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REUNION '93

Little Rock, Arkansas

Sept.22-26, '93

OBSERVATIONS

Here we are again, working diligently to put out the September issue of Mendlesham Memories. I'm sure most of you don't realize all that goes into preparing the issue for publication. I really didn't know what I was getting into when I volunteered to take the load off of Ray Summa's back. I had never done this sort of thing before so it took me quite a while of self-educating to arrive at what we have today. And we are now in our ninth year of this endeavor. It has been an invigorating and enlightening experience. I have never regretted taking the job on. When I hear that people are satisfied with my efforts it's all the more exciting. If anyone has any complaints they've not expressed them to me. I would certainly try to do something to remedy any such situation which may arise.

Enough of that!! Rose and I are now well situated back in Indiana. My tomato plants are enormous and have many golf-ball size fruit on them. The pepper plants are doing well - I picked a few. You must understand, I don't have a garden plot. We live in a townhouse with a front and rear patio area. I built several wooden planters, bottomless, into which I planted my crop, and they're doing very well. I'm known as the "Green Thumb" of the area!

We're looking forward to the Little Rock reunion. Based on all the "Newly Found" names we have seen, we're looking for an extraordinary attendance there, well more than the average. Because of some of our past experiences, all "Newcomers" will be identified in one way or another. Rose and I try to make them welcome if we know who they are and I urge all of our other "Old-timers" to do the same. Let's make them want to come back again.

The Little Rock reunion promises to be an experience we won't want to miss. You'll meet old friends who you may not have seen or heard from since WWII. The camaraderie is such that you almost can't believe the friendship you feel. The events are scheduled so that you can do some sight-seeing in the selected city while you meet old friends and make a multitude of new ones. If you've not been to one of our reunions, try it. You'll not be sorry.

To wind things up, I want to say that the cut-off date for material to be used in the December issue will be October 22nd in order to get the issue in the mail in late November so that most, if not all, will get their copy in December.

That's all I have for now. Rose and I are looking forward, with impatience, to seeing you all at the Little Rock reunion. Don't disappoint us!!

Eli Baldea,
Editor

MOVING?????

If you are moving, or have moved, get your change of address in so that you won't miss the next issue of Mendlesham Memories. Mailing labels are printed about Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1, and Nov. 1 for the March, June, September and December issues. Send your change of address to: HAL PROVINCE, 111 PROVINCE LAND, CARRIERE, MS. 39426 before the labels are printed to ensure the correct arrival of the MEMORIES!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

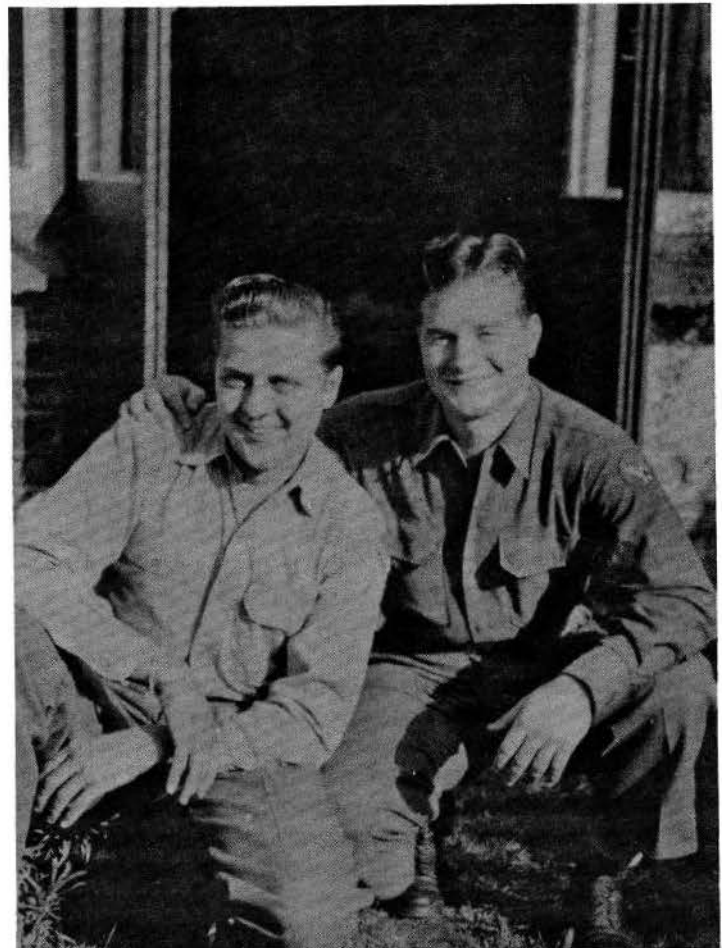
GREETINGS!!!

By the time you get this issue of your M.M another summer is fading away. How can summer slip by so fast and, yet, it seems so long a time between reunions? If you haven't made plans to join us in Little Rock it's not too late do so. Contact Robert Wright, 411 Parkovash Ave., South Bend, IN. 46617, (tel: 219-231-4287). At Las Vegas past president Fred Schoch presented me with a bottle of spirits to be opened by the last living member of the 34th Bomb Group. In so doing he established a "Last Man Club". It made me realize how soon that can happen! The taps list gets longer and longer. So, if you are able, don't pass up the opportunity to spend some precious time with your old friends and buddies from our days in the 34th.

It is amazing how long forgotten incidents are remembered when reminiscing with friends about things of fifty years ago. It is also a great time to forget about the strife and suffering that people are enduring in so many places. There once was a time when we were an important part of helping to suppress an aggressor. We can still take some consolation in the fact that, because of our efforts some fifty years ago, we still live in a free nation. We all should be grateful to live in a land where "OLD GLORY" waves, the symbol of freedom and democracy so majestically. We may be too old to physically help our great nation in time of need, but not too old to let our senators and congressmen know our thoughts; such as keeping our military strong and ever alert.

See you all in Little Rock!!

Bruce Sothern,
President



Robert Bassett and Ted??? on leave at Clackton on the Sea from Mendlesham.



Fellow members of the 34th B.G.:

Spring has passed and now we are into the good old summertime. At this time I see that the temperature has hit 117 degrees out west. Seems as if we are back in Blythe in the summertime. Some places have not enough water, others with too much but, then, that is nature.

Sorry to hear about the floods in the Missouri and Mississippi valleys. Hope it has not affected too many of you. I know that some of you did not get your crops planted and, if you did, the floods washed them out. Our thoughts are with you.

Hannah and I have been taking a few trips this spring and summer. We were in Branson, MO. on a bus tour and saw 5 shows in 4 days. In June we took off for Virginia, planning also to go down the coast to North Carolina, where we usually go each year. Our first stop was Smith Mountain Lake in the mountains of S.E. Virginia, where we visited with Junius and Jennie Cobb at their home on the Lake. They had been wanting us to visit them for some time. We stayed two days with them and we were going to continue our trip, but a phone call came and we had to come back to Anderson, IN.

We had a wonderful time with Junie and Jennie, just sitting around talking about old times with the 34th. They sit high above the lake and have a magnificent view of the lake and the islands in the lake. We went for a long ride on their pontoon boat and enjoyed it very much. God willing, and if we are able, we will see them again next year.

Since our treasurer, Hal Province, bought the new Computer Phone Directory, we have been sending out letters to men with

the same name as men from the 34th B.G. whom we had not found. Hal and his wife, Jan, stuffed the letters in the envelopes and sent them to me. All I had to do was to recheck to see that they complied with the non-profit mailing permit. This kept us busy for awhile. The answers are coming in at the present time. I am receiving letters and phone calls from many of our men of the 34th B.G. saying they had not heard of our association. Many have looked through military magazines for something about the group but failed to see our announcements of the reunions in them. I am also receiving calls and letters from men and women who were not in the 34th B.G., wishing us luck in our search for the missing men. I wish you could have read most of those letters.

You will see in the "Newly Found" column of our newsletter, and the new roster, that we have had quite a bit of success. Many wives have written saying their husbands had been in the 34th but have passed on, many within the last two years. We were sorry to hear this and wished we could have found them before they were deceased. Most of those we have found had moved many miles from the last address we had for them. Many said they would be at the reunion in Little Rock in September. I hope they make it.

Hannah and I have a little bad news. She fell one day in the garage and broke her wrist and threw it out of place. She had it in a cast almost up to her shoulder. This week the doctor cut the cast back to between the wrist and elbow. Right now I am her right hand man for it was the right wrist she injured. Oh, well, what is a husband for? She is hoping to be O.K. at reunion time.

We are hoping to make the reunion this year for we missed the one at Las Vegas in 1992. We are planning to be there on September 22nd and, when we leave, we are planning to go to Branson, MO. and, perhaps, stop and see some of the shows.

We hope to see many of you at the reunion in September!!

Ray Summa,
Unit Contact



Standing L. to R.: Meissner, Melcher, Barrett, Black, Alves, Sava & George? Kneeling L. to R.: Carlson, Bowers, Trulin & George?

REUNION COMMITTEE REPORT

The 34th bomb Group reunion committee has finalized the negotiations and arrangements for our annual reunion at Little Rock, AR.

The registration area will be on the balcony space of the ballroom level (2nd floor). Here is where Esther, Gen and Wanda will welcome you and give you your coupon books and other information.

Nearby the P. X. room will be located. Yes, Paul, it's lockable. Next door the hospitality room is handily located. Watch for some surprises in this room. Each of these rooms is large enough to take care of our needs.

The Board of Directors will meet in the Doyle Rogers board room. The dining room and our general membership meeting room are large enough for our needs.

Ed Lonergan has the golf under control so, if you have a poor game, blame him.

All of the hotel areas that we will be using are on the ballroom level, (2nd floor).

The sleeping rooms are very comfortable and the elevators work well. The Excelsior Hotel has been very cooperative in providing space for us to have our reunion, so be there to enjoy.

The 34th Bomb Group
Reunion Committee

Gerald Pine
Harold Rutka
Robert Wright



ATTENTION!!-REUNION GOLFERS

The 34th Bomb Group golf outing will be held this year at Hindman Golf Club, Little Rock, Ark. on Friday, September 24, 1993. Tee times and golf carts have been confirmed by the club professional, Mr. Ed Dreher. The pro has been advised that we expect 40 golfers or ten foresomes, but he is flexible enough to provide additional times and carts if needed. A limited number of rental club sets is available.

The golf course is a 15 minute drive from the Excelsior Hotel. We should have sufficient transportation for all who want to play. Last year, in Las Vegas, 40 golfers participated and no complaints were registered. Hopefully, we'll have a better turn out in Little Rock. A good time is guaranteed and you may win a trophy. As an added attraction, our reunion committee, with the cooperation of the local Anheuser Busch Distributor, has obtained a commitment for a number of golf-related items to be distributed at our outing with their compliments. Details will be available at Tee Time. So, let's get enthused about golf in Little Rock and get those reservations in to Bob Wright if you haven't already done so.

I plan to be at the Excelsior on September 22nd to coordinate the golf outing with the reunion committee and the golf pro at Hindman. See you in Little Rock!

Ed Lonergan
Reunion Golf Chairman

REUNION IN ENGLAND '94

The 34th's return to England in 1994 is going to be changed. We had planned to be at the Memorial Day Ceremony at Mad-dingly Cemetery, but the British and American Governments have decided to become involved and possibly change the date to the D-DAY ANNIVERSARY. We will not do any of the beaches or departure points as they will be crowded.

We will have a complete brochure at our Reunion in Little Rock, and Dick D'Amato will be there to answer any questions. You will all receive a brochure via the U.S. Mail.

Peter Gaskin was injured in a car accident in Belgium and is now recuperating in England. Peter and Sylvia had made plans to be with us in Little Rock. Sylvia called to have us pass the word on to their friends. We told her that there will be other reunions for them to come to, but at this time he should concentrate on recovering. Peter and Sylvia are Friends of the Eighth and are Honorary Members of the 34th B.G. Assn. They have helped to make our reunions in England a great success.

