful people in our travels. Now that winter is approaching our visiting will have to be done thru letters from all of you., for we do not do much traveling when the weather is bad.

It has been a very rewarding year for the 34th Bomb Group, we have witnessed the growing of our Great 34th Bomb Group. I had set a goal of 500 members by reunion time in Orlando, we even went over that by about 60 people. I hope that next year, we will be able to gain as many members as we have this year. We did it with the help of a lot of people and thru the articles you placed in your home town newspapers and thru the write-ups that were placed in the various magazines both Civilian and Military Magazines. Yes, some of you have asked if the newspaper articles have done any good, yes, they have for I have received calls and letters from all over the country not only from my people but from other Bomb Groups, asking about the 8th Air Force. You will note that some of our members are from Mexico and from Hawaii. I received a card from France, from one of our men, who was touring the Cemeteries there, asking about the reunion. He made it to the reunion but was unable to get tickets to our Banquet or the Sat. Nite Banquet. He had flown from Cal. to Tampa and driven to the reunion. He is Joe Marks. He had just heard about the 34th B.G. Joe I am sorry about the Banquet but they were sold out. Several more had hoped to come also, but could not get tickets. I did talk to Joe on Sat. Morning before he headed back to Cal. I hope you will be able to make it next year in St Paul Oct 15-18.

I am going to need all the help I can get next year, from you, to make our Bomb Group grow. I know that most of you have stored away in the attic, papers, which contain the addresses of some of our friends of the 34th, or in your current address book. Go thru these articles and try to find those who are missing. Go to your library where they will have phone books of various Cities where our missing friends lived and see if they still live there. In the last newsletter, I told you where to write, (Locator Center Ralldolph Field Tx), if the one you are looking for stayed in and retired from service. The cost is \$2.00 per person, for whom you are seeking, to those who did not retire from Service and to all who did, the service is free. You, who retired from Service, can help us very much.

I will try not to bore you with tales of our vacation in N.C., in Sept. but we had a wonderful time, doing nothing but walking the beach, fishing and resting. I assure you tho, I did write a few letters, for I had some that arrived the day before I left home. I made a few phone calls to some of the 34th whom I had heard from but hadn't met and talked to them. I did stop to see Joe Beaver in Hartsville S.C. Joe had been one of the Line Chiefs of the 18th until we arrived overseas, then he went to the Air Inspectors Office with the Group. My wife and I had a very nice visit with

Joe and his wife Becky, at their home in Hartsville, S.C.. Joe has retired now and would like to hear from some of his friends from the 34th B.G. He ask that when ever you are near Hartsville to stop in and see him and his wife.

Summer passed to quickly and time for the reunion rolled around. My wife and I started for the reunion by the way of Gatlinburg Tenn. where we were to meet several friends for a little reunion. On Sat. the weather turned rainy and cold so we headed for Sunny Florida and the reunion. We made our way over the Smokey Mts, where it had snowed during the nite and on towards Chattanooga and I 75. and then on to Fla. We arrived in Orlando too early for the reunion, so we visited various places on both Coasts and the Space Center. Upon returning to the Motel after leaving the Space Center we met Grady and Edith Deatherage. They had driven from their home in Collinsville Va. in one day and were both tired. There had been some illness in the family and they had not been able to leave their home as soon as they wanted to.

Next day was Wed. and the reunion was to begin, so we checked into the Twin Towers to await the arrival of the rest of the members of the B.G. We were sorry not to be able to greet each one but the Board of Directors of the 34th had their first meeting to further plan the Orlando Reunion and make plans for the next Reunion in St Paul Mn. Oct 15-18 1981.

