



783RD LATRINE-O-GRAM

MARCH 1986

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

HOOK YOUR SPURS IN & HANG ON--COMING OUT OF CHUTE 8 ON SWEET LUCEY!!

LOST SOUL SEARCH--BOX SCORE RESULTS

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WILHELM, ANDY C. (DECEASED)
LOCATED BY: 'ARKIE' BONDS

RINARD, RALPH J. (DECEASED)
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WELCOME BACK FELLAS!! YOU WEREN'T FORGOTTEN!! YOU JUST LEFT A HARD TRAIL TO CUT!!

LOST SOUL SEARCH THOUGHTS--being a winner and climbing the pinnacle of success carries a heavy obligation. When others follow the path you guys have blazed the difficulties encountered will bring on 'Pot Shots'. You need only to recall how Joe Louis was finally knocked off; how Jack Nicklaus was rolled; how the New York Yankees are now 'Has Beens'; and how the once great Dallas Cowboys can no longer 'Cut The Mustard'. A pause to reflect will make you realize the importance of the 783RD never 'Back Sliding'. On 'The Hill' others took 'Pot Shots' at our achievements. And--when we came back together at CSs in 1983 and rallied at Dayton 85 with the largest gathering ever achieved by a Squadron we again became a marked unit to be shot at. There is one important ingredient that cannot be over looked. A champion has the ability to reach down and get that something extra that keeps him in the 'Winners Circle'. Likewise, you are reminded of that flame that represents that great pride and spirit of the 783RD. Today, it burns higher and brighter than ever. Consequently, it will take the efforts of each of you to keep it burning brightly. Our obligation to locate every Mother's son who served in the 783RD can never be forgotten. PLEASE! get out the Search List that appeared in the last LOG and rededicate yourself in locating those shown. To accomplish this task the help of every individual member is needed to remain in the 'WINNERS CIRCLE'. It is hoped we will never 'BACK SLIDE' to where we become a bunch of 'Giggling Losers'. REMAIN A WINNER--LOCATE A LOST SOUL!!

TAPS:

CHARLIE CONLIN--took the 'Big Flite' to Eagles Nest on New Years Eve. He will be remembered as the navigator on Bate's crew that was flamed over Blechammer. Many will remember his receiving the Purple Heart at CSs. Although battling health problems he always found the time and strength to support the Squadron and enter into reunion activities. At CSs he was of the first to reach in his pocket and donate a \$100 to help defray the cost of the Reunion Video Tape so you could enjoy it. His support is further attested by his having located a Lost Soul only a week before he was to enter the hospital for the last time. His interest was shared by his wife Mary Louise who located another Lost Soul while he was hospitalized. Following service he had risen to the position of Vice President with White Consolidated Industries. In addition to his wife he is survived by a son, a daughter and a recently adopted korean grandson. Per his request he was interned at Arlington National Cemetery. It is interesting to note his grave is located on Patton Drive and it was Patton's troops that liberated him from POWville.

JOHN P. WACHTER--filed his Flite Plan for Eagles Nest on January 14. He will be remembered as a Gunner on Stewart's crew. After 31 years service with GE he had retired and was living the good life in Cincinnati. At Dayton 85 he looked as fit as a new fiddle and entered into the spirit of the reunion with great gusto. He is survived by two daughters, a son and four grandsons. One of his last letters spoke of the enjoyment of being with all of them at Xmas.

GEORGE W. HAYMAN--it has just been learned he was KIA while flying as a Bombardier with the Squadron. No details were ever received by his family other than he went down with the William Miller crew on the 10-4-44 mission to Munich. His family are most anxious to receive any info of what might have happened. This can be passed on thru Milton Roush.

HARRY G. REIFSNYDER--will be remembered as a Gunner on 'Arkie' Bonds crew and a former POW. We have no details other than he was a retired M/Sgt from the USAF.

ANDY C. WILHELM--will be remembered as a Gunner on 'Arkie' Bonds crew and a former POW. No details available.