The EIGHTH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will be holding a reunion at the Hyatt Regency Hotel - Rosemont, Illinois - September 29th thru October 1st. We will have a room available for the 34th Bomb Group meetings.

Harold C. Rutka
Reunion Committee

SENIOR'S SPECIAL

Hal Province has looked into special rates on airlines for seniors. He offers the following:

The Fourth Of July is now history and we can all look forward to the 1993 Reunion! It's less than three months away and I hope you are making your plans to attend!

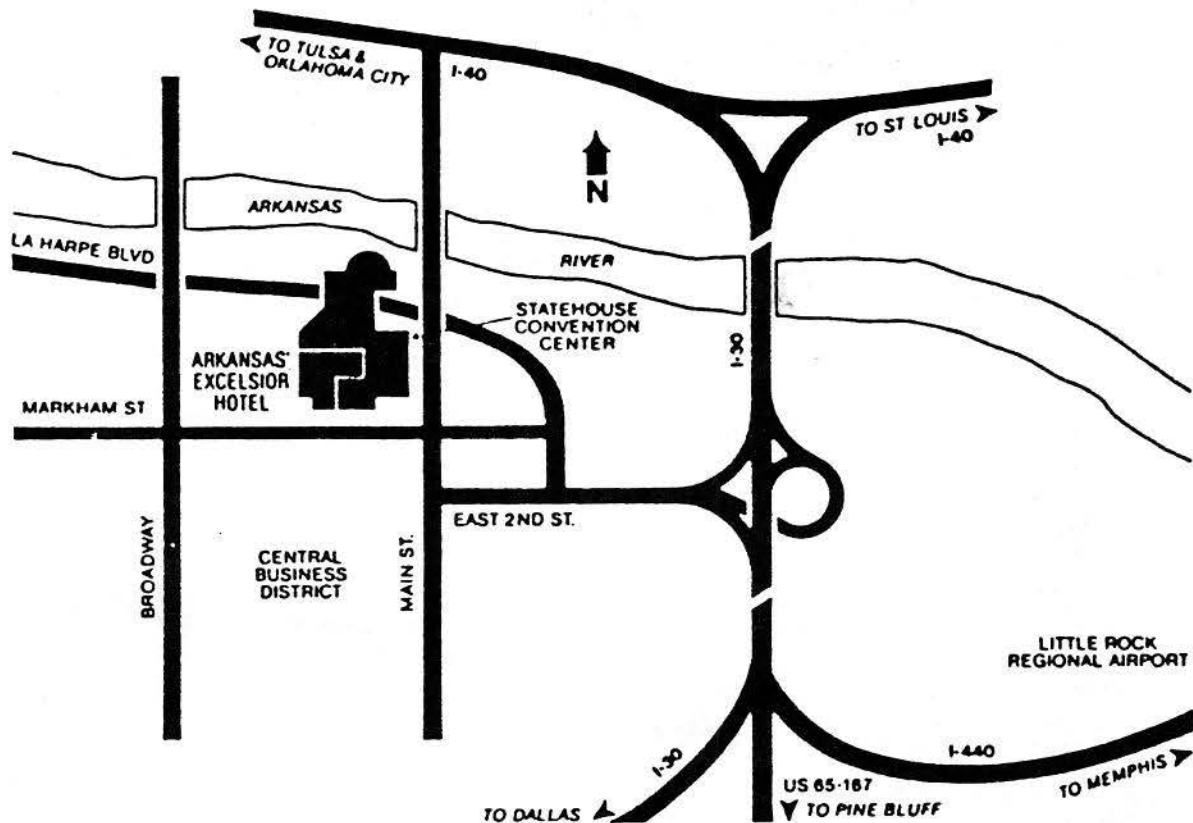
SENIOR CITIZENS AIR TRAVEL PRICES DISCOUNTED!!!

I'd like to call your attention to the SENIOR PROGRAMS that most of our domestic air carriers offer and, at the same time, update the information that was printed in March, 1991.. Many of our newfound members may not know of the programs. This will also refresh other members who plan to fly to Little Rock. You must ask the carriers specifically about their respective program in order to get good information. Most of the carriers have common requirements but you should question the carrier you plan to use for any special points to be considered in your individual case. Common requirements are: over 62 years of age, 14 day advance registration, coupons good for one year from DATE OF ISSUANCE (pay for coupons on the day of your flight in order to prolong days you can use the coupons), two coupons required on any flight exceeding 2,000 miles (to Hawaii and Alaska for those carriers servicing those states, the same for Puerto Rico, San Juan and St. Thomas). Most carriers have no blackout days for this program. Check for emergency situations or change of reservations.

I've checked those listed below and here are the costs as of July 6, 1993:

AMERICAN AIRLINES: Senior program telephone 1-800-237-7981. May be purchased thru American at this number, or at city ticket offices, travel agencies, etc. Four (4) coupons \$568.00. A \$25.00 fee for voluntary change of reservations. No blackout days, can fly standby in emergency situation.

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CONTINENTAL AIRLINES: Senior program telephone 1-800-765-0915. May be purchased at usual offices and picked up at airport. Four (4) coupons cost \$549.00 and eight (8) coupons cost \$949.00. CONTINENTAL has another offer which might be of benefit to anyone going to England in 1994. They offer unlimited flight anywhere they fly for \$1999.00 coach or \$3499.00 for first class.

DELTA AIRLINES: Senior program telephone 1-800-221-1212. May be purchased at usual offices and picked up at airport. Four (4) coupons cost \$568.00 & eight (8) coupons cost \$984.00.

NORTHWEST AIRLINES: Senior program telephone 1-800-225-2525. May be purchased at usual offices and picked up at airport. Four (4) coupons cost \$568.00, eight (8) coupons cost \$984.00.

TRANS WORLD AIRLINES (TWA): Senior program telephone 1-800-221-2000. May be purchased at usual offices and picked up at airport. Four (4) coupons cost \$496.00 and there is no eight (8) coupon book available. TWA has an unusual option with their coupon book. They offer a fifth coupon which is good for a 20% discount on overseas tickets. This may be of benefit to those who plan on going to England in 1994. It may be worth buying a ticket to a TWA airport (in case TWA doesn't serve your usual airport) and then buying the TWA coupon book. Twenty percent on a round trip ticket to England could save you some money!

UNITED AIRLINES: Senior program telephone 1-800-633-6563. Office open from 7:00 am to 1:00 am Eastern time. United has what they call their "SILVER PACK". (I believe I've seen their advertisement in Modern Maturity magazine.) May be purchased at usual offices and picked up at airport. Four (4) coupons cost \$568.00, eight (8) coupons cost \$984.00.

In these days of AIR FARE WARS you would want to check any other possibility for reduced fares. Most Travel Agencies can be of much help in finding lower fares but many have to be asked to do so. Their fees from the carriers may be based on the cost of the ticket sold. You can see why they would be reluctant to find low cost fares!

Hal Province, 7/6/93

SPECIAL NOTICE!

We have been informed that Dane Hansen Productions, who had us mention their VCR tape "BOMBARDIER, THE REAL STORY" in our June issue, no longer seems to be at the address listed. The "800" number listed also does not answer for Hansen Productions and they have given no forwarding address.

Anyone who has mailed an order to them is on their own as far as getting their money back. This notice is to alert others to the fact that these people are not where we were told they would be.

We are sorry for the problem presented. We do print these notices as they are received in order that our members may take advantage of the offers presented. We have no way of knowing whether the offer is a legitimate one. We do apologize for any inconvenience you've experienced.

We have received word from Carroll Forister as to the names of the crew of "Picadilly Tilly" shown on page 11 of the June '93 issue. They are, left to right, Jack Blackham, Carroll Forister, Leonard Bilas, Ernie Woelfel, Ken Humphreys, Bob Bice and Fritz Rowley. Carroll also informs us that John Golden and Bill Reschke refused to be photographed until their tour was complete because they were superstitious.

Ralph Bush has informed us as to the names of those of his crew shown on page 20 in the June issue. They are, standing, L. to R.: Lou DeSantis, Evan Rogers, Waymen Duncan, Jean Bouliane, Ralph Bush and Kenneth Jackson. Kneeling, L. to R.: John Vronz, Conrad Ricker and Robert Brown.

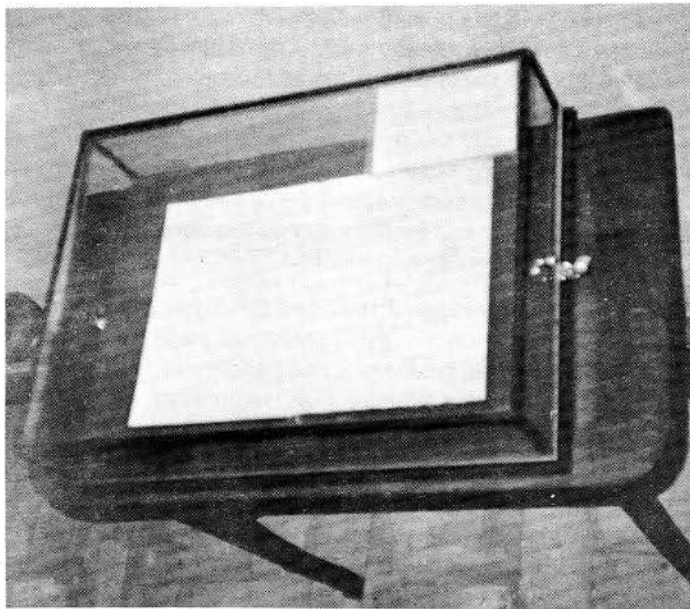
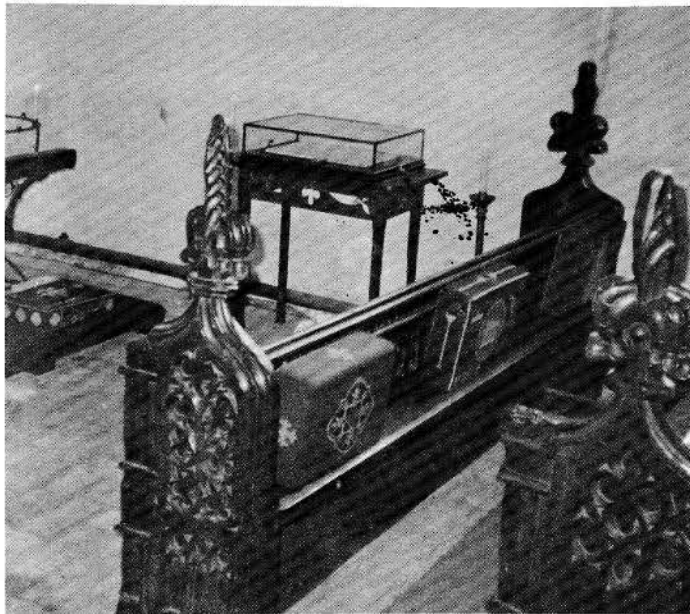
From Milt Hansen we have the names of Couse's crew shown on page 7 of the June issue. They are: front row, L. to R.: Milt Hansen, C. Sackerson, George Shack, Merton Ranck, and J. Bemette. Back row, L. to R.: Richard McLauchlin, Mike Couse, G. Reagan and (unidentified).

From Harry Crawford we've received word that the crew picture on page 4 of the June issue is that of Lt. Lewis. One other person is identified. The fourth person kneeling (l. to r.) is Bill Camden. Harry believes other crew members will make themselves known.

MEMORIAL BOOK AT MENDLESHAM

Fred Maundrell of Mendlesham writes:

We have installed the 34th Bomb Group Memorial Book in our church here. I am enclosing some photographs showing where they are displayed. Unfortunately, the top view does not show the printing because of the light from the flash bulb. We look forward to a visit from the 34th members to view it in person.



