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VOICE OF THE 34TH BOMB GROUP (H)



4TH SQUADRON



7TH SQUADRON



18TH SQUADRON



391ST SQUADRON



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The Grand River
Grand Rapids, Michigan
34TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION
September 5TH - 9TH
 Crowne Plaza Hotel
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DEADLINE

All material and items for the September, 2007 issue of Mendlesham Memories should reach me on or before July 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.

DUES ARE \$20.00 PAYABLE TO
34TH BGA.

Send Dues To:

Jack Steffen
6670 Powner Farm Dr.
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(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...

There are quite a few B-17 Flying Fortress's still flying around the world. But it is my understanding that there is only one B-24 Liberator. This is amazing considering there were some 5000 more B-24's built than B-17's. The one remaining B-24 is owned by the Collings Foundation which takes their planes around the country for viewing by the general public. Many of our members have been fortunate to have viewed these planes, some have even been fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to experience a short flight in the B-17.

Recently the Collings Foundation exhibited the B-17, the B-24 and a B-25 near our hometown and my wife and I went to see them. While it is a nostalgic experience to review them, I was particularly impressed with the younger generations interest in these vintage aircraft. From what I observed, the world will not soon forget the exploits of the men who fought in the air to defeat those who would take away our freedom.

The Collings Foundation and other groups who maintain and display those aircraft from that era are certainly responsible for keeping the memories and incidents of the war alive and are to be congratulated.

I know you all wondering how Harold Rutka is doing since breaking his leg while shoveling his driveway. After many weeks of therapy at a health care facility, he is finally home, much to his relief - and Genevieve's. He is still having therapy sessions and gets around quite well with aid of a walker.

They have assured me that everything will be in readiness for the reunion in Grand Rapids in September. Most of the plans had already been confirmed prior to his injury. The only remaining problem was with the tour companies and that will be resolved before this publication goes to press.

Harold and Genevieve wish to express their thanks and appreciation for the many get well cards and phone calls which they have received..

All the reunion information can be found in this issue of Mendlesham Memories, including the hotel reservation form, the registration form and the reunion agenda. Fill them out and send them in and, God willing we'll all get together in Grand Rapids.

See you there.

Jack

Jack Share



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here again we are thinking about another reunion. Time flies when you're having fun. We were fortunate to spend 3 months in Florida. When we left it was 81 degrees and when we arrived home it was in the 30's and we had to dig out winter clothes again.

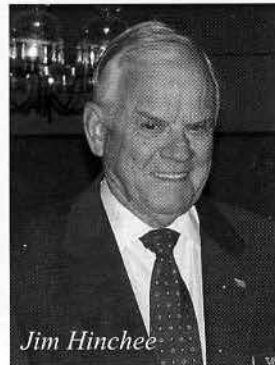
As for the reunion, does anyone have any suggestions for the banquet program? I am open to suggestions. Think it should be short and give more time for socializing and saying our good byes 'till 2008 - our last and 25th reunion. Some suggest we join up with the 8th Air Force Historical Society and have a mini reunion with our own group. Think about it and we can address it in the membership meeting at the reunion.

Thinking back some 62 years when we were flying missions. D-Day was coming up and then June 7th when the German plane followed our group back and shot down 4 of our planes. We had an engine out and had to land at a base west of Mendlesham. Quite a night as I am sure a lot of you remember. It was so sad to lose our fellow comrades.

There are a lot of stories out there that should be recorded, shared and left for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.. They are part of history and will be treasured and remembered for years to come.

We're looking forward to the next reunion and, God willing, we will be together at Grand Rapids.

Jim Hinchee, President



Jim Hinchee

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Jack Steffen

The annual dues amount for 2007 is \$20, the same as for 2006. There is no dues amount for life members for 2007. I have already received 2007 dues payments from many of you. Thank you for your prompt payments. Elsewhere 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".

We have had a few recent inquiries from the widows of veterans, asking about their continued receipt of Mendlesham Memories, so I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our practice. For many years, the 34th Bomb Group Association has continued to send Mendlesham Memories to the widows of veterans. Our intention has been to give them a way to keep informed about an important time in the lives of their husbands, and to give them an opportunity to keep updated about friends they may have made over the years. Mendlesham Memories is sent to them at no charge. Of course, if someone wants to be removed from the mailing list, all they need to do is let us know and we will remove them. I hope this helps to remind everyone of the group's efforts in this area.

