



ENDLESHAM MEMORIES



VOICE OF THE 34TH BOMB GROUP (H)

SCHOLARSHIP ISSUE *WHERE GREAT FUTURES BEGIN*



18TH SQUADRON



391ST SQUADRON



7TH SQUADRON



4TH SQUADRON

MENDLESHAM MEMORIES

Newsletter of

The 34th Bomb Group Association, Inc.

www.excel-tech.com/34th/

This newsletter is published four times a year: (March, June, September & December).

All material for publication is welcome and should be sent to:

Jack Share, Editor

Mendlesham Memories

22 So. Avonlea Cir.

The Woodlands, TX 77382-1067

Tel: (936) 273-3561

Fax: (936) 273-2982

E-mail: jacks23@msn.com

OFFICERS

President-----Wayne Howarter
16702 S. Hwy. 59
Welda, KS 66091
(620) 439-5383

1st Vice President-----Carl Stemen
317 Highland Blvd.
Bremen, OH 43107
(740) 569-4214

2nd Vice President-----Fred Waltz
541 Hammock Ct.
Marco Island, FL 34145
(914) 394-9160

Recording Secretary-----John Feda
607 South First St.
Marshall, MN 56258
(507) 532-5334

Treasurer &-----Harold Province
Corresponding Secretary
153 North Hill Dr.
Carriere, MS 39426
(601) 798-2059
E-mail: provih@datastar.net

Archivist-----Rev. Gary Ferrell
28401 Valley Dr.
Albemarle, NC 28001
(704) 982-2605
E-mail: glf34bg@yahoo.com

Past President-----Claude Gibbs
P.O. Box 245
Catawissa, MO 63015
(636) 285- 3770

Chaplain-----James Martin
13448 FM 1176
Santa Anna, TX 76878
(915) 348-3086
E-mail: jfmartin@web-access.net

PX-----Kenneth Paxton
6402 E. 11th St.
Wichita, KS 67206
(316) 683-2900
E-mail: kenpax1@aol.com

Deadline

All material and items for the June 2002 issue of Mendlesham Memories should reach me on or before April 15th 2002. That is the date our final copy will go to the publisher.

Jack Share, Editor

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carroll Forister (02) 515 So Geyser Rd.
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 822-1056

Franklin Sivret (02) 18 Melvin Ave.
Shrewsbury, MA 01545
(508) 753-1772

James Clemens (03) 2820 Norwood Dr.
Racine, WI 53403
(414) 633-8867

Anthony Coutros (03) 1 Carriage Pl.
Edison, N.J. 08820
(732) 494-4641

Vernon Ames (04) 50 Raintree Isl., Apt#9
Tonawanda, NY 14150
(716) 695-2657

John Demko (04) 19 Windaway Rd.
Bethel, CT 06801
(203) 744-4970

REUNION COMMITTEE

Harold Rutka (Chariman)-----11 E. Artavia St.
Duluth, MN 55811
(218) 724-1667

Robert Wright-----411 Parkavash Ave.
South Bend, IN 46617
(219) 232-4287

Bruce Sothern-----3354 Ulysses St. NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418
(612) 789-2225
E-mail: Bssothern@aol.com

Other web sites of interest:

<http://members.tripod.com/VALORtoVICTORY>

www.mighty8thmuseum.com

www.air-museum.org/b17.htm

[http://www.jccc.net/~bgustaf/34th Bomb](http://www.jccc.net/~bgustaf/34th_Bomb)

share — a thought.

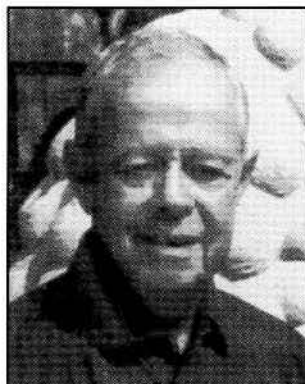
As I write this column on December 30th 2001, I am half-heartedly watching the daily news on TV. Catching my attention was a report from Buffalo, NY stating that that city was buried under seven feet of snow. Now, I lived in Central New York for the first 67 years of my life and saw a lot of snow in that time, but can anyone imagine what life must be like digging out from 7 feet of that *beautiful!!!* white stuff? We can only hope that all our 34th friends in that area came through the mother of all snowstorms, and the remaining winter, with only minor difficulties.

As is customary, this edition of MM is characterized by honoring the recipients and all the participants of the 34th BGA's scholarship program. Again, the scholarship committee was engulfed by applications from outstanding students, top of their high school senior classes, high SAT scores and outstanding community participation. Needless to say, a taxing decision. The recipients, as all the participants, parents and grandparents, should be proud of their accomplishments. The 34th Bomb Group Association is extremely honored by their participation in our scholarship program and wishes them well in their future endeavors.

The Scholarship application form for the 2002 scholarship program is included in this issue. Either cut it out or make a copy, but please get them in by the designated time. Thank you.

Many of us from our generation, for whatever reason, find ourselves in a situation where we are required to leave our homes of many years and find other places to live, possibly downsizing. This requires, not only getting rid of many treasured home furnishings, but also going through much paraphernalia, memorabilia, photos, correspondence, etc. of years gone by. I received an e-mail from one of our members who uncovered photos of his cadet days and was wondering if we would still be interested in them for Mendlesham Memories. Yes, send us all of it. That is what makes each publication unique and interesting to all of us who shared those experiences. Each story, each photo is important to the survival of the newsletter and of interest to all our readers - young and old alike.

Jack Share
Editor



President's Message

Hello to all 34th'ers from Kansas. Have been to lots of reunions, but never expected to be around for this many. It's always great to see the original gang again. Each year takes out a few. I guess it's birthdays that do it.



I'm looking forward each year to the next one. I'm constantly reminded of different crewmembers of the 34th. I know some pass away each year. Some are old and they show it, while others are old and they look young. I'm not describing the ladies since they all look young.

I hope all of you enjoyed your holidays as much as we did. Our two sons and their wives plus our six grandchildren (4 boys and 2 girls) were all at our house. It was great to have them all together. So we're an even dozen until the grands get married.

We've had a very mild winter – so far. No snow and very little rain. May catch it in February and March.

We had a 30-acre lake built in 1981 on our farm, so we have plenty of livestock water. We stocked it with bass, channel cat fish and hybrid bluegill. Our grandsons spend more time fishing than we do.

I imagine Salt Lake City is really booming now, getting ready for the Olympics in February. Sure hope all goes well for everyone out there, and settled down when the 34th is there.

I was pleased to hear that the PX did well. I purchased a book, pens and other mementoes. Always have to make several visits to the PX during our reunion.

Take care, and we'll be seeing you in Salt Lake City.

God Bless you and God Bless America.

TODAY'S QUOTE

***Only fools and dead men don't
change their minds. Fools won't.
Dead men can't.***

FROM THE TREASURER'S COMPUTER

Can you believe that we are in the first half of 2002? Seems like it was just a few days ago when we were worrying about an item named Y2K and didn't that turn out to be a big PUFF of wind? But looking ahead instead of backward - this issue of Mendlesham Memories will have the notice of the 34th BGA Ray Summa Scholarship Awards application form for the 2002 applicants as well as notes and pictures from the winners of the 2001 awards. I feel this is one of the best things that the 34th BGA ever started and am always so pleased to see so many of your children and grandchildren participating! Please encourage your graduating seniors, and those in college, to enter. Although it is a few months until applications are due, it is soon enough to get them thinking about the awards.

Our three judges, John Feda, Ambers Hanson and Bob Vaughn really put in a lot of time and effort in judging the applicants and we want to keep them busy! Should you require additional copies for more than one applicant, please make as many copies as you need. And if the applicant wants to be sure we receive the application, have them include a self-addressed post card in the envelope.

There have been some changes around the country in telephone area codes recently, so if you move, or if your area code changes please drop me a post card with your new number on it.

REMEMBER! I don't send out individual dues notices, so if you owe your dues for 2002 I'll be looking for your check in the mail.

We still accept contributions to the Scholarship Fund - and they are tax deductible.

Thanks to all who sent Holiday Greetings to Jan and I. We appreciate them very much.

Cheers to all and may God abundantly bless.

Hal



REUNION COMMITTEE

Our 18th annual reunion of the 34th Bomb Group (H) Association will be held September 24 - 28, 2002 at the Best Western Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah. The usual temperature for September is a high of 80 degrees and a low of 50 degrees with a .59 inch rainfall. The hotel is located across the street from Historic Temple Square and next to the World's largest genealogy library. The "free" light rail carrier, called "Trax" is in the downtown area. One of its stops is directly across the street from the hotel. One block from the hotel is located two of Salt Lake's largest shopping malls. There is a free shuttle to and from the airport, named "D J Executive Image".