**Don't Forget
To Send In Your Dues**

Mail \$7.50 to: Harold Province
111 Province Lane
Carriere, MS 39426

GROUP COMMANDER'S REPORT OF OPERATIONS 34TH BOMB GROUP (H)

Mission No. 58, 13 August, 1944

(Editors Note: This is one we received from Francis Jackovich which displays what was reported regarding one of our missions, both before and after the fact.)

"This mission is an integral part of a drive to destroy the German Army west and south of the Seine River. A powerful American thrust north from Le Mans and Alencon has placed the American 5th Armored Divn. in the town of Sees, while its forward elements have reached both Gace and Argentan. On the left flank of this drive the French 2nd Armored Divn. is in Alencon, with its forward elements at Carrouges. The distance between the American forces driving north at Argentan and the Canadian troops, who are six miles north of Falaise and moving south, is now only 19 miles."

"2nd Division has been given the sector from the mouth of the Seine to Rouen, and the 1st Division's area is from Rouen to the western edge of 3rd Division's sector. All bridges over the Seine in 3rd Division's area are already down."

"Note: Communications targets will not be bombed if they are located in towns or villages. In such instances the roads should be cut at the approaches to the town. Tactical reporting will be employed."

"FLAK:

Route in to IP before target is believed to be free of flak except for possibility of guns in the area of battle line. There are about 40 guns at Dreux, 40 guns at Mantes Gassicourt and 40 guns at Magny. The course back is through a narrow corridor and some flak can be expected either from the 12 guns at Cleres or the group of batteries at Neufchatel."

(Signed)
"Partridge"

LEAD NAVIGATOR'S NARRATIVE, 34TH "C" GROUP,

Mission of 13 August, 1944

1. The 34th "C" Group took off as briefed and formed on 34th lead and "B" Groups. 34th "C" Group followed the lead squadron to the I.P. at which time the 34th "C" Group went out to bomb their own targets.

2. At the I.P. a heading was taken for Vernon, which is left of briefed course to the target but was made good to avoid flak at Dreux and Mantes Gassicourt. Using Vernon as the I.P., the bombardier and nose navigator took over and bombed the target. Time of bombs away was 1312 on a heading of 74 deg. Chaff was started at 1246 and stopped at 1320. Immediately after bombs away flak was seen behind us but not close enough to do any damage. The group followed the briefed course and crossed the coast at 1333, 3 miles right of course.

3. A heading was given for Selsey Bill but, due to inaccuracy of winds computed and non-operation of "GEE", the group crossed the English coast three (3) miles west of Worthing, about 10 miles right of course, at 1404. The course back to base was followed as briefed and the group passed over the base at 1455. A normal formation peel-off and landing was made.

(Signed)
34th Lead Navigator, "C" Group

Notes From Our Friends



CARL NICHOLS - Fresno, CA.

A few months ago my daughter and I had a group of Seven Aces in our gallery to sign a picture done by Robert Taylor and had dinner with aviation picture collectors.

"Bud" Anderson, who has written the book, "To Fly and Fight", mentioned about having a night fighter over his face one night in June, 1944. The more we talked, the more we put two and two together to tie it in with our visit at Mendlesham by German aircraft. It was a JU88, flown by Capt. Heinz Roeker, who had 64 kills (63 night and 1 day). He is still alive and living in Germany.



Carl Nichols and Bud Anderson

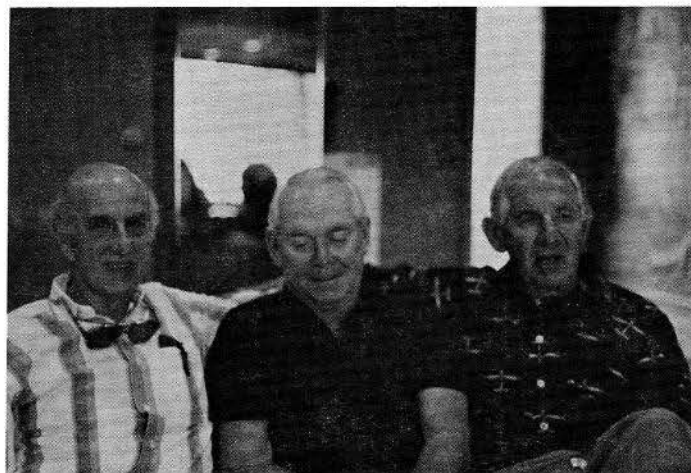
WILLIAM V. SHERMAN - Miami, FL.

My wife, Violet, and I take at least three trips a year. However, we never seem to fit in one of the 34th B.G. reunions. Perhaps another time. There is one problem at the moment. Vi broke her femur in March. Although she's coming along very well our trips are on hold.

ROBERT L. STEINER - Washington, D.C.

We had a great mini-reunion of our crew in March. Jim Langdon and I visited with Mort Abrams and his wife, Rita, at their home in Boca Raton, FL. Rita was a gracious hostess. My wife, Christine, was there and enjoyed the reunion as did Jim's date. His wife had passed away several years back.

We missed our tail gunner, Mike Derenge, whose wife was in the hospital at the time so he couldn't join us.



Bob Steiner, Jim Langdon & Mort Abrams in a mini-reunion of the crew in March at the Abrams' home.

PAUL BLAINE - New Carrollton, MD.

I am retired from my own consulting firm and am now an ordained Permanent Deacon in the catholic church.

All of you who are holding this group together deserve a lot of credit and thanks.

PAUL SHOLL - Takoma Park, MD.

We do enjoy the magazine very much. I know lots of hard work is put into it and we truly appreciate it.

JAMES S. HOLLOWELL - Paso Robles, CA.

Early this year I came down with a bout of flu that turned into pneumonia and that doubled up on me. After a 10 week session, much of it on oxygen, I'm well on the road to recovery. While going nuts on oxygen at sea level and trying to be useful cleaning up stuff and junk. I found a film strip from which I've made prints to send to you. Hope they are of interest to you.

JEAN P. BOULIANE - Houston, TX.

As we get older the game of recognizance gets very elusive. In the Dec., 1992 issue of M.M., William C. Alston Jr. asks for the identity of the "captain on the right" in a photograph. I recognized Bill Cole at once and assumed that Doc Alston's son wanted to know who was in the picture with his dad. I've tried to make contact with no results. Does anyone know how to get in touch with Bill Cole?

CARROLL FORISTER - Kirkwood, MO.

We've enjoyed a beautiful spring and early summer in Missouri, but humidity and warmer weather finally arrived. I've never seen flowers, trees and shrubs as beautiful, resulting from the many rains we've had. As always, Sylvia and I really enjoy reading Mendlesham Memories and we thank you so much for all the effort put into the production of this fine magazine. In our opinion, far superior to the 8th A.F. News.

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NOTES FROM OUR FRIENDS

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JOHN H. GALLOWAY - Brunsville, NC.

I was radar-navigator, bombardier on the crew known as "False Courage" in the 4th Sqdn. While I have never been able to attend a reunion in the past I am hoping it can be arranged this year.

WALTER STURDIVAN - Stockton, CA.

Contrary to what some might have thought we had a pretty good bombardment group. I think the record speaks for itself. As I look back on it I am convinced more than ever that the Nazi pilots knew how good we really were. It was only toward the last that they made any intrusions into our formations (June 7th excluded, of course). The American fighters did an excellent job of keeping the Nazi away but I don't believe that was the only reason, because other formations were catching plenty.

Right now we are planning to go to Little Rock in September. If we leave anything for our kids and grandkids they might fight over it. We'll save them the trouble, spend it. In reality, I don't think they would mind.

PETER (& SYLVIA) GASKIN - Essex, England

This is an open letter to all my friends in the 34th. Please excuse the shaky writing as I am laying on my back in the hospital.

I had hoped to be at Little Rock in Sept. but, unfortunately, I had a bad accident in Belgium on 22nd May. I had a head-on collision with a Belgian but I don't know how the accident came about. I just remember the impact and nothing else. I was operated on for a smashed foot and it is now all screwed and bolted together. Also, my right hip was fractured but the Belgian doctors have done a marvelous job of screwing me together.

I spent 13 days in the hospital at Dinant on the heights about the river Meuse. Sylvia came back on the 13th day with a friend in his car and, somehow, got me comfortable and drove me back to England via Calais-Dover ferry, straight to a hospital in England.

I am now laying on my back on a traction machine that is keeping my hip moving. The idea is to help stop the onset of arthritis in later years. I shall be on the machine for 3 weeks and then very intensive therapy in the gym and swimming pool. I hope to be back at work on light duties in December.

As I said, we had hoped to be in Little Rock in Sept. We had our flight booked and were going to stay with the Lampey's in Ohio. We decided to cancel straight away rather than live in hope and have to cancel at the last minute. I would have been even more gutted than I am now. So, have a great time and I will be with you in spirit.

May I also confirm Ian Hawkin's idea of going to Luxembourg (Diekirch). The museum is superb. I know it well. There is also another museum just outside Arlon on the border. It is called the "V" Victory Museum. It is very good. Plus the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is, itself, worth a visit. They don't call it "Little Switzerland" for nothing. Sylvia and I have spent many happy times there.

We're both looking forward to seeing some of you in May '94. All the best and be lucky.

ANNABEL (PICKETT) STANBACK - Wadesboro, NC.

I'm writing for my husband because he has had heart surgery and isn't up to it. He appreciates your looking for him. We doubt we can get to the reunion, but thanks for asking.



B-24 downed by flak.

A.J.Z. (ABE) FIRESTONE - Hampton, VA.

I had every intention of going to the reunion in Little Rock this year. Unfortunately, whoever planned this meeting apparently overlooked, or didn't realize, the dates of the reunion coincide with the Jewish High Holidays. The holiday of Yom Kippur begins on the evening of September 24th, and is a solemn and, probably, the most important religious holiday of our faith. As a Jewish member of the 34th B.G., I will not be able to attend the reunion.

For your information, the holidays in 1994 are September 6th and 7th for Rosh Hashanah, while Yom Kippur starts on the evening of September 14th. I trust that the Reunion Committee would be sensitive to observant members of the Jewish faith and plan the 1994 and future reunions accordingly.

GERALD PINE - Waunakee, WI. (In response to above letter)

I bear full responsibility for the reunion dates of the 34th Bomb Group's annual meeting and reunion. The reunion committee, several years ago, decided to hold our reunions in the month of September, preferably one of the two middle weekends. The Reasons—The first weekend runs smack-dab into the nationwide Labor Day celebrations. The last weekend would pressure people too much who want to attend the 8th A.F.H.S. reunion that has traditionally been held in October. Consequently, we have placed our efforts on either of the two middle weekends of September.

These dates are chosen (set) by availability only. Yes, dealing as we do three or four years in advance, we find it difficult to set a date that coincides with everyone and everything that makes a reunion click.

Fred Scherr of 7813 Sheridan St., Scottsdale, AZ 85257, has also written me about conflicting dates. I have sent him the phone number and address of the Synagogue and of the Rabbi in Little Rock. Write to Fred for the particulars. It could be that you could worship this Holy Day in Little Rock and spend the rest of the time with your friends of the 34th.

I am exceedingly sorry that these dates are conflicting. I want you to know that no reunion dates are set to intentionally conflict with the Holy Days of any faith.

HERMAN G. BARTZ JR. - Leawood, KS.

I am suffering from my 2nd bout with cancer and cannot travel. Thanks for contacting me and please let me hear from you again.

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HARRY CRAWFORD - Novi, MI.

I was in Lt. Pavlicek's crew in the 4th Sqdn. My wife, Marie, and I spent a day and a half in Marrakech, Morocco in 1986. Original flying crews will remember Marrakech. This time I went into the walled city (the Medina) without being harassed. In 1944 Will and I were picked up in there by the MP's. They didn't approve of our sightseeing.