Our group is in good financial condition. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Jack Steffen

Da Vinci's Horse - Meijer Park Grand Rapids, Michigan





REUNION COMMITTEE REPORT

Everyone is welcome to the 24th annual reunion of the 34th Bombardment Group (H) which has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 4th to Sunday, September 9th, 2007. The name of the hotel is "Crowne Plaza Grand Rapids Hotel, 5700 28th Street S.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546. An upscale, full service hotel. Hotel telephone number is 616-957-1770. The rate has been confirmed at - \$81.36, including tax (regular rates are \$129.00 plus tax). These rates are offered for three days prior and three days following the reunion dates. Additional points to consider are: The hotel will provide free shuttles service from and to the Gerald R. Ford International airport.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel is conveniently located just off I-96 on 28th St. Grand Rapids is within an eight hour drive of almost any Midwest city. The Gerald R. Ford International Airport provides a full range of air transportation services. More than 160 flights per day provide round trip air service to more than 240 U.S. cities and 40 foreign destinations.

(Please take note): Once you have claimed your luggage, use the courtesy phone to arrange for free shuttles service to the Crowne Plaza hotel. Directs flights from many U.S. cities.

Reservations can be made through Abby Travel Agency, Inc. - Tracy Tellor and K.C. Lochner. Telephone 1-800-807-2963. Office hours are 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Central time, Monday thru Friday. Make your reservations now, until 30 days prior to departure, on Northwest, United and Delta airlines and save 10%. Within 30 days save 5%. All major credit cards accepted. Please mention the 34th Bomb group when making reservations. Discounts also available on car rentals.

Tour arrangements have been made with Gail Andrus Travel as of April 4, 2007. As of this date, we have three 49 passenger, climate control, restroom equipped motor coaches with reclining seats, video/dvd from Holiday Coach Co. for our transportation requirements. The tour cost is \$42.00 per person based on a minimum of 49 paying passengers per coach. The escorted tour includes transportation, admissions to the President Gerald R. Ford Library, Frederik Meijer Gardens with narrated tram ride, one hour tour of Grand Rapids with a drive thru the Heritage Hill district by a professional guide. Gratuities for driver, escort and guide included in tour price.

The tour on Friday, Sept. 7th will leave the Crowne Plaza hotel at 8:45-9:00AM, for the Frederik Meijer Gardens. These 125 acres of gardens are the most impressive outdoor/indoor sculpture collection in the Midwest featuring the famous Leonardo De Vinci's horse. Tram tours depart at various times. We will arrive at the Woodland Mall for lunch at the food court after which (approx. 12:30) we will depart for the Gerard R. Ford Library with a drive thru the Heritage Hill District. We will arrive back at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at about 3:00PM.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion.

The Reunion Committee,
Harold Rutka
Robert Wright
Bruce Sothern

Life After the War with Germany

by Jonathan Swift - 303rd Bomb Group

Jeff Hawkins, who was a navigator with the 34th Bomb Group, found out that I was at Mendlesham in a different capacity than most crew members. It, however, was for a short time. He requested that I relay my experience there, although I did nothing exciting.

What I and a few other lead crew members were doing was in preparation for continuation of bombing, but this time in Japan.

Prior to the end of the European War on May 8, 1945, I was a lead bombardier with the 303rd Bomb Group (Hells Angels) at Molesworth. A great deal of my flying consisted of practice bombing with radar and "Mickie", a type of radio controlled bombing.

In any event, at the end of the war, plans were made for most of the crews to return to the states; however, about five groups of lead pilots, bombardiers and navigators were held back to be transferred to Mendlesham for special training. We were told that we were to be a nucleus for a new bomb group in the Philippines.

Once we were transferred to Mendlesham we started right off on studying meteorology and Japanese targets. We had 3-D pictures of all the major targets (cities), so we could decipher the camouflage. They had a tower there that looked just like a lighthouse. I would climb up to the top of the tower where there was a Norton bombsight. Down on the ground floor, reconnaissance pictures were run by on some sort of a track, so we could actually run a simulated bomb run. Most of our bombs were to be incinerated type with a large bomb pattern.

I promise you that with hundreds and hundreds of B-29's bombing, we would have burned Japan to the ground. The number Japanese killed by the atomic bombs would have been a drop in the bucket compared to what we would have killed, no to mention the millions or more allies that we would have lost invading Japan.

So, those that have a guilt complex about the atomic bomb should shut up and thank God for it, and this is from someone who knows what we had in store for the Japanese.