At the Board meeting it was decided to set a membership fee for the 34th Bomb Group. This was to be \$5.00 per member plus anything extra you might want to give to keep the 34th B.G. going. I will have an application blank in this letter, fill it out and send it in with your membership fee along with a stamped self addressed envelope, to aid in the processing of your membership card. You might wonder why so much. There are several things we would like to do, such as, we would like to have our 34th B.G. Flags and Battle Streamers reproduced, if we are not able to find them. (I have several letters out on this). No luck so far. Al DiNunno is investigating the cost from a flag Company up in Pa. We also want to keep our newsletter( such as it) going out, as well as finding the rest of our lost friends.

After the Board meeting broke up, we went down to meet those who had arrived while we were in the meeting. We went to the large meeting room, where the anticipated number was 350 for the afternoon opening of the 8th AF Reunion. The report was that over 800- were there, Wed Nite I am sorry that I did not get to greet you all, who were there the first day. I had supposed our Hospitality Room would be ready but it was not ready until noon on Thursday.

Thursday morning all the Contact Man from all Units were in a meeting to be brought up to date about the affairs of the 8th AFHS. It was late when it broke up and then they told us the Hospitality Rooms were ready. Thursday all day was for registering and to do as one wanted, several of you went to Disneyworld and I know you all had a wonderful time( My wife and I visited it after the Reunion). Several went to play golf. Thursday afternoon was the Orange Juice welcome to Fla by the Fla Chapter of the 8th AFHS. I was so busy meeting people I forgot all about it. (I would rather meet the people than drink orange juice.) Thursday Nite was the Hangar dance and I know you all had a wonderful time.

Friday morning was the Wing and Wheels tour. I had a call the night before from Miriam Rogers, wife of Basil "Buck" Rogers, who had been the Line Chief of the 391st Sqd. She asked to meet me at the Wings and Wheels, I had been corresponding with her for some time but had not met her, she had told me "Buck" had passed away about 6 years ago. I looked for her at the Memorial Service but in such a crowd I couldnot find her, I had asked the people at the Museum and from the Rambling tours to watch out for her, soon I heard my name over the loud speaker, I was to meet Mrs Rogers in the Museum, My wife and I hurried to meet her and had a wonderful talk with her as we walked around the Museum. Miriam, it was nice meeting you, someday maybe we can have more of a visit. Thank you for you have done and for the pictures and memomentos which you sent. She had sent me some pictures of Buck and several of the others from the 391st whom he worked with. Miriam



one of the men from the 18th Sqd, says he will try to contact you. He is Jack Odom and he lives not too far from you in W. Palm Beach. He knew "Buck" very well. I did get to talk with Jack a few minutes before the Banquet on Saturday night. How about the rest of you from the 391st who knew "Buck". Miriam asked about you, Henry Tepper, she was wondering how you were getting along after your heart surgery.

The most impressive moment at the Wing and Wheel Museum was the Memorial Service and talk given in honor of those comrades who had fallen in Combat.

A Buffet style lunch was served out in the open on the parking strip and grass, complete with table cloths, silver ware and cloth napkins. The coffee ran out before other drinks for the weather was cold and windy. Most of us enjoyed being out in the sunshine and fresh air.

This was Friday afternoon and we were scheduled for a Bomb Group business meeting to be held in the afternoon. The ladies were to have a poolside party but the weather turned cold and they all met in the Orange room for a fashion show. The men all met in our hospitality room for a business meeting. Grady Deatherage conducted the meeting and introduced each Board Member and the ones who were newly appointed. Bob Wright of So Bend Ind. who had been an alternate, Dana Schrupp from Bozeman Mt and Seymour Issacs from Summit Park Utah were the newly appointed Board members. I am proud that all of you took an active part in the business meeting for it is not only the Board's job but it also is the job of everyone to know about the business of the 34th B.G. Some questions could not be answered about some things but the answers will be published in one of our newsletters. Harold Rutka explained why the delay in the Sqd. patches. The company had lost the order once but had not started production on them in time to have them at the reunion (I had a letter from Harold and the patches will be ready after Nov 20. The cost will be \$4.00 a piece, they will be 5 inch embroidered patches, not felt.) You can send your money to Harold for the patches. He lives at 11 Artavia St, Duluth Mn. 55811. If you write a check make sure it says donation on the bottom. To satisfy Uncle Sam. A question was asked about the reproduction of our 34th B.G. Book. Yes, we are having the original 34th Bomb Group reproduced. You will receive in the mail from The Battery Press, Box 3107 Uptown Station, Nashville Tenn. a survey sheet asking if the book was reprinted, would you buy one. Please do not throw this sheet away for the answer you give will be the outcome of the survey, as to whether the book will be printed and the price. If you do not receive a survey sheet write to the above address and tell them you will purchase one. The survey will end in Jan and if favorable the book will be out in about 90 days. Several other committees were appointed, By-law committee, Bill Cheek, John Dwyer and Malcolm Corum. Bruce Sothern was asked to head the unit rendezvous in St Paul next year. You have a lot of help near you in St Paul and vicinity, I am sure that a lot of them will want to help. Our business meeting finally broke up as it was getting late and the room had to be cleared for the 34th Banquet which was to be held that night.