I'm glad we found each other after all these years. I'm looking forward to Little Rock.

JAMES J. MONDO - St. Paul, MN.

A few years ago my wife and I went to London and asked where Mendlesham was, hoping to see the town, pub, etc. Nobody could direct me and it was not on the map. I'll have to try again someday.

We hope to attend a 34th B.G. reunion, if possible. I'll keep the Sept. dates open. I hope we can make it.

BRUCE G. BLEEKER - Santa Cruz, CA.

I am now retired from the electronics industry and, while working, had the opportunity to visit England several times. A few years ago I visited the old air base at Mendlesham. It is still there, including the old air strip (no longer used), and many of the old buildings, now housing small businesses.

ANDREW FRIEDMAN - Delray Beach, FL.

Thank you for your letter. I wonder whether you have found Robert Ballesteros from New York, a man called Carter from Tupper Lake, NY. or a Lt. Black from Indiana or Illinois. They were all with the 18th Sqdn.

RUSSELL E. NELSON - Riverdale, IL.

Thank you for your letter looking for "LOST SHEEP". Well, you've found one, although I'm now more of an "OLD GOAT" than a "LOST SHEEP". Needless to say, I'm very interested in additional information regarding the 34th B.G. Assn. and the reunions.



Pee Wee, The C.Q. in the 4th Sqdn.

WILLIAM A. SHELTON - Cambridge, MA.

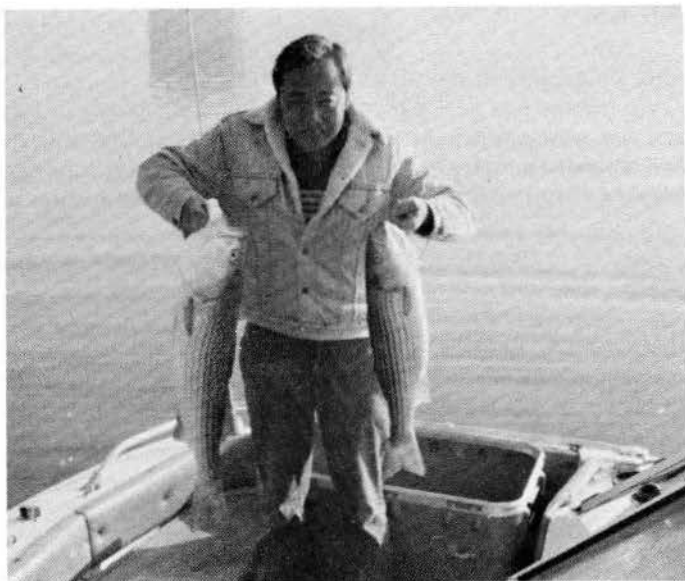
Yes, I am the man you were looking for. I was the Armament Officer of the 7th Sqdn. from February, 1944 through June, 1945. I am now retired and spend most of my time developing software for Macintosh computers.

I'm glad you found me.

MARLEY B. SWANN - Roswell, GA.

I lived most of my life in Indiana and was living there at the time of my separation from service. Since then I have moved to the Atlanta area, where I have been living for the past nineteen years.

I appreciate your efforts to find me. You appear to be a great believer in the "seek and ye shall find" motto. I hope to hear more from you.



New member, Joe Wong, with his catch near his home in California.

SID ROCKMULLER - Riverdale, NY.

Over the years I have run into a few of our buddies, mostly from the N.Y. metro area. I am quite interested in one of the reunions. I've got lots of time so if I can help getting in touch with people in this area, let me know.

VINCENT G. HURLMAN - Mt. Vernon, NY.

I would appreciate learning how you located me. Thank you for that. Incidentally, the Mendlesham Catholic Chaplain, Fr. Tom Scannell, is now in retirement at a parish in McLean, VA.

ROBERT SUGERMAN - Rochester, NY.

I enjoy reading Mendlesham Memories. It is surprising how you can relate even after all these years. The article on "100 Octane Gasoline" brought back additional memories. One of the most important things that Pete Gray didn't mention was that we heated our tents with the "stuff". It wasn't an elaborate heating system but it did the job. Sometimes too good because some of the tents burned down.

JOHN E. WOLF - Whispering Pines, NC.

Thank you for getting in touch with me. I'm not sure that we can make the Little Rock reunion but will surely let you know if it becomes possible.

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VOLNEY P. SNYDER - Torrington, CT.

After 22 years in the service I retired in 1969. I was editor of six military newspapers and wound up writing propaganda for TAC headquarters at Langley AFB, VA. I took off my uniform in 1969 and have not looked at it since. I am now pushing 70 and the only thing I'm nostalgic about is my lost virility.

WILLIAM PATERSON - Bellingham, WA.

We finished up with Col. Freeman's squadron (the 391st). I enjoyed my duty with Col. "Bucky" (to his friends only) Freeman. I was his personal piper (Probably the only one in the 8th A.F.). I'm looking forward to hearing more from you and "read your R-5, S-5!

PEG (ROBERT) SCHWARTZ - Van Wert, OH.

We missed last year's reunion. Bob had angioplasty in May and was a long time in healing. Then on April 5th, this year, he had 5-bypass surgery. He's getting along pretty good considering he's 70 but thinks he's 35. We celebrated our 50th anniversary Nov. 16, 1992. Boy, time sure flies.

See you in Little Rock, the GOOD LORD willing and the creek doesn't rise.

DOUGLAS F. BURKE - Gainesville, GA.

I am the man you were looking for. Thank you for your letter. I would appreciate it if you send me any additional information on the 34th B.G. Assn.

ARTHUR M. HANSEN - Sarasota, FL.

Your letter was a pleasant surprise. Thank you for getting in touch with me. I would like any additional information about the 34th B.G. Assn. and about the reunion in Little Rock.

LAMAR T. LOWER - Union City, MI.

Glad to receive your letter, the newsletter and other information. Thanks.

As of now I'm not sure I'll be attending the reunion as my wife, Pauline, and I aren't able to travel far. We had our 52nd wedding anniversary on June 8th. I retired in 1983 and we spent several winters in Florida before deciding Michigan was the place for us year-round.

BOYD W. WILSON - Lakeland, FL.

I was very much surprised to get your letter. In the forty-eight years since my separation from active service, I have encountered only one person who was with the 34th. I happened upon Capt. Williamson, 4th Sqdn. Engrg. Officer, in Greenville, SC.

WILLIAM RIEDEL - Union, NJ.

Thank you for your letter locating me. I would appreciate additional information about the 34th B.G.

HENRY F. PODEAZA - St. Petersburg, FL.

During the past week I have been reading "The Turbulent Life of General Curtis LeMay" by Thomas M. Coffey. Ironically, I received your letter locating me at that same time.

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Crew of "Evaidin Maiden. Standing L. to R.: Del Bainco, Sanders, Dulaney, Kardowsky, Olmstead and Joubert.

Kneeling L. to R.: Guertin, Linden and Thaete.

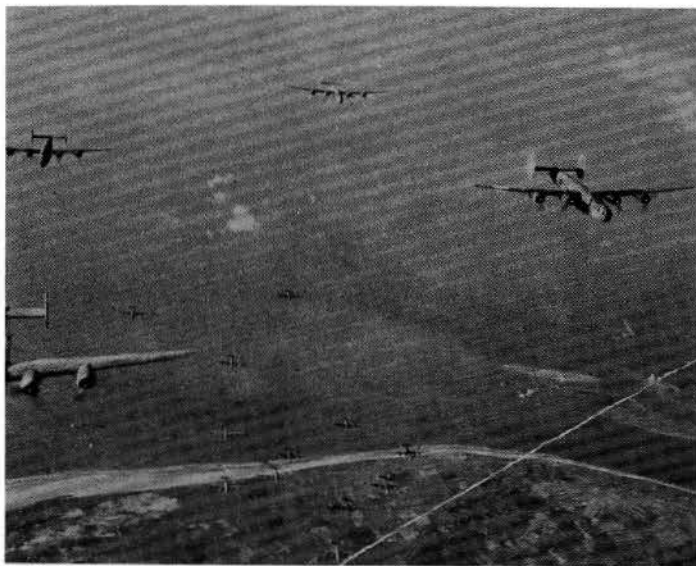
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MRS. MINOR S. SATTERWHITE - Chickasha, OK.

Minor and I were married in 1933 in San Antonio, TX. and moved to Oklahoma in 1934. We had 56 plus years together. Each year was wonderful in its own way.

Minor died Jan. 10, 1990. He was a very sick man for several years before I lost him. I'll tell you, it is hard to live without him. He was a "Very Special Guy".



34th Bomb Group on a mission.

WILLIAM H. OAKLEY - Shalimar, FL.

Please add the name of this "found sheep" to the group roster. At this point in time I can't commit to the coming reunion at Little Rock, but it will surely be entered on my list of "want-to-do" things. Thanks again for the opportunity to rejoin the 34th.

WILLIAM J. HERBENER - Thomaston, GA.

The years have passed and memories are erased. I can recall only two names with whom I served, Ralph Pounders and Robert Grimes. While the possibility of my attending a reunion is remote, I would enjoy any and all information. Thanks for your worthwhile efforts.

EDWARD R. CARLSON - San Jose, CA.

After all these years, this is the first time I have had any contact with the 34th B.G. I would be very pleased to learn more about the organization.

THANO G. CASTLES - Salt Lake City, UT.

This is to inform you that you have found one of your "lost sheep" in the flesh. I was glad to hear from someone. Please keep me informed.

CECIL L. WADE - Jackson, MS.

It was a pleasant surprise to hear from you regarding the 34th B.G. Assn. I am interested in info regarding the Little Rock reunion. Thanks.

WALTER POTAK - Hicksville, NY.

Thanks for writing me and sending me all that information regarding the 34th. I don't think I can make it to the reunion this year - sorry.

DONALD J. RICHARDSON - Bullhead City, AZ.

I have searched the monthly VFW Magazine for years looking for a reunion notice for the 34th Bomb Group. Your letter, received yesterday, "made my day". Thanks a lot. I am unable to make your '93 or '94 reunions but would sure help in hosting a western reunion in or around Bullhead City-Laughlin, Nevada.

VINCENT LaSCALA - Roanoke, VA.

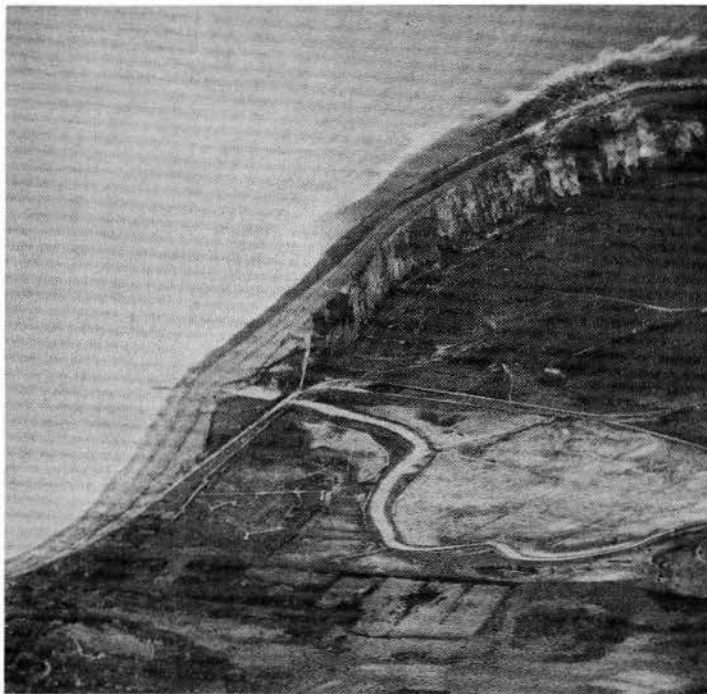
I want to thank you for all the time and effort you put into locating me. This is the longest time I have ever stayed in one place and my mail is finally catching up with me.

