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783RD LATRINE-O-GRAM

MARCH 1987

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

LATEST POOP FROM GROUP--FRESH FROM THE 3RD STOOL DOWN!!!

LOST SOUL SEARCH--BOX SCORE

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Lost Souls continue to turn up under rocks and behind bushes all over this great land. WELCOME BACK FELLAS!! YOU WERE NOT FORGOTTEN. With no records to work from you were just plain ole damned hard to locate. Now that you are back in the fold once again we sincerely hope you will choose to stand with your old friends from the Squadron once again and share that great friendship.

TAPS:

HELEN KIMBALL--the beloved wife of our Doc passed away in January. When she attended our Colorado Springs reunion she was battling back from recent brain surgery. Yet, she attended as many events as possible. The following year she suffered a debilitating stroke. This necessitated selling their beautiful home located on a hillside over looking the sound so they could move to the Horizon house Retirement Home. She resided in the Care Center where she could receive around the clock care. Doc resides in an apartment located nearby. Each afternoon he would have her placed in a wheel chair and take her to his apartment where he prepared and fed her dinner. Folks! This is what one calls love and devotion. Those of us, who had the privilege of meeting and saying hello to this great lady, will always remember her. Likewise, she left her mark on Seattle. For years she was the Hostess of a very popular daily TV program that always enjoyed a large audience. In addition to Doc she is survived a daughter and grandchildren who reside in Connecticut.

MARY THOMAS--the 'Classy Lady', who allowed Bob Thomas (Navigator on Bob Swanzy's crew) to park his shoes under her bed all these years, lost the battle to Big C and passed away in October 1986. Mary and Bob's romance began as childhood sweethearts. Thus, their relationship was a long and great one. They were a most devoted couple. She is survived by Bob; a son Robert and 2 grandsons of Grosse Ile, MI; a daughter Patricia of Mera Mesa, CA; and a son Mark of San Diego, CA.

BILL TURNER--one of our Squadron members residing in Livingston, TX passed away 11-29-86. He is survived by his wife Faye; a daughter Lynda Mulhern; a daughter Ivy Alexander and grandsons Patrick, Christopher, Mason, Jim & Reese Alexander; and his Mother Mrs Gussie Turner. Bill had retired as a Instrument Technician with Ashland Chemical. Bill had obviously been in ill health for some time. When he was located and sent a full packet of past LOGs he never responded. Consequently, with no records it is impossible to report what duties he fulfilled for the Squadron.

HERBERT BURKHART--accute leukemia claimed his life 10-16-86. Herb will be remembered as the navigator on Tom Bell's crew. He was retired as an Accountant and a Rural Mail Carrier. For some time he had been confined to a wheel chair from crippling arthritis. He is survived by his wife Vivian of Winterhaven, FL.

DOTTIE BEATTY--lost a hard and long struggle to Big C 12-29-86. She was the wife of Vance Beatty who will be remembered as a Gunner on Jim Cox's crew. Thru the years she had stood and worked by the side of Vance helping him build and manage a number of successful business plus managing a number of other investments. We were advised she waged a most determined struggle with her health problems.

To each of the family members of the above on behalf of the Squadron we extend our sympathy and condolences. Each of the Squadron members stand with you in your time of need.

SICK CALL:

ORBIN RUTLEDGE--one of the Squadron's most supportive members recently had the roto rooter run on a artery on one side of his neck and is sweating out the possibility of the other side requiring same. We are happy to report the procedure was successful and he is making good recovery other than being dizzy occasionally--which he always was. He is looking forward to reunion time.

DORIS MARSHALL--wife of our John Marshall is waging a determined battle with Big C. It is hoped each of you will remember Doris when you have your daily talk with the 'Big Boss Up Stairs'.

The hopes and thoughts of each of the Squadron are with the above folks.

Folks! If you stop and think about the above you will recognize we have just laid a heavy shot on each person reading this. It should make us all aware that our walk thru life is nearing it's final lap. For the less fortunate we have done our best to extend our kindest and most sincere thoughts. We hope each will accept them in the manner in which they were offered and not be offended if we get on with pursuing the othergoals and purposes of this group of 'Misfits'. That being to reunite; to rekindle that great fellowship we shared on the hill; and attend reunions and enjoy the same sense of humor that prevailed each time we went out to kick Jerrys behind. So each of you ladies heist up your girdles and each of you 'Ole Drafted Recruits' roll up your britches legs--here goes.