Suddenly it was Friday Night and the night we had been waiting for. Yes it was the night of the 34th Bomb group Banquet, with Gen. William H (Bill) Creer, one of our Commanding Officers as the speaker for the evening. Some of our members who arrived late had to be turned away for the tickets for the Banquet on Friday and Saturday nights were sold out. One couple had gone home due to a death in the family, even at that we had a full house. I had told the ones who could not get tickets, if they wanted to hear the talk by Gen Creer, to wait until the Banquet was over and then come into the room to hear his talk. As our Banquet began I introduced the President of the 34th Bomb Group Ass'n, Grady Deatherage, who in turn introduced the Board of Directors and their wives. Grady gave a rundown on the business meeting that had been held that afternoon and while waiting on the food service Malcolm Corum presented Bill Creer with a framed copy of our Charter to hang in his office. After this a certificate of appreciation was given to my wife Hannah and me in appreciation of the work we had done, getting the 34th Bomb B.G. off the ground and into the air once again. This Certificate was signed by all who were there and I want to thank each of you who signed it. I will hang it in my office which is called the 34th B.G. Hangar and some

times my wife says it looks like a Hangar, it gets pretty cluttered some times.

Next Grady introduced Doug Underwood, who will be the Archivist and Advisor for our 34th B.G. Doug is also the Archivist for the 384th B.G. and for the 8th Air Force Historical Society. Doug was to introduce the speaker for the evening. In doing so he praised Sam Turnipseed and used the words that Sam had written about our speaker. He let it be known that if it had not been for Sam Turnipseed, there would not have been any record of the 34th B.G. from June '45 until de-activation. I can not remember the word that Sam had written, (The man who led our Group thru 8 months of the most active time in the 34th B.G. History was an unknown and misunderstood and extremely cautious individual. He placed the responsibility on those where it belong, he expected every man to do what had to be done and personally checked the results. In a few weeks things began to change and all the people in the organization began to respect his leadership and the higher Command, 3rd Air Div and the 8th AF Hdq., Gen Doolittle and Gen LeMay began to respect the 34th B.G. under his leadership. As a Commander he was cultured, he was stern, short spoken but became an able and just Commander.)

As Doug finished his introduction of Gen Creer and as Gen Creer rose to speak, he was greeted by a spontaneous burst of applause, for here was one who had led the 34th through 8 months of the most strenuous activities we had ever known. He began his speech by saying, it had been in his mind about the 34th and how to bring the 34th together again, when the letter came telling him that it had already been done. He congratulated each one who had worked hard to make this happen. He then asked each one to introduce themselves and their wives and guests. He then told us a few things which happened in the 34th B.G. Like the night the enemy hit us June 7th '44. He was at another control tower trying to help our boys find a safe field to land at. He also told how he had persuaded the Higher Command to let him hold a 100 Mission Party for the 34th B.G. He also told of V.E. day and his return to the Base after being at 8th AF Headquarters, and the celebration which was going on when he reached the Base. He often wondered who set the hay stack afire in the fields next to the Base. Then that night when the sky was lit up with the flare which were being shot into the air. Also the next morning when someone was racing the gas trucks around the perimeter of the Base. His speech was in praise of those who had given so much to win the war. He also told of the article he had written, when he came back to the Base that night. (We all received a copy of it before we left the Base for home, it is also in our 34th Bomb Group Book.)

