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34TH BOMB GROUP H

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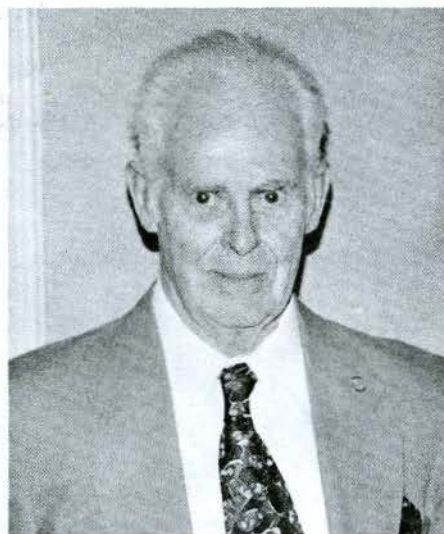
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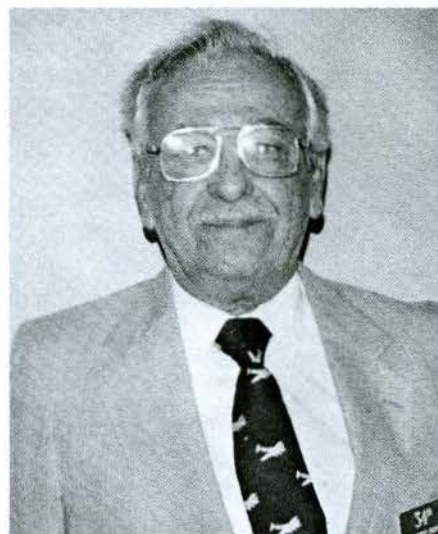
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Changing Of The Guard



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Sam Wolstencroft



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Eli Baldea



Happy

Holidays



OBSERVATIONS

The 1994 reunion has come and gone and some changes have been made. First of all, I have been named president of the 34th Bomb Group Assn. for the coming year. For that period I will sit in the seats of both the president and the editor of our newsletter. I want to thank everyone for bestowing this honor on me. I will do my best to make you proud of our Bomb Group.

Another change, which was necessary, is that the annual dues are going up to \$10.00 a year instead of \$7.50 as before. Please try to understand that, of all the associations I belong to, and I belong to many, nobody, beside ourselves, had annual dues below \$10.00. When you consider that it costs almost \$2.00 a copy to have Mendlesham Memories printed and, with the mailing costs, \$7.50 did not even cover our newsletter costs. Now might be the time to consider becoming a LIFE-MEMBER. It's only \$85.00 and you don't have to worry about paying the annual dues.

This issue is the final one in my tenth (10th) year as editor of Mendlesham Memories. I won't say it's been easy, but it did give me an excuse against a lot of household duties I might have been expected to carry out. Even in the clouds you can find some sunshine if you look hard enough.

This issue, also, is being prepared on my new computer. The one I had been using I had bought more than 12 years ago as a hobby. I then took over the editorship from Ray Summa and have been using it ever since. It began showing signs of its age recently and I decided I needed a new one if I was to continue with the job. I applied for a new one from the board of directors and they generously agreed to let me purchase a new one. I did, however, look for and buy one system which, although not all-powerful, had enough power for my needs - and the price was right!

In this issue we publish the reunion news and photographs. Being that we no longer hire an official photographer at our reunions, all attendees were asked to take pictures and send them in. We have received many but, as of this writing, only about half of those in attendance are shown. A lot of our people did not send in pictures and we can't print what we don't get.

It was nice to see the number of first-timers at the reunion. We hope they enjoyed it as much as we did and will try to attend our future reunions. Those of us who have been regulars for many years still thoroughly enjoy them and are always looking forward to the next one. Those of you who have not been to one of our reunions should try it one time. Huntsville, Alabama sounds like a very interesting place and you can't beat the company you keep.

Please note in minutes of our meetings that changes have been made to our Constitution & By-Laws. I have just received, from Jack Farley, the complete, up-to-date, version of it. Most of our older members were issued the original and should not require a complete new copy. However, for some of you new-comers, if you desire a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws, please write to me

and a copy will be mailed to you.

The March issue will be mailed in late February so that most of our readers will receive it in March. This necessitates a deadline date on any incoming material for that to be accomplished. Our deadline date for the March issue is January 27th. Please make sure your MM contributions reach us no later than January 27, 1995.

Again let me thank you for all the honor bestowed upon me. I'll do my best to be worthy of it. Along with that, both Rose and I want to wish all of you the happiest of the Holiday Seasons possible.

Eli Baldea
Editor

FROM THE TREASURER'S COMPUTER

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
May the year 1995 be one of the best for you and yours!!

Eli needs all the space he can get for photos of the reunion so I'm not going to be wordy! You missed a good reunion at St. Paul if you didn't make it! We had 308 of which 31 were first-timers. Perhaps you will be able to make the '95 reunion in Huntsville. The plans I heard are exciting and remember - 1995 is the fiftieth (50th) anniversary of VE DAY & VJ DAY!!

I call your ATTENTION to the MINUTES OF THE BOARD and the MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING. Two items affect many of our members.

(1) The BOD recommended and the membership approved an increase in dues to \$10.00 per year. To those of you who have prepaid 1995, '96 and '97 dues, please remit an additional \$2.50 for each year you have paid.

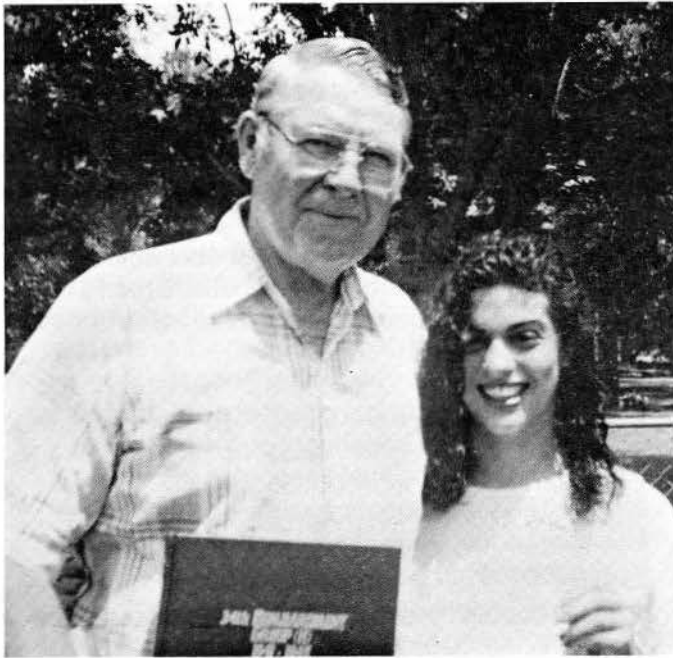
(2) It was pointed out to the BOD that, with the exception of some individual donations to the Ray L. Summa Scholarship Fund, the General Membership has not been able to participate in funding the SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS. Five dollars was added to the registration fee for each reunion registrant several years ago, and that has been the source of the funds for the scholarship program. The Board of Directors recommended, and the General Membership approved, that \$5.00 per year be accepted from those members who do not attend the reunions but wish to support the SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. Please remember that dues and donations to the 34th BGA are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

DEADLINE

Any material or items to be inserted in the March issue of Mendlesham Memories should reach me on or before January 27, 1995. That is the date our final copy will be presented to the printers.

Eli Baldea, Editor

SCHOLARSHIPS



Jennifer Mathe - 1st Place winner with grandfather, Clyde Mathe

From Jennifer Mathe - Thank you again for the scholarship! My computer should be here in a week and I am extremely excited. I promise, the check's in my hand in the picture but the sun is just a little bit too bright.



Laura Kittinger - 2nd Place winner

From Laura Kittinger - I appreciate your selection of me and I plan to use the money to further my education at George Mason University. My grandfather and I have shared a special relationship and receiving this award is quite an honor for me.

REUNION MESSAGE

TO ALL 34TH BOMB GROUP MEMBERS:

St. Paul has become a pleasant memory. The reunion committee noticed a few less attendees than normal. We realize that everyone's health contributes to the amount of travel that becomes available.

The options on the tours were somewhat different than usual. The Mall of America group were cut short on time. There is no way this mall could be completely visited in our allotted time frame. Maybe three days would be more like the time needed for the dedicated mall shopper.

The Planes of Fame was a very interesting tour. The surprising element here is that each plane on display is airworthy. They are flyable and are flown periodically. There are no "parked" planes in the whole of the display. Thanks to the Minnesota Chapter of the 8th A.F.H.S. for being our guides on the tour.

It was great that Peter and Sylvia Gaskin from the F.O.T.E. organization were able to be with us in St. Paul. We were all happy to see that Peter is recovering from the serious automobile accident he was in.

All in all, we sincerely hope that everyone that attended the St. Paul reunion was happy with the food, the tours, the music and the service.

We wish each and everyone of you a joyous holiday season, and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Your Reunion Committee
Gerald Pine
Harold Rutka
Robert Wright

1994 34th BOMB GROUP BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Pres. S. Wolstencroft at 9:05 a.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance our chaplain, S. Baglio, led us in prayer.

Pres. Wolstencroft asked the recording secretary to call the roll. Those present were S. Wolstencroft, E. Baldea, A. Hanson, P. Anderson, H. Province, B. Sothern, A. Prillaman, R. Wright, W. Griffis, A. Israelsen, R. Palmer, C. Stemen, G. Pine, C. Romero, H. Rutka and S. Baglio.

PX REPORT - P. Shull told of shirts, jackets and earrings, new to the PX this year. The shirts and jackets have a new 34th B.G. logo. He reported he would not be available to run the PX during the winter months. After discussion it was decided to put a notice in Mendlesham Memories to this effect and he would continue as PX Manager. He told of the difficulty in finding a supplier for our squadron pins unless 500 or more are ordered. Pres. Wolstencroft said he would investigate a source he had been told of that would accept orders for 100 or more. P. Shull gave the PX financial report for 1994 as follows:

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Beginning Balance	\$ 696.65
Sales for the year	6,182.00
Forwarded to General Fund	4,976.00
Annual Expenses	1,707.00
PX Ending Balance	\$ 195.65

The Board and Annual Meeting minutes for 1993 were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - H. Province gave the following financial report for 1994:

General Fund	\$ 5,353.38
Scholarship Fund	3,783.45
Memorial Fund	2,941.81
Life Membership Fund	27,632.37
Total	\$39,711.09

(Note: The general fund figure includes \$721.16 in the bank in England for upkeep of the Mendlesham Memorial.)