LA DOLCE VEGAS, March 13-19,1987

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The Adult Side Of Las Vegas Traveler's Brothels Information

Legal ^{CENSORED} houses.... Only 45 minutes from Vegas but, oh, what a difference it makes!

783RD BOMB SQUADRON

1987 REUNION

SEPT 8-9-10 & 11

HACIENDA HOTEL

Silk Stockings & Pearls,
Red Lipstick and Curls,
For Breath-Taking Girls
Call Starlets 369-1983

CHAMPAGNE LADY
(Massage Technician)
Gentlemen: I'm an attractive
mature lady. Call Darlin
798-8952 -- for relieving sore
muscles and tension. Over 90
percent repeat business. My
home and over 40 please!

CHERI

36-24-36 Young sexy blond for
a date you'll never forget.
871-0696

SOUTHERN COMFORT
Attractive, petite Southern
blonde. 35, 5'1", 118 lbs. I
enjoy dating refined
gentlemen 40+ please.
369-8338

The 'Village Idiot' can read the above headlines and advertisements and it will become immediately apparent why those 'Sly Ole Cooters' voted to choose Las Vegas.

Las Vegas 87' will offer the best facilities; food & drink; entertainment; and in general should be the best Reunion held yet AT BY FAR THE MOST REASONABLE PRICES.

Bobby Wills and I spent the 16, 17 & 18th from day lite till dark negotiating with the various hotels. In the end the Hacienda, without a doubt, presented the best Hotel Package. We will not be in the Tower. Our rooms will all be together in 3 Garden Wings adjoining a pool. These buildings are all connected by air conditioned glass walk ways as well as to the main Hotel. There is only one minor draw back. These are 2 story buildings with only stairs--NO ELEVATORS. Those folks, who this will present a problem to, should note this on your reservation slip. The Hotel will accommodate you with a lower level room.

Before proceeding further it is well to document some cold hard facts. At Dayton many arrived without having notified either the Hotel or Squadron; when registering you did not sign up for certain events--yet, you attended and created much confusion--when confronted you pleaded ignorance. So there will be no repetition YOU ARE URGED TO READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY. If you have limited reading comprehension get someone who can help you. WHY? To take advantage of the low prices EVERYONE MUST HAVE MADE THEIR HOTEL RESERVATIONS & EVENT SELECTIONS BEFORE AUGUST 6TH. Otherwise, you will pay much higher 'rack rate' prices. PLEASE UNDERSTAND THESE ARE NOT OUR RULES. To better understand read the following conditions imposed by the Hotel necessary because they are running almost a full occupancy at all times;

'The Hotel will set up and prepare for 10% above the guarantee up to a maximum of 25 people. If no guarantee is received, the Catering Department will assume the guarantee to be the number originally specified by the client.' After reading this appreciate all events will take place less than 72 hours after the Reunion commences. Thus, you must have made your Hotel reservations and event selections well in advance.

REUNION PRICES:

ROOM RATES:--DOUBLE OR SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$32.10/NITE X 3 NITES \$ 96.30
2 SINGLE PERSONS MAY SHARE A ROOM & SPLIT COST \$16.05/PERSON/NITE X 3 \$48.15
IMPORTANT! SINGLE PERSONS SHARING A ROOM & SPLITTING COSTS--MUST SELECT ROOM MATE & 1 MAKE RESERVATIONS

BREAKFAST--you may go into Hotel Buffet Room & enjoy a 'PIG OUT' Breakfast Buffet that allows you to eat all you wish consisting of orange juice, coffee, milk, cereal of choice, fruit of every description, scrambled eggs, or if you desire have an omelet prepared to your specifications, corn beef hash, SOS, ham, sausage, bacon, biscuits, assorted Danish pastries etc
ALL OF THE ABOVE & AS MUCH AS YOU WISH TO EAT FOR \$4.09/PERSON--COUPLE HAVING BREAKFAST \$4.09 X 6 24.54
YOU WILL PAY THE HOTEL EACH MORNING AS YOU ENTER--THOSE NOT DESIRING SO MUCH--COFFEE SHOP AVAILABALE