BILLIE C. ROUTH - Easton, MO.

I am Clarence Squires' cousin. He is receiving Mendlesham Memories at the nursing home and really enjoys it. I go up every other week to see him. It's a 150 mile round trip and that's why I don't go every week. He likes for me to read his mail because he is blind. Although he's had a massive stroke he remembers all his service buddies and loves to hear from you all. He is pretty weak and, most of the time, uses the wheel chair to get around.

They take very good care of him there. I believe it's the cleanest home we've ever visited. His house burned last July and he stayed with us for a few days. He'd been having small strokes and then, in December, he had a massive stroke affecting his brain. It's usually on one side or the other.

(EDITOR'S NOTE!!) - I believe as many of us that can should send Clarence a card. He's in poor shape and most of us are so much better off than he is. It gives you cause to pause and thank your lucky stars. His address is: Clarence C. Squires, Rt. 2, Box 99, Cainsville, MO. 64632.)



The "White Cliffs of Dover"??

CHARLES R. MEYER - Newport Beach, CA.

I'm happy to be a life member of the association. I talked to Bill Fandel on the phone yesterday and it was great to talk again with my old C.O.

I think your organization is doing a fine job - keep up the good work. I'm sure it's appreciated.

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Eli Baldea, Editor



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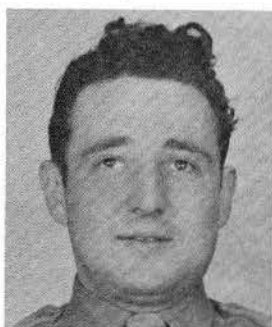
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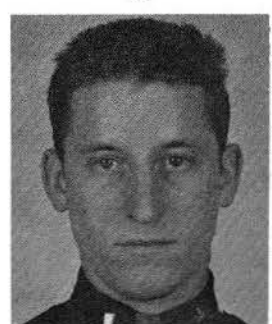
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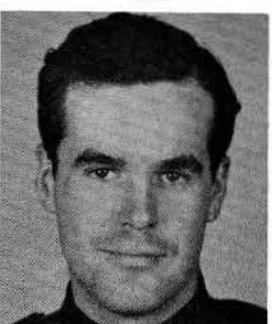
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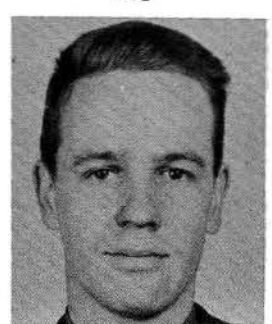
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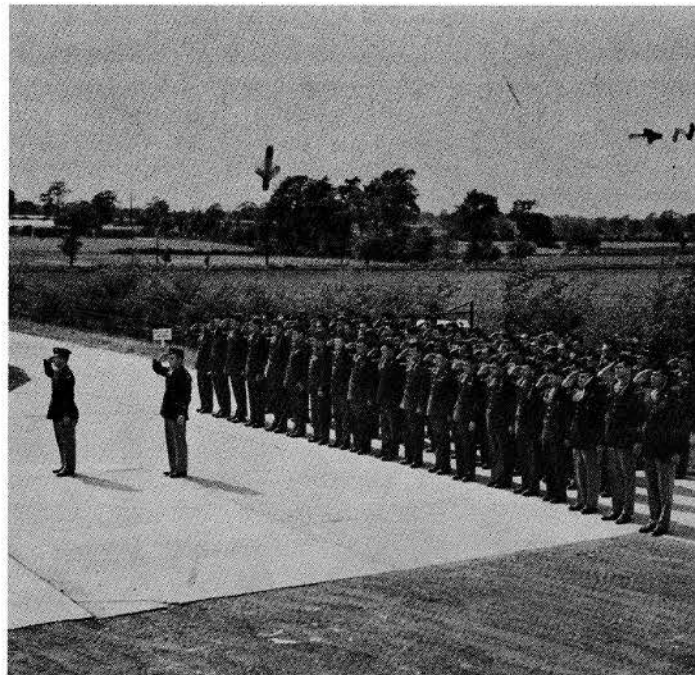
SID ROCKMULLER - Riverdale, NY.

There are a few stories I can tell about our sojourn in Mendlesham. I may be bragging a little, but we had one of the best Special Services Depts. in the 8th A.F. We had seven days a week movies, without having to break in the middle to change reels. We had our own radio station, on wire of course, with speakers in every building on the base. That's in addition to the official Tannoy System. We financed the purchase of the speakers with the profits of the Bingo games at the Red Cross Club. Our athletic teams won championships in baseball, touch football, volleyball, etc. Our band, the "Jive Bombers, Heavy", were in demand throughout the 8th to play for other groups.

Hopefully I will be at the reunion. I hope to see you in Little Rock.

JEAN (JAMES L.) MORT - Bremerton, WA.

Just a note in answer to your inquiry. My husband passed away Jan. 5, 1991.



On parade at Mendlesham.



The 1239th QMC at Mendlesham. All unidentified except 3rd from right in middle row is Len Golden.

BETTY J. (ROSCO C.) HUNTER - Laguna Hills, CA.

My husband, Rosco, was in the 34th B.G. and served in England. He passed away Feb. 21, 1993 at the Long Beach Veteran's Hospital. Thank you for contacting me as he was very proud of his military service.

MICHAEL MINGL - Chula Vista, CA.

Yes, I am your man and did serve as a waist gunner in a B-17 of the 18th Sqdn. and flew 33 missions. I am amazed you found me since I was discharged September 10, 1945. That's a 48 year span. What a sleuth!!

PATRICIA (CHARLES S.) DANIELS - Harrisonville, MO.

My late husband, Charles S. Daniels, is the man you were seeking. I'm sorry to say that on April 21, 1984 he died of congestive heart failure. Have a great reunion and raise one in memory of my "DAN".

WILLIAM A. SHELTON - Poca, WV.

William H. Shelton, "Bub", as we knew him, who served in the 8th A.F. during WWII, was my cousin. After being discharged from the Air Force he joined the W. VA. Air National Guard, sometime during 1947.

He was the flight engineer on a plane returning to Charleston, W.V. from a training mission in the fall of 1950. The plane crashed on its landing approach to the Charleston (now Chuck Yeager) airport. There were no survivors.

BETTY (CHARLES L.) CASSAR - Hicksville, NY.

I am answering your letter regarding my husband, Charles L. Cassar. I deeply regret to tell you that he died on Oct. 20, 1986 of cancer.

I think it is wonderful of you and the Assn. to try to find all of your "LOST SHEEP", as you call them. I know that Charlie would have loved to attend one of your reunions. Thank you for all the time and effort it took to seek Charlie out. I do so wish he was here to answer in person. I miss him a great deal.

MILT ROSENTHAL - Scottsdale, AZ.

I feel honored that you have been looking for me for the last 14 years!! I'm happy that you've found me. I've been playing the Arizona lottery longer than that - but they haven't found me - yet!! I usually have a problem trying to remember what I did last week -- but ask me what happened about 50 years ago and I'll probably recall with ease.

EMILE A. DUVAL JR. - La Mirada, CA.

Well, good shepherd, you have found another of your "LOST SHEEP". I served in the 391st Sqdn. from Feb., '45 until deploying with the group in June, '45. This is the first I have heard of the association and I must congratulate you on your diligence in finding me after all these years.

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LOUIS H. BOLCE - Cincinnati, OH.

Here's to the biggest and best reunion ever. Sorry that I can't attend because I'll be at the National Convention of the Federal Bar Assn. in New Orleans. Since I'm the president of the Cincinnati Chapter I have to attend. Good luck and I'm looking forward to the reunion next year.

RICHARD L. GRAY - Raymond, MS.

Thank you for your inquiry in your search for the Richard Gray of the 8th Air Force. How I wish I were that man. I grew up after the war but I, seriously, always had a passion for the history of the bomb groups flying out of those bases in England. I feel it is a part of history that was never seen before nor will be seen again. The courage of men like yourself and the others will always have my admiration. I can't tell you how many movies I sat through or books I've read going on these flights in my own imagination. To know there was, in reality, a Richard Gray taking part in those flights makes me extremely proud.

PETER T. EFFINGER - Roseville, MN.

I am the brother of the Robert J. Effinger I think you were looking for. After the service years he went to work for grain brokers in Montana where he passed away, Aug. 18, 1961.

WILLIAM J. ORTON - Cascade, ID.

We were at the Pocatello Cemetery the day before Memorial Day and I found out that Gen. LeBailly is buried just in the next plot or section from my father-in-law.

Thinking back almost 50 years ago, I think that he was the first high-ranking officer from the 34th B.G. to come into our ORD. shop. The 34th had not arrived at Mendlesham and he was just looking around. He told us he needed a desk in his office so we pitched in real quick and built him a nice knotty pine desk. I also found out that he was from Pocatello and I was from Blackfoot, Idaho (about 25 miles north of Pocatello), so we had a lot to talk about. He visited our shop quite often.



John Krebs & Bill Sherman, 1239 QMC.

WILLIAM H. FANDEL - San Antonio, TX.

I will not be able to make the 34th reunion in the fall. I'm glad that Bill Creer, Bob Gay and Roy Tavasti can make it. My best to all.

MARTIN A. WEGENER - New Orleans, LA.

Permit me to share a few of my "Mendlesham Memories":

1. Life in general, living in close quarters in the barracks.
2. Bob Alves (I believe it was) with his great impersonations of F.D.R.'s fireside chats.
3. The early breakfast risers dropping their mess kits on the floor.
4. Biking down to the nearest pub for some "Half N' Half".
5. Moonlight biking thru the English countryside when not on duty. (Did everyone on base have access to a bicycle?)
6. Those "Yellow" and "Red" alerts, particularly at night when German planes or V-1's were hopefully flying past us on their way to other targets.
7. Those evening truck trips into Ipswich. (Plays and British humor at the Hippodrome)
8. Leave visits to Norwich, Nottingham, London, Edinburgh, & Felixstowe.
9. All night Engineering Hut on duty. Those nights were many.
10. Appendectomy at a nearby hospital. Many wounded brought in nightly from the Continent.
11. Droning of aircraft headed for Nazi targets - day & night.
12. Bomber crashes on or near base; one close to Engineering Hut.
13. Apprehension on D-Day - Happiness on VE Day.
14. Awaiting to be scheduled for return to America. (Arrived Norfolk Aug. 1, 1945.)

LAWRENCE R. SKINNER - Eau Claire, MI.

I had often wondered why there were no reunions for the 34th B.G. I am one of those "LOST SHEEP" you have been looking for. You have found the right man this time. Thanks for finding me.

FEDERICK SCHOCH - Spokane, WA.

We were privileged to make history again by getting a ride in a B-17 here at Geiger Field. The Collings Foundation had their B-24 and B-17 on tour. I got to fly around the local area and in formation with the B-24. They took six of us in each aircraft. We were up for about an hour but it seemed like the time went so fast.

Anybody interested in the Collings Foundation tours can contact them at: The Collings Foundation, Box 248, Stow, MA. 01775, Phone No. (508) 568-8924.

Clara and I have all our reservations made for Little Rock and hope to see you all there in September.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

From WAYNE SHEARSMITH of England we have the following:

I am a genuine collector/historian of WWII USAAF squadron and group patches. I do treasure all the patches I have in my collection. As a genuine collector I would be willing to pay \$200.00 for an original 18th Bomb Sqdn. patch and another \$200.00 for an original 34th Bomb Group patch. Anybody interested can write me at: Wayne Shearsmith, 27 Coniston Road, Kettering, Northants, NN16 8UL, England.



Photographers Russell Nelson, Dale Ganger & Don Wick.



