



783RD LATRINE-O-GRAM

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NORTH CANTON, OHIO



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!



RESULTS-LOST SOUL SEARCH

GLENN C. CUNNINGHAM (Lois), 1320 Preusser, San Angelo, TX 76907
Telephone (915-653-4851).

Glenn was a top turret gunner and assistant engineer. He flew with three different crews, including Colonel Andrus and Norman Perry's crew. The latter part of the war served as part of ground crew on Blue E. Glenn was self employed as a Locksmith in the Security Service Business. Located by: John Wilby.

RICHARD L. DEERE, 308 N. Ave. G., Lamesa, TX 79331, Telephone (806-872-2091). Dick drove a gasoline refueling truck under Sgt. Tedder. Located by: Calvert A. Dawson.

B. (PETE) C. HIGGINS (Ellie), 7721 Cindell, East Canton, OH 44730
Telephone (216-488-1860)
Many of you will remember Pete as 1st COOK for the 783rd. Pete was a carpenter and foundryman in civilian life. He retired in 1977. Located by: Bill Fisk.

THE SEARCH FOR LOST SOULS SLOWS.

Locating Lost Souls has slowed down to a mere trickle. This may be due to the fact that we are running out of Lost Souls to locate or our searchers have run out of effort. Someone took the time to find you. Now it's your turn to repay your DEBT. FIND A LOST SOUL! To help you we have attached a copy of the latest "LOST SOULS SEARCH LIST".

President Jim McCloskey appointed the OLD "GI" (see Note 1) Mike A. Maggazine as COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF LOST SOUL SEARCH. Mike needs all the help he can get. If you have any information on Lost Souls that are on the list or any information on Lost Souls that are not on the Search List, please contact our new CHAIRMAN:

Mike A. MAGGAZINE
24023 E. OAKLAND RD.
BAY VILLAGE, OH 44140
TELEPHONE #(216-871-3203)

Note 1. If you ask Mike what "GI" stands for-the answer will probably be (GENUINE ITALIAN).

You can help Mike using VARIOUS SEARCH TECHNIQUES that our past President Sam Marie developed. These search techniques are:

1. When possible to visit Last Known Address sites, check surrounding neighbors. In small towns check Post Office; Police; Sheriff and Tax Collector offices.
2. When using telephone information check listings of similar names and give them a call. They may be relatives. Remember--this list is 40 years in age. Check additional spellings. Example-Myers-It could be Meyers.
3. If you have a friend in Police or Investigative work a discrete call stating reason for search may hit pay dirt!

The above is a few of the suggested techniques. Just how you located Lost Souls is of no concern--just so you locate a Lost Soul! CHEERS!

Once located send all the information to MIKE MAGGAZINE; 24023 E. OAKLAND RD; BAY VILLAGE, OHIO 44140; 216-871-3203. As Chairman of the Lost Souls Search he will expedite and arrange to have their name placed on the Squadron's roles.

TAPS:

STANLEY A. PHILLIPS, better known as "Red" to his friends passed away October 14, 1987.

One day and 43 years earlier the date was October 13, 1944. "Red" was flying as tailgunner on Homer W. Lane's crew and was shot over Blechhammer, Germany. He parachuted to safety, but his Yugoslavian rescuers betrayed him to the Germans.

His family was told he had died. They mourned his death for a week in the manner of their Jewish heritage. Then a cautious word came from the War Department that the young airman may be in a prisoner-of-war camp in Budapest, Hungary.

Liberation came April 29, 1945. Red was reborn and given a second name, Abraham, which he took as his middle name.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Lois Adler Phillips of the home, son Michael of New Milford, NJ, daughter Barabara Geib of Great Neck, NY, sister Lita Fay of Baltimore; and two grandchildren.

We lost a true friend and comrade in arms with the passing of Stanley.

PAUL E. DAHLSON, of 5104 Bocaw Pl., San Diego, California passed away suddenly on October 31, 1987.

Paul retired April 18, 1984 after working 30 years with Dixie Line Lumber Company as an Outside Salesman. He was working one day per week with the same company since his retirement. Duty with the 783rd was as ROM 757 and was Radar Operator on Panther Ships.

Paul is survived by wife of 48 years, Angeline (Angie), daughter and two grandson.

Again we lost another good friend and comrade.

ALLEN D. FISCHBACH, of 2335 S. Ocean Boulevard, Palm Beach, Florida passed away suddenly on July 23, 1987.

Allen will be remembered as a Pilot and Aircraft Commander of one of the First Replacement Crews reporting to the 783rd. Allen was shot down September 13, 1944 on mission to Oswiecim, Poland.

Allen is survived by his wife, Sheila
Lost another good one.

MRS. PHYLLIS RUSSELL, beloved wife of Kenneth Russell, Milan, Indiana died November 9, 1987.

ANNUAL DUES OF \$15.00 FOR YEAR 1988 DUE JANUARY 1, 1988.

Have you paid your dues in the amount of \$15.00 for the year 1988?

If you have not paid your dues for the year 1988. Please make out a check in the amount of: \$15.00; make check payable to: 783rd Bomb Squadron Association. Mail check to: 783rd Bomb Squadron Association
c/o Mr. F. A. Goplen, Treasurer.
1225 S. MAIN ST.
ZUMBROTA, MN 55992

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You don't know or don't remember if you paid your 1988 dues or not? Well take a look at the address label used to mail this "LATRINE-O-GRAM". If, immediately after your name the label shows PD 1986, PD 1987, or is blank Then you know the Squadron does not have a record of you paying your 1988 dues and a check should be mailed to F. A. Goplen by January 1, 1988. If, immediately after your name the label shows PD 1988, Special Hon., Thru 1988, or Thru 1991. Then you know the Squadron does have a record of you paying your 1988 dues and nothing is due from you for 1988 dues.

PLEASE NOTE! All known members of the Squadron will receive copy of this December 1987 LATRINE-O-GRAM. However only members in good standing (members who have paid their 1988 dues) and Honorary Associates will receive copies of future issues of the LATRINE-O-GRAMS.

NEWS ABOUT NEWLY APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN!

President James McCloskey has made the following Committee Chairmen appointments.

- 1-ORBIN E. RUTLEDGE, 3202 Heather Lane, Denton, TX 76201 (817-387-7256) has volunteered to accept the responsibility of FOLLOW UP MEMBERS NOT RESPONDING. President McCloskey accepted Orbin's offer. VICE PRESIDENT Charles Ellis, who had been doing an excellent job FOLLOWING UP MEMBERS NOT RESPONDING has been relieved so he can accept another Important Chairmen's job.
- 2-CHARLES ELLIS, 3316 Noe Way Apt. G-28, Louisville, KY 40220 (502-454-0656). Accepted the responsibility as Committee Chairman for the 1989 Reunion. Jim has send Charlie--Reunion and Convention packages and brochures from at least four (4) cities. After Charlie reviews the various packages and brochures received from President McCloskey as well as Information, he should be receiving from Bob Ziegler who is getting quotes to consider the possibility of having our reunion in Fort Worth, Texas to coincide with the B-24 LIBERATOR 50th ANNIVERSARY 9-21 MAY 1989. Bob should also be sending Charlie quotes obtained from San Antonio, Texas for any one wishing to join members of other Squadrons for a 465th Bomb Group Reunion, September 14-18, 1988. Hopefully Charlie will have more information on this which we can include in future LATRINE-O-GRAMS.

- 3-HARRY FIKE, 2817 Volquardsen Ave., Davenport, IA 52804 (319-391-2807). Accepted the appointment as PX OFFICER.

A soon as the following items can be priced they will be available for purchase from Harry:

QTY	ITEM	QTY	ITEM	QTY	ITEM
72	CUPS	25	PINS (STICK)	23	TIE CLIPS
72	GLASSES	8	PINS (SNAPON)	6	CHARM BRACELET EMBLEM
34	CAPS	39	INSIGNIAS (SELF STICK)	3	SQUADRON INSIGNIA

REPORT FROM SQUADRON HISTORIAN

Our Squadron Historian, Floyd Gregory of 2014 S. Anderson, Urbana, IL 61801 reported that he is pleased with the response to the history he is getting since Los Vegas. Many people have written their experiences, stories, and impressions of the time spent on the hill at Pantanella. Floyd is convinced that he should include all these personal vignettes as well as the true historical events. Therefore, he believes the history of the 783rd should be expanded to include:

"783rd History, The Men, and Their Stories."

To support Floyd is our illustrious Flight Surgeon Charles D. Kimball, MD. Doc. Kimball has committed to writing an essay on the 783rd and what it means from the viewpoint of the Squadron Surgeon. He has indicated that he will try to do this over the coming holidays. Doc. suggests that all the other members of the original cadre to do the same. As well as crew members, ground crew members who have not yet contributed. The more personal vignettes the better the history and the more fascinating it will be!

Gentlemen, how about setting down and writing a short story/essay about some experience you had while in the 783rd. There must be a lot of wonderful stories which have not been put on paper that would make for very interesting reading and would improve the value of "the history" to our children and grandchildren.

If you agree with Floyd and Doc. Kimball then write your personal Vignettes today and send them off to Floyd!

PRESIDENT JAMES McCLOSKEY asked me to put following note in the December LATRINE-O-GRAM for him:

"I would like to personally Thank all the members for their cards and letters of congratulations I have received since the Reunion! The McCloskey Family, Peg and I send 'Holiday Greetings to all of the members of the 783rd, and every Good Wish for the coming New Year'!! Quid Fit!"

INFO FROM MEMBERS

Doc. Kimball survived the celebration of his 79th birthday during November. Then just to rub it in to the younger generation a little more-he's off the middle of December to join his daughter for their annual ski fling!

Lynne Marie celebrated another anniversary of her 39th birthday in December. How she maintains her youth and puts up with the Ole F/O is beyond me!

Jim McCloskey reported that McCook, Nebraska has formed the "McCook Airbase Historical Society". Its purpose to preserve the memory of the old Base, as it is a part of McCook's history. Their president is anxious to hear from any of the men that worked or flew out of McCook during the War Years. If any of you gentlemen can help him, please telephone (308-345-4234) or write:

Mr. Al White, President
McCook Airbase Historical Society
605 West 1st, Box B-29
McCook, NE 69001-0029

Al Honey, 329 Foothill Blvd, Oakland, CA 94606 advised that he gave the ripcord that he used to bail out in Italy to a young gunner at Pantanella. He still has it. You know how it is as you get old. The first thing you lose is your memory. Well Al lost his, because he cannot remember the name of the gunner he gave the ripcord. The two talked about the ripcord while they were attending the 1985 Squadron Reunion at Dayton. Al would appreciate hearing from this gentlemen in the very near future

Colonel Andrus went to China after leaving Las Vegas. His home coming was marred by a bit of sadness. His daughter, Marney has been battling Leukemia and it was thought to be in remission. Such was not the case. She must have a bone marrow transplant. Our thoughts and prayers will be for Marney's complete recovery.

Ricky Greene the wife of The Ole Kentuckian Harry Greene, 404 S. First Ave., Beech Grove, IN 46107 reported that the sweet loveable ole Kentuckian Harry has hung up his apron at the Hilton in Indianapolis on October 31, 1987 to become a "house husband". I'll bet my last dollar that he doesn't do windows! Happy retirement Harry.

This is only the second LATRINE-O-GRAM coming to you from just north of the Professional Football Hall of Fame city. If we have missed anything or you want a different format, please let me know.

~~NORM AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU AND YOURS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE HAPPIEST NEW YEAR EVER IN 1988!~~



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Bill*