Back Row - D. Jones, T. Miers, A. Morgan, C. Risch
Front Row - S. Hearn, W. Snow, J. Raspier, R. Parent, R. Beyers, S. Wirnick

34th Bomb Group's 24th Annual Reunion



B-24 Liberator



B-17 Flying Fortress



CROWNE PLAZA

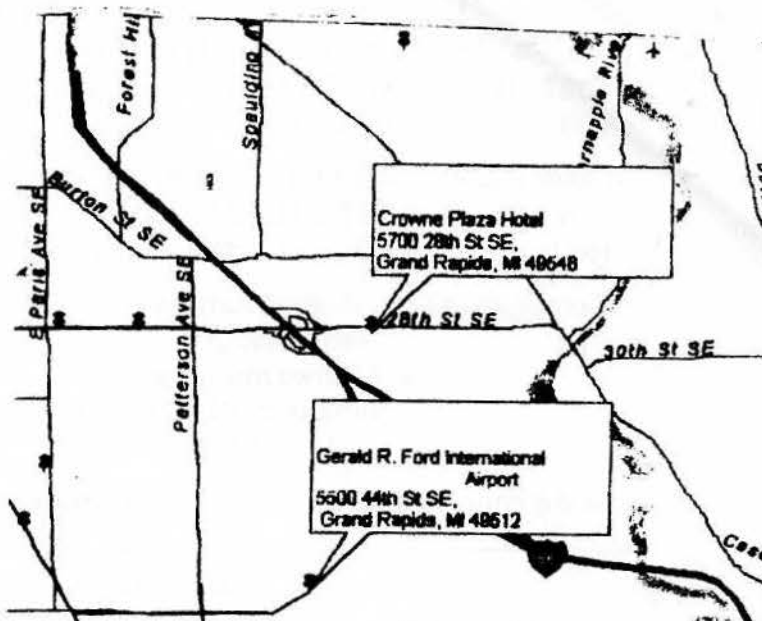
GRAND RAPIDS, MI

THE PLACE TO MEET.

Crowne Plaza Hotel
GRAND RAPIDS - AIRPORT

5700 28TH STREET S.E.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49546 UNITED STATES
Hotel Front Desk: 1-616-9571770 | Hotel Fax: 1-616-9570629

**TO ENSURE ACCURATE
RESERVATIONS, PLEASE
COMPLETE THE RESERVATION
REQUEST AND RETURN IT
BEFORE AUGUST 7, 2007**



ROOM TYPE PREFERENCE: SINGLE _____ DOUBLE _____

NUMBER OF ROOMS _____ NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: _____

NAME: _____ ARRIVAL DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____ ADDITIONAL GUESTS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

I HAVE ENCLOSED A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE NIGHTS ROOM CHARGE PLUS TAX: \$81.36
(ROOMS ARE \$72.00 PER NIGHT PLUS \$9.36 TAX AT 13%)

PLEASE CHARGE ONE NIGHTS ROOM CHARGE, PLUS TAX, TO THE FOLLOWING CREDIT CARD:
____ MASTER CARD ____ AMERICAN EXPRESS ____ VISA ____ DINERS CLUB ____ DISCOVER
CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRATION 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.

NAME OF CREDIT CARD HOLDER: _____

SIGNATURE OF CREDIT CARD HOLDER: _____

CHECK-IN TIME AFTER 3:00 P.M. CHECK-OUT TIME IS 12:00 NOON
ALL HOTEL ACCOUNTS ARE SUBJECT TO CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS AT TIME OF REGISTRATION AND
PAYABLE ON DEPARTURE.



REUNION 2007

The 34th Bomb Group will hold it's Annual Reunion **from 4 September - 9 September, 2007** at the Crowne Plaze Grand Rapids, 5700 28th street S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546. Phone: (616) 957-1770

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 X_____ = _____

NOTE: Both Member and Spouse or Guest must pay.

9/7 Friday Ford Museum - Meijer Gardens & City Tour
\$42.00 per person (lunch on your own) X_____ = _____

9/7 Friday Dinner \$25.00 per person X_____ = _____

9/8 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 _____ Telephone # _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 10 AUGUST 2007

Full refund if notice of cancellation received by 22 August, 2007.