Leo C. Aloï at the 475th Sub-Depot Headquarters.



ROSE'S CORNER

Hello, Y'all!!

After going through a lot of information on Little Rock, I've come to the conclusion that this is going to be a "Must See" city! Cameras will be clicking all over the place because there is a lot of beauty to take home with you. I see that there will be an International Festival in September, so I'm hoping it will be during the week that we are there. Festivals are very popular here, in northwest Indiana, and we would like to see and taste others. Do plan to join us in Little Rock because you are a part of our family and it sure is wonderful to meet once a year and see if we have changed!

This recipe is one that I will remember from the good old days when Woolworth's 5 & 10 cent stores were numerous throughout the country. The lunch counter served this cheesecake which was superb! I remember eating lunch, while sitting on a stool which whirled, and looking in the mirror which covered the lower part of the wall that I was facing. Those were the days! Since I'm an avid collector of recipes, I've noticed that there have been numerous requests for this scrumptious cake. I want you to try it and let me know whether it brought back some memories. If so, please write and tell us about them! Please read this recipe thoroughly before you begin, otherwise it may be confusing.

WOOLWORTH CHEESECAKE

CRUST

2 cups Graham Cracker crumbs
1½ tablespoons sugar

Dash of cinnamon
½ cup melted butter or margarine

Blend all ingredients. Cover bottom of 9x13x2 pan, making sure to press crumbs around the sides of pan. Reserve ½ cup for topping. Set aside.

FILLING

1 (4 oz.) package lemon jello
5 oz. boiling water
5 oz. cold water
1 14 oz. can evaporated milk (chilled for at least 24 hrs.)

½ lb. cream cheese, (room temperature)
2 tablespoons vanilla
1 cup sugar

Dissolve Jello in boiling water. Add cold water and mix well. Refrigerate to 75 degrees. Do not allow to congeal! In a medium size bowl, cream together with electric beaters: the cream cheese, vanilla and sugar. Beat for 3 minutes and set aside.

Put evaporated milk (chilled) in a chilled bowl and beat with chilled beaters until peaks form. Immediately add Jello and continue beating for 30 seconds. Add the cheese mixture, using medium speed only long enough to blend well. Pour into prepared crust and sprinkle top with reserved crumbs. Then refrigerate overnight.

Call your family, or your friends and neighbors, pour coffee and enjoy!!

May God bless you all abundantly.

Rose

ADDRESS CHANGES

CHANGES OF ADDRESS
(As of 7-22-93)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORGN.	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
ANDERSON	DAVE	(A)	P. O. BOX 162931	FORT WORTH,	TX.	76161
CANNON	DALE C..	7	1917 EDGEWOOD DRIVE	SCHOFIELD,	WI.	54476
CORRIGAN	PETER H.	18	1045 BROOK LANE	CLEVELAND,	OH.	44116
CRISP	HAROLD N.	7	(City name changed to:)	GARDEN RIDGE,	TX.	78266
DUNKEL	RICHARD E.	391 LM	3226 STATE HILL ROAD	SINKING SPRINGS,	PA.	19608
FOX	ROBERT C.	18	601 NO. UNION	MONTICELLO,	IL.	61856
FURLO	VINCENT	18	1523 GRATIOT AVENUE	SAGINAW,	MI.	48602
GOLDBERGER	SID		18000 NW 68TH STREET	MIAMI,	FL.	33015
GOLDEN	JOHN J.	4	(Change in zip code)	AMHERST,	NY.	14228
HAGLER	KENNETH	7	29 AMESBURY DRIVE	BELLA VISTA,	AR.	72714
JOHNSON	DR. DONALD R.	EWACS LM	700 ESCAMPIA LOOP	LILLIAN,	AL.	36549
KINTZEL	GUY	7 LM	2680 WYNGATE ROAD	DOVER,	PA.	17315
KUBLY	A. RAY	7	(Change in zip code)	WATERTOWN,	WI.	53098
LEHMAN	RALPH M.	7 - 4	P. O. BOX 3182	PINE TOP,	AR.	85935
LISTER	JAMES L.	18	32854 LISTER ROAD	DADE CITY,	FL.	33525
LUCAS	RAYMOND E.	4	8201 KOAN LANE	AUSTIN,	TX.	78736
MEEHAN	JAMES B.	7	168 PALM HARBOR DRIVE	VENICE,	FL.	34287
MONGEON	OMER G.	18 LM	120 SHEFFIELD DRIVE	COLLIERVILLE,	TN.	38017
RADOVICH	VALD	RYAF	626 PONDEROSA DRIVE	BEL AIR,	MD.	21014
REED	JAS. RUSSELL	4	1002 B ROYAL OAKS DRIVE	MONROVIA,	CA.	91016
RICHART	GEORGE A.	391	1236 CORNELL DRIVE	LONGMONT,	CO.	80503
ROWLEY	FRANCIS D.	4	2990 MEADOWOOD DR., SPRINGPORT RD.	JACKSON,	MI.	49202
SCHWARTZ	HAROLD		14101 MENDON ROAD	VAN WERT,	OH.	45891
SWEENEY	ROBERT E.	7	3439 SOUTH 96TH STREET	MILWAUKEE,	WI.	53227
VICKERS	ROBERT	8 AFHS	10552 MONTGOMERY BLVD. NE.	ALBUQUERQUE,	NM.	87111
WEEKS	WAYNE	18	11475 PORTERVILLE ROAD	EAST AURORA,	NY.	14052
WOLF	JOHN	18	30 WOODPECKER LN. #B-4	CARTHAGE,	NC.	28327

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

(Total 261 as of 7-22-93)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORGN.	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
ANDERSON	LANCE D.	(A)	4139 NORWAY	GRAND PRAIRIE,	TX.	75052
FOX	ROBERT B.	7	4539 GAMBEL COURT	INDIANAPOLIS,	IN.	46221
HOLLOWELL	JAMES S.	7	805 SNEAD	CASA ROBLES,	CA.	93446
MEYER	CHARLES R.	391	25 RUE GRAND VALLEE	NEWPORT BEACH,	CA.	92660
MILLSTONE	MARTIN A.	391	1424 SO. FARRELL DRIVE	PALM SPRINGS,	CA.	92264
NELSON	RUSSELL E.	18	14306 WABASH AVENUE	RIVERDALE,	IL.	60627
ROCKMULLER	SIDNEY	HQB.	555 KAPPOK STREET	RIVERDALE,	NY.	10463
SIMPSON	ROBERT F.	4	7044 EAST 71ST COURT	TULSA,	OK.	74133

LOST SOULS - MOVED? - STRAYED?

(Mail returned when sent to these addresses - Need new addresses)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORGN.	LAST KNOWN ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
LOGAN	EDWARD	7	17442 NORTH 105TH AVENUE	SUN CITY,	AZ.	85373
MOLICA	JOHN	391	4345 EDEN STREET S.E.	SALEM,	OR.	97301
SWIFT	JOHNATHAN A.	391	754 CHEROKEE STREET	MARIETTA,	GA.	30060

NEWLY FOUND

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORGN.	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
ADAMS	JAMES F.	4	818 FAIRVIEW DRIVE	WOODLAND,	CA.	95695
AITA	PATRICK A.		292 WESTBROOK DRIVE	TOMS RIVER,	NJ.	08757
ANDERSON	MAURICE	18	17245 GREAT AVENUE NO.	PLYMOUTH,	MN.	55447
BARTZ	HERMAN G. JR.		8924 WENONGA ROAD	LEAWOOD,	KS.	66206
BLAND	JACK W.		1409 BERNARD STREET	PASADENA,	TX.	77506
BLEEKER	BRUCE G.	7	99 PASATIEMPO DRIVE	SANTA CRUZ,	CA.	95060
BROFFT	ROBERT J.		3915 EAST MADISON AVENUE	FRESNO,	CA.	93727
BUCHMAN	WALTER	391	25 KNOLLS CRESCENT	BRONX,	NY.	10463
BURKE	DOUGLAS F.		3634 GARDEN BLVD.	GAINESVILLE,	GA.	30506
CARLSON	EDWARD R.	7	8415 CHENIN BLANC LANE	SAN JOSE,	CA.	95135
CARTE	CLYDE R.		13 MARTINDALE DRIVE	HUDSON FALLS,	NY.	12839
CASTLES	THANO G.	4	278 SOUTH 11 EAST	SALT LAKE CITY,	UT.	84102
CRAWFORD	HARRY J.	4	41295 TODD LANE	NOVI,	MI.	48375
DUNKERLEY	WILLIAM I.		2 RAY STREET	ELMWOOD PARK,	NJ.	07407
DUVAL	EMILE A.	391	14826 FACETA DRIVE	LA MIRADA,	CA.	90638
EDWARDS	RICHARD H.	4	4132 2ND STREET N.E.	HICKORY,	NC.	28601
FEHRENBACH	WILLIAM A.	7	4025 LEBOW STREET	FORT WORTH,	TX.	76106
FRIEDMAN	ANDREW	18	2765 RIVIERA DRIVE	DELRAY BEACH,	FL.	33445
GRAY	RICHARD L.	(A)	101 FACULTY DRIVE OAKLAKE T/S	RAYMOND,	MS.	39154
GRITTON	WILLIAM	303RD BG	3360 SUMMERHILL DRIVE	BARTLETT,	TN.	38134
HANSEN	ARTHUR M.	18	4166 LYND HURST COURT	SARASOTA,	FL.	34325
HARRIS	FARREN F.	4	1305 PYRAMID WAY #98	SPARKS,	NV.	89431
HERBENER	WILLIAM J.	4	329 NORTH DELRAY ROAD	THOMASTON,	GA.	30286
HEWETT	ROBERT	HQ.	2734 WEST COLLIDGE	PHOENIX,	AZ.	85017
HOLTZ	MONROE	18	R#3, 66791 BALK ROAD	STURGIS,	MI.	49091
HURLMAN	VINCENT G.		35 ROCKRIDGE ROAD	MT. VERNON,	NY.	10552
JAGUA	WILLIAM M.		1717 WINDSOR PLACE	FINDLAY,	OH.	45840
JOHNSON	CHESTER A.	4	BARTER'S ISLAND	TREVETT,	ME.	04571
KEITH	MORRIS J.		2737 ELM	RIVER GROVE,	IL.	60171
KOZIAR	LEON	391	18 CAMBRE CIRCLE	HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE,	AR.	71909
LaSCALA	VINCENT W.	391	101 SPRING BEAUTY ST., #F-4	ROANOKE,	VA.	24102
LEMMON	JOSEPH F.	391	P. O. BOX 153	NORTH FORD,	CT.	06472
LOCKARD	LESTER	391	344 COLUMBIA	TIPTON,	IN.	46017
LOGODNY	RICHARD L.	7	4050 FULTON PARKWAY	CLEVELAND,	OH.	44144
LOWER	LaMAR T.		439 DIVISION STREET	UNION CITY,	MI.	49094
LYNN	JOSEPH H.	4	2685 11TH AVENUE	SACRAMENTO,	CA.	95818
MANSFIELD	JAMES	7	425 SADDLE LANE	GROSSE POINT,	MI.	48236
MAY	CLAUDE W.	7	BOX 657	NATALBANY,	LA.	70451
McCLURE	CHARLES J.	391	4 EASTON DRIVE	CLIFTON PARK,	NY.	12065
MEADOWS	WILLIS N.		2011 PALMS AVENUE	HAINES CITY,	FL.	33844
MEDHART	ERVIN		14883 MEDHART ROAD	WEST FORK,	AR.	72774
MELTON	LEWIS W.	4	4311 QUIET LANE	DALLAS,	TX.	75211
MERSEAL	DON		308 REINHARD	UNION,	MO.	63084
MEYER	CHARLES	391	25 RUE GRAND VALLEE	NEWPORT BEACH,	CA.	92660
MINGL	MICHAEL	18	P. O. BOX 2908	CHULA VISTA,	CA.	91912
MONDO	JAMES		4814 GREENWICH WAY	ST. PAUL,	MN.	55128
MORRIS	GEORGE H.	18	559 EAST H STREET	ONTARIO,	CA.	91764
MOSHER	LOUIS	93RD WG.	481 MADRIGAL	CATHEDRAL CITY,	CA.	92234
MULLIN	THOMAS J.	391	2137 EDITH AVENUE	SACRAMENTO,	CA.	95864
MURPHY	JAMES H.	7	11208 FLORINDO ROAD	SAN DIEGO,	CA.	92127
NEEDHAM	THOMAS	391	6132 GUILFORD CIRCLE	MAGALIA,	CA.	95954
NELSON	BOYD W.	4	4610 WINTER LAKE ROAD	LAKELAND,	FL.	33803
NELSON	RUSSELL E.		14306 WABASH AVENUE	RIVERDALE,	IL.	60627
NEWELL	BERT	4	2216 AUGUST DRIVE	FORT WAYNE,	IN.	46818