Anticipated expenses for the remainder of 1994 are \$5,000.00. H. Province stated that our membership continues to grow with 719 paid-up members, 296 Life members and 11 member wives. But, he noted that not all who paid dues in 1993 have paid for 1994. He will be sending them letters urging them to continue to be members of our organization. E. Baldea suggested that our dues be raised to more realistically cover expenses. R. Wright moved that the Board recommend to the General Meeting that the 34th B.G. Assn. annual dues be raised from \$7.50 to \$10.00. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and carried.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - C. Romero reported that there were 29 applications this year. The 1994 first place winner is Jennifer Mathe, the granddaughter of Clyde Mathe. The second place winner is Laura Kettinger, granddaughter of George Ready. H. Rutka noted that only members attending the reunions contribute to the Scholarship Fund through registration fee. After some discussion it was moved that the Scholarship committee write an article for the Mendlesham Memories encouraging all members to contribute to the fund. The motion was seconded and carried.

CONSTITUTION - J. Farley explained his revisions to the Addenda and Amendments to the 34th B.G. (H) Assn. Constitution and By Laws, as approved by the 1993 Board meeting in Little Rock, Ark.

Article 5.5 of the Addenda was revised to allow the Reunion committee to exceed its operating account of \$2,500.00 when warranted and approved by the President and Treasurer. Also, the PX manager may exceed his \$500.00 account with the permission of the President and Treasurer.

Article 4.1 of the Amendments to the constitution was revised to delete the positions of Membership secretary and Editor from the list of elected officers of the Assn. and make them permanent members of the Board.

Article 5.1 of the Amendments was revised to delete the positions of Membership secretary and Editor from the Executive Committee.

B. Sothern moved that the revisions be accepted as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

ENGLAND TRIP - H. Rutka gave a short report of the 1994 trip to England and said that all went well. He told of pictures and maps of the base at Mendlesham on a bulletin board in the back of the room. Total expenses to the 34th B.G. were as follows:

Meals	\$288.60
Two Wreaths	22.95
Phone Calls	8.35
23 Silver Eagles	157.55
Bar	43.76

Total \$521.21

H. Rutka also read a letter of thanks received from Josephine Underwood.

REUNION COMMITTEE - R. Wright reported that, so far, 297 have registered for the reunion, down somewhat from last year. There was \$2,697.77 remaining in the fund after 1993 reunion bills were paid. \$197.77 was returned to the General Fund. There is now \$20,704.77 in the fund, with 1994 expenses yet to be paid. H. Rutka brought up the question of having a hospitality room. The donations for refreshment and snacks have not covered expenses. After some discussion C. Romero moved that the reunion registration be raised \$2.00 to cover hospitality room expenses. Motion seconded and carried.

MENDLESHAM MEMORIES - E. Baldea said there should be a photographer available for the Saturday night

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Board Meeting

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banquet, but he requested that, for future reunions, everyone take their own pictures and submit them to him for possible inclusion in the newsletter. He also suggested that the TAPS section of our annual Roster only include names of those who are listed since the last issue. This would reduce the size of the roster significantly. He also explained the demise of his old computer and how a computer is essential for him to do his work. A motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase him a new computer.

G. Pine brought up the question of compensation for mileage when Reunion committee use their cars for inspection of reunion sites. After discussion it was decided that the Reunion committee already has the authority to turn in this expense.

G. Pine explained how the Reunion committee handles complaints concerning poor rooms, bad plumbing, etc. He requested that the reunion attendees go through them if they have any such complaints. He gave the 1995 reunion dates as Sept. 14 through Sept. 17 at the Marriott Hotel in Huntsville, Alabama. The hotel is about 100 yards from the Space Center. He said they are working on a private tour of the Space Center, with dinner, for the 34th B.G. The 1996 reunion dates will be Sept. 19 through Sept. 22 at the Crabtree Valley Marriott Hotel in Raleigh, N.C. He brought up the advisability of having a symposium on veteran's benefits. S. Baglio said he would bring a book on all veteran's benefits to the next reunion.

Pres. S. Wolstencroft appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee - B. Sothern, J. Martin and V. Ames

Audit Committee - F. Schoch, C. Stemen and C. Conklin

H. Rutka brought up the possibility of going to lighter weight paper for Mendlesham Memories to save on publication costs. E. Baldea said he would check on it.

B. Sothern showed a sample of a plaque that he proposed be given to each president. R. Wright said his hobby was wood working and he had a supply of solid walnut wood that could be used in making these plaques. A motion was made, seconded and carried that these plaques be given to all past and future presidents.

H. Province asked for permission to cash in a Certificate of Deposit if he runs out of General Funds. It was agreed that he should cash in the one with the lowest penalty.



Damaged B-17 being worked on at Mendlesham.

J. Clarkson spoke on the 8th A.F. Heritage Center. After some discussion a motion was made that the 34th B.G. donate \$25,000.00 to the 8th A.F.H.C. The motion died for the lack of a second. R. Palmer moved that the 34th B.G. membership be urged to individually contribute to the 8th A.F.H.C. Motion was seconded and carried.

R. Palmer suggested we consider having WWII German ace Walter J. Konantz as a guest speaker at one of our future reunions.

G. Pine asked for suggestions for future reunion sites. A long discussion followed with many sites and states considered.

R. Wright moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motions was seconded and carried. Pres. S. Wolstencroft adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Paul Anderson
Recording Secretary

34th Bomb Group 1994 Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the 34th B.G. Assn. was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Pres. S. Wolstencroft. After the Pledge of Allegiance our chaplain, S. Baglio gave the invocation.

Pres. Wolstencroft called for a reading of the minutes of the last meeting. H. Rutka moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they were previously published in Mendlesham Memories. The motion was seconded and carried.

CONSTITUTION - J. Farley distributed copies and explained his revisions to the Addenda and Amendments to the 34th B.G. (H) Assn. Constitution and By Laws.

Article 5.5 of the Addenda was revised to allow the Reunion committee to exceed its operating account of \$2,500.00 when warranted and approved by the president and treasurer.

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

**To: Harold Province
111 Province Lane
Carriere, MS 39426**

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Annual Meeting

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Article 4.1 of the Amendments was revised to delete the positions of membership secretary and editor from the list of elected officers of the Assn. and make them permanent members of the Board of Directors.

Article 5.1 was revised to delete the positions of membership secretary and editor from the Executive Committee.

These changes were requested and approved by the 1993 Board of Directors meeting in Little Rock, AR. H. Rutka moved that the changes be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - H. Province gave the following financial report for the time period Sept. 1, 1993 through Sept. 3, 1994.

	1993	1994
General Fund	\$ 9,598.16	\$ 5,353.45
Scholarship Fund	2,471.92	3,783.45
Memorial Fund	2,941.89	2,941.89
Life Membership	25,094.69	27,632.37
TOTALS	\$40,106.69	\$39,711.09

(Note - The General Fund figure includes \$721.16 [484#] on hand in England for Mendlesham Memorial upkeep.)

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the treasurer's report.

H. Province gave the following break-down of our membership:

719 paid-up members, 296 life members, 28 indigent members, 11 member wives, 105 Newly Found & 6 Royal Yugo A.F. members.

Pres. Wolstencroft urged those not already life members to consider signing up as it has many benefits for both the member and the association.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - H. Province gave the scholarship committee report in the absence of chairman C. Romero. There were 29 applications this year. The first place winner is Jennifer Mathe, granddaughter of Clyde Mathe. The second place winner is Laura Kittinger, granddaughter of George Ready. They have been sent their checks and the latest copy of the 34th Bomb Group History book.

REUNION COMMITTEE - R. Wright gave the committee's financial report as follows: There was \$2,697.77 remaining in the fund after the 1993 bills were paid. \$197.77 was returned to the General fund. There is now \$19,966.41 in the reunion fund, but 1994 reunion expenses have yet to be paid. Registered attendance this year is 308.

G. Pine gave the 1995 reunion dates as Sept. 14 through Sept. 17 at the Marriott Hotel in Huntsville, AL. The 1996 dates are Sept. 19 through Sept. 22 at Raleigh, NC. They are still working on the 1997 site and dates.

AUDIT COMMITTEE - F. Schoch stated that the committee found the 34th B.G. financial books to be in good order and were signed off.

E. Baldea noted there would be no official photographer for the gala banquet tonight and urged people to take pictures of their tables and send them to him, properly identified, for inclusion in Mendlesham Memories. Press date of the next issue of MM is Oct. 21, 1994.

PX REPORT - Paul Shull noted that the son of Oscar Hanson would be at the hotel at 11:00 a.m. and would like to talk to anyone who knew his father. P. Shull gave the following PX financial report:

Beginning Balance	\$ 696.65
Sales for the year	6,182.00
Expenses (includes	
\$4,976.00 paid to	
General fund)	6,683.00

PX ending balance \$ 195.65

He noted the difficulty of finding a supplier for squadron pins unless a very large order is placed. Pres. Wolstencroft said he would investigate a possible source he had been told of that would accept smaller orders.

H. Rutka spoke briefly on the trip to England. He said the trip went very well. It was asked if an England trip was planned for the 50th anniversary of V.E. Day. H. Rutka said he had no such plans but would be happy to help anyone who wanted to organize such a trip.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - B. Sothorn recognized the two outgoing board members, R. Wright & A. Prillaman. He presented the following slate:

For President:	E. Baldea
For 1st V. Pres.	A. Hanson
For 2nd V. Pres.	R. Palmer
For Recording Secr.	V. Ames
For Archivist	W. Brauks
For Treasurer	H. Province
For B. of D. (1997)	H. Rutka

and

For B. of D. (1996, to replace R. Palmer) J. Doronsky

The floor was opened for additional nominations. None were heard. A motion was made to close nominations and accept the slate as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS - H. Rutka noted that the Scholarship fund is supported only by those who attend the reunions, through the registration fee. Since our attendance will be decreasing with the passing years he suggested all members be solicited to help with the Scholarship fund. A motion to this effect was made, seconded and carried.

