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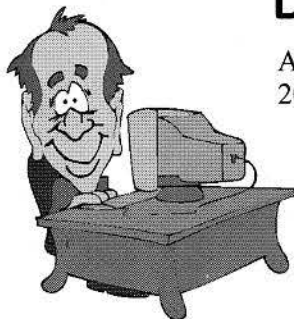
www.air-museum.org/b17.htm

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DEADLINE

All material and items for the March, 2007 issue of Mendlesham Memories should reach me on or before January 15, 2007. All copy will be going to the publisher on that date.

Jack Share, editor



DUES are DUE

2007 Dues,
for those who pay annually,
are due as of January 1st 2007



Send Dues To:

Jack Steffen
6670 Powner Farm Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45248
(513) 574-1171

Your cooperation in getting your dues paid now will guarantee your continued membership in the 34th Bomb Group Association. Thank you.

Share - a thought...

Our first trip to England, back in '44 '45, although free, could certainly not be called a vacation and we were all most happy to return to the good old U.S of A at war's end. Now, looking back, we realize that the time we spent over there was probably the most memorable days of our lives and the urge to return has leaned heavily on more than a few of our members. Those that have paid a return visit, or visits, have never been disappointed. To see the old base, meeting with the residents of the quaint village of Mendlesham and visiting the Fleece pub with the new 34th Museum would be an experience of a lifetime. If you have always wanted to return, and are able to travel, now might be the ideal time for you, your siblings and your friends, who have heard so much about the 8th Air Force legacy, to consider it.

Our new, and younger, associate members are organizing a tour to England for June '07. For you, your family and any others who might be interested, all the details of the tour, along with the itinerary, are included in this issue. This could well be our last chance to return to Mendlesham. Don't be disappointed. Let's support our new members and sign up now to make this the most memorable return to England since World War II.

Jack



Jack Share

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another reunion has come and gone. Sure hope everyone enjoyed being in Rapid City. The attendance seems to be a bit lower each year but we all know the reason - Father Time is catching up with us.

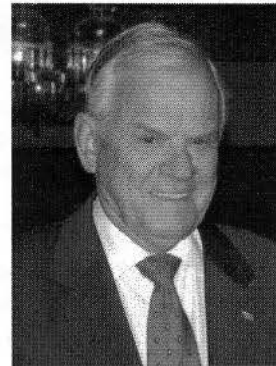
Jack van der Geest gave a good talk and sure had an interesting life. I am sure a lot of flyers owe a lot to him and the others in the underground.

Bruce Sothern's railroad caught up with me this year. He is hard to escape. Thanks to the membership for the confidence you have shown in me. With the help of the board of directors, the officers and all of you we look forward to another good year for the 34th Bomb Group Association. Were always open to suggestions and comments from the membership and together we will make a good team.

Dickie and I are already looking forward to the next reunion. As of this writing, we do not know where or when but we are assured the reunion committee will do their usual good job.

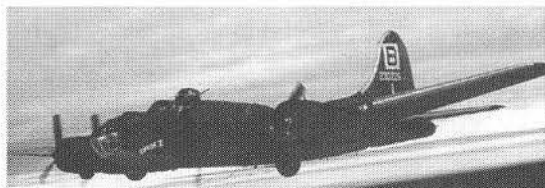
Hope everyone will stay well and, the good Lord willing, we will be together again in 2007.

Jim Hinchee.
President



The Front Cover

A total of 118 registered guests attended the recent 34th Bomb Group Association reunion at Rapid City, South Dakota. Of this number, 31 of the attendees were veterans of the 34th Bomb Group and they are so honored with this cover photo.



Changing of the Guard

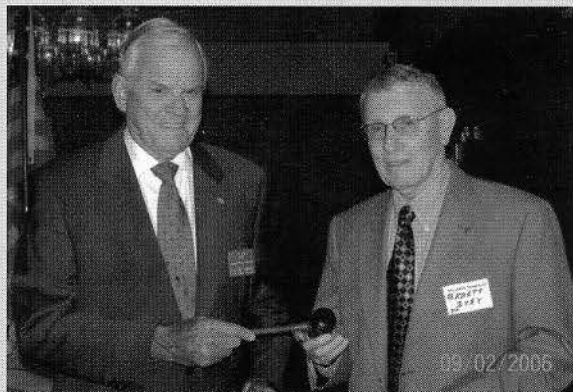
With an abundance of pomp and ceremony, Raymond "Jim" Hinchee of Salem, Virginia was inaugurated as the next president of the 34th Bomb Group Association at the group's 23rd annual reunion held recently in Rapid City, South Dakota. The outgoing president, Kivett Ivey's successful reign was finalized as he handed the gavel over to Jim at the Saturday evening gala banquet.

Jim, who might well be the final veteran president, will inherit a roster of some 600 members many of whom are our offspring and friends who are gradually assuming prominent positions of command in the organization.

Jim has been a long time member of the 34th BGA and along with his wife, Dickie, have been attending the reunions for many years. He has held numerous positions within the group and has been involved in many problem solving deliberations throughout the years. He is well qualified for his new position.

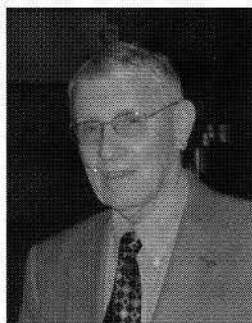
We extend our congratulations to Jim and look forward to another successful year under his tutelage.

Under Kivett's leadership we have maintained our standing as one of the premier World War II groups in the country due to his fairness and integrity in dealing with some difficult problems. We extend our thanks and appreciation for a job well done and the best of luck to him, his wife Lucille and family in the coming years.



Past President's Message

Although the Rapid City reunion was a little "short" on attendance, the *togetherness* of the attendees more than compensated for it. The bus tour was a little cold and some of us did a little shivering, yet most all had a good time. There was a lot of history to see and relive around Rapid City - more that we had time for.



Our Saturday night Gala banquet was highlighted by our speaker, Mr. Jack van der Geest. His story was most interesting and everyone was "spellbound" by his presentation. We owe John Feda a big vote of thanks for obtaining him.

I bought one of Mr. van der Geest's books and when I got home I couldn't put it down until I had read it. Now my family is enjoying it also. I think the title "Was GOD on Vacation" may be a little off because GOD certainly protected him.

My year as President was the highlight of my membership in the 34th Bomb Group Association and my sincere thanks go out to all of you for making it so memorable.

To the wives of the reunion committee, I know who is responsible for the success of our reunion! THANKS!

Kivett Ivey,
Past President, 34th BGA

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was great seeing so many of you in Rapid City. The reunion committee did another great job of planning the reunion and getting the group together.

At the meeting in Rapid City, the annual dues amount for 2007 was again set at \$20.00, the same as for 2006. There is no dues amount for life members for 2007. Elsewhere (pg. 2) in this issue is the address for sending your annual dues payment to me. Please make your check payable to the **"34th Bomb Group Association"**. As I reported in Rapid City, our group is in good financial condition.

Some members like to have a 34th Bomb Group Association membership card to carry with them. If you want a membership card, send me a self addressed, stamped, envelope, enclosed with your dues payment.

This is a great group. Thanks for your continuing support.

Jack Steffen, Treasurer



Reunion Committee Report:

The 23rd Annual reunion of the 34th Bombardment Group (H) is now history with many memories of another successful reunion. The Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Rapid City, SD did all they could to assure a successful reunion that provided a wonderful opportunity for us to meet our old friends and meet new ones. Several large family groups were included in the total of 130 attendees 106 of whom were on the American West Tour. 94 people attended the Friday night dinner with 137 in attendance at the Gala Saturday Banquet.

The 2007 reunion of the 34th Bomb Group has been confirmed for Grand Rapids, Michigan on September 4th through September 9th. The Crowne Plaza Hotel located on 5700 28th Street S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49546 will be the headquarters hotel. The telephone number is 616 957 1770. The hotel rate has been confirmed at \$72 and the room tax, currently, is 15%. The rates are offered for three days prior to and three days following the scheduled rates. Note: Regular rate is \$129.00 plus tax.

The hotel will provide FREE shuttle service from the Gerald R. Ford International Airport to the hotel. The Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids Hotel is an upscale, full service hotel located on 10 acres of landscaped grounds.

Accessibility and Transportation: The hotel is conveniently located just off I-96 on 28th St. Grand Rapids is within an eight drive of almost any Midwest city. Gerald R. Ford International Airport provides a full range of air transportation services. More than 169 flights per day provide round trip air service to more than 240 U.S. cities and 40 foreign destinations. Direct flights from Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Las Vegas, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minn/St Paul, New York, LaGuardia/Newark, Orlando, Tampa and Washington, DC.

Free Transportation to Hotel: Once you have claimed your bags, use the courtesy phone to arrange for shuttle transportation to the hotel.

Reservations can be made through "Abby Tavel Agency, Inc" - Tracy Tellor and K.C. Lochner, Telephone - 1-800-807-2963, Office hours - 10AM to 5PM (Central Time) Monday thru Friday. Make your reservations now until 30 days prior to departure and save ten percent - within 30 days save five percent. Savings on Northwest, United and Delta airlines. All major credit cards accepted. Please mention the 34th Bomb Group. Car rental discounts available as well.

Tour information details will be in the March issue of Mendlesham Memories.

We would like to thank everyone for attending our 23rd annual reunion in Rapid City. And wish everyone a wonderful Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Wonderful New Year.

The Reunion Committee
Harold Rutka, Chairman
Robert Wright
Bruce Sothern

PX Report:

Another great reunion is past and I must say they get better each year.

Mr Jack van Geest, our banquet speaker, was only one of eight to ever escape from Buchenwald concentration camp and told of unimaginable hair raising experiences.

We were also impressed and entertained by Ken Cashion in the PX with his experiences expressed in his book "Ball Turret Gunner". Incidentally, if any of you want to get his book (\$20.00) for Christmas presents, or just to keep, his address is:

Windmill Productions
ATT: Ken Cashion
157 Tennyson Cove
Picayune, MS 39466

Our PX sales at Rapid City reduced our inventory by about one-third. With just two more reunions left, I would like to sell most of the remaining inventory at next year's reunion at fantastically reduced prices to get it cleared out. However, YOU WILL NEED TO ATTEND THE NEXT REUNION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OFFER.

Also, we have another reason for you to attend next year's reunion and to stop by the PX. We have one book remaining "34TH Bombardment Group (H) 1941-1945" Volume II (\$49.95 retail) that I held back hoping to get a reprint. Because it was copywrited, the publisher wouldn't reprint less than 100 copies. Therefore, we will have a drawing and give it to the lucky winner.

Remember the PX for Christmas gifts and have a "Merry Christmas".

Ken Paxton. PX Manager

THREE BUDDIES

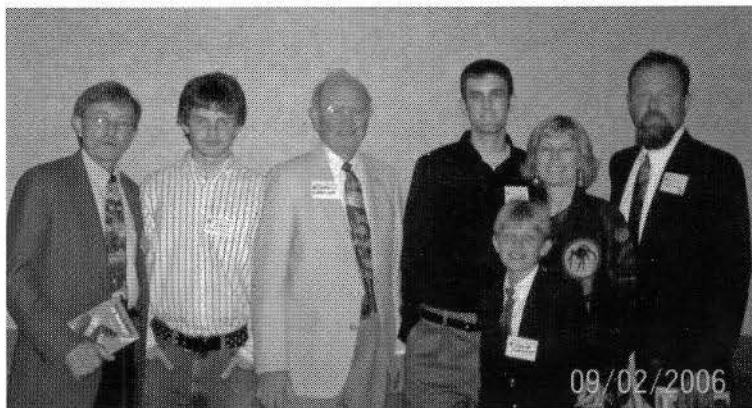
Three buddies die in a car crash, they go to Heaven to an orientation. They are all asked, "When you are in your casket and friends and family are mourning upon you, what would you like them say about you?"

The first guy says, "I would like to hear them say that I was a great doctor of my time and a great family man."

The second guy says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher that made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow."

The last guy replies, "I would like to hear them say..Look! He's moving!"

A Family Affair



I am very grateful for having had the privilege of attending another 34th Bomb Group Association reunion. Dad (Carroll Forister) was very pleased to be surrounded by his three children and three of his four grandsons. Stuart, my youngest son, will be 21 this November and in the middle of his University life. He has attended the reunions for the last three years, even attending the business meetings, and plans on attending each year until the end. He is in awe of his grandfather's WWII experiences and one of his biggest fans. He is very respectful of his grandpa's generation and very aware that the gallant men of that era, of his age (and younger), were saving the world!!

It was fun visiting with everyone and, unfortunately, the weekend flew by much too quickly. It is always a joy for me to visit with the men and their wives plus their extended families. I come home from each reunion and marvel about what a wonderful group of people I've been blessed too spend some time with. I find myself asking, "Does my generation have that much class"? The answer is "No". That generation was unique and so humble. They know what it is like to live without even the basics, thanks to the depression. Each generation since then doesn't even have a clue what that would be like! They served their country without question and with honor. They went because the world needed them and it was the right thing to do. They are "The Greatest Generation"



PX Order Form

AUTO WINDOW STICKER - 2"X4" BLACK AND SILVER

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.

PERMANENT NAME TAGS (First and last names & Sqdn. No) \$11.50ea.

LICENSE PLATE HOLDER (2 for \$5.00) \$3.00ea.

LICENSE PLATE - White with blue logo. Print same as several years ago. \$10.00ea.

PATCHES - 34TH BOMB GROUP "VALOR TO VICTORY" \$5.00ea.

PATCHES - 8TH AIR FORCE \$3.50ea.

PATCHES - SQUADRON - 4TH - 7TH - 18TH - 391ST \$5.00ea.

DECAL - VALOR TO VICTORY - 5" X 5" 2 for \$1.50ea.

BUMPER STICKER- 34TH B.G.- 3" X 12" 2 for \$1.50ea.

HAT PINS (FOR DECOR) B-24, B-17 or POW \$3.50ea.

WINGS - (about 2") - PILOT - BOMBARDIER - NAVIGATOR - GUNNER OR FLIGHT ENGR \$4.00ea.

WINGS (about 1") \$3.00ea.

TIE TACK - 4TH - 7TH - 18TH - 391ST Sqdns and 8th Air Force \$3.50ea.

MEN'S POLO SHIRT w/ POCKET AND 34TH B.G. Logo (Hunter Green & Cobblestone Biege)

M, LR, XLR, XXXL \$25.95ea.

MEN'S POLO SHIRT w/ POCKET AND 34TH Logo (Royal Blue) M, L, XL, XXL \$22.00ea.

CAP - ROYAL BLUE or NAVY w Patriotic flag on bill \$8.50ea.

WHITE T-SHIRT W/POCKET & LOGO OF BOTH B-17 & B-24 ON FRONT & BACK - Picture on back shows
our bright red rudder. Nice for warm weather & very colorful All Sizes \$12 each or 2 for \$22.00ea.

*Slight price change - we have only two Med. size left at \$12.00 but will be able to reorder if and when we
can order one dozen asst. sizes. If you are interested, send your order and check for the amount plus
postage and I will send you a receipt until we get enough orders to place. On arrival, I will then ship
them to you, but I can't promise when. If we don't have enough orders I will refund your money. They
will be \$12.00 each, except the XXL for \$14.00

KEYRING - B-24 only \$4.00ea.

KEYRING with leather back B-17 \$6.00ea.

BOLO TIE - B-24 or 8TH Air Force \$6.00ea.

BOLO TIE with Mother of Pearl background behind B-24 \$6.00ea.

BELT BUCKLE "America's Heritage - The Right to Bear Arms" or B-17 or B-24 \$6.00ea.

PIN - VALOR TO VICTORY \$5.00ea.

BOOKLET - MENDLESHAM REVISITED, by our English school students and teacher, Gordon Leathers \$20.00ea.

POLO SHIRT - Royal Blue with pocket and 34TH BG logo \$22.00ea.

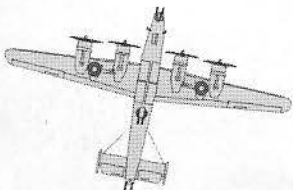
- PLEASE CIRCLE ITEMS DESIRED -

AND INCLUDE YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH EACH ORDER (sometimes needed for clarification)

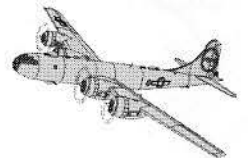
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER

Please add \$3.50 postage for orders under \$20.00 and \$4.50 postage for orders \$20.00 and over.

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Wichita, KS 67206
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Thanks for your support of the 34th BGA. We wish all of you good health and much happiness!

All in a Day's Work - at MENDLESHAM

T/Sgt Dexter B. Jordan,
Crew Chief - 7th Squadron

January 21, 1945, one of the coldest days of that winter at Mendlesham, the planes had taken off for a mission, but one lost an engine shortly after take off and had to return to base. I don't remember who the crew chief was or why I was out on the line riding my bicycle on that cold day. But when I came close to the plane, which had just returned, it was close to all the workshops and the Engineering Office. I noticed a young soldier on top of the wing washing down #2 engine with a bucket of gasoline and a string mop. Gasoline was running off the wing and down through the engine and puddling on the pavement.

I saw a flash and from here everything began happening and changing, not in seconds, but split seconds. We began moving with all our strength, dexterity and speed. Fire was on top of the wing, in the engine and on the ground beneath the engine and fuel tanks. I don't know how the guy escaped without being burned, but he did. I grabbed a nearby fire extinguisher and flipped it upside down - nothing happened. The extinguishers were of the type that contained water and a small amount of some chemical and the water had frozen. I slammed it down as hard as I could - nothing happened. There were four or five extinguishers in the vicinity and none of them worked. By then I realized our chance of extinguishing the fire was one in a hundred or perhaps a thousand or nil. Realizing that in the nearby makeshift buildings, tents and the engineering office there were twenty or more guys that I had worked with for the last three years. Plus, Captain Cole had his office in a tent that was the closest to the fire. No one was aware of the fire except the two of us.

I knew the plane was loaded with 8000 pounds of RDX

bombs - the most powerful that the U.S. had prior to the atomic bomb. This was a fully loaded airplane with 2700 gallons of 100 octane gasoline and a full load of 50 caliber shells for 12 guns.

The fire was spreading rapidly as I looked up at the young man and saw panic on his face. I said "go" and he started off. In desperation, I picked up another old fire extinguisher, slammed it down on the ground - amazingly, it worked! Glancing over my shoulder, I noticed the young GI had stopped about 200 yards away looking at my frantic efforts. Not as an order, but out of desperation, I yelled at him to come back to help. We picked up some of the other extinguishers and after bouncing them off the ground again and again they miraculously began working and the fire was put out.

After regaining my thoughts and composure, I suddenly realized why I was out riding my bicycle that cold day - I was called upon to put out a fire. I honestly thought when the extinguishers didn't work we were all going to be blown to bits, but I could not leave.

Looking back, I am sure God was there guiding me all the time and this was a test to see if I would give up.

The records show that I received the Soldier's Medal for saving a plane but all the guys in the buildings, with no warning after the fire started, and I, could have been long gone. Human lives are precious but no plane is worth dying for.

This all happened 61 years and 5 months ago and I thank God for saving my life and the others so close to the plane and also the young man that helped.

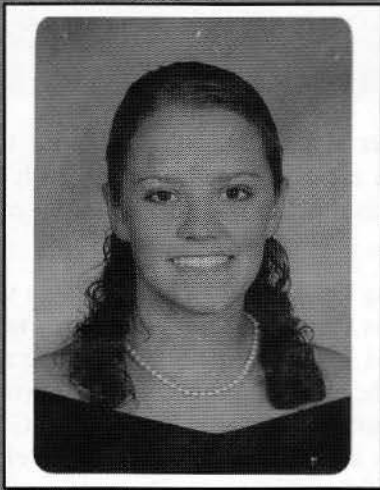
Joke of the Day

"Young man," said the judge, looking at Murphy, the defendant. "It's alcohol and alcohol alone that's responsible for your present sorry state!"

"I'm so glad to hear you say that," replied Murphy, with a sigh of relief, "Everybody keeps blaming me!"



2006 Ray Summa Scholarship Recipients



Margaret Marie (Maggie) Pace

First Place - \$1,000

Margaret M. Pace

Grandaughter of Raymond (Jim) Hinchee)

Thank you so much for your consideration of me in the scholarship process. I did not expect to receive it, but am very grateful to have that honor. I can assure you that the money will go to good use in my studies at Wake Forest University in this coming year. My field of study, at this Point, is undecided but this money will help me in pursuing several fields in order to find the one that fits best.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend your reunion in Rapid City, South Dakota because of school being in session but I wish the best to all of you in beginning another year as a group. Thanks again for your consideration and funding the scholarship. I appreciate it greatly.

Second Place - \$750

Alyssa Emily White

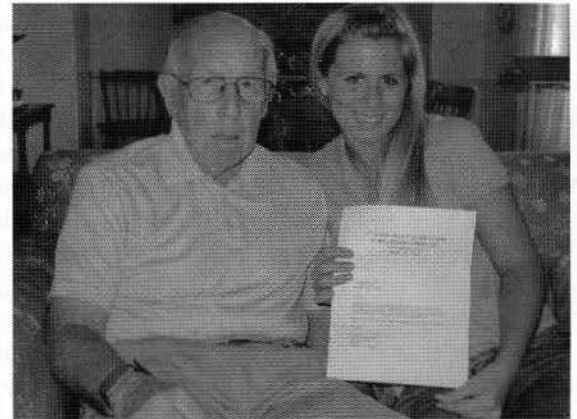
(Grandaughter of William (Hal) Thorpe

Thank you so much for awarding me this \$750 scholarship. I feel very honored to be recognized for my hard work and to receive help in continuing my education at the University of Utah. My grandfather, W. Hal Thorpe, was also pleased that I was selected.

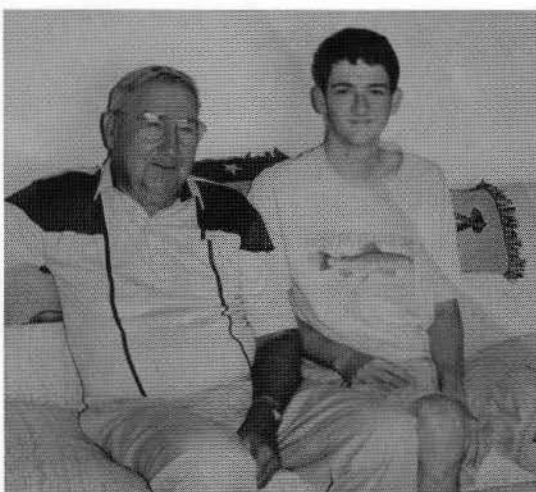
I am grateful for the 34th Bomb Group Association's generosity in providing these scholarships. I also appreciate the fine service they gave on behalf of our country. My grandfather has had many great experiences with the men he served with and enjoyed attending the reunions.

Thank you for the invitation to attend the upcoming meeting. I would love to come to accept this scholarship in person but my school is already back in session. I am also sorry to say that my grandfather will not be attending this year due to his health.

Thank you, again, for this scholarship. It will help me continue to focus on completing my education and enriching my life.



Alyssa Emily White with grandfather Hal Thorpe



Adam Holt with grandfather Arnold Prillaman

Third Place - \$500

Adam Prillaman Holt

(Grandson of Arnold Prillaman)

Thank you very much for the \$500 scholarship you awarded me this summer. I am sorry that I was not able to attend your meeting in August to thank you in person.

My classes at Tennessee Technological University started in early August. I want you to know how much I appreciate your help in covering the cost of college. I am majoring in physics and plan to pursue my dream of becoming a scientist and serving my country in the Air Force. I am very proud to receive this award. Thank you again for your support.

A \$500 scholarship was also awarded to Andrew L Levenick, grandson of Richard L. Levenick.

34th Bomb Group (H) Association, Inc.
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Rapid City, South Dakota
August 31, 2006

The meeting was called to order August 31, 2006, at 1400 hours at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, South Dakota, by President Kivett Ivey. President Ivey led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain James Martin gave the invocation.

President Ivey asked for a roll call. Present were: President Kivett Ivey, 2nd Vice President and Recording Secretary David Fieber, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary Jack Steffen, Past President John Feda, Chaplain James Martin, PX Manager Ken Paxton, Mendlesham Memories Editor Jack Share, Board Members Raymond "Jim" Hinchee, Oral Walker, and Clayton Mink. Norm Mayer sat in place of Board Member Bonnie Zylstra. Reunion Committee members Harold Rutka, Bob Wright, and Bruce Sothern were also present. Absent were: 1st Vice President Verbal Holcomb, Board Members Robert Pacholski and Scott Mackey.

James Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2005, Board of Directors Meeting held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The motion was seconded by John Feda, and passed unanimously.

Jack Steffen presented the Treasurer's Report. Because of the earlier schedule of the reunion this year, the Report is based on eleven months. The report shows the cash on hand one year ago as \$20,605.70 and it is currently \$23,006.32, although the most recent Mendlesham Memories bill of approximately \$2,600 and \$2,750 in scholarship awards are still outstanding. Revenues and expenses nearly offset, with only a slight decline to the Total Funds. There were several comments of praise and thanks to Jack regarding the format he has used for the report and ease there is to understand it. With only two more years planned for the 34th B.G., there are more than sufficient funds available for the duration of the group. Jack asked for a recommendation for Dues and it was also recommended to maintain the current Dues contracts. A complete copy of the report is filed with the minutes of this meeting. A motion to approve the report was made by John Feda and seconded by Bruce Sothern. The motion passed unanimously.

Ken Paxton presented the PX Report. Kivett Ivey asked about plans for phasing out the PX and Ken said that is already happening. The inventory on hand is down 33% from a year ago and should almost be gone in two years. No new items are planned on being bought. Plans were discussed for purging excess stock, including hold drawings at the final banquet and donating some to the 8th Air Force Museum. The financial report for the PX shows that the cash balance one year ago was \$743.07 and that the current balance is \$1,708.13. A motion of accept the report was made by Bruce Sothern and seconded by Harold Rutka. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Hinchee, Claude Conklin, and Oral Walker were appointed to the 2006 Audit Committee by President Ivey. They will audit the general books of the organization, the books of the PX, and the books of the Reunion Committee.

Harold Rutka presented the report of the Reunion Committee. There is a concern among some Reunion Committee members that because of the dwindling numbers now attending the reunions, there is a potential monetary risk for Reunion Committee members, who have to sign contracts with potential financial penalties, to secure lodging and transportation. Jack Steffen suggested instituting a Board Resolution that states that the 34th B.G. Treasury will financially cover the Reunion Committee members in case a situation arises where their money is being used to pay costs associated with the reunions. Ken Paxton made a motion to draft a Board Resolution to cover these costs and Jim Hinchee seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The issue was tabled until the end of the meeting in order for Jack Steffen to work on preparing the resolution.

Ambers Hanson provided the report of the Scholarship Committee. The number of qualified applicants has been shrinking and this year there were only two applicants that met the qualifications. The committee members talked to President Ivey and Treasurer Steffen and it was decided that they would go back and review previous 2005 scholarship applications in an effort to find enough recipients for the 2006 scholarships. A total of four qualified applicants were found and the following scholarships were issued: \$1,000 to Margaret Pace, granddaughter of Jim Hinchee; \$750 to Alicia White, granddaughter of Hal Thorpe; \$500 to Adam Holt, grandson of Harry Prillman; and \$500 to Andrew Levinick, grandson of Richard Levinick. There currently is \$10,681.87 in the Scholarship Funds, minus the \$2,750 in 2006 scholarships. Jack Share expressed disappointment that "thank you" letters are not being sent by scholarship recipients for publication in the Mendlesham Memories and is concerned that the scholarships are not being appreciated and that maybe it is time to end the scholarship program. Jim Hinchee indicated that his granddaughter submitted a nice thank you letter, but that it was inadvertently mailed to the wrong address. John Feda strongly endorsed continuing the scholarship program, but that we should strongly recommend that "thank you" letters be written. John Feda made a motion the scholarship should continue and that \$5,000 will be set aside for the following two years (\$2,500 for each year) and that no more than three awards will be given each year, and that there will not be a minimum set number of awards. If there is only one qualified applicant, only one award will be issued. Any remaining scholarship money will be transferred to the General Fund. Ambers Hanson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kivett Ivey brought up the issue of the 34th B.G. website. Susan Ferrell currently is maintaining the website, in honor of her husband Gary. She has indicated that she would be willing to accept assistance toward the \$120 yearly web site maintenance fee. Norm Mayer expressed the desire to pay the \$120 fee this year. Kivett recommended that any contributions given toward the website should be given to the 34th B.G. Treasurer and that the Treasurer be the one that issues the \$120 to Susan Ferrell to cover the cost of the website. James Martin made the motion for this recommendation and John Feda seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

The position of Archivist was discussed. Kivett Ivey read a letter from John Ross regarding two individuals from England and his suggestion that they be made Associate Archivists, but James Martin made a motion that we delay this decision until the 2007 meeting and Norm Mayer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Feda spoke about the program for the banquet. Jack van der Geest is scheduled to be the guest speaker. Van der Geest, a Dutch citizen and member of their Underground, was one of only eight people that escaped from the Buchenwald Concentration Camp. He also had many other interesting duties during the war and is a wonderful speaker with lots of great stories and we will all like him. The fee for his appearance is \$300 and Ken Paxton made a motion that we pay the fee and it was seconded by Harold Rutka and passed unanimously.

President Ivey returned to the subject of the tabled Board Resolution regarding the Reunion Committee. Jack Steffen presented the following resolution to the Board: "The Reunion Committee acts on behalf of the 34th Bomb Group Association in planning the group's annual meeting. This process involves signing contracts in order to reserve room blocks, plan meals, and schedule tours. As attendance at the annual meetings decreases, there is increased risk of financial costs or penalties. The 34th Bomb Group Association commit to reimburse the members of the Reunion Committee for any out of pocket costs that they incur when acting in good faith in the capacity as the Reunion Committee." John Feda made a motion to present the resolution at the General Meeting and Ken Paxton seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Harold Rutka spoke about the location for the last two reunions. There have been some issues with the hardship of travel to Rapid City and the desire is that the last two reunions will be in the middle of the country. Michigan is being looked at for 2007 and somewhere in the middle South of the U.S. will be looked at for 2008. Bruce Sothern indicated that as soon as the exact site has been chosen we will e-mail everyone whose e-mail address he has.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Sothern and seconded by Ken Paxton. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1600 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fieber
Recording Secretary

34th Bomb Group (H) Association, Inc.
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
Rapid City, South Dakota
September 2, 2006

The meeting was called to order September 2, 2006, at 0900 hours at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, South Dakota, by President Kivett Ivey. President Ivey asked Chaplain James Martin to lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. James Martin followed with the invocation.

Bruce Sothern made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2005, General Membership Meeting held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as published in the Mendlesham Memories. The motion was seconded by Jack Steffen, and passed unanimously.

Jack Steffen presented the Treasurer's Report. Because of the earlier schedule of the reunion this year, the Report is based on the past eleven months. The report shows the cash on hand one year ago as \$20,605.70 and it is currently \$23,006.32, although the most recent Mendlesham Memories bill of approximately \$2,600 and \$2,750 in scholarship awards are still outstanding. The Reunion Committee contributed \$2,100 to the General Fund and the PX contributed \$2,000 and those sources, along with Dues, comprise the bulk of the Revenue. The main Expense is the publication of Mendlesham Memories. The bottom line is that we began the year with about \$20,600 and ended the year with about \$17,800, which is more than enough to run the organization for two more years. Jack made a motion, based on the Board's recommendation, that Dues remain at \$20 a year for non-life members and no special assessment for life members. The motion was seconded by Ken Paxton and passed unanimously. A complete copy of the report is filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Ken Paxton presented the PX Report. The sales for the year were \$13,443.95 and the only merchandise bought were special orders for the \$37.50 book ("Reprint of 34th B.G. History Book"), totaling \$274.43. \$2,000 was transferred to the General Fund, Supplies and Postage were \$87.44, Accounting costs were \$100, and refunds were \$17.00. The financial report for the PX shows that the cash balance one year ago was \$743.07 and that the current balance is \$1,708.13. The inventory retail value is \$6,226.20. Once all the inventory is gone, all remaining funds will be used for the General Fund. No new items are planned on being bought and several items have been reduced in price. Belt Buckles are now \$6.00, down from \$11.50. Decals and bumper stickers are available for \$2 for \$1. Ken mentioned the license plate frames and there were several comments from members regarding positive reactions they had received from people who had seen their frames. Ken mentioned that there is only one copy left of the blue, hardbound, "34th Bombardment Group, Volume II" book and that he plans to give it out at the 2007 reunion via drawing. He cannot order any additional copies because the publisher will only take order for a minimum of one hundred copies. Ken also spoke about author Ken Cushman's book that is being sold for \$20 at the PX and he invited members to stop by the PX and speak to Ken because he is very personable and entertaining. Ken mentioned that Jack Share is mentioned in the book and Jack told the members that the reason for that is because his first mission was with the group that the book details. Bruce Sothern thanked Ken Paxton for all his hard work. A motion of accept the report was made by Bruce Sothern and seconded by John Feda. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Hinchee, on behalf of the Audit Committee, which includes himself, Claude Conklin, and Oral Walker, reported that the committee audited the general books of the organization, the PX, and the Reunion Committee and that they accepted all the reports. Claude Gibbs made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Ken Paxton. The motion passed unanimously.

Harold Rutka presented the report of the Reunion Committee. He asked if everyone was having a good time and response was extremely positive. Harold said that one hundred-thirty were registered for the reunion. The committee is actively looking for a site for next year's reunion and the rumors going around are that it could be in Michigan, although that is not certain. Harold also mentioned that due to the dwindling number of attendees it is becoming harder to find first class hotels. It was suggested that maybe we could advertise the reunions in other Veteran's magazines and Harold said the problem is that the ads are usually very small and hidden in the back of the magazines. But he added that this is something that can be looked at. Kivett Ivey mentioned that the Reunion Committee's wives should also be mentioned for all their help. Charles Siragusa made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Paul Mueller, and passed unanimously.

Bruce Sothern presented the Nominating Committee report. He informed the group that Verbal Holcomb's health is not strong and that he has declined from serving in any other positions. The committee nominated the following officers: Jim Hinchee, President;

David Fieber, First Vice President; and Charles Siragusa, Second Vice President. Craig Cozzano and Emmett Forrester have been elected to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors. Nominations were requested from the floor, but none were received. Claude Gibbs made a motion to close the nominations and approve the slate as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Carroll Forrester seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Mendlesham Memories report was given by Jack Share. Jack mentioned that the state of the Mendlesham Memories is in good shape and he foresees no immediate problems. The newsletter is averaging sixteen pages and there might be a need to cut it down to twelve in the future. Jack spoke about some past problems with mailing out the Mendlesham Memories; names and addresses inexplicably were dropped from the mailing list, but now he thinks those problems have been fixed. Jack also mentioned that there have not been very many new stories being submitted and that he attributed that to all the stories having already been told and retold. Instead of submitting stories, he recommended that members submit "little experiences" from their time during the war. Jack also reminded members to submit their 2006 reunion photos to him so that they could be published. Carroll Forrester and Kivett Ivey both thanked Jack for all his hard work. There was no motion made or vote taken regarding the Mendlesham Memories report.

Kivett spoke about the future finances of the association. He said that he has already been discussed and laid out and that everything is in good shape and we should be able to last two more years without having to do anything drastic.

Kivett Ivey presented the status of the Web Site and he mentioned that Susan Ferrell will keep up the web site, but that she would be open to donations to cover the \$120 yearly fee. The Board has approved that donations be submitted to the 34th B.G. Treasurer and then the money will be forwarded to Susan Ferrell. Jack Steffen told the group that Norm Mayer has volunteered to make a \$120 donation to cover the website for one year.

Old or New Business:

There was a comment from the floor regarding plans for the future. Even though the 34th B.G. is only holding two more reunions as a separate organization, we need to look at attending Eighth Air Force reunions. This idea has previously been discussed and more information will be published in the Mendlesham Memories.

Harold Rutka mentioned that at the Eighth Air Force Museum in Savannah, Georgia, there is a "Last Man Bottle" of champagne. There were several light comments about just "who" would be the last man.

There was also a comment from the floor about a member's recent participation in the Van Nuys Air Show.

David Fieber spoke about the planned 2007 trip to Mendlesham, England. The trip has been scheduled for June 17, 2006 through June 22, 2006. Flyers have been displayed at the registration table as well as in the PX. There is also a "sign-up" binder in the PX. The price of \$1,451.00 (not including air fare) has been set. This will include lodging, transportation in England, and several meals. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to e-mail David Fieber, Jack Steffen, or Scott Mackey.

Jack Steffen spoke about the Board of Director's decision to institute a resolution to protect the reunion committee members for costs incurred organizing the reunions. Jack presented the resolution to the Board: "The Reunion Committee acts on behalf of the 34th Bomb Group Association in planning the group's annual meeting. This process involves signing contracts in order to reserve room blocks, plan meals, and schedule tours. As attendance at the annual meetings decreases, there is increased risk of financial costs or penalties. The 34th Bomb Group Association commit to reimburse the members of the Reunion Committee for any out of pocket costs that they incur when acting in good faith in the capacity as the Reunion Committee." Jack Share made a motion to accept the resolution and Bruce Sothern seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Ken Paxton mentioned that there is a need for volunteers to help in the PX this afternoon.

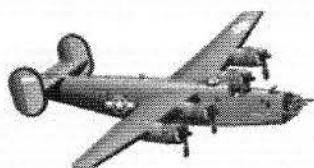
Jack Share mentioned that a reporter from the Rapid City Journal was at last night's dinner and that a story and pictures would appear in Sunday's edition. There was also discussion of the group photograph of all the veterans that was taken by the Rapid City Journal photographer and how it would be a nice idea to try and get this kind of picture every year. The only problem was trying to determine just when the picture could be taken and the general consensus was that the picture could be taken after the dinner.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bruce Sothern and seconded by Jack Steffen. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1015 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fieber
Recording Secretary



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34th Bomb Group (H) Association, Inc.

Itinerary

Trip to Mendlesham (June 17 – 22, 2006)

The planned activities for the week will begin in London on June 17, and will end there on June 22. Attendees will arrange their own transportation to and from the United States, and to and from the airport to the hotel in London. This allows for other "add on" trips that attendees may want to arrange for themselves. Starting at the hotel in London, motor coach transportation from location to location will be provided for all group activities.

Day 1 (Sunday - June 17). Tour participants arrive at the Central Park Hotel in London. There will be a Welcome Dinner at the hotel.

Day 2 (Monday - June 18). Tour participants will be picked up from the hotel and driven by deluxe motorcoach to Mendlesham. There will be a group lunch at the Fleece Pub and a visit to St Mary's church in the village. The balance of the day and evening is free in Bury St. Edmunds. Lodging will be at the Ramada Hotel, in Bury St. Edmunds, for the next three nights.

Day 3 (Tuesday - June 19). Visit the Mendlesham Airfield, including the technical site and other areas. Attend a wreath laying at the 34th B.G. Memorial. Visit Stoke Ash School and meet the children who put together the Fleece Museum. There will be an evening reception in Mendlesham (organized by the village). Visit the King's Head (a GI pub in the village).

Day 4 (Wednesday - June 20). Visit the Parham Air Museum. The afternoon is free for relaxation, side trips or sightseeing on your own.

Day 5 (Thursday - June 21). Check out from Ramada Hotel and travel to Cambridge. En route, visit the Madingley Cemetery. Group lunch and afternoon tour of Duxford - American Air Museum. Following the tour, continue on to Cambridge and check in to accommodations. The evening meal will be in Cambridge. Visit pub called the Eagle, which still has an autographed ceiling from US aircrew!

Day 6 (Friday - June 22). Return to the Central Park Hotel in London. There will be a Farewell Dinner for the group at the hotel.

This will conclude the group activities. Spend some time in London on your own, or with friends, or plan trips to other favored locations.

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34th Bomb Group reunites to relive WWII memories

By Michelle Muellenberg
Special to the Journal

The first-hand accounts of enemy fire, downed planes and early morning missions flooded out of their mouths like World War II was yesterday.

They came from all parts of the country, yet share one commonality — they were all members of the 34th Bomb Group, a WWII outfit based in Mendlesham, England, that flew B-24s in missions over France and Germany.

For 23 years, members of the 34th have reunited to share stories as well as continue the history lesson for future generations.

This year's reunion brought more than 100 34th Bomb Group members to the Black Hills.

"When we were (in Europe) everyone was so busy ... taking care of yourself and your crew," Ken Paxton of Wichita,

Kan., said standing in the lobby of the Best Western Ramkota. "Now, we have time to talk about (the war)."

Paxton, 81, and his wife have traveled to many reunions.

As the men and their families arrived earlier this week, they immediately started catching up. In between stories about children, grandchildren and life over the past year, the men recalled tales of war six decades earlier.

Paul Mueller, the only member from Rapid City, remembered his crew's final bombing run in 1945.

"We were on a final approach when we lost engine two," Mueller said.

German flak, anti-aircraft guns, then took out engine



Ken Paxton



Jack Share



Robert Wright



Paul Mueller



Harold Rutka

four, he said.

"We stayed in formation with two engines for two minutes," Mueller said.

The crew then called for a B-51 escort.

"We got across to friendly lines," he said.

After landing safely back in England, crew members noticed 17 holes in their aircraft.

None of the nine crew members were injured.

The same outcome, however, did not hold true for Jack Share and his crew.

Share, 83, of Woodland,

Texas, remembered his 15th bombing mission. The crew had just bombed Nuremberg and was headed back to the base when their plane was shot down.

"We ditched in the North Sea," said Share, also the editor of the bomb group's quarterly newsletter, Mendlesham Memories. "We lost three crew members, and I was wounded."

Share was taken to a hospital in Britain where he lost the lower half of his leg.

"It was a messy day,"

he said.

Robert Wright, 85, of South Bend, Ind., spoke of the time his plane nearly got shot down when hit by German fire.

"I was lucky they hit my engine and not the cockpit."

The majority of 34th Bomb Group members who traveled to Rapid City this weekend have attended previous reunions throughout the United States and in England, where a memorial is set up at their former base in Mendlesham. The prospect of future gatherings, however, is uncertain.

"Our numbers are going down," said Harold Rutka, reunion chairman for the past 23 years. Previous reunions numbered several hundred veterans; however, many members have died or are too ill to travel.

"We have to decide what to do this year for next year," Rutka said of board meetings held this weekend.

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Reunion Attendees

Ruth Bailey & Stan Adams

Clarence & Rita Arand

Lawrence & Lucille Babcock

Charles & Roberta Barclay

Alan Barclay, Sue Barclay

Loretta Shultz

Elaine Gilbert & Mike Gilbert

Robert Barclay, Sandy Barclay

Bobby Ray - Karla Ray

Daniella Ray - Taylor Ray

Roberta Barclay

Merlin Bruning - Donley Granstra

Kenneth Cashion

Hymen & Ruth Chauson

Claude & Gen Conklin

Harry Crawford, & daughter, Donna

Anthony & Ruth Coutros

John & Craig Coutros

John & Betty Mae Feda

David & Sonia Fieber

Nancy Fieber

Carroll Forister

David, Emmett, Stuart,

Zachary &

Jacob and Vivienne Schwab

Dale & Esther Frank

George & Debra Garbiso

Claude & Audrey Gibbs &

Betty Miller

Willis Griffis - Ed Morrison

Walter & Dorothy Grimes

Carolyn Guertin - Florence Blank

Ambers & Jean Hanson

Jefferson Hawkins & John

McKinney

Glen & Vera Henry

Raymond & Dickie Hinchee

Lloyd & Marla Inman

Al & Agnes Israelsen

Kivett & Dennis Ivey

Michael & Margaret Jacobbausk

Joseph & Kay Marks & 2 kids

James Martin

Norman Mayer - Louise Crew

Clayton Mink & daughter,

Pamela Schmitt

Paul, Hazel & Steve Mueller

Fred & Ginny Muent

William & Maria Orton

Ken & Kathleen Paxton

Richard & Kieth Paxton

Boyd Niederlander

Floyd & Miriam Richmond

Harold & Gen Rutka

Leon & Jeanne Salvesson

Fred, Randy, Michelle Sauermilch

Charles & Henrietta Siragusa

Robert, Jennie, Richard Schroeder

Jack & Marian Share

Bruce & Gregg Sothorn

Jack Steffen

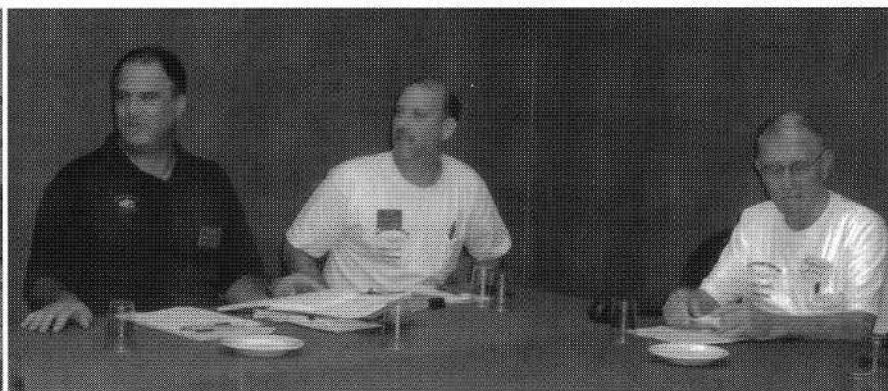
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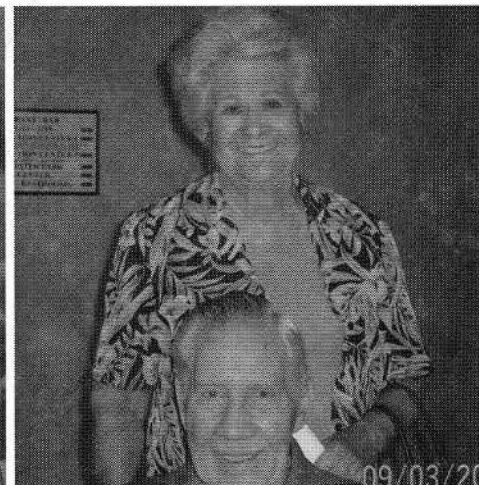
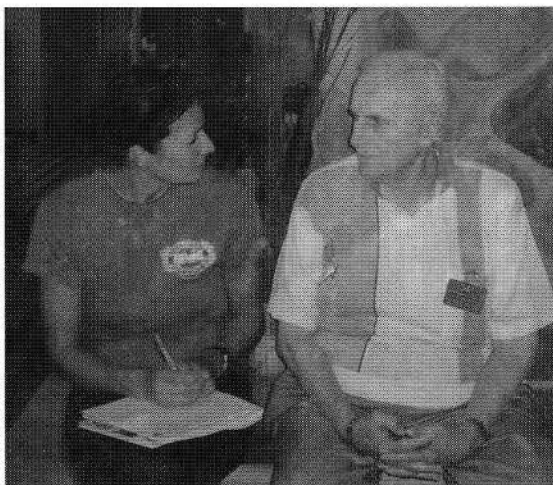
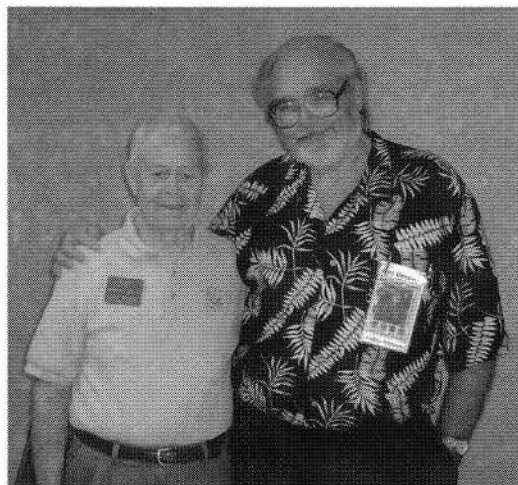
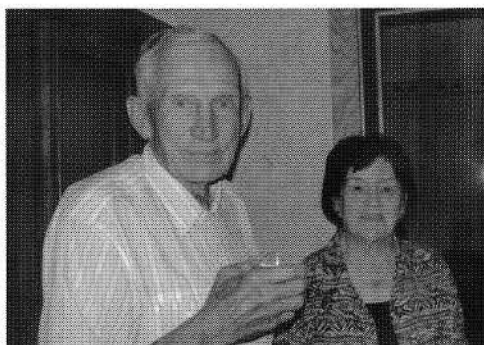
Robert & Esther Wright



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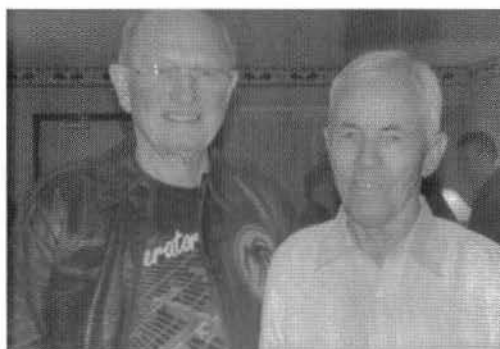


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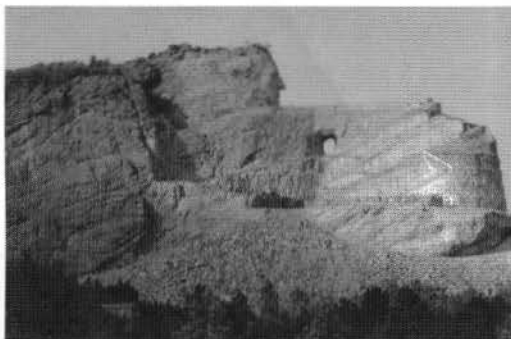




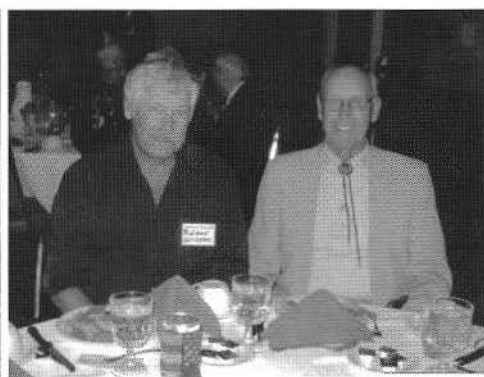
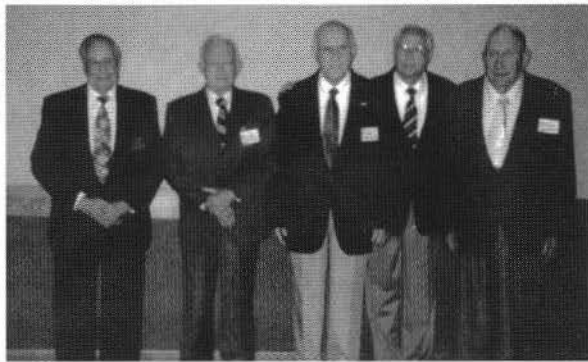
Catching Up With Friends



The Tour of Rapid City

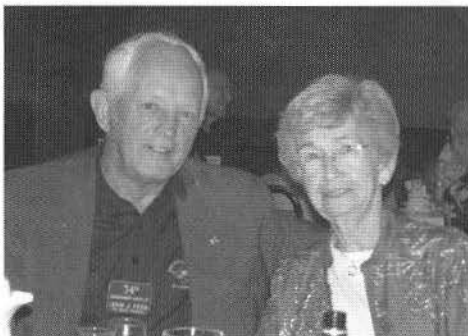


Saturday Night Gala Banquet





Saturday Night Gala Banquet



Overheard, a father tell his son: "I didn't start to enjoy life until I learned to get up and go to bed on the same day."