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORGN.	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
OAKLEY	WILLIAM H.	391	163 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD	SHALIMAR,	FL.	32579
OTT	CARLYLE	391	RT #4, BOX 443	MARION,	IL.	62969
PATERSON	WILLIAM		1506 AUSTIN LANE	BELLINGHAM,	WA.	98226
PAUL	ROBERT C.	391	7413 WHERNSIDE	LORTON,	VA.	22079
PODEAZA	HENRY F.	391	4495 33RD AVENUE NORTH	ST. PETERSBURG,	FL.	33713
PODULKA	PHILIP	391-4	1312 SLEEPY HOLLOW ROAD	GLENVIEW,	IL.	60025
RICHARDSON	DONALD J.		2022 MERRILL LANE 10E	BULLHEAD CITY,	AZ.	86442
RIEDEL	WILLIAM		905 MADISON AVENUE	UNION,	NJ.	07083
ROBERT	PAUL H.	18	9121 CAMULOS	MONTCLAIR,	CA.	91763
ROCKMULLER	SIDNEY	SPEC.SERV.	555 KAPOK STREET 601 6025	RIVERDALE,	NY.	10463
ROE	WAYNE H.		RT. 1, BOX 146	ALLERTON,	IA.	50008
ROSENTHAL	MILT	18	9715 NO. 100TH STREET	SCOTTSDALE,	AZ.	85258
SCHMIDT	HAROLD		11605 CORONA LANE	HOUSTON,	TX.	77072
SHELTON	WILLIAM	7	295 HARVARD ST. #408	CAMBRIDGE,	MA.	02139
SKINNER	LAWRENCE R.		8073 EAU CLAIRE ROAD	EAU CLAIRE,	MI.	49111
SMITH	FRANKLIN L.	4	1445 NW. JENNE AVENUE	PORTLAND,	OR.	97229
SNYDER	VOLNEY P.		3204 TORRINGFORD STREET	TORRINGTON,	CT.	06790
SPARROW	JAMES T.	391	RT. 1, BOX 75	ALANTA,	MO.	63530
STANBACK	PICKETT M.		707 MORVEN ROAD	WADESBORO,	NC.	28170
SUMPTER	O. E.	4 (A)	801 SURREY ROAD	HOT SPRINGS,	AR.	71909
SWANN	MARLEY B.	4	4548 SHALLOWFORD ROAD	ROSWELL,	GA.	30075
TAMACCIO	DAVID L.		739 WYNDAL	JENKINTOWN,	PA.	19046
URSICH	ALBERT J.	4	22516 SOUTH RIDGEWAY AVE.	RIGHTON PARK,	IL.	60471
VAN SICKLE	RON R.	(A)	9605 DUFFER WAY	GAITHERSBURG,	MD.	20879
VANDERKLAY	MICHAEL P.		P. O. BOX 552	COTTAGE GROVE,	CA.	97424
VARBLE	CHARLES	4	314 ELLIOT AVENUE	CHAFFEE,	MO.	63740
WADE	CECIL L.		1648 WOODBURN STREET	JACKSON,	MS.	39212
WELLS	DAVID S.	18	1117 CHRISTY STREET	BOSSIER CITY,	LA.	71111
WILSON	BOYD W.		4610 WINTER LAKE ROAD	LAKELAND,	FL.	33803



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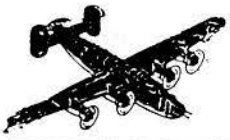
Leonard Kukielski, Stan Shein. On ground: Paul Blaine.



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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORGN.	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	DIED
BACHELOR	WALTER R.			AUBURN,	MA.		
BAKER	WILLIAM V.	391	5617 WEST ROMA AVENUE	PHOENIX,	AZ.	85031	
BARNES	RICHARD E.		33 PHEASANT AVENUE	BATTLE CREEK,	MI.		1976
BAUCUS	JOHN J.	7 LM	528 POWER STREET	HELENA,	MT.	59601	6-8-93
BILMEIR	KENNETH			LOS ANGELES,	CA.		1947
CASSAR	CHARLES		83 HEITZ PLACE	HICKSVILLE,	NY.	11801	
CLARK	WILLIAM W.			TENAFLY,	NJ.		
COOMBS	GERALD			RATON,	NM.		
COURTNEY	DARRELL D.			IOWA CITY,	IA.	52245	NOV. '84
CRAWFORD	BENNIE H.	18					
DANIELS	CHARLES S.	CHAP.	2105 RIDGEWOOD ROAD	HARRISONVILLE,	MO.	64701	4-21-84
DEFIEUX	WINSTON O.						
EFFINGER	ROBERT J.				MT.		8-18-61
GILLESPIE	ROBERT E.		4303 BANNING	HOUSTON,	TX.		1979
GLYNN	GERALD J.		12 SUSSEX PLACE	FORKED RIVER,	NJ.	08731	
GRADIN	ROBERT	7	1007 E. 6TH STREET	SUPERIOR,	WI.	54880	5-14-93
HAMMILL	WILLIAM	18					
HANNAH	P. W.	7	43 WYOMING AVENUE	DALLAS,	PA.	18612	
HARDESTY	THOMAS						
HARKLESS	JAMES	18					
HUGHEY	MARVIN						
HUNTER	ROSCO C.		2363-C VIA MARPOSA E.	LAGUNA HILLS,	CA.	92653	2-21-93
JOHNSON	JOSEPH O.	7	15 SOUTH STREET	SKOWHEGAN,	ME.	04976	
KNUDSON	STERLING	391-4	1634 ROOSEVELT AVENUE	BALDWIN,	NY.		
LENART	FRANK W.		311 BARCLAY STREET	PERTH AMBOY,	NJ.	08861	1-14-92
LUNDBERRY	VICTOR		34 PATRICAN DRIVE	TOMS RIVER,	NJ.	08753	10-27-91
MAHALIK	JOSEPH J.	391	3 CRESTDALE COURT	DANBURY,	CT.	06811	
MANGIONE	SAM		7120 HARRISON ST.	MERRILLVILLE,	IN.	46410	1985
MORT	JAMES L.		4280 TRACYTON BEACH RD. N.W.	BREMERTON,	WA.	98310	1-5-91
NOVICKI	JOSEPH I.	18	(LKA)5814 SO. ROCKWELL STREET	CHICAGO,	IL.		
POIRIER	SIDNEY	18	P. O. BOX 674	MARTINSBURG	WV.	25401	
POTEET	WILLIAM H.		4513 NORTHWEST 48TH ST.	TAMARAC,	FL.	33319	JUNE '93
PROJACK	ANDREW			YOUNGSTOWN,	OH.		
PUFFER	DONALD	7	P. O. BOX 202	CAPE PORPOISE,	ME.	04014	10-23-92
REEVES	THOMAS C.	4	212 W. ATLANTIC PLACE	BOISE,	ID.	83706	9-21-92
RICHARDSON	ZACK				MA.		
SATTERWHITE	MINOR		2301 SOUTH 12TH STREET	CHICKASHA,	OK.	73018	1-10-90
SEGNER	GEORGE	HDQ.	(Drowned homesteading in Alaska)		AK		1946
SHELTON	WILLIAM H.				WV.		1990
SIMON	BEN	7	4800 NW 35TH ST., APT.#608	LAUDERDALE LAKE,	FL.	33319	
SINGER	JOHN L.						
SAZJKOVICS	CARL		(LKA)541 EAST 91ST STREET	CHICAGO,	IL.		
TANNER	MALCOLM L.		10 KENDRA COURT S.W.	WINTER HAVEN,	FL.	33880	10-11-78
VAN SICKLE	WILLIAM			BARTLESVILLE,	OK.		
WACK	JOHN	7					
WAGNER	NORMAN			MIAMISBURG,	OH.		
WALLACE	ARNOLD						1985
WILLIAMS	ARTHUR D.	GRP. LM	1043 ELDORADO AVENUE	CLEARWATER BEACH,	FL.	34630	5-30-93



Then and Now



ALBERT GLENN



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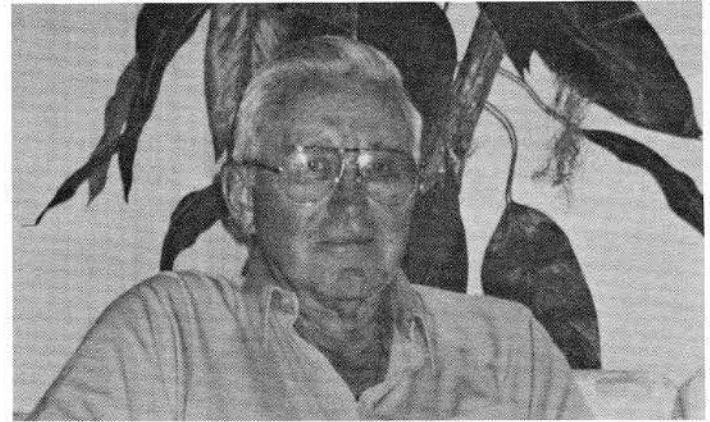


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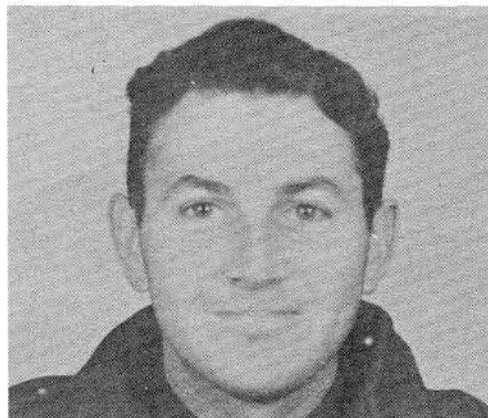


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Memories

ONE MORE RIVER TO CROSS (Continued)

by Ray Kubly (as edited)

We all had a little party at the Hulsker home in Leersum prior to our departure for another attempt to go through the front lines. Jack Murrell and I were then led by two girls to the home of the Idenburg family. After hiding in the chicken coop, the girls brought us some "Spek" which they thought would be a special treat. We got "Spek" sick but survived the ordeal. While there, a German patrol came through the area looking for anyone suspicious. Jack and I hid under some evergreen trees from where we could see the Germans' feet as they walked by. Luckily we were not spotted.

Exactly where we stayed next cannot be remembered, but we ended up in the woods between Ede and Otterlo where Gerit Van Ee was our underground guide. We were issued English uniforms and ordered to hide in the woods for the arrival of Major Maquire and his other underground friends. Abraham De Bois, known as "Ham", was sent to organize the project. He was replaced by Major Maquire for competitive reasons. This is still very sensitive to this day according to Dutch I.S. agents. There were blunders or mistakes made.