Major airlines serving the city of Salt Lake are: American West, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Jet Blue, Northwest, Skywest, Southwest, United and TWA. Greyhound Lines furnish bus service. Amtrak makes daily stops at Salt Lake. Interstate travel by I-15, I-70, I-80, and I-84.

Salt Lake City was founded in 1847 by the Mormons in their search for a place they could worship God. On their westbound travels across the prairies, they often sang hymns and it became a nightly custom. On July 24, 1847 as they crossed the Wasatch Mountains into a wide valley, their leader, Brigham Young declared, "This is the place". A month later the tabernacle choir had its beginning.

Salt Lake City is very easy to find your way around in. The blocks are ten acres square and separated by 132 foot wide streets - (Wide enough for a team of four oxen and a covered wagon to turn around in), with Temple Square as the center of town. The Best Western hotel is located conveniently at 112 West South Temple also in the center of town.

Temple Square has two visitor centers that offer complementary tours daily. There is much to see and we will have our bus tour to visit points of interest. The June issue of Mendlesham Memories will include the reunion and hotel registration forms. A "Tour to England" is being planned. For information contact, Dick D'Amato, Tamarac Travel, Inc. at: 1-800-486-9922 or at 1-218-724-1667.

The reunion committee:

Harold Rutka
Robert Wright
Bruce Sothern



2001 RAY SUMMA SCHOLARSHIPS

A total of 14 scholars submitted applications in the 2001 Ray Summa - 34th Bomb Group Scholarship program. This year there was more college students entering than we have ever had. For your information the entrants and their sponsors are listed.

<u>Entrant</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>ORG</u>
COUTROS, Alexis	Chalfont, PA	Tony Coutros	391st
CRAWFORD, Amy	Ticonderoga, NY	Harry Crawford	4th
DANIELSON, Janice	Rockville, MD	Leo Danielson	18th
FECHKO, Katie	Parma Heights, OH	Richard Fechko	391st
HOBAN, Sean	Louisville, KY	Robert Hoban	391st
MAU, Michelle	Cobleskill, NY	John Bloczynski	18th
MAY, Ryan	Sleepy Hollow, IL	Geo. (Otto) May	391st
MEEDER, Jesse	Oceanside, NY	Paul Meeder	7th
MEHRKAM, Noah	Charles Town, WV	Don Baumgardner	7th
PETERSON, Erika	Murray, UT	Ralph Peterson	18th
PROVINCE, Brandon	Lacombe, LA	Hal Province	391st
RUSSO, Theresa Marie	Hartsdale, NY	Michael Russo	18th
SCHNEIDER, Nancy	Burnt Hills, NY	Gino Stripf	391st
SMITH, David	Jamestown, OH	Val McClellan	391st

Our thanks to the sponsors for encouraging the students, both to enter college and to enter the scholarship awards program. We believe it to be one of the best programs the 34th Bomb Group Association has been associated with.

RECIPIENTS OF AWARDS

After long and considered deliberation by the judges, the following scholarship applicants were declared the recipients of the 2001 Ray Summa Scholarship Awards:

First Award - \$1000.00

CRAWFORD, Amy of Ticonderoga, NY sponsored by Harry Crawford - 4th bomb squadron.

Second Award - \$750.00

HOBAN, Sean of Louisville, KY sponsored by Robert Hanson - 391st bomb squadron.

Third Award - \$500.00

RUSSO, Theresa Marie of Hartsdale, NY sponsored by Michael Russo - 18th bomb squadron.

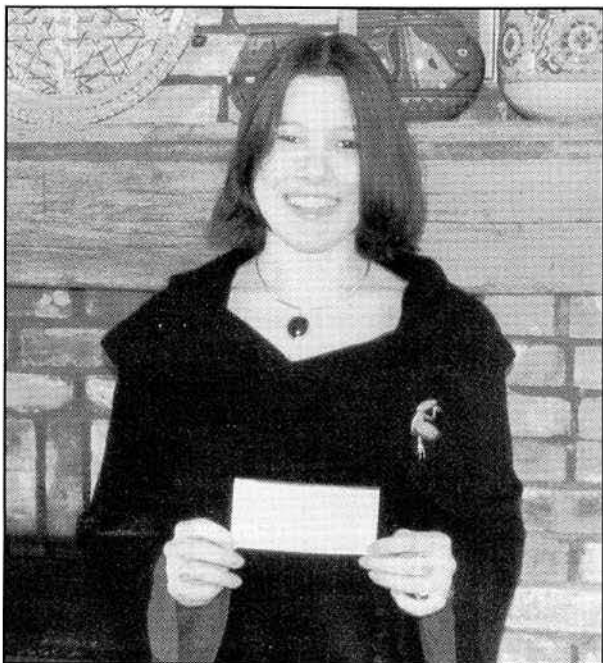
Each of the sponsors was contacted and requested to notify the respective applicant of the award. As usual, the sponsors were happy to hear the news and happy to pass it along to the recipients. A letter of congratulations, with the check, was sent to each one.

Respectfully submitted by the Scholarship Committee:

John Feda
Ambers Hanson
Robert Vaughn

Ed: Once again the Scholarship Committee deserves the thanks of the 34th Bomb Group Association for their diligent and difficult task of judging the 2001 Ray Summa Scholarship Awards program.

2001 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS



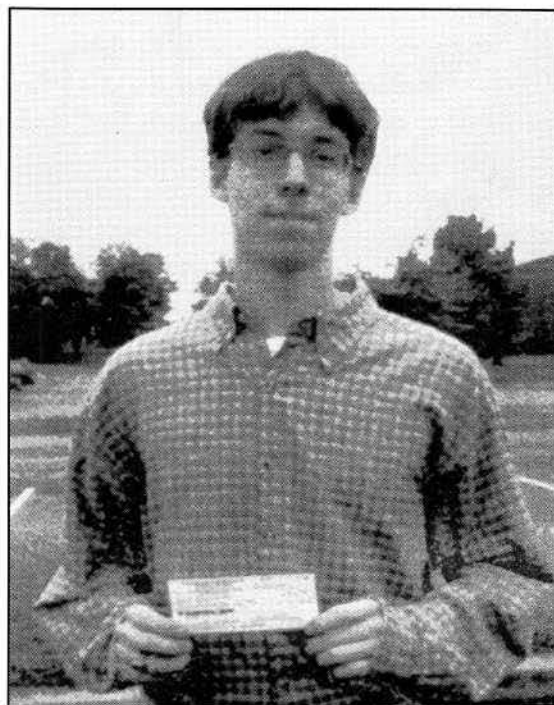
Amy Crawford - 1st place winner

Hi, I'm writing to thank the scholarship committee for awarding me first place - it's really a great (and unexpected honor). I'm settled here at Cornell now to fulfill my biology major requirements. I'm taking calculus and chemistry as well as French and a writing course on Shakespeare. It's not too heavy a course load since I was able to use AP credits to fulfill introductory biology requirements, but as you can probably imagine the math is pretty hard.

Thanks again for the award and thanks also for making my grandpa so happy - he really believed I would win, even though I had my doubts.

SHORT BUT GOOD!

- ☛ Blue Cross is a company that docks my pay to pay my doc.
- ☛ I thought my group insurance plan was fine until I found out I couldn't collect unless the whole group is sick.
- ☛ "It's not so much the work I enjoy," said the taxi driver, "but people I run into."



Sean Hoban - 2nd place winner

Thank you for the award. Three years ago when I was visiting grandpa up in Minnesota, there was an air show with WWII aircraft. Grandpa took me and my dad out to see them and we went through the B-17 and I got a better idea of the courage it must have taken to fly these planes. I got to see the little space grandpa had to figure out all the calculations to navigate the plane and where he was when he double dutied as the bombardier.

Again, thank you so much.

ED: The response from Theresa Marie Russo, the Third Place Winner, was received too late for this edition. It will appear in the June Issue.

MOVING?

IF YOU ARE MOVING, OR HAVE MOVED,
SEND YOUR NEW ADDRESS TO:

**HAL PROVINCE
153 NORTH HILL DR.
CARRIERE, MS 39426**

Mailing labels are printed on Feb. 1, May 1,
and December 1 issues.

Scholarship Application

The Ray L. Summa, 34th Bomb Group Association Scholarship Fund to be awarded annually to the relative of a member of the 34th Bomb Group Association. The amount to be awarded shall be \$1000.00 for the first place winner, \$750.00 for the second place winner and \$500.00 for the third place winner.

CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR THE 34TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IS AS FOLLOWS.

