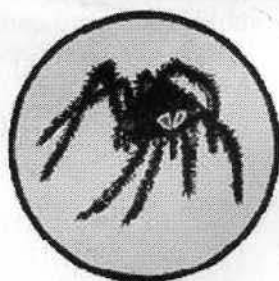




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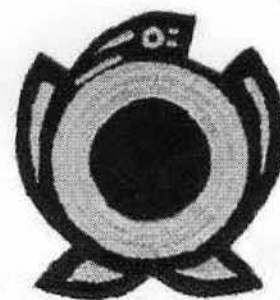
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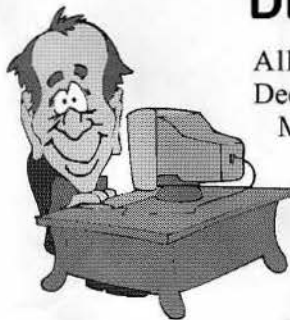
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Share - a thought...

It is with much regret that I must inform the 34th Bomb Group members of the tragic death of our beloved friend and archivist, the Reverend Gary Ferrell, on June 21st in an automobile accident.

Gary was inspired by his uncle's Dexter Jordan, service as a crew chief in the 34th Bomb Group during World War II. As his interests grew, he began to research many Air Force records to obtain information about the various activities of the group, it's crew and ground crew members, casualties, POW's, and the B24's and B17's the group flew. This eventually led to the development of his VALOR TO VICTORY website which has

provided much valuable information, not only to those that were there, but also for future generations to learn more about loved ones who never returned or have since died.

Gary was taken from us much too soon and will be greatly missed by his family and all the many people he touched in his short lifetime. Our extreme sympathy goes out to his wife, Susan, their children, his congregation, and all his many friends and acquaintances.



Rev. Gary Ferrell

This being the final publication prior to the reunion, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for providing the material and photos for the past years editions of Mendlesham Memories. It is through your contributions that we can continue providing the membership with this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing, and meeting, you all in Albuquerque. It looks like another great reunion has been planned but their only as good as the people that attend.

"Till then

Jack



Jack Share



John J. Feda

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been a pleasure to serve as president of the 34th Bomb Group (H) Association this past year. As we celebrate our twenty second year of existence we are thankful for the individuals who started our Association. Many others have since donated their time and talents to make our organization one that we enjoy and one in which we can take pride.

Our reunion committee has done a commendable job over the years in selecting sites and arranging tours. The selection of Albuquerque and the tour they have arranged this year appear to be no exception and should make for a truly memorable reunion.

A museum for the 34th Bomb Group was dedicated in an elementary school near the village of Mendlesham, England this past month, spearheaded by the headmaster, Gordon Leathers. Although it was planned in a school and memorialized in a church, it will be housed in THE FLEECE, a pub in Mendlesham - a location that may be familiar to many members of the 34th Bomb Group. We are very fortunate that Mr. Leathers will be attending our reunion and will be our banquet speaker.

Since our last issue of Mendlesham Memories, two of our officers have experienced tragedy in their lives. Reverend Gary Ferrell, our archivist, lost his life in an automobile accident. He did extensive research in creating the 34th Bomb Group web site which contains an unbelievable amount of information on our group history.

Hal Province, our longtime treasurer and corresponding secretary has developed a serious illness and has been ordered to cut back on his volunteer activities. He also serves as the coordinator of the Scholarship Committee. Replacements for these offices will be sought.

It seems only yesterday that Jack Share, our efficient MM editor, was pushing me for a President's report for the December 2004 issue. It has been a pleasurable experience and I thank you all for your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of John J. Feda in dark ink.

John Feda, President

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Effective immediately, Hal Province has stepped down as treasurer and corresponding secretary of the 34th Bomb Group Association's due to his continuing ill health.

In a directive issued by President, John Feda dated June 29, 2005, those responsibilities will now be handled by:

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Please send all dues payments and Memorial gifts to this new address.

REUNION COMMITTEE REPORT

Destination Southwest to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the 34th Bomb Group's twenty second gala reunion from 21st to 25th September at the MCM Elegante Hotel, 2020 Menal Boulevard.