FRIENDS WRITE

EMILE ARMSTRONG - WATKINS, CO

Enjoy the Mendlesham Memories very much. When I got the June issue it reminded me to pay my dues.

Would love to go to Rapid City to the reunion but my health doesn't permit it.

You guys do a great job.

BARBARA HARTMAN - BALLSTON LAKE, NY

Glad to hear the "Special Gunners are Heros". My husband, Ralph Hartman, was a tail gunner on "SHORT CHANGE" - flying out of Mendlesham with the 391st squadron.

Ralph, an amputee, enjoyed teaching other handicapped skiers at Sindham in the Catskill Mountains, New York State. There is a ski race named "Hartman Race" and also a special race devoted to disabled vets - who mostly served in Iraq.

KENNETH ANDERSON - WADENA, MN

Enclosed dues for last year and this year. They are long overdue but my memory isn't what it used to be.

Eileen and I are both 83 this year and have been married 62 years. We are in good health but like everyone our age we have aches and pains. We are thankful we can live in our own house and we both still drive. Just finished a fun trip to North Carolina and Virginia to visit our son, all the grandkids and 3 great grandchildren.

Our life together began in Blythe, CA and we have been back a couple of times. Surely, not the same.

We look forward to Mendlesham Memories.

JAMES "CHIP" SPENCER - CARSONVILLE, MI

We have enjoyed Mendlesham Memories as life members since 1989 so we don't mind paying the \$10. Hope to see you in Rapid City.

OLGA GRENDZINSKI - MIAMI, FL

I am sorry, and with deep regret, to inform you that my husband, Mitchell R. Grendzinski passed away on May 23rd, 2006. He was a very proud American who served his country and, thank God, came back alive. He was 82 years old and we were married for 57 years. A great husband and father and very proud of his service in the U.S. Air Force. He used to enjoy reading the Voice of the 34th Bomb Group Association.

JACK OYSTER - NICEVILLE, FL

I'll be 85 soon and would like to meet or hear from any of the members that flew on the Group's 13th, 16th and/or 69th missions.

The 13th mission on June 7, D-Day plus 1, was flown to Tours, France, RR marshalling yard. Since we went west out on the second wave of planes, we were late returning to base, about dusk. It was then a German night fighter shot down two of our planes as they were about to land at Mendlesham. The rest of us hit out landing lights and headed west to other fields.

Group mission 16, June 14, was to Cambrai Epinoy, France. On the way back, close to Antwerp we were hit very hard by flak. Our pilot, Sam Daskin, was injured by flak which came up through his seat, through his right thigh and his right hand. Despite his injuries, he got the '24 under control and somehow got us back to England where we landed at Manston. All of us survived and Sam was awarded the Silver Star for saving our lives.

Mission 69, Sept. 27 '44. Ludweigshaven, Germany. We were assigned another pilot, Capt. "Speedy" Blackburn and, as I remember, we were leading the Wing. Major Burton, from wing, took over the right seat. Our '17 was heaving electrical problems so just before the IP we moved to the side so the deputy lead could take over. Unfortunately, we moved over a flak field and were shot down. All of us jumped, were captured, and spent the rest of the war as POW'S.

These mission stand out in my mind from the other 12 missions we flew. It would be great to talk with other fellows that also took part in them.

ED-A good place to connect would be at the next reunion.

BOB DEES - TORRANCE, CA

Enclosed find my dues for another year. Enjoy getting Mendlesham Memories and would like to get to a reunion but find it to big a task. Hope you had a good one this year.

DORIS BRAUKS - AFFTON, MO

It is with heavy heart, I wish to inform you that my beloved brother, Wallace (Wally) G. Brauks, entered the Kingdom of Heaven on August 5, 2006.

DICK DUNKEL - SINKING SPRINGS, PA

Enclosed find check to get me current with the dues. Balance can be applied to web site or where ever needed.

I'm still kicking - but not so high.

ALICE PAULNOCK - SANTA BARBARA, CA

Enclosed are my dues for year 2006 to keep the magazine, Mendlesham Memories coming.

Friends Write - Continued

LETHA NOEHREN – FT. WAYNE, IN

I regret to inform you my husband, Robert E. Noehren, passed away December 20, 2005 following a bad fall on the ice.

He always enjoyed reading the Mendlesham Memories. He especially enjoyed the reunion we attended.

Keep up the good work.

SHEILA FICK – FLEETWOOD, PA

My name is Sheila Fick from Fleetwood, PA. I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed reading your June 2006 newsletter. A very dear friend of mine, Richare Dunkel of Sinking Springs, PA let me read his copy. My dad was also a WWII veteran in the US Army and if he were still here, I know he would also enjoy it. I've been going on some of the websites listed in the newsletter because I am fascinated with, and proud, of all the veterans who served. My grandfather was also in US Marines during WWI. Just wanted to let your know how much I enjoyed Mendlesham Memories. Keep up the good work.

NORM MAYER – HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

Louise and I had a great time at Rapid City and enjoyed every part of the trip and meeting all the members of the 34th Bomb Group.

I'm sorry it's all going to end in a couple of years but time does take it's toll. We all have a lot of good memories from our meetings.

DAVID FIEBER – BAKERSFIELD, CA

Just wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed the reunion this year. We were really pleased with the location because there were so many wonderful sights and activities that we could do. The tour was a lot of fun and we enjoyed both of the dinners. The food and the hotel were terrific and everything that we needed was available to us.

We can't even imagine how much work goes into organizing the reunions but we certainly know that none of it would ever come about if it wasn't for the reunion committee.

It was great seeing you and all of our friends. Please take care and we look forward to seeing you in '07.

BOB SCHROEDER – AMERICAN FALLS, ID

We enjoyed the reunion very much and were happy the Joe Hammersley crew had the most members there. They are a very close knit group and we enjoyed being together with them and all the other 34th members we have met over the many years that we have been going to the reunions.

Thank for the Mendlesham Memories and to those who work so hard for our great reunions.

JIM HINCHEE – SALEM, VA

Sure did enjoy being with you at the reunion. Am sending a check for dues. Please let me know if I owe more.

CHARLIE SIRAGUSA – SPRING, TX

Enclosed are dues for year 2007 and 2008. Enjoyed meeting you again in Rapid City. You are doing a good job as treasurer. Thank you.

Hope to see you at the next reunion, wherever it might be.

ED HAYES – SALISBURY, MD

Just finished reading the MM and regret, due to our health, we can not attend the reunion. My wife, Ginny, and I just had our 66th wedding anniversary on June 22.

There are only two members of our crew still living. The MM brings back fond and sad memories.

Enclosed is check for 2 yrs dues and the balance into the treasury of MM. May there be a solution to the problem of disbanding MM?

RITA HILTNER – FREEPORT, MN

Sending my dues for the year 2007. I sure enjoy reading Mendlesham Memories. Keep up the good work. Greetings to all.



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*Rest easy, sleep well my brothers.
 Know the line has held, your job is done.
 Rest easy, sleep well.
 Others have taken up where you fell, the line has held.
 Peace, peace, and farewell...*



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