RALPH J. RINARD--will be remembered as the Bombardier on 'Arkie' Bonds crew and a former POW. No details available.

OTTO SACHS--landed at Eagles Nest February 5. He will be remembered as a Gunner on one of the crews that Harry Greene flew with. After 34 years of service with Nakoosa Papers Inc he had retired. Two sons, two daughters and five grandchildren survive to remember the friendly and pleasant person he was. It had been only a few weeks since he had called one Sunday morning to say how proud he was of his service with the 783RD and how much he enjoyed the LOGs and letters from Squadron members. His biggest disappointment was that his physical condition prevented his attending the reunions.

The Squadron extends their sympathy and condolences to the families of the above. We lost some good ones.

WREATH FOR DECEASED:

Your Squadron Officers have adopted a policy of whenever word is received in sufficient time on the death of a member a wreath will be sent with a streamer reading 783RD Bomb Squadron. This was done in the cases of Dwight Reid, Charlie Conlin and Otto Sachs. You should be pleased to know that the families of each named were most appreciative and proud. It is important for each member to have discussed this policy with his spouse, child or a friend who will contact an officer to handle this assignment. The following are authorized to handle this task:

BOB WILLS 313-394-0029; JOHN WALKER 205-758-6361; BILL POWELL 216-499-8953; SAM MARIE 512-496-2230

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE ABOVE NAMES & NUMBERS. REMEMBER--lead time is needed to accomplish this task. Also, have available the name of the Funeral Home handling arrangements; date & time of services; and in small towns names of local Florists is very helpful.

SICK CALL:

BOB SPELLBRINK--has started 1986 out being hospitalized for arterial problems and treatment. Looks as if he might break his record of being confined 55 days in 1985. At 75 years young 'Pops' is our oldest 50 mission Gunner. Might add he is a 'Tough Ole Rooster'.

RALPH SMITH--in January 'Smitty' had repair work done on his carotid artery that had been causing vision problems and the source that might cause a stroke. Having under gone serious surgery last year we know he must have been more than a little apprehensive. All reports the repair work was successful and he has another 50 year limited guarantee.

RALPH MC ELYEA--had the wind taken out of his sails when he was advised he was a candidate for By Pass surgery. Being a 'Tough Ole Rascal' we know if anyone can handle such an unpleasant task it will be Mac.

JAKE & MAMA PUTNAM--as many of you know Jake under went By Pass surgery some years back. Before Xmas he spent some time at Fitzsimmons General in Denver getting his patched up pipes regulated. At the same time Mama Putnam had serious surgery. Fortunately, all tests were benign and must have been a great relief. Jake is another 'Ole Rooster' too tough to kill and put in the pot.

HARRY GREENE--our Reunion Chairman had over 50 moles & beauty spots removed from his face at one sitting recently. We received reports he looked as if he had stuck his head in a hornets nest. One consolation--nothing could be done that wouldn't improve the looks of his 'Ugly Kisser'.

AL WYLIE--has battled health problems for years is wrestling with another serious one. Being a Tail Gunner he is another 'Tough Ole Cooter' you couldn't kill if you 'busted' him in the head with a double bladed ax.

JIM MC CLOSKEY--our Lost Soul Search Chairman was laid low with a severe case of influenza. Throughout his illness he worked from his sick bed in his relentless search for Lost Souls reflected in the news above and below.

LATE NEWS JUST RECEIVED:

OWEN LIVESAY--it was just learned Owen took the 'Big Flite' to Eagles Nest in December of 1981. He will be remembered as the Co-Pilot on Vorhies crew. When this crew went down over Vienna on 5-29-44 it was to be the first of many losses suffered by the 783RD. It wasn't until we located Bill Vorhies that we learned of a interesting event that occurred that fateful day. When Owen left his seat and reached for his chest pack the excitement caused him to pick it up by the release handle resulting in it popping out all over the flite deck. Some how or other he managed to hook the rings to his chest harness; gathering up the popped chute in his arms; with the help of the 'Big Sky Pilot' he managed to successfully get out thru the bomb bays and unfurl his chute during his free fall. When you consider the slip stream action this must have been quite a fete.

DR HARVEY NICKLES--word just arrived 'Nick' filed his 'Flite Plan' for Eagles Nest during the week of March 17-23. He suffered a irreversible stroke. He is survived by his wife Rita. Many will remember him as a Gunner who arrived at Panatella on the George Williams crew. When located he made a sizeable donation to the Squadron which will not soon be forgotten. His medical practice prevented him from attending Dayton 85 that was a great disappointment to him. Following service he attended Medical School and had practiced in Waynesville, MO for many years.

CARL S. ADAIR--will be remembered as the Engineer-Gunner on 'Arkie' Bonds crew that was 'scragged' over Munich 7-19-44. News just arrived that he landed at Eagles Nest 12-20-68 as the result of a massive heart attack. He is survived by his widow Mrs Carl (Maybelle) Adair; 3292 S. Perkin; Memphis, TN; 901-363-8639.

WE LOST 3 MORE GOOD ONES!!

TIME OUT:

We felt a 'Time Out' was in order to reflect on the TAPS & Sick Call above. Surely, such lengthy lists makes all recognize the importance of your Association and the need for your continued support. To us nothing would be sadder than one of our members departing without all of his friends being advised. Or, a member lying ill without his friends knowing so they could write letters of encouragement. To us the efforts of your Association is of paramount importance. It is hoped all will agree and support by keeping us informed. REMEMBER! the LOG is intended to report news of all. When reporting the loss of a comrade or illness please try together as many details as possible. We need to know number of children & grandchildren; accomplishments in civilian life etc. Again--the help of each is needed in this effort.

GOOD NEWS:

With all of the Doom & Gloom reported above we would like to turn our attention to some more happier thoughts. We are pleased to report the Membership Drive for dues has passed the 200 mark. The support of so many is greatly appreciated by each and every officer. All have pledged to renew their efforts in making the 783RD Bomb Squadron Association--THE BEST!! There is an additional benefit. With 200 members we are now eligible for a Bulk Mail Rate that should result in a saving on each LOG mail out. Bill Powell has just returned from 2 months of 'Snow Dodging' and will get this effort on the front burner. All of the many of you who have received communications from 'Snoze' know he is doing an outstanding job as Secretary. Likewise, Bobby Wills is doing a great job as your Treasurer. Enough good can not be written on how Frank Goplen has computerized our membership. No doubt many have noted his computer even spits out our mailing labels. A great help. The efforts of Jim McCloskey our Lost Soul Search Chairman speak for themselves. The easy ones have been located. The ones now take much work and effort. In Jim the 783RD is very fortunate to have such a dedicated guy. A great team effort that you should be proud of.

HAPPENINGS THAT NEED TELLING:

On Friday before Thanksgiving Harry & Rick Greene jetted in to spend a week with us. That evening along with Woody & Cathy Browning we had dinner at the Petroleum Club. Harry & Rick were out on the dance floor tripping the light fantastic when the crowd let out a large roar. We looked around to see Harry retrieving his trousers which had slipped down to his knees caused by his jiggalations. Later that nite after returning home Harry & I sat up till the wee hours flying missions and talking 783RD. Finally, at 2:30 we retired. My head had no more than hit the pillow till all hell broke loose. Both the interior & exterior sirens on our security system had been activated. Harry under the influence of too much Canadian Windsor had hit the 'panic button' for the system thinking it the switch for the bedside lamp. What a sight he was standing there with his drawers beneath his huge belly all wall eyed exclaiming, "what did I do". The following day we drove up to our lake home. On our arrival Lynne got a bucket of feed for the 40 plus wild mallard ducks and 3 geese who came up for a hand out. Harry couldn't believe that wild fowl would come up and eat of your hand and wanted in on the act. Taking the bucket from Lynne he announced, "let an 'Ole Kentucky Farm Boy' show you how". Immediately upon him taking over the feeding chores a big gander stuck his neck out; hissed loudly; and charged Harry pecking him on the leg. The sight that ensued still has us laughing. Harry threw the feed bucket in the air and beat a hasty retreat to the safety of the porch. Standing there rubbing the 'Bo Bo' on his leg he exclaimed, "that gander bit me". During the duration of our stay at the lake take my word--Harry gave that gander a wide path. Returning home Woody & Cathy joined us for a great Thanksgiving dinner prepared by Master Chef Greene. The great description has one reservation. He made the turkey dressing out of all things--lite bread. Anybody knows that corn bread dressing is the only kind fit for human consumption. The friendship shared that week will long be remembered.

783RD HISTORY INFO NEEDED--IMPORTANT!!

In early February Floyd & Jean Gregory visited the Alamo City 'snow dodging'. Fortunately, we were able to order up some beautiful sunshine during their stay. We were not only shocked but pleased to see the great progress Floyd has made compiling the 783RD history. Considering over 40 years has elapsed this is a challenging effort which he is attacking with great zeal. At personal expense he has acquired a computer; word processor; along with enough other electronic gear sufficient to outfit a Electronic Intercept Ship. Already, he has put together some 37 computer print out pages filled with amazing details. Example, he even has the Serial Numbers of the 15 aircraft taken to Italy. To complete this task he needs the help of each and everyone. PLEASE! sit down today and begin compiling what dates; names; events; happenings etc you may recall and forward. REMEMBER! each of you were a part of this history--help document it. Any of you smart enough to have kept a diary please share it with this project. Please make an outline; a xerox copy or loan it. Woody Browning & Dick Rogers spent an evening with us and can attest to the great job Floyd is doing. Mail your info to: FLOYD GREGORY; 2014 S. ANDERSON; URBANA, IL 61801.

SOME DAY YOUR KIDS & GRANDCHILDREN WILL APPRECIATE READING THIS HISTORY--HELP OUT!!!

GATHERING OF EAGLES--LOS VEGAS, NEVADA:

Shortly, there is to be a gathering of those who made aviation history with all interested invited to attend. For those interested in reserving a REASONABLE PRICED ROOM contact Colonel Burton C. Andrus, Jr; 505 Hidden Valley Rd; Colorado Springs, CO 80919. He has arranged a deal with a hotel only a block or so from the Convention Center.



TWO 783RD DARLINGS DO THE BIG APPLE

L-R Ann & Marguerite Smith are pictured on a shopping trip to New York City. It doesn't take an Art Critic to see they acquired their beauty from 'Mama Helen' rather than 'Papa Paul' our infamous Intelligence Officer. Both are graduate Nurses. Beauties such as these could make a dying man jump out of bed and do the Weewauka Stomp.

RETURN TO PANATELLA:

Jim Tuccio, Chairman of this undertaking has firmed up the details thru Witte Travel, Grand Rapids, MI. All air travel will be via KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES. The preliminary schedule in the last LOG has undergone many changes. Sufficient space is not available to permit the entire description of the tour. Listed below find pertinent outline:

September 16-October 2, 1986

\$1 721 PER PERSON FROM NEW YORK
1 804 PER PERSON FROM CHICAGO
1 835 PER PERSON FROM ATLANTA
1 912 PER PERSON FROM HOUSTON
1 952 PER PERSON FROM LOS ANGELES

16, Tuesday depart KLM 747 to Amsterdam
17, Wednesday connecting participants depart for Rome
18, Thursday, tour Rome, Vatican etc
19, Friday depart Rome for Sorrento
20, Saturday while at Sorrento tour Capri
21, Sunday travel to Bari
22, Monday travel to Panatella
23, Tuesday travel to Ancona
24, Wednesday travel to Padua
25, Thursday tour Venice
26, Friday tour thru Udine, Alps to Klagenfurt
27, Saturday tour Graz, Wiener Neustadt(Oh Crap!) to Baden bei Wier
28, Sunday tour Vienna(Bull Sheet!)
29, Monday tour Linz(Holy Crap!)to Salzburg
30, Tuesday tour to Berchtesgaden(No Way Jack!) back to Salzburg
1, Wednesday tour to Munich(You Must be Crazy)
2, Thursday depart Munich to Amsterdam for return to Good Ole U S of A

NOTE: Again may we remind you sufficient space didn't permit the many other points of interest tour includes

FOR FULL DETAILS CONTACT:

JIM TUCCIO; 28 Herning Ave; Cranford, NJ 07016; 201-276-0981 CHAIRMAN
MIKE MAGAZZINE; 24023 East Oakland Rd; Bay Village, OH 44140 CO-CHAIRMAN

ADIOS SUCKERS! TAKE PLENTY OF CHOCOLETTO BARS!!

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS:

RICHARD H. MARSH; 4202 Culbreath Ave; Tampa, FL 813-876-9865
FLOYD COFFIELD; 1223 Madonna Court; Punta Gorda, FL 33950
FRED JOHNSON; P. O. Box 3697; Eastes Park, CO 80517
MERLE J. SCHWARTZ; 8019 Phillips St; Sarasota, FL 33580
LEROY NEAL BROWN; 621 Cherry St; Stockbridge, MI 49285 517-851-7811
PAUL HOOGE; 323 W. Silver Sands; San Antonio, TX 78216; 512-342-8759
CARL L. MILBURN; 82 Turtle Creek Drive; Tequesta, FL 33458
LEWIS STANART; 1905 Park Drive; Douglas, WY 82633
NYME FARAGE; 1574 SW Siver Pine Way 105-A; Palm City, FL 33490; 305-288-1574

783RD TOGGLE JOCKIES WAKE UP:

Bombardiers, Inc; Star Rt 1; Box 254; Eagle Harbor, MI 49951 has been organized by E. C. 'Ned' Humphreys, Jr 906-289-4440 and invites each of you to become a member. Thru Colonel Andrus we have been in communication since 'Ned' started getting this show on the road. Receipt of Crosshairs their official newsletter leaves no doubt this will become a 'blowing & going' outfit. Their 20 page publication just received was a 'knock out' filled with most enjoyable history on Bombing Platforms & Equipment as well as history on the pioneers that you should find great reading. Included, was a photo of a 1923 Norden Bomb Sight. Many will be interested to learn the Norden was originally designed for the Navy. Personally, we think enough of their efforts to have enlisted. This may be done by sending a donation of \$10 or larger, should you choose, to the above address.

KEEP A COOL STOOL JACK! NO PANIC!

Please remember the work of your Association is done by those volunteering their time and finances in many cases. The geographical distance separating these folks sometimes slows their efforts. Don't forget another important point. Those living in that 'God Forsaken Yankee Land' have in some cases found it necessary to flee and become 'Snow Dodgers' polluting our Sun Belt. With the arrival of spring most have returned home. All inquiries, requests etc will soon be addressed and once again processed more promptly. If by chance you have been slighted--Keep A Cool Stool Jack! Drop any listed below a note and give them a second chance. Give the 'Ole F/O' a shot at frigging it up. He will do something even if it is wrong:

TREASURER-BOB WILLS;8380 Thendara; Clarkston, MI 48016

SECRETARY-BILL POWELL; 330 Chapple Hill Drive NE; North Canton, OH 44720

INDY REUNION-HARRY GREENE; 404 South First Ave; Beech Grove, IN 46107

LOST SOUL SEARCH-JIM MC CLOSKEY; 114 BYGATE Circle; Pittsburgh, PA 15220

LOG NEWS-SAM MARIE; 13306 Lobelia; San Antonio, TX 78232

PLEASE! PLEASE! REMEMBER! THE QUALITY OF THE LOG DEPENDS ON EACH OF YOU SENDING NEWS & HAPPENINGS!

INTERNATIONAL JET SETTERS:

DOC KIMBALL--during the spring break accompanied by his 15 year old granddaughter jetted off to London to deliver a load of his Happiness Hormones to be researched by a famous English Research Dr. Afterwards, he continued on to the French Riverera. Keeping Doc straight among those 'topless darlings' is a terrible responsibility to place on any 15 year old.

BILL BITTERMAN--jetted back in from another of his many trips. This time it was England & Holland. He always claims,"it is always work and no play". All believing this had to arrive in town on a 'Turnip Wagon'.

SURPRISE VISITORS:

On Friday March 14 I arrived home after spending a hard afternoon on the Golf Course to find Bill & Norma Powell sitting in the living room. What a surprise! During their stay the 'Big Boss' blessed them with gorgeous sunshine. He even had some of the flowers bloom and put a riot of color on display for them. What a week end we enjoyed. If you 'Ole Cooters' ears didn't burn something is wrong. We went down the roster roasting each and everyone--some twice. We hated to see them leave on Monday morning. Since they had been 'Snow Dodging' for two months we could understand their anxiety to return home.

TEXAS MINI REUNION:

A Texas Mini Reunion will be held October 25 & 26 in Huntsville, Texas. Bob & Rosey Anderson and 'Red' & Helen Huber will Co-Host this 'Get Together'. It is hoped all of our Texas folks and any others wishing will attend. Listed below are the details:

25 October

Morning-Arrive & Motel Registration	\$65 Dble	\$55 Single
Hospitality Room	5 each	
11:30 Lunch at Elkins Lake Country Club	10 each	
13:00 Golf Scramble	25 each	
Also Available: Tennis; Bridge; Tour Sam Houston Museum; Tour Sam Houston State u Campus; or rent cart and follow golfers.		
18:30 Informal Dinner at Motel, casual dress	15 each	

26 October

Breakfast on your own		
08:00 Church of Choice		
12:00 Champagne Brunch at Motel	15 each	
14:00-17:00 Texas Prison Rodeo	10 each	

NOTE: Meal Prices include a drink & tip; Motel Selection to be made after a firm number is received; Individuals to make their own reservations if they desire a Motel 24th or 27th.

ALL PLANNING TO ATTEND PLEASE NOTIFY BOB ANDERSON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

COLONEL R. S. ANDERSON USAF Ret

4913 Colonial Drive

Nacogdoches, TX 75961

HERE'S HOPING ALL YOU TEXAS 'YAHOO'S' TURN OUT FOR THIS ROUND UP!! ALSO, ANY OTHERS WISHING TO ATTEND!!

VACATION HAPPENINGS:

Woody & Cathy Browning have just returned from a swing thru Florida. They visited with Bo & Ann Bolinski. Bo has purchased a new truck & travel trailer so he can hit the road when he retires later this year. "MY BUDDY" had better come see us. They also visited with Nyme & June Farage who have just moved to a new Garden Home. Bet the 'You Know What' got 6 feet deep when those 'Ole Toggle Jockies' met up.

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Your Board of Directors have elected Charlie Ells & Jim McCloskey to fill the vacancies. Charlie since being located has done an outstanding job at locating Lost Souls. Also, his work contacting those located and never responding was a great effort. He will be remembered as one of the 17 original Crew Commanders. Jim McCloskey's efforts in locating Lost Souls is known by all. He will be remembered as the Radio Operator-Gunner on Tommy Greenwood's crew. Two better hombres could not have been selected.

Well, Good Folks this is the first shot out of the cannon for 1986. With all the doom & gloom to be reported it may have sounded more like a firecracker. Perhaps we can find more good to report in the June issue. Like a broken record--PLEASE! PLEASE! DROP US A NOTE WITH NEWS. We can only report what you send.

QUID FIT!