1. Applicant must be the relative of a paid-up member of the 34th Bomb Group Association.
2. Applicant must have maintained a 3.0 grade point average on a 4-point scale during his/her senior high school year.
3. Applicant must attend a 2 or 4 year accredited college as a full-time student and maintain a 2.5 grade point average on a 4-point scale.
4. Applicant may also be a college student continuing education and have a 2.5 grade point average on a 4-point scale.

2002 Application for the 34th Bomb Group Ray Summa Scholarship Awards

Name: _____ Phone () _____

Address: _____

Name of Sponsor (paid-up 2002): _____ Squadron: _____

Address: _____

Age of applicant: _____ Graduation date: _____ Best SAT/ACT score _____

Probable Major: _____

Colleges and Universities of interest to you: _____

Summary of academic achievements (e.g. scholarships, awards, honor society) _____

Extra-curricular activities: _____

Community activities you have participated in: _____

Hobbies and Special interests: _____

List any non-government funded jobs which you have held: (Full or part time) _____

(Use additional sheets as needed.)

Applications must include and are not complete until the following additional materials have been included and attached:

- 1: All available & most recent high school or college transcript (including current grades).
- 2: latest ACT/Sat test scores.
- 3: An essay on "Why I wish to pursue a College Degree" in 500 words or less.
- 4: Standing in your graduating class. (Your position and the number of students in class.)

Applications must be postmarked no later than July 10, 2002.

(Please include a self addressed post card if you wish acknowledgment of receipt of application).

Winners are expected to be announced at the 2002 34th BGA Reunion in September.

Mail completed applications to:

Scholarship Committee
c/o Hal Province
153 North Hill Drive
Carrier, MS 39426

PX Order Form

PX ORDER FORM

NEW: AUTO WINDOW STICKER – 2"X4 1/4" BLACK AND SILVER

VET: WWII U.S. AIR FORCE OR VET: WWII US ARMY AIR CORPS.....\$4.00 EACH OR 3 FOR \$10.00
(NO SHIPPING CHARGES ON THIS ITEM)

REPRINT OF 34TH B.G. HISTORY BOOK, 1947 edition, EDWIN S. SMITH.....\$37.50ea.
LATEST 34TH B.G. HISTORY BOOK, 1999 edition.....\$49.95ea.
"THE MUNSTER RAID, BEFORE AND AFTER" by IAN HAWKINS.....\$32.00ea
"BAIL OUT OVER MUNSTER" by WALTER STURDIVAN.....\$ 5.00ea
PERMANENT NAME TAGS (First and last names & Sqdn. No).....\$ 7.00ea.
LICENSE PLATE (34th Bomb Group).....\$ 4.00ea.
LICENSE PLATE HOLDER (2 for \$5.00).....\$ 3.00ea.
PATCHES – 8TH AIR FORCE OR 34TH BOMB GROUP.....\$ 5.00ea.
PATCHES – 8TH AIR FORCE (Gold & Silver Bullion Thread).....\$ 9.95ea.
PATCHES – SQUADRON – 4th – 7th – 18th –\$ 5.00ea.
DECAL – VALOR TO VICTORY – 5" X 5".....\$ 1.50ea.
BUMPER STICKER – 34TH B.G. – 3" X 12"\$ 1.50ea.
BOLO TIES – 8TH AIR FORCE – 34TH B. G. – B-17 – B-24.....\$ 6.00ea.
KEY RINGS – 8TH AIR FORCE – B-17 – B-24.....\$ 4.00ea
HAT PINS (FOR DECOR) B-24 – B-17 or POW\$ 3.50ea.
VALOR TO VICTORY (LADY'S STICK PIN).....\$ 3.50ea.
WINGS – 2 1/4" – PILOT – BOMBARDIER – NAVIGATOR – GUNNER.....\$ 4.00ea.
WINGS – 2" CREW.....\$ 4.00ea.
WINGS – 1" – PILOT – BOMBARDIER – NAVIGATOR – ENG – GUNNER.....\$ 3.50ea.
TIE TACK – 8TH A.F. – 4TH – 7TH – 18TH – 391ST SQDNS.....\$ 4.00ea.
BALL PEN (retractable) W/REPLACEABLE CARTRIDGE
DK. BLUE W/GOLD LETTERS (34TH BOMB GROUP, 8TH AIR FORCE) AND GOLD TRIM.....\$ 1.49ea.
CAPS – SOLID ROYAL BLUE (New 34th B.G. Design).....\$ 7.00ea.
V.C.R. TAPE 58 mins. (" Start Your Engines + 50 Years").....\$27.95ea.
MEN'S POLO SHIRT W/ POCKET AND 34TH B.G. EMBLEM (Hunter Green – beautiful)
MED. LRG. XLRG. XXLRG.....\$24.50ea.
MEN'S POLO SHIRT (Cobblestone beige) W/34TH B.G. EMBLEM and LOGO – (no pocket).
MED. LRG. XLRG. XXLRG.....\$24.50ea.
MEN'S POLO SHIRT (White W/ Emblem – no pocket) Large or X Large.....\$27.00ea

PLEASE CIRCLE ITEMS DESIRED

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER

Please add \$.3.50 postage for orders under \$20.00 and \$4.50 postage for orders \$20.00 and over
Send check or money order to: 34th B.G. PX

Ken Paxton
6402 E. 11th St.
Wichita, KS 67206
Tel: (316) 685 4376
e-mail kenpax1@aol.com

Thanks for your support of the 34th BGA. We wish all of you good health and much happiness!



JOIN THE 8TH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Name _____

FIRST

MIDDLE INITIAL

LAST

Address _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ Email _____ Fax _____

8th AF Unit _____ Not in 8th _____ Include me as an Associate Member _____

For Our Information:

In service _____ Branch _____ Dates _____ to _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: LIFE MEMBER ☐ ANNUAL DUES \$20 ☐

PAYMENT: CHECK ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ VISA ☐ CARD # _____ exp.date _____

SIGNATURE: _____

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO **8TH AFHS P.O. BOX 1787, SAVANNAH, GA 31402**

1-800-982-1942 MEMBERS DUES NOTICES ARE MAILED ANNUALLY **8TH AFHS**

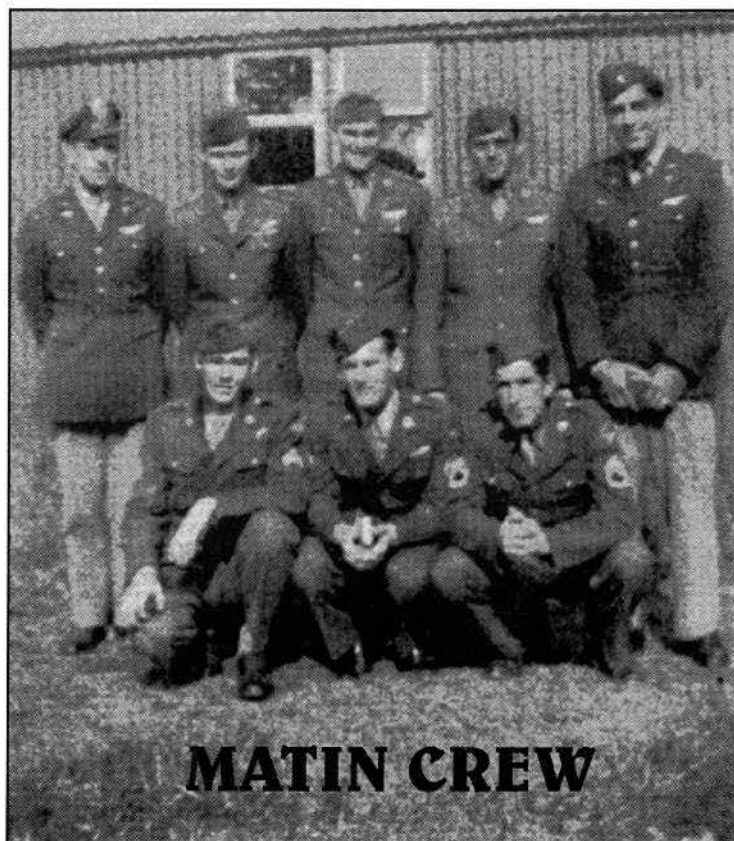
SCHOLARSHIP NEWS ITEM

We seldom hear anything about our Scholarship recipients of past years, but the first place winner in 1999, ALEXANDER D. WISSNER-GROSS, has been making waves among NANOTECH RESEARCHERS. Such researchers are delving into possibly using incredibly small (one-billionth of a meter) particles to build, among other things, nano-chips so small that when combined in pin-head computers, the computers would pack as much "punch" as all of today's supercomputers combined.

The grandson of Bob Gross, 7th BS, Alex has been spending his summers away from MIT working in a Pentagon-funded think tank. Each year the think tank hires a dozen or so top-performing students to probe the frontiers of nano-technology, electronics and other high-tech areas. Mitre Corp., sponsor of the elite summer camp, was so impressed with Alex's work that it applied for, and was awarded, a patent in his name. During the school year Alex is working on a triple major in electrical engineering, physics and math at MIT. Very clearly, Alex is one of our Scholarship recipients of whom we will hear more of in the future!

For additional information on Alex and NANOTECHNOLOGY, you might want to check page 86 of Business Week for the week of July 16, 2001 at your local library.

The Scholarship Committee.



MATIN CREW

Top Row (L to R): Duane Beauer, Boner GEO (Red) (CP), Hugh B. Farrington, (Togalier), Trapp Art (BTG), Agegian Matin (Pilot)

Bottom Row (L to R): Harry C. Arnold (WG), John Wright (TG), James P. Back

Not Pictured: George Jorgenson

THE FLYING DUTCHMAN

By Al Giardini, 7th. Squadron

As pilot of the second crew to fly the B-17 "The Flying Dutchmen", I was inquisitive as to why the original crew chose the name for their aircraft. I remembered a story, about a sailing ship named "Dutchman" that after becoming becalmed for many days, while on a voyage, the crew soon found themselves starving and out of water. One day an albatross, thought by sailors to be a sacred bird, landed on the ships yardarm. The desperate crew killed the bird and ate it. As word spread of the killing and eating of the sacred bird, the crew of the Flying Dutchman was labeled as outcasts and were turned away from every port in the land and from that day forward were known as the "Flying Dutchman".

I still don't know why they chose that name but doubt that it was from the old sea story. My experience with the aircraft was highlighted by our mission #34, the primary target for the day being an airfield at Neurippin some 20 miles northwest of Berlin.

Our day started at the 4 AM wake up call followed by breakfast, mission briefings and acquiring parachutes, heated flight suits and other equipment for the mission then the ride to the aircraft for the 8 AM takeoff.

There was no resistance on the way to the target area but as we entered the bomb run, the squadron ahead turned toward and under our squadron and we had to hold our bombs. We were directed to the target of last resort, which was the marshaling yards at Stendal.

Being a minimal target, there was no flak to speak of. We approached the IP, entered the bomb run, preparing to drop our bomb load, when all hell broke loose. I had never before seen so much flak. The sky was black and accurate. It appeared you could almost walk on it.

The right outboard engine was hit and as fired flared, we used the CO2 to extinguish it then feathered the prop. As the bomb bay doors opened, the plane lurched as a shell exploded underneath. Shrapnel was sent flying throughout the ship. One canister of oxygen was hit and exploded in a ball of fire. The flight engineer quickly valved off the tank thus saving the remainder of our oxygen. As the bombardier signaled, bombs away, I saw a bright orange flash as the bulletproof window came crashing in on me and the co-pilot. The glass hit me on the leg, with such force I thought it might be broken, as I had no feeling in it.

Then the right inboard engine was hit but did not catch fire. I feathered the prop. As we were leaving the target area, I requested a damage and casualty report from the crew and found that all were OK. Shrapnel was found under the co-pilot's seat cushion. Flak had cut the waist gunners parachute harness, hit the navigator's sun glasses and was strewn throughout the radio room, but amazingly no one was hit and there was little damage.

However, we could not keep up with the rest of the squadron and soon found ourselves alone. I was forced to throttle back to slow the ship down more and lowered the nose to keep up airspeed, doing everything possible to save fuel hoping to return safely to our base in England. Being severely crippled, we were easy bait and a wary eye was being kept out for German fighters. After crossing the English Channel, I radioed for an ambulance to meet us and headed for a straight in approach at Mendlesham, over the intercom came the urgent request, "Let's get this wounded bird on the ground." As we hit the runway with a smooth landing, a third engine sputtered and quit. We taxied on to our hardstand and were thankful we had made it back and everyone was OK. Mission over, thank God.

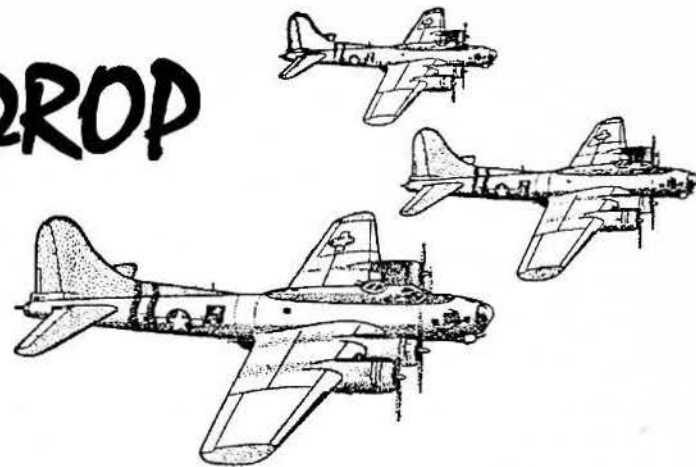
After a three day pass we were ready for our next mission.



"The Flying Dutchmen" Crew #2

Back Row (L to R): Gaddy, Cohn, Giardini, McCaul, Davis
Front Row (L to R): Holt, Bone, McQuaw, McSpadden,
Missing from photo: Anthony, Dinardo

HOLLAND FOOD DROP



Many of those members of the 34th bomb group who participated in the food drops in Holland at the end of World War II, even after 56 years, are still in contact with those people who benefited from that humane act.

Ray Kubly, who wrote his memoirs, "One More River to Cross" telling of his escape from the German's after being shot down on a bombing mission, is one of those still in contact with some of his "Dutch Underground friends". Recently he received some factual information on the food missions from one of those friends.

The man's name is Henry Kwik. He lives in Holland and has done extensive research on the food missions since May of 1945. He lays claim to many photographs and documents on the subject.

Mr. Kwik sent Ray a detailed report of the 34th bomb group's, under the command of Colonel William E. Creer, participation in that operation.

- May 1, 1945, with 36 B-17G's, went to Terbregge (near Rotterdam) and dropped 66,135 tons of supplies.
- May 2, 1945, with 40 B-17G's, went to Utrecht and dropped 67,405 tons of food.
- May 3, 1945, with 39 B-17G's, went to Schiphol (near Amsterdam) and dropped 58,061 tons of food.
- May 5, 1945, (Dutch Liberation Day) with 35 B-17G's went to Schiphol, again, and dropped 58,424 tons of food, while 5 B-17G's went to Vogelenzang (near Harrlem) and dropped 8,5288 tons of food.
- May 6, 1945, with 36 B-17G's, went to Shiphol, again, and dropped 60,329 tons of food, while 5 B-17G's went to Vogelenzang to drop 8,618 tons of food.
- May 7, 1945, with 39 B-17G's went to Schiphol and dropped 65,691 tons of food.
- (That was the last food mission)! - and we'll never forget it.....

Mr. Kwik goes on to say that last year, after an article in the 8th Air Force News on my research in the food missions, almost 55 former crewmembers of the USAF, including some from the 34th bomb group who participated in those missions, wrote me letters in remembrance.

If any of our 34th bomb group members would like to contact Mr. Kwik, his address is:

Henny Kwik
A. Dubcekplaats 7
2332 HX Leiden
Holland

While on the subject, Fred Berglund after writing an article for the Englewood Sun, Englewood, Florida, on "supplying the Dutch civilians in enemy held Holland" recently heard from a gentleman who lived in Holland at the time and was just a child. He is now an American citizen living in Chicago and after reading the article decided to write Fred. Excerpts from his letter state that his ancestors lived in small villages near the old Zyder Zee now called IJsselmer.

He writes that he was only thirteen years old at the time. We were all starving in Holland. We lived in Westgraftdyk then and my father was a bargeman, but there was no work. The Nazi's did not want men out on the canals. I had been sent far away to Eastern Netherlands to a seminary but they could not keep us any longer, we were starving and the priests just gave up. It seemed that the war had been going on forever and would keep on that way. Each time we had hope, it would soon vanish. One of the priests rode me all the way home across The Netherlands on a bike.

My father was not glad to see me. He could not feed me either. I had lost my mother after my second little sister was born and my father had remarried and had, by this time, two more children. So we had 2 adults and 5 children to feed. I can remember eating grass. We would go into the countryside and beg food from the farmers. Most of them did what they could to help us but we were

starving by the thousands and there were just too many to feed.

And then word that the American bombers would drop food for us. No one believed it at first but little by little hope grew. The idea of food made us lightheaded. Could it be possible that this would happen? We cried at the thought and if you ever wonder why Holland loves America, here is your answer:- The bombers came, flying low level; we would have happily kissed those planes, those men.

We were told where to go to collect the food. We were told that we would receive a canister of vegetable soup concentrate. We were to take it home, add water and eat it. My father got us about halfway home when he stopped and sat down with two canisters between his legs. He managed to get the lids off and we all sat there in the field dipping our hands into the canister and licking the soup concentrate off our fingers and crying and crying. It was the best meal I have ever eaten and I will never forget those men and those planes and what they did for us. That food bombing run saved our lives and the lives of countless others. Thank you and God keep you.

BOYS WILL BE BOYS

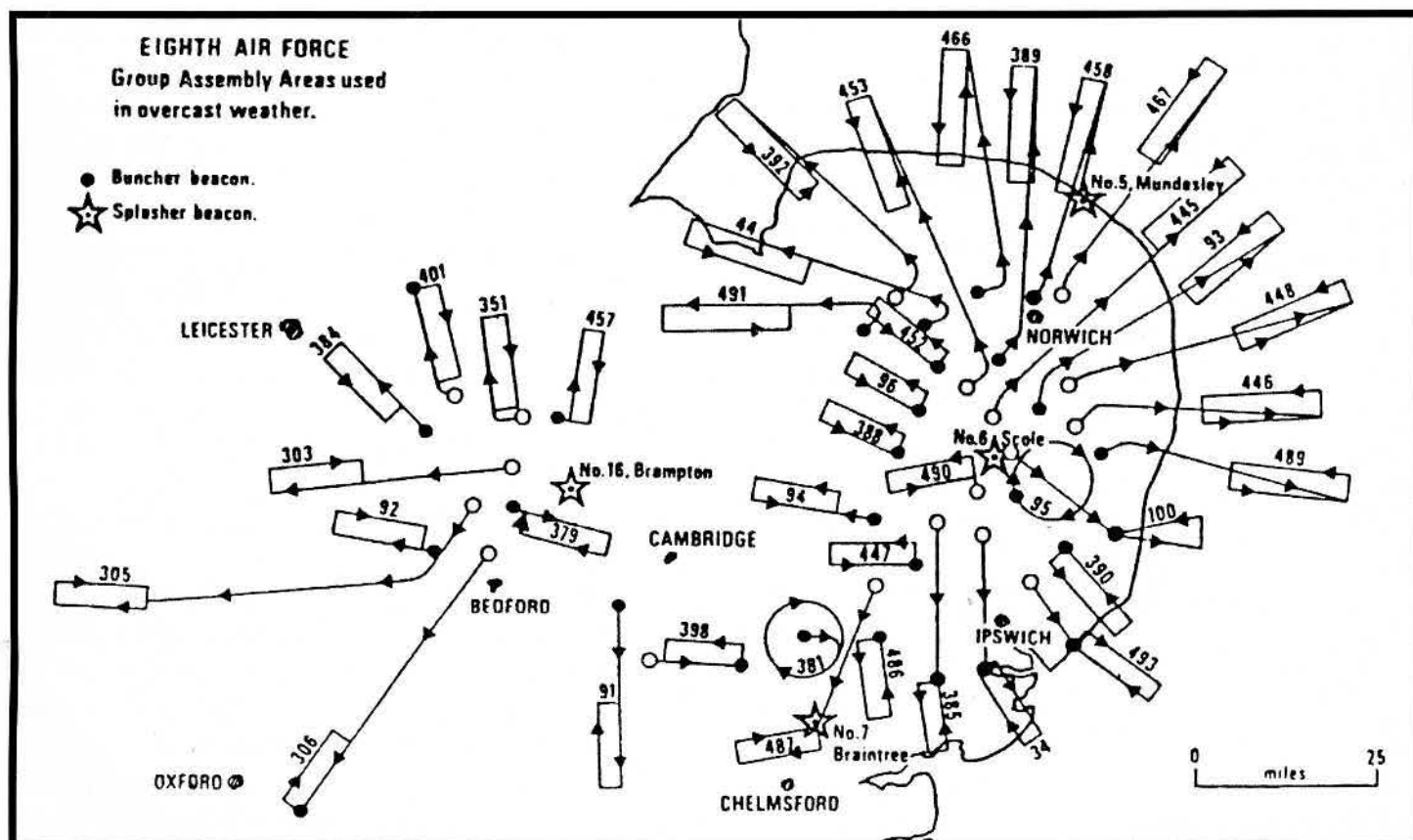
*by Cleve Wilkie, Alumnus, Former Staff, Friend of the
Baptist Childrens Home of North Carolina
(www.bchfamily.org)*

"Boys will be boys" is an expression often used to cover up and excuse the foolish and sometimes harmful shenanigans of growing boys. We just naturally expect things from boys and hope they will soon grow up and out of them. But, really, the "boy" in a man never dies - regardless of what.

This was illustrated in an incident, reportedly, that occurred during World War II - but could just as well be duplicated by our "boys" now flying over Afghanistan in bombing missions.

A large bomber force took off, hours before dawn, for a mission deep into Germany, a great deal of which was directly over enemy territory. Due to the peril of the situation, each plane was under strict orders to maintain absolute "radio silence", though, of course, the channels remained open for use at the proper time.

A Maalox Moment



As they droned along on their way to the target, keeping tight formation, time evidently began to hang awfully heavy on some restless radio operator's hands and he became terribly bored with the silent trek through the heavens, for all of a sudden there was a low, harsh whisper over the opened lines asking, "Who dat?"

This was quickly followed by another whisper, intoning, "Who dat say who dat?"

And a third one chimed in softly, inquiring, "Who dat say who dat say who dat?"

At this point came a thunderous intrusion over the radio and the commander's harsh voice boomed forth like bombs exploding. In hot and angry terms, he minced no words, calling them every nasty name ever invented in the military, heaping invective upon invective, until he built a mountain of words from the top of which he issued a dire threat and warning to all involved, especially the rascal who started this thing saying, "If I find out who ignored my strict orders and started this thing, endangering our whole mission and lives, his own mother won't recognize him when I get through with him, and I guarantee he'll be court marshaled, dishonorably discharged from service and disgraced for life! I'd better not hear one other sound - not so much as a deep breath - silence!"

He got immediate, total silence all right, not a sound for at least 30 seconds when from somewhere out there among the droning planes came a low raspy whisper, "Who dat?"

4th Squadron Quonsets



A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen, the boy responded." His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly.

"How do you know that?" "Easy the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the Bishop said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

Thought For Today:

"Life is never so bad that it is impossible to live; it is never so good, at it's best, that it is easy to live."

- Gabriel Heater

American radio and commentator

STUFF I'VE LEARNED

by Andy Rooney

- * The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- * When you're in love, it shows.
- * Just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.
- * Having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
- * Being kind is more important than being right.
- * To ignore the facts does not change the facts.

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT VA NEWS!

VA Regulation 38CFR 3.304(d) states:

"Combat. Satisfactory lay or other evidence that an injury or disease was occurred or aggravated in Combat will be accepted as sufficient proof of service connection if the evidence is consistent with the circumstances, conditions or hardships of such service even though there is no official record of such incurrence or aggravation."

This recent change in VA regulations now allow Veterans claims to be processed without proving what the Vet says is true. All Veterans have to do now is identify themselves as a "Combat Veteran" when they file a claim and the VA "MUST" accept their statements concerning the situation causing their injuries as "TRUE"...

ATTENDEES AT THE SAVANNAH REUNION

Bailey Adams
 Paul and Beryl Anderson
 Vern Ames
 Alex Antanovich and Martha Ferline
 Joe Ardo and Charlotte
 Harry Arnold
 Lawrence and Lucille Babcock
 Charles and Roberta Barclay
 Carwin and Marlene Baxter
 Robert and Barbara Bell
 Thomas and Madeline Belleau
 Bob and Margie Bichowsky
 Carolyn and Florence Blank
 John, Mary, and Marge Blocznski
 Glenn, Daisy and Ray Bridge
 W.J. Browne and Pegi Johns
 Richard and Nena Bruce
 Bill, Marge and Bob Burnell
 Merlin and Patricia Bruning
 Ralph and Marjorie Bush
 Hymen and Ruth Chauson
 William and Betty Cheek
 James A. Clemins
 Dave and Joyce Cole
 Claude and Genevieve Conklin
 Patrick and Breeda Connolly
 Charles and Lorraine Conway
 Philip Cozzo and spouse
 John Coutros
 Anthony and Mary Coutros
 Craig Coutros
 Harry and Donna Crawford
 John and Esther Demko
 Herbert and Lorraine Donahue
 John and Elizabeth Donaldson
 Lawton and Joan Dooley
 John Doronsky and Beverly Stearns
 Harold and Darlene Dwyer
 Bernadette and John Farley
 John and Betty Feda
 Gary L. Ferrell
 Herman and David Fieber
 Morton and Sheri Fiedler
 Robert J. Filip
 Dale and Margie Finley
 Carroll and Sylvia Forister
 Robert and Marty Fox
 Earl and Mary Frank
 Abe and Ernestine Firestone
 Peter and Sylvia Gaskin
 Basil and Lorene Gaumer
 Beverly Gibbs
 Claude and Audrey Gibbs
 Forest and Irma Goetsch

Ryle and Juanita Griffin
 Willis Griffin
 Robert H. Gross
 Milton Hansen and Sandy Kripps
 Amber and Jean Hanson
 Glen and Vera Henry
 W.C. and Tootie Hetherington
 Raymond Hinchee and Guest
 Verbal and Betty Holcomb
 Kenneth and Merle Horton, Jr.
 Wayne and Laverne Howarter
 Lloyd and Marla Inman
 Allen and Agnes Israelsen
 Kivet and Lucille Ivey
 and Billie Hoyle, Mattie Ham
 Kenneth and Velma Jackson
 Walter and Donna Jellum
 Alf and Kai Johanson
 Lois Johnson
 Wyatt and Lavonne Jones
 Dexter and Beulah Jordan
 Ray and Ruth Kubly
 Betty and Todd Lampey
 Samuel and Welda Lane
 Ralph Lundeen
 John and Kathern Marks
 James F. Martin
 Norman Mayer and Marci Campbell
 Paul and Twyla Meeder
 Clayton Mink and Pamela Schmitt
 Omer Mongeon, MG Daniel Mongeon
 and Neil Dutcher
 Cletus and Jean Morris
 Fred and Ginny Muenta
 and Marlene Nord
 William W. Neal
 C.L. and Christine Nichols
 Thomas and Mildred Newton
 John and Liz Noe
 William Orton
 Jack and Helen Oyster
 Valerie and Thomas Payne
 Ken and Kathleen Paxton
 Harry and Willie Perry
 Philip and Frances Podulka
 Arnold and Harry Prillaman
 Robert and Virginia Pacholski
 Ralph and Bernice Peterson
 Bonnie Powers and Ray Zylstra
 Robert and Rachel Provence
 Hal and Jan Province
 Julian and Eleanor Ramirez
 Floyd and Miriam Richmon
 and Thelma Warfield

George and June Ritchie
 Everett and Margo Rose
 Herbert and Joyce Roy
 Harold and Genevieve Rutka
 Gordon and Doris Ryan
 Verne and Juanita Santas, Jr
 Robert and Jennie Schroeder
 Jack and Marian Share
 Paul and Pauline Shull
 Frank and Alda Sivret
 James C. Smith
 Bruce Sothern
 Alfred Steiner
 Jack and Linda Steffen
 Carl and Peg Stemen
 David and Ethel Stiver
 Jim and Stella Stivender
 Earl Strawder
 Donald and Evelyn Stufflebeam
 Jim and Kay Stuthers,
 Jim and Juliana Stuthers
 Stewart Stuthers
 Charles and Lenora Sutton
 Hal and Ruby Thorpe
 Eugene Tigges and Laura Smith
 James Troup
 John Veres and Michael, John
 and Joseph Veres
 Frederick and Blanche Voss
 Karl and Judy Wallace
 Fred and Rachel Waltz
 Joseph and Marilyn Wong
 John and John, Jr. Wooten
 Rober and Esther Wright
 Wayne Wright and Gene Forrest
 Benjamin and Edith Zeldes

Due to the serious printing error in the December issue of MM, this page of attendees at the Savannah reunion is being reprinted.



THE TWIN TOWER DESTRUCTION

By Rick Penna, 391st squadron

PROLOGUE

*Without warning it happened and took us by surprise,
Seeing the Twin Towers demolished, before our very eyes.
It created pain and injury, and inhumane death,
Overwhelming and unbelievable, we could not catch our breath.
Terrorists may repeat this tragedy, we don't know where or when,
and we must utilize all our resources, not to let it happen again.*

It was the year two thousand one,
a Tuesday, the 11th of September,
A day of violent tragedy,
we will always remember.
Four planes were commandeered,
as terrorists ruled,
by deceiving customs
and having security fooled.

The World Trade Center was its target,
with a suicidal plan.
Crashing into a Tower,
then the fireworks began.
Minutes later, a second plane,
did exactly the same,
crashing into its twin tower,
to complete its devilish game.

The Pentagon was also a victim,
& had its share of woe,
as a third plane crashed into it,
by a suicidal foe.
In a small town in Pennsylvania,
a fourth plane was found,
that crashed and exploded
as it hit the ground.

All four planes had passengers
who were once alive and well,

until these hijack devils
showed them a taste of hell.
There were no survivors,
when these crashes took place.
And only being comforted
with prayer and blessed grace.

Total deaths were in the thousands,
all crashes combined,
Still searchers are continuing
not knowing what they'll find.
Firemen and policemen
were heroes in this horror strife.
While leading thousands to safety,
and risking their own life.

Many volunteers responded
to this tragic call,
and united in Harmony,
for the assistance to all.
Our mayor was in charge,
and took matters in hand,
as shock waves of the tragedy
spread throughout the land.

The President took over,
and had a message to say,
with devoted cheers from all Americans,
shouting, "U.S.A.!"

He vowed to locate the terrorists,
wherever they may be.
And no matter how long it takes,
our goal is victory.

Most countries responded favorably
to aid us in our plight.
And willing to send their troops
and ready to fight.
Terrorism is a global problem
that affects one and all,
And we will not let these devils
put our backs to the wall.

Hospitals were at full capacity
attending an injury or a burn,
Or any other victim
requiring medical concern.
Searching still continued,
as many body parts were found.
Without any means of identification,
as many were strewn around.

Our firemen and policemen
should be applauded for their strife,
By heroically saving victims,
at the risk of their own life.
Medical assistance was plentiful,
as were other volunteer groups
Like the Red Cross, Salvation Army
and various federal troops.

This tragedy will go down in history
as a catastrophic event
Affecting the entire world
for the message it has sent.
There are still many terrorists
that are engaged with hate.
And we must do something now,
let's not wait.

FRIENDS WRITE

BILL CHEEK - LAKELAND, FL

In the December issue of MM the story of "Thelma Jane" by Jack Kling showed a photo of the Carl Washburn crew, after their harrowing mission, on the wing of their damaged air craft. The first man, from the left, in that picture was Bernard M. Schwarz, co-pilot from my crew, not Thomas Bond, as stated. I reported his death which appeared in the same December issue. Our pilot was Edward W. Evans and we were in the 391st sqd.

I don't know why Thomas Bond, Washburn's co-pilot didn't fly that day but Schwarz was called in to fill in for him. I do recall how "shook up" he was following that mission.

Our plane was named "The Flying Pinocchio" and at the Raleigh reunion eight of our crew were present and were honored at the gala banquet. Bernard Swartz had never seen the photo of the "Thelma Jane" crew. After I showed him the picture in the 34th history book he was taken completely by surprise and tears came to his eyes. After buying the book at the PX he said, "I think I will show this to my family and friends."

Bernard Schwarz was a very polite, calm and gentle person, not one to boast, and probably never said much to his family about his wartime activities. The most modest man I have ever known.

WALTER STURDIVAN - STOCKTON, CA

I have been in contact with Fred Mollenberg, son of Ernst Mollenberg who was one of those special breed of navigators who flew with several crews to operate the radar equipment. Ernst is in poor health and his family needs encouragement. Fred is a very enthusiastic associate member of the 34th BGA.

Ernst flew 33 missions with the 34th, a great majority of them as lead. He flew over from Blythe with the James Blackburn crew and was shot down three times, one of them being with the "Mean Kid" over Antwerp. The plane was tipped completely over but was able to struggle back to England.

Ernst remembers the June 17th mission when we were hit over Mendlesham by night fighters. His crew heard the "fly West" instructions over the radio and eventually landed at a Lancaster base. He recalls that there were two German planes, one a JU-88 and the other a Me-410 that was flying escort. These planes shot up another base before returning to Station 156 (Mendlesham) to do more damage, if possible.

Ernst recalls how tired his crew was on the trip over from Brazil to Dakar, French West Africa. They were so tired, in fact, that they didn't volunteer to go back and search for a B-24 that had to ditch a little distance from Dakar. I have always thought that the plane was one of ours. Ernst is the only person I have heard mention this incident that I have remembered for over 47 years. As I recall, the crew was rescued by a large motor launch that went out to pick them up.



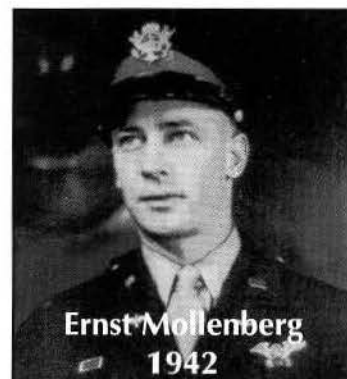
Harry, Hap and Andrew Prillaman at the 34th bomb group Memorial at Mendlesham.

HARRY PRILLAMAN - MARTINVILLE, VA

It was a pleasure to renew our friendship at the Savannah reunion and I appreciate your efforts for the 34th bomb group. I returned to England on July 5th with my son Harry and grandson Andrew. We had a tour of the Mendlesham airbase including the old maintenance hanger, which hasn't changed except for the contents. We attended an air show at Duxford called the "Flying Legends" and it was great. I am amazed at the volunteerism of the English people to keep the memory of the 8th Air Force alive.

Sadly, I enclose the obit for our co-pilot, Fred Schoch. He was a good man for our crew, the air force and his country.

In the September issue of MM there is an error in the account of the fighter attack on the 34th group on March 2nd, 1945. I was on that mission to Dresden and the attacking fighters were ME109's and FW190's.



SEAN WELCH - GOSLAR, GERMANY

We managed to find parts of the 34th BG B-17 "The Wrangler" near Paderborn when Kevin visited. I have an open invitation to return to the farm when the weather improves.

The parts are not all that exciting consisting of pieces of flexi stainless steel ammunition track, a 10 X 6 inch access panel and a couple of .50 caliber rounds. The other parts were unrecognizable and show evidence of the blast from the exploding bomb load. The farmer said he ploughed up a bomb after the war and that the area was well scavenged by the locals collecting scrap metal to make money.

Perhaps more news on this in the New Year! Looking forward to the next issue of MM. Best regards.

BOB GROSS - WEST HARTFORD, CT

I received a message from Sean Welch, our new associate member saying he had found the remains of a FW-190 in a wooded area. All the engine cylinders were laid around a hole in which he found a propeller blade. They paid a visit to Paderborn and found pieces of a 34BG B17, none other than "The Wrangler" from which Wallace Brauks parachuted from to spend the rest of the war as a POW.

The 34th Memorial at Mendlesham

Word comes from Mrs. Margaret Brandish in England that the women in Mendlesham, who maintain our Memorial, placed flowers there on September 11th, the day of the terrorists attacks, as a symbol of sympathy to the victims, their families and the American people.

Also Carroll and Sylvia Forister decorated the site with flowers on their recent visit to England.

Thank you one and all.

DUES

(for those who pay annually)
are due on January 1st of each year.

Please remit your \$10.00 to:

HAROLD PROVINCE
153 NORTH HILL DR.
CARRIERE, MS 39426

If a membership is desired,
please send a self addressed
stamped envelope with your remittance.

WALTER STURDIVAN - STOCKTON, CA

Sorry we were not able to make it to Savanna for the reunion. I felt not to attend this year and see now that we would have been grounded for awhile in Georgia after the highjackers hit New York and Washington, DC. At any rate I'm sorry we didn't get to see all the gang and meet some new friends. A person is only a stranger once at a 34th bomb group reunion. I do enjoy the gab sessions. We are, however, already planning to go to Salt Lake City next year. It looks like we have a great staff to run things this year and some new ones! That's encouraging. I'm glad to see Gary Ferrell step in and take the job of archivist. Hopefully, that will prolong things into the future and we will have some place to deposit some papers and information for the future.

I got a film from Wallace Brauks. He is not in too good health. He said he was getting by, but had diabetes. He talked about moving to a new house but I talked to him on Nov. 29 and he is still at his old address.

I see that the 8th Air Force is planning to celebrate their 60th anniversary next year, 2002. This year is our 60th year for the 34th Bomb Group. It was officially formed on Jan. 15, 1941. So, the 34th is the grandfather of all. It sent many trained crews and cadres overseas for a period of three years before we were allowed to take the group to Mendlesham. We were a much better group than some people thought we were at the time. At least the Nazi flyers knew how to stay clear of us.

The first 34th group plane to land at Mendlesham, England carried Lt. Emory G. Rall's 18th squadron crew with Major William Boyd on board as Squadron Commander. Others soon followed.

Some thought that we were "late arrivers" in April 1944. But, what is not widely known, and seldom mentioned, is that 85% of all Allied bombs dropped an Axis targets in Europe was after June 1, 1944. We took part in that.

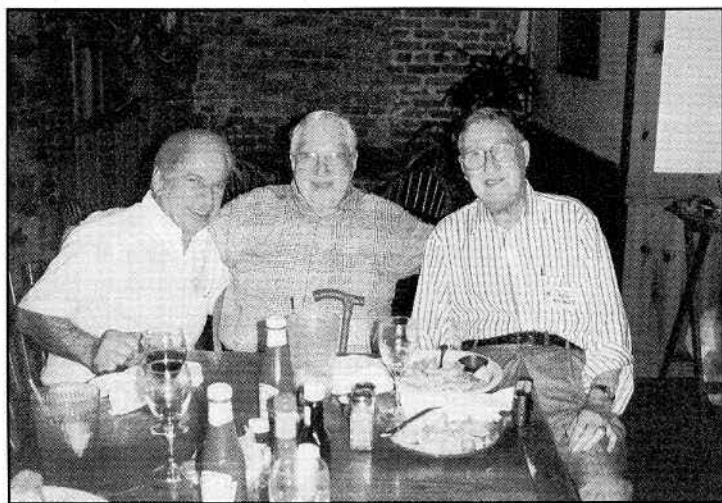
It looks like the Devil is in the details on page 9 of the December issue. I really appreciate you and Ken Paxton for pushing my books but somehow the Devil got into the title of "Shake Hands With A Soldier". I'm not shaking hands with the Devil now or in the future although some of his associates have given me some trouble through the years.

I really thank you for a job well done and hope to see you in Salt Lake, one of my favorite convention cities.

*ED: Sorry about that typo Walt. As stated the name of Walt's book is "Shake Hands With A Soldier".
(There were a few devils over there too).*

WISDOM...

Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect,
it just means you've decided to see
beyond the imperfections of life.



"Hit and Run" Crew at the Savannah Reunion

L to R: Phil Cocozzo; *Flt Engr*, Sam Lane; *Radio Op*, Nick (Clarence) Nichols; *Armorer Gunner*

CLARENCE NICHOLS - WASKOM, TX

I am enclosing a few photos we took in Savannah. I couldn't get them in for the Dec. issue but you may want to use one for the next edition.

JOHN CLEMENS - ST. GEORGE, AZ

Having given up ever finding my picture taken at Vernon, TX primary flight school, I was amazed to happen upon it today. It was spring of 1943 and each of us had the opportunity to don the same helmet, goggles and scarf for a picture to be sent home to the hometown newspaper.

This reminded me that there was a period during which MM ran a number of "then and now" photos of members of the 34th bomb group. Is it too late to be included in this group? If not, I'd like to send you my "then and now" look for my grandchildren and any members of the 7th squadron whom I knew. I was bombardier on Swenson's crew.

The newsletter continues to be a welcome quarterly arrival in our home and I congratulate and thank you for this. The Dec., 2001 issue is awesome. *Ed: It is never too late for "then and now" photos, or for any copy relative to our days in the Air Corps. Looking forward to them.*

IAN HAWKINS - BACTON STOWMARKET, ENGLAND

Thank you for the latest "Mendlesham Memories". Very interesting, as always, but I was sorry to learn of the ever-increasing number of veterans passing on. Wishing all the 34th's a very Happy New Year.

KIVET IVEY - LA GRANGE, NC

I thought the Savannah reunion was one of the best, so far. Lucille and I wish to thank the reunion committee for a job well done. And we thank the Lord for allowing us to attend. As most of our members know, we aren't getting any younger and traveling gets to be a chore! Now, if Salt Lake was just a bit nearer! We are gonna try to be there anyway. Happy New Year to all.

DALE GANGER - GOSHEN, IN

I was photographer in the 4th squadron at Mendlesham. Over the years I have sent photos from my collection in for printing in Mendlesham Memories. I have not been able to attend any of the reunions due to ill health but I enjoy the newsletter and recall many good times we had. It is strange we remember the good times and block out the bad times. Of course, we were just kids at the time and thought we were going to live forever.

I have had M.S. for 39 years, I have had four cancer operations and now suffer from emphysema - but God has been very good to me. I have seen my 3 children married. I've seen all my grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. We still go out for at least one meal a day. I can't drive anymore but my wife does an excellent job. She just had brain surgery, six weeks ago, and has had a remarkable recovery.

Ed: Dale's excellent pictures, which were taken during the war, will be featured in a future edition of MM.

GARY FERRELL - ALBEMARLE, NC

Please note my new e-mail address for 34th bomb group usage: glf34bg@yahoo.com
My old address still works, for now, but will be closed out in the near future.

PAULINE LOWER - UNION CITY, MI

I am writing to inform you of the death of my husband, LaMar T. Lower on Nov, 20, 2001. He suffered a very bad stroke on June 8th (our 60th anniversary). He also suffered congestive heart failure and was unable to have therapy.

LaMar served with the 34th Bomb Group as a tail gunner with 30 missions. Our family was very proud of him. He is greatly missed.

I'd be pleased if you would print this in "Taps".

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORG	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
BASS	RUBIN	391LM	158 COUNTRY CLUB DR	COMMACK	NY	11725
GAVRYCK	CHESTER, D.	18LM	103 MIDDLEFORT RD	MIDDLEBURGH	NY	12122
LUHRSEN	AUGUST, H.	GRPLM	375 HWY 67, DUPLEX 67	DOUSMAN	WI	53118
MORTON	ROBERT, J.	391	511 NORTH AVE.	GIRARD	OH	44420
TURKO	WALTER	4LM	1326 MAXHELEN BLVD #2B	WATERLOO	IA	50701
WELCH	KEVIN, P.	FOTE	19 RICHMOND ST	INGLEWOOD, TARANAKI	NEW ZEALAND	
WELCH	SEAN	FOTE	ZEHNTSTRASSE, 15	38640 GOSLAR	GERMANY	

TAPS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORG	DOD	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
HABERCHAK	MICHAEL, E.	475SD	01-27-02	4030 SWALLOW HILL RD.	PITTSBURGH	PA	15220
HAGGINS	ELMER, C.	391	01-31-01	17911 BLUEGATE LN.	HUNTINGTON BEACH	CA	92647
JURGENSE	HENRY	18	11-16-01	166 BRICK STORE LDG RD.	SMYRNA	DE	19977
KINNEY	JACK, A.	7LM	09-29-01	1042 HIGHLAND DR.	PRESCOTT	AZ	86303
LERCH	PAUL,	F	10-05-01	1989 BARBARA DR.	PALO ALTO	CA	94303
LOWER	LaMAR, T.	18LM	11-20-01	439 DIVISION ST.	UNION CITY	MI	49094
PSENICKA	JOSEPH, N.	18LM	(not known)	NAA 4243 W 63RD ST. #18,	CHICAGO	ILL	60629
RYALS	MARVIN, C.	4/18	0203-02	1688 GOLFSIDE CT.	APOPKA	FL	32712
SHOAF	GERALD, T.	391	09-09-01	1450 E SAMPLES RD.	POMPANO BEACH	FL	33064
SMITH	PAULINE	7A	12-12-98	2440 ROBERTA LN.	CLEARWATER	FL	33764
WEST	LOUIA, E.	7	(not known)	10858 VALIENTE CT.	SAN DIEGO	CA	92105
WOOTEN	JOHN, R.	4/931	1-19-02	14661 ALLISON ST.	ADELANTO	CA	92301



*"Soldier, rest! thy warfare o'er
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,
Dream of battled fields no more.
Days of danger, nights of waking."
-Sir Walter Scott-*



NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
BAUCHOUROS	LYNN	25455 BUTTERNUT RIDGE RD.	N. OLMSTEAD	OH	44070
LAMPEY	SCOTT	P.O. BOX 98	UNIONVILLE	OH	44088
LAMPEY	TODD	738-2 CLARIDGE LANE	AURORA	OH	44202
SHARE	MICHAEL, A	222219 Spring Gate Dr	SPRING	TX	77380

DONATIONS TO THE RAY L. SUMMA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

IN MEMORY OF
LEO C. BARTCZAK
GERALD T. SHOAF
FRED SCHOCH

DONOR
EDWARD L. BARTZAK (COUSIN)
LOIS AND VAL McCLELLAND
MR. AND MRS. BULL BURNELL



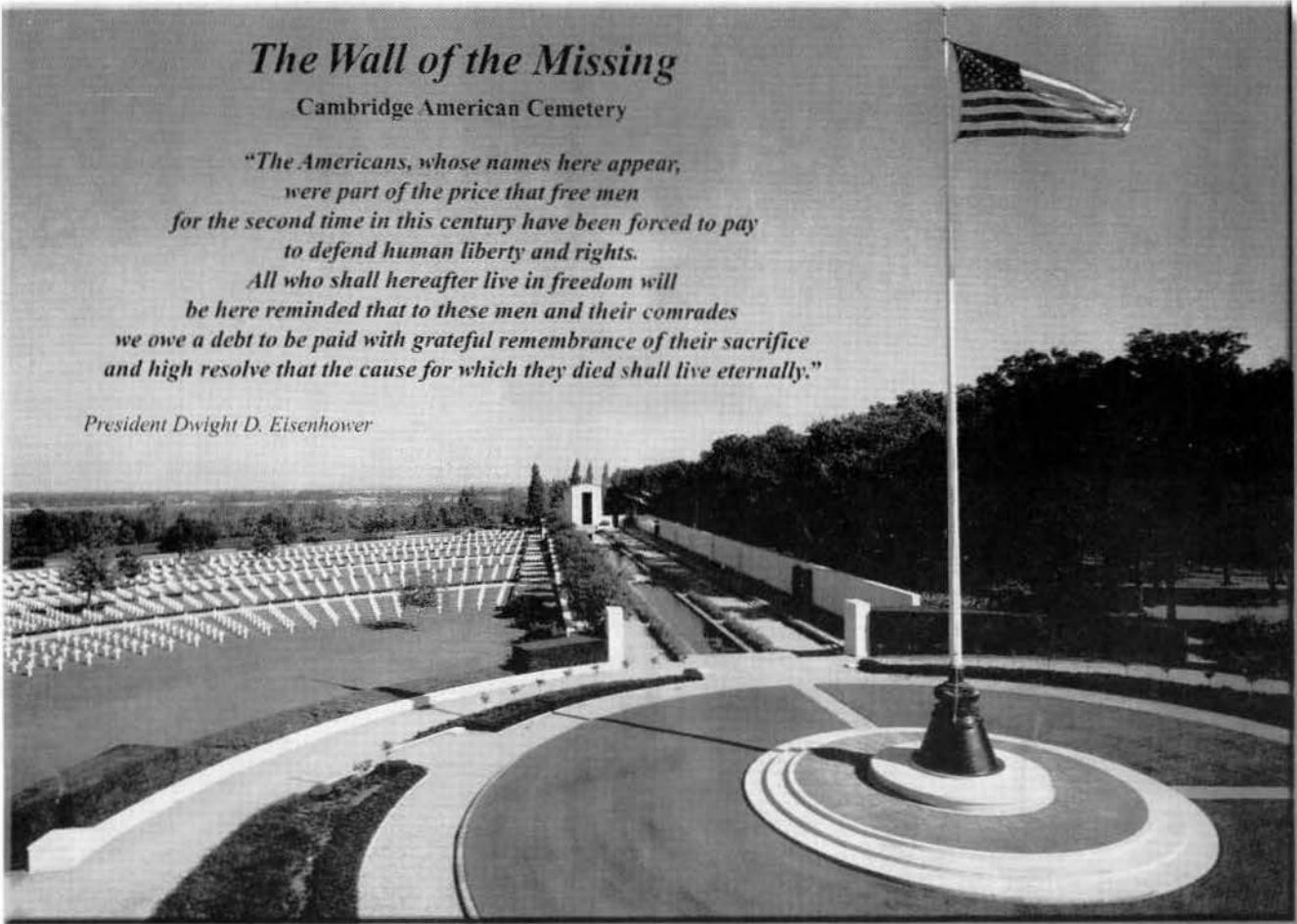
The Wall of the Missing

Cambridge American Cemetery

*"The Americans, whose names here appear,
were part of the price that free men
for the second time in this century have been forced to pay
to defend human liberty and rights.*

*All who shall hereafter live in freedom will
be here reminded that to these men and their comrades
we owe a debt to be paid with grateful remembrance of their sacrifice
and high resolve that the cause for which they died shall live eternally."*

President Dwight D. Eisenhower



Jack Share
22 South Avonlea Circle
The Woodlands, TX 77382
(936) 273-3561



From the collection of:

Joseph K Marks

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



Address Service Requested