He also told a few things that was wrong with the world today which threatened the well being of ourselves and the well being of our children. The grave concern to restore proper authority and the need of qualified men to take the reins today and that we had met the challenge once and that we were not too old to do it again. He concluded with "Gentlemen I congratulate you on what you have been, what you now are and what you can still be".

After the speech was ended several incidents were told about. One was brought out as to who was stealing the coal from the Base coal supply. Was it you "Pop" Spence? Another on who spoke about a few happenings was good old Blunt needle George Crump who told us of the shots he gave to the boys and how the medics took care of the men who were sick and wounded. George has a few pictures of the Medics. Hang on to them, George, for if our plans work out we will be able to use some of them in the future book to be written about the 34th Bomb Group.

Alex Kovach might not be a Methodist but he was sprinkled enough as he gave his name and the Sqd he was from, when all introduced themselves. How about it Jim and Pete, were you the ones who did the sprinkling?

A friendly rivalry went on as to which Sqd was most represented. 22 for the 7th Sqd, and 18 for the 391st with the rest divided among the 18th, 4th Sqds., Headquarter and the Medics.

Soon it was time for our Banquet to close and our 34th B.G. President asked Bill Cheek, who had opened out Banquet with a prayer to close it the same way.



These are the names and addresses of those who signed the Registration Book at the Reunion in Orlando. I know there are some names and addresses missing and if you will send me your name and address I will send it out in the next newsletter.

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 Cecil & Lenny Cohen. 7th Margaretville N.Y. 12455 Gunner Photo  
 Miguel & Laurencia Lopez. 18th 807 E Monroe st Rio Grande City, Tx. 78582 Fuel  
 Henderson Knight 4116 15th St East New Port Tichy Fla. 33552 Hdq. Bomb Sight  
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The above are the ones who attended the reunion or dropped in for visit. If there are any I missed let me know. I know some did not sign the register. Saturday was the show at Sea World. Lunch was served picnic style and those of us, who swore we would not stand in lines after we left the Service, found ourselves again standing in line. Just goes to show that a person will do almost anything for something to eat. The first show was the Water show with all the skiers and boats. It was very good. Next was the show with the whales and porpoises. We marveled at the way Shamu, the killer whale, did his acts. We had a lot of laughs at his antics. It was amazing that mammals from the sea could be taught to do the things that Shamu and the rest of the mammals did.

After the Sea World we returned to the Twin Towers for this was the last night of the reunion and was supposed to be the Highlite of the Reunion, with a dance afterward. Vaughn Monroe's Orchestra was to be featured for the dance. After the meal was over a trophy was presented to Gen William Kepner USAF Retired, who gave an acceptance speech. The next to speak was Joseph A Moller, His talk was good up until a certain point. By the time both men had finished their talk it was growing late and the time for dancing was almost over.

Next day was Sunday and check out time. Breakfast was a buffet style breakfast and again we all waited in line to be served. This was to be the farewell breakfast and we all said our goodbyes, with a promise to meet next year at St Paul, Oct 15-19 1981.

My wife had to do the checking out for both of us as I had a meeting with the 8th AFHS Board Members, I am on a Committee with several others to erect a Memorial to the 8th AF at Dayton. Joe Warth, former President of the 8th AFHS was the head of the Committee. We presented the plans for the memorial, also the estimated cost, to the Board. It was looked on favorably by the Board and would be decided on soon. You will hear more about the Memorial in the future newsletters.

