



783RD LATRINE-O-GRAM

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

JUNE 1986

THE EAGLES THAT HAVE LANDED AT EAGLE NEST!!

MILLER, WILLIAM A. KIA
WYNN, GEORGE A. KIA
BASSLER, KENNETH R. KIA
HAYMAN, GEORGE W. KIA
MUSCH, ALVIN I. KIA
GRAHAM, HAROLD N. KIA
DENNY, ROBERT S. KIA
TAYLOR, GEORGE E. KIA
JAEGER, GEORGE F. KIA
MOONEY, THOMAS J. KIA

The above crew was 'scragged' on the 10-4-44 mission to Munich, Germany. Their plane was hit by flak and exploded in mid air.

THOMPSON, HUGH P. KIA
TREGLIA, JOSEPH J. KIA
ODOM, JAMES E. KIA
QUAGLIETTA, LOUIS J. KIA
GANSON, HARRY J. KIA
STANFORD, WAYNE D. KIA
KOTEK, STEVE J. KIA
RICE, LOUIS L. KIA

The above were Crew Members on the Hugh Thompson Crew that went down on the 12-16-44 raid on Brux, Germany. Lenny Clutts located Mrs Robert Kealey sister of Rice who confirmed to Jim McCloskey the names of others listed.

HUESNER, DURWOOD KIA
WILSON, BERNARD A. KIA
HENDERSON, JESSIE L. KIA
BARKER, ROME L. KIA

The above were Crew Members on Pilegard's Crew that went down on the 7-7-44 raid to Blechammer and confirmed to Jim McCloskey by Fred Robinson & Frank Kanik

DOMNEY, WILLIAM B. KIA
SCHERGER, JOSEPH E. KIA
CRARY, WILLARD D. KIA

The above were members of the Nelson Crew 'scragged' while flying with Lubie Robeson on the 6-30-44 Blechammer mission. Joe Casadevall confirmed the names.

HILLEGAS, JAMES DECEASED
HARPER, CHARLES DECEASED
LEHMAN, ROBERT DECEASED

The above were Crew Members on the Bill Hall Crew and their having passed on was reported to Jim McCloskey by Bob Perisho.

The above were either confirmed thru the sources noted are thru the Department of the Army.

To their family members; their crew mates; and friends in the squadron our sympathy & condolences. We can only hope their sacrifices were not in vain. Our apologies for taking so long to obtain positive verification.

It is hoped all receiving or reading this communication will pause a moment and reflect on each of the above names. Their deeds may have been over looked and their deaths long forgotten. So long as there is a 783RD Bomb Squadron Association each of the above will be remembered and their sacrifices held in the highest regard.

LOST SOUL SEARCH--BOX SCORE RESULTS

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912-377-8233
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313-624-5380
LOCATED BY: JIM MC CLOSKEY

PERISHO, ROBERT E. (Jeanette)
209 S 17th Ave
Marshalltown, IA 50158
517-753-5880
JIM MC CLOSKEY

GASSELL, MILTON (Judith)
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312-674-5891
JIM MC CLOSKEY

PETERS, KENNETH R. (Jeanne)
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Omaha, NE 68116
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LOCATED BY: JIM MC CLOSKEY

KANIK, FRANK J. (Sudrey)
10639 Beclan Dr
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
916-635-5969
LOCATED BY: JIM MC CLOSKEY

RADEBAUGH, MELVIN J. (Florence)
14 Clemens Dr
Jeanette, PA 15644
412-523-5845
LOCATED BY: JIM MC CLOSKEY

LUPICA, BENEDICT (Lee)
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Nashua, NH 03060
603-889-2734
LOCATED BY: JIM MC CLOSKEY

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Brentwood, NY 11717
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Niagara Falls, NY 14301
716-282-4183
LOCATED BY: JIM MC CLOSKEY

WELCOME BACK FELLAS! YOU WERE NOT FORGOTTEN! It is hoped each of you will appreciate and understand the difficulties that has prevented you from being located earlier. It is hoped each of you will elect to join up with us and share in the great fellowship of the 783RDBOMB SQUADRON ASSOCIATION--THE FIGHTING & LOVING QUID FIT OUTFIT.

DO YOU REMEMBER??

To pursue our goal of locating all of those who served with the 783RD we propose adding a new section to your Latrine-O-Grams in an endeavor to locate those Lost Souls we have no record of. Naturally, it will be named DO YOU REMEMBER? As a starter we will fire the first two shots as follows:

The little guy we called 'Arkie'. He was small in stature; played the guitar that so many enjoyed listening to in our off time; and I believe drove the oil truck down on the flite line.

'Jack The Ripper'-if memory serves us correct he worked with the Mess Crew. His name was coined from the day he got 'veno'd' and chased Sgt Sexton thru the Squadron Area slashing at his 'Tail Feathers' with a large butcher knife.

The success of this column and it's endeavor will be dependant on each of you. First, if the above ring a bell and you can put a name and Last Known Address to the person take time to send to JIM MC CLOSKEY; 114 BYGATE CIRCLE: PITTSBURGH, PA 15220 so he can commence a search.

For those of you who remember an individual but not his name and have recall of some deed or act that if printed might enable someone else to identify--send your info to SAM MARIE; 13306 LOBELIA; SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232. It will be written up and appear in future LOGs. AGAIN--THE SUCCESS OF THIS ENDEAVOR DEPENDS ON THE HELP AND COOPERATION OF EACH AND EVERYONE. PLEASE! PLEASE! GIVE US A HELPING HAND IN THIS PROJECT!

INDIANAPOLIS 87' REUNION NEWS:

Harry Greene your Reunion Chairman advises he will soon have the date and hotel arrangements for your Reunion finalized. They will be reported in the August LOG. Tentatively, the date will be August 13-15. Unless there is a change the cost will be \$325/couple. This price includes a couples room for Thursday, Friday & Saturday nites; free drinks & food for the Thursday evening Ice Breaker; free breakfast for Friday, Saturday & Sunday; free wine & food for the Saturday nite Banquet. For a couple arriving early or staying over Sunday for the Golf Tournament there is a guaranteed price of \$55/day--no \$100 Like the Daytonian Hilton 'gangsterized'. Like Dayton there will be separate rates to be announced for single persons. Likewise, for those living in the area and for those traveling in RV vehicles the cover charge to attend the Hotel functions will also be announced in the August LOG. MARK YOUR CALENDERS: START SAVING UP: AND MAKING PLANS TO ATTEND THE BEST REUNION YET!!

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:

All members of the Squadron will soon be receiving an up to date membership roster complete with addresses and phone numbers. Frank Goplen has done an outstanding job of programming our entire membership roster of both paying & non paying members. This effort consumed hours of labor. Using a print out Bill Powell has done a super job of art work that made an attractive cover and assembling a directory that should be appreciated by all. Copies are presently being printed for all including non paying members. Your officers voted to include these in the hopes of expressing to them they are still a part of the Squadron. Hopefully, some will have a change of heart and join up with us. TO 'THE BEAR' & 'SNOZE' THE SQUADRON OWE A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE MANY HOURS THEY HAVE SPENT ON A LABOR OF LOVE!!



*THE
LAST OF THE MOHICANS*

'CHUCK' HARDING ON 'KAMIKAZI' MACHINE

'Chuck' was the Group Ordinance Officer. Although not a member of the Squadron he should have been. From our beginning at Mc Cook he spent countless hours with the 783RD leading Burt Andrus, Paul Smith, Ed Roth, Bob Shaw and Joe Rothwell on unbelievable escapades down the road of sin. Being 'placed under arrest' and 'restricted to the base' were trivial events in this character's life. One of the most indelible memories we have of this 'Hellion' was one morning when we swung on to the steel mat for mission take off--there stood 'Chuck'. A chute in one hand and a jug in the other drunker than a 'Skunk' attempting to hitch a ride. It should be noted he finally managed to make 14. Today, he is a retired Lt Colonel, no doubt, disturbing the peace in Albuquerque, NM. Over 70 years of age he has lost the sight in one eye from a stroke but still manages to play a respectable round of golf. As an Honored Associate member he is a strong supporter of the Association. After viewing this photo and remembering this 'Misfit' if you don't subscribe to the Theory of Evolution you had best call your 'Couch Doctor' for an appointment.

TAPS:

LARRY THURSTON--a Gunner, who was 'scragged' over Vienna 9-10-44 while flying with the Herb Parkinson crew landed at Eagles Nest April 28th. After POWville he returned home to Winchester, NH. Later he earned an Aeronautical Engineering degree at the Aeronautical University of Chicago. For 20 years he was employed as Sales Engineer with Pratt & Whitney. For 3 years he had responsibility of the European market for jet engines. He is survived by a brother and two sisters. Those who attended the Dayton 85' Reunion or have viewed the TV tape will recall several passages were read from a POW diary. You will be interested to know it was Larry's from which these were taken.

CHARLES GRIESING--Nose Gunner on Tommie Greenwood's crew departed for Eagles Nest the latter part of April. 'Big C' hit him a swift and fatal blow. He was 'scragged' over Munich on his 40th mission. After POWville he returned home to West Haven, CT and entered the insulation business. He was looking forward to retirement later this year. And--was making plans to join with us at Indy 87'. His first wife past away a number of years ago. He is survived by his present wife and a number of children. Charlie was a quite individual and had not been very communicative thru the years. However, he had been supportive financially of the Association. Having flown many missions with Charlie we can testify he was most dependable when the going got tough.

TOM CLARK-our original Squadron Operations Officer filed his Flite Plan for Eagles Nest April 25. He was 'scragged' on the 8-24-44 mission to Pardabucie. Following POWville he returned to Boston and was employed by Textron. In 1949 he moved to Tucson, AZ was employed as a Management Trainee with Tucson Newspapers Inc that handles advertising, production & distribution for the Arizona Daily Star and Tucson Citizen. During his 30 years of employment with TNI he worked in every department including accounting, classified & display advertising, dispatch, proof reading, circulation, composing room and the stereotype & press departments. In 1966 he was named president and guided the corporation through a sometimes turbulent period of rapid growth that included a printers strike, a lengthy antitrust lawsuit, a move to the southside plant from downtown, and the introduction of state-of-the-art offset presses and electronic production system. Having learned the business from the bottom up and being a friendly and hard working person it was to help him in employee negotiations due to the high regard shared by his fellow workers. He is survived by his wife Jacquelin, a daughter, a son, 4 step children, 2 brothers, 1 sister and 3 grandchildren. In 1978 he was forced to retire because of blindness and diabetes but continued as advisor to the TNI Executive Committee. By 1982 his illness caused him to become dependent on a dialysis machine. At the time of his death he was facing the amputation of a leg.

To the family members of the above the entire 783RD Bomb Squadron offers their sympathy and condolences. We have lost some more good ones.

NEWS OF LOST SOULS LOCATED:

BENEDICT LUPICA-flew as a Bombardier on Bill Hall's crew. 'Bene' is retired as a civilian employee from the Air Force. He and his wife Lee are living the good life in Nashua, NH. Their son Mike Lupica is a syndicated columnist with the New York Daily News and authored the new book Dead Air a mystery novel.

JAMES MANZ-Nose Gunner on Bill Hall's crew resides in Niagara, NY. Jim is a widower and retired from Corborundum Corporation some 10 years ago due to a heart attack.

ROBERT PERISHO-Ball Gunner on Bill Hall's crew turned up in Marshalltown, IA where he and his wife Jeanette are living the good retired life. He was employed by Dunham-Bush Inc a Steam Heating business.

MILTON GASSELL-Navigator on Bill Hall's crew surfaced in Skokie, IL. An Attorney he is also owner of The Same Day Delivery Service. His wife's name is Judith.

KENNETH PETERS-Top Turret Gunner on Bill Hall's crew came out of the wood work in Omaha, NE. He is a Real Estate Agent.

FRANK KANIK-who was 'scragged' flying as Co Pilot with the Pilegard crew on the 7-7-44 Blechammer mission. He was one of the lucky ones that fateful day when a number of the crew were KIA. After POWville he continued on in the service and retired as a Lt Colonel. He is now employed by the State of California. His wife Audrey and he reside in Rancho Cordova, CA.

MELVIN RADEBAUGH-a member of 'Arkie' Bonds crew and POW turned up in Jeanette, PA. After POWville he returned and was employed by US Steel. He & Jeanette are now retired living on 'Easy Street'.

FOMMIE THOMPSON-was a SO mission Gunner on John Stewart's crew. Being an Indian he will be remembered by many as 'Chief' who on occasions indulged in too much 'Fire Water' and went on the 'War Path'. Jim Steen had earlier traced him to a Reservation in Mississippi but no one could get him to respond. Recently, 'Chief' called his old Crew Commander and advised his wife had passed away. The Reservation he resides on is near Philadelphia, MS.

FRED ROBINSON-Radio Operator Gunner on the Pilegard crew 'scragged' on the 7-7-44 trip to Blechammer surfaced in Walled Lake, MI. He and his wife Pat are retired living the good life.

ANTHONY CANNELLA-will be remembered as the Radio Operator Gunner on Bill Hall's crew. He is retired from his own business residing in Brentwood, NY.

JACK ALBERTSON-Radio Operator Gunner on 'Arkie' Bonds crew reported in from Lansing, MI. After POWville he returned home and attended college. He graduated from Michigan State University. For years he owned and operated a Carpet & Drapery Store before retiring following a heart attack.

THOMAS L. BRACEY-Ball Turret Gunner on Bond's crew checked in from Jackson, MI. Following POWville he returned home and was employed as an Accountant with Kelsey-Hays Company. He retired in 1983 and he and Dolores are enjoying retired life.

LLOYD DUNTON-Tail Gunner on the Bond's crew wrote in from Greensboro, NC. Following POWville he was employed by AT & T until he retired about a year and a half ago.

GIL LEITE-who served so long & faithfully in the Armament Section down on the line was located in North Ft Meyers, FL by Sam Cintolo. He is retired from the Postal Service. We hear he & Lois are enjoying their retirement years.

BILL HALL-Crew Commander was located in Olean, NY. He is employed as an Public Accountat. His wife is Helen.

BILL WHITE-Co Pilot on Forrest Ratcliff's crew turned up in Memphis, TN. Since his return home he has been employed as a Sales Rep.

FAY BAILEY-Co Pilot on Norm Perry's crew was 'scragged' while flying with the 'Chief' Elliott crew on the 8-3-44 haul to Fredrechshafen was located in Syracuse, NY. His 'Little Bride' is Jean.

WELCOME BACK FELLAS!! SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG TO LOCATE YOU!!

COMPLAINTS & 'OLE F/O's' ANSWERS:

In this high paying job from time to time we receive much undeserved flak. The majority of the 'Bitching & Belly Aching' has to do with what is written and printed in the LOGs. Examples:

COMPLAINT: YOU FAVOR OFFICERS & RANK--ANSWER--This is a 'crock of Hoss Apples'! Anyone having rolled up his sleeves and gotten involved in the actual workings of the Association can verify this isn't our style. Everyone who served in the old outfit is equally important and enjoys the same status whether he was a 'Bull Colonel' or a Pvt. All of those attending Dayton cannot forget how we made every effort to recognize those who served in enlisted grade. After all they were the 'Back Bone' that kept the old outfit going and so responsible for the success it enjoyed. We feel strongly there is no rank among us. Rank went out the window years ago. Today, we are all equal. Just a bunch of 'Ole Has Beens' who did a 'crappy' job that had to be done. And, did it damned well. Our primary goal is to enjoy and share old friendships.

COMPLAINT: YOU FAVOR FLITE CREWS--ANSWER--Again, this is a 'crock of Hoss Apples'! All attending Dayton will recall how the Ground Echelon Gang were presented front & center and every effort made to recognize their valuable contributions.

COMPLAINT: YOU FAVOR A CHOSEN FEW--ANSWER--Again, we say, "Hoss Apples"! We can only write the news that is received. Look at the Taps portion above and those making such accusations will realize their absurdity. Charlie Griesing was on our crew. We flew some 36 missions together. Yet, because he would not correspond nor any of his family members cooperate and send us poop on his passing there was little we could write of a friend passing on with whom we had shared so much. Tom Clark's wife was thoughtful enough to send the details printed.

FURTHER OBSERVATIONS ON THE ABOVE COMPLAINTS--The Lost Souls Located News is particularly discouraging. After all the hard work is expended by so many to locate them they won't take the time to drop us the necessary info such as employment info; number of children & grandchildren; educational info; hobbies etc to give them a good write up and let their friends know about them.

Summarizing, we are no more than a gathering place for the news. What each and everyone of you takes the time to send determines the quality of the info printed. With the help from each of you this LOG and others could be much more interesting not to mention making our efforts to put it together much easier. It would be so helpful if each of you would send us some poop on your doings. This applies especially to those located since Dayton 85'. With the help of each we could make each issue of the LOG much better and interesting.

SO QUIT YOUR 'BITCHING & BELLY ACHING' & SEND NEWS. WE NEED & WELCOME ALL THE HELP WE CAN RECEIVE. YOUR OLD FRIENDS WANT TO HEAR ABOUT YOU. WE PROMISE TO DO OUR BEST TO PASS IT ALONG. COOPERATION ALWAYS GETS THE JOB DONE.

DECISIONS! DECISIONS! DECISIONS!

'JIM MC CLOSKEY your Lost Soul Search Chairman is pictured in his West Virginia office going thru the laborious process of making 'Big Decisions' on how to locate more Lost Souls.

DO A GOOD DEED AND HELP HIM LOCATE A LOST SOUL TODAY!

If Peg & his Doctor learn of how much beer he consumed on his recent visit to Illinois to visit with Leonard Clutts Jim might just take a dive thru the hole he is sitting on faster than he went thru those Bomb Bay Doors that day when he was 'scragged' over Munich.



HOW TO BE A WINNER:

Most of us who participate in sports and occasionally enter tournaments most always harbor a desire to be called up in the winners circle and receive a prize. For us this wish is seldom fulfilled due to our not having the talent nor IQ. However, we no know there is more than one way to skin a cat and achieve such a goal. Recently, we had the opportunity of proving this theory a success while enjoying the honor, privilege and sharing of great fellowship with a 783RDER all of you remember, Doc Kimball. It was our good fortune to jet out to Seattle and play in the Seattle Country Club Member Guest Invitational as Doc's partner (what a load he had to tote). With our leading the cheers and telling him he was the most he responded by hitting shots that would have made Julius Boros green with envy and 'snaking' in long putts that would have left Ben Crenshaw totally and completely 'slack jawed'. When the smoke cleared away Doc had scored low individual net and had single handed carried his team to a second place finish in the tournament. Not bad for a 'cooter' looking 78 years of age in the eye. To enjoy a trip to the winners circle all you have to do is have a good partner and be a good cheer leader. Our good fortune to have had an opportunity to share in a great week end with our Doc will not soon be forgotten. With a lap full of loot it made the 4 hour jet trip back to the 'Alamo City' a most pleasant one. This is but one of the many rewards available to you by participating and taking an active part in your Association.

TEXAS MINI REUNION:

In the last LOG the plans for the Texas Mini Reunion to be held Oct 25-26 in Hufsville, TX was announced along with the details. Bob Anderson the 'Ram Rod' for this event; 4913 Colonial Drive; Nacogdoches, TX 75961; 409-564-9330 writes more than 21 have responded they will attend. In addition Jake Putnam of Casper, WY and John Walker of Tuscaloosa, AL are considering dropping in. Each & everyone is invited to attend & participate. Be sure to drop Bob a note & advise. We will even expedite obtaining pass ports for you 'Misfit Yankees' so you can enter the sovereign state of Texas.

SICK CALL:

Ralph Mc Elyea underwent open heart surger, at the Kaiser Hospital in Hollywood, CA June 9th. Prior to surgery we talked with him and assured the surgery would be a piece of cake. On our return from Seattle June 15 we gave him a jingle to check on his progress. He quickly let us know he had taken a narrow minded view of our telling him the surgery would be a snap. His 10 minutes of 'pissing & moaning' plus numerous threats to our life & limb left us with the good feeling he was satisfactorily recovering. He must understand we are cheer leaders.

RETURN TO PANTANELLA TRIP 'SCRAGGED':

With that 'Rag Head Kadagoofey' aggitating & encouraging the terrorists all but 4 who had signed up for the trip canceled out. Consequently, such an excursion will have to be placed on the back burner & delayed until those folks over there learn to live more peacefully. We all owe Jim Tuccio a large vote of thanks for his hard work & efforts in attempting to put this jaunt together. BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME AROUND JIMBO!

DO YOU REMEMBER:

As we mentioned above we would be starting this column in the hopes of locating Lost Souls. We just received a letter from John Walker that read:

Do you remember TOM OWENS an extremely nice guy that worked in the Orderly Room?

Do you remember an older guy named RILEY who worked in Communications; played a lot of poker; and lived in the Highland Park area of Chicago?

Here are two more for starters. Let's hear from you giys on more details about them. Better yet--someone locate them and make this effort a success.

ANNUAL DUES:

Prior to the Dayton 85' Reunion we had depended on volunteer donations to operate on. Some responded most generously while others never got around to helping out. Consequently, at Dayton our Treasury was flatter than a tortilla. At the business meeting when those in attendance were advised of our plight they responded by the majority unanimously voting to have \$25/year dues. Payments have been super. In fact greater support was received then ever contemplated or projected. Thanks to the fiscal management of Bob Wills your Treasurer and the frugal, penny pinching of Bill Powell your Secretar, in getting the LOGs printed and acquiring theBulk Mail Postage permit our financial position is such your officers have voted to lower the annual dues to \$15/year SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS which is presently be solicited. So start saving up for your dues that will be payable September 1st. An announcement with all the particulars will be in the August LOG.

Well Guys & Dolls this wraps up another load from the 'Texas Bull Shipper'. We would like to close with a final reminder. When 156 Squadron Members plus so many wives stood when the bugle blew at Dayton 85' you proved without question the flame that represents the pride & spirit of the 783RD burns as high & bright as ever. To stand in the winners circle means all the others will be shooting at us. The 780th being organized for years can't match our efforts. The 782ND had their first Reunion in 1985 and will probably never match our accomplishments. Jim Althoff is doing a super job organizing the 781ST. However, I'll bet my interest in hell they fall short of our efforts. Likewise, many entire groups haven't approached or exceeded our doings. Consequently, we must exert every effort to improve our efforts and services. News such as childrens marriages; grandchildrens births; members retirements; members travels; and in general news of each & everyone of you & what you are doing fuels the fire that stimulates interest in the Association making it the BEST! PLEASE! PLEASE! take the time to drop a note of happenings % SAM MARIE; 13306 LOBELIA; SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232.

A BIG QUID FIT FROM TEXAS!

Sam