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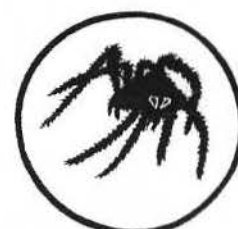
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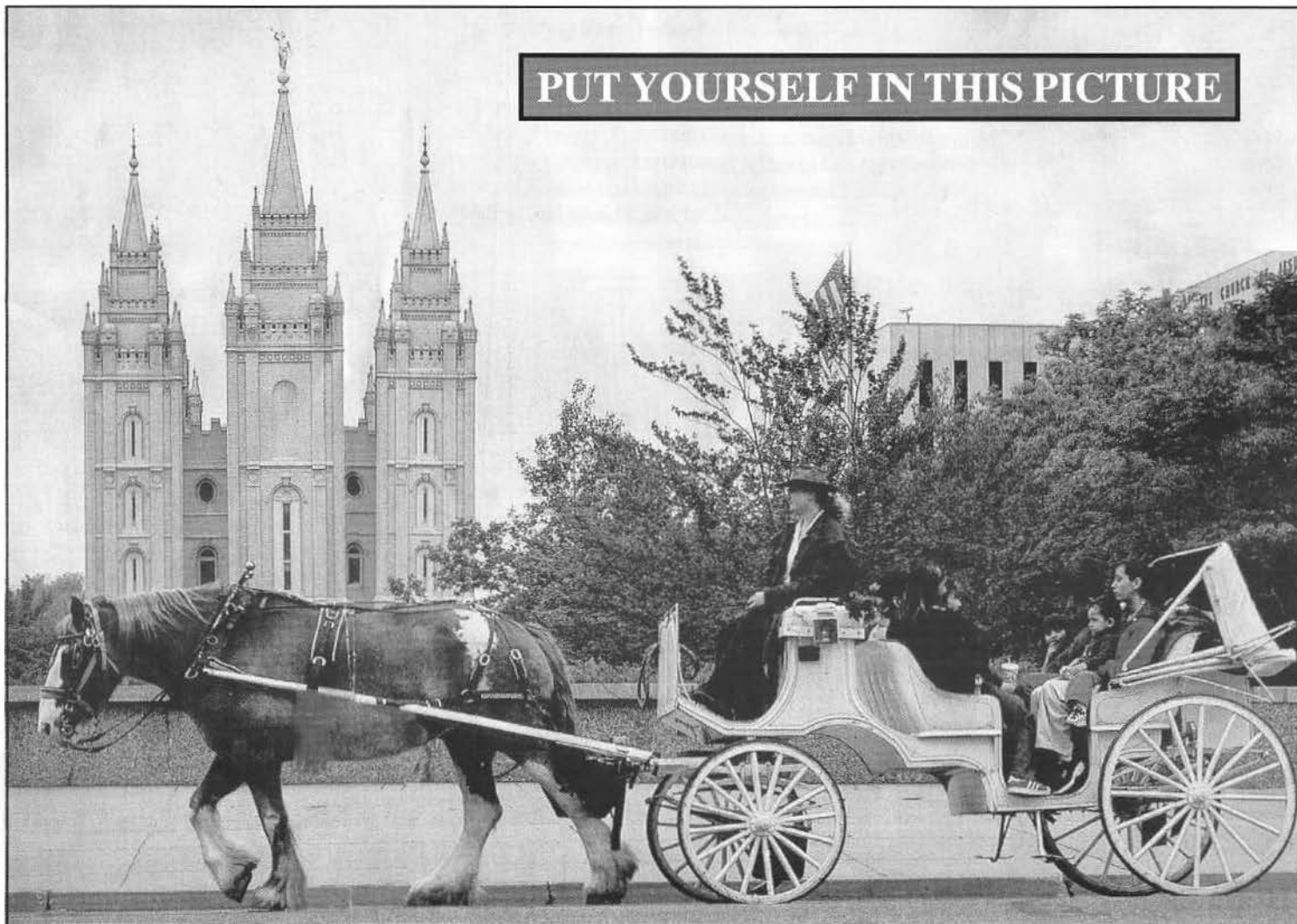


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share –
a thought

Mission: Salt Lake City

Date: September 25th - 29th, 2002

Target: 34th Bomb Group

Association Reunion

Maximum effort

In the centerfold of this edition of your newsletter you'll find the hotel reservation form, the reunion registration form and the reunion agenda for our September reunion in Salt Lake City.

It appears that our reunion committee has done it again. Salt Lake is a city waiting to be visited with a multitude of interesting attractions and very accessible by all means of travel.

PLEASE, the reunion committee stresses the importance of getting your **hotel reservation** in as soon as possible to assure your accommodation in our reunion hotel, the Best Western Salt Lake Plaza, in the heart of the city. An early return of your **reunion registration** form would also make Bob Wright's job much less hectic.

I see where the United States Postal Service is raising rates again, also looking for ways to cut costs. This, in all likelihood, spells trouble for John Q., not only financially, but also in poorer service. (Is that possible)? I'll never understand how our newsletters can arrive on both the East and West coasts a week or more before I get mine from the same post office from which they were mailed. I know some of you never do receive them. Now I hear that they might possibly be shredded during a series of sorting machines to which they are subjected (an earlier cost cutting innovation?). The good news? - they don't expect another increase in rates until *at least* 2004. Thank you mister Postmaster General.

I expect this issue of MM will be delivered to our snowbird members, of which we have many, at their northern addresses. It amazes me how our corresponding secretary/treasurer, Hal Province can keep up with these winter/summer, and all the other change of addresses that are continually taking place in our organization - must be computer moxi. All this, plus an abundance of correspondence, via e-mail, regular mail, and telephone from all over the world, plus maintaining our organizations finances, which includes taking in a multitude of dues money each year. I wonder what he does in his spare time? Thanks Hal, your value to the organization is immeasurable.

Dues time is upon us!! If you are not a life member, your 2002 dues became payable on January 1st. I know it is very easy to forget to pay them so check your status now and be assured of receiving future editions of Mendlesham Memories.

Jack Share, editor



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all 34ther's, spouses and friends:

When I wrote in January, I said our winter had been mild – so far. A few days later, on January 30th, Mother Nature threw the book at us, with freezing rain that lasted for a day and a half. So much ice on tree limbs and bushes that they snapped like toothpicks. Our yard looked like a war zone taking out power and telephone lines. We were without phone service for ten days and electricity for twelve. One does not miss those luxuries until you don't have them. Our son and family came with pickups and chain saws, cleaning up the mess. We are still picking up small limbs and raking up twigs. We had to buy a generator to keep our freezers running. One thing, we are thankful for is that there was no damage to our buildings.