ICE BREAKER AT POOL SIDE OPENING NITE--COLD BUFFET (EAT ALL YOU WISH)--consisting of sliced ham, turkey, beef, tomato plate, green salad, coffee & tea, etc A COUPLE WOULD PAY \$14.70/PERSON X 2 29.40

BANQUET DINNER--served sit down style(BOBMY WILLS INSISTED WE HAVE SOME CLASS)--consisting of Boned Cornish Hen, salad with house dressing, au gratin potatos, vegetable, rolls, cheese cake with fruit topping & coffee or tea, etc A COUPLE WOULD PAY \$17.60/PERSON X 2 35.20
TOTAL PRICE FOR COUPLE ATTENDING 3 NITES & 4 DAYS HAVING ABOVE MEALS \$185.34

A SINGLE PERSON NOT SHARING A ROOM & ATTENDING ABOVE FUNCTIONS COST WOULD BE \$140.87
A SINGLE PERSON SHARING A ROOM SPLITTING ROOM COST & ATTENDING ABOVE FUNCTIONS COST WOULD BE \$ 92.72

PLEASE NOTE ALL OF ABOVE PRICES HAVE INCLUDED TAX, GRATUITIES, ETC--THIS IS THE TOTAL BOTTOM LINE COST

YOU HAVE AN 'OKLAHOMA GUARANTEE' THE ABOVE COSTS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD ROOM & CHOW THAT EVEN THE BIGGEST 'BITCHER' IN THE SQUADRON WILL ENDORSE AS BARGAIN PRICES & PLENTY GOOD

GENERALLY SPEAKING THE AIR FARES TO LAS VEGAS ARE THE LOWEST TO BE FOUND--A GOOD TRAVEL AGENT GIVEN ENOUGH TIME CAN USUALLY OBTAIN SOME 'FARE SAVERS' THAT WILL MAKE YOUR REUNION COSTS MOST INEXPENSIVE

RV FACILITIES--you folks that go down the road with those 'ladies tam's' on your heads; with a platted string affixed to a small polished rock hanging around your necks; pulling a 'covered wagon' behind your vehicle; hoping a couple of more will pull in behind you in trail so you can fulfill your frustrated desire to become a 'Wagon Master'--we have cut a deal for you. The Hacienda has it's own Camper Land located nearby. Over nite spaces are available with full hooks including electricity for \$8.31/nite. CALL MR JOHN FATS at 1-800-634-6942 AND MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS. REMEMBER! YOU MUST STILL COMPLETE THE FUNCTION RESERVATION FORM AND SEND YOUR CHECKS TO BOB WILLS IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE ICE BREAKER; BANQUET & PARTICIPATE IN THE GOLF TOURNAMENT.

GOLF TOURNAMENT--for those wishing to stay over and participate arrangements have been made with the Las Vegas Golf Club located approximately 4 miles from the Hacienda. TEE OFF TIME WILL BE 10:00 AM FRIDAY SEPT 11TH. The same Florida Scramble used at Dayton will employed. The COST IS \$27.50/PLAYER. This will include your Green Fee; Cart Cost; a Hot Dog & either a beer or soda water at the turn; plus as good or better prizes than those awarded at Dayton--depending on the number of participants. YOU SELECT THE PLAYERS ON YOUR OWN TEAM. SEND THEIR NAMES TO BOB WILLS. OTHERWISE, NYME FARAGEYOUR GOLF CHAIRMAN WILL PLACE YOU IN A FOURSOME AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AT LAS VEGAS. THE TEAMS WILL CONSIST OF 4 PLAYERS--NO FIVESOMES.

IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE YOU MUST HAVE SIGNED UP & PAID BOB WILLS EARLIER. PLEASE APPRECIATE AND UNDERSTAND THE SQUADRON HAS TO SEND THE GOLF CLUB A CHECK FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING 1 MONTH IN ADVANCE.

FAREWELL DINNER--a Farewell Dinner and awarding of prizes will be held in the Matador Room of the Hotel that evening. A Cold Buffet similar to that served at the Ice Breaker will be served at a cost of \$14.70/PERSON. The Hotel will set up and operate a Cash Bar with drinks costing the same as those at the Ice Breaker & Banquet. AGAIN--YOU MUST HAVE SIGNED UP AND SENT YOUR CHECKS TO BOB WILLS EARLIER.

AVAILABILITY OF ROOMS--PLEASE! PLEASE! READ CAREFULLY!

