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**34th BOMB GROUP REUNION
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Gerald's Jottings

By Gerald Pine

President 34th B.G. Ass'n

Greetings:

My thanks to all, who attended the Houston reunion and helped make it work out. For those who couldn't make the trip to Houston, I'll brief you on some of the direction of the 34th Bomb Group, in this next year.

First off, WE, the 34th Bomb Group Ass'n, are going to have our own 34th Bomb Group reunion, alone, by ourselves. This will be held without the blessing or hazards of several other groups mixing into our business meeting and dining area—yes, we will be alone in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, in MUSIC CITY USA, NASHVILLE, TN.

The efficient sales manager, assures me that meeting spaces will be adequate, the menu unquestionable and the rooms very comfortable. Both meeting and dining areas are adjustable to our needs. The sales staff and the catering staff have been most cooperative in getting this reunion airborne. They have promised me, they will be on hand throughout our stay, to aid us with any unforeseen problems.

BOB WRIGHT, HAROLD RUTKA and MYSELF form the reunion Committee, with the Board of Directors ready to render aid, where needed.

The FIRST 34th BOMB GROUP GOLF TOURNEY, will be held at reunion time. This tournament will be managed by the able and knowledgeable MR. GEORGE RITCHIE and MR. DANA SCHRUPP.

No need of explaining the message from your President. You have asked me, time and time again for a 34th B.G. Reunion of our own and have said you would come, now I am holding you to your word. We are expecting more at this reunion, than have been in attendance at the others we have had with the 8th AF. So some on now and show the great 34th B.G. spirit and make your plans early to be at Nashville TN on Sept. 13 thru Sept. 16th, 1983.

At this reunion there will be plenty for the ladies to do and see, so bring your wife or girlfriend to our 34th B.G. reunion at Nashville.

Some of you have been holding crew reunions, so why not call the members of your crew and make this a crew reunion as well as a 34th B.G. Reunion. Lets see which crew can have the most crew members present.

I want to report that the Memorial Plaque has been installed, on the Memorial Wall at the A.F. Academy at Colorado Springs, as reported to me by Dana Schrupp, who carried the ball on this

I am sure they will produce a lively day on the links for even the average Duffer. I wish to thank these two fine fellows for so unselfishly volunteering their services for this outing. So come early and bring your golf clubs.

Campgrounds have been contacted for those, who wish to attend the reunion and stay in their campers.

The Board of Directors are mulling over the likelihood of the 34th B.G., issuing a life membership. There are several pros and cons, to this action and it requires some forethought before any permanent decision can be made. We have a clear thinking group of people on the Board and I am certain, their last thoughts on this, will be for the benefit of both the 34th Bomb Group Ass'n and its members.

There will be more information on the reunion and other activities in the future newsletter.

My wife Wanda and I wish the best of Christmas and New Years to you.

Gerald Pine
President, 34th B.G. Inc.

Memorial. Money for this was raised by Dana Schrupp and Grady Deatherage, thru the sales of the 34th B.G. jackets. Malcolm Corum has sent the picture, shown among the pictures on another page, of the Memorial Plaque. Thanks Dana, Grady and Malcolm. Jackets will go on sale again, but at a higher price, see the insert in this newsletter.

Before I tell about the Houston reunion, I would like to print a letter from Bruce Sothern who was on the trip back to Mendlesham with us. Sorry, it not arrive in time for the last newsletter.

Dear Ray,

I am writing to tell you how much I enjoyed the trip back to England. I was glad to see and greet some of my old buddies, one more time. Will you agree with me that those who were unable to go, missed a good trip? I thought the trip was well planned in every detail, thanks to Ruth and Murray Fein. Of course, Ol Buddy, if it hadn't been for you, I would have been one of those who missed the trip.

Just for a moment let me reminisce: I arrived with Jerry Dickman and Keith Anderson, at our old Air Base, to see it had been converted back to its original use — farm land — but to our surprise, there stood the 7th Sdg Engineering Office, the cement was still there, where our dispersal area was. All the rest, including the runways and most of the taxi strips had been removed. I saw the tiedowns where our maintenance tent stood. A large portion of the firing range, back-stop hill, still stood. I closed my eyes and there was McDermott, getting ready to taxi "The Wrangler #209" out for a take off. I ran and unplugged the auxillary unit, pulled the chocks and gave him the thumb up sign. (I had flown with McDermott, who later was lost over the target, when two planes collided. With him were Welch, Durreh, Roberts, Palmer, Wingfield, Hudson, and Braucks. On the other plane was Whited, Moyer, Strinum, Garmen, Lambert and I am not sure of the other). I opened my eyes and sorta felt foolish, for thinking those thoughts. However, I closed them again and this time, I saw B17s. Lo an behold there was #367, "Gotta Haver". I went out and climbed in the cockpit and started the engines. I saw, looking to my right, my old buddy Dick Fueling, topping off the tanks on Dex Jordan's plane. I heard a .50 Caliber and right before my eyes, I saw a fuel truck catch fire, just then Keith Anderson pulled the truck away, where it eventually burned. About that time, I heard a familiar voice, it was "Pete" Gray in the next hard stand washing cowling with 100 octane gas. Naturally he was emitting rebel sounds, cause the prop was from "Gotta Haver" was blowing his cowling around abit. I opened my eyes just in time to see Capt. Cole, come riding by on his "Go-Cycle", which Ray Swyler and Jerry Dickman had made for him

Ray, I could reminisce a lot longer, but just then, the bells started jingling. Sure enough there stood a cart, loaded with tea and tarts. When no one came to dispense the goodies, I knew it was time to come back to reality. In '45 when we left Mendlesham, I can remember looking back at the place, we called home for a hectic years. To me the trip back to our home was worth the whole trip. Everything else was "just the frosting on the cake" and there was plenty of frosting!!! Bruce Sothern

Just received a letter from Randall Martin. He and his crew of "Ol Buddy" had a reunion in Michigan and all were present but "Pete" Gray (he was with us at Houston). It seems the winner of the "Ol Buddy" Golf tournament was George Webster, Navigator of the crew, with Don Gibbs Bombardier, running a close second. Don was a good sport and paid off his debts, with only a hint of a tear in his eye. Charlie (Smitty) Smith took care of the ladies, while the golf tournament was going on.

Randall is gathering up some photos to send to Ian Hawkins, who will place them in the Pubs at Mendlesham. More about this later.

The reunion of the "Ol Buddy" Crew was saddened by the death of Jack Graham, one of the crew members of Jackson, MI who passed away just a few weeks before the reunion.

Now for a list of those who came to the reunion: Ralph and Mary Applegate from South Bend, IN. Ralph was with the Medic and has been to quite a few of the reunions. He says he will try to get the rest of the Medics to Nashville next Year. Lawrence and Lucille Babcock from Kansas City, MO. Bud, as he is known was with Roy Jones when he went down, glad to see you. Shelby and Margo Alexander from Houston, TX. Shelby was the Pilot for H. Rutka, Grady Deatherage and W. Howarter. Hope you can make the reunion in Nashville. Eli and Rose Baldea from Crown Point, IN. Eli was elected to the BoD of the 34th B.G. Have you two rested up from your trip to England? Hope you plan going back with us in '85. "Hank" Bloomer from Waco, TX. I had him listed as Harry until I received a letter from him. He was really an 8th AF Hdq man, who can to the 34th to help us with the equipment when the intruder knocked the B24 down into our equipment hangar. Jean Boulaine from Calvert, TX, not too far from Houston. Jean was on Ray Brown's crew. I had not met

Jean until we met at the reunion but had heard from him. He volunteered to help if we needed any at the reunion. Leonard and Velma Breau, San Antonio, TX. Len "Bro" was the Sgt/Maj of the 34th when we went across to England. He and Velma were sure cutting a rug on the dance floor Saturday night. Robert and Janice Myers, from Houston. Jan is Len and Velma's daughter and Len and Velma brought them to the reunion. Hope they can come with you to the Nashville reunion next Sept. Paul and Betty Bresh from Ft. Meyers, FL. Paul was a pilot in the 391. We saw them one day when Hannah and I were in Florida. We had breakfast together one foggy morning. Ray and Harriet Brown from San Antonio, TX. I had heard from Ray several times and if you recall the picture of the plane Shadrack. Ray was the Pilot of that plane. Warren and Millie Armstrong, from Albuquerque, N.M. Warren is building a couple of small planes in his "Toy Shop" in Albuquerque. Ralph and Mary Bush from Springfield, IL. Ralph is on the BoD of the 34th B.G. and is still active in the Illinois Air Guard. Paul and Mary Buss, from Olney, IL. Paul has been attending all the reunions since the 34th found him. I get a call from him and Mary quite often. We are expecting you over one of these days. Henry and Bonnie Butler, from Garden Grove, CA. Henry met some more of his crew here at Houston. B. Grimes, R. Schwartz and Mike Jaccobausk. "Smitty" said to tell you hello. Cecil and Terry Cohen from Margaretville, NY. Cecil works with the National Rifle Club, it keeps him busy. He was a cameraman for the 34th B.G. and has a lot of negs. from the missions. Malcolm and Tille Corum from Colorado Springs, CO. They have recently moved from Texas to Colorado. Malcolm is a former President of the 34th B.G. Ass'n.

Lonnie and Dorabell Crook from Shreveport, LA. Lonnie and Dorabelle recently spent several weeks in MN. Lonnie was Group Bombardier Instructor for the 34th B.G. Joe and Verna Edwards from Grand Praries TX. Hope you come to the Nashville reunion and bring your musical instruments. They both play the cornet and can really make things jump. William Fandel from San Antonio, TX. Bill looks good, guess the Texas golf course air agrees with him. Glad you could make it this time Bill. Come to Nashville next year and play in the golf tournament. John Dozier from Boiling Spring Lake, NC. John had just written to me a few weeks before the reunion and was not sure he could make it to Houston, glad you came. Lee and Bonnie Fossum, from Couer D Alene, Idaho. Bonnie, Hannah wants to know about you coming to our room one day. Wrong key or wrong room? Ha! Lee and Ken Lockwood are two of the three survivors of their crew. Wm "Pete" Gray from Va Beach, VA. Pete had to make a decision, whether to come to the 34th B.G. reunion or the reunion of his crew of "Ol Buddy". It was a hard decision to make, I am sure. Your crew says they will be us in Nashville next year. "Pete" is another BoD Member. Willis Griffiths from Sequim, WA. Willis drove his RV down from Washington and went to the CAF show at Harlingen, TX and then came to the reunion. We missed seeing each other at the show. Bryant and Myrtis Grimes, from Houston, TX. Bryant helped me out at the pre reunion meeting in April. He also was the one who borrowed the American and Texas Flag for our Banquet. Thanks to you both. Anthony and Joan Habiger from Topeka, KS. Tony was on Paul Buss's crew and has been coming to all the reunions since he found out the 34th was active again. Milton and Kay Hansen from Madison, WI. Glad to see you again. Milt has restored an old car, I hope to see it one of these days.

Wayne and Laverna Howarter from Wilda, KS. Wayne was on Alexanders crew. He also is a BoD member. Bill Ingram from Phoenix, AZ. Bill was on Ray Brown's crew and had forgotten his ticket for the Friday night banquet and the girl at the door would not let him in. Did you find Ray Brown Saturday night? Seymour Isaacs from Summit Park, Utah. Seymour was a pilot from the 4th and still flies Frontier Air Line. Wally Jackson from Springfield, IL. Wally got called home Sat. morning, had to go back to work as one of his men took ill. Mike and Margie Jaccobausk from Van Nuys, CA. Mike met several of his crew

here at Houston. Ken Lockwood from Cordell, OK. Ken brought his daughter from Shreveport, Dr. Bonita Lockwood with him. I hear from Ken quite often. Give Frank Crabtree a call and get him to come to the reunion next year. All his men asked about him. Miguel and Laurencia Lopez from Rio Grande City, TX. Good seeing you again Mike and Laura. Mike was in the 18th Sqd and serviced up many of your planes. Give the rest of your buddies a call to come to the reunion next year. Earl and Helen Maciel from Warwick, RI. Earl came from quite a distance to see their old friends from the 34th. Glad to see you both again. Dan Marks from Manahawkin, NJ. Dan's first time at the 34th reunion. Glad you came, hope you come next year. I still have the name tag you lost. James Martin from Santa Ana, TX. Jim was not able to get tickets for the banquets but that did not stop him from staying. He was elected to the the BoD of the 34th B.G. this year. Walter and Ruby McAllister from Orlando, FL. Walt was a pilot in the 7th Sqd Several of his crew were present. G. Ritchie and Eli Baldea. Walt pinned the citation, "Worlds Greatest Bomber Pilot" on Roy Tavasti Friday night at the banquet. Wish I had your gift for talking. John and Mary Mollica from Culver, CA. John was on Paul Bresh's crew and was known by all as "Ol Hot Rock". Hannah and I were at the same table as John and Mary at the Saturday night banquet. Jack and Beatrice Odom from Riveria Beach, FL. Jack was an 18th Sqd ground crew. We had a lot of good times together in England back during the war. Gerald and Wanda Pine from Waunakee, WI. Your new President of the 34th 7th Sqd, R.O. Gunner on Bob Wright's crew. Gerry is taking charge of the Nashville reunion. Hal Province from Slidel, LA. 391st man, Hal is putting all names and addresses on Computer for me. On the way home, we stopped along side the road for a talk. Thanks Hal and Jan for the invitation to stay the night. We will take a rain check and come back. George and June Ritchie from Fayetteville, NY and also NC. George was on Walt McCallister's crew. They came early to play in the Golf Tournament. June took honors in the ladies golf tournament and won a trophy. What was the matter with you George, letting your wife beat you? Ha! Everett and Peggy Rose from Tacoma, WA. They bought a new RV and drove down to Houston. Did you make it out of the garage at the hotel? Everett was 7th Sqd Crew Chief and a BoD Member. Harold and Genevieve Rutka from Duluth, MN. Harold is the new 34th V.P. Was it too cold to go swimming? I heard the swimming pool was just outside your door. Jack Schade from Summit Park, Utah. Although he is not of the 34th, he has been coming to the 34th B.G. Reunion with Seymour Isaacs. Hope you like the reunion, Jack. Dana and June Schrupp from Bozeman, MT. Dana was a pilot in the 34th. He and I were supposed to meet at the CAF show at Harlingen, TX but failed to do so. We were staying at Brownsville at a motel next to each other and did not know it. Dana has charge of the jackets. Robert and Laura Schwartz from Van Wert, Ohio. Bob was a pilot from the 7th. Bryant Grimes tells an interesting story about how Henry Butler, would get Bob's attention when they were flying.

Frank and Alda Sivret from Shrewsbury, MA. It was a happy reunion when all the ground crew saw Frank. He was a crew chief from the 7th Sqd. How about next year Frank? Bruce Sothorn from Minneapolis, MN. Bruce was a crew chief from the 7th and is a BoD Member of the 34th B.G. Bruce was with us in England last summer. Ray and Hannah Summa, 18th Sqd crew chief. You know I was glad to see all of you there. Roy and Kate Tavasti from Pismo Beach, CA. Roy was 7th Sqd C.O. and was the speaker for the 34th B.G. Banquet on Friday night. Roy we recommend you for a speaker anytime. Your speech about the history of the 34th was superb. Hope you and Kate enjoyed your trip back to the East. Doug Underwood from Montgomery, AL. Doug, did the speaker put you to sleep at the Saturday night banquet? I think he did most everybody. Hope you like the picture. John Wack from Berlin Center, OH. I saw you one afternoon but could not find you again. Sorry I did not get to talk to you more. Robert and Esther Wright, Bob was a 7th Sqd Pilot. He was last years 34th B.G. President and did a good job. He is helping Gerry and Harold Rutka out on the Nashville reunion. Thanks for all your help to me this last year.

Now for a little about our trip to Texas and the Houston reunion.

Here it is Nov. 15, 1983 and I have held off finishing the December newsletter waiting, yes waiting, on you to write. Remember me going from table to table at the dinner, on Saturday night asking each one of you to write me as to how you liked or didn't like the reunion. Well, I have given up for I have just received only one letter about the reunion and this was from Paul and Mary Buss. So after I write the comments from Paul and Mary you will just have to read or listen to my version of the reunion. Maybe you did not like the reunion, how am I to know, I have not heard from any of you except Mary and Paul. Frankly, I am disappointed.

Here is Paul's and Mary's comments: Ray, as far as comments go for your next newsletter, among the fond memories of our reunion, is the contribution of one of our 8th AF members at the Symposium who said: "After forty years of marriage to the same wife, there may well be memories of the bride having a few warts, but after these many years, those warts may be considered beauty marks." —Paul and Mary Buss—

Many of you might have tried to contact us at the end of September, but as I told you, we left early to see the east part of Texas. We had seen the West section and now the opportunity came up for us to see the rest. I want to say we had a wonderful trip and saw a lot of things. We went to Houston first, then to Galveston Island and then to North Padre Island and then to Harlingen, TX to the CAF Air Show. We stayed a few days at Harlingen for the show and to see one of our 34th B.G. 18th Sqd men "Lefty" Gardner fly in to the show in his P38 "White Lightning". Boy, that was a sight to see. All that did not see the show missed a lot. After Harlingen, we went to Brownsville, TX, South Padre Island and of course over to old Mexico. We returned to Houston a couple of days early to see some of the places around Houston and to wait on the reunion time. We visited the Astro Dome at Houston and enjoyed it very much. It was worth the money and time it took for the tour of the Dome. If you missed this you missed something good. We have always wanted to see Gilley's and this was the opportunity to do so. One night we left the motel and went to Pasadena to Gilley's. We were amazed at the size, for it covered several acres. It is one big entertainment place. Bars all around the place and flashing lights from the game machine make it seem like a planet from outerspace. It was free beer night at Gilley's. We sat down next to the mechanical bull and watched the crowd try to ride the bulls. Most of the ladies were successful, but most of the men were thrown. On our way to another spot inside, we passed one stationary bull, where one could take pictures of friends riding the bull and not being thrown. I fell off this one just as Hannah snapped my picture. Only my pride was hurt as I heard Hannah say, "You can't ride the bull, but you can sure throw it". Next day was Wednesday and we moved into the Hyatt Regency where we had reservations. Talk about plush, this hotel had it. They even turned the beds down at night, left the radio on and a couple of pieces of chocolate. For the price, they should have left the box. Ha!

I spent most of the day Wednesday in a meeting with other Unit Contract about business of the 8th AFHS concerning the Unit Contacts. Thursday morning Hannah and I had an early breakfast with other Unit Contacts and then I had another meeting to attend called the Unit Contact Workshop. We were to learn how to build up each unit and about a memorial building and a few other things. Quite a meeting, it lasted until afternoon. I finally left and went to the Hospitality Room to meet Hannah, she and the other officers of the 34th were already in the Hospitality Room. I met a lot of you men that afternoon and I must apologize for not being able to spend more time with you. Next year I have a promise that I will be able to sit down and talk to for for Gerry says the reunion committee will be able to take care of things. There are thousands of questions I want to ask all of you, if I am to keep a record of the Bomb Group.

Several stayed late in the Hospitality Room on Thursday for we were editing the slide of the dedication at Mendlesha, Cambridge and at Duxford in England. Others went to the dance which was

held in the main Ballroom. The slides belonged to Bob Wright, Bruce Sothern, "Pete" Gray and Eli Baldea. They were to be shown after our reunion banquet on Friday night.

We were up early on Friday morning for we were to go on the NASA Tour. Breakfast was a continental breakfast and might have been good but did you ever try to balance a roll and a cup of coffee to eat and drink, and no place to sit down? Someone goofed as there was no place to sit or place your drink and roll. It was a job trying to eat and balance your plate at the same time.

We boarded the bus for the Hobby Airport, changed from the Ellington Base. Here we saw the B17 "Texas Raider". It was down, due to a redlining, something was wrong and it was being repaired. We also had to fly over by P51 and some other WW II Aircrafts. We boarded the bus again for NASA or the Johnson Center as it is called in Texas. We were supposed to have guides for the tour and not everyone was to go to the same place but we were let off the bus at the same location and each one followed the other thru the complex. We did see alot but did not get to see the Control Center. It took a special pass to see it. I do not know how many of our bunch were able to see it but the group of Japanese who were there had a guided tour thru the Control Center. After the tour we were to meet at the Memorial at the gates of the complex for a Memorial Ceremony. All groups with a rendezvous had a representative to lay a flower at a certain place at the Memorial. I was asked by the committee to be the one from the 34th B.G.

After we returned to our hotel, the 34th had a business meeting in the Hospitality Room. An election of officers was held. Harold Rutka was to be Vice President, Dana Schrupp to be Recording Secretary, Eli Baldea and Jim Martin to be on the B.O.D. Gerry Pine our Vice President took office as President, replacing Bob Wright whose term of office was up. A life membership was discussed but no conclusion was reached. It was tabled until more could be learned about the Life Membership. After this discussion, Gerry Pine gave a report on the next reunion of the 34th B.G. He had been in contact with several places at Nashville, TN; Dayton, OH; Louisville, KY and St. Louis. He had talked to the manager at the Hyatt Regency at Nashville and several other hotels and they were the only one who could be reasonable and still meet the needs of the large amount of our members who have said they would come to a reunion if we were to hold one of our own. This was discussed and voted on and was passed, by the members, to have our next reunion at Nashville, TN September 13th through September 16, 1984. Gerry was given permission to sign the contract and start proceeding for the reunion.

Friday night banquet was a huge success, food was good and the speaker excellent. As you know Roy Tavasti was the speaker for the banquet. He was the C.O. of the 7th Sqd and also the Operation Officer for the Group. He kept everyones attention when he told the history of the 34th B.G. when we changed from a Training Command back to the 34th B.G. Roy began by telling about the Base C.O. at Blythe, riding behind a Staff Car on a motorcycle or on a bus, picking up anyone who did not salute a staff car. The C.O. of the base also was the one who promoted the idea and placed the sign. "The World's Healthiest Air Base", we fly 365 days a year. He was eventually moved to another base, whether for good deeds or for bad. Roy also told how the 358 CTS became the 34th again. It seems as if one day, a General from the 4th AF, who we were under flew into Blythe with an engine out on his plane. Our C.O. graciously offered to fly him to his destination if he would observe the flying of our planes. he agreed to do so and when after seeing the flight of the combat crew, he asked, "why aren't you overseas flying combat?" The reply was, "that is what we want to know". A few weeks later the 34th B.G. was reborn as a combat group and just a few weeks later our orders were to prepare to go overseas. He also told of the move to Salinas and many things which happened to you and me overseas. (wish I had your notes Roy) He also said that the 34th was to be sent to the pacific to help out over there, but the bomb was dropped and the 34th being the oldest bomb

group in the US was disbanded and deactivated. Thanks Roy, we would like to have you as a speaker again. After Roy talks, slides of the tour of England was shown and the CBS film of July 10th news broadcast of the 34th B.G. and 8th AF tour of England was shown.

Saturday morning's breakfast was again a continental breakfast, but this time it was a sit down which was liked by all. After the breakfast the business meeting of the 8th AF was begun. Although we had a man running for the B.O.D. of the 8th AFHS, he lost by a few votes. I do not think the 8th AFHS members can recognize a good man when they see one. I think ours have been the best.

Saturday afternoon was the Symposium with Roger Freeman as the narrator. Bruce Sothern was one of the 34th men in the discussion of the B17 versus the B24. I am not sure who won, but I can say this, both had their uses and did the job they were intended for. Saturday night was the 8th AF banquet and dance. The food was good, the speaker was long and the dance music by Tex Beneke was great. We stayed until late at the dance to talk to those who stayed. It was late when we returned to the hotel.

Sunday morning breakfast was a sit down, full breakfast and we all enjoyed it. It was with mixed emotions as we said goodbye to all and wondered if would would all be together again, even though we all promised to attend the 34th B.G. reunion at Nashville next year.

Let us not forget to remember those of us who are ill and could not attend the reunion in Texas. I talked to Al DiNenno about Olive and he said she is holding her own. I called Keith Anderson and he reports his wife is still in intensive care. Joe Edwards called Mrs. Norton and Guy is about the same, she was glad someone called. I called Father Fred and he is feeling better and recovering from his operation. He is back to work a couple of days a week.

It will cheer up those who are ill if we call or send a card to them. All the addresses of those mentioned are on the list I sent out in September.

If you have pictures you would care to copy them and donate them to Ian Hawkins who will see they are placed in the Pubs at Mendlesham, England. As soon as I can make arrangements I will notify you as to the place to send them. This is one request I am sure we will want to fill.

We are trying to get all addresses correct and get them on the computer. If yours is not correct, please send me the correction as soon as possible. We plan to use computer labels on the next newsletters by zip codes. This will lighten the load on the Summas. 1984 dues are due, you will find a green slip for them in the newsletter. Fill it out and send to me with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. This will help me and the treasury of the 34th.

Now a message from your former President of the 34th B.G. Ass'n.

One of the significant accomplishments of the year can be the successful financing, rebuilding and dedication of the 34th B.G. Memorial at Mendlesham, England. This and the successful reunion at Houston, TX would indicate we had a good year and the 34th B.G. is still among the tops. It has been a real pleasure to serve you as President of the 34th B.G. and without the help of all of you these accomplishments would not have been successful. I wish our new President and the other Officers and Board of Directors best of luck in the coming year.

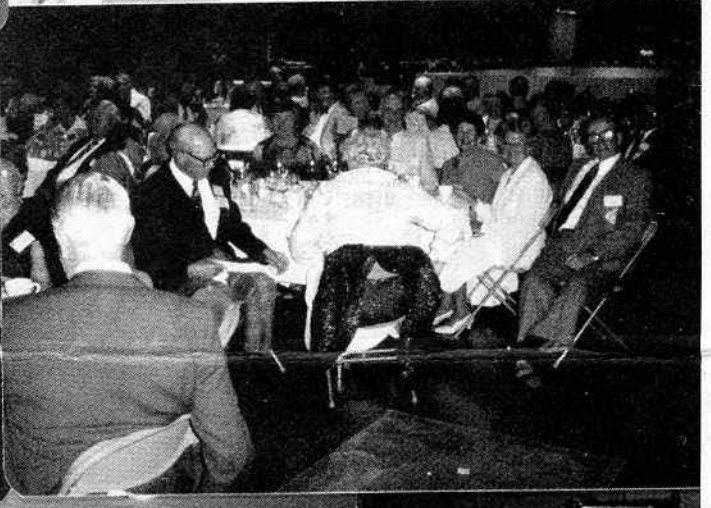
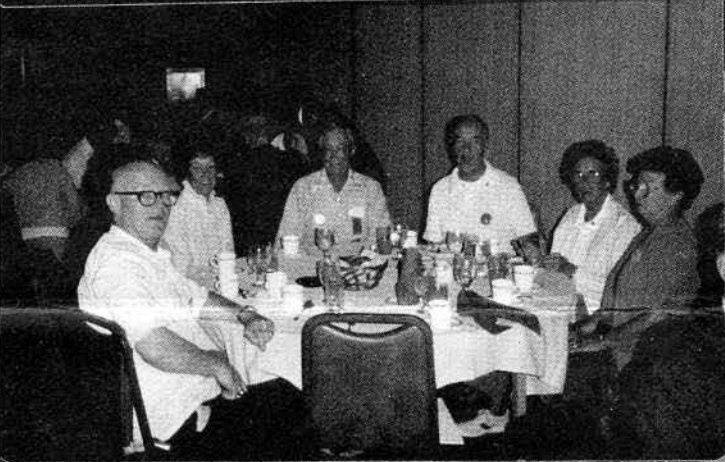
Robert H. Wright

Past President 34th Bomb Group Ass'n

Hannah and I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Ray and Hannah Summa

Please drop us a note, if you are planning to come to the reunion at Nashville September 13 — September 16, 1984.







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Seasmans Jones to Seasmans
Harry Nelson to Henry Nelson
Emet James Z.C. to 48180
Jim Hanson Z.C. to 55904

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