The Olympics are over at Salt Lake City. Sounds as though everything went well without any disturbances from outsiders. The snow looked pretty, but I don't care for it like I used to. Seems like these senior years take some of the enjoyment out of the fun things we used to do. We used to talk about the "ole timers", now we are the ones.

The tragedy that hit New York and our national capital was not good. It doesn't seem like it has been six months since this terrible thing happened. We feel that the outlook is good and will be handled properly, but will probably take longer than expected. Those planes, helicopters and escort planes sure don't look like our B-24's and 17's, but we got the job done. We can, and will, by working together, see this thing through.

Were still waiting for rain, have had a few showers but nothing to measure in our rain gauge – please, no more ice.

Seems like the world is getting smaller and more countries can't get along. Looks as though our good old USA is trying to cover the world. Israel and Palestine have been quarreling for years. Sure hope it doesn't draw in too deep.

I took LaVerne to our optometrist on March 29th with a detached retina, making a quick trip to Overland Park, KS for surgery. She's doing fair, she's got a bubble in her eye that moves around but it will eventually go away, taking about six months to get back to normal.

We talk to our goods friends, the Rutka's every now and then. Harold and Gen keep us on the ball. If we want to know something concerning the 34th, they are always there to assist us.

I can't believe, in six months, we'll all be heading for Salt Lake City. Time seems to fly by any more. Everyone take care and we'll see you out by the Great Salt Lake.

PS - Yeah, we got an inch and three tenths of rain last night.

Wayne E. Howarter, President

FROM THE TREASURER'S COMPUTER

I received my March MM today and here I am writing for the June issue-I can't believe it! But with two cataract surgeries scheduled, I can't wait until Jack's April 15 deadline to write.



I'm pushing for the recording of ORAL HISTORY by Veterans! Fifteen million vets in the US today and 1,000 or more are leaving us each and every day. The U.S. Congress passed and funded a bill in 2000 authorizing the Library of Congress (LOC) to record, not only the vets of 20th Century Wars but also those who worked in support of those vets, to record and preserve the stories, relics, photos, manuscripts from the vets and workers. The project is known as the VETERANS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT. The AARP has voted to support the project to the tune of \$1,000,000.00 per year for three years.

I'm on the local FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY board and had been looking for a project, which would involve the community. I read about the project in the January 2002 AARP tabloid and was able to persuade the FRIENDS to support such a project in Picayune MS.

I've made three interviews now and have more lined up to record after I get through the surgeries.

If there is such a program in or near your communities I urge you to become involved in it. And above all, GET YOUR STORY ABOUT THE 34TH BG RECORDED! Some of you will recall Col. Don Norton, Confederate Air Force, who interviewed and recorded at Las Vegas in 1992. And I know some recorded at the 8th Heritage Museum in Savannah when we were there in 2001. The project needs plenty of help and I believe it is a worthy project for which to volunteer. I find it very interesting to learn of others experiences in WWII. I have a 15th AF man scheduled and I'm avidly looking forward to hearing his story so I can compare it with the way we were in the 8th!

Ways and methods of interviewing are outlined for the project and can be read at the Library of Congress web site. The URL is www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/. TRY IT- YOU MIGHT LIKE IT!

Hal

Thought For today:

**"There is a way to
look at the past.
It will not catch you
if you don't
repeat it."**

*-Pearl Bailey,
American singer and actress
(1918-1990)*

***You can never do a
kindness too soon,
because you never know
how soon it will be too late***

REUNION COMMITTEE REPORT

Salt Lake City welcomes the members of the 34th Bomb Group (H) who will be holding their 18th annual reunion at the Best Western Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel 25th - 29th September 2002. Utah's two largest shopping centers are a block away. We will be next door to the World's largest genealogical library, and across the street from Temple Square.

Members arriving by air will have free shuttle via "DJ Executive Image" that operates from 6:00AM until 11:00PM. every half-hour. 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-45, I-70, and I-84. Parking inside for \$3.00 per day as long as you are registered at the hotel. Registration, meeting rooms, PX and hospitality room are conveniently located on the main floor. (The room rate is for the King Deluxe room.)

The bus tour will start on Friday, 27 September 2002 at 9:00 AM. Each bus will have a tour guide and we will start with a city tour, stop for lunch - on your own - followed by a visit to the Great Salt Lake and then on to the Kennecott Utah Copper Mine. The mine is over three-quarters of a mile deep and covers 1,900 acres. It is the world's largest man-made excavation. The reunion committee has done its work, now it is all up to you to come and enjoy what we have arranged for you.

On Saturday, 28 September 2002, our business meeting will be held at 0900 hours and is usually over around 1030 hours after which you will be able to visit more of the area. There are tour companies that you can sign up with and sight-seeing brochures are available at the hotel desk.

We will be looking forward to seeing you all in Salt Lake City in September. We suggest that you make your arrangements early. If you are planning on traveling by air or bus, the rates are more reasonable now.

Remember, hotel arrangements should be made prior to the "cut off" date.

The reunion committee:

Harold Rutka
Robert Wright
Bruce Sothern

All at once, I saw him!!! No doubts, no sign needed; it was Bob!! At last and praise God, neither of us needed the now gone sign as we met and hugged and laughed and cried. He was here and in my grasp, this wonderful man who was to give me back my daddy and the circumstances of his death. Ronnie and I were so, so excited we couldn't find our way out of the airport to which we had made many visits in the past.

Poor Bob. I had so many questions that only he could answer that the words began tumbling out of my mouth in rapid succession. Bob in his wisdom said, "Wait. We have four days for just this purpose. Let's take a little at a time". He knew, and Ronnie too, that this was going to really be a very traumatic time for me emotionally. I didn't think so, but thank God for Bob's wisdom, for in the next four days both Bob and I were on an emotional roller coaster.

Finally, I know the whole story through the wonderful pictures, maps, logs, etc. that Bob carried in his briefcase. As each treasured piece of information or picture came out of this briefcase, so came another piece of the puzzle as to who Alvin Rainey was. What a relief to know that my dad, along with the other members of the crew of the "Misery Agent" were killed instantly and didn't have to endure hours of pain. In short, the crew was not able to drop its bomb load over her target because of the cloud cover. Had they done so, they could have inflicted "collateral damage" on the troops landing there. They couldn't and wouldn't drop their bombs over the English Channel because of the seemingly countless ships and landing craft leaving from, and returning to, the English coast. As they flew west over the English coast, the crew chose not to make a "drop" over friendly land for fear of causing civilian casualties.