The June issue of Mendlesham Memories newsletter has all the necessary information for the reunion. It has the Registration Form for the hotel, the seven hour Albuquerque tour that includes Old Town, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, the Turquoise Museum and the National Atomic Museum. There will be time for the attendees to have lunch, on their own, in Old Town. Also mentioned in the June issue was that on Friday, 23rd September you will board a Deluxe Coach and head to Old Town for a brief walking tour of the Historical Plaza area. Yes, you will be able to shop on your own at many fine specialty stores and galleries around the plaza. Lunch, on your own, in Old Town's Furr's Cafeteria.

Please Note - The deluxe coaches will leave the hotel at 9:00AM and return to the hotel at 4:00PM, Friday, 23rd, September, 2005.

Please remember to provide accurate reservation information, complete the reservation request and return it before August 20th, 2005 - our cutoff date.

Complimentary shuttle service from the airport to the hotel. When you arrive at the airport make your way to the baggage claim area. After you have claimed your luggage, call the hotel from the phone by the information desk that contacts the hotel directly and the hotel shuttle will pick you up.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet old friends and to make some new ones. We wish you all good health and hope to see you all at the Albuquerque reunion. Many thanks to all who help make our reunions successful.

Take care and God Bless.

The reunion committee,
Harold Rutka, Chairman
Robert Wright
Bruce Sothern

DUES REMINDER

Annual Dues Have Been Increased to \$20.00

As was reported in the December issue of Mendlesham Memories the annual dues have been increased to \$20.00 and we are asking all life members to contribute \$10.00 to help defray some of the costs in publishing this newsletter.

Please send your 2005 dues to:

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Thank you for your help in guaranteeing the continuance of the 34th Bomb Group Association.



60th Anniversary Celebration of "Manna/Chowhound" Flights to Holland

Herb Roy, 391st/4th Sqds.

I was the only member of the 34th to go back for the 60th anniversary celebration arranged by the Dutch "Food Droppers" committee. After a long flight from Miami, we were met at Schipol airport by Margo and A.J. Voogd, committee members, who picked us up and drove us to Den Haag where we were staying.

On Saturday, we went by bus to Viaardingen for a ceremony in front of the City Hall where we were welcomed by the mayor and serenaded by the village choir. The mayor unveiled a Plaque to be installed in the wall of city hall and we were presented with a framed copy of the plaque. After lunch, we rode in old military vehicles to the "drop zone" where their air forced staged a flyby and dropped hamburger buns in re-enactment of the drops. That evening we were guests at a cocktail reception and dinner on the waterfront.

Sunday, we were driven to a church in Barandrecht for a traditional remembrance service given by both their pastor and a RAF chaplain. There was a ceremony by very young children and the high schoolers, all of whom have been taught that were it not for the food drops they might not be there as their future parents and grandparents were starving to death. That afternoon, we were guests of the Duingen race track for lunch and to enjoy the race program. The 34th had dropped at both Schipol airport and the Duingen race track. Evening dinner was hosted by Col. Arie DeJong, chairman of the "Food Droppers".

Monday, was a repeat of the other celebrations at Valken kamp before we parted company and left for Amsterdam. For 60 years the Dutch have been teaching their children the price of freedom and that they must fight to keep from losing it. When they are young they sing songs about the "Drops". As they get older, they visit Ann Frank's house and learn the story of why the Germans killed her and finally, as teenagers, they take a trip to the Auschwitz concentration camp where Ann Frank was killed.

All during our visit we had people come up to us in the street and say "Thanks, if it hadn't been for you, we would not be here as our parents would have starved." The thanks were for every member of the 34th who flew those missions.

The 8th Air Force lost one plane and crew on those flights and it was surmised that they had gotten off course and flew too close to the German submarine pens along the French coast. There was never any news about where they were shot down.

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM IN RICHMOND, VA

Recently the Holocaust Museum here in Richmond opened a new exhibit and my husband, Gordon Alling, was asked to speak about his experience during World War II. The following is what he had to say. It reflects the sentiments of all the wonderful servicemen who gave so much to keep our country free.

Pat Alling

I appreciate the opportunity to take part in this celebration and share a few of my memories of what it meant to be part of the army of liberation. I must go back some 62 years. The war in Europe was underway when I turned 18 and signed up to serve my country.

At that time the schools put more emphasis on the study of American History. Students were impressed with what Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness really means. We had read about England's entry into the war and what had happened on December 7th - my wife's birthday. She still says that when I put the flag out it is for her birthday. Like most of my friends, I was eager to do my part.