My wife and I started home on Tuesday after seeing Disney World. On the way back I stopped in Atlanta and called Sam Turnipseed to talk to him but at the time he was not home. I did get to talk to his wife and left a message that someone from the 34th had called. Sam I am sorry that I did not get to talk to you. I wanted to talk to you about the reunion and to tell you, you had not been forgotten. Many of the men at the reunion asked about you, you should have heard Doug Underwood quote you when he introduced Gen Creer at the Rendezvous Banquet. I expect by now you have heard from Roy Jones, who has filled you in about the Reunion.

I stopped in Nashville Tenn. and talked to Dick Gardner of the Battery Press, who is going to reproduce our Original 34th B.G. Book. He is very enthusiastic about it and hope you all will send back the survey sheet, which the Battery Press is sending to each of you.

I do want to thank each one of you for coming to the Reunion and a special thanks to Gen Creer for being our speaker for the evening. Gen Creer I can remember when it was said that you were taking over the 34th B.G. It seemed as tho everyone had heard that you were a real tough Commander and the tension was felt down on the Flight Line. We cleaned up everything ready for your visit and I must say we did it well. We must have done it right for there were no complaints about the line. The change in Command did us all.



good. It was like missing an old Friend, when you were transferred to the Z.I. We had gotten used to your ways and we will always remember you as a firm but just Commander. Now that we have found you once again, you will be hearing from most of us again and we will be looking forward to seeing you at the next reunion in St Paul along with your wife Viv;

What would we have done without the men who brought pictures with them to show. I can't name them all but Cecil Cohen brought quite a few, Cecil was a gunner photographer and as he put it sometimes he did not know whether to take a picture or shoot his .50 Caliber machine guns. There was another Cohen who stopped in for awhile Lou Cohen and his wife Mimi. They came up from Miami to visit awhile. Lou was one of the members of the "Jive Bombers" the band which played for most of the dances at the Base. He too had some pictures to show. Romeo Therrian brought along his album of pictures to show and almost lost them. One of our men gave them to my wife for safe keeping. Two of the men from the 18th refueling came to the reunion. Miguel Lopez and his wife Laurencia from Rio Grande City Tx. I had just found Miguel and he called his friend, Marvin Garrison from Ohio to join him. Marvin was also the other one from the refueling. They had a time getting tickets to the Banquet on Friday nite but both managed to. I don't think that Marvin was able to get tickets to the banquet Sat nite, I did not see him there. Miguel and his wife were able to attend the Sat nite Banquet. Miguel did you know that when Alf Johanson decided not to go to the Sat Nite Banquet that he gave his tickets to Gerald Pine to give to you? Thanks Alf.

We had a visitor Thursday afternoon from St Petersburg, George Gerlach. George had been in the 34th when it was at Westover Field Mass. He moved to the west with the Group but due to a little bad luck, his plane crashed in the mountains of Idaho and he was discharged in 1943. George brought some pictures with him as well as some other momentos and gave them to me to keep for the 34th when ever we are able to establish a place to keep our momentos. I will keep them and maybe when our new Bomb Group Book is written, the pictures can be used in it. Thanks George, Let me hear from you again. I had forgotten that George had been injured in the crash.

Fred Berglund and his wife were not able to get tickets but they waited until just before Gen Creer began to speak and came into the room. Thanks for waiting Fred. I hope you enjoyed the Gen's speech as much as the rest of us did. The next reunion will be in Mn. so it will be near you. Maybe you can help Bruce if he needs help.

I have received several letters since returning home. The nephew of Oscar Hanson has written me and wants to hear from some of you men from the 391 who knew Oscar. Oscar went down on the Nov Mersburg raid. He is very anxious to hear from anyone who was on that raid. Jim's name and address is on the list in this letter. If you knew Oscar write to Jim. Oscar's son also flew B17s in the west. His son lives in Texas. He will probably write to some of you from the 391 also.

I received a letter and the most beautiful color picture of the 34th plane forming a formation, from Phil Sheridan of Media Pa. Thanks Phil for writing and for the picture. Phil took the picture himself.

Harold Parrish and Romeo Therrian both celebrated birthdays while at the reunion. Romeo received a cake from his daughter and the Group sang Happy Birthday to Harold.

All of you who received the 34th B.G. cap can thank Al DiNunno for them. He is the one who brought them to the reunion. Thanks Al.

My wife and I wish to thank all of you in Florida, who invited us to visit your homes. Thank you so much.

I have bent your ear long enough. I hope the year 1981 will be kind to all of you

God Bless You.

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I have received a letter from Mrs Andrew (Barbara) Blair of 1608 Cromartie Rd. Albany Ga. 31705, telling of the passing of SSGT Andrew Carl Blair on Oct 13, 1980. Any of you who knew Andy might drop her a line She would appreciate it very Much.

Also received word of the death of "Zeke" Tressler one of the Crew Chief of the 18th Sqd.

#### Corrections on Names and addresses

Leonard BreauX Address Change; 13311 Lobelia, Blossom Hills San Antonio Tx  
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Joe Edwards Should be Grand Prairie, Tx.  
Don McCarthy Address Crystal Mn.  
George Richart Should be Longmont Col.  
Charles Metz New Port Richy Fla.  
Merle Russel Change City to Watkins Col  
Granvel Pierce. Spelling of 1st name to Granvel  
Bill Cheek Z.C. to 33803  
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Bernard Schwartz and Edward Evans from 7th Sqd to 391 st  
Floyd A. Peede Jr. Change to Satellite Beach, Fla 32937  
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Frank Carlson Chg Address to 3622 Pine place Rd. Miguel Blvd.  
Clyde A Cessna should be Clyde A. Cessna  
Julian Mason Change City to Bradenton Fla.

Fellow Members of the 34th B.G.

Some of us have been discussing the idea of writing a new book about the 34th Bomb Group, as there are those who did not obtain a copy of the original book. It is our intentions to include a portion of the material contained in the original book, and also with your help add a lot of material and information that some of you possess, to show a little more detail of the things we remember.

Please answer the following data and mail to:

Lawerence D. Underwood  
301 Bowling Green Drive  
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- Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate date assigned to the 34th B.G. \_\_\_\_\_ at Blythe \_\_\_\_\_  
at Mendlesham \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Age at the time \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Job Assignment: Bomber Crew \_\_\_\_\_ Ground Crew: \_\_\_\_\_  
or others \_\_\_\_\_  
4 Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
5 Name of Planes you flew on as a Crew Members or as Ground Crew: \_\_\_\_\_  
6 If you were a Flight Crew Member, what position did you fly? \_\_\_\_\_  
7 How many missions did you complete? \_\_\_\_\_  
8 If you were Ground Crew, what was your specific job \_\_\_\_\_  
9 In going overseas, how did you travel? Fly \_\_\_\_\_ Ship \_\_\_\_\_  
10 Dates Stationed at Mendlesham From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  
11 What places in England did you visit \_\_\_\_\_  
12 Did you experience one or more serious incident or witness an experience on any of your missions? If so, please write a brief description on the back of this page  
Crashed ☐ Shot down ☐ Wounded ☐ Bailed Out ☐  
P.O.W. ☐ Interned ☐ Escaped ☐ Others ☐  
Shot down Enemy Air Air Craft \_\_\_\_\_  
13 Do you have have Photos or negatives that you would consider loaning for use in this book of the following  
Combat Photos ☐ Nose Art ☐ General Photos of the Base at Mendlesham ☐  
☐ General Photos Depicting Living Conditions and personel in Action, Work or Play, Dances, Parties, Etc.  
☐ A good photo of yourself at that time  
14 Describe one of your most impressive experience while assigned to the 34th

Your participation will be greatly appreciated

Very truly yours

*Grady C. Deethridge*

From the collection of:

Joseph K Marks

Pilot, 4th Sq., Crew No. 12, April - Aug 1944