Finally we got going after dark. It was a very dark and overcast sky. It was November 18, 1944. Each of us tied a cloth rope to our belt behind our back so we could hang on to each other and not get lost. The experienced English rangers and airborne fellows were up front, while we "fly-boys" brought up the rear. We were all excited because they said we would be across the river by midnight and be drinking wine! We were to cross the Rhine between Renkum and Wageningen. There were about 50 different people in this group.

After walking across fields and down through fire lanes in the woods, we heard a voice calling "Halt". All at once someone yelled "Germans". Then machine gun fire erupted up in front of the group. We threw our English sten guns in the woods and ran as fast as we could in the direction we were coming from.

Our idea was to get back to the wooded area where we assembled and try to contact the underground again.

From the 50 men that started out on this mission, 40 or more were taken POW with 8 being wounded and one killed. As far as we know, Jack Murrell and I were one of the few to have evaded capture.

After several hours we were tired and thirsty! It was cold, 35-40 degrees. We licked moisture from the evergreen trees to quench our dry mouth and thirst. We finally lay down under some big evergreens. We had accumulated some leaves and pine needles on the ground to make a dry and comfortable place.

At daybreak we were extremely thirsty, hungry and tired. We saw a small farm building in a clearing in the woods where we had tried to sleep. Jack and I cautiously approached as a dog came barking at us. Shortly after an old farmer came out and we told him we were "Tommies". We wore English uniforms. Could he give us something to eat and drink? After going into the house he gave us some warm milk and some kind of hot porridge. Did that ever taste good! Then we asked if we could sleep in the barn loft. He showed us where to cover up with some hay and we slept all day in the barn.

After we woke up we found the barn door was locked and the farmer not around. Jack and I discussed the situation and decided we would take off and see if we could find the underground again. After walking an hour or so we stopped at a house with a family named Donkers. He said he thought he knew someone in the underground. Soon someone came and led us to a little country guest hotel named LEPERKOEN, owned by a Mr. Schreuder. Jack and I were asked to stay in the attic so none of the guests living there would know we were there. They had strict rules that we could only go down to the toilets when the guests were out or eating a meal in the dining room. After about 10 days at below freezing temperatures, the attic was no longer a place for us. We asked to get a better place so we could have a warmer room.

The Dries Klooster home in Barneveld, Holland, was our next stop. Mr. Klooster was the postmaster in town and knew lots of people and whom to trust. His family included Dries Jr., Jan-

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Crew of "Misschief" - Standing L. to R.: Weddell, Logan, Hollowell, & ?? Kneeling: Parker, Stonefield, Gray, Thomas and Davis.

Seated: Kitteridge.

MEMORIES

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nes, and several sisters who were students in school at the time. The boys were used as couriers and for other underground activities. After about four days Mr. Klooster came home and said we would have to move again. The Germans would probably be coming to their home looking for us. That evening we moved out to the Cor Lof home on the outskirts of Barneveld.

The next morning the Germans came looking for us and, of course, the Kloosters denied anyone was there. Mr. Klooster hid under the stairway while the "Jerrys" were deciding what to do. The Sgt. went back to his headquarters while his aide stayed with Mrs. Klooster. While she served tea to the German in the kitchen Dries slipped out of the house. He then had to hide with other underground people until the end of the war. The Canadians came to town on the last day of the war to get the Germans to surrender. Dries was leading the troops to the command post of the Germans when they threw a hand grenade and killed him.

The time between December 5th and late February in 1945 went slowly as the "Battle of the Bulge" was going on nearby. We saw lots of air battles when the sky was clear. Cor Lof and family, plus Jan Mulder and Kasper Reinstra, were our contact with the Dutch underground.

Ben Lockett, Angus Low and Robert Boyd of the British airborne group plus John Sijrsen of the Canadian army joined Jack and me during this period of time. They had avoided capture or had escaped from the Germans. Many ideas were discussed as to how we could get across the Rhine to freedom. At the end of February the three Englishmen were successful in returning through the front lines.

A new route through the "Biesbosh" on the river Waal was developed and many individuals were taken across successfully during February and March. About that time Mick Tapson, an Australian Mosquito pilot, was brought to our group at Cor Lofs'. With the help of Cor Lof's underground group they led us to the Chris Cornelius home in Amerongen, Holland.

From his home we were to go to Schoonhaven. Bert Monster and Jan Voges, from the village of Vreeswijk, were to be our guides. Mick Tapson was leading our group of four across a dike near Vianen to meet Bert Monster and Jan Voges. Mick got past the German check point but John Sijrsen, who was right behind, got stopped. I was next in line, but when I saw what was happening I turned around and said "Let's get out of here!" We rode our bikes "Hell Maal Schell-footsie" which means "Get the hell out of here!" The last I saw of John Sijrsen was when he was taking off his farm coveralls and showing his army uniform. After the war I contacted him and learned that he had been put on bread and water for about a week and then sent to a German POW camp. Later I heard that he was murdered in Canada, but to this date, no details.

Jack and I got back with the underground group at Vreeswijk. Mick Tapson went on with Jan Voges and Bert Monster and completed the crossing. In a few days another attempt would be made. Our guides took us to the Henk Ryneveld farm near Schoonhaven where we crossed the Rhine river without any problem. This area between the Waal and Rhine was still in German hands. After we crossed the Rhine Dick Van Der Brugge and Klaas Heijboer and their underground group were in charge of us. A young lady, named "Map" Kerling Dogterom, was one of our guides in this area. We biked to Sliderecht, located on the north shore of the Waal river. The "Biesbosh" is a marshy area forming the mouth of the river into the North Sea. Here the tide flows in and out daily. It can be fresh water or salt water.

After a wait for a dark and moonless night, the underground

said we were going through the "Biesbosh" and would be free by midnight. Jack, Paul d'Albenas, a Canadian, an unknown Polish Spitfire pilot and myself set out in a small rowboat with a Dutch guide. We had to be very quiet as there were German patrols watching for any activity. This was the front line! The Canadians were positioned on the south shore of the Waal river and would be waiting for us as we had radio contact with them. They knew where and when we were to land.

After we made the crossing in the boat we landed on the south shore. Someone yelled "Halt!" I remember yelling, "Don't shoot - we're Americans!" The Canadians asked us to come up and over the dike with our hands over our heads. They informed us "You are now free!!" What a wonderful feeling! They took us to their headquarters for a wonderful welcome. Some wine showed up and we toasted our new freedom. This was March 12, 1945.

We were then sent to headquarters in Antwerp, Belgium, where we were interrogated by the British and Canadians. After several days we flew to Paris and spent another few weeks being interrogated by the American intelligence service. After completing this activity I was sent to the 8th Air Force HQ. to lecture on escape and evasion tactics at other bomb groups in the 3rd Bomb Division.

A three-week trip to Holland in September and October of 1992 has prompted the completion of this memory. Many thanks go to all my Dutch friends for their gracious hospitality and the cooperation in visiting the many places I stayed at. Also, a thank you to Jack Murrell for his input of memories.

REMEMBERING -- THAT DREADFUL NIGHT!

by Jack Blackham

I was a member of the second plane that was set on fire by the German night fighter over the field on June 7, 1944. It was the second mission of the day and we returned from Tours, France (railroad yards). I was the flight engineer on B24H, 92-42911, crew #17, 4th Bomb Squadron on our 6th mission.

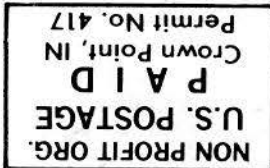
As we came over the channel it got dark about 2300 hours. As we got about 20 miles from Mendlesham I was in the top turret. I could see the wing tips. We had our lights on. Suddenly pieces as large as pie plates started leaving the top of the wing and I heard loud rapid fire. I couldn't see what it was and got out of the turret and stood between the pilot and co-pilot. I yelled "What's going on?" The radio operator handed me a note to the pilot. It said to 'turn out your lights and head west. A bandit in your formation'. This plane hit us again and we caught fire. The intruder was an ME-410, not a JU-88 as most people thought, and he gave us what they called "Schrogen Musik" or Jazz music.

It was a 20 mm cannon pointed 90 degrees up out of the back cockpit and 11 degrees to the vertical. They flew under us and fired into our wing roots, not the bomb bay, because they didn't want to ignite the bombs with them so close, about 300 feet below. They had been doing this to Limeys for years. Anyway, we crashed about a mile north of the field. The plane on fire, flying across the field, was ours. I bailed out and the plane crashed about 300 yards from where I landed.

They sent out an ambulance and a jeep for me. I rode back in the jeep. As I got to the field the equipment building was on fire from the first B-24 they shot down. Three of our crew were killed - navigator, tail gunner and ball gunner. And, yes, we had our guns ready and all men were in their turrets at the time. The seven of us left went on to fly our 30 missions - three in a B-17. We returned to the states in November, 1944.

The above event is chronicled in the book, "Intruders Over Britain" by Simon.

From the collection of:
Al Israelsen
 Pilot, First Crew No. 1, 4th Sq. Feb - Nov 1944



Memories

A NARRATIVE HISTORY OF THE 34TH B.G.

As prepared by Capt. Robt. N. Provence
 on April 2, 1945

While the 8th Air Force has only been in operation 31 months, it has built its strength from 12 B-17's to approximately 3,000 Fortress and Liberator aircraft. Three divisions compose the air units under Lt. Gen. Doolittle's command. There are 12 B-17 groups in the First Division, 12 B-24 groups in the Second Division and 14 B-17 groups in our Division, the Third. The Third Division has four Combat Bombardment Wings, the 4th, 13th, 45th and 93rd. The 93rd Wing is made up of the 34th, 385th, 490th and 493rd groups.

While the 34th is the oldest group in the ETO in point of service in the Air Force, it is one of the youngest in length of time in this theater, having flown its first mission on the 23rd of May, 1944, attacking an airfield at Etamps Montdesir, France. Up to the first of April, 1945, this group had completed 155 missions against every type of target in Germany, France, Belgium and Holland. Industrial facilities, forts, bridges, dock and port areas, oil refineries and oil storage depots are included in the list of targets bombed by combat crews of this unit.

During the first 100 missions, which were completed on the 12th of December, 1944, against the marshalling yard at Darmstadt, Germany, over 6,800 tons of bombs had been dropped and 20,000 operational hours flown. Aircraft airborne during that period carried over 30,000 men, or the equivalent of more than two full infantry divisions.

The first 63 combat missions were flown in B-24 aircraft from May 23, 1944 through August 24, 1944, when this group conducted a raid on Kiel, Germany. On September 17, 1944, the first mission in B-17's was flown with the assigned target Arnheim-Durstedt.

During the first 100 missions 4,228 bombs were loaded on aircraft and 3,366 bombs actually were carried on takeoffs. The tonnage includes 12,250 loaded; 9,749 taking off. The daily average number of aircraft on the station for 100 missions was 64.1 with 79 percent of these the daily average operational percentage. 382 men maintained these aircraft with 6 men on average per plane. There were 31 engine changes during the

first 100 missions. Figures for the remaining 55 missions to date will vary some from these original computations but, on the whole, an improvement is evident rather than a decline for overall maintenance and operational statistics.

797 aircraft have been damaged by a number of opposition factors during these 155 missions, most of them by flak. Only once in these 11 months has the group been hit by enemy fighters. On the mission to Dresden, March 2, 1945, enemy aircraft engaged our gunners. No aircraft from the 34th formation were lost and gunners racked up claims of 8 destroyed, 2 probables and 8 damaged.

For all operations 90 men have been killed in action, 46 wounded and 203 carried as missing in action. 76 men are prisoners of war and 8 are still interned in Sweden.

Personnel of this group have received 6,651 awards including the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Air Medal and all clusters.

In spite of the fact that this group arrived as one of the last units in this theater of operations, many believe it has compiled an enviable record for operations, maintenance and training.



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