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	\$3.50 ea.
PATCHES - SQUADRON - 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 Sqds and 8th Air Force	\$3.50ea.
MEN'S POLO SHIRT W/ POCKET AND 34TH B.G. Logo (Hunter Green & Cobblestone Biege)	
M. LR. XLR. XXL	\$25.95ea.
MEN'S POLO SHIRT, cotton W/ POCKET AND 34th B.G. Logo (Royal Blue) M, L, XL, XXL	\$22.00ea.
CAP - ROYAL BLUE or NAVY w Patriotic flag on bill	\$8.50ea.
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.
PIN - VALOR TO VICTORY	\$5.00ea.
BOOKLET - MENDLESHAM REVISITED, by our English school students and teacher, Gordon Leathers	\$20.00ea.

- PLEASE CIRCLE ITEMS DESIRED -

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER

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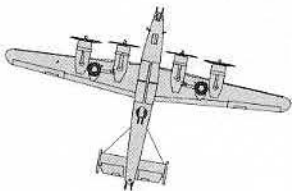
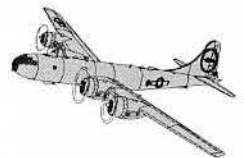
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Wichita, KS 67206
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e-mail: kenpaxton@sbcglobal.net

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



PX REPORT

Seems like last year's reunion just concluded and now we are looking forward to our next to last Group get-to-gether.

We still have over \$4000 in memorabilia and merchandize in our PX which belongs to our 34th Bomb Group Assoc. members. To expedite clearing this merchandize we will be discontinuing all items 10% to 50% at the reunion in Grand Rapids but you must be present to participate. Mail orders will not be discounted.

We will also have a drawing in the PX at 2:00 P.M. Saturday afternoon to give our last copy of "34th Bombardment Group (H) 1941-1945" volume II published in 1998 or '99 (retail

\$49.95). It had been held back hoping to be able to get it reprinted. You may be the lucky one.

Most PX items are still available but only in limited quantities. We are out of popular T-shirts, however, if you are interested and if, we can get a dozen orders, our supplier will prepare them for us. If interested, send \$12.00 (\$14.00 for XXL) per each. Please add postage. On their arrival, I will ship them but, of course, I can't guarantee when. If we don't get enough orders by our 2009 reunion I will refund your money.

Will be looking forward to seeing everybody at the reunion.

Ken Paxton, PX Manager



**PROPOSED AGENDA
34th BOMB GROUP REUNION
CROWNE PLAZA GRAND RAPIDS
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

CHECK THE HOTEL BULLETIN BOARD FOR ROOM LOCATIONS

WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2007

1300 - 1600 hours EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (lobby area)

THURSDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2007

1000 - 1600 hours REGISTRATION (lobby area)
1400 - 1600 hours Board of Directors Meeting, Salons E & F

FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2007

0900 hours Tour group departs for Frederik Meijer Gardens.
Lunch will be on your own, at The Woodlands
Mall Food Court followed by a sightseeing trip
around Grand Rapids. The tour will conclude
with a visit to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential
Library, returning back at the Cowne Plaza Hotel
at about 3:00PM

1800 hours Cash Bar
1900 hours Dinner

SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2007

0900 hours General Membership Meeting, Superior Room
Lunch on your own/free time
1800 - 1900 hours Cash Bar
1900 hours Gala Banquet

Post Exchange in Michigan Room and Hospitality Suite in Salons E & F to be open at hours yet to be determined.

FRIENDS' WRITE

FRANCES M. (HUBER) NOEL - SPRING GROVE, PA

Please change both my name and address. I have remarried. Thank goodness my ex made sure I got the Dec. '06 issue of MM. My dad was Staff Sergeant Steiner Huber. I have been to the 8th Air Force Museum in Savannah, Georgia only once while daddy was alive. I am going back this Sept. with my new husband. Can't wait. Please continue my subscription.

BLANCHE VOSS - PHOENIX, AZ

It's with deep sorrow, I must inform you that my husband, Fred Voss passed away on January 19, 2007.

ELAINE BRAVEMAN - HARRISBURG, PA

What wonderful friends and memories were made on our trip to England in '84 or '85. Yes, Mendlesham Memories is a wonderful name for the newsletter.

WILLARD STELLING - OTTAWA, IL

Enclosed is my dues for 2007. I hope the year is kind to all of us.

BERT OLIVER - WORCHESTER, MA

Good luck with your new duties as treasurer of the 34th.

They say history repeats itself, now I'm sending my dues to Cincinnati. I worked for Cincinnati Milicon-Worcester Div. for 40 1/2 years as sales engineer proposal manager and went to the main office in Oakley on a regular basis. Also to the plants in Mason, Batavia, etc.

WALTER STURDIVAN - STOCKTON, CA

Enclosed find dues of '07. Harold Withham, our flight engineer, passed away on December 11, 2006, brain tumor. He got his last request - he took a last ride in a B-17 over Cincinnati, Ohio for an hour at a cost of \$800. He really wanted it.

BILL ORTON - TENACHAPI, CA

The newspaper put together a nice article about our wedding reception when we returned to California. Maria's daughter put on a big show for us also.

We really enjoyed the December issue of MM and want to compliment you for doing such a fine job. The cover was the best yet.



Bill and Maria Orton - newlyweds

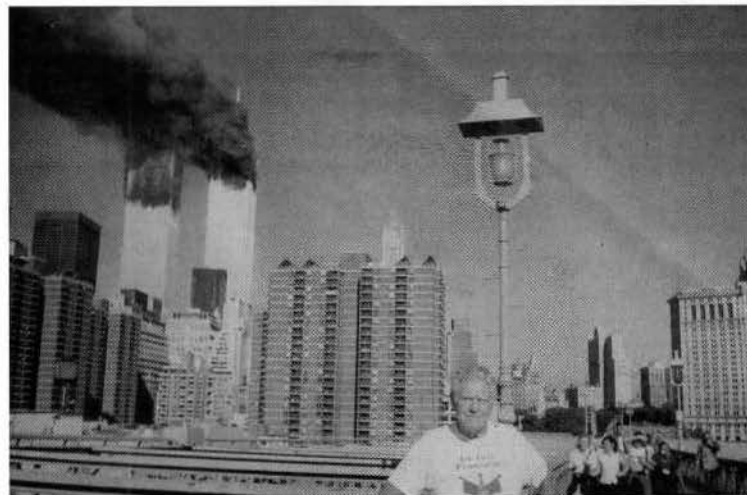
Congratulations Bill and Maria on your recent marriage.

SEYMORE WINICK - NEW YORK, NY

Was pleased to see the picture of the USS New York on the back page of MM which used the steel from the World Trade Centers in its construction.

I was walking the Brooklyn Bridge when it happened. Enclosed is the picture of me, and the crew I was with, on the Bridge when the planes hit.

I am a life member but am sending you \$50 to help Mendlesham Memories.



BOB GROSS - WEST HARTFORD, CT

To bring you up to date on my grandson, Zachary Wissner-Gross, who was a recipient of a MM Scholarship. He will be graduating from MIT this year and has been accepted for a MD/PhD program at Harvard and MIT. He has just been awarded, along with only 14 other students, the prestigious Hertz Fellowship which allows him to continue his studies with all expenses paid. He is also awaiting a decision from the Dept. of Defense of an additional grant as a result of his research at the government facility at Livermore in California this past summer.

CHRISTINE SMITH - MARIETTA, GA

Thanks for all you do. Enjoy it very much.

FRED HAMPTON - ZIONSVILLE, IN

Enclosed is my check for 2007 dues. I was a tail gunner on Jack Raymond's crew. We completed 29 missions. The last two were dropping food to the Dutch. We were in the 18th squadron and flew in B-17, "STORMY WEATHER". Our first B-17 was named "ABLE MABLE" and it was shot down over Germany with a new crew on their first mission. I believe Jack Raymond and I are the only surviving members of our crew.

HAPPRILLAMAN - MARTINSVILLE, VA

Sadly I report the death of Eugene James the pilot with whom I flew my tour of missions over Germany. Gene passed away on Jan. 27, 2007 at his home in New Jersey.

I think Gene was born to fly and he spent many years doing just that. After he was separated from the Army Air Force in 1945 he immediately took a job with Eastern Airlines flying DC-3's. He retired many years later as a 727 captain. He was cool under adverse circumstances and had a knack for always making the right decisions. He served his country well.

Enclosed check for the scholarship fund in his memory.

Hope to see you in Grand Rapids in September. Thanks for all you do for the 34th Bomb Group.

FRIENDS WRITE - Continued

JOSEPH J MORRELL - JOHNSON CITY, NY

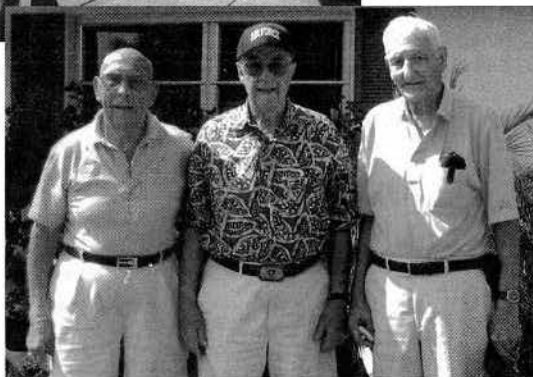
I am sending you \$50 for my 2007 dues. Maybe I won't be around next year but this is not a goodbye letter. If I knew I was going to live this long I would have taken better care of myself. Yesterday I was 93; today, February 20th, I am 94 and tomorrow I start on 95. I still drive my car and do a little work around the house and yard. But I'm slow at that.

When I think back at all the things I've done and seen from childhood and now at 94, it seems like none of it ever happened. But, I sure loved life, being with a lot of friends and buddies. Willis Griffen, Harold Meredith, Joel Friedman, Bruce Sothern and Karl Wallace to name a few who are still with us.

Long live the 34th Bomb Group.

BOB WRIGHT - PORT CHARLOTTE, FL

Enjoying Florida again this year. A good time to be away from all the snow we had in northern Indiana. The Collier Group flew a B-17 and a B-24 into Venice, Fla. in late February. Jim Stuthers, who lives in Venice, Dick Scully and I had lunch at The Beach.



PHILIP LEVICK - SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND

Please find enclosed my 2007 dues. I have sent you the cash instead of a cheque that incurs bank charges. I am an associate member introduced by my friend Gordon Breeding from Alpena, Michigan.

Best wishes to you and the 34th Bomb Group. May you all have a fantastic 2007. Hopefully, I will see you on your England visit in June. All the best.

W. WALLACE SCHILDMAN - JACKSONVILLE, ILL

Enclosed check for 2007 dues. Also, I have moved. I changed my address at the Post Office but, for some reason, they didn't take care of it and it was sent back to sender. Therefore, did not receive our December Mendlesham Memories. Would you please send us another one. Would appreciate it.

ED - All changes of address should be forwarded to me (Jack Share). The Post Office will not always follow your instructions. That is why we put the MOVING notice in the newsletter.

ONA LEA WITHAM - EDGEWOOD, KY

Regret to inform you that Harold Witham, my husband for almost 62 years, passed away Dec. 11, 2006 from a brain tumor. He was the flight engineer on the Dugan Wagon. Now there will be only two living members of that crew - Walter Sturdivan and Gordon Breeding.

Harold had three wishes - his first wish was to fly on the B-17 bomber called "The Flying Museum" at a local airport here in Cincinnati. Our son, Steve and Harold went on that flight and Steve said his dad was thrilled beyond words.

For his second wish Harold went to Wright Patterson Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio a couple of times. It was a few years since we had been there.

We could not do anything about Harold's third wish because he was getting too weak. He wanted to go to Michigan again to see Harold Breeding, but that was too far away.

Harold was a good husband and father and was very proud of his service to his country. I do miss him.

ALDA SIVRET - SHREWBURY, MA

I regret to inform you that my husband, Frank Sivret, passed away on April 7th 2006.

I do hope to make one more reunion and meet all our friends.

JOHN BOYSUN - GREAT FALLS, MT

Hello from Big Sky country.

Enclosed dues for 2007

Always enjoy reading MM. Keep up the good work. I'm proud to have served with the 34th. I was an engineer/gunner on crew 7 - 4th squadron. Thanks again.

ALICE PAWLOWSKI - DUNKIRK, NY

Enclosed my check of twenty dollars for 2007 dues.

The back cover of Arlington at Christmas 2006 warmed my heart for all veterans.

MARGARET KLINE - BURNT HILLS, NY

Enclosed \$20.00 for annual dues for Mendlesham Memories. I do enjoy reading the news even though I'm not able to attend the reunions.

ANDREW FERENC - STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT

Enclosed check for 2007 dues plus SASE for return card.

I had the good fortune to spend Sept., Oct., and Nov. in England with relatives of my deceased wife. I had the pleasure of visiting Mendlesham and the Fleece Pub. I was happy to see all the memorabilia and the American Room dedicated to the 34th Bomb Group. They did a wonderful job. At 86 years old it will probably be my last trip.

BOB DEES - TORRANCE, CA

Enclosing my dues for another year. Thank you for hanging in there and keeping the 34th Bomb Group going. I would like to get to the reunion but can't make it.

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