The pilot, Herman Doell, tried for a landing in, or near, Poole Harbor. Because of the short mission and the reduced fuel load, the gallons ran out quicker than expected, exactly one mile or just seconds from Poole Harbor, and the heavily-loaded plane dropped suddenly into the forest below. One of the bombs broke loose from the rack and hit a tree. The resulting explosion killed all aboard. Though the pilot was decapitated, the others in the forward section remained intact but succumbed to the tremendous shock of the blast, as did Alvin Rainey. Death was obviously instantaneous for all, thank God. Dad



was one of the members of the crew positively identified and cause of death given.

The sadness of how close the "Misery Agent" came to making it safely down is somewhat compensated by the way my daddy went. There was deep regret in the thought that there was no one there for daddy when he was buried, but as we found out, BOB was. God bless him! A haunting thought has pervaded my being. What was it like for Bob to have been the sole survivor? I know he has wondered more that one. But for Bob and all of you who survived and have wondered why, God has a plan for you. Your survival was not luck or chance, but designated by the Hand of God. Part of His plan for Bob's life was to give my daddy to me. Everything factual I have found out about Alvin Rainey has come from the heart of Bob Gross.

He asked me to promise to share everything we talked about with daddy's remaining family that now consists of one sister and one nephew. As a result of fulfilling this promise, my cousin has sent me all the letters my dad wrote to my grandmother and aunts. Another treasure resulting from Bob's devotion. Also, because of a "chance" meeting with Claude Gibbs at the reunion in Savannah, 2001, Claude shared his memories of my dad with me. Also, Claude and Audrey sent me treasured pictures of their trip to England on one Memorial Day. Another precious piece of the puzzle in place.

What Bob has blessed me with in sharing names, places, contacts, pictures and sharing our innermost feelings about my dad and Mendlesham and D-Day, I can never repay. But I know that the mingling of our laughter and tears and memories have been used by God to knit us together forever. I am eternally grateful for four wonderful days with my forever friend and hero, Bob Gross.

May God richly bless all of you who have put your lives on the line for your country and freedom. Hope to meet many of you in Salt Lake.

Leila Rainey Gubler

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends (and those he didn't know)".

He's Got A Point

A businessman who was well known for his ruthless behavior once told Mark Twain, "Before I die I mean to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I will climb Mount Sinai and read the Ten Commandments aloud at the top." Mark Twain said, "I have a better idea. You could stay in Boston and keep them."

DUES

(for those who pay annually)
are due on January 1st. each year.
Please remit your \$10.00 to:
HAROLD PROVINCE
153 NORTH HILL DR.
CARRIERE, MS 39426

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

2001 Scholarship Award Third Place Winner



Theresa-Marie Russo
(with dad, Michael Russo-18th Sqd)

I would like to thank the Ray Summa scholarship committee and the 34th Bomb Group Association for their generous award. I am currently a freshman at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Cornell is an extraordinary place with so much to offer. The academics are amazing, the campus is beautiful and the "food" is great! I am studying an array of subjects and have specific interests in the fields of biochemistry, economics and the Italian language. The award was greatly appreciated and certainly put to good use.

I thank you again for this most generous award.

BANDITS !!

As a bomber crew entered enemy airspace, gunners were scanning the skies for possible enemy fighters, uneasily worrying how the nose gunner, intent on the business of his first mission, was making out. Head - on attacks, hard to detect and lasting only a few seconds, were expected. Suddenly, the intercom was broken by the excited nose gunner, as follows:

Nose.....**They're coming in!!!**

Top turret**OK, what time?**

Nose.....**Right now!**

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I am inquiring about the 34th Bomber Group on behalf of my wife, Lois. Her adorned brother, Eddie Clements, was killed in action over Saarbrucken on July 19, 1942 (1944?). She has mourned him for all these years and now wants learn about him, if she can, and to visit his airfield at Mendlesham.

We have obtained information on his last mission from the Eighth Air Force Museum's archives, but hope that you can spread the word to get any information about him from members in your 34th BG Association.

We also would like to get any information you can give us on the best way to get to the airfield itself. Unfortunately, neither of us can now drive a car to get there. Further, if you know of any people around Mendlesham who might tell us something about what life was like back in '42 we would much appreciate it.

I can be reached by e-mail, RRJCapeCod@aol.com, or through P.O.Box 1185, East Orleans, MA 02643, or by phone 506-255-2891.

Thanks for anything you can do to help Lois.

Russell Jalbert

PS: As a WWII Navy dive bomber pilot in the South Pacific, I've had my share of combat, but I don't think I'll ever really realize how courageous you guys had to be in those last everlasting few minutes in your final straight and level bomb run to your target.

I Confess -

It was about a month ago when a man in Amsterdam felt that he needed to confess, so went to his priest:

"Forgive me Father, for I have sinned. During World War II, I hid a refuge in my attic."

"Well", answered the priest, "that's not a sin."

"But I made him agree to pay me 20 Guldon for every week he stayed."

"I must admit that wasn't good, but you did it for a good cause."

"Oh, thank you Father. That eases my mind. I have one more question....."

"What is it, my son?"

"Do I have to tell him the war is over?"

The Truth in 13 Words:

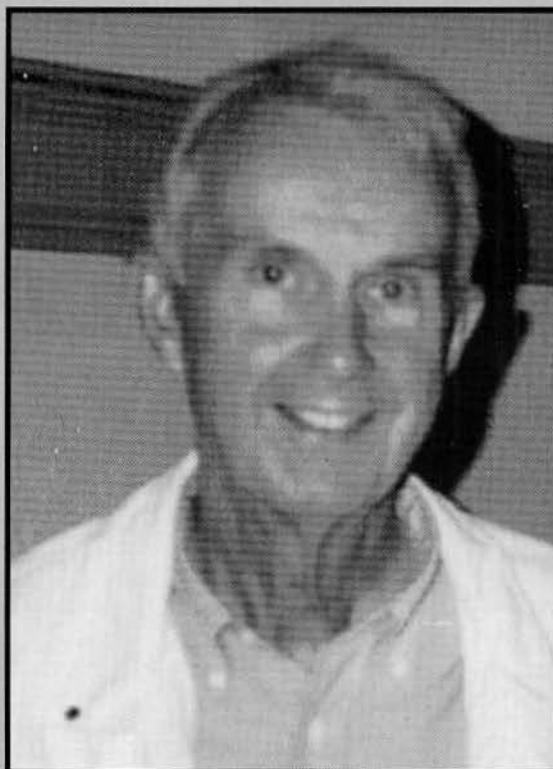
**Inside every older person
is a younger person wondering –
What the hell happened?**

THEN AND NOW...

JOHN CLEMENS



1943



2002



THEODORE MOOR



1945



2002

FLYING DUTCHMEN'S FIRST CREW

By Reid McCloskey, 7th squadron

The pilot of the first crew to fly the B-17 "Flying Dutchmen" was Clair Zarfoss from York, Pennsylvania. Other officers were co-pilot, Jacob Raver and navigator, David Greiss, both from Lancaster, Pennsylvania and bombardier, Reid McCloskey, South Williamsport, Pennsylvania all readily embraced the name for the ship. All had substantial Dutch heritage.

Other flight crewmembers were tail gunner, Lloyd Elliott, top gunner, Erwin Hanken, radio operator, Clayton Erwin, ball turret, Rufus Parnell and waist gunner, Johnny Singer. Ground crew chief was LeRoy Kostner.

Of the original aircrew and ground crew, Lloyd Elliot, Oklahoma City, OK and Reid McCloskey, Carlsbad, NM survive. Most crewmembers that have died did so from natural causes, but not all.

To understand how the Flying Dutchmen survived to fly many missions, you must recall towards the end of the crew's tour, individuals had filled in on other crews and had completed their 35 missions and returned to the U.S.

Four members of the original "Flying Dutchmen" crew remained operational. Their last flight is explained in a letter written by Erwin Hanken to Lloyd Elliott, dated November 6, 1954.

"That morning at briefing our crew was all mixed up; so many new members. The tail gunner was so young and excited I had to help him install his guns. We had to change ships at the last minute following flight check. I even had a crazy idea about bad luck, but then we started to get along fine and were well on our way toward Berlin.

Just over the coast, past Hellogoland, a lone, uncharted four-gun battery of ack, ack started tracing our group. Just a few bursts, but they sure were accurate. The ship on our right got it first with the one, two burst. The third burst was a direct hit between our no's 1 and 2 engines, right in the middle of the wing. Pilot, Jake Raver's controls were shot out so he gave us the jump signal over the intercom. I made my way to the escape hatch and got my feet out the door, but by then the plane was in a flat spin. The centrifugal force was so great I couldn't pull

myself out so I relaxed and said a prayer. Believe me, I don't why, but I wasn't a bit panicky. I must have passed out with my hand on the rip cord because when I came to I looked up into the most beautiful sight – an open chute. I landed near a village and learned it was Eggstad. Clayton Erwin landed on the peak of a roof in the same place. He stayed there because a couple of farmers came out of the barn waving pitchforks at him. The Home Guard finally rescued us from possible harm.

We were captive in a basement of the gun battery that shot us down for two nights. Then we were taken to a jail about 35 miles toward the Ruhr Valley. From there they transported us to Frankfort for questioning that lasted one day and one night. Then on to a concentration camp for ten days, then on to Nuremberg camp for about five weeks. Later, we were marched 100 miles to Mosseberg. During the 105 days I was a POW, I lost a lot of weight. I only weighed 128 pounds when we checked into Lucky Strike Camp in France.

Pilot Raver and Johnny Singer were KIA."

Navigator, Dave Greiss was killed in a B-29 crash in Washington State following the war.



Top – C.Zarfoss, E.Hankin, L.Elliott, J.Raver, J.Grice
Middle – C.Irwin, R.Parnell, J. Singer, R.McCloskey
Front – Unknown, Unknown, LeRoy Kaster



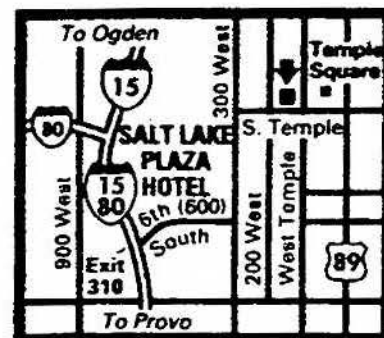
Salt Lake Plaza Hotel

Check in time: 4:00 PM
Check out time: 12:00 noon

Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel

112 West South Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101
Phone: 801-521-0130
Fax: 801-322-5057

Transportation to Hotel: Free airport shuttle
D.J Executive Image



Directions: I-15 to 6th South-City Center Exit. Turn North on West Temple, 6th turn west on South Temple. Next to Temple Sq.

I have a reservation at the **Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel** for September _____, 2002

The Salt Lake Plaza Hotel is pleased to host the 34th Bomb Group Association. (9/24-28/2002)

To ensure accurate reservations, please complete this reservation request and return it before September 10, 2002.

Request received after this date will be accepted based on room and rate availability. Reservation requests must be accompanied by a deposit equal to one night's room rate plus 11.2% occupancy tax or credit card number to guarantee a room.

This deposit will be applied to the last night of the reservation.

Room type preference: Single Double Triple Quad
 \$79.00 \$79.00 \$79.00 \$79.00

Special Requests (subject to availability)

- ☒ King Deluxe
☐ Two Double Beds
☐ Single Bed

- ☐ Roll Away Bed (\$10.00 per night)
☐ Crib(free)
☐ Wheelchair Accessible
☐ Smoking Room

Name: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Address: _____

Departure Date: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Additional Guest(s): _____

Telephone: _____

- ☐ I have enclosed a check in the amount of one night's room charge plus 11.2% tax.
☐ Please charge one night's room charge plus 11.2% tax to the following credit card:
☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Visa ☐ Diners Club ☐ Discover

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____

I understand that I will forfeit my deposit in the event that I do not arrive or cancel less than 72 hours prior to arrival (unless contracted differently).

Name of Credit Card Holder: _____

Signature of Card Holder: _____

Bed types are not guaranteed and based on availability.

- * Check in time after 3:00 PM. Check out time is 12:00 noon. Occupancy tax is subject to change.
- * Cancellation or modification of reservation must be made at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid forfeiture of deposit.
- * Ask for and retain cancellation number until you receive refund of deposit or credit to credit card.
- * No charge for children under 18 when sharing room with parents and using existing bed space.
- * All hotel accounts are subject to credit arrangements at time of registration and payable on departure.

Please call 800-366-3684 for reservation assistance

REUNION 2002

The 34th Bomb Group will hold it's Annual Reunion at the Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel
122 West South Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84101 TX 800-366-3684 from 25 - 29 September 2002.

Hotel reservation forms are included in this issue. Send your check or credit card number directly to the Hotel for lodging. Specify you are attending the 34th Bomb Group Reunion, along with your arrival and departure dates.

Complete the registration form below and return it with your remittance to:

Robert H. Wright
411 Parkovash Ave.
South Bend, IN 46617-1029
TX 574-232-4287

Make checks payable to 34th Bomb Group Association.

34th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION-FOOD-TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION AND SCHOLARSHIP FEE \$15.00 EACH PERSON

NOTE: Both Member and Spouse or Guest must pay

X ____ = ____

9/27 Friday

Guided Tour of Salt Lake City, Lake and Copper Mine
\$30.00 per person (lunch on your own)

x ____ = ____

9/27 Friday

Dinner buffet \$25.00 per person

X ____ = ____

9/28 Saturday

Gala banquet \$25.00 per person

X ____ = ____

TOTAL

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

NOTE: All prices include tax and gratuity.

Squadron _____

First Timer check here _____

Need name tags ____ Yes ____ No

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 24 AUGUST 2002

Full refund given (less \$5.00 for Scholarship Fund) if notice of cancellation received by 17 September 2002.

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

PROPOSED AGENDA
34th BOMB GROUP REUNION

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2002

1300 - 1600 hours EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (lobby area)

THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2002

1000 - 1600 hours REGISTRATION (lobby area)
1500 - 1700 hours Board of Directors Meeting (Salt Lake Room)

FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2002

0900 hours Tour group departs for guided tour of Salt Lake City,
Lake and Copper Mine. Lunch will be on your own.
1600 Tour group returns
1900 hours Dinner - Eagle Gate East/West (Lower Level)

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2002

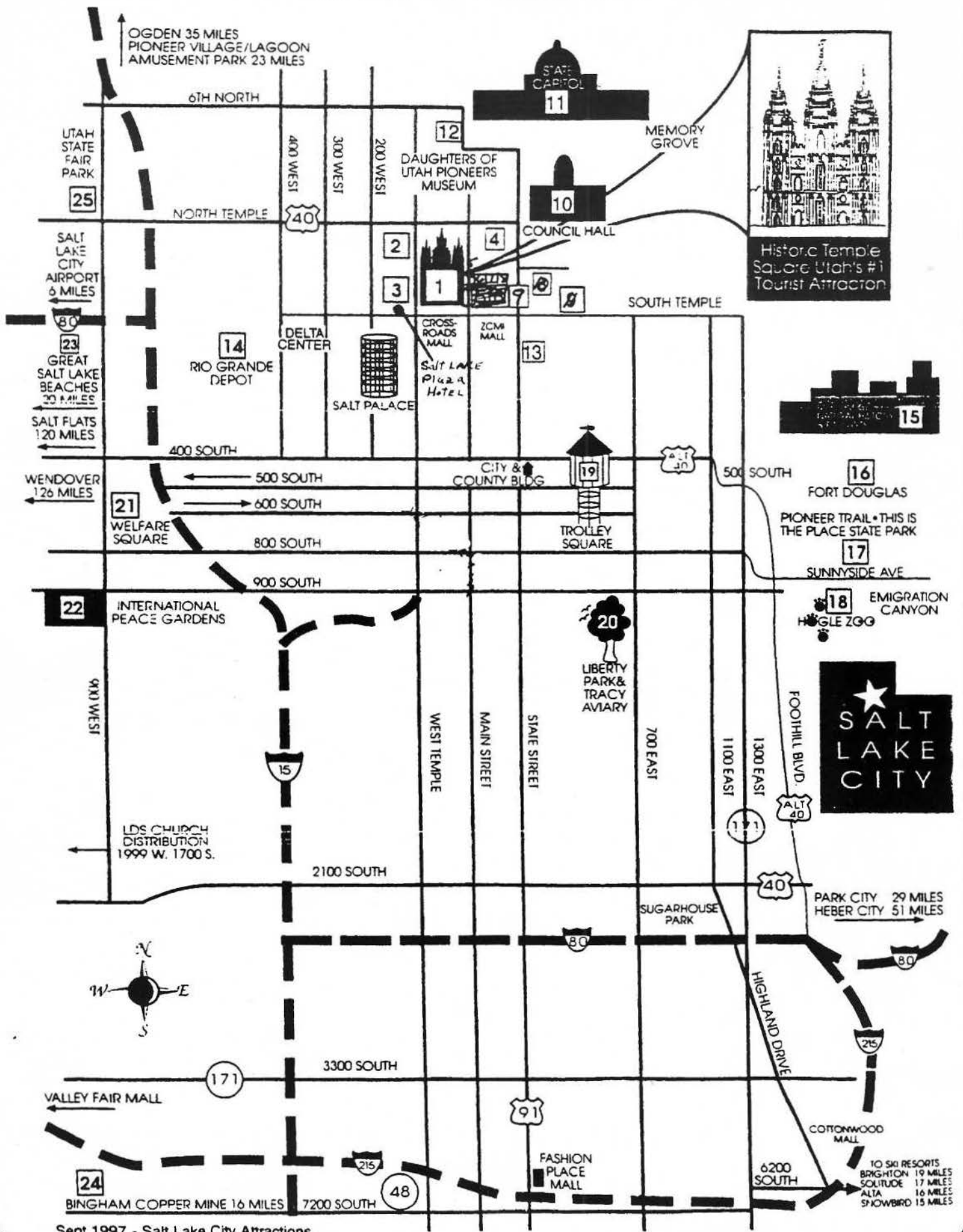
0900 hours General Membership Meeting - Heritage 1 & 2
1200 hours Lunch on your own/free time
1900 hours Gala Banquet - Eagle Gate East/West (Lower Level)

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2002

Farewells until 2003

Post Exchange (Heritage #1) and Hospitality Suite (Salt Lake Room) to be open at hours yet to be determined.

MAP OF SALT LAKE CITY



1. Historic Temple Square

50 E. North Temple This ten-acre plot of ground in the heart of Salt Lake City is Utah's #1 tourist attraction. Centerpiece of the square is the 6-spire granite Salt Lake Temple, and adjacent to this imposing edifice is the domed tabernacle, home of the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the great Tabernacle Organ. Daily tours of the grounds and buildings begin every few minutes at the flag pole. Open daily 9-9 (801)240-4872. Organ Recitals are presented M-Sat. at Noon (also 2 p.m. between Memorial Day & Labor Day), and Sundays at 2 p.m. The public is invited to attend the Tabernacle Choir Rehearsals Thursdays beginning at 8 p.m. (come and go as you please), and the Tabernacle Choir network broadcast Sundays at 9:30 a.m. (guests must be seated by 9:15 a.m.). The Temple Square Concert Series can be enjoyed in the Assembly Hall most Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (8 years and older). Mormon Youth Chorus & Symphony mini-concerts are presented at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the tabernacle.

2. Museum of Church History & Art

45 North West Temple. The museum has historical Mormon artifacts and art in interpretive exhibits. M-F 9-9, Sat., Sun. and most holidays 10-7. (801) 240-3310.

3. Family History Library

35 N. West Temple. Open to the public, this library contains a remarkable repository of genealogical records. Mon. 7:30am-5:00pm, Tues.-Sat. 7:30am-10:00pm (801) 240-2190.

4. Church Office Building

50 E. North Temple. World-wide headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From the 26th floor observation deck visitors have wonderful views of the Salt Lake Valley. Summer M-Sat. 9-5. Winter M-F 9-4:30. (801) 240-2190.

5. Joseph Smith Memorial Building

15 E. South Temple. Building open M-Sat. 9-9. Building Tours available (801) 240-1266. Locate your ancestors with the help of 200 computers and a trained staff in the Family Search Center (801) 240-4085. View Legacy, a 53-minute film depicting the faith and courage of the Mormon Pioneers in their search for religious freedom on the frontier of the American West. (801) 240-4383. Two Restaurants with breath-taking views on the 10th floor (801) 539-1911.

6. The Beehive House

67 E. South Temple. 30-minute tours are available through this lovely house which served as the official residence of Brigham Young when he was President of the LDS Church and Governor of the Utah Territory 1854-1877. Atop the house, a wooden beehive, a Utah pioneer symbol of industry, gives the Beehive House its name. Summer M-F 9:30-6:30, Sat. 9:30-4:30. Winter M-Sat. 9:30-4:30. Summer and Winter Sun. 10-1, holidays 10-1. (801) 240-2671.

7. Eagle Gate

Spanning State Street at South Temple is a 6,000# eagle, known as the Eagle Gate, which at one time marked the entrance to the estate of Brigham Young.

8. Mormon Pioneer Memorial Monument

140 E. 1st Avenue. Gravesite of Brigham Young and other Mormon pioneers. Open daily.

9. Cathedral of the Madeleine

331 East South Temple. Completed in 1909, this Roman Gothic Catholic cathedral features a beautiful series of German stained glass windows. (801) 328-8941.

10. Council Hall

Capitol Hill. Home of the Utah Travel Council, this sandstone structure completed in 1866 was the seat of Salt Lake government and the Territorial Capitol until 1894. Moved to its present location in 1968. Tourist information. Open M-F 8-5. (801) 538-1030 or (800) 200-1160.

11. State Capitol

Capitol Hill overlooking Salt Lake City. Completed in 1915, Utah's Corinthian-style capitol building resembles the National Capitol. Open 7 days a week. Summer 6-8, Winter 8-6 (801) 538-3000

12. Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum

300 North Main. This building is a replica of the old Salt Lake Theatre and the museum is a treasure house of pioneer artifacts. M-Sat. 9-5, and during June-August also open Sun. 1-5. (801) 538-1050.

13. Hansen Planetarium

15 South State Street. For information on current shows and admission prices call (801) 538-2098.

14. Utah State History Museum

300 Rio Grande Street. Informative exhibits on the history of Utah, research library, book/gift shop, tours by appointment. M-F 8-5, Sat. 10-3. (801) 533-3500.

15. University of Utah

A pioneer co-educational university founded in 1850. (801) 581-6515. Utah Museum of Fine Arts located in Art & Architecture Bldg. (801) 581-7332. Utah Museum of Natural History located on President's Circle in the George Thomas Bldg. 1400 East 200 South. (801) 581-4303.

16. Fort Douglas

Located east of and adjacent to University of Utah campus. Military Museum open Tues.-Sat. 10-12 and 1-4. (801) 588-5188.

17. Pioneer Trail State Park, This is the Place Monument & Old Deseret Village

2601 E. Sunnyside Ave. Located near the mouth of Emigration Canyon where Mormon Pioneers entered the valley in 1847. For hours and admission fees, call (801) 584-8391.

18. Hogle Zoo

2600 E. Sunnyside Ave near the mouth of Emigration Canyon. Birds and animals in a natural setting, featuring the new primate forest exhibit. Summer gate open 9-6, Winter 9-4:30. Open every day except Christmas and New Year's. (801) 582-1631.

19. Trolley Square

600 South & 700 East. Salt Lake City's nationally famous shopping and entertainment center situated within renovated 1908 trolley barns. Shops, restaurants, theaters, art displays, free parking. (801) 521-9877.

20. Liberty Park and Tracy Aviary

Between 9th-13th South and 5th-7th East. 80 acres for family recreation. Over 240 species of birds in the Aviary. (801) 596-8500.

21. Welfare Square

700 So. & 800 W. This facility is a center for humanitarian services of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Tours include The Bishop's Storehouse, a milk processing plant, a cannery and the Deseret Industries. Van service is available, upon request, from Temple Square to Welfare Square, and there is ample parking for those driving their own automobiles. M-F 10-4. (801) 240-7330

22. International Peace Gardens

Jordan Park 1000 South 9th West. Floral architecture and displays representative of countries throughout the world. Open May - Nov (801) 974-2411.

23. Great Salt Lake

America's inland sea. Salt water you can float on. Beaches for swimming and sun bathing. A marina for boating. (801) 250-1898.

24. Bingham Copper Mine

Bingham, Utah. This is the largest open-pit copper mine in the world and is operated by the Kennecott Copper Corporation. The mine is 2-1/2 miles across and 1/2 mile deep. (801) 569-6287.

25. Utah State Fairpark

155 North 1000 West. Home of the Utah State Fair, the Fairpark provides space for seminars, trade exhibits, dances, weddings, reunions, livestock shows, auctions and parties. (801) 538-8440.

FRIENDS

WRITE

FRANK RYALS – APOPKA, FL

Marvin passed away 3 Feb. 02 at the age of 91 years, 8 months. Marvin joined the 34th Bomb Group, 4th Sqdn. At Blythe, California in late 1942. He went with the group to England in March of 1944. He went with the 34th bomb group, 18th sqdn flying B-24s. He was assigned to Air Base Station 150. When they got to England they changed from B-24's to B-17's. After about six months he was asked by Major Robert Gay to be the Tech Supply Chief for the 4th sqdn with B-17's. At that point he was promoted to Staff Sgt. This info was given to me by him in December, 1998. There may be a little confusion between the 18th and 4th sqdns. at Blythe, but he was in the 4th in England. Marvin left England in early August 1945 on the Queen Elizabeth and to Camp Kilmer. He arrived home in Georgia on VJ day. He was a native of Houston County, GA (now Warner Robins, GA, home of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Robins AFB).

Marvin was very proud of his outfit. We did get him to the Eighth Air Force Museum in Savannah in Sept. 2001. He thoroughly enjoyed the visit and I am proud that we have pictures of him while there. I was not aware of the convention in Sept. or I would have tried to schedule the visit then.

Marvin and his wife moved to Orlando, FL in 1945 and to Apopka, FL about 1998. He and his wife, Helen, were married for 60 years and she currently resides in Apopka.

I am Frank Ryals, Marvin's brother, and am submitting this for his wife, Helen. I have read his copies of Mendlesham Memories and really enjoy them.

DANNY VINCENS – CHALMETTE, LA

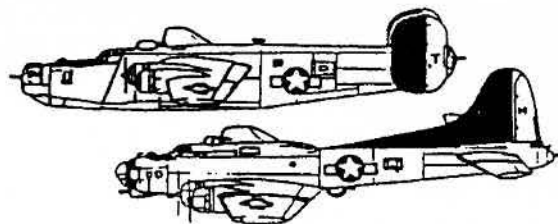
I am regretfully writing to inform you of the passing of my father, Hilton P. Vincens Sr. Throughout the past few years dad was looking for another veteran of the 391st, a gentleman named Bobby Paine. To our surprise, Mr. Paine showed up at the funeral and gave me his address. Thought you might want to contact him.

Mr. Robert Paine
3713 E. Loyola Dr
Kenner, La 70065
Tel – 504 464 1670

DAILY THOUGHT –

"Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed."

Jonathan Swift



JOHN CLEMENS – ST. GEORGE, UT

Our recent email exchange informed me that you are still interested in "before and after" photographs of 34th Bomb Group members. I finally found the photo taken in Primary flight training at Vernon, Texas in February of 1943, so here's my contribution. Each of us took turns putting on the A-2 jacket, helmet, goggles and silk scarf (a white towel) to wow the hometown folks with the "hot pilot" look. Just as Archie Bunker said, "Those were the days."

Thanks so much for the wonderful web sites listed in the December issue. It's obvious that a lot of time and effort went into them, especially the one done by Gary Ferrell.

My best regards to fellow 34th members, particularly 7th squadron. Thanks for the great job you're doing with MM.

I hope to be able to make the Salt Lake City reunion.

BOB FILIP – LaGRANGE PK, IL

A timely story as told to me by Fred, a friend of mine. Fred and his two sons, both in their 50's, were bound for the year 2000 England reunion. The 34th, 94th 100th and 452nd bomb groups made up the Tamarac travel groups that year. Fred flew with the 94th bomb group out of Bury St Edmonds.

Fred and his sons were flying with the British Airways out of O'Hare, Chicago. While checking in at the ticket counter, one of the sons mentioned that dad flew with the 8th Air Force in England during World War II and they were going back for a reunion. The ticket agent confirmed the fact with Fred and then proceeded to make a phone call. Upon completion of the phone call, the agent informed them that their tickets were upgraded to first class. Since they had some time before departure, the agent recommended the VIP lounge.

What a start- but that wasn't all. While in flight, the stewardess informed Fred that the pilot would like to see him. Once in the pilot's compartment, he was offered the co-pilot's seat. The pilot was interested in hearing some of the experiences he encountered. Fred filled him in on some of the noble missions along with the time they had to ditch in the English Channel.

The pilot thanked him and all those that flew with the 8th Air Force. Needless to say, Fred was flying high – in more ways than one.

GIDEON (BUD) SWICK, JR – FT. LUPTON, CO

I am enclosing a check for \$10.00 to renew my membership and receive Mendlesham Memories. I want to send enough for a lifetime membership but couldn't find how much that was, so am requesting you send me the information. I was with the 34th bomb group, 18th squadron and flew with the Cpt. Guy Gipson crew as tail gunner.

My wife and I have lived in Fort Lupton, Colorado, a small farm community outside of Denver. I worked for Adolph Coors Brewery for 18 ½ years. I had to retire in 1987 due to a medical problem. My wife and I have raised and shown Boston Terrier dogs for 48 years and have had some of the best in the country. My wife had been among the top ten breeders for about 35 years. We go to almost all of the dog shows in Colorado and enjoy it a great deal. Our life is very quiet as we live in a rural area. We do enjoy it very much. We look out our front picture window and have a view of the complete front range of the Rocky Mountains. Colorado is truly God's country. We had lived in Hialeah, Florida before moving here but it was much too hot and humid for our taste.

JOHN BOYSUN – GREAT FALLS, MT

Enclosed are my dues for another year of the Mendlesham Memories. I always enjoy reading the MM.

HENRY TOBIASON – REMER, MN

Enclosed please find check for my 2001 dues. Hope it is the same as last year. If they are more let me know and I will make up the difference.

Audrey and I hated to miss the reunion last year but we couldn't help it. We are looking forward to next September in Salt Lake City. We have to travel west.

The past year had good things and some bad. The nicest that happened was our children hosted a 50th wedding anniversary party for us in November. It was a great day that we will never forget. Over a hundred friends and relatives signed the register. The weather was nice for the ones that had to travel long distances.

The worst thing that happened was in September. I went to crank my big garden tiller to work up some of my garden that was all gone and it kicked back at me pulling muscles in my right forearm. I made three trips to the doctor and was not able to do much for three weeks.

Have a happy new year and hope to see you in Salt Lake City

PETER VILLANO – CENTERPORT, NY

One of the best Mendlesham Memories to date. Have a great year. Dues enclosed

LEO ALOI – SEMINOLE, FL

On September 6th, 1941 my wife and I were married. On September 6th, 2001 we celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary. Enclosed are my dues for 2002.

BILL NEEL – DECATUR, GA

Here's my check for my 2002 dues. I made my first 34th Bomb Group reunion in Savannah and it was great. I'm sorry I didn't start going earlier.

MILLIE LONG – VINCENTOWN, NJ

Happy New Year!!

I wanted to tell you I sold my home in Norwood PA. I spent a great deal of time here in New Jersey and my girls thought it was time to sell my home. It's fourteen years since I lost Harry, so now New Jersey is my permanent address. I do go often to visit my daughter in Hersey, PA and I expect to visit my daughter in Coty, Wyoming in February. I try to get out there every couple of years. Also, every so often I visit my granddaughter's in Dover, Del. for a couple of weeks. I figure if I keep moving I won't think about how old I am.

Good health to all.

HERMAN FIEBER – BAKERSFIELD, CA

Almost forgot to send in my dues for 2002 – here they are. I'm enclosing a check for \$20.00 as my son, David wants to join as an associate member.

Hope you are fine and enjoying good health. Everything is fine here. We'll see you in Salt Lake.

BILL YOTHMENT – CROWN POINT, IN

Hope this finds you in good health and good spirits. I'm fairly good, thank God. I still have my heating and sheet metal business but on a rather limited scale. I turned the big 8-0 last Saturday.

I really don't know what current dues are so am sending \$15.00. If it's more, please let me know. If it's less add it to the publication account. Take care.

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FROM THE FAMILY OF VERNON C. AMES

I am writing to inform you of the passing of Vernon C. Ames on 02/23/02. Our dad served in the 8th Army Air Corps, 34th Bomb Group during WWII and was very active in both reunion groups. Services were held at St. Edmunds Parish, Tonawanda, NY on 02/28/02 and included an honorary military guard. I am intimately aware of my dad's involvement with your group and the Mighty Eighth from his records and from attending reunions with he and mom (deceased 01/14/01) both here in Pittsburgh and in their hometown of Buffalo, NY. The family wishes to send their deepest regards to you and your membership in the loss of an American hero.

His son:

David G. Ames

His daughters:

Patti (Ames) Kratzke

Susan (Ames) Costello

Barbara (Ames) Manickas

STEVE MOOR – BRIGHTON, MI

It is with great sorrow that I write this letter to tell you that my father, Theodore C. (Ted) Moor has passed away.

I wanted you and anyone who receives the MM and who might have known dad to know, that he lived life to the fullest. After retirement 10 years ago, dad could not just sit around, so he went and got himself a job at the local hardware store to keep himself occupied.

I know he always looked forward to receiving his MM and had made contact with some people from the group. It was my understanding there was an upcoming reunion that he was planning on attending. I wanted to make sure everyone knew just how much the bomb group meant to dad and how proud he was.

We suffered a great loss here, but — God has gained one of the proudest, most loyal and loving men I have had the privilege of knowing — my Dad.

MARK COLE – AVON, IN

I wanted to tell you that my father, Robert L. Cole passed away Feb. 14, 2002 after a courageous fight with cancer. Dad was a gunner/toggaler in the 7th squadron serving at Mendlesham in 1945 and celebrated his 20th birthday while there.

Dad was very proud of his service to his country and so was I. I became an Air Force officer and pilot mainly because of his influence.

He and mom loved coming to the reunions (we lost mom to cancer four years ago). In recent years dad couldn't attend due to failing health but he looked forward to his copy of Mendlesham Memories.

Please acknowledge him in the Taps section of your next publication. My sister, Sandy and I would also like to donate to the scholarship fund in his memory. Thanks and God bless all of you.

FAWN LEASON – KATY, TX

I just read about the second crew to fly the B-17 "Flying Dutchmen". My uncle, Claire Zarfoss, was the original pilot of the first crew to fly that plane and here is the story of how it got that name:

My uncle was given the honor of naming the great bomber and since most of the crew members were from Pennsylvania — hence the name- "Flying Dutchmen." Along with naming it he was also the one who painted the nose art on the crew's flight jackets — ten in all. The exact amount of time it took to complete all the artwork is unknown. I only know that he spent his spare time between missions working on them until all were completed. I have pictures of his flight jacket — it's a wonderful piece of art.

Ed: Fawn has done extensive research on her uncle's participation in the war and would be only too glad to correspond with members of the second crew. Her e-mail address is: peppielpew@aol.com

FRANK SLIGH – ADKINS, TX

Thanks for another great issue of MM. I read it cover to cover every time I receive my copy. Patsy and I will be observing our 50th wedding anniversary on the 5th of April, 2002. We were married at Salem Sayers Baptist church, Sayers, TX — just east of San Antonio. Thanks again for another great issue of MM.

DEXTER JORDAN – HUNTERSVILLE, NC

It is with a sad heart that I write to report the death of a long time friend, Charles Sakal. A few days ago, Rose, Charles' wife, called to say Charles was in an accident Thanksgiving and entered the hospital. Although his injuries were not life threatening, staph infection set in and they could not control it. Charles passed away on January 31, 2002.

We were in the same barracks in England. He didn't talk a lot but laughed and smiled and was friendly to everyone. If he had a problem on the plane when, his crew chief was on pass, I was always glad to help.

After the war ended we lost contact until the 8th Air Force Historical Society organized. Then one April day I received a call. "Hello, this is Charles Sakal, we are in Huntersville." I went out to lead them to our home and every year thereafter we could count on Charles and Rose coming by in April, one of the highlights of spring, then again at the reunions in Sept. Beulah and I had just said it will soon be time for Charles and Rose to come by when Rose called with the sad news.

Beulah and I have had a busy year, but a good one, and are looking forward to Utah and Salt Lake City.



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*Day is done,
Gone the sun,
From the lake,
From the hill,*

*From the sky,
All is well,
Safely rest,
God is nigh.*



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I fly majestically over institutions of learning.
I stand guard, with power, in the world.
Look up and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.
I stand for freedom.
I am confident.
I am arrogant.
I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners,
my head is a little higher, my colors a little truer.

I bow to no one!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped – I am saluted.
I am loved – I am revered.
I am respected – and I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war
for more than 200 years.

I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg,
Shiloh and Appomattox.

I was there at San Juan Hill,
the trenches of France,
in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome.
And the beaches of Normandy, Guam,
Okinawa, and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam know me,
I was there.

I led my troops, I was dirty, battle tested and tired,
But my soldiers cheered me
And I was proud.

America has been attacked by cowardly fanatics,
and many lives have been lost.

But for those who would destroy me, cannot win,
for I am the symbol of freedom.

Of one nation, under God, Indivisible, with liberty and justice
for all

I have been burned, torn and trampled
on the streets countries I have helped set free.
It does not hurt, for I am invincible.

I have been soiled upon, burned, torn
and trampled on the streets of my country.
And when it's by those whom I've served in battle – it hurts.
But I shall overcome – for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth
and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space.
From my vantage point on the moon
I have borne silent witness
to all of America's finest hours.
But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages
for my wounded comrades on the battlefield,
when I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier,
or when I lie in the trembling arms
of a grieving parent
at the grave of their fallen son or daughter
I AM PROUD.

MY NAME IS OLD GLORY
LONG MAY I WAVE
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