Pres. Wolstencroft suggested that the annual dues for the 34th B.G. Assn. be raised from \$7.50 to \$10.00 per year. It was so moved, seconded and carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and carried. Pres. S. Wolstencroft adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Paul Anderson
Recording Secretary

Attendance at St. Paul Reunion

(* indicated First Timers)

F.P. Aldridge
Donald S. Allen (with guests Ethel Walsh & Deanne Guebladui)
Vernon & Millie Ames
Milton & Naomi Anderson
Paul & Beryl Anderson
Maury & Lois Anderson*
Kenneth & Eileen Anderson*
Cecil & Frances Anderson
Alex & Betty Antanovich
Denton & Eileen Armstrong
Charles & Evalyn Attridge
Lawrence & Marie Babcock
Robert & Rose Marie Baer
Sam & Lydia Baglio
Eli & Rose Baldea
Roy & Millie Balantyne
Charles & Roberta Barclay
Carwin & Marlene Baxter*
Joseph & Estella Beall*
Robert & Barbara Bell
Don & Barbara Benscoter*
Fred & Hazel Berglund
Leonard & Helen Bess
Thomas & Madeline Belleou
John & Marge Bloczynski
Lloyd & Bobbie Boreen
Paul Bourquin
Ed & June Bouty
Wally & Doris Brauks
Bill Browne
Merlin & Patricia Bruning
William & Margo Burnell
Hyman & Ruth Chausow*
Jack & Dorothy Clarkson
James & Lois Clemins
Robert & Ginny Cole
Donald & Darlene Collins
Claude & Genevieve Conklin
Anthony & Mary Coutros
Harry & Marie Crawford
Harold & Marilyn Crisp
Bertis Crouse*
Richard & Betty Cutting
Robert & Edith Dees
Marcus W. Dieterle
Al & Elsie DiNenno
Lawton & Joan Dooley
Herbert & Eunice Donahue
John & Bev Doronsky
Harold & Darlen Dwyer
A.C. & Trudy Eggleston*
Jack & Bernice Farley
John & Betty Mae Feda
Robert J. Filip*
Dale & Margie Finley

Robert & Jean Fox
Dale & Esther Frank
Earl & Mary Frank
George & Felicia Franco
Carl & Imogene Freysinger
Peter & Sylvia Gaskin (FOTE)
Mollie Gardner & Velma Konsella
Basil & Lorene Gaumer
Claude & Audrey Gibbs
James Glass
Ginny Gradin
Willia Griffis
A.E. & Joan Habiger
Herbert & Anne Hall
Arthur & Elizabeth Hansen
Milton & Kathryn Hansen
Ambers & Jean Hanson
Bill & Tootie Hetherington
Glenn Henry (with guest Vera Pokorny)
Charles & Eileen Herget
Robert & Marilou Hess
Red & Peggy Hownninger*
Jack Hood (with guests Bonnie Lasseigne & Margo Haworth)
Wayne & LaVerne Howarter
Edwin & Rita Hiltner
Al & Agnes Israelsen
Max & Eila Jakel
Eugene & Helen James
Robert & Jo Jansky
Alf & Maye Johanson
Dexter & Beulah Jordan
Jack & Shirley Kinney
Robert & Betty Lampey
Ace Lehman
Irving Levy
James & Bernice Loiselle
Ed & Birgit Lonergan
Ralph Lundeen
August & Kitty Luhrsen
Joseph & Kathern Marks
James & Bettie Martin
Norman & Schatzie Mayer
John & Barbara Mayor
Walter & Ruby McAllister
Robert E. McKay
Paul & Twyla Meeder
George & Faye Miller
Ted C. Moor
Donald & Shirley Morrison*
Ferd & Ginny Muenta
Robert & Dorothy Nendel
George W. Neubauer*
Tom & Mildred Newton
Kenneth & Shirley Noaeill*
John & Liz Noe
John & Margaret Northrup
Carlyle & Loretta Ott
Robert & Virginia Pacholski

Raymond & Bula Palmer
Bernard & Kathryn Peczkowski
Ken & Kathleen Paxton
Harry & Willie Perry
Gerald & Wanda Pine
Donald & Mildred Plank
Phil Podulka
Arnold & Georgia Prillaman
Harold & Jan Province
Lyle E. Rhein
Luke Richardson*
Floyd B. & Miriam Richmond
(with guest Thelma Warfield)
Cleveland & Henrietta Romero
Everett & Peggy Rose
Herbert & Dotty Roy
Harold & Genevieve Rutka
Charles & Rose Sakal
Leon & Jeanne Salvesson
Robert & Lawrence Saxton
Harold C. Schmidt*
Fred & Clara Schoch
Robert & Jeannie Schroeder
Jack & Marian Share
Donald & Bonnie Shee
Byron & Mary Sheesley
Paul & Pauline Shull
Ronald & Martha Simpson
James & Jane Smith
Oren & Lois Smith
Bruce & Muggs Sothern
Carl & Peg Stemen
Walter & Lois Sturdivan
Mike & Ann Sass
Marvin & Avis Syverson
Adolph & Florence Szaras*
Jack & Nellie Terry
James & Eleanor Thomas
Hal & Ruby Thorpe*
Henry & Audrey Tobiason (with son, Art)
Carl & Margaret Trauernicht
Herbert Vick*
Frederick & Blanche Voss
Oral & Jim Walker
Fred & Rachel Waltz
Jerome & Dorothy Wessel
Sam & Peggy Wolstencroft
Joseph & Marilyn Wong
Benson & Margaret Workman
Robert & Esther Wright
Charles & Virginia Yockey
Paul & Doris Youngholm*
Ben & Edith Zeldes
Frank Zukaitis

REUNION 1994

" Getting Down to Business"



Head Table - S. Wolstencroft, Hal Province & P. Anderson
at the Board of Director's Meeting



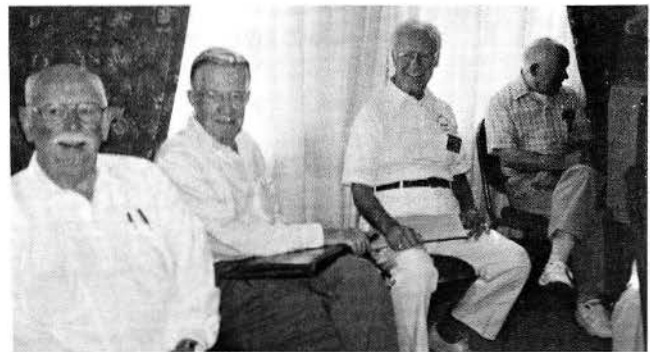
R. Palmer, W. McAllister & R. Wright at the Board of
Director's Meeting



C. Stemen, C. Romero, V. Ames & S. Baglio at the Board of
Director's Meeting



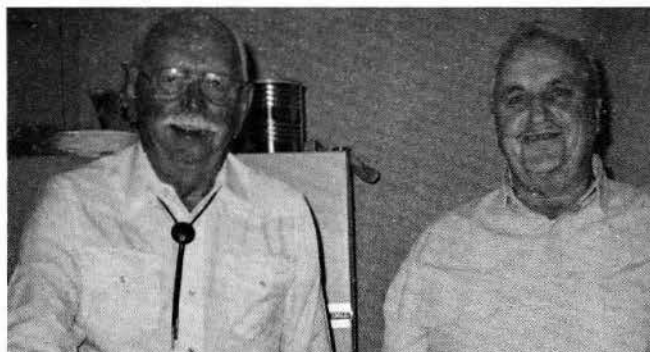
E. Baldea, H. Rutka & J. Farley at the Board of Director's
Meeting



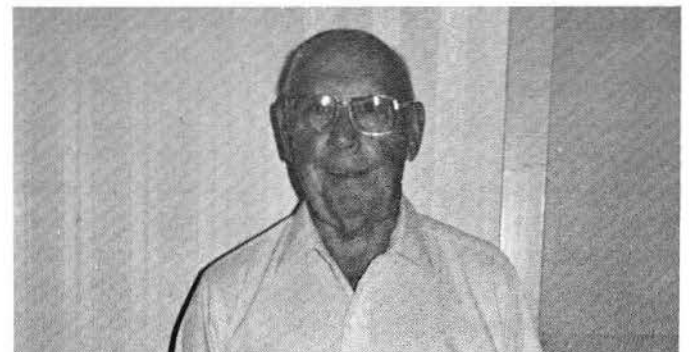
G. Pine, A. Israelsen, J. Clarkson & W. Griffis at the Board
of Director's Meeting



Our Registration Crew Workers - Wanda Pine, Esther
Wright and Genevieve Rutka "Well Done!"