SUNDAY SEPT 6 10 ROOMS
MONDAY SEPT 7 40 ROOMS
TUES thru THURS SEPT 8-9-10 150 ROOMS OR TO COVER THOSE ATTENDING SCHEDULED REUNION
FRIDAY SEPT 11 50 ROOMS

THE HOTEL HAS GUARANTEED THE ABOVE NUMBER OF ROOMS ON DAYS SHOWN AT THE \$32.10/NITE PRICE. THEY ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST RESERVED BASIS. OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED WILL BE AT REGULAR 'RACK RATES' WHICH IS HIGHER.

IT IS YOUR OBLIGATION TO MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL USING USING THE RESERVATION FORM ON THE LAST PAGE. YOU MAY MAKE RESERVATIONS DIRECT BY CALLING TOLL FREE NUMBER 1-800-634-6713

RESERVATIONS FOR THOSE ATTENDING ICE BREAKER; BANQUET; GOLF TOURNAMENT; & FAREWELL DINNER WILL BE MADE WITH BOB WILLS & INCLUDE YOUR CHECKS.

HOLLY
36-24-36 Beautiful, exciting young brunette will make your fantasies come true!
Call 871-7939

BLACK STOCKINGS
High Heels and Garter Belts are my favorite attire. If they are yours, too, call Doyleene (5'4", 120 lbs. 36B-24-36) for dates, etc.
798-6811



IT IS ANTICIPATED THERE WILL BE MUCH 'BITCHING & ALIBING'--I CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND AND PLAN AHEAD THAT FAR IN ADVANCE. WE ARE SORRY--WE DIDN'T MAKE THE RULES IMPOSED BY THE HOTEL & GOLF CLUB. YOU MUST REMEMBER OUR GATHERING WILL BE BUT ONE OF MANY TAKING PLACE THAT MUST BE SERVED. IN ORDER FOR THE HOTEL & GOLF CLUB TO GIVE YOU BARGAIN PRICES & PROPERLY SERVE YOU THESE CONDITIONS ARE UNDERSTANDABLE. PLEASE! TRY TO UNDERSTAND!

ON YOUR ARRIVAL AFTER REGISTERING WITH THE HOTEL YOU MAY STOP BY THE SQUADRON ORDERLY ROOM WHICH WILL BE LOCATED CONVENIENTLY TO YOUR ROOM WHERE A LADY WILL BE THERE DAILY TO SERVE YOU. SHE WILL HAVE THE TICKETS TO THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS WHICH YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY RESERVED PRE-PACKAGED AND READY FOR DISPENSING. SHE WILL BE THERE TO SERVE YOU FROM 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM OPENING DAY & FROM 9:00 AM-5:00 PM DAILY THEREAFTER. SHE WILL HAVE AVAILABLE ALL PERTINENT INFO ON VARIOUS TOURS PLUS THE LADIES TOUR & ASSIST YOU IN MAKING RESERVATIONS. INFO ON THESE WILL BE ADDRESSED FURTHER ON.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE--SUBJECT TO ADDITIONS & CHANGES FOR REUNION

TUESDAY--8 SEPT

- 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM CHECK IN & REGISTRATION--NAME TAGS WILL HAVE LARGER LETTERING THIS TIME
- 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM HOSPITALITY ROOM SERVING FREE BEER & ICE TEA ETC WILL BE OPEN FOR FRIENDSHIP RENEWAL
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ICE BREAKER AT POOL SIDE WITH CASH BAR
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM COLD BUFFET SERVED AT POOL SIDE
- 8:30 PM -10:00 PM SQUADRON, PROGRAM, INTRODUCTIONS ETC



WEDNESDAY--9 SEPT

- TOUR TO HOOVER DAM ETC AVAILABLE FOR THOSE DESIRING
- FREE DAY FOR CREW REUNIONS; GROUP REUNIONS ETC
- SAME FOR EVENING
- 9:00 AM - ? HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN SERVING FREE BEER, ICE TEA ETC

THURSDAY--10 SEPT

- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM SQUADRON BUSINESS MEETING; ELECTION OF OFFICERS ETC
- LADIES TOUR TO BE ANNOUNCED AT ICE BREAKER
- 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN SERVING FREE BEER, ICE TEA ETC
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM VCR TAPING OF ALL IN ATTENDANCE BEING INDIVIDUALLY INTERVIEWED
- HAPPY HOUR--HOTEL TO PROVIDE 2 CASH BARS
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM BANQUET DINNER
- 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM SQUADRON PROGRAM & INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS ETC
- 9:30 PM - 12:00 PM DANCING TO DJ PROVIDED MUSIC OF ALL YOUR FAVORITE WORLD WAR II TUNES