I spent most of my 3 years in England as a member of the Army Air Corps Eighth Air Force, 34th Bomb Group. I was not a member of a fly team. My job was to arm the bombers so they could protect themselves in aerial combat and complete their mission. From the cooks in the mess hall to the captains of the B24's and B17's there was unified spirit of cooperation and unity of purpose. We were certain that some day soon we would go home with pride that we had done our job and the world would be a better place for ourselves and our families.

Our base was located in the English lowlands, northeast of London. This was farm country. It was the custom for the farmers to stack their hay in mounds 10 to 15 feet high. One morning when the sun was breaking through and another beautiful day was dawning, I was on my way back to my barracks and several of those haystacks were in flames. A warm and wonderful feeling came over me. I knew we had done our job and the war in Europe was over. For the past several months our planes had been able to land in France and Germany and were able to bring back good German beer. Needless to say, there were a lot of corks popped that day.

About 10 years ago my wife and I met with 12 other couples in London, all members of the 34th Bomb Group. We stayed several days in Cambridge. On the weekend, at the invitation of the people in the town of Mendlesham, we visited the old air base. I will never forget the warm and friendly greeting we received. Only about 200 feet of the old runway remains. Crops now cover the landscape. The mayor, wearing a large medallion on a gold chain, a symbol of his authority, greeted us. With other towns people we visited a roadside area about a half acre in size where the town has established, with perpetual care, a small memorial to the Americans. Bench, flowers and a stone marker that says, and I'm paraphrasing, "Thanks to the American Airmen for what you did for us". On Sunday our group attended church. The little church has a history dating back to the 18th

century. In the afternoon we were invited to an old fashion churchyard picnic. After 50 years, the people of this small English village are remembering and we are ever thankful for our part in standing with them.

Some say that my generation was the greatest American generation. I believe the greatest American generation began with George Washington, Ben Franklin and men like Thomas Jefferson who nurtured the principles that my generation fought to preserve. Would I do it again? Yes I would.

Today we have troops operating around the world who have made the same commitment to preserve those principles. This is the greatest nation on earth. The sacrifices made by our GIs in World War II and by the thousands of those on the home front was worth it all.

Thank you,

Gordon C. Alling



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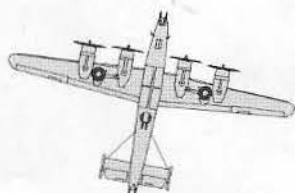
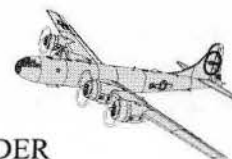
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WE CAME AS BOYS, WE LEFT AS MEN

By Carol Elliot

(Here are some thoughts I came up with as I think so much about all the men who made our World better. Lloyd (7th sqd.) is my husband of 57 years, but I had rather think this message was written by everyone).

Our men were mostly born in the late teens and early twenties. Life in those years, and also the thirties, were different times than we have today. Not many people owned an automobile, some homes did not have electricity nor indoor plumbing. Only one room of the house was heated and when nighttime came it was off to a cold bedroom. Schools were sometimes one room schools, two room schools and as you got older then you went to TOWN to school and your life changed. In rural areas, food usually consisted of what was raised in the garden and canned during the summer months. There was not meat on the table every day. A person usually experienced their first soft drink when they were eight years old. Not knowing how to drink a Coke, when the first burp came, it went up your nose and you felt near death. Most people had milk 'cause they owned a cow, ate a lot of chicken and always had eggs for a lot of meals. Hence, here's a new recipe for the ladies and it is strictly from the new and improved world and is never fail:

Chicken and Dumplings

- ★ Buy a whole fat chicken (not a cut up one, as it is cheaper).
- ★ Put it in a pot, add a lot of water and simmer for a couple of hours.
- ★ When done, remove the chicken and let it cool, then de-bone it.
- ★ You will have a nice pot of chicken broth.
- ★ Buy a package of flour tortillas.
- ★ In a plastic bag, dump in some flour, then cut the tortillas into two inch squares and put in the bag of flour, add some salt and pepper.
- ★ Shake vigorously. The flour will coat the tortillas.
- ★ While the broth is boiling, drop several pieces of the tortillas into the broth.
- ★ Do not stir, just push down. Add more pieces of tortillas. The flour will thicken the broth.
- ★ Turn heat down to low and simmer, covered, for about twenty minutes, then add the cut up chicken.
- ★ To add more calories, you might add some butter.



With this said, then the forties came along, the boys went to war to make our world free. The boys became men real fast. Thanks to them, our world has remained free, our way of life is better. It took all of these elements to make our life as wonderful as it is today. We know we live in the greatest, most wonderful country in the world. Our men made it this way. THANK YOU.

FLORIDA CHAPTER - 8TH AFHS REUNION

Jim Stuthers, reunion chairman, has finalized the agenda for the Venice, Florida reunion. Headquarters hotel will be the Holiday Inn with the schedule of events beginning Thursday, November 17th for early bird registration and check in. The board meeting at 3:00 PM. The Hospitality Rooms 105 - 106 will be open each day from 3:30 to ?. Dinner on your own at one of the many good places in the area.

Friday: Free breakfast, every morning for registered guests. Registration from 1PM until 5PM. Many things to do. Relax around the pool and spa, play badminton, golf, shuffle board.

Sit down dinner at 7PM, casual dress. A welcome by our president, Jim Hart, followed by the Mayor of Venice who will welcome all to the shark capital of the World. Music and dancing and a bit of karaoke following dinner.

Saturday: Breakfast 7AM to 8:30AM. Business meeting at 9:00AM until 11:00AM. Then get ready to board the bus for a tour of the Island of Venice, and to the old, original, Venice Air Force Air Field gate. Then on to South Venice, Englewood, Manasota Key, Port Charlotte, ending up at Fisherman's Village for lunch - on your own. After a little window gazing or shopping at the enclosed, air conditioned mall, we'll return to the hotel by 3:30 PM to settled down for the formal/informal Luau dinner. Our own, Col. Charlie Brown, possibly accompanied by a ME109 German Luftwaffe pilot, will be guest speakers. Dancing and raffle will follow dinner.

Sunday: Memorial service at 9:30 AM remembering our long lost and recently departed comrades of the Florida Chapter. Prior to departing, I.D. Brown will lead in the singing of "Till We Meet Again".

Jim and Kay Stuthers,
Jerry and Mary Lund,
Co Chairs

WRONG PART

A boy comes home from school and
tells his mother he has a part in the play.

She asks, "What part is it?"

The boy says,
"I play the part of the husband."

The mother scowls and says,
"Go back and tell the teacher
you want a speaking part."

NAVIGATING OVER ENGLAND DURING WWII

Submitted by Vincent J. Doran, 391 Squadron

Viewed from the air, there is not a straight line on the ground in England. Roads and farm property lines go every which way, not north/south, east/west as in the United States. Not that our system is any better than theirs, just different. There are no prominent mountains, few lakes big enough to be identified and it is easy to mistake the rivers. To make matters worse, an obscuring haze covered all of England that winter of '44/'45. And to top it all off, a persistent low, hanging stratus cloud covered most of the country during that winter. The cloud alone made everything dark underneath, even in the middle of the day. Added all up, it was impossible to navigate by looking down at the ground, and I mean impossible. Our British brother airmen couldn't find their way either. Thirty seconds after take off you were lost and you stayed lost as you wandered around the country.

Long before we Yanks arrived in England, authorities recognized the problem and set about to solve it; and they did solve it in a most ingenious and simple way. They covered the entire country, England, Wales and Scotland, with a network of low powered radio receivers, each only a few miles apart from the next. Most of them were put in homes of volunteer civilians who promised to listen to them 24 hours a day. The exact geographical coordinates of each receiver were determined and filed at the nearest area headquarters. Next they installed a very low powered transmitter in each airplane; the signal could be heard only a few miles away. All receivers and transmitters were on the same fixed frequency.

As you were flying along, always lost, and needed to locate yourself, you merely contacted the network by calling out, "Darky, Darky, where am I"? Immediately the system went into action. Only one receiver on the ground heard you. He would phone the nearest area headquarters and identify himself. Headquarters, having a powerful transmitter, would call you the coordinates of the receiver that heard you. All this took only a few seconds and you knew pretty close to where you were. The system worked wonderfully well and it was a lifesaver every day.

I have never forgotten that phrase and even today, when I am hopelessly confused or bewildered, I raise my arms to heaven and cry out piteously, "Darky, Darky, where am I"?



FRIENDS WRITE

RAY FREDETTE - ALEXANDRIA, VA

I am enclosing the obituary of Msgr. Scannell who died a few weeks ago in nearby Falls Church, VA. He was the 34th's chaplain in England and his passing will be of interest to your readers who remember him.

I recall going to the mess hall for a hearty breakfast and then to the chapel for communion from Father Scannell before each mission.

Thanks for the fine job you are doing putting Mendlesham Memories together. I very much enjoy reading each and every issue.

FRED BERGLAND - TITUSVILLE, FL

When I was an 8th Army Air Corps B-17 co-pilot flying several missions as a member of the 34th Bomb Group based in Mendlesham, England I witnessed some mind boggling suicide dives by German Luftwaffe pilots. They flew straight down into the B-17 formations in the final closing weeks of WWII.

Statistics, written in a new book "Air Power" by Stephen Budianski, state that the American Army Air Corps bombers lost 8,237 planes and the British R.A.F. lost 8,325 planes. He says that the Americans had 64,000 casualties and the British also had 64,000 aircrew casualties in the WWII air war. This was twice the number of American soldiers killed in all the Normandy campaign and more than the entire number of U.S. Marines killed in all the brutal fighting in the Pacific. We certainly lost a lot of our best young men in that Air War over Germany. I am so happy we won the war!

BILL ORTON - CASCADE, ID

I just wanted to share with you the sad news that my wife, Naoma (Jo), passed away on December 21, 2004 after a long illness. She enjoyed attending many of our reunions and reading Mendlesham Memories.

Enclosed please find my check for \$20.00 to help the continued publication of our super newsletter. We must keep this program going.

I will probably see you at the reunion in Albuquerque.

CHARLES METZ - PATCHOGUE, NY

Enclosed is my check for the balance due on my 2005 dues. I have already received my membership card. I received the June issue of MM in a personal envelope from you. Thank you for that. Am I now on the regular mailing list?

I see you're back on the official roster as treasurer. Is this the good news that I hope it is and your feeling better? Stay well and lots of good luck.

BASIL GAUMER - GREENVILLE, IL

Received the last issue of Mendlesham Memories and, as usual, I can't put it down until I have read the last word. Read the article that Walter Sturdivan wrote about the 34th going overseas on the USS Wakefield.

The Wakefield had quite a history. She was built in 1932 and was the Manhattan luxury liner. She was christened by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and was the fastest ship on the seas. During World War II she was taken over by the military and commissioned the USS Wakefield and used as a troop carrier. She was bombed in Singapore and burned off the coast of Greenland. She burned for four days and ran aground. They refloated her, towed her to the Boston Harbor, put her into dry dock and stripped her down to the hull and then rebuilt her. On April 13th 1944 she set sail on her virgin voyage from Boston harbor to Liverpool, England carrying 10,000 troops and a crew of 2,000 Coast Guardsmen. The 34th was among the 10,000.

You won't find this in the history books, but after the ship was bombed in Singapore and burned off the coast of Greenland, the men called her a jinx ship. The trip took eight days and was uneventful until the last night. I don't know if we were in a storm or if it was just the rough waters of the North Atlantic, but the ship would go way up in the air, the propeller would come out of the water and the ship would vibrate and shake and then would come down with a crash and then go back up into the air again. They said that a German sub was after us. Water came over the bow of the ship and into our compartment. As the ship rocked back and forth, the water washed back and forth on the floor. After some time of going up and down, all at once the ship tipped sideways and everything went calm. I dropped off to sleep and when I awoke, I felt great. I had butterflies in my stomach the entire trip. I went up on the deck and we were docked in Liverpool.

The Wakefield went on to hauling troops from the States to Europe and bringing the wounded and German POW's back to the States. She also saw service in the Mediterranean Sea. After the war, she was decommissioned and sometime in the 60's she was scrapped.

I would sure like to be with you at Albuquerque but I don't think that we can. But you will be in our thoughts.

ED: And you in ours. Thanks for this bit of historical information.

MARV JALVING - SPRING LAKE, MI

I hope this helps the treasury a little bit.

We have given up on Florida after 17 years. We have three daughters up here in Michigan and we didn't want them to make this decision for us. We have a condo and are happy here.

I have a picture of our whole Jalving family where 6 of us are in uniform, all served in WWII at the same time. Would you like it?

The best to you.

DANIEL HARDEE - QUITMAN, MS

Enclosed is my check for the \$10.00 life member, plus a little more.

I lead a very quiet life. My wife of 62 years died Feb. 1st, 2004. She had a long bout with cancer. This changed my whole life. However, I have an old maid neighbor that looks after me she is a young 76 year old. I am now 82 years old and in good health. Not able to travel very far. Hope this finds you well.

HARRY ACKERMAN - N RICHLAND HILLS, TX

Enclosed herewith is my check for amount of \$50.00 to cover any past annual dues as well as 2005 increase in life member dues. Whatever is left over, if any, can be applied to 2005 activities or saved for next year.

I hope I will be able to attend the reunion in Sept. but it is too far ahead to say for sure that I will be able to.

If there is a spare copy of an up to date membership roster available I would appreciate getting it.

Hope this finds you and your family doing well. Y'all take care and thanks for your help.

JOE AND KAY MARKS - SALT LAKE CITY, UT

We do appreciate all the work that you do so we can enjoy Mendlesham Memories. Thank you, so much.

Looking forward to reunion, see you there.

BOB SCHROEDER - AMERICAN FALLS, ID

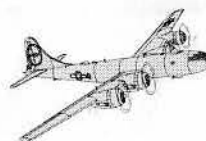
We enjoy the Mendlesham Memories. We read it cover to cover. We know it is a lot of work and hope you can keep up the good work.

VINCENT DORAN - ANCHORAGE, AK

Please refer to bombing mission #136, recalled from target area, 4 March 1945. By the time the Group arrived back at Mendlesham, the field was closed because of weather. We were diverted to British Lancaster base near Land's End in Cornwall. We stayed overnight and flew back to our base the next day.

I have a pretty good story I would like to send to MM about that day, but I need to know the name of the mission leader. I think it was LeBailly, but am not sure. Can anyone out there help me?

My Address: Vincent J. Doran
#411 Pioneers' Home
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Anchorage, AK 99501-4390
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MICHELE SMITH - THE WOODLANDS, TX *(MM Publisher)*

I want to thank everyone for sending in their fascinating stories, photographs & letters. I feel that I know so many members of the 34th....especially when working on December issues with all of the photos from the Reunion. It almost feels like I'm there!

My family and I had the pleasure of attending the San Antonio Reunion in 2003 and met many members of the group. One lady that really stood out was Sylvia Forister. She was so much fun to hang out with. It was a sad day when we learned of her passing. Our condolences to her family.

Hal Province....It has been a pleasure of working with you, and I'm sorry to hear that you're not feeling well. Your contributions to this group are immeasurable. I will miss working with you....hope you are up and around soon.

May everyone that attends the Reunion in Albuquerque have a memorable time. I am looking forward to seeing all of the photos that are sent in....so be sure to take your cameras!

Again, thanks to all the members of the 34th BG and Jack Share for letting me publish your newsletter. It makes me grin when I read your letters and see how much this publication is

enjoyed. I look forward to each issue. Also, a big THANKS for the difference you have made in our world. You are all heroes. God Bless.

HOW NOT TO END AN ARGUMENT

A man left work one Friday afternoon. But, instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend playing golf with the boys and spending his entire paycheck. When he finally appeared at home, Sunday night, he was confronted by his very angry wife and was barraged for nearly two hours with a tirade for his actions. Finally, his wife stopped the nagging and simply said to him, "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?" To which the husband replied: "That would be fine with me."

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife.

Tuesday went by and he didn't see his wife.

Wednesday came and went with the same results.

Finally, on Thursday the swelling went down just enough so he could see her a little bit out of the corner of his left eye.

1944-1945 - B-17s Coming Off Assembly Line at the Boeing Plant in Seattle, Washington

Photo from William J. Orton



Congratulations to:

Robert and Jennie Schroeder
June 8th, 2005

&

Joseph and Kathern Marks
September 4th, 2005

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IF YOU ARE MOVING SOON, BEFORE THE NEXT MENDLESHAM MEMORIES IS DUE, OR IF THERE IS SOME MISTAKE IN YOUR NAME OR ADDRESS, PLEASE ENTER THE CORRECT INFORMATION, CUT THIS OUT AND SEND TO: JACK SHARE, 22 S. AVONLEA CIRCLE, THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS 77382.

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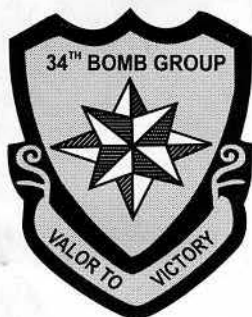
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