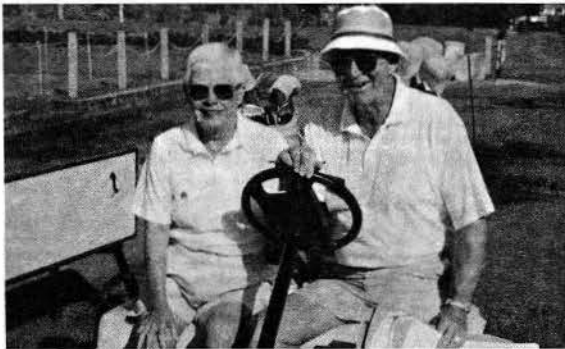
Workers Gerry Pine & Harold Rutka - Hospitality Room
Bartenders



Worker Bob Wright, One of the Crew

REUNION 1994

"Golfers"



Golfers "B" and Ed Lonergan



Golfers Roy Ballantyne, Glen Henry, Bob Wright and Paul Shull



Golfers Fred Munte, John Feda, Jim Clemins & Harold Crisp



Golfers Hy Chausow, Herb Roy, Jack Clarkson & Bob Cole

"Leisure Time"



First Timers Luther Richardson, Barbara & Donald Benscoter and Lois & Maurice Anderson



Peg Stemen with Bob Lampey and Sylvia Gaskin



Helen Bess, Bob Nendel, Leonard Bess, Vern Ames & Chas. Attridge



Lorene Gaumer, Elsie DiNenno, Bobbie Boreen, Dorthy Nendel & Millie Ames

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1. Lloyd Boreen & Tony Habiger
2. Charles & Evelyn Attridge
3. Imogene Freysinger with Bob & Jennie Schroeder & Lee Baglio
4. Dale & Marge Finley with Laverne & Wayne Howarter
5. Jack & Liz Noe
6. Arthur & Betty Hansen with Florence & Al Szaras
7. Joe Wong & Eli Baldea
8. Glenn Henry, Ginny Gradin & Beryl Anderson
9. Harry Crawford & Schatzie Mayer
10. Gen Conklin & Sylvia Gaskin
11. Fred Aldridge
12. Charles & Virginia Yockey
13. Edith & Ben Zeldes
14. Roberta & Charles Barclay
15. Hospital Room Entertainer, John Doronsky
16. Marilyn Wong
17. Shirley & Jack Kinney
18. Basil & Lorene Gaumer
19. Mary & Earl Frank
20. Betty & Jim Martin
21. Our PX Crew, Pauline & Paul Shull and Beryl & Paul Anderson
22. Claude Gibbs & Sam Wolstencroft
23. Rod & Peggy Hoenninger
24. Mary Coutros, Jan Province & Tony Coutros
25. Wally Brauks & Charles Yockey



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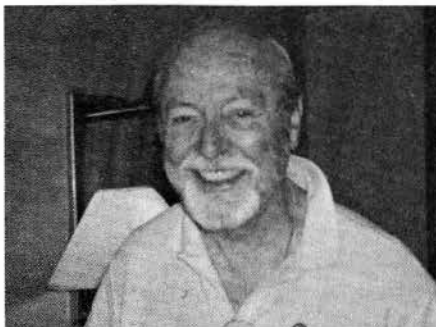
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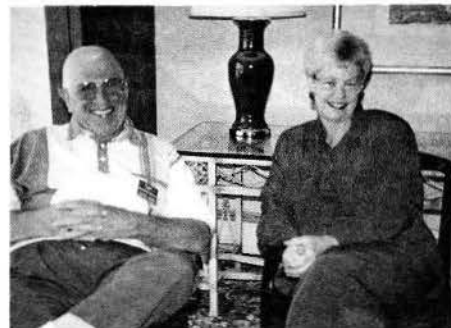
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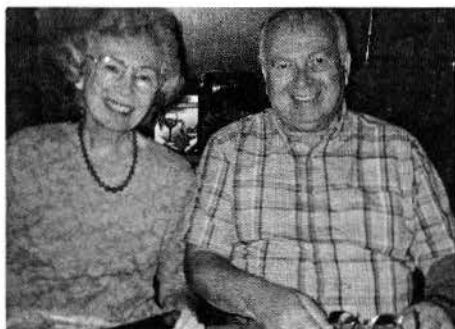
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1. Eleanor Thomas, Lois Smith & LaVerne Howarter

2. Betty Lampey & Gen Conklin

3. Bobbie Boreen, Leonard Bess & Hoan Habiger

4. Helen Bess, Lloyd Boreen & Tony Habiger

5. Irene Yockey, Doris Brauks & Peggy Rose

6. Sylvia & Peter Gaskin

7. First timers George Neubauer & Carwin Baxter

8. Peggy & Everett Rose with Fred & Clara Schoch

9. Lawton & Joan Dooley with LaRaine & Donald Allen

10. Gen Conklin, Gen Rutka & Wanda Pine

11. C. Attridge, L. Boreen, B. Gaumer & A. DiNenno

12. Helen Bess, Evelyn Attridge & Bobbie Boreen

13. Walter & Ruby McAllister

14. Group waiting for tour bus

15. Group waiting for tour bus

16. Hall Of Fame Museum B-17

17. Norman Mayer in cockpit of Hall Of Fame B-17

18. Don Collins, Carlyle Ott & Merlin Bruning

19. Charles Barclay & Al Israelsen

FRIDAY NITE DINNER

20. Edith & Robert Dees

21. Barbara & Robert Bell

22. John & Liz Noe

23. Darlene & Harold Dwyer

24. First-timers Hal & Ruby Thorpe

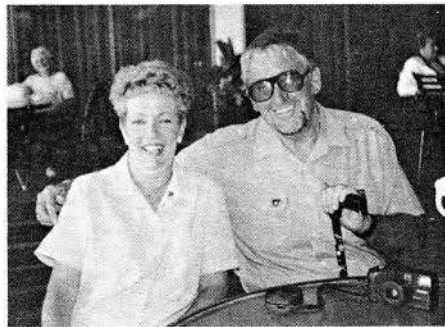
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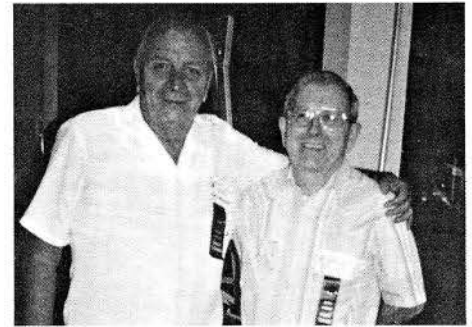
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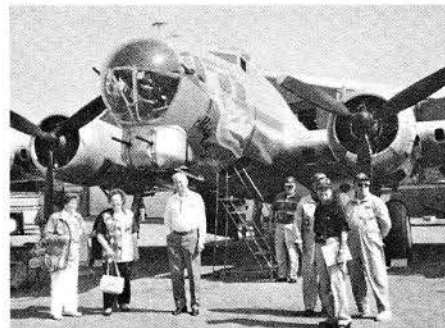
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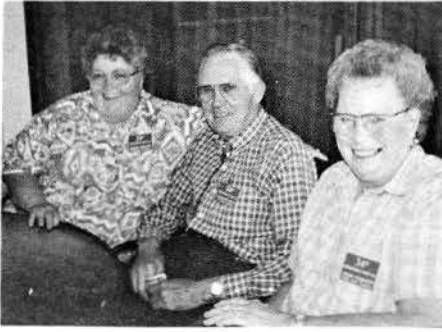


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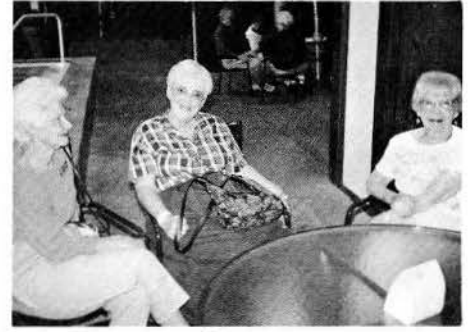
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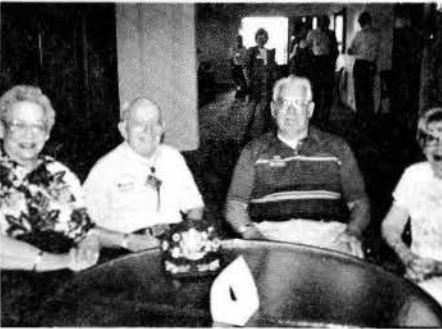
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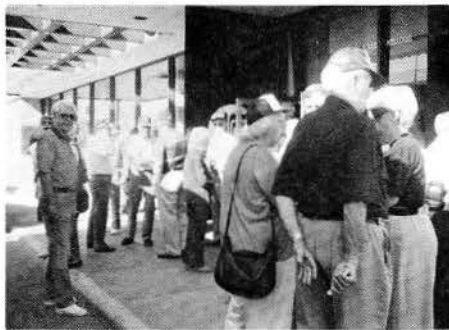
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1. Margaret & Ben Workman with
Anne & Herb Hall

2. Reta & Ed Hiltner with Bob & Ginny
Pacholski

3. Shirley & Jack Kinney with Walter &
Ruby McAllister

4. Jennie & Robert Schroeder with
Kay & Joe Marks

5. Al & Agnes Israelsen with Charles &
Roberta Barclay

6. Thelma Warfield with Miriam &
Bennett Richmond & Bob Filip

7. Lorene & Basil Gaumer with Elsie &
Alfred DiNenno

8. Marcus Dieterle with John & Betty
Mae Feda

9. Jane & J.C. Smith with Ginny &
Fred Muenta

10. Bonnie Lasseigne with Jack Hood &
Margo Haworth

11. Jack & Dorothy Clarkson with
Denton & Eileen Armstrong

12. John & Marge Bloczynski with Joan & Ed
Dooley

13. Mary & Byron Sheesley

14. Birgit & Edward Lonergan

15. Genevieve & Claude Conklin

16. Past Pres. Sam Wolstencroft passing
the gavel to Eli Baldea

17. Wally Bauks with the Floral "Re-
membrance" Board

18. Marilyn & Harold Crisp with Richard &
Mary Beth Cutting (his daughter)

19. Bob & Dorothy Nendel with Helen &
Leonard Bess

HEAD TABLE

20. Sam & Arlene Wolstencroft

21. Eli & Rose Baldea

22. Lee & Sam Baglio

23. Paul & Beryl Anderson

24. Jan & Hal Province

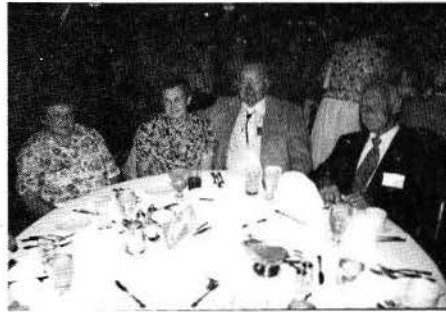
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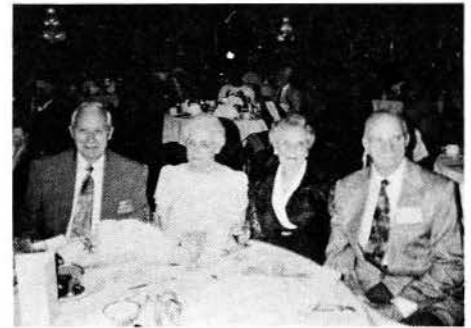
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1. Robert & Ginny Cole
2. First-timers Shirley & Don Morrison
3. John & Margaret Northrup
4. Fred & Blanche Voss
5. Imogene & Carl Freysinger
6. James & Lois Clemins
7. Peter & Sylvia Gaskin (FOTE)
8. Nellie & Jack Terry
9. Alex & Betty Antanovich
10. James & Betty Martin
11. Bula & Ray Palmer
12. Mildred & Roy Ballantyne
13. Barbara & John Mayor
14. Hymen & Ruth Chausow
15. Paul Borquin & Irving Levy
16. Ken & Eileen Anderson
17. Bonnie & Donald Shee
18. Lucille Babcock & Marie Crawford
19. Toots & Bill Hetherington
20. Herb & Dottie Roy
21. Charles & Eileen Herget
22. Wanda & Gerald Pine
23. Esther & Robert Wright
24. Genevieve & Harold Rutka
25. First-timers Joseph & Estella Beall



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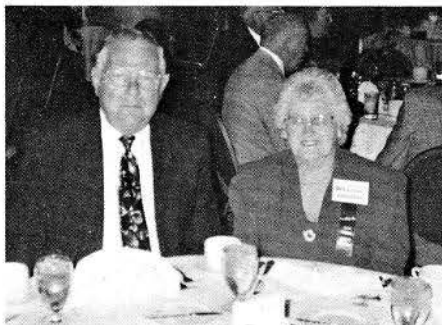
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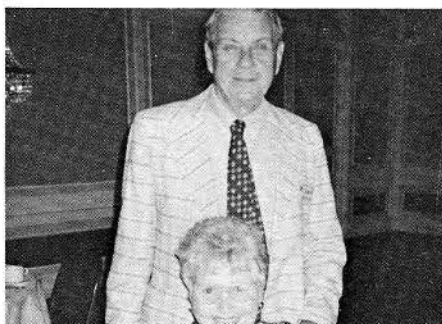
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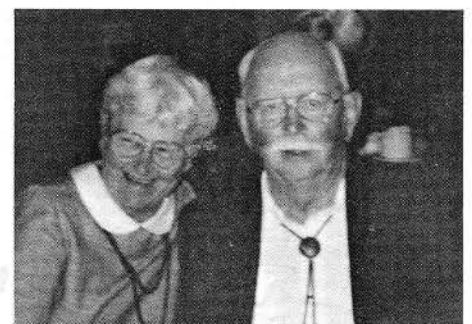
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1. View from the 13th floor overlooking the Mississippi
2. Bob & Betty Lampey standing behind Jack & Marian Share and Peggy & Carl Stemen
3. Standing: Tony Coutros, Bernie Farley, Jack Farley, Marilyn Wong & Joe Wong
- Seated: Mary Coutros
4. Liz Noe with first-timers Ruby & Hal Thorpe
5. Herb & Eunice Donahue with Avis & Marvin Syverson
6. Paul & Pauline Shull with Bud & Lucille Babcock
7. Bill Browne, Jeanne Salveson, Ace Lehman & Leon Salveson
8. Claude & Audry Gibbs with Stella & Joe Beall
9. Art Tobiason (son) with Henry & Audry Tobiason
10. Glenn Henry, LaVerne Howarter, Vera Pokorny & Wayne Howarter
11. The "James" gang - Margo & Bill Burnell, Eugene & Helen James, Arnold & Georgia Prillaman and Clara & Fred Schoch
12. First-timers Maurice & Lois Anderson, Donald & Barbara Benscoter and Luther Richardson
13. Bill Browne, Ace Lehman, Frank Zukaitis & Lee Salveson
14. Ted Moor, Schatzie Mayer, Ralph (Pappy) Lundeen & Willis Griffiths
15. Ken & Shirley Noaeill with Bernice & Joames Loiselle
16. Tony & Joan Habiger with Evelyn & Charles Attridge
17. Loretta & Carlyle Ott, Patricia & Marlin Bruning and Donald & Darlene Collins
18. Rear: Chas. Attridge, Helen Bess, Bob Nendel, Leonard Bess & Vern Ames.
Front: Evelyn Attridge, Bobbie Boreen, Dorothy Nendel & Lloyd Boreen
19. Ginny & Fred Muento with Beulah & Dexter Jordan
20. Robert & Edith Dees, Paul & Doris Youngholm, Dale & Marge Finley and Bob & Jo Jansky
21. Peggy & Everett Rose with Twyla & Paul Meeder
22. Georgia Prillaman, Helen James & Mary Sheesley behind Clara Schoch Jo Jansky & Doris Youngholm
23. Harry & Marie Crawford with Schatzie & Norman Mayer
24. 7-man crew attendance - The Jim Glass Crew - Rear: D. Shee, C. Herget, F. Aldridge & C. Yockey Front: H. Roy, W. Hetherington & B. Zeldes
25. 7-Man crew attendance - The J.C. Smith crew - Rear: H. Hall, D. Jordan & B. Workman Front: J.C. Smith, F. Muento & R. Pacholski (E. Hilton had to leave early)



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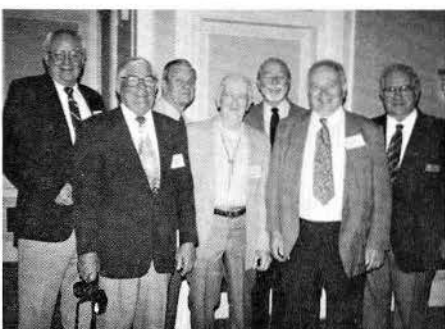
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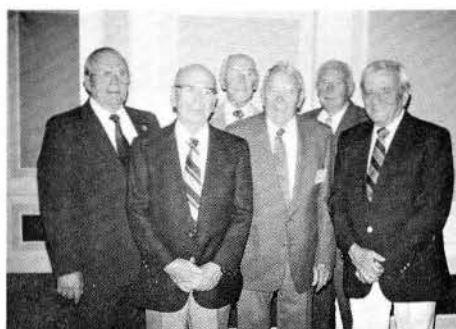
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ROSE'S CORNER

Guess who is after me to get busy and write my "Corner" column? Not only the editor of Mendlesham Memories but also the President of the 34th Bomb Group Assn! He wants me to put my thoughts on paper and also salute and hum "Hail to the Chief" each time we pass each other on the stairs!! Well, I told him that when he again fits into his Air Force uniform I may consider doing just that! Yes Sir!!

Now, back to some normalcy. I was very happy and impressed that so many of you showed up in St. Paul. You came from all over the country - Bravo! We didn't go to the famous shopping mall because I forgot my roller skates. Not really, but I'm sure I would have needed some help.

What a mistake I made in not bringing along some summer-type clothes. The Minnesota weather really wasn't typical. We are always reading about how cold it gets up there. 80 degrees below zero wind chill factor is common, we were told. Well, the days were 80+ degrees above with no chill factor! Beautiful! Let's hope that Huntsville, Alabama will be as delightful and we are hoping that all of you will be there to share in the fun.

The mail brought some surprises for me when we got home. I want to share one of the recipes which was sent in by Ginny Gradin and is ideal as a snack while guzzling any beverage. Ginny sez that these are best eaten very cold so don't let them stay out on a platter too long. She advises to serve in small portions and keep refilling the serving dish. This is called:

Party Pretzels ala Ginny Gradin

1 pkg. large, but not thick curly pretzels
1/2 cup Orville Redenbacher's Buttery flavor popcorn oil
1 envelope Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing
1 Tsp. Lemon Pepper

Mix ingredients other than pretzels and shake well. Put into a small shallow bowl. Add pretzels one at a time using a fork to turn them over making sure each is covered. Use a 9"x13" Tupperware pan that is lined with wax paper. Place pretzels one at a time in the pan and they can be layered. Put in the freezer for a few hours. Leave them in the freezer and take out only what you want to use at the time. It's a delicious snack for "Happy Hour" or at any time. The recipe does not use a full package of pretzels.

Thank you Ginny. With the holidays coming I'm surely going to serve them as "something different". In our next issue I will have two very good items from Muggs Sothern. One is a cake and one a chicken casserole dish which you will make again and again. Muggs and Bruce were more

than happy about the weather because they live in Minneapolis and after the reunion the rain and cold began and lasted a week! We were lucky!!

So, until your next issue, may God bless you all with continuing good health and don't forget to hug your grandchildren!

SPECIALS

Bob Platz, of Ottsville, PA., has written us about a medallion he received recently. His friend, Bill Tyson, was on a tour with the War College Study Group. In London he met a man who, with 40 more lbs. and a cigar in his mouth, would be the spitting image of his grandfather, Winston Churchill, which was also his name.

During their conversation Bill mentioned that their next stop would be Benouville, France. Mr. Churchill told him of a remarkable "beautiful and elegant" woman there, named Madame Arlette Gondree Pritchett, who Bill must stop in to see. She owned a cafe there and had been a ten year old girl at D-Day.

When Bill got to France he walked over the cafe (now called Pegasus Bridge Cafe Gondree). While reading a small brass plaque on the wall commemorating D-Day the door opened and this striking lady came out. Bill remarked that she must be Madame Gondree and explained, when she asked, how he knew her name.

Bill then told her about the group's visit there and they were invited into her cafe. During their conversation Bill was asked whether he had family members who had participated in D-Day. He told her about Bob Platz and she then gave him a small bronze medallion. It was struck especially for the 50th Anniversary and is given to selected members of towns and villages to acknowledge their role in the invasion. She asked Bill to give it to Bob to convey the feelings she felt for the bravery and sacrifices made by Americans during the war.

Bill said that he found the same reception from French people everywhere in the region for the American military. He ended his letter to Bob saying, "Hopefully, when you look at this medallion you can remember there are people (other than your family) who really have a special place in their hearts for you. Your efforts have not been forgotten."

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On December 23, 1994, the 34th Bomb Group celebrated the completion of the 100th mission. We have received a copy of the invitation and decided to reproduce it here for those of you who were involved.



*The Commanding Officer, Officers & Men
of U.S.A.A.F. Air Base, Mendlesham,
cordially invite you to attend their
100th Mission Celebration & Dance
on 23rd December, 1944*

Music

Entertainment 2 p.m.

Dinner 5 p.m.—7 p.m.

Dancing 8 p.m.



MRS. JOANNE (JOHN) Kantorak - Lakewood, OH.

I want to inform you John Kantorak passed away January 29, 1994 at the age of 73 years. He really enjoyed reading Mendlesham Memories. He is missed by his family very much. We were married 46 years on January 10, 1994.

WILLIAM V. SHERMAN - Miami, FL.

I want you to know how much I enjoyed the Sept. issue, especially the account of the 100th mission party in one of the hangars. I recall seeing many barrels of brew lined up outside the hangar. I've often wondered if all of it was used. With regard to Sgt. Crawford, I recall he wore one of the old style jackets without any indication of rank. I recall the broadcasts of the American Forces Network. Crawford often came out with some very funny dialog, some a bit racy. We wondered if the British might be offended but he said he had no complaints.

LINDA MODICA (Daughter) - Paso Robles, CA.

This letter is to inform you that Paul Tardiff of the 18th Sqdn. ground crew has died on June 20, 1994. Thank you for inviting him to your reunion. He was a very patriotic man who loved his country and the flag he served under. We will miss him!

MRS. MARIE (FRANCIS "BOB") SKINNER - Saint Ann, MO.

Just a note to let you know that Francis Skinner passed away on Oct. 3, 1993. I would love some news of some of the men who were very close to Bob.

PHIL (PHILIP G.) PALERMO JR. - Indio, CA.

It is with great remorse that I have to inform you of the death of my father, Philip G. Palermo. He passed away on Sept. 4, 1993 of heart failure. He was 72 yrs. of age and was preceded in death by my mother on Aug. 13, 1992. Thank you for your keeping in touch with my dad over the years. He often mentioned his days in the service of our country and had several stories about his Air Force buddies.

GEORGE R. MORRIS - Ontario, CA.

My wife and I are unable to travel because of health reasons so we won't be at the reunion. We hope you have a great one (We know you will!) and want to thank you for all the effort that goes into the "Memories". Keep up the good work.

Recently I had an occasion to go through some of my old files and found the program of the Lead Crew Banquet held on Nov. 25, 1944. I have enclosed a copy. I hope you will display it at the reunion. (Editor's note: I will have it there.)

KENNETH ANDERSON - Sherrills Ford, NC.

We enjoyed our first reunion very much and hope to make it to Huntsville next year.

WAYNE HOWARTER - Welda, KS.

The St. Paul reunion was just great. It was a fine place to have it. I saw a lot of old time buddies. A lot of others I would have liked to see but they just couldn't make it. I'm afraid our group is getting smaller. It was great to see two groups of seven people there after 50 years.

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MARGARET (BILL) BURNELL - Kirkland, WA.

All seemed to go well in St. Paul but it seemed a bit more low-key than usual. Maybe we're just all getting older. It's the first time we had so few of our crew on hand.

We had an additional week in the greater St. Paul area with very close friends and it was great except for the humidity.

IMOGENE (CARL) FREYSINGER - Cable, OH.

Many thanks again for a wonderful reunion. It gets better every year. It is so good to see all of our old friends and meet new ones. Carl's radio operator and wife, Fred and Blanche Voss, were first-timers. He pulled Carl back into the plane when he almost fell out over Holland dropping food supplies.

DALE FINLEY - Crothersville, IN.

We enjoyed the reunion and seeing old friends again. Congratulations on your new position as president. We hope to see everyone at Huntsville next year.

DON COLLINS - Omaha, NE.

We all had a very good time and hope to see everyone in Alabama next year. Corkey Ott, Mike Bruning and I were on the same crew at Mendlesham, Thomas Mullins' crew. Thomas is in the photo on page 4 of the September issue of MM.



Gordon Breeding at the Traverse City, Mich. Airport with the B-24 "All American"

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OLIVER BOLDUC - Chaplin, CT.

I'm responding to the article by Ward Provance in the Sept. issue. He mentions the fact the German plane that intruded our airspace had headed back toward the channel but didn't make it as the anti-aircraft girls got him and that "he felt sorry for him with the war so near the end."

Truly, any loss of life is hard for us to accept. However, that pilot caused the loss of many lives and did a tremendous amount of damage as well. I saw the German fire at many planes. I saw the parachutes open and I did see our plane fall out of the sky. The sole survivor of that plane's flight, to my knowledge, is Edwin J. Irwin, who had parachuted to safety.

I do keep a close watch for articles pertaining to that night because it was a terrible occurrence to witness. H. Eastman, the pilot, was a fine man. I have a heavy heart when I think of it all.

AUDREY (HENRY) TOBIASON - Remer, MN.

Just a short note to let you know how much we enjoyed the reunion in St. Paul. As usual, those of you responsible did a wonderful job. Our son, Art, joined us for the banquet on Saturday night and he was really impressed with the closeness and friendliness of the whole group. He said that now he understands why we look forward so much to the reunion each year.

ERNIE SISNEY - Yale, OK.

I was surprised to see the picture on page 4 of the Sept. issue. I was the copilot for Tom Mullins and I must have given him a copy of the picture since I was the one who took it. We picked up 33 French P.O.W.'s and flew them to Paris. Others of our crew in the picture were Gerald O'Shea, Carlyle (Corky) Ott and Angel Velasquez.

PETER GASKIN - (FOTE) England

We had a great time in the states. Once again everybody was so friendly. If we were to take up all the offers to visit we would have to spend a year in the states. Hey! That's an idea!! Seriously, though, we ended up putting 3,300 miles on the Buick we had and traveled through 10 states.

Our next trip to the U.S. will be in Feb. '95 to stay for 2 weeks with the Williamses, Harold and Evelyn, at their home in Lantana and take in a bit of sun on the beach. After that it will be save-up for the trip to Raleigh-Durham in '96.

ROBERT LAMPEY - Aurora, OH.

I know you're having a lot of fun setting up the next MM. We had a great time and look forward to the next reunion.

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JOHN J. FEDA - Marshall, MN.

We had three of our crew as first timers at St. Paul. They were Ken Anderson, Don Benscoter and Luke Richardson. Marcus Dieterle and myself have been to previous reunions.

We appreciate Mendlesham Memories. Thanks for your efforts.

PAUL ANDERSON - Everett, WA.

Here it is, October already. Don't know where the time has gone. We didn't get home until Sept. 27th. Spent time in Iowa visiting my brother and sister, some of Beryl's relations and friends. Have been busy getting the yard and house back in order. Beryl and I really enjoyed the reunion. Hope everyone else did.

ED LONERGAN - Fort Myers, Fla.

All who played golf said they had a good time. There were no prizes, no winners, no losers - just 14 golfers enjoying the fresh air and sunshine.

We sure had a great time at the reunion and congratulate the reunion committee on doing a fine job.

GINNY GRADIN - Superior, WI.

I sure enjoyed the reunion and it was so nice to see old friends again. At first I thought it would be hard for me but everyone made me feel so welcome. The first reunion Bob and I went to was in St. Paul. Looking forward to Alabama.

ROBERT COLE - South Bend, IN.

Another great reunion. Congrats to the committee and all those involved to make it a success. We had four crew members present and it was good to visit with them again. Hope all the first-timers felt welcome and will be with us again in Huntsville in '95.

HENRIETTA (CLEVELAND) ROMERO - Lafayette, LA.

I finally got Cleveland back home from the hospital. He is doing fine and wanted everyone to know how much we appreciated the phone calls and cards and so many prayer offerings from his 34th buddies and wives. He had open heart surgery the week we came back from St. Paul - three bypasses this time. He is losing weight and is ready to start a cardiac rehab program at the hospital. I will also take part in this phase.



The Jive Bombers - Can anyone identify them?

PAUL YOUNGHOLM - Jefferson, NH.

We enjoyed the reunion very much. Please convey our profound appreciation to the committee and everyone we met.

JOHN E. REILLY - Ocean City, MD.

Many thanks for the '94 Roster and copy of Mendlesham Memories. Through the roster I was able to identify pilots from 3 of the 4 crews on which I served. I really hope to make the next 34th B.G. 1995 reunion.

FREDERICK SCHOCH - Spokane, WA.

We are enjoying a beautiful "Indian Summer" here. This is our most enjoyable time with the fall harvest of crops and fruit. Clara and I have been busy since returning from St. Paul. Her relatives from Germany have been visiting for several weeks so we have been on the go. Met them in Seattle and then toured our state showing them the mountains and Puget Sound. They were impressed, especially with our food markets and stores.

Clara and I would like to send our Holiday Greetings to all our 34th friends.

FRED MUEENTE - Wauwatosa, WI.

The reunion committee did a great job. We arrived home a week later after spending time with "in-laws" in Superior, WI. and then on to Bayfield and Minoqua for needed relaxation.

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GWEN (WILLIAM V.) MUNTZER - Meadowbrook, Pa.

Yes, unfortunately, it is true. Bill passed away on August 7th, 1994. He had been diagnosed with cancer in Oct., 1993 and underwent very aggressive treatment of chemo and radiation for several months and responded very well. We thought he was going to be O.K. He looked good, felt good - all positive.

Then, around the middle of June, it recurred and he started treatment again - but it had to be stopped as he was not responding and it all went downhill from there. He spent the last 16 days at home as that was where he wanted to be.

TONY HABIGER - Topeka, KS.

We sure enjoyed the reunion. We stopped at Crystal Lake Casino on the way home but didn't do too good. See you all in Alabama.

JAMES E. BASSINGER - Charlotte, NC.

We just returned from a vacation in London. What a trip! No buzz bombs and my wife refused to let me visit Picadilly Circus alone. Outside of missing those two momentous happenings the trip was marvelous.

The most meaningful part, though, was a visit to the Memorial at Mendlesham. At Stowmarket we asked how we might get a cab to Mendlesham. A gentleman and his wife there asked to take us there if we wouldn't offer to pay them. What a country! What kind and generous people. Needless to say, the tour was very moving for me and quite emotional at the Memorial itself. Later our hosts took us for fish and chips in Stowmarket. What a delight!

MOVING ?????

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Doug Culver & ???

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

We have recently received the following:

My name is Jim Perry and I retired from the Air Force in 1989. Before retirement I started collecting military memorabilia from all eras. I collect patches, wings, uniforms, flight jackets and flying gear. My favorite items are group and squadron patches. Please write to me at: Jim Perry, 138 Manchester Road, Summerville, SD. 29483. Thank you.

From Molly Gardner we have the following:

I would like to find an English friend. She was Peggy Peck and lived near the base. She married a yank and is now in the states somewhere. She has a sister Sheila. Anyone who knew Peggy Peck (her maiden name) please contact: Molly Gardner, P.O. Box 214, Bagley, IA. 50026.

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BASSINGER	JAMES A.	391	301 WILBY DRIVE	CHARLOTTE,	NC.	28270
BERRY	BOB	7A	211 SO. MARKET ST.	BENTON,	AR.	72015
DANIELIAN	LEO	18	3259 S.W. SUNSET TRACE CIR.	PALM CITY,	FL.	34990
FERLICH	WILLIAM F.	7	155 MEADOWS VIEW ROAD	WASHINGTON,	PA.	15301
KELHART	ROBERT E.	7	111 LINDFIELD CIRCLE	MACUNGIE,	PA.	18062
KINZIE	CHARLES A.	18	1642 WICKHAM WAY	CROFTON,	MD.	21114
LARMORE	CHARLES W.	HDQ.LM	420 EAST WASHINGTON	BLUFFTON,	IN.	46714
McDANNOLD	WILLIAM E. SR.	7	115 EAST EVERGREEN	CAMERON,	MO.	64429
McKINNIE	DWIGHT H.	4	7304 EAST CAROL AVENUE	MESA,	AZ.	85208
MONGEON	OMER G.	18LM	P. O. BOX 190	SUMNER,	MS.	38957
MULLINS	THOMAS J.	391	100 HERITAGE LANE	MADISON,	AL.	35758
NASH	EMIL B.	391	283 ALEXANDRIA DRIVE	SAINT CHARLES,	MO.	63304
NELSON	HENRY B.	7	1455 MATTHEW CIRCLE	ESTES PARK,	CO.	80517
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RADOVICH	VALD	RYAF	5120 LOBO COURT	ORLANDO,	FL.	32819
RICHARDS	HOWARD C.	18	14750 HARDING DRIVE	HOMESTEAD,	FL.	33033
ROWLEY	FRANCIS O.	4	2876 MEADOWWOOD DRIVE	JACKSON,	MI.	49202
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SHINN	WHILMER	391	RD. 3, BOX 111A	EMLENTON,	PA.	16373
SIMMONS	SHERWOOD L.	391	P. O. BOX 313	PENFIELD,	NY.	14526
VANNATER	EARL	7	2045 NO. BRABANT	BURT,	MI.	48417
YOUNG	JAMES C.	7A	3910 BROCKRIDGE DRIVE	MECHANICSBURG,	PA.	17055

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GREEN	WILLIE F.	7-4	4620 ROYALVIEW ROAD	KNOXVILLE,	TN.	37921

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BLOMQUIST	THEODORE L.	7A	1001 ACADIA AVENUE	LAFAYETTE,	CO.	80026
CONWAY	CHARLES		18 WINDY HILL	METUCHEN,	NJ.	08840
DIGREGORIO	RAYMOND F.		2 BENTWOOD DRIVE	STURBRIDGE,	MA.	01566
FORTH	ROBERT F.	391	973 KINGSTON AVENUE	PIEDMONT,	CA.	94611
HOLTZ	MONROE		66791 BALK ROAD	STURGIS,	MI.	49091
JUST	GEORGE E.		6 PHEASANT LANE	NORWALK,	CT.	06854
MORRISON	DONALD R.		3150 CHANNEL BLVD. RR-1	CHEMAINUS,	B.C. CANADA	VORIKO
OVERG	DON L.		4203 SABANA GRANDE	RIO RANCHO,	NM.	87124
OSUNA	LEO V.		446 WOODBINE LANE	DANVILLE,	CA.	94526
REILLY	JOHN E.	18	13307 PEACH TREE ROAD	OCEAN CITY,	MD.	21842
REYNOLDS	THOMAS P. III	18A	4208 PINFISH LANE	PALMETTO,	FL.	34221
SMITH	ERNEST N.	18	P. O. BOX 1101	LONG BEACH,	NC.	28465
STRAHLEY	MILES J.		661 ELIZABETH STREET	SALT LAKE CITY,	UT.	84102
SWORDS	WILLIAM	18	LAKE MANOR, 2400 N. 8TH ST., RT. 29	N. PEKIN,	IL.	61554
THORPE	WILLIAM H.	391	644 E. 1950	BOUNTIFUL,	UT.	84010



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FULMER	GEORGE	18	1548 WOODLAWN AVENUE	FRANKLIN,	PA.	16323	6-01-94
GREEN	ELMORE	4					
GRIFFIN	ROSCOE C. JR.	18					3-15-84
KANTORAK	JOHN	7LM	1642 WOODWARD AVENUE	LAKEWOOD,	OH.	44107	1-29-94
KOSMATKA	RAYMOND	7	743 SO. DEARBORN CIRCLE	AURORA,	CO.	80012	12-03-83
LIKNESS	DARWIN	18					1-17-45
MUNTZER	WILLIAM V.	391	1334 CAROL ROAD	MEADOWBROOK,	PA.	19046	8-07-94
PALERMO	PHILIP G.	18	81026 FRANCIS AVENUE	INDIO,	CA.	92201	9-04-93
RAMSHAK	FRANK JR.	4	2746 BENT SPUR DRIVE	ACTON,	CA.	93510	12-06-93
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ROBINSON	PAUL	18		CLEVELAND,	OH.		1-17-45
SKINNER	FRANCIS R.	18	3579 SAN JOSE LANE	SAINT ANN,	MO.	63074	10-03-94
STEFFENS	JOHN P.	18		MILWAUKEE,	WI.		1-17-45
TARDIFF	PAUL G.	18	1118 DOROTHY STREET	PASO ROBLES,	CA.	93446	6-20-94
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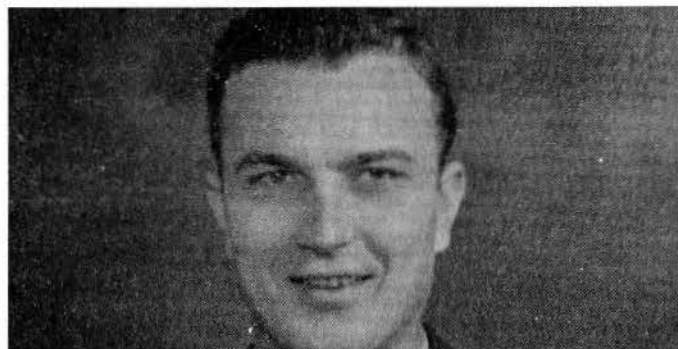
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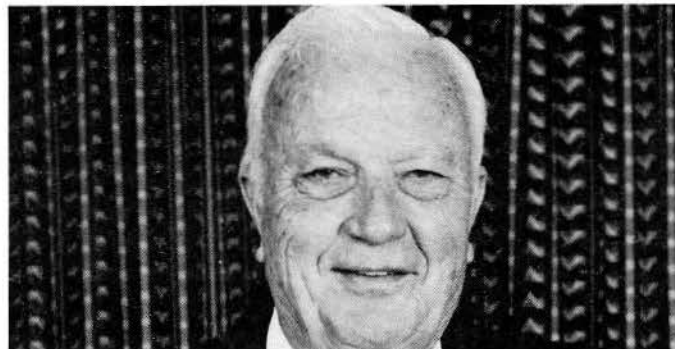
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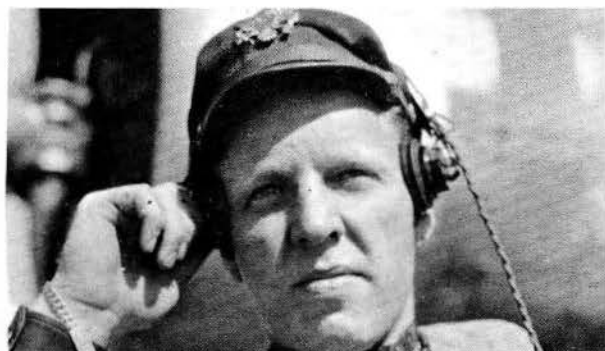


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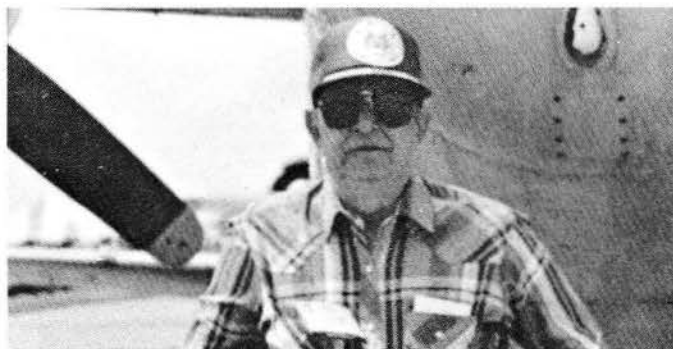


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REPATRIATION OF AN EX-POW

by Eli Baldea

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As you might expect, it wasn't long before we were confronted by two American M.P.'s. Our outlandish dress certainly was the catalyst that prompted them to stop us. After some questioning, with honest answers, the M.P.'s told us that they would not run us in now but we had better find someplace to stay before nightfall because we would certainly be run in then. My New England friend asked directions to the nearest Red Cross station. They pointed to a hotel just a half block away and told us that it was run by the Red Cross. We later found out that all available hotel rooms in Paris were managed either by the American military or the American Red Cross.

We walked over and entered the building. The Red Cross woman in charge was sympathetic with our plight but said she just could not help us without getting into trouble. Then, and only then, my friend asked her to please call Mr. Basil O'Connor, then head of the Paris Red Cross and, later, head of the International Red Cross. He gave her his name and asked that she tell Mr. O'Connor of his being there with two friends. She was advised to take care of us for the night and to see that we got to Mr. O'Connor's office the next morning.

She then relented saying that, although she could not give us a room for the night, she was allowed to give us the use of a room to take a shower and if, without her knowledge, we remained there all night, she was within the rules. A man showed us to the room and showed us where to find towels, etc., then left us. This was the lap of luxury. A little later they sent up a great meal and we were in "Heaven". We took our showers and slept in a real bed for the first time in many months.

The two of us questioned our New England buddy as to how he knew Basil O'Connor. It turned out that his family were neighbors of the O'Connors and one of his best friends was Basil O'Connor's son. They had buddied up



34th B.G. Volleyball team on the right - opposing team???



Chowline at Mendlesham

from grade school through high school and had spent many nights in each other's homes. Basil O'Connor certainly knew who he was but we two had no prior idea of his connections.

The next morning we were driven to another large hotel and ushered into a large office. Behind the desk was a very officious looking gentleman who arose and grasped our friend in a bear hug. After the introductory ammenities were over he asked to hear all about our past many months and what we now wanted to do. When we explained our problem with Section One at Camp Lucky Strikes, and our proximity with, and desire to see, Paris, he understood and said he'd take care of two more nights at our hotel. Then he reached into his pocket and brought out a wad of French francs which he freely doled out to us. He then wished us an enjoyable stay in Paris and directed that we be taken back to our hotel.

For the next two days and nights we enjoyed Paris to the fullest. One of our best experiences was going to the Folies Bergere to see their daring show (especially in those days). While there we heard that most of the young ladies doubled as prostitutes after the performance. Now that our stomachs were full, our thoughts turned to "SEX!". One of the girls, in particular, struck my fancy and I sought her out later at the stage door. Money was no problem since we had plenty. When she emerged I approached her and soon found myself alone with her in a hotel room. My two buddies had also paired up with girls at the same hotel.

After a period of gratification we met out in the street and discussed our actions. Our newlywed became concerned about catching a venereal disease and carrying it back home. The other two of us were not too sure of it ourselves so we decided to seek out a "PRO" station. "PRO", I think, was short for prophylactic, the guarding against venereal disease. We had heard that there were many in Paris. All we had to do was find one - but how? We walked down a few streets looking to find any building with an outside light on, possibly signifying a "PRO" station. We found ourselves in the street immediately in front of the

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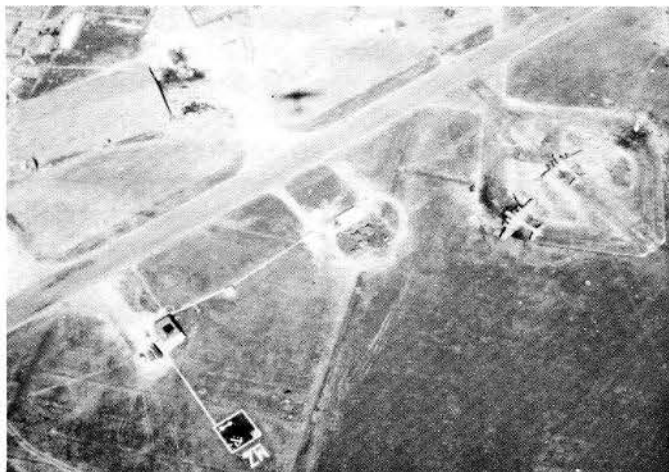
Louvre, the French art museum. Still we had not located a "PRO" station and didn't know in which direction to go next.

Just then a jeep with two army M.P.'s drove up and we were questioned again. When we explained where we came from, our desire to see Paris and our present predicament they loaded us into the jeep and drove us about four city blocks to a building with one exterior light showing. "Go in there and they'll take care of you," we were told. "But afterward, you'd better get back to your hotel before you're discovered again and run in!"

We thanked them profusely and entered the building. There we were handed a syringe-like instrument, shown a cubicle and told how to care for ourselves. After following the instructions we met in the foyer with a smile on our faces, now convinced that we had taken care of any possible problem. After all, we had indulged in sex under questionable circumstances, but we were now "CLEAN!". We decided now to heed the warning and go back to the hotel. The sergeant told us where we could find a taxi-cab. We walked a couple of blocks, found a cab and returned to the hotel. That night we all went to sleep with large smiles on our faces, dreaming of our evening's experiences.

The next day was spent sight-seeing. We travelled up the elevator of the Eiffel Tower, walked on the Champs Elysees, around the Arc De Triomphe and more. We got to see some of Paris before heading back. It was exhilarating, but we soon felt we must get back to the rehabilitation camp, hopefully not to lose our place in line. As with coming to Paris, we had no problem getting a ride back to the camp.

When we arrived back we found that we had not even been missed. There was no roll call until you were called to move to another section. Our group had not been called for Section Two but, fortunately for us, were called the day



Mendlesham Airdrome in 1944



Bill..., Mike Sass, Ed Bouty

after we returned from Paris. We spent the next three weeks there going through Sections Two, Three and Four. There was a lot of free time to waste but nothing comes to mind as being memorable during that period. Our total thoughts were toward getting through Section Four and being shipped home.

Finally that day arrived and we were driven by G.I. trucks to the docks at Le Havre. There we boarded a "Liberty Ship", one of the ocean vessels mass-produced, especially for the war. These ships were not meant to be troop carriers, so living quarters below deck were limited. The cabins, then, were assigned to officers according to rank. By the time I was shot down I had been promoted to First Lieutenant. This was enough to get me a bunk below in a cabin with three other men. All enlisted men, warrant officers, and most 2nd Lts. were to bed down on deck. Also, the officers received a listing of names and home addresses of all the returning ex-POW's on board.

Although everyone was fed equally, the officers had one "perk" not available to the enlisted men on board. There was a "PX" type shop from which we could get all sorts of items such as cigars, cigarettes, candy, etc. Naturally, we savored our little specialty bonus.

After a couple of days of just loafing around I decided to take a look at the list of people aboard. Lo and behold!! I found two names from my home town of East Chicago, Ind. One was named Jackson and the other Godocik. I figured Godocik was just another "Hunky" so I went on deck and inquired of everyone until I located Jackson. He turned out to be a young black man, nice enough, but not who I thought I could buddy up with. This decided me to seek out Godocik.

Paul Godocik turned out to be a nice young army man about a year younger than me. After introducing myself we began talking about our homes and families, as well as mutual acquaintances. I found that he liked cigars and candy, which he could not buy. For the rest of the voyage I supplied him with these and he appreciated it. We became fast friends and vowed to look each other up after

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reaching home. This we did and remained good friends until about five years ago when he died of a stroke.

We docked at Boston and were taken to a local airbase. There we were issued new uniforms, underwear and shoes. Finally, after all those months, I felt I was part of the Air Corps again. In all, it had been more than six weeks since that day at Moosburg when we were liberated by the 14th Armored Divn. I could again walk with my head held high, proud to be a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

QUITE AN EXPERIENCE!

by Joe Garrett

We were assigned a military target at Kiel, Germany that day and given an assigned altitude of 14,000 ft., which was too low for the accuracy of the flak guns at Kiel. We had been by that city before at a much higher altitude and had picked up quite a few holes in our equipment. I complained to HQ in London, but got "raked over the



Joe Tolino mowing the lawn

coals" by some captain for even thinking of getting the altitude changes.

Our rendezvous was good and we joined the bomber stream at the right time and reached the coast of Europe by the time we reached 14,000 ft. At that time we split to the left and headed for Kiel. We hit our initial point southwest of the city and started our bomb run. Just before dropping our bombs there was a tremendous thump and the plane lurched to the left. We had a direct hit by flak on the #1 engine and right wing. We had dropped our bombs about a second before we got hit. We started losing altitude immediately. After feathering the #1 engine a further look showed it was drooping downward on the wing ten to fifteen degrees and the prop was not in full feather position. The gear was out of the uplocks and the bomb bay doors were open about three-fourths of the way. We had no hydraulic pressure.

We considered going to Denmark but we were still flying and wanted to get back to the base. By the time we cleared the coast of Germany we were down to about 10,000 ft. and still losing altitude. I asked the crew to throw out everything they could find to lighten the load, which helped some, but not enough. The plane was hard to handle. I had to use both feet on the left rudder and full left aileron to hold the plane in the air.

When we reached 3,000 ft. we could still not hold altitude and, to make matters worse, the flight engineer told us that we had about 3 minutes gas left. We were pulling power from the other 3 engines. We thought about ditching the plane but we had previously let the airspeed get down to 145 MPH and started into a stall. Our chances of survival hitting the water at that speed in a B-24 were small.

At 1500 ft. I asked the crew to line up on the bomb bay catwalk and to jump when I dropped my arm. I would be right behind them. They all had individual dinghys attached to their chutes and I knew they would be together in the water. In seconds, I looked back and they were gone. I turned loose of the controls and tried to get up. The plane immediately started a turn to the left. I suspect the dinghy got hung up on something because, later, I took the dinghy loose and had no trouble getting out.

When I got the airplane under control again I wasn't over 25 ft. off the water. I found the plane would fly straight and level with full power on 3 engines and, by getting the airspeed up to around 155 MPH, I could then gain a little altitude before dropping the speed to about 147 MPH. I did this for a long time knowing that I was going to run out of fuel. I couldn't take both hands off the controls to fasten my seat belt so ditching would be rough. The rapid loss of altitude or a malfunction in the fuel gauges must have given the flight engineer a bad reading. Although the gauges were right behind me I could not turn around to look at them since I could not relax on the controls.

After what seemed like hours I could see the Cliffs of Dover and kept praying I would not run out of fuel with Eng-

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land in sight. On reaching the coast I had managed to gain altitude to a little over 800 ft. My chest chute, which I had strapped to my harness before the crew bailed out, was still in place. During my flight I had managed to release the dinghy from the harness. I pointed the plane back out toward the sea, took two or three steps and jumped out the open bomb bay. As soon as the leading edge of the tail got to me I pulled the cord and, to my relief, the chute popped open. One of the seams in the canopy had split about 2 to 3 ft. and I landed pretty hard in a wheat field. The plane took a 270 degree turn before hitting the ground and skidding under a house. Luckily nobody was home.

On landing I lay back with my head in my hands. A British citizen came running up to me with a drawn pitchfork. He said, "I say, are you friend or foe?". I said, "I a friend, friend". About that time another man came up and gave me some lukewarm tea. We rode into a small town on bicycles. They took me to a police station where they checked my identity. I notified the base and was picked up in about two hours. It was "Quite An Experience!"



Bob Gay, Major Heath, Col. Wackwitz and Tommy Thompson, Red Cross Dir.