FRIDAY--11TH SEPT

- CHECK OUT & GOODBYES FOR THOSE DEPARTING
- 10:00 AM GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR THOSE STAYING OVER AT LAS VEGAS GOLF CLUB
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM HAPPY HOUR FOR FAREWELL DINNER--HOTEL PROVIDES CASH BAR
- 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM FAREWELL DINNER WITH COLD BUFFET SERVED
- 8:30 PM -10:00 PM AWARDING OF GOLF PRIZES, LAST FAREWELLS & ADIOS YOU 'MUDDERS'--SEE YOU IN 1989

SATURDAY--12TH SEPT

- CHECK OUT FOR THOSE DEPARTING

SAMPLE OF TOURS AVAILABLE--ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE IN ORDERLY ROOM ON TUESDAY ARRIVAL:

POSSIBLE HOOVER DAM TOUR FOR WEDNESDAY

POSSIBLE LADIES TOUR FOR THURSDAY

LAS VEGAS' ORIGINAL HOOVER DAM TOUR

Visit one of America's proudest achievements, the dam that tamed the Colorado River. The dam was completed in 1936 forming the world's largest man-made reservoir, Lake Mead. This exciting tour includes a stop at the Gold Strike Inn where you will view a Free Historical Film showing the dam under construction. Upon reaching Hoover Dam, you will have ample time for picture taking, an escorted tour into the dam (optional - \$1), and to see the Free Exhibits.

Two Departures
Monday thru Saturday \$19.00 PER PERSON
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday - 10:00 a.m. only
Length of Tour: Approx. 4 1/2 hours. TOUR 1

HOOVER DAM / OLD WEST MUSEUM TOUR

Lunch Included

Your first stop of this tour will be the Clark County Museum where you will see relics of Frontier Nevada on display, and the Will Beckley House, which is the last Pioneer home from downtown Las Vegas built in 1912. The Print Shop Building will introduce you to Southern Nevada printing history from 1890-1910. From there you will enjoy a great buffet lunch at the New Railroad Pass. After lunch, enjoy the drive through picturesque Boulder City before reaching Hoover Dam. Upon reaching the Dam you will have time to enjoy an escorted tour into the Dam (optional \$1), to see the Free Exhibits and to take plenty of pictures. Tour includes a stop at Sam's Town Western Emporium.

Departs Seven Days a Week \$22.85 PER PERSON
10:00 a.m.
Length of Tour: Approx. 6 1/2 hours TOUR 3

•ATTENTION•
Ladies, do you need an escort while in Las Vegas? Or a man for any special service? 369-0357

CITY SIGHTSEEING & SHOPPING TOUR

Including Liberace Museum

See Las Vegas as it really is. Gray Line's City Sightseeing & Shopping Tour starts with pick-up at your hotel or motel. You'll ride through the world-famous "Glitter Gulch" (Downtown Casino Center), and drive through Las Vegas' most beautiful residential areas including some of the Stars' Homes. Then on to the mammoth 96-shop Boulevard Mall Shopping Center. This lunch stop at the Vineyard Restaurant allows plenty of time for leisurely shopping. Passing the beautiful University of Nevada campus (UNLV), you will then visit The Liberace Museum to enjoy his personal jewel collection, exquisite wardrobe, classic automobiles, custom-made pianos and hundreds of items of Liberace memorabilia. You next will tour the Ethel M Chocolate Factory for some exciting tasting; followed by a visit to Ethel M's world-famous Desert Botanical Garden. You'll be returned to your hotel or motel with plenty of time for evening activities. It's the only way to really see Las Vegas!

Includes Lunch PRICE PER PERSON
Length of Tour: \$22.40
About 5 1/2 hours
Available 7 days a week
Pick-up time 10:00 a.m. TOUR 6

A WORD OF ADVICE!!

