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 40th Anniversary
 June 1 — 5, 1983
 Colorado Springs,
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"The Mighty Eighth Reunion Group"

385th BOMBARDMENT GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

GREAT ASHFIELD — SUFFOLK, ENGLAND
 STATION 155

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NEWSLETTER

VOL. X NO. 2 APRIL 1983 EDITOR, PAUL R. SCHULZ

T MINUS 2 AND COUNTING

T minus 2 and counting. That's less than 2 months before our 40th Anniversary and 9th reunion in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 1-5, 1983. The response from our members has been tremendous. As of March 19th, 179 members have pre-registered with Sam Lyke and 104 rooms have been reserved at the Four Seasons. Also, as of the 19th of March, 113 reservations have been received for the COORS TRIP. That leaves just 7 spaces to be filled. If the trip is over-subscribed, I shall see if it is possible to add any more people to the reservation list. However, at this time it appears doubtful as 120 people is the most that our hosts can accommodate.

Bob Douglas, our host, has been busy as usual. For those of you who wish to rent a car, how does \$14.00 to \$16.00 a day plus unlimited mileage sound? These are 1980-81-82 cars. The name of the company is "Rent a Wreck". All cars are in top notch mechanical condition and safety inspected. For further details and reservations, contact Robert E. Douglas, 29512 Hillside Road, Pueblo, Colorado 81006 - 303-948-3814.

Dick Dowling, 3853 Nuevo Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80918 is taking reservations for the trip to Cripple Creek and Victor which will depart the hotel at 1000 AM on June 1, 1983. It is not necessary to send Dick any money (\$6.18 per person) but please make your reservation at least 15 days in advance so transportation requirements may be coordinated. However, last minute reservations will be accommodated up to bus capacity on the day of the trip.

Bill Hoagland, 2898 N. Flintwood Rd., Franktown, CO 80116 is taking reservations for the trip to Royal Gorge, which will leave the hotel at 1000 AM on June 3rd. Again, it is not necessary to send any money (price is the same) to Bill, but please make your reservations at least 15 days in advance so that transportation can be coordinated. Again, it will be possible to make reservations at our registration desk right up to departure time on June 3rd. But we would appreciate as much advance notice as possible so that we can have adequate transportation for all.

Judy Masters says response to the Eastern Air Lines travel has been very good. Judy has a suggestion for all of the people in the Western States when they call Eastern. Please note that Juanell Girard is at the Atlanta office, ext. 7713. The call can be transferred to Mrs. Girard or she will call you back. At least give her a chance to quote you a price on air fare.

THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN PROCRASTINATING - PLEASE MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (ASAP), ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15TH TO INSURE THAT YOU CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GUARANTEED ROOM RESERVATIONS AND RATE. THE RATES ARE ONLY GUARANTEED THROUGH APRIL 15TH AND AFTER THAT ARE SUBJECT TO RATE AND SPACE AVAILABLE. WE HAVE SECURED A SPECIAL RATE SO PLEASE TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF IT.

**SEE YOU
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MISSION 298

Ever since the January '83 newsletter appeared, I have received inquiries as to "Mission 298" and its significance. Mission 298 is a maximum effort mission to inspect and examine the manufacturing facilities of the COORS BREWING COMPANY and to sample first hand their marvelous elixir and buffet. The reason for the selection of the number 298 for the mission is quite simple. The 385th Bombardment Group (H), station 155 flew 296 combat missions in WWII. According to at least one of our group members (Frank Walls) mission number 297 occurred when Frank led a food drop in May 1945 and was fired upon. This has prompted Frank and others to claim credit for a combat mission. However, at least one group member (Ruel Weikert) and the official records dispute this claim. Notwithstanding, this has been a point of major disagreement between Frank and Ruel at the past 8 reunions as to who has the most missions: Frank or Ruel. Therefore, when it came time for the mission planners to select a mission number, 298 was selected. Mission number 298 neither substantiates or refutes the validity of mission 297. The subject of who flew the greatest number of combat missions, Walls or Weikert, will continue to be a hotly debated subject from now until at least our Centennial, at which time it will be moot.

PERSONNEL LISTING, MISSION NUMBER 298

The following personnel are scheduled for mission number 298. This is a volunteer mission and all concerned have indicated their willingness to participate by sending the necessary bus fare to the Mission Leader: Frank Walls.

Abrahamson, Clarence & Mrs.	Lyke, Sam & Mary
Anderson, Robert & Mary Ann	Lee, Robert & Mrs.
Aronson, Harlan & Jean	Leyerly, Dean & Mrs.
Bastian, Richard & Mrs.	Mann, Sal & Ida
Beddow, Lewis & Ione	Martin, Earnest & Helen
Bember, John & Jean	Mohoney, John & Lynda
Benner, Archie & Mrs.	McElroy, Edward & Beverly
Benefield, A.L. & Betty	Miller, Richard & Caroline
Behl, George & Mary Lou	Mudge, Jerry & Vera
Bexfield, Frank & Mrs.	Nicholls, Bill & Doris
Cavan, Charles & Marilyn	Pettit, Stanley & Mrs.
Childs, James & Helen	Pettenger, John & Ruth
Corriveau, Alphonse & Josephine	Poore, Forrest & Florence
Colantino, Mario & Mrs.	Quick, Otto & Helen
Conrow, Ed & Statie	Reinken, Floyd & Evelyn
Cole, Earl & Ruth	Riva, Dan & Diane
Crago, Clarence & Bernie	Ross, Orvil
DelBianco, Alexander & Neva	Schulz, Paul & Elaine
Dorney, William & Margaret	Smith, Bob & Mrs.
Dreibelbis, Carl & Nola	Stermes, Edward & Olga
Duell, Neil & Nanette	Stubles, Eugene & Patricia
Durrant, Van & Hazel	Toman, Florian
Gorchak, Joseph & Patricia	Trousdale, Harold (2)
Hale, Don & Dallas	Walls, Frank & Winn
Harter, Emmett & Mrs.	Weikert, Ruel & Mary
Heard, Lyman & Frances	Weisgarber, Glenn & Erma
Hruska, George & Gen	Winton, Ty & June
Jamison, Russell & Coleen	
Keen, Pauline & sister	
Knight, Robert & Lucille	

AMERICAN EX POW CONVENTION

The 36th annual national convention of the AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR, INC., will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 20-21-22, 1983. Hosts will be the BARBEDWIRE BUCKEYES and headquarters will be Stouffers Inn on the Square.

Contact:

AMERICAN EX-POW 1983 CONVENTION, P.O. BOX 34083
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44134

MISSION 298 MAXIMUM EFFORT

Personnel requirements: 120 amiable personnel

Briefing Time: 1800 2 June, 1983

Specialized Briefing: None required, just be there.

Station Time: 1815, Four Seasons parking lot.

Take Off time: 1820, 2 June, 1983

Target: Adolf Coors Brewing and Manufacturing facility

Air Force and Group Leader: Frank and Win Walls

Mission Purpose: Total enjoyment by all participating personnel

Route to Target: 1-25 direct Denver, CO (1P) direct Golden, CO (Target)

I.P. : Denver, Colorado

Rally Point and Time 2330, Parking lot Coors

Withdrawal Route: Direct Denver, CO, direct Colorado Springs, CO

Fighter Coverage: None required

Personnel Requirements: All squadrons will provide total manning available. No DNIP's. *

Fuel Load: Empty Fuel Cells.

Armament: Friendly smiles, can do attitude.

Anticipated Mission Results: Comraderie as befitting 40 years association, Buffet and dancing.

*DNIP Dull, Not Interested Personnel

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS NEW SLATE

The nominating committee has nominated the following members for the offices indicated:

President
Forrest V. Poore, Colton, CA

Vice Presidents
Edward E. Faroe, Whisper Woods, Kissimmee, FL

Mary Wiekert, Indianapolis, IN

Secretary
Robert E. Douglas, Pueblo, CO

Treasurer
John F. Pettenger, Laurel, FL

Nominations will be accepted from the floor for any office during the membership meeting on Saturday, June 4th.

**1983 DUES
ARE DUE
HAVE YOU PAID
YOURS?**



— YOUR ROOM IS READY —

Reservations are held until 4 PM unless otherwise GUARANTEED. Please specify time of Arrival.

GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS: To assure your room to be held all night past 4 PM you must...

- send a deposit of one night's room charge plus tax
- include your credit card number (accepted cards listed on reservation), in which case you will be billed by the credit card company for one night's lodging, plus tax if you do not cancel directly with the hotel prior to arrival

CANCELLATIONS: Please don't be a "NO SHOW". If you cannot stay with us, you can cancel your non-guaranteed reservation by calling the hotel or our toll free number 800-528-1234. To cancel a GUARANTEED reservation, please contact the hotel directly and obtain a Cancellation Number.

CHECK-OUT: Check-out time is 12 Noon. Therefore, check-in is not guaranteed prior to 2 PM.

Specific guest room type and requested minimum rated rooms are subject to availability at time of check-in.

PLEASE NOTE: Reservations made after APRIL 15, 1983 will be subject to rate and space availability.

NAME OF GROUP <u>385th Bomb Group</u>		Guest rooms for this meeting are held as listed. Any variation is subject to availability. Arrival: <u>June 1, 1983</u> Departure: <u>June 5, 1983</u>												
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CITY _____														
HOME ADDRESS _____ HOME PHONE NUMBER _____														
CITY _____		GUARANTEED RESERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit included AMX <input type="checkbox"/> DC <input type="checkbox"/> MC <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> CB <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card number _____ Expiration date _____ Signature _____												
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Room type and rate requested are subject to availability at time of check-in. For Suite accommodations please contact the hotel direct. (303) 576-5900.

Please obtain cancellation number if you must cancel this reservation.

RESERVATION PROCEDURE

The time is NOW to make your reservation at the FOUR SEASONS in Colorado Springs, Colorado for the period of June 1-5, 1983. The occasion is the 40th Anniversary and the ninth reunion of the 385th Bombardment Group Memorial Association. This reunion will be something special and undoubtedly will occupy a place in our memories for a long time. For many members this will be their first reunion and their first opportunity to renew friendships established 40 years ago.

Colorado Springs in June is a wonderful place. The nights are cool and the days warm. The scenery is breathing and the attractions are many. This is the ideal time to plan your next vacation. Come see the west and the Rocky Mountains. Royal Gorge, Pikes Peak, the Garden of the Gods and the Air Force Academy are just a few of the attractions that are in the near proximity of Colorado Springs.

By now all of you should have received your room reservation form. If not, one is included in the Newsletter for your use. Please be prompt in submitting your reservation to the hotel. You must submit your reservation before April 15th, to be assured of a guaranteed room. Reservations received after that time are subject to rate and space availability. We have received a special rate and it is in our best interest to be prompt in submitting our reservation form. I would suggest that you make a guaranteed reservation so that your room can be held after the 4:00PM deadline in case you arrive late.

In addition to reserving your room, please send \$55.00 per person to:

Sam Lyke
4992 S.E. Princeton Dr.
Bartlesville, Ok. 74003

for pre registration. This includes a Friday night Bar-B-Que, Saturday Morning coffee for ladies and men, Saturday dedication of our memorial at the Air Force Academy, Saturday night Dinner-Dance and Sunday Breakfast.

In addition to the above, there will be an optional trip on Wednesday, bus fare \$6.18 per person, an optional trip on Thursday at the same price and an optional, pre-reserved trip to Coors Brewery and Manufacturing Facility Thursday evening. This will include a buffet, dancing and free elixir, all for the cost of \$6.18 per person bus fare.

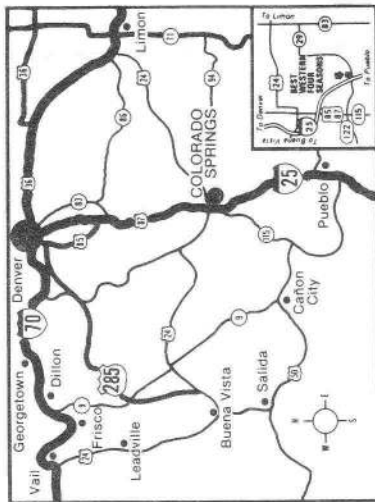
The 40th Anniversary Reunion promises to be a most memorable event. I urge you to make your plans now to attend this once in a lifetime event.

SEE YOU IN THE SPRINGS IN JUNE '83

RESERVED R.V. ACCOMODATIONS

RVer's you are not forgotten! Super plans have been made for your comfort. Reserved accomodations have been secured at the BONANZA COUNTRY, USA, RV, PARK. Telephone, 303 382 7575 The BONANZA is located in Fountain, Colorado which is 6 miles south of the Four Seasons on I-25 and exit 132. The elevation of the park is 5640 feet. The facilities include a store, LP gas, recreation hall, therapy pool and a swimming pool. The price is an unbeatable \$ 5.00 PER NIGHT FOR FULL HOOKUPS. When you arrive, ask for the 385th section. Bob Douglas will be there to register you and provide the latest, up to the minute information. This is another opportunity for our RVers to attend the reunion and vacation at the same time.

SEE YOU THERE



Located 60 miles south of Denver, on Interstate 25, at exit 138, the Four Seasons is centrally located to all major Colorado Springs attractions. Just 8 minutes from the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport. Free limousine service.

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- Full recreational facilities
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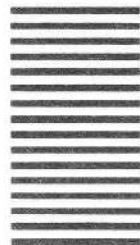
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the Four Seasons

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Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906



ATTN: RESERVATIONS

PREZ SAYS

The past two years have been memorable ones for me. Our association has grown and prospered. Paid up memberships stand at an all time high. Life members have increased from 39 to over 100. Our treasury is in the best condition ever. My thanks is directed to all of our membership. As president, I have been extremely fortunate to have had such an able slate of officers to assist me: Tyler Winton, Edward Stern and John Pettenger. Ed Stern and John Pettenger have worked as a great team. Ed was responsible for computerizing our mailing list and due statements. John; never satisfied to just collect dues, actively solicited our members to become Life Members. Whenever someone paid more than \$10, John would write a letter and invite the member to become a Life Member. Through his efforts our Life Members now number a hundred or more. Thanks, John and Ed, for a great job. Ty Winton has served as an able Veep. He has been active behind the scenes and has done a tremendous job on special projects. Ty was solely responsible for the 385th BGMA memorial. It was his idea and now the memorial is an actuality and will be dedicated at the United States Air Force Academy on June 4, 1983.

Our 40th Anniversary and 9th reunion will be the greatest ever. Credit for this outstanding event is due to the untiring efforts of Robert E. "Bob" Douglas. Bob has driven hundreds and hundreds of miles between Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver and back to Pueblo. He has expended a considerable amount of his own funds on 385th BGMA business. There is hardly anyone in Colorado Springs from the Mayor on down who is not aware of the 385th BGMA and our forthcoming reunion.

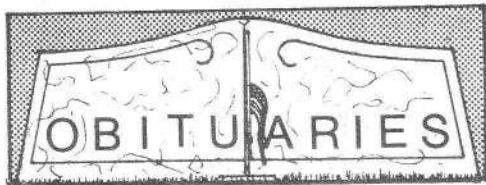
In addition to the above, I would like to thank the following for their contributions to the Newsletter and the reunion planning. They made my job easier and I wish to thank them. I just hope that I don't overlook any names. Thanks to: Charles and Peggy Smith, Truman and Margot Smith, Dallas Hale, Bill Nicholls, Charlie DuShane, John Richardson, Lamar Peeples, Norman and Flo Goldman, Sam and Mary Lyke, Neil and Mary Rosener, Wes Brashear, Dick Dowling, Bill Hoagland, George Salvatore and everyone who submitted and contributed articles for the Newsletter and suggestions as to the management of the association. I want to especially

thank my wife, Elaine, for all her help and guidance. Without her untiring efforts and assistance the job would have been much more difficult and the newsletter a lot more brief.

The nominating committee has nominated a fine slate of officers. Our next reunion host is superbly qualified; please support them as you have supported me.

VERNE PHILLIPS, NEW EDITOR

Verne Phillips, an Austin, Texas attorney and navigator on Jerry Mudge's crew, has volunteered for the position of Editor. Please support him as you have me. Thanks again - - - The Editor



Egbert Rude
5130 Cathedral Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC
Reported by Les Reichardt. Egbert was the radio operator on Reichardt's crew, 549th

November 29, 1982

Lloyd R. Ayres
25 N. Bruner St.
Hinsdale, IL
Reported by his wife, Edith. Lloyd and Edith has their reservations for the reunion when he was involved in an automobile accident and suffered a fatal heart attack.

March, 1983

Our heartfelt sympathy to their families and friends. We shall miss them.

NO WINNERS

by Truman Smith

The fifth of Oct. '82, NBC evening news featured the 306th Bomb Group reunion in England. Our sixteen year old daughter, Simone, commented, "Why don't they have a reunion of those who were bombed?" Hmm. I suppose that nobody had ever considered it. Since the question was really directed to her mother: Margot replied, "Probably because our losses were too high."

Margot was born in Berlin in 1933. Aug. 23-24 of '43 her home was bombed to ruin in a night raid by the British. Fortunately, her mother had decided to evacuate Margot and her six brothers and sisters to the west, in contradiction to Her Goebbels orders to move the children to the east; and her family had been saved. This is not to say that Margot had avoided all air-raids. The most harrowing was the "Tief-bombers" (P-51's) that strafed the train they had taken from Berlin, but the family made their escape through the woods.

I was recalled to A/D in '52 as a motion picture officer and was introduced to Margot by a dentist friend in Wiesbaden, Germany, in 1954. She was not impressed with my war record and, as an American, would have nothing to do with me. Since there was a lot I wanted to do with her, I was forced to tell a lie and "confessed that I had really been born in Germany and was deprived of my mother-tongue because my family had taken me to the States when I was only three years old." It worked and we've been married 26 years and are quite proud of our son, Rex, 18, and Simone.

Margot liked the Air Force life and occasionally, like me, feels we should have stayed on active duty longer. But she adapted well (perhaps better than I) to life in these United States as the wife of a haberdasher. However, there has always been a loyalty to her homeland, which was sanctioned by the judge who gave her the oath of American citizenship. I, in turn, gained a better appreciation of Germany and its people from having lived there and known Margot.

I now reflect on the influence our relationship has had with our children; as evidenced by Simone's question, and I believe it's all working out rather well. But when Rex was not quite three, I had my doubts when we were watching a war movie and the Messerschmidts flashed the insignias on their wings, peeled off in a dive and Rex said, "Here come the good guys!" I went into shock, convinced that the poor kid was

all screwed up.

Another film was about a British ship and a German ship. "Who's going to win?" our son asked. Margot replied that the outcome would be based on who had produced the movie. Well, it was a British production and Rex and I watched the conclusion in the living room. When it finished Rex ran into the bedroom to chide his mother and announced that the British had sunk the German ship. In all seriousness, Margot replied, "Maybe they did on your TV set, but on mine, in here, the Germans sank the British boat." He looked to me for a confirmation as to what he should really believe. I only smiled as I watched his expression reflect the realization that his own mind would have to tell him what to believe. Whatever he concluded, he kept to himself. My own conclusion was; the world might be screwed up, but not the boy.

When I was a kid, it seemed so simple. The good guys wore white hats. At twenty, when the ME 109's and FW 190's tore through our formation over Germany; I knew who the bad guys were, but - - - I was not so certain about those who lived on our targets. And when I grew older and lived among my former enemies, my naivete crumbled. My perception of life had grown complex. And why not?

Rex, 8, Simone, 6, Margot and I watched yet another movie on TV. Fighter planes strafed a convoy of women and children. Under her breath, Margot said, "I know what that's like." and Rex asked, "Who would do that to you, mother?"... The TV film took a lesser priority as we spoke of reality with our children. Unfortunately, we didn't have all the answers and let it be known. Nor will they have all the answers. But, hopefully, with an honest attempt at trying to understand the world we live in and guarding against prejudice and propaganda, the youth of today will avoid the horrors of the past.



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PRE-REGISTERED MEMBERS MARCH 19, 1983

Abrahamson, C.L. & E.V.
Andrews, R.L. & Mary Ann
Aronson, Harlan F. & Jeane
Ayres, Lloyd R. & Edith

Bass, John & Anne
Bastian, Richard & Mrs.
Benner, A.V.Jr. & Bonita
Bennett, R.E.
Bexfield, R. Frank & Mildred

Cavan, Charles H. & Marilyn
Chealander, Allan & Geneva
Child, James R. & Helen
Cole, Earl L. & Ruth
Conrow, Ed & Statia
Cookson, John W.
Corriveau, Al & Josephine
Cragoe, Clarence & Bernice

DeBerg, John & Dorothy
DelBianco, Al & Neva
Dillon, James D. & Geraldine
Dorney, William & Margaret
Dreibelbis, Carl & Nola
Duell, Neil & Nanette
Durrant, Van & Hazel

Fife, Wm. & Mitzi
Fogel, Samuel & Flora
Framer, David & Rose

Gaul, Norman & Kay
Gorchak, Jo & Patricia
Goldsmith, Robert L.

Hale, Don & Dallas
Hanson, Carlyle & Mildred
Hills, John F. & Ruby V.
Heard, Lyman & Francis
Hruska, George & Gen
Huff, Cloyce & Mrs.

Jameson, Russell & Colleen
Jones, Henry I.
Jumper, George, Anita &
daughter
Keen, Pauline & sister
Kelley, John & Mrs.
Knight, Robert A. & Lucille
Kuhn, Robert & Mrs.

Lee, Robert E. & Evelyn
Leyerly, Dean & Margy
Libby, Joseph
Lowe, Reid
Lyke, Sam & Mary

McElroy, Edward & Beverly
McMillen, E.M. & Mrs.
McWilliams, Clovis & Mildred
Mahoney, John & Lynda
(Earl Cole's Dau. & Husb.)
Mann, Sol & Ida
Marano, Frank & Kathleen
Martin, Earnest & Helen
Matuna, Joseph & Emma
Miller, Gerald & Marilyn
Miller, Richard & Coraline
Milligan, Robert S. & Ann
Munson, Curtis & Alice

Nicholls, Bill & Doris

Pettit, Stanley & Martha
Poore, Forrest & Florence
Podolske, Raymond & Isabelle

Quick, Otho & Helen

Reinken, Floyd & Evelyn
Releyea, Merle & Vennie
Rembert, Howard & Mrs.
Rosener, Neil & Mary

Salvatore, George & Alice
Schulz, Paul & Elaine
Smith, Charles & Peggy
Smith, Robert C. & Mrs.
Stermer, Edward & Olga
Stern, Edward & Jane
Strout, Clarence & Frances
Stubler, E.F. Jr.
Sutter, Frank & Tom & Helen

Taubkin, Milton & Mrs.
Tipp, Marvin & Mrs.
Tocco, Joseph & Margaret
Toman, Florian
Traudt, Earnest A. & Ruth
Trousdale, Harold A. & Mrs.

Val, Manuel & Lydia

Walls, Frank B. & Winifred
Weikert, Ruel & Mary
Weisgarber, Glenn & Erma
Eilson, Robert
Winton, Tyler & June
Woltman, Harry & Norma

Yates, Robert & Elaine

AUGUSTINE'S LAWS

Law No. XIII

If a sufficient number of management layers are superimposed on top of each other, it can be assured that disaster is not left to chance.

Law No. XXIX

Executives who do not produce successful results can be expected hold on to their jobs only about five years. On the other hand, those who do produce effective results can expect to hang on about half a decade.

Law No. VIII

Ninety percent of the time things will turn out worse than you expect. The other ten percent of the time you had no right to expect so much.

Law No. XL

The average regulation has a life span one-fifth as long as a chimpanzee and one-tenth as long as a human, but four times as long as the official who created it.

Submitted by Allan Chealander

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS JUNE 1-5, 1983

May 31 - 1600-1800 - Early arrivals, Hospitality Suite open

June 1 - 900-1700 - Registration desk open
1000 - Trip to Cripple Creek & Victor departs parking lot
1300-1600, 2000-2230 - Hospitality Suite open

June 2 - 0900-1700 - Registration desk open
1300-1700 - Hospitality Suite open
1800 - Mission number 298 briefing
1820 - Take off time

June 3 - 0900-1700 - Registration desk open
1000 - Trip to Royal Gorge departs parking lot
1300 - 1700 - Hospitality Suite open
1830-1930 - No Host cocktail party
1930 - Western Bar-B-Que

June 4 - 0900-1015 - Business meeting
0930-1130 - Ladies coffee and program
1015-1045 - Men's coffee
1045-1130 - Squadron meetings
1330 - USAF Academy buses depart parking lot
1430 - 385th Memorial dedication
1830-1930 - No Host cocktail party
1930 - Dinner and dancing

June 5 - 0900 - Breakfast, followed by introduction of new officers and special presentations
1200 - Bon Voyage
1300-1700 Hospitality Suite open for those staying over.

ALLAN CHEALANDER 1985 HOST

Allan Chealander, in response to a request by your president, has volunteered to be the Host for the second 40th year reunion in 1985. Al says that he will retire from the County in October 1984 and will move south to Orange County which is near Los Angeles. He will be able to devote his full energies to the 1985 reunion.

In Al's letter, quoted in part, "I am thinking about a reunion site near the Los Angeles International Airport. There are lots of good hotels around there and the location is excellent for tours and tour buses. For instance, Disneyland is a half hour away as is Universal Studios. There is a Naval Officers Mess (Long Beach Naval Station) 20 minutes away and an Air Force Officers Club (SAMSU) just 5 minutes away. I have used these facilities before for other groups so it would be no problem to arrange something for our group. Good beaches are but 15 minutes away from L.A. Airport hotel area. And, the Queen Mary, (also the Spruce Goose-Editor) is anchored in Long Beach. Some of our members may have ridden her overseas. For the golfers, there is an excellent Navy Golf course at the old Los Alamitos Naval Air Station (30 minutes from the hotels). I believe we can find enough events and activities to keep everyone occupied and happy. As a matter of fact, there is a large Budweiser Brewery in the San Fernando Valley (20 minutes away) that conducts outstanding tours, perhaps like COORS. I am also thinking of organizing some separate activities for the ladies.

I shall have more detailed information about the '85 reunion which will be presented to the membership."

It may have been presumptuous on my part, (President) but the Group has never had a West Coast Reunion and, in my judgement, this was the most logical choice. Many of our west coast members have been unable to attend past reunions so now they will have the opportunity to attend one in their home state. Additionally, we have a very large membership residing in Los Angeles and the immediate area who will form the basis of a comprehensive reunion work group.



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WHO ARE THEY?

Can anyone identify the above crew members? Andy Rooney, of CBS Sixty Minutes is second from left. Submitted by Norman Goldman

Tyler Winton and Robert Payne both identified the men pictured above. Bob Payne writes - the crew members pictured are part of my crew on A/C 42-30204, "Gremlin Buggy". They are 1/Lt Morton D. Breslau, Navigator, P.O.W., behind him S/Sgt Robert Mixon, Jr., Ball turret gunner, KIA, Andy Rooney? (may have same features as S/Sgt Megonhardt) behind is T/Sgt Theodore R. Shatz, Radio Operator, KIA, 1/Lt Theodore J. Josalle, Bombardier. Person on extreme right, unidentified.



● Eye MP Mr. John Gummer with committee members of the 390th Group Memorial Air Museum outside the restored tower.

MP helps air museum fight rates bombshell

A MEMORIAL air museum dedicated to thousands of Allied airmen killed in the 1939/45 War is suffering from a rates blitz, its officials claim.

Enthusiasts who spent three years setting up the museum in the control tower on a former airfield in Suffolk, claimed rating officers were "living in cuckoo land" with their assessment of the building.

They have called in Eye MP Mr. John Gummer as their most powerful ally in a bid to reduce the "totally unacceptable rates".

Mr. Gummer met them last night and helped work out a battle plan to gain a rates cut for the 390th Bomber Group Memorial Air Museum on Parham airfield, near Wickham Market, which was opened in May last year.

"In cuckoo land"

Museum chairman Mr. Ron Buxton told the Star, "I think the rates people are living in cuckoo land — they are trying to assess things on the basis of years gone by and they cannot seem to grasp the fact that this is a memorial museum. We have never called on Suffolk Coastal Council for a penny."

Museum secretary/treasurer Mr. Ian Hawkins said the current rate demand received from April was for £129.65, a 20 per cent rise on the previous year.

All the museum's funds would be "swallowed up" soon because essential repairs were needed on the control tower roof.

Museum officials are challenging the building's assessment with an appeal to be heard in November, and have the support of Mr. Gummer.

Submitted by Clinton Cansdale (FOTE)

385th BGMA PX

From time to time the association has received inquiries concerning the availability of specialty items such as the Group History, back copies of the newsletter, programs from past reunions, belt buckles and other items. Since the 385th BGMA has several of these items in stock, we have decided to offer them to our members. Those items not in our inventory will be supplied by the vendors at no inventory cost to us. The 385th BGMA will realize a profit on all items sold. The following are offered for sale, prices include postage and handling.

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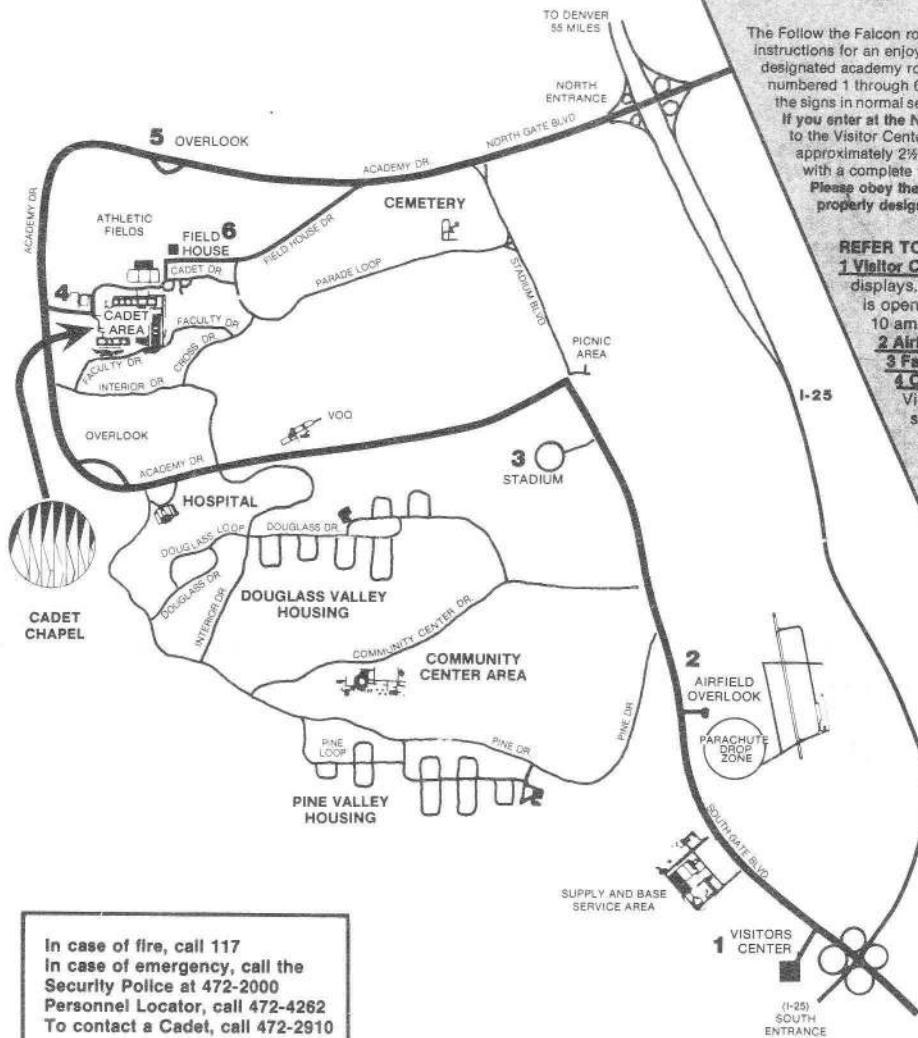
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1983 DUES ARE DUE HAVE YOU PAID YOURS?



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ORIGINAL SQUADRON CELEBRATES

ARMAMENT IS SETTING RECORD WITH EIGHT WEDDINGS

The marriage of Lieutenant W. K. McInerney of the Armament Department, this week, to Miss Ruth K. Weber, of Park Ridge, Illinois, climaxed a series of seven weddings in Armament since the Wolf Squadron arrived in Great Falls in mid-April.

Lieut. McInerney was married in Great Falls, Wednesday, June 2.

Others of the Armament Department who have married since the squadron's arrival here are: Pvt. Manny Adolman, Pvt. Russell Hulce, Pvt. Herbert Cooke, PFC Austin W. Wilfong, M/Sgt. John W. Wood, and Sgt. Harold L. Peterson. Pvt. Cooke was married by the base chaplain.

DANCING, SINGING FEATURE THE CADRE PARTY

Monday night, May 31, the original cadre of the Wolf Squadron, consisting of approximately 24 men, in celebration of their service together, had a dinner at Carolina Pines in Great Falls, and later adjourned to the Jockey Club. T/Sgt. Seymour Albert, of Engineering, and M/Sgt. Curtis L. Burdett of Technical Supply, entertained the cadre and guests, with singing and dancing. Sgt. Albert sang "That Old Black Magic" and "As Time Goes By", in addition to other requests, and Sgt. Burdett danced in his own jiving style. Lieut. Wilson P. Walcher gave the toast of the

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MORALE

What is morale? Since the army is so concerned with morale, we will consider its meaning.

The dictionary meaning of morale which we like best is that morale is "internal power of endurance." One of our American generals has said that a soldier has morale when he thinks that he is the best soldier in the best outfit in the best army in the world. Certainly, such a soldier would be likely to have great internal power of endurance.

What gives a soldier such a feeling of pride in himself as a soldier that has an internal power of endurance? He must, before he can be a good soldier, want to be a good soldier. In the Air Corps, as we of the Wolf

Squadron are, since most of us have had only a few weeks at the most of basic training, and since less emphasis in this branch is placed on drilling, we should want to be good at our individual jobs and develop pride in them as our ability develops. As we succeed at our jobs, under combat conditions we will gain self-confidence which will increase our internal power of endurance in the face of difficulties--this is the test and reward of good morale.

CHAPLAIN'S SCRIP: A Winner

One hundred and twenty seven men entered the cross-country race at the Country Club, not far from Louisville Ky. Each man started at the crack of the gun. Each man had the same path to run, but only one man received the prize, because he won.

Now there is a race today, more than just cross-country, and this race can have each man a winner. Every man can receive the prize, which is perfection in Godly living as nearly as this can be obtained.

---Chaplain James O. Kincannon
-----Group Chaplain

A BIT OF BIOGRAPHY

LIEUTENANT WM. J. GRIST

The officer whom we review this week in our officers' biographical column, is Lieut. Wm. J. Grist, Lt. Grist was born in Blakeley Ga., April 20, 1911, and it was in Blakeley that he attended high school, playing four years of football.

Licut. Grist enlisted in the army as a private at Ft. McPherson, Ga., and after four months in the army, he attended the Air Corps Administration Officers' Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla. Lt. Grist's first and present assignment is to this squadron, where he is mess officer and adjutant of the squadron ground echelon.

CORPORAL PHILIP L. FESKE

The enlisted man for this week is Cpl. Philip L. Feske, who hails from Watertown, Wisconsin. Cpl. Feske was born March 23, 1921 in Salem, So. Dak., and it was there that he graduated from high school.

On November 24, 1942, he was inducted into the army from the state of Wisconsin and since then has attended a recent special course at

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SQUADRON MESS HALL

In this column, we are spotlighting the Squadron Mess Hall.

T/Sgt. Albert A. Kent, who is the squadron mess sergeant, is responsible to the squadron mess officer, Lt. Wm. J. Grist, in all details of maintaining the kitchen. Assisting Sgt. Kent is Sgt. Donald A. Wallas.

In time of war, a system of "Field Rations" is used, whereby food is issued instead of money.

Personnel of the Mess Hall are: Staff Sgt. Willard Turnbough, Sgt. Elicio (Chico) Perez, Sgt. Nicholas Domingues Cpl. Antonio (Tony) Baco, Cpl. Alvin A. Griffin, PFC Frank Cafiero, and Pvt. Anthony (The Flying Cook) Nocera. The baker is Cpl. Clyde Demck. It is the duty of the first cook to supervise the cooking and to season all food which needs seasoning. The second cook is charged with cooking the meat and main dishes, while the third cook handles the cooking of the vegetables. All cooks have attended an Army Cooks and Bakers School.

The pies and rolls which we have been getting are an

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the Second Air Force Intelligence School at Salt Lake City, Utah. He is now an intelligence clerk in Group Headquarters.

Prior to his induction into the army, he worked for Montgomery Ward in his home town.

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evening at the dinner.

Those attending the dinner were: S/Sgt. Robert N. Behnke, M/Sgt. Julio Tutalo, T/Sgt. Seymour Albert, T/Sgt. William Alfano, T/Sgt. Glen A. Kaloupck, Sgt. James H. Travis, S/Sgt. Harry J. Bellett, Lt. Sidney White, M/Sgt. Ray J. LaPine, T/Sgt. Alfons Baltikonis, Lt. Wm. McInerney, Lt. Wilson P. Walcher, Lt. John E. Martin, Lt. Fred G. Meyer, M/Sgt. Paul A. Joyce, M/Sgt. Gerald Farley, T/Sgt. Johnny Mauer, S/Sgt. William J. Gordon, T/Sgt. George E. Fleet, Sgt. Floyd G. Hedgecoth, Sgt. Stanley F. Poitras, Sgt. Joseph A. Snyder, Sgt. Joseph P. Tragarz, M/Sgt. Curtis L. Burdett, Sgt. George R. Kristoph, and T/Sgt. Geo. R. Ringer.

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"extra", made from an excess of flour on hand.

Cleaning and general work in the Mess Hall is, as most of us know from experience, done by K.P.'s drawn from all departments.

Our menus are copied from a master menu in Washington, D.C., with changes, by the Ninth Service Command representing changes in climatic conditions and availability of fresh fruits and vegetables.

HEY MABEL!

SPILLING THE BEANS from Engineering: Do you know--- why they call Salvatore Leto the put-put kid?... That we wonder if "Mac" Travis thinks we believe all those stories he tells about his girl friends... When Cpl. Harry Loring is going to get some sleep? The girls just adore him and keep him up nights.

BOMBING AWAY from Armament: What boy in Armament from Buffalo, N.Y., has recently started wolfing?... To whom did Lt. McInerney refer when he said: "He certainly deserves the Good Conduct Medal he received, because he could not have been into any trouble while sleeping all the time".

EDITOR'S NOTE

I discovered the Wolf Cry in some of my papers that I was looking through in preparation for the forthcoming reunion. Please note the date of publication - June 5th, 1943 - 40 years to the day of our reunion. Congratulations to my old friend Bill McInerney and his wife, Kay, on their 40th Wed-

ding Anniversary. Bill has been confined to a wheel chair as a result of a stroke following a heart by-pass operation. He has been making satisfactory progress. Sorry that you and Kay could not make the reunion. Get well soon. -Editor

Bob Peels EMPIRE STATE

War Hound Was All Heart

Stories still are being told 40 years later about the heroic men and planes in the Eighth Air Force of World War II.

Here is one you may have missed. It is about a dog.

He probably was part greyhound and part Alsatian. He was surely all heart.

The dog was just a stray who wandered into our B-17 base in England. Lt. Bob Payne of the 548th Squadron patted the dog's head one warm summer day in 1943 while he was on the way to mess. When he came back out, the friendly fellow was waiting, so he rounded up a dish of scraps for him.

They were now inseparable friends. Lt. Payne named him Thunderbolt (after the new, powerful American pursuit plane) and even slipped him aboard his own bomber when the crew made practice flights.

Thunderbolt liked to wander around the plane and often strolled back to sit with the tail gunner. More than once the call came over the intercom: "Co-pilot from tail, co-pilot from tail; Lieutenant, will you please call your dog?"

Of course he could not go on the regular bombing missions over Germany but he always accompanied Bob Payne and his crew to the hardstand where their B-17 was parked, watched them take off and waited very patiently for their return. Some of our raids over Europe at that time took eight hours or more.

The mission on Nov. 29, 1943, was to Bremen, an important target ringed with the thunderous fire of Nazi anti-aircraft batteries. Bob Payne's bomber was blasted out of the sky with a direct hit. There was no report of any possible survivors.

Three-Month Vigil

Thunderbolt waited at the plane's parking area back in England. Not just overnight but for months. He would accept food from the ground crew but nothing else. He was waiting for his master. He waited in vain all winter.

Finally a mess officer, Lt. Bob Lipsett, went down to the flight line. He approached the dog. Thunderbolt must have recognized him from all of his trips to mess with Bob Payne. Whatever the reason, he jumped into the jeep and rode back to the barracks area. He had a new master.

Lt. Lipsett was assigned to a mess outfit crossing the channel with D-Day invasion forces. He and another officer were on a land-



ing craft in a jeep. On the back seat sat a proud Thunderbolt.

But before they reached shore an exploding enemy shell blew the dog overboard. Then it was time to unload and the mess officers ran their jeep on the sand. Bob Lipsett turned to look back into the sea. Floundering through the surf and all the confusion of the invasion came Thunderbolt. He ran to the jeep and jumped in.

The mess officer and his dog traveled with the troops through France until December when Bob was given orders to head north toward the Rhine. A young medical officer joined him in the jeep with Thunderbolt.

A Purple Heart

Unknown to them, the Battle of the Bulge had begun. A German artillery shell slammed down next to the jeep, almost overturning it. Neither man was hit but they found Thunderbolt on the floor of the vehicle in a growing

pool of blood. One of his legs was almost severed.

They raced to safety. The medical officer gave the dog first aid. Down the road they found a medical unit and the officer used its facilities to stitch up Thunderbolt's wound. Within a week he was back on the road.

The war ended in Europe that spring and Bob Lipsett was sent back to the States. He gave Thunderbolt to another officer with orders to get him back to England but the dog soon disappeared.

He was next seen at Camp Lucky Strike, the sprawling tent city in France set up as a transfer base for returning prisoners. There were frequent flights from there back to England and Thunderbolt slipped into one of the planes.

At the same time, Bob Payne was rescued from a German prison camp and he, too, came to Lucky Strike. He took the first possible flight back to the 385th base in England to look for Thunderbolt. No one had seen him in a year. Bob, very discouraged, eventually shipped home.

The Miracle Return

One of those questioned by Bob Payne at the old base was a local reporter who just happened to be on the base that fall when in limped a very lame and exhausted Thunderbolt. He gave the dog to the Ministry of Defense and shipment was arranged to Bob on the mighty Queen Mary, used as a troop ship in those days.

Bob was training Navy pilots in B-17s in Florida but he was on the dock in New York when the Queen unloaded. It was a great reunion. The two old friends were together again.

Bob advanced in rank and responsibilities but Thunderbolt still flew with him. He had his own parachute harness but resisted a specially built oxygen mask. On one trip they even looked up Bob Lipsett.

Bob Payne was assigned in 1951 to Westover Field, Mass., where he eventually became base commander. Seven years after he survived D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge, Thunderbolt raced a hay wagon down the street in front of the Payne home. A pile of hay fell off, he dodged it and ran directly under the wagon's wheels. He was dead in a second.

Bob Payne is now a retired Air Force reserve brigadier general living in Connecticut. He can still see that big yellow bundle of energy jumping with one happy bound into his jeep. There have been a few other dogs in the Payne household in the past 31 years, including a notable Great Dane but, he will tell you with a smile:

"There never was another Thunderbolt."

How could there be?



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Pilots Who Trained at Miami Back for Reunion

By CHARLOTTE COX
World Correspondent
MIAMI, Okla. — More than 60 former Royal Air Force pilots who trained at Spartan School of Aeronautics here during World War II have returned to Miami for several days' reunion.

They were greeted upon arrival Saturday night by city officials and the Miami High School band.

The group of 98 also includes some wives. Four days of activities are scheduled for the Britons, who will leave Friday morning.

The Brits will be treated to a Monday luncheon at the airport here with Mr. and Mrs. Truman Geouge, hosts. Geouge, manager at the airport, will give a 1 p.m. demonstration flight in an AT-6 plane identical to planes used by RAF pilots during their training here 1941-45.

The visiting RAF pilots will attend a reception at the Civic Center here at 6 p.m. Monday. Films of actual World War II fighting will be shown.

Tuesday activities will include a 2:30 p.m. memorial service at GAR Cemetery here for the 15 pilots who lost their lives during training here.

Following the graveside services there will be two fly-bys with the Tulsa Air National Guard. The city will hold a 6 p.m. reception and dinner at the Civic Center at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The reunion group will fly to Tulsa Wednesday where they will present a 3-by-5-foot painting of a Spitfire, a fighter plane used by the British during World War II, to the Spartan School of Aeronautics.

The RAF flyers will give a dinner and dance for guests Thursday evening at Shangri-La Lodge. Numerous other activities are being planned for the group, including a visit to Warren Wilbur's Big Game Museum west of Commerce.

The Brits will leave Miami after breakfast Friday to visit other parts of the United States before returning home.

The reunion plan started more than a year ago with Keith Leigh, one of the RAF pilots, in charge of the reunion organization on the British side. Local reunion arrangements were handled by Mayor Bill Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Geouge and George Mayer, a former flight instructor.

Submitted by Sam Lyke

Young Eagles

(With respectful salutes to the United States Eighth Air Force.)

Young eagles of America, well done!
When Freedom called you could not stay at home.
You took a Fort and flew toward the sun:
You took a map and marked Berlin and Rome.

And now, like Nemesis, but more precise,
In open day you drop your deadly rain:
Seattle sees that Prussia pays the price,
And Munich takes her punishment from Maine.

And well done, you who fight with nut and tool,
Who fondly tend the monsters in their nest,
And, night and day, obey the one big rule—
"Whatever bears the boys must be the best."

The Spitfires guard the Fortress oversea,
Typhoon and Thunderbolt divide the kill:
Let statesmen doubt, and scribblers disagree—
Your lads and ours fly on together still.

A.P. Herbert.

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This bit of nostalgia submitted by Norm Goldman

**1983 DUES ARE DUE
HAVE YOU PAID
YOURS?**

Robert Malster

Nissen murals and ghostly fliers

SUNLIGHT gleaming through holes in the corrugated iron roof strikes harshly on the brickwork, sending a splash of brilliance across the still bright painting decorating what was once the non-commissioned officers' club.

These paintings are a reminder of the time nearly 40 years ago when B-17 bombers of the 95th Bomb Group of the 8th U.S. Army Air Force flew from Horham airfield in North Suffolk on raids against Germany and Occupied Europe. And a little group of people who remember the American fliers feel they could provide a memorial to those who did not return.

Living in Horham and Stradbroke are about a dozen men who were youngsters when the 95th occupied Horham airfield.

They still treasure memories of the "Yanks" who plied them with gum and candies, who allowed them to wander on to the dispersals where stood the big four-engined bombers, and who drank pints with the locals in the Dragon, now long since closed down.

Museum

They think of themselves as a part of the 95th Bomb Group, and they would like to obtain permission from the farmer owning the land on which the Nissen hut stands to dismantle the wall and somehow move it to the Horham and Athelington Community Centre, where they plan a museum of local

history. The 95th is very much a part of that history.

The 95th was the first American unit to bomb Berlin. And it was the only unit of the 8th USAAF to gain three Distinguished Unit Citations during its service in this country.

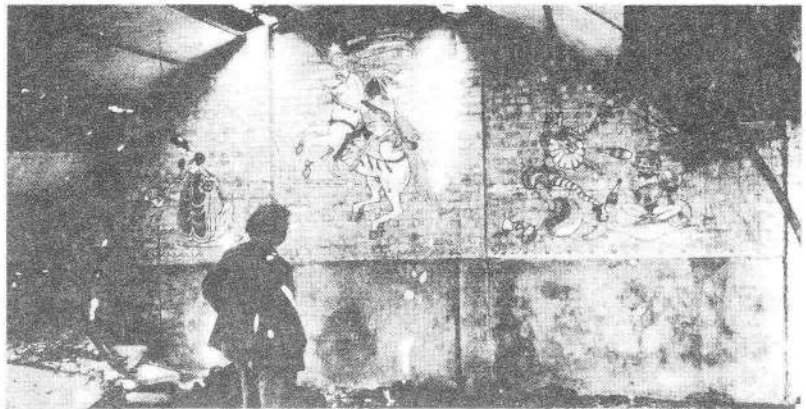
The people of Horham are proud of its record.

"It's got to be now or never," says Mr. David Johnson, who took me to see the murals in the dilapidated hut which was once a scene of such activity.

"If they're left they'll soon begin to deteriorate, because the weather is beginning to get at them."

Ghosts

The ghosts of brash young American airmen seemed to jostle us as we stood looking at the paintings, the central one depicting a mounted knight



carrying a shield which bears the cross and red feather emblem of the 95th. Their motto was "Justice with Victory."

"This is one of the most atmospheric places I've ever been in," said photographer Nick Davies, who could clearly feel those

same ghosts almost jogging his elbow as he took his pictures.

The spirits who inhabit the Red Feather Club, as it was known, might be still young. The men themselves are now in their sixties — some even in their seventies — and they are thinking of a return to the scene of their wartime labours.

Plaque

A party of about 30 veterans will be in Horham this September. Local members of the Friends of the Eighth will be entertaining them — and the opportunity will be taken to dedicate a memorial plaque in the shape of a B-17's distinctive fin and rudder, mounted on marble and erected on a piece of the old Horham runway.

"They've never been

honoured for what they did for this country when serving at Horham," said Mr. Johnson.

"Of course, there were Horham men serving in our own forces, but we felt we'd like to dedicate a memorial to these people who came to the village to help us fight the war.

"Incidentally, the Americans who served here are subscribing to the plaque."

Big band

Although the American visitors will be entertained mainly in local homes, there will be some expenses to be paid, so local people are embarking on a fund-raising programme which begins with a dance in Stradbroke High School on Saturday.

"Glenn Miller played at the drome on the 200th mission — not long before his death on a flight across the Channel," Mr. Johnson told me.

"We want to get that sort of sound again at our dance, so we're having an 18-piece band."

I wonder if that will recreate the atmosphere of the 1940s as effectively as those evocative paintings in the Red Feather Club?

Submitted by John Pettenger

More than three years' work to restore a derelict wartime airfield control tower was marked yesterday when one of the American airmen who served on the airfield unveiled a plaque on the tower.

Mr. Horace Varian was wartime ground executive officer of the 100th Bomb Group, which was stationed at Thorpe Abbots airfield, and since the war he has

been a leading member of the American 100th Bomb Group Association.

"He led a small group of members of the American association, at the dedication service, which marked the completion of restoration work by the 100th Bomb Group Association (UK).

The British group now plans to turn the control tower into a museum, which eventually will be open to the public.

COST A LOT

Mr. Varian unveiled the plaque, which reads: "This control tower has been restored as a museum and memorial, and is dedicated to the memory of the 100th Bomb Group (H) who served in the cause of freedom from this airfield 1943 to 1945."

The plaque also includes an illustration of the B17 bombers used by the USAAF at Thorpe Abbots.

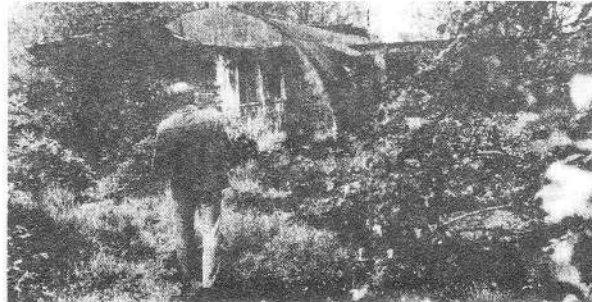
Making the trip with Mr. Varian were Mr. John Miller, a wartime gunner, Mr. Bob Spangler, who was in charge of aircraft maintenance, and Mr. Stanley Gorski, duty officer with the group, and their wives.

Among other Americans at the ceremony was Colonel Jerry Mallory, chaplain at Lakenheath USAF base, who carried out the dedication with the Rev. Ralph Werrell, who is rector of Thorpe Abbots.

The tower has been completely rebuilt as it was during the war.

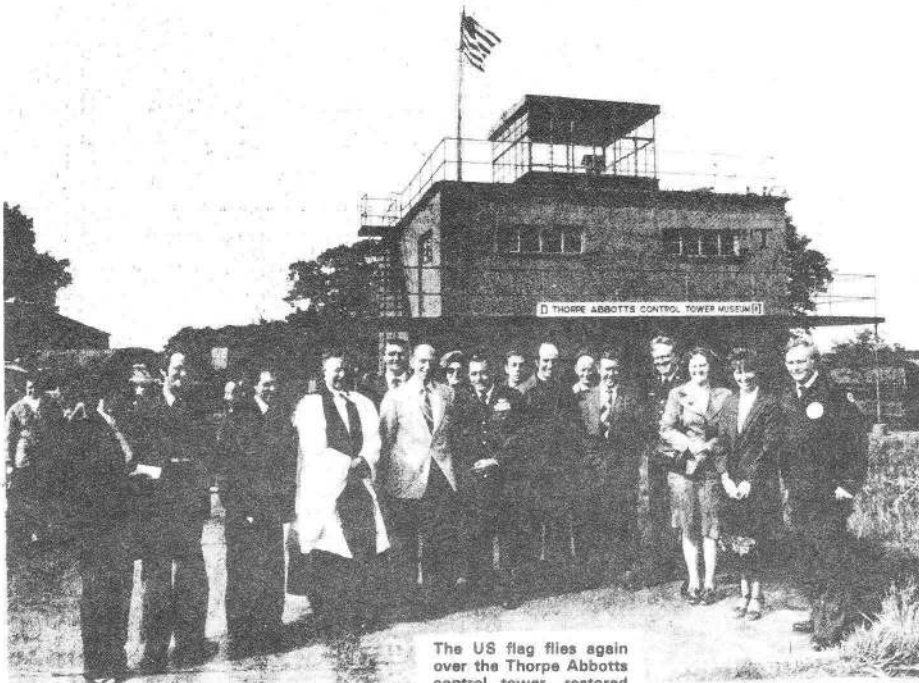
The renovation has cost a considerable amount of money, and the 15 dedicated members, led by chairman Mr. Ron Batley and Mr. Mike Harvey, have worked for hundreds of hours on the project.

But they paid tribute yesterday to the generosity of local people, including landowners Sir Rupert Mann and Mr. David Wiggans, who have given the group a 999-year lease on the building.



Just a decaying Nissen hut, one of those eyesores left over from the 1939-45 War — but this hut at Horham was described by photographer Nick Davies as "one of the most atmospheric places I've ever been in."

Just as it was during the war



The US flag flies again over the Thorpe Abbots control tower, restored through the efforts of local people who are pictured at the dedication service to mark the completion of the restoration work.



Mr Paul R Schulz
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Dear Mr Schulz

We are building the Bomber Command Museum to stand alongside the Royal Air Force and Battle of Britain Museums here at Hendon. This new Museum will trace the history of the Bomber from its inception during World War One up to the present day. More importantly, it will stand as a permanent memorial to the 57,000 members of Bomber Command and 65,000 members of the United States 8th and 9th Air Forces who lost their lives during the Strategic bombing offensive of World War Two. The major part of the Museum will be devoted to the history of the bombing campaign of the last war and therefore the enormous American contribution will be fully remembered.

We have launched an Appeal to raise the five million dollars needed to finance this project and it is my job to establish and co-ordinate our fund raising efforts in the U.S. In these troubled times I know money is hard to find but I hope you will agree that our cause is a worthy one. We are looking to surviving members of that great campaign to help us in any way possible and I hope, therefore, that I can rely on you to publicise our efforts to the members of your association. We feel that it is to individuals that we must look to raise a large proportion of the finance and so publicity of the Appeal is vital.

In addition to passing on the word to the Members of your association, if you can give me any advice on how best to raise money in the States and who best to contact I would be extremely grateful. Should you require any further information about the Appeal please let me know. I shall be in America at the end of the year doing as much as possible to promote our efforts. In the meantime, I hope I can count on some support from your members.

Yours Sincerely
Anthony St J Stevens

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The metro report

By Barbara Holsomback

Other airmen wasn't as lucky

When Burlison resident Robert McGuire opened his Star-Telegram on Christmas Day, he read about "the worst mission" he had flown as a tail gunner in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

The story, "Ex-airman meets his WWII 'targets,'" told of Euleless resident Don Perkins who had met a German couple, now living in Bedford, whose hometown he helped bomb on July 28, 1943.

The target on that mission to Kassel, Germany, was a factory that made aircraft and tank engines. Despite strong opposition from German fighters, Perkins and his B-17 crew made it to the target, dropped their bombs and returned home.

McGuire remembered, as he read the story, that his crew had not been so lucky. "I flew the same mission . . . The results were different because (German) fighter opposition was so heavy we were unable to reach the target.

"It was the worst mission we'd made during the war." Several planes flying with McGuire's had been destroyed.

Neither Perkins nor McGuire knew if any houses had been hit in Kassel. But Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Wicke, then teen-agers living in that city, had no doubt. One bomb fell in front of Wicke's house and destroyed the roof and windows.

Thirty-four years later, McGuire is an insurance examiner, Wicke works for Communications Corp. of America, and Perkins is a retired U.S. Air Force colonel.

Submitted by Robert McGuire

January 25, 1983

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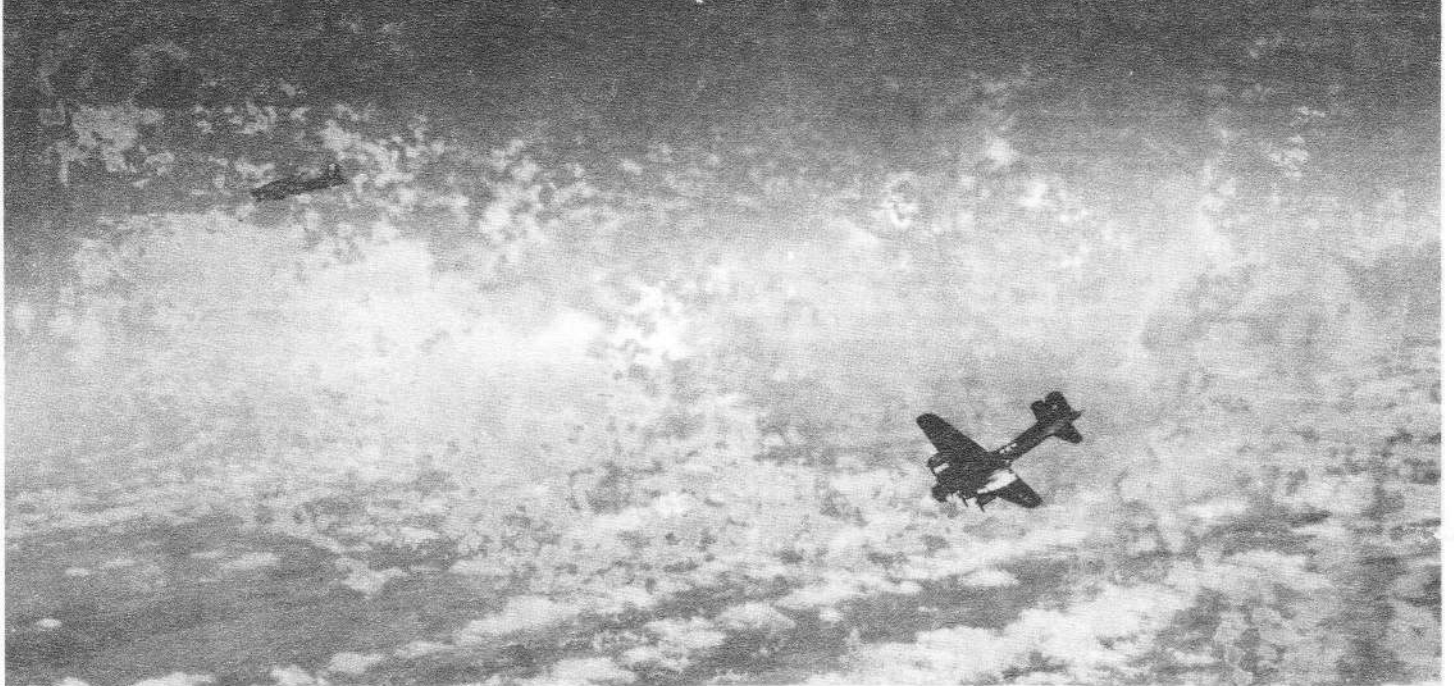
I thought that you might be interested in the enclosed photograph of John Pettenger and myself taken during John and his charming wife Ruth's recent visit to England.

I've been studying the 8th Air Force since the days of World War Two itself, when, as a schoolboy I used to watch the airplanes at Base Air Depot 2 at Warton near here. Some years ago, Cliff Hall, one of my buddies in Friends of the Eighth (FOTE) told me that John was looking for a photo of his '17 "The Bibrant Virgin" as he did not have a good one, having gone down in October 1943. I dug into some negatives which I had from 20-odd years ago and found a nice shot of John's ship. Needless to say, I had it printed the very next day and sent it off to John in Florida, much to his delight. His friendship is now much treasured and my wife Betty and I had the pleasure of meeting John and Ruth for the first time at the 8th AFHS Reunion at Orlando in 1980 and once again when they visited England recently.

The photo shows John and I in my study surrounded by 8th Air Force photos and memorabilia--by the way, the B-17 in the small frame by John's left arm is his airplane. I guess it's moments like that when everything seems worthwhile....

Keep up the good work and take care. Cheers Harry Holmes

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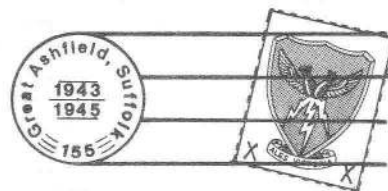
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