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OBSERVATIONS

Hello again! Well, our Seattle reunion has come and gone and, as expected, it was enjoyed by all. Along with the camaraderie, the northwestern part of our country is something to be experienced. And, contrary to popular belief, the weather was just gorgeous. We had sunshine every day with temperatures in the very moderate range with highs in the upper 70's and lower 80's.

Another interesting fact that Rose and I discovered was the unmistakable lack of insects. With the mild temperatures, our hotel window was open all day and night for our seven night stay. In all that time we never saw a housefly or any other annoying insects. We didn't think to ask any of the natives about this but, in retrospect, we saw no flies, bees, or stinging mosquitoes during our entire stay.

We took the tour through the city including a visit to Pike Street Market, an open air market selling fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and fresh seafood, as well as almost anything else you can imagine. The loudest complaint about that market was that the tour didn't allow enough time to traverse the entire complex.

Also on the tour was a visit to the Hiram Locks, which allows watercraft to traverse back and forth between fresh water Lake Washington and salt water Puget Sound. I believe, at low tide, Puget Sound could be as much as 24 feet below the level of Lake Washington. Quite interesting.

Also at Hiram Locks were the gate areas for salmon leaving Puget Sound to spawn in Lake Washington. It's exciting to see them jumping and fighting their way to the higher elevation of the fresh water lake.

Another interesting fact we learned was that the two highway bridges crossing Lake Washington are floating bridges because the Lake is so deep they couldn't put down any form of columns or stanchions that would handle the loads. So, as you drive across, you can, at times, feel the sway of the floating bridges.

In the "Notes From Our Friends" section of this issue is a letter from Grady Deatherage asking that we think about

having regional chapters for those who find it hard to travel long distances. If you agree with him please write him and we'll see what happens.

After this issue goes into the mails Rose and I are leaving northwest Indiana for our winter sojourn in Florida. I just read, in our local newspaper, that the Old Farmer's Almanac is predicting a colder and snowier winter for the Midwest this year. If it becomes fact we'll be happy to be away from here during that period.

We both want to wish you all the health and wealth you can garner for the upcoming holiday season. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Eli Baldea
Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is indeed an honor and a pleasure to have succeeded Walt McAllister as president of the 34th B. G. Association. I want to take this time to thank the following; Walt McAllister for chairing one of our largest reunions (249), the reunion committee for providing a truly memorable reunion site, and Paul Shull for providing the interesting new PX items. A good time was had by all. We were happy to see all the familiar faces, and all of the newfound friends, but we sorely missed all those who could not attend. The Board of Directors voted on and passed the revised Constitution and Bylaws. The weather was great, the Puget Sound was calm, and the salmon were delicious. So, save your money and mark your calendars for 9/26-29/91, Louisville, KY., so that we may be reunited with good friends.

Wally Brauks

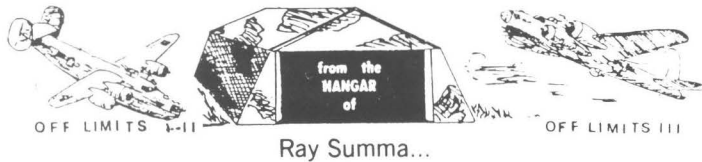
FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

Thanks to all who contributed to another great reunion. It would be hard to find a more beautiful part of the country with such a variety of things to do and see.

And thanks to all the individuals on the various committees who helped me so well during the past year. While most remain unnamed here, I do think all will agree that Jack Farley and his committee deserve special mention for an outstanding job on what was, without a doubt, the longest, most tedious, and most time consuming task of all; the complete revision of the 34th B.G. Association's CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

And thanks to all from Ruby and myself for the lovely Mikasa crystal fruit bowl, and for the great Travel Bar which we enjoyed through the next four weeks on the road. We visited all of Ruby's family and some of mine through Washington, Oregon, and California. We included a delightful visit with Roy and Kate Tavasti and Bob and Phyllis Gay. Also spent a most pleasant couple of hours at Jim Hollowell's home in Paso Robles. I hadn't seen Jim since October, 1944, when I suddenly departed the 7th Squadron for an extended vacation in the German countryside.

Again, Thanks to All
Walt McAllister (Mac)



Ray Summa...

Fello members of the 34th B.G. and wives:

At this time Hannah and I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and many Happy Holidays for 1991.

The reunion at Seattle has come and gone and I am sure those who attended had a real nice time and will always remember it as well as the scenery in and around Seattle. Wasn't it something to see? Those of you who didn't attend missed a real good time. We had several first timers there and we hope they will continue to come to the other reunions of the 34th. Gen. LeBailley's talk on Saturday nite was real good. He still has the charm that he had a long time ago.

As you know, Hannah and I were only home for a few days before we flew to Las Vegas to attend the 8th A.F. reunion, which was held in the Riviera Hotel and Casino. Quite different from our 34th reunion. I do think ours is the best for there were over 2000 8th A.F. members at their reunion. At ours, one gets to know the people but at theirs one can only remember a few. I was busy with meetings most of the time but did get to visit with most of the 34th B.G. members. At the meetings I learned a few new things and we rehashed over a few old things. Some, in my opinion, were a waste of time. But one must keep up with the business of the 8th AFHS.

Bob Nolan, Exec. Secretary of the 8AFHS, has resigned and the Society is looking for a replacement to run the Society like Woolnough did. (John Woolnough has a terminal illness and has resigned the positions he held in the

8AFHS.) Due to this and the resignation of Nolan, there will be no 8th A.F. News for October.

We had 20 people at the Rendesvous dinner on Tues. evening and all had a very nice time. Wed. evening we had 25 at the Gala Dinner. Bill and Viv Creer with a guest joined us with a few others. The food was good but the speeches were too long and the speaker didn't use the mike enough so it was hard to understand him. Many left before he finished his speech as it was 10:00 p.m. Most people wanted to dance or visit others or even to play the slot machines. By the way, Buck Olson's wife, Alma, hit the jackpot for \$1000.00 while he was at the business meeting. Some people have all the luck.

Harold and Gen Rutka had a little bad luck for, when they arrived to register on Sunday, they were told their registration form had not been received and all the banquet tickets were sold. They did join us after the Rendesvous dinner.

The cost of eating in Las Vegas is very cheap. Our Buffet breakfast at the hotel was just \$2.07 each and the Prime Rib Buffet dinner was just \$7.50 each including taxes. The lines were long but it moved fast.

We are looking forward to the 34th B.G. reunion at Louisville, KY., Sept. 26th-30th, 1991. The Galt House must be a good place. I am told many bomb groups go back there year after year. For those interested, the 8th A.F. reunion will be held at New Orleans over Labor Day.

Did any of you see the small planes that Bill Schildman brought to the reunion? He gave one to me and one to Vern Ames. He had carved them from wild cherry and they are excellent. One day we received a package from him and in it was a B17 that he carved. He had heard that I wanted to make book ends using a B17, so he carved one and sent it to me. Thanks very much, Bill.

Jack Bolton would like to locate the Mess Officer of the 34th, Paul G. Howard, who originally was from KY. Do any of you remember his old home town? Also, Cpt. Leonard Arteel from Duluth, MN. Also, if any of you know of anyone who remained in the AF after 1947 please send their names and S/N, if you know it, for we may have a way of locating our missing men thru a Locator Center in Texas.

Time is getting short for us. It seems as if when we find one who is alive we find one who has passed on.

Ray Summa



Can you identify these fellows?

REUNION

REPORT OF THE REUNION COMMITTEE

To all 34th Bomb Group Association Members:

The Reunion Committee was and is very happy to have made the arrangements for the "Family" to get together again in Seattle.

We missed all of you that were unable to attend. It was a great reunion combined with beautiful scenery and good weather. We welcome the first-timers and hope we'll see them again. To the members that did attend - "Thank you for your support!"

A special "Thank You" to Bill and Margo Burnell for their long hours and many deeds that helped make our Seattle Reunion a great success.

Thank You,
The 34th Reunion Committee
Gerald Pine
Harold Rutka
Robert Wright

34TH B.G. ASSN. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 15 Sept., 1990, Radisson Hotel, Seattle, WA.

Present: Pres. W. McAllister, V. Pres. W. Brauks, P. Anderson, H. Province, R. Summa, G. Pine, C. Romero, S. Wolstencroft, H. Rutka, C. Willis, R. Wright, E. Baldea, S. Baglio, J. Farley, B. Sothern, G. Goodnough, & C. Conklin.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Pres. McAllister. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by H. Rutka. S. Baglio gave the invocation.

Board and General Meeting minutes of 1989 were read and accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS - H. Rutka read excerpts from letters of various 8th A.F.H.S. members concerning the internal and financial problems of that group. Discussion followed.

R. Summa stated he is still sending letters trying to locate prospective members. He now has a method of obtaining addresses of those who were in the Air Force after 1947.

E. Baldea stated he continues to send the newsletter to the surviving spouse after the death of a member. He asked if he should continue to do this. After discussion, it was agreed that an inquiry be sent to the surviving spouses asking if they wish to continue receiving the MM. The inquiry to be included in the condolence card sent by the Chaplain, with answers to be returned to the MM editor. Baldea also discussed scheduling problems in publication of the MM. He asked about sending the 34th B.G. Roster to all names on the roster because of postage costs, etc. incurred by its weight and bulk. After discussing ways to reduce the problem, none of which offered sufficient advantage, it was agreed to continue sending the Roster to Dues-paying members only.

E. Baldea also stated he has contacted a local photographer to take pictures at the Saturday night banquet. After a discussion of the disturbance this might cause, a motion was made to approve the photographer this year and authorize \$35.00 per roll of 35 mm. film. Motion carried. Another motion was made and passed to have the Reunion Committee find a photographer at future reunion sites if the 1990 experience proves successful.

MIA/POW - W. Brauks reported not much progress at the present.

TRIP TO ENLAND - H. Rutka reported the total cost to the 34th B.G. would be \$273.60. He stated that in 1992 the East Anglican community is sponsoring many activities for a 50th Anniversary celebration. At the present time he could not recommend a 1992 trip because of the poor money exchange rate, and the international situation. After a discussion of gifts for the ladies in England, H. Rutka made a motion to send them silver medallions. Motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT -	16 Sept. '89	13 Sept. '90
Memorial Fund	8,650.69	5,983.51
General Fund	3,764.68	14,219.69
Life Membership Fund	14,597.85	17,520.85
Reunion Fund (1 Jan. '90)	2,570.44	13,415.66

WALL ART - R. Summa reported he recently had visitors from England who had helped in the removal of the painting from the 18th Sqdn. Day Room. It is now in the 95th B.G. Museum.

Pres. McAllister reported on actions he had taken to address the question of sending the Mendlesham Memories to all names on the 34th B.G. Roster. He explained the questionnaire that was prepared and sent to those names on the roster that were not dues-paying members. The results of the survey provided interesting data on the degree of interest, and reasons they had not become members. H. Rutka made a motion that those who indicate no interest in the 34th B.G. Assn. be eliminated from our mailing lists. Seconded by C. Romero. Motion passed.

SCHOLARSHIP - C. Romero reported this year's recipient was Lisa L. Schull, Paul Schull's granddaughter. A discussion followed on making the Memorial Fund available for Scholarship Fund needs. S. Wolstencroft moved that up to 50 percent of the Memorial Fund be made available as necessary to provide for first and second place awards. Seconded by S. Baglio and carried. C. Romero moved that the first place Scholarship Award be \$1000.00 and the second place award be \$500.00. Motion was seconded and carried.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS - J. Farley, assisted by G. Goodnough, conducted a paragraph by paragraph review of the revised document. Typographical errors were pointed out, and changes discussed. Major revisions agreed upon include:

Deleting voting rights for Associate members.

Requiring the approval of the general membership when the Board of Directors requests the resignation of a member.

Changing the term of office for officers from two years to one.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - B. Sothern and committee presented the following slate:

President	W. Brauks
1st V. Pres.	F. Schoch
2nd V. Pres.	C. Stemen
Recording Secr.	P. Anderson
Treasurer	H. Province
Unit (Contact)	R. Summa
Corres. Secr.)	

New Board Members E. Maciel & V. Holcomb

Our Chaplain, S. Baglio delivered the closing prayer. H. Rutka moved to adjourn. Motion seconded and carried.

Meeting was adjourned by Pres. McAllister at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Paul Anderson, Secretary

34TH B.G. ASSN. ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

15 Sept. 1990, Radisson Hotel, Seattle, WA.

Meeting was called to order by Pres. W. McAllister at 9:35 a.m. Chaplain S. Baglio gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by H. Rutka.

Minutes of the 1989 General meeting were read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT - H. Province gave a detailed report of each account, with balances as follows:

General Fund	\$14,219.69
Life Membership Fund	17,520.85
Memorial Fund	5,983.51
TOTAL	\$37,724.05

B. Sothorn moved, seconded by E. Baldea, to accept the report. Carried.

NEWSLETTER - E. Baldea explained scheduling problems in publication of Mendlesham Memories. He stated Oct. 26, 1990 would be the deadline for items to be included in the Dec. issue and made request for news items.

REUNION COMMITTEE - G. Pine gave dates for the 1991 Reunion as Sept. 26-29, at the Galt House in Louisville, KY, located on the river at Fourth St. The 1992 Reunion will be in Las Vegas, Nev., but firm dates are not yet set. He stated that a substantial reduction in room rates could be obtained if the dates do not include a weekend. Various cities in the East/S. East are being studied for 1993.

REUNION FUND - R. Wright reported the following:

Jan. 1, 1990	\$2,570.44
Sept. 13, 1990	\$13,415.66

(The 1990 reunion expenses not yet taken out of the Sept. 13 balance.)

TRAVEL - E. Baldea detailed some airline coupon packages which afford lower fares for senior citizens. These packages are available on most of the major airlines.

SCHOLARSHIP - C. Romero described methods used to determine award winners, and how close this year's contest was. The 1990 34th B.G. Scholarship Award goes to Lisa L. Shull. He asked that a \$1,000.00 first place and a \$500.00 second place Scholarship Award be instituted, with the additional money to come from the Memorial Fund as needed. Discussion followed on the danger of depleting the Memorial Fund. A motion, made by L. Sherman, seconded by H. Rutka, to establish the two awards and use Memorial

Funds as necessary, was carried.

PX - In Paul Shull's absence, Ray Summa reported sales were going well, and mentioned several new items now available.

AUDIT COMMITTEE - W. Howarter reported all accounts are in good order. A motion was made to accept the report. Motion carried.

Pres. W. McAllister explained the research done to resolve the question of continuing, or discontinuing, the sending of Mendlesham Memories to people who showed no interest in the 34th B.G. Assn. After discussion, D. Armstrong moved that all names be kept on the Roster, but names of those showing no interest be deleted from the MM mailing lists. Motion carried.

CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS - J. Farley went over draft copies sent to members. He explained changes required due to typographical errors or changes approved by the Board of Directors. It was also agreed to add a description of the Scholarship Committee, and require that the Nominating Committee consist of not less than three members. Motion made by R. Wright to accept the revised Constitution/By-Laws. Seconded and passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - B. Sothorn presented the following slate of nominees:

President - W. Brauks
1st V. Pres. - F. Schoch
2nd V. Pres. - C. Stemen
Recording Secretary - P. Anderson
Treasurer - H. Province

Unit Contact/Corresp. Sec. - R. Summa

New Board Members - E. Maciel & V. Holcomb

Motion made to close the nominations and accept the entire slate as presented by the nominating committee by acclamation. This was seconded and carried.

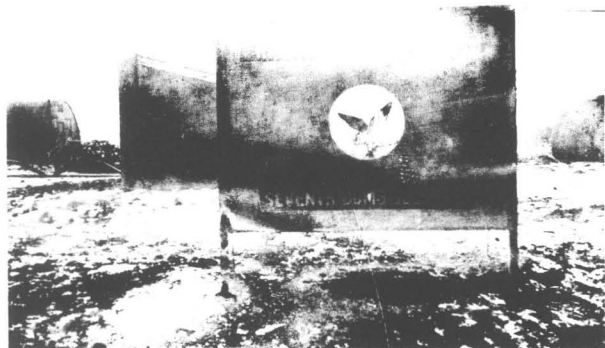
The number present at the 1990 Reunion was reported to be 243. Eight of these are first time attendees.

Our Chaplain, S. Baglio, gave the closing prayer.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and carried.

Pres. W. McAllister adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Paul Anderson, Secretary



7th Bomb Sqdn. Holiday Greetings at Mendlesham, 1944.

MOVING?????

Don't jeopardize receiving your next copy of MENDLESHAM MEMORIES by NOT telling us of your NEW ADDRESS! The Postal Service WON'T forward copies of MEMORIES! We need your NEW ADDRESS! Please advise ELI BALDEA, 2576 BROOKWOOD DRIVE, CROWN POINT, IN 46307 of your NEW ADDRESS!

1990 SEATTLE REUNION ATTENDEES

(Total 249)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAMES			GUEST(S)
Adams,	Bailey & Ruth	Jurgens,	Henry & Ruth	
Akers,	Kenas	Kenny,	Jim & Mary	
Albert,	Eugene & Ruth	Kincaid,	Gerald & Edith	
Ames,	Vern & Millie	Krystof,	Joe & Fran	
Anderson,	Paul & Beryl	Lauby,	Tony & Louise	
Armstrong,	Denton & Eileen	Leath,	John & Ethel	
Ashburn,	Jack & Frances	LeBailey,	Eugene "Ben"	
Attridge,	Charles & Evalyn	Lindia,	Joe & Dotti	
Atwater,	Vernon	Lonergan,	Edward & "B"	
Babcock,	Lawrence & Lucille	Maciel,	Earl & Helen	
Baglio,	Sam & Lee	Martin,	Howard	
Baldea,	Eli & Rose	Martin,	Jim & Bettie	
Baughman,	Cleo & Freddie	Martin,	Randall & Shirley	
Bess,	Leonard & Helen	Mayer,	Norman	
Bloczynski,	John & Marge	McAllister,	Walter & Ruby	
Boreen,	Lloyd & Bobbie	Moreno,	John	
Brauks,	Wallace & Doris	Morton,	Robert & Angie	
Braveman,	Milton & Elaine	Muente,	Fred & Ginny	
Brown,	Bill & Nita	Nendell,	Robert & Dorothy	
Browne,	William	Noehren,	Robert & Letha	
Burnell,	Bill & Margo	Orton,	William & William	
Buxton,	Jay & Elda	Palmer,	Raymond & Bula	
Caldwell,	Robert D.	Paxton,	Ken	
Camp,	J. Watson & Helen	Perez,	Juan & Mattie	
Casey,	Ralph & Dot	Pine,	Gerald & Wanda	
Clarkson,	Jack & Dorothy	Prillaman,	Arnold & Georgia	
Cole,	Robert & Ginny	Province,	Hal & Janice	
Conklin,	Claude & Genevieve	Reid,	Roy & Sybil	Marie McMeans
Coutros,	Anthony & Mary	Richmond,	Floyd & Marion	
Creer,	William & Vivian	Romero,	Cleveland & Henrietta	
Dees,	Robert & Edith	Rose,	Everett & Peggy	
DeHaan,	Ben & Helen	Rutka,	Harold & Genevieve	
DiNenno,	Al & Elsie	Ryan,	Gordon & Doris	
Doran,	Vince & Jean	Salveson,	Leon & Jeanne	
Fandel,	William	Scherr,	Fred & Libbie	Alex & Minette Moore
Farley,	John & Bernice	Schoch,	Frederick & Clara	
Forister,	Carroll & Sylvia	Schommer,	Paul & Betty	
Fossum,	Lee & Bonnie	Schroeder,	Robert & Jennie	
Frank,	Earl & Mary	Share,	Jack & Marian	Granddaughter Paula
Frankenstein,	Hyman & Kathleen	Sheesley,	Byron & Mary	
Freysinger,	Carl & Imogene	Shull,	Paul & Pauline	
Gavryck,	Chester & Jacquelyn	Sivret,	Frank & Alda	
Gay,	Robert & Phyllis	Smith,	James & Jane	
Gibbs,	Claude & Audrey	Sothern,	Bruce & Muggs	
Goodnough,	Bob & Judy	Spink,	James & Barbara	
Gorski,	Clarence & Irene	Springer,	Robert	
Gradin,	Bob & Ginny	Stampon,	Peter & Lucille	
Griffis,	Willis	Stemen,	Carl & Peg	
Hanchar,	Joseph F.	Summa,	Ray & Hannah	
Hanrihan,	James & Joy	Tandy,	Ervin & Marjorie	
Hansen,	Ambers & Jean	Tobiason,	Henry & Audrey	
Hansen,	Milton & Kathryn	Vanlandingham,	Dale	Dorothy Skoda
Henry,	Glenn & Kay	Vaughn,	Robert & Helen	
Holcomb,	Verbal & Betty	Veon,	Elly	June Wuertz
Howarter,	Wayne & LaVerne	Walker,	Oral & Marge	
Humphrey,	Clyde & Annette	Whited,	Rolly & Yolanda	
Inman,	Lloyd & Marla	Willis,	Clyde & Lynn	
James,	Gene & Helen	Wolstencroft,	Sam & Arlene	
Janson,	Wendell & Ann	Wright,	Robert & Esther	
Jenkins,	Richard & Isabelle	Wright,	Tom	
Jennings,	William & Carol	Young,	Wooten & Eileen	
		Zesch,	Edward & Dolores	

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Getting Down To Business



General Membership Meeting



Board Meeting



General Membership Meeting



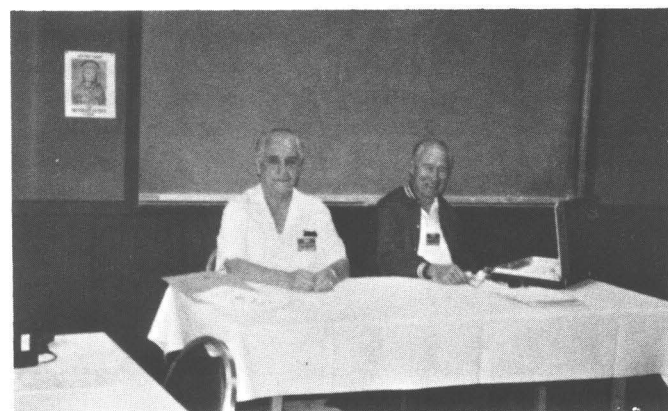
Board Meeting



Pres. Walt McAllister calls meeting to order.



Board Meeting



Board Meeting



L. to R.: Wanda Pine, Esther Wright, Helen Maciel, and Genevieve Rutka at the Registration Desk.

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L. to R.: Ben & Helen DeHaan and Juan & Mattie Perez.



L. to R.: Clyde Humphrey, John & Ethel Leath and Annette Humphrey.



L. to R.: Claude & Audrey Gibbs with Bonnie Fossum.



L. to R.: D. Armstrong, Rose Baldea, Sam Baglio, Harold Rutka, Randy and Shirley Martin.

Here and There



One-man band at Pike Street Market.



Ruby McAllister (back to camera), Betty Martin & Rose Baldea at Pike Street Market.

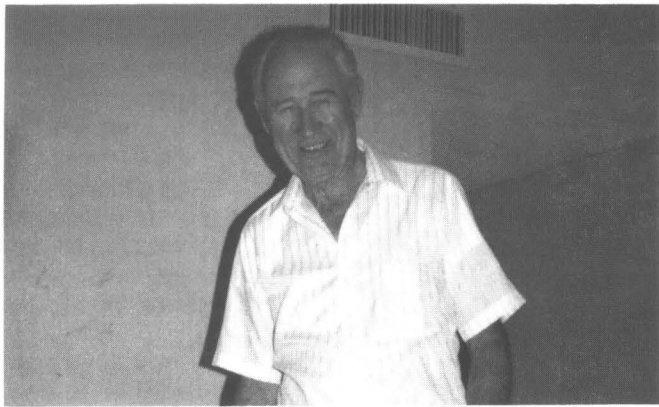


Helen Vaughn & Rose Baldea.



One group on the bus tour.

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Walt McAllister opening 34th B.G. Gift for his service as president of the assn.



Rose Baldea, Walt & Ruby McAllister and Doris & Wally Brauks on boat tour through Hiram Locks.

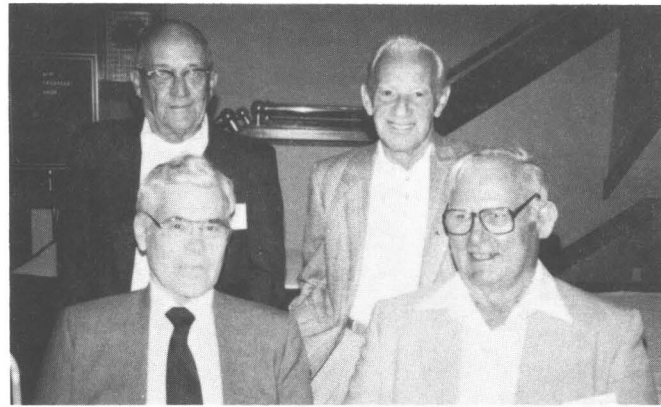


B-17 on display at Boeing Museum of Flight.



Rose Baldea with flower bed at Hiram's Locks Park.

Here and There



Standing: Tony Lauby and Hyman Frankenstein. Sitting: Ray Summa & Henry Jurgens.



L. to R.: Jim Martin, J.C. Cook, Viv Creer, Walt & Ruby McAllister & Betty Martin at Museum of Flight.

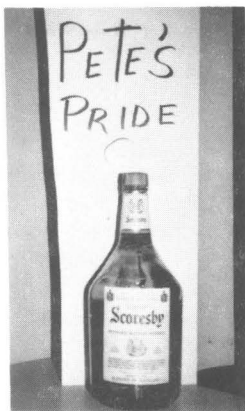


Seattle Space Needle from below.



Musicians at Pike Street Market.

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"Pete" Gray's Scotch in Hospitality Room.



Sam Baglio singing the bass part with the quartet.



The Premium Blend Barbershop Quartet in Hospitality Room after Friday's dinner.



Elly Veon and June Wuertz

Here and There



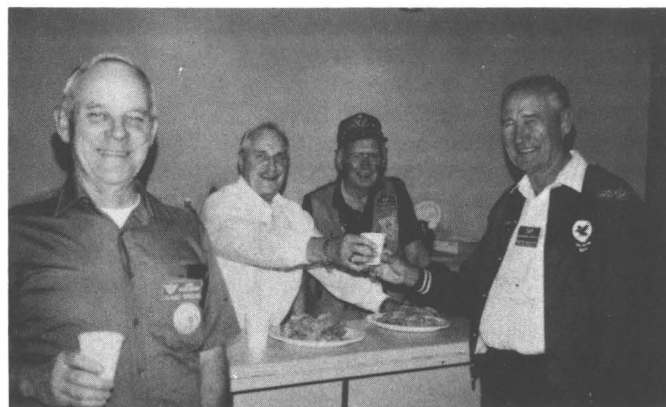
Dale VanLandingham with Dorothy Skoda.



L. to R.: Glenn & Kay Henry, LaVerne Howarter and Pauline Shull.



Alex and Minette Moore



L. to R.: Claude Conklin, Harold Rutka, Gerry Pine, and Walt McAllister.

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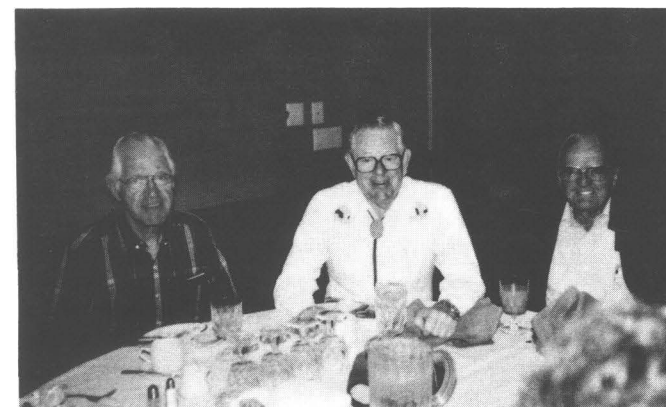
L. to R.: Ann & Wendell Janson with Nita Brown.



Jackie & Chester Gavryck

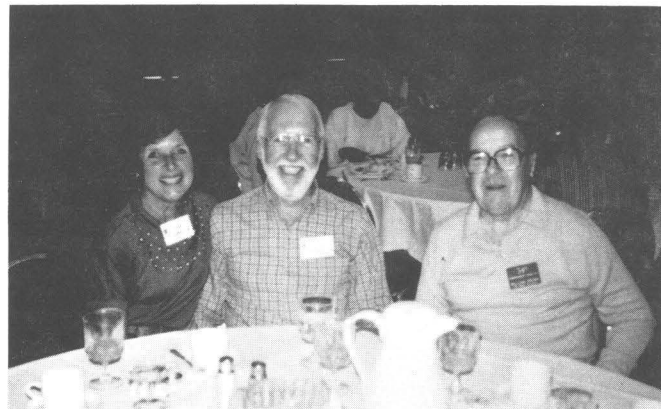


L. to R.: Henrietta and Cleveland Romero with Hal & Jan Province.



L. to R.: Bill Fandel, Bob Gay and Bill Creer.

The Breakfast Table



L. to R.: Mary & Byron Sheesley with William Brown.



L. to R.: Mary & Tony Coutros and Virginia & Fred Muent.



L. to R.: Vivian Creer, Phyllis Gay, and Ben LeBailley.



Ticket Takers L. to R.: Wanda Pine, Genevieve Rutka, and Esther Wright.

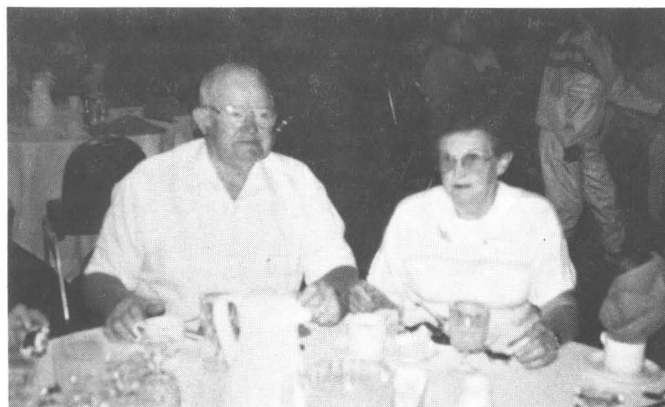
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Bennett & Miriam Richmond



L. to R.: Ambers and Jean Hanson and Betty & Verbal Holcomb.



Earl and Dolores Zesch



L. to R.: Walt and Ruby McAllister with Rose and Eli Baldea.

The Breakfast Table



L. to R.: Oral & Marjorie Walker and Henry and Audrey Tobiason.



Standing: Minette & Alex Moore. Seated: Libbie & Fred Scherr.



Joe and Fran Krystof



Jack and Marian Share with lovely granddaughter Paula.

REUNION '90



L. to R.: Audrey & Claude Gibbs and Audrey & Henry Tobiason.



Betty & Paul Schommer



L. to R.: Ethel & John Leath and Earl & Helen Maciel.



L. to R.: Mary & Jim Kenny and Yolanda & Rolly Whited.

Gala Festivities



L. to R.: Roy Reid, Marie McMeans, and Helen & Leonard Bess.



L. to R.: Evalyn & Charles Attridge and Sybil & Roy Reid.



L. to R.: Lloyd & Bobbie Boreen and Dorothy & Bob Nendel.



L. to R.: Cleo & Freddie Baughman, Vern & Millie Ames and Jean & William Schildman.

REUNION '90



Head Table L. to R.: Ben LeBailley, Ruby McAllister & Paul & Beryl Anderson.



Head Table L. to R.: Doris & Wally Brauks and Walt McAllister.



Walt McAllister passing the gavel to incoming president, Wally Brauks.



Ben LeBailley, as featured speaker, gives an interesting rundown of his life in the A.F.

Gala Festivities



Wally Brauks, incoming Pres., relates interesting story of his experiences.



Pres. Walt McAllister as Emcee as final act of his term.

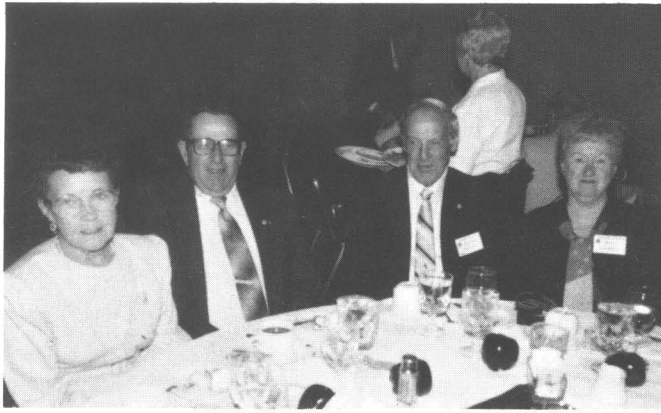


Betty & Jim Martin.



Eli & Rose Baldea.

REUNION '90



LaVerne & Wayne Howarter with Glenn & Kay Henry.



Lucille & Lawrence Babcock with John & Cathy Moreno.



L. to R.: Elaine & Milt Braveman, Marjorie & Lee Tandy and Carl & Peg Stemen.



Marjorie & Oral Walker with Lee & Bonnie Fossum.

Gala Festivities



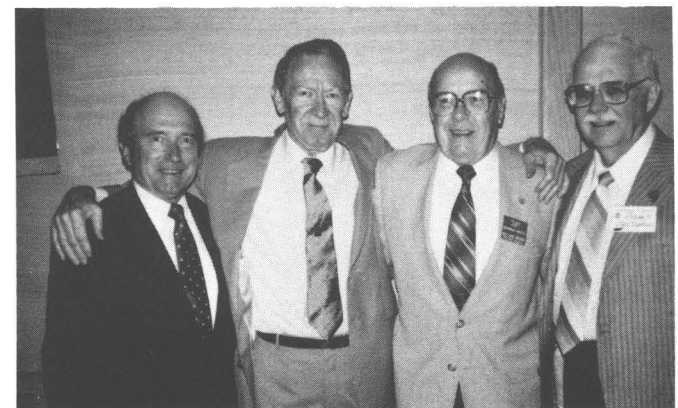
L. to R.: Ann & Wendell Janson, Nita & Bill Brown, and Bob Caldwell.



Jack & Bernie Farley with Bob & Judy Goodnough.



Barbara & James Spink with Imogene & Carl Freysinger.



The 34th B.G. had only four cryptographers. This is the first time since 1945 that they have all been together. L. to R.: Bob Goodnough, Bud Janson, Bob Caldwell and Bill Brown.

REUNION '90



L. to R.: Edith & Jerry Kincaid, Genevieve & Claude Conklin and Mary & Earl Frank.



Joe and Fran Kristof with Helen & Robert Vaughn.

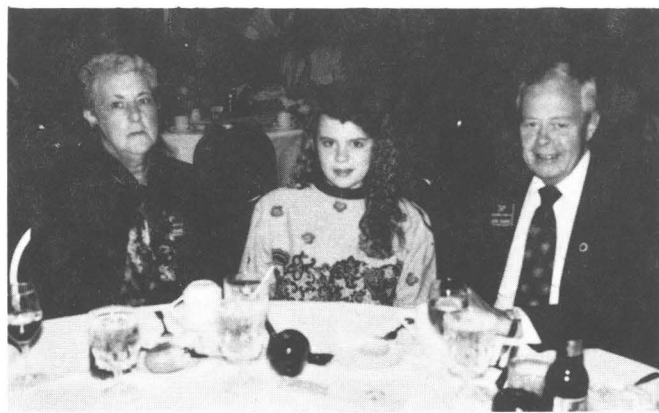


L. to R.: Ginny Cole, Eda Buxton, Joy & Jim Hanrihan, Jay Buxton and Robert Cole.



L. to R.: Robert & Jennie Schroeder, Samuel & Lydia Baglio and Marla & Lloyd Inman.

Gala Festivities



Marian & Jack Share with their granddaughter, Paula.



Paul & Pauline Shull with Art Real.



Fred & Libbie Scherr with Ben & Helen DeHaan.



L. to R.: Bob Springer, Henrietta & Cleveland Romero and Sam & Peggy Wolstencroft.

REUNION '90



L. to R.: Kay & Milt Hansen and Bob & Ginny Gradin.



L. to R.: Ken Paxton, Juan & Mattie Perez and Ray & Bula Palmer.



L. to R.: June Wuertz, Elly Veon and Muggs & Bruce Sothern.



L. to R.: Peggy & Everett Rose and Irene & Carl Gorski.

Gala Festivities



L. to R.: Muggs & Bruce Sothern and Alda & Frank Sivret.



L. to R.: Arnold & Georgia Prillaman, Frances & John Ashburn and Clara & Fred Schoch.



L. to R.: Margo & Bill Burnell, Eugene & Helen James and Tom Wright.



L. to R.: Marge & John Bloczynski, Jack & Dorothy Clarkson and Denton & Eileen Armstrong.

REUNION '90

See You In Louisville!!



Glenn & Kay Henry



Elly Veon & June Wuertz



Ray & Hannah Summa



Beryl & Paul Anderson



Wayne & LaVerne Howarter



Helen & Leonard Bess



Yolanda & Rolly Whited



Bill Fandel & Ben LeBailley

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This is to formally endorse the concept of sending Mendlesham Memories to every known former member of the 34th Bomb Group. This is easy for us to say, but it behooves us to put our money where our mouth is. So I have enclosed a check for a fund that has yet to be established. I suggest that this fund be earmarked to pay the additional costs of such a proposal, into which any of us can contribute.

(Editor's note: Pictures from this reunion will be printed in the March issue of Mendlesham Memories.)

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I hope everyone had a great time at the reunion. I only wish Larry were here. I know he would have been thrilled to be a member and see all his great buddies of the Bomb Group.

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Charles E. Smith of the 7th Sqdn.

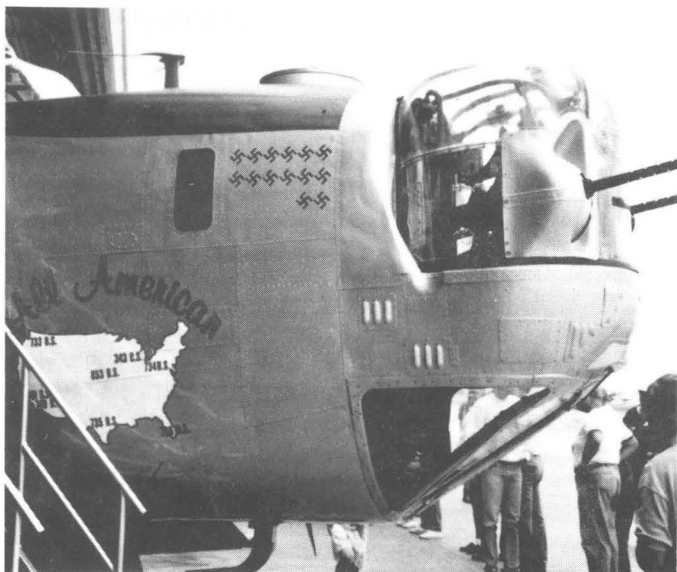
Notes From Our Friends

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ROBERT PACHOLSKI - Erie, MI.

Some of us old B-24 veterans got quite a thrill the other day. A restored B-24 "J" in just super condition flew in to Toledo.

Lots of memories came back in touring the plane. The only thing; I couldn't get around the catwalk and turrets so fast. Lord, if I would have had on a parachute - I'd have been stuck "high and dry".



Restored B-24 "J" shown at Toledo, OH.

MRS. (DONALD) ZEIGLER - York, PA.

I'm writing to inform you that Donald died of cancer Sept. 29th, 1976. Several years before his death we had been to London but could not make connections to get to Ipswich. Had he lived I'm sure he would have enjoyed going on the reunion trips. After your search in locating his address, I'm sorry it could not be more rewarding.

JOSEPH J. DOMINO - Perkasio, PA.

Both Vic and I would like to have been at the 34th Reunion which was held at Seattle. Since Vic's been on the disabled list we haven't been traveling anywhere, whether it was on business or pleasure.

But, at the present time and at this writing, we are planning to see everyone at the 34th reunion which is to be held at Louisville in Sept., 1991.

WILLIAM "PETE" GRAY - Virginia Beach, VA.

Heard you had a fine time at the reunion. Wish I could have been there. Thanks for the card. I really appreciated it.

I'll be in Louisville next year, come hell or high water - and if I don't fall down again. (Ed. note: See accident report in this issue.)

Y'all take care now and be sure to smell the roses before it's too late.

GRADY DEATHERAGE - Collinsville, VA.

When I came home from Shreveport, it took me a week or so to get over the trip and, although I hated to face up to it, I realized that I am just not able to attend any more long distance reunions. There is no way that I could make Seattle or even Las Vegas.

When I got to thinking about it, I began to feel like some of us might not get to see each other again, or that we would wind up missing a lot of the fine fellowship we enjoy when we get together. It occurred to me that there are others in the same boat and, if we couldn't make some of the reunions, maybe it would be a good idea to make some arrangements as an alternative to have mini-reunions in lieu of not having anything. Perhaps we could set up Chapters of the 34th with locations within driving distances to many of us; for example, an Eastern States Chapter, Central States Chapter, and a Western States Chapter.

It is not my intention to change anything with regard to the overall operation of the 34th B.G. Assn., nor to infringe or conflict with the regular reunions, as a mini-reunion could be held at a different date.

Several years ago we attended a reunion of the Florida chapter of the 8th A.F. Assn. Everyone brought food, beverages, etc. and paid for their own rooms and meals with no bother of registration fees and the like. It was really nice. This is what I have in mind.

If there are others in favor of this proposal, they can write or call me and, if there is enough interest, I can mail out a flyer, and we can get it off the ground. I already have a volunteer or two to assist in selecting a site, motel, etc. in the Eastern States. We can get started and go from there.

SAM TURNIPSEED - Aliceville, AL.

I couldn't come to the reunion this year due to family circumstances. Two granddaughters to send off to college and my brother scheduled for eye surgery at about the time of our meeting. Would certainly have liked to see everyone and especially Gen. LeBailly and Maj. Gay. We have not yet attended the reunion at the same time.

Talked to Roy Jones last Sunday. He didn't plan to be in Seattle either - questions ability to stand the travel. However, we can drive to Louisville, so looking forward to 1991.

Kindly remember me to all our people and express my regrets for not joining them.

WILLIAM N. MULLEN - W. Lafayette, IN.

Saw your address in the American Legion Mag. and thought I would drop you a line. I was in the 34th Bomb Group in the 391st Sqn.

In 1984 I was admitted to the Indiana Veteran's Home at W. Lafayette. Had a lot of lung trouble for which I have to take a special medicine. I'd be interested in hearing about any of our group personnel.

ROBERT M. GRIMES - Crawfordsville, IN.

You don't know how pleased and surprised I was to hear from you. I had mentioned to my wife at different times, wondering if there was a group organization. I have wondered many times what the guys were doing or if they were even still living. That has been a long time ago.

I have lived here in Crawfordsville since I got out of the service. I worked and retired from R.R. Donnelly Co. after 43 years.

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HAROLD W. REIBMAN - Hellertown, PA.

I received Mendlesham Memories and the roster of members of the 34th as well as the membership application. I really did not know the 34th was this organized, and have to thank Ray personally for a job well done. To find 2000 and still searching is, in itself, quite an accomplishment.

I enjoyed all the stories, pictures, etc. in the newsletter. I read it completely the second time. The pictures of the Fleece Pub looked very familiar. I had an evening in a Pub there the day I completed my last mission. May have been the Fleece - don't really know.

MIDGE (WILLIAM) KELLY - West Monroe, LA.

I regret to inform you of Bill Kelly's death on July 11, 1990. He was not ill long - in the hospital from June 28th til the time of his death. The good Lord took him quickly with very little suffering. Once the doctors discovered his problem (cancer) he told us to live one day at a time and not to be sad. He was in good spirits and making people smile to the very last. Sorry we never made one of the reunions but he loved receiving the newsletter.

WILLIAM BROWN - Stone Mountain, GA.

We sure enjoyed the reunion in Seattle. Thanks for the recognition we four "Cryptographers" received at the banquet.

Nita and I rode with Bud and Ann Janson. They live in Farmerville, LA. After leaving them, on the way back to Atlanta, we stopped by and saw Sam Turnipseed. He had just finished cutting his front lawn. He must be 83 years old and is still as sharp as a tack. We (crypto-men) worked real close with him in England and liked him very much.

Hope to see you all in Louisville next reunion.

VINCENT J. DORAN - Anchorage, AK.

Six members and their wives, of a nine-man B-17 crew, veterans of Mendlesham, met and reminisced at the Seattle Reunion. They were Helen & Gene Albert, Helen & Watson Camp, Dorothy & Ralph Casey, Jean & Vince Doran, Angie & Bob Morton, and Lee & Bob Noehren. Tom Orcholl, recently located, has retired to Sun City but is unable to travel. Bernice and Bill Latz have both died. We haven't found Ralph Brown yet, but we're still looking.

We were brought together by chance at the combat crew assignment center in Lincoln, NE. in the summer of '44. We trained in Ardmore, OK., sailed to England, flew our 33 bombing missions from Mendlesham, and immediately scattered again. Forty-one years later, at the 1986 Colorado Springs Reunion, we began coming back together. Now we think of ourselves as an extended family. We keep in close touch and meet as often as we can. The 34th Bomb Group Association has given us the inspiration to reunite.

CORRECTIONS

On page 16 of the June, '90 issue the names and pictures of Carroll E. Forister and John I. Hohenstreiter have been reversed in the "Then & Now" section. We apologize most heartily!



Front to Rear, Left Bomb: Therrian, Schmidt & Schoenthaler. Middle: Smith & Watkins. Right Bomb: Gray, Savarese and Smit.

ACCIDENT REPORT

VICTIM'S NAME: William N. "Pete" Gray

ADDRESS: 5601 Sedgemoor Rd., Va. Beach, VA. 23455

DATE OF ACCIDENT: August 22, 1990

DETAILS OF ACCIDENT: Victim had eyes on a long-legged girl in very short pants, crossing parking lot in shopping center. As a result, victim mis-judged height of curb, stumbled, and fell forward, crashing to sidewalk. Fall partially broken by bag of groceries victim was carrying. Victim skidded several feet along pavement, scattering said groceries all over. Victim had hard time regaining upright position - whole right side numb.

"LONG LEGGED GIRL IN SHORT PANTS DROVE OFF, IGNORING THE WHOLE AFFAIR!!"

DOCTOR'S REPORT: "Not again! - Well, let's X-ray it and find out how much damage has been done this time!" (X-rays showed only two ribs cracked - should heal in a month or so.)

DOCTOR'S ADVICE: "Next time you see a long-legged girl in short pants, come to a complete halt - stand still and enjoy the scenery and THEN resume your forward motion. You've got to remember that at your age ---- GIRL WATCHING CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH!"

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## Don't Forget To Send In Your Dues

Mail \$7.50 to: Harold Province  
Rte. 4, Box 630  
Carriere, MS 39426

Life Membership - \$85.00      Dues by Dec. 1

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NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Ernest T. "MO" Moriarty has, for sale, his book "One Day Into Twenty-Three", a true story of a B-17 waist-gunner's escape from German occupied France in 1943. To purchase it please send check or money order for \$13.50 to:

Ernest T. Moriarty
W-105 Warwick Road
Orange, MA. 01364

From Claude Gibbs we have an article which appeared in the 6th Inf. Divn. publication "The Sightseer":

A new study by the Veterans Administration, as reported in the Jan. 1990 issue of the Disabled American Veterans magazine, discloses some very sobering and startling facts!

The 1990's will bring a tremendous increase in the numbers of older World War II veterans and a very sharp increase in their deaths.

The report states veterans now age 65 and older will increase from 6.7 million to a peak of 9 million in 1999, all veterans.

World War II living veterans now total 9.3 million. At the end of the next four years, 1990-1993, only 7.94 million will be alive.

These figures, the report show, reveal that 1,360,000 World War II veterans will die in the next four years 1990-1993. That is an average of 340,000 each year; and an average of over 2,830 each month. Any of us World War II veterans could be in these numbers.

These are sobering facts and figures. Shouldn't personal decisions be made for this inevitable finality of life on earth?

The AAA Travel Agency of Charlotte, NC is organizing a trip called "A Sentimental Journey", a nostalgic return to England and U.S. Bomber Squadron bases. This will be for 11 days and 10 nights from April 22 to May 2, 1991. The tour cost is \$1991.00 per person, double occupancy and begins at Charlotte Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, NC. Anyone interested can get more information by writing to: AAA Travel Agency, Carolina Motor Club, 720 E. Morehead Street, Charlotte, NC. 28202.

A new book called "Ploesti: Graveyard of Bombers" will be published in January. This book is on the human side of the bombers' war. Many grandchildren, children, younger friends and even wives have no idea what you went through in that never-to-be-repeated aerial conflict.

A personalized signed copy is available by sending \$17.95 plus \$1.00 postage to: Leroy W. (Ted) Newby, 346 Pineview Drive, Venice, FL. 34293.

Warren Tucker, an artist who was a base photographer with a B-24 unit in the E.T.O. is offering to paint any aircraft on YOUR flight jacket for fifty or seventy-five dollars. He will quote prices on request. If interested contact: Warren Tucker, 4480 Sherman Oaks Circle, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. PH.: (818) 784-7821

From the Airmen Memorial Museum we have the following: Dear Veterans of World War II and Korea;

The Airmen Memorial Museum is conducting a major search for historical resources on the experiences of airmen during the Second World War and Korea. We invite you to be part of the history of airmen we will tell to the American public.

As you know, there's a lot of truth to the saying, "90 percent of aviation history occurred on the ground." But very few accounts of histories of the U.S. Army Air Forces or the U.S. Air Force mention the hundreds of thousands of enlisted personnel - the technicians, mechanics, meteorologists, gunners, photographers, and many others - who bravely served our nation in its time of greatest need.

The Airmen Memorial Museum had been organized to change all that. At its national headquarters in Suitland, Maryland, just outside Washington, D.C., the Museum is gathering the materials - documents, artifacts, photographs - it needs to tell the story of the airman's contribution to our nation's defense in war and peace. Through exhibits, special public programs and publications, the Museum will recount, for veterans, school children and the general public, the valuable service men and women like you have given to our country.

But we need your help! We need to know what your life was like in the service. We need to know about your training, your duty assignments. We need to record your daily routines and your combat experiences.

If you are interested in contributing the story of your contribution to the war effort write to:

AIRMEN MEMORIAL MUSEUM
5211 Auth Road
Suitland, MD. 20746

A questionnaire will be sent you to be filled out with pertinent information for their purposes.



Crew of the "Flying Fish"-Standing L. to R.: Vitulli, Dold Erickson, Buchanan & Mathe. Kneeling, L. to R.: Higgins, Robertson, Lester & Seiler.



ROSE'S CORNER

Dear ones of the 34th:

When we left Seattle, we said "So-long" to so many wonderful friends and, God willing, we will be saying "Hello" next year in Louisville.

There were many new faces at breakfast which is a great time to get acquainted! I met Jackie Gavryck who is an expert on Bed and Breakfast places. She told of experiences she and Chester had at these places and I'm sorry not to have had time to follow thru and check out her book on them.

I sure liked what Imogene and Carl Freysinger told me about how they both try to be the first to read the Mendlesham Memories when it arrives! This is music to our ears!

Meeting Jennie Schroeder made me wish that we could get her to write a column in our newsletter. She is a very enthusiastic cook and knows a lot about canning. Both she and Bob have a terrific sense of humor. Just ask them what happened when the maple syrup spilled on Bob's lap!?!

Helen Vaughn can lift you out of any depression you might be into. She has a mind like a steel trap when it comes to very funny stories. She really was fun to be with.

Annette Humphrey will tell you about "iced tea" if asked. She is a real lovely lady.

Beautiful vistas can be seen from any road. The mountains are in sight almost everywhere you look. This was one of the benefits in riding the bus to the South Center Mall with Ruby McAllister, Annette Humphrey, Helen Maciel and Helen Vaughn. We enjoyed looking and touching all of those beautiful clothes at Bon Marche. Too bad the prices were so high! We didn't have enough of shopping, so Vivian Creer, Bettie Martin, Ruby McAllister and I made the trip while our men waited for us to go on the Boeing tour. This time one of us actually bought something. Did that beautiful pair of slacks ever get sent to you, Vivian? We did have a good time, so let's do it again and let's include some of the others who missed this year's reunion.

On Sunday, after the "So-longs", Wally and Doris Brauks, the McAllisters and the Baldeas took off on a trip by boat thru the locks. I've never dreamed of doing something like this.

The one thing that we'd like to know from you all is, what would you like included at our reunions? At the banquet I was asked "Where is the music? We'd like to dance." I told her to talk to the Reunion Committee - so, please write and let us know what more can be included so that the right people will fit your ideas in the schedule, if at all possible.

Well, there it is - the end of my column and I want to wish you all enough determination to make each day a better one.

With love,
Rose

P.S. Louisville in '91!

SPECIAL NOTICE

Ray Summa has received a letter from the Commander of the 2nd Bombardment Wing (SAC) at Barksdale as follows:
Dear Mr. Summa:

I have received your "Offer of Gift", dated 17 July 1990, by which you transferred flak; a 20MM shell; strike photos; and a 34th Bomb Group banner to the United States of America as a gift.

By authority of the Secretary of the Air Force, I accept with pleasure your gift pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2601.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely yours,
Ronald C. Marcotte, Colonel, USAF
Commander

B-24 LIBERATOR HISTORY BOOK

Walt McAllister has been advised that the B-24 Liberator History book is now off the presses. These should be in the mail by the end of October. Those of you who have ordered it should probably have received it by the time you read this.



"Weary Willie"-Pappy Grace in cabin with Meredith & Lane standing.

ADDRESS CHANGES

(As of 10/26/90)

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BLACK	WILLIAM H.	7	27021 McSWAIN RD.	ALBEMARLE,	NC.	28001
BUCHAN	WILLIAM	18	49312 WINCHESTER CT.	SHELBY TOWNSHIP,	MI.	48315
BUERSMEYER	SYL. R		119 KING RIDGE ROAD	JEFFERSON CITY,	MO.	65109
CAMP	J WATSON		Zip Code Should Read			30132
CARPOUSIS	JAMES A.	7	114 HEDGEROW LANE	READING,	PA.	19606
DE RAIMO	NICHOLAS	4	696 ATWOOD AVE.,APT.C	CRANSTON,	RI.	02920
DWYER	JOHN R.	7	43 LA VILLA WAY	FT. PIERCE,	FL.	34951
EVANS	EDWARD W.	391	1671 MISSION HILLS RD. #210	NORTHBROOK,	IL.	60062
FOURNIER	LOUIS	18	315 RAILROAD AVE.	SAUNDERSTOWN,	RI.	02874
FRANK	PAUL E.	7	1204 SO. DEWEY ST.	EUSTIS,	FL.	32726
FUNK	JOHN J.	7-4	113 NO. AMBLER ST.	QUAKERTOWN,	PA.	18951
GOLDEN	JOHN	4	Zip Code Should Read			14228
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PROVINCE	HAROLD E.	391(LM)	111 PROVINCE LANE	CARRIERE,	MS.	39426
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RILEY	JAMES W.		NO KNOWN ADDRESS			
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VENNE	DERRICK J.		R.R.#3, BOX 37	ANGUS,	MN.	56712
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WOOLNOUGH	JOHN	BAFHS	7752 HARBOUR BLVD.	MIRAMAR,	FL.	33023
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NEWLY FOUND

(As of 10/26/90)

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BOWE	HERBERT G.		949 N.KELLY ST.,APT.6	CADOTT,	WI.	54727
CVITKOVICH	CHARLES E.		5091 E. 135TH STREET	GARFIELD HEIGHTS,	OH.	44125
FRUIT	ALPHONSE J.	18	100 FRONT ST., APT.308	WOONSOCKET,	RI.	02895
GRIMES	ROBERT M.	4	1002 NORTH DRIVE	CRAWFORDSVILLE,	IN.	47933
KLUTCH	KENNY		9382 SHAW ROAD	SPENCER,	OH.	44275
LETALIE	EUGENE J.		168 CARLSBAD CIRCLE	VACAVILLE,	CA.	95687
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MITCHELL	GEORGE		7801 EAST SAHARA, APT.231	LAS VEGAS,	NV.	89104
MORLOCK	JAMES		924 WAGNER AVENUE	PHILADELPHIA,	PA.	19141
MULLEN	WILLIAM N.	391	3851 NO. RIVER ROAD	W. LAFAYETTE,	IN.	47906
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RICHMOND	FLOYD B.	4 (LM)	5919 ARGENT DRIVE	PASCO,	WA.	99301
ROBINSON	ODELL D.		300 PINE CREST RD.	MARS HILL,	NC.	28754
SHERMAN	WILLIAM V.		7030 S.W. 64TH COURT	MIAMI,	FL.	33143
SMEDLEY	CLIFF		4307 - 324TH ST. S.E.	FALLS CITY,	WA.	94024
SWANN	ALFRED A.		2811 SAN NICHOLAS	TAMPA,	FL.	33880
WADE	JEREMIAH C.		2449 GRAND TETON CIRCLE	WINTER PARK,	FL.	32792
WESTENHOFF	JOHN H.		11200 LEATHERWOOD DRIVE	RESTIN,	VA.	22091
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NEW LIFE MEMBERS

(As of 10/26/90 - Total Now 178)

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DOOLEY	LAWTON ED	18	1520 MAPLETON	DALLAS,	TX.	75228
ISRAELSEN	O. ALLEN	4	3330 N.LEISURE WLD.BLVD.#628	SILVER SPRING,	MD.	20906
MONGEON	OMER G.	18	RTE. 1, 365-4	COLLIERVILLE,	TN.	38017
PINE	GERALD	7	5414 HIGHWAY 12, LOT 51	WAUNAKEE,	WI.	53597
RICHMOND	FLOYD B.	4	5919 ARGENT DRIVE	PASCO,	WA.	99301
SPRINGER	ROBERT H.	18	5711 W. AVE. M, #233	LANCASTER,	CA.	93536
WEAVER	CHARLES R.	7	89 WESTVIEW DRIVE	REYNOLDSBURG,	OH.	43068
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A Group of the 4th Sqdn. on the wings of "Weary Willie".

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REUNION

By "Pete" Gray

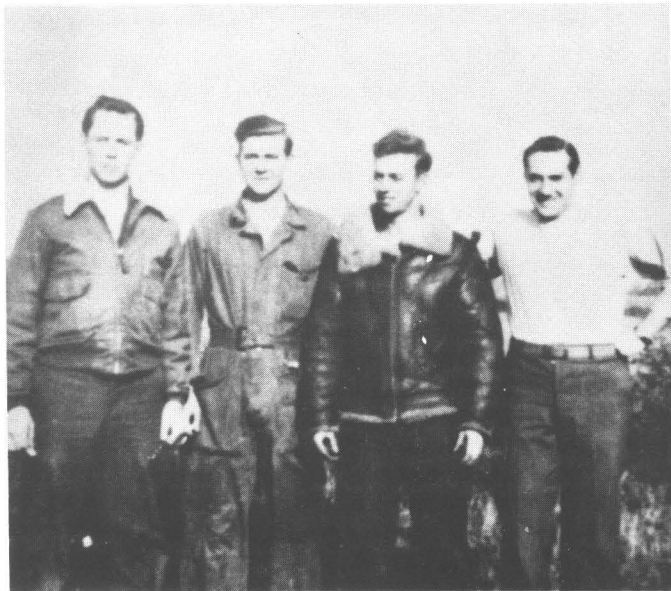
Many members of the 34th will recall the flights we made to Holland in which we carried food to the Dutch people. The first mission was to a location just north of Rotterdam, and almost every plane carried several members of its ground crew.

As we flew over the city thousands of the Dutch people were out in the streets and, among them, was a 15 year old girl. About 5 years after the war she married an American Merchant Mariner and came to this country. They have been neighbors of mine for many years now, and we often talk about those war years. Incidentally, she has been over here for so long that she now speaks Dutch with a southern accent.

Some weeks ago she mentioned an item appearing in the April, 1990 issue of the Dutch newspaper, "DEKRANT". I asked her to write me a translation of it, thinking it might be a good item for the newsletter. This is it:

"Reunion"

Pilots, who in the hungerwinter dropped food above the Netherlands, are going to the Netherlands at the end of April, 1990. The Foundation "Food and Freedom" organized a reunion of several hundreds of ex-pilots from Air Force squadrons from Great Britain, U.S.A., Canada, Australia, and Poland. In almost 5500 flights above the Netherlands towards the end of the "Hungerwinter" more than 11 million kilos of food was dropped.



7th Sqdn. Ground Crew-L. to R.: Frank Smith, Francis Schmidt, Clyde Sudderth and Borah Lipsky.

THE MEETING

By George H. Kline

During the war a soldier came into our hut and said he had just come down from Iceland in convoy. I asked if an infantry group my brother was with (he was stationed in Iceland) also came down. He said he thought so. I immediately wrote his A.P.O. Sure enough, he had moved to a base near Southhampton. He sent me a telegram to meet him at the Rainbow Red Cross Club in Picadilly. I received it 3 days late, so no meeting. The night we were to meet he was knocked out of bed in the Red Cross Club by a buzz-bomb that hit about 120 yards away. The club was located across the street from Harrod's, in the Knightsbridge area of London.

Captain Dunham gave me a pass, so off I go to Grovesnor Square in London, where the records were kept. They gave me the base address in Ramsey. His Lt. sent a jeep to Southhampton and off we went to where my brother was on field exercises. My brother dressed while his Lt. wrote him out a pass. Then they jeeped us to the Southhampton R.R. station. We were off to London where we spent a couple of days together.

So, with a helpful censor and careful wording, I was able to let our mom know that we had met. I still have the newspaper clipping and pictures of "Brothers Meet In London".

THE FIRST MEAL

by Darrell Bulis

We came back to the States on a Liberty Ship named the "Marine Devil", which had been equipped to haul "RAMP" which means Recaptured Allied Military Personnel. Half the passengers were RAMP and the rest were U.S. air crews. We were fed 3 meals per day and ate like kings all the way across. The ship landed at Boston, MA. and we were taken to Camp Miles Standish for processing.

Upon arriving at the base we were taken to the theater for briefing by the base commander, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant III who got up and made a long speech of welcome finishing with "We have only one rule here!" "We know you are heroes and that you've saved the world. But we have only one rule here! You can wear anything you want. We don't care. But we have only one rule here. When ordered to report, if you don't show on time it will delay processing. But we have only one rule here. You don't have to salute because you'll soon be discharged. But we have only one rule here. By now you must be wondering about what that one rule is. Well, now I'm going to tell you."

"From here you will be taken to the mess hall. There you will have your first meal here. The first meal is when we invoke our only rule and that is 'You can order anything you want to eat or drink'. If you think you can stump us feel free to try. We have all kinds of meat, game, fowl, or fish. You name it, we have it!"

The mess hall was ready for us with white table cloths, and the finest cloth napkins. The waiters were P.O.W.'s all properly with napkins over their arms and pad and pencil in hand. They all spoke English and it was, "Your order, sir?". Some guys ordered weird things and all got what they ordered. Others held their hands up and said they wanted a

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steak so big and so thick. This didn't bother the waiters a bit. They just pulled out a ruler and asked that the hands be held so he could measure. Some ordered whiskey, wine, etc. They got it.

I ordered a steak with all the trimmings. It was a meal I'll never forget.

THE MILK RUN

By Roy Tavasti

A "Milk Run" can be defined in a number of different ways, but, in WWII, I thought of it as a combat mission with little or no anticipated enemy opposition from the Luftwaffe or anti-aircraft defenses. Of course, there are exceptions to the rule. For example, on the mission to Berlin on Feb. 3, 1945, we expected to take a severe beating because of the reported 500 heavy anti-aircraft guns that defended the city. On the bomb run to our particular target the prospects didn't appear to be too rosy. The bomb group immediately ahead of the 34th completely disappeared in a black cloud of flak smoke with the exception of two or three momentary large orange flashes that indicated catastrophic explosions of bombers ahead of us. Then a strange thing occurred. The 34th, which was leading the 93rd Bomb Wing, slipped in and out of the target area without a shot fired at us. I presume the other two groups of the wing, (490th and 493rd), enjoyed the same eerie experience. I can only speculate that, since the 93rd Bomb Wing was toward the rear of the bomber column, the flak guns were over-heated by the time we came into their range. As a consequence, we had a free ride while the guns were cooling. As it turned out, that mission to Berlin unexpectedly ended up being somewhat of a nerve-shattering "milk-run".

On the other hand, the 34th went on a mission on June 21, 1944, to Haute de Cote, Blanchermot, located just a few

miles from the English Channel in France. By definition, this mission seemed to be the classic "milk-run". This was a so-called "No-Ball" target, i.e. a launching site for the V-1 (Buzz Bomb).

At that time hundreds of V-1s were being launched into the London area daily. The V-1 was essentially a flying bomb powered by a pulse-ram jet that was extremely noisy. It could be heard for an unbelievably long time before it was programmed to impact. The physical damage by the V-1s was not insignificant, but more overwhelming was the demoralizing impact on the morale of the Londoners who were constantly alerted to return to the air-raid shelters. This went on day and night until eventually it seemed that every Londoner not essential to the war effort fled to Edinburgh in Scotland, Belfast, Ireland or any other safe haven away from London. I can't blame them because a 72 hour leave to London at that time was less than relaxing. After such an experience, I was delighted to return to Mendlesham and the relative serenity of our combat operations.

Eventually the V-1 was diagnosed as more than a "nuisance" and, for a relatively short period of time, a significant effort by the 8th A.F. was diverted from strategic targets in an attempt to nullify or reduce the impact of these "Buzz-Bombs".

The mission on 21 June 1944 was the 34th's first attempt to attack a "No-Ball" target. Walter McAllister was the lead crew pilot and I went along as Air Commander. The target itself was so well camouflaged that it became an extremely difficult problem for George Ritchie (bombardier) and Eli Baldea (navigator). Except for this difficulty of target identification the aspects of the mission were so simple minded that almost anyone would place it in the "Milk-Run" category. The target was defended by a relatively few 88mm AA guns and the appearance of fighters was considered possible but remote. The target in France was so close to the Channel that the departure point on the English coast was essentially the start of the bomb run.

The run across the channel was a breeze and, on the actual bomb run, Ritchie had directional control of the airplane through the auto-pilot-bombsight link-up. It seemed

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Can you identify these men?

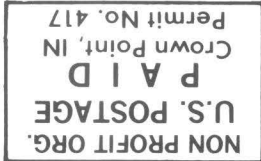


At Blythe, California. Do you know these two?

From the collection of:

Al Israelsen

Pilot, First Crew No. 1, 4th Sq. Feb - Nov 1944



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just seconds away from bomb release that all hell broke loose from the handful of guns defending the target. Those "dead-eyes" on the ground had us fairly well bracketed. When, after what seemed an eternity, the bombs were released, Mac and I each leaned forward to disengage the C-1 auto-pilot. While we were doing this we had a close burst of flak on our port (left) side and a piece of very high velocity shrapnel pierced Mac's side of the cockpit and compressed a column of air that jolted Mac so severely that, at first, he was certain that the piece of flak had nailed him. As a matter of fact, I was also jolted, but much less severely, all the way across the cockpit on the right side. Mac asked me to check if he was bleeding. Once assured that he was not, he cranked that B-24 into a rather violent left turn out of the target area.

At about that time, we had another hit. This one came through the cat-walk in the bomb bay and severed the exposed fuel lines to the No. 2 and No. 3 engines. As a consequence, hundreds of gallons of 100 octane fuel was pouring into the bomb bay and a heavy gasoline mist syphoned into the cockpit area and drenched our flying suits.

We switched our demand oxygen systems to 100 percent and immediately deactivated every electrical system in the airplane with the exception of the magnetos to the engines. In a matter of minutes we lost Nos. 2 and 3 engines when the tanks went dry. Those engines were feathered immediately and we left formation and proceeded to England. J.C. Smith bird-dogged us at a safe distance until he was sure we would make it back to England. We let down to about 10,000 ft. over the channel and proceeded to Mendlesham after considering alternative emergency airfields. As it turned out, it wasn't the best of decisions. We should have dropped into Manston which was specifically set up for emergency recoveries.

Mac had no difficulty handling the airplane with the in-board engines feathered, but we were considering the problems incidental with landing because the feathered No. 3 engine had the primary hydraulic pump. We didn't dare use the auxiliary hydraulic pump located in the gaso-

line-saturated bomb bay. The only alternative that made sense at the time was to fly an extremely wide traffic pattern, unfeather No. 3 engine to give us hydraulic power to lower the flaps and landing gear and, hopefully enough, for the brakes after we touched down. We had no way of alerting the tower that we were in trouble. Our radio was shut down and firing emergency flares on final approach, under the circumstances, was considered most imprudent indeed.

Mac did a superb job of bringing us in on a long final approach. I dropped the gear and flaps. Even with the extra drag of the windmilling No. 3 engine we were having no difficulty with this uncharacteristic long shallow final approach until we arrived at what would be the base leg of a normal traffic pattern.

Another returning aircraft was in the pattern and the pilot did not see us on our low shallow approach. He cut in just ahead and above us and touched down for landing. It was obvious that we would be touching down dangerously close behind this aircraft so Mac "poured on the coal" for an emergency go-round. I started the gear and flaps up and we were accelerating nicely and starting to climb when, all of a sudden, engines No. 1 and No. 4 just flat and quit. I took a quick look at the instrument panel and noticed that we were indicating 30" of manifold pressure on the gauges of No. 1 and No. 4 engines. For a reason for which I have no explanation, I grabbed the throttles and started retarding them. The manifold pressures dropped to 0" and then through a blank area in the gauges. Then, miraculously, when the manifold pressure read in the neighborhood of 60", both engines roared to life and the emergency go-round was continued. We cleaned up the airplane (retracted gear and flaps and feathered No. 3) and decided there was no reason not to try the same procedures for our second pass at the field. After all, it was an odd-ball circumstance that had goofed up our first approach.

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Happy Holiday