At Dayton there was that 2% who chose to slip in the various functions without paying or registering. Not only did you create much confusion but the Squadron had to pick up your tab. We strongly urge you not to attempt ^{reperform} performance at Las Vegas. The Hotel Security Guards will be handling those entering. Those 'Dudes' have seen every kind of 'hustler' and know all the tricks. It might prove most embarrassing when they march you and your lady out before God and everyone to witness. Furthermore, we are told the Las Vegas Jail House facility does not believe in 'Constitutional Rights'.

Please remember seating will be set up at all functions on a first come serve basis. PLEASE! don't come dragging in late for a scheduled event with a large group and demand separate a table to accommodate your group.

With patience, understanding and a little common courtesy we can have a great Reunion void of past unpleasantness.

FOLKS! I'VE SHOT MY 'WAD' ATTEMPTING TO GIVE YOU THE BEST SUMMARY & DETAILS OF EVENTS AND PRICES. TO THOSE CONFUSED OR HAVING QUESTIONS DROP US A LINE AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ANSWER. ANY POINTS THAT NEED CLARIFICATION WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE JUNE LOG. PLEASE APPRECIATE THIS IS A HEAVY LOAD FOR A 'BRAIN DAMAGED TEXICAN' TO ATTEMPT 'TOTING'. WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST.

IMPOSTORS:

When cream rises to the top and those that have achieved success and recognition from their exploits emerge--impostors always appear and attempt to fill their cup. On 'The Hill' among us was a 'Stinging Scorpion' that went by the handle of 'Tricky Dick' Higgins. He flew as a Navigator on the Charlie Ellis crew. He could 'Jaw Bone the horns off a Billy Goat' and was involved in many escapades that are better left untold. Can anyone, who knew this 'Rascal', believe the 'Imposting Dude' that turned up in Bangor, ME possibly be our Dick Higgins? This impostor looks more like one who might have flown in the Eagle Squadron during WW I. When asked why he didn't attend our reunions he proved to be a 'Sly Fox' replying, "it has been too many years and I wouldn't know anyone". Off hand we know 40 or more, who attend our reunions, that would enjoy shaking the real Dick Higgins hand and recall a few old times. This impostor is challenged to show and prove up.



Pictured L-R RALPH 'SMITTY' SMITH & IMPOSTOR CLAIMING TO BE 'TRICKY DICK' HIGGINS

PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS & DO A GOOD DEED IF YOU HAVE ANY RECALL:

On the morning of Oct 4, 1944 the following crew took off for the raid on Munich:

WILLIAM MILLER-P
GEORGE WYNN-CP
KENNETH BASSLER-N
GEORGE HAYMAN-B
ALVIN MUSCH-E

HAROLD GRAHAM-R
ROBERT DENNY-G
THOMAS MOONEY-G
GEORGE JAEGER-G
GEORGE TAYLOR-G

Somewhere along the route that day this crew was 'scragged' and evidently all were KIA. This is the only info furnished the families. For 43 years they have lived with the question of what happened to their loved ones. Stop and think if one of the above had been your son or brother how you would feel living with this nagging question. Don't try to 'snow' me that someone reading this LOG wasn't on that raid and didn't see this crew drop out of formation; take a flak hit; get hit by fighters; or know something that would be appreciated by their families. An appeal for this info appearing in an earlier LOG went unanswered which makes our behind as red as that of the Baboon at the Zoo. PLEASE! PLEASE! Any of you on that raid that day having some info take the time to write or contact DAN HAYMAN; P. O. BOX 418; SYRACUSE, OH 45779 the brother of George Hayman the Bombardier on the above crew. If more than one of you don't respond to this appeal there may well be an 'Ass Kicking Contest' at Vegas should we learn you were on this mission and haven't passed your knowledge along. The next info on this matter we wish to receive is that some of you guys have taken the time to write Dan Hayman with some constructive info. SUBJECT CLOSED--OVER & OUT!

LOST SOUL SEARCH:

Since you bunch of 'Drafted Recruits' have managed to successfully get our blood pressure to the boiling point with the beautiful job you do of setting on your dead butts and not contributing to the efforts of your Association the matter of the Lost Soul Search deserves addressing. The 'Village Idiot' can recognize Jim Mc Closkey has almost single handed carried on this effort the past 2 years doing such a magnificent and constructive job. He informs us he has a stack of letters dating back to 1985 where he has written some of you requesting help to locate someone in your area. And--you haven't shown the courtesy of even a reply let alone making the effort to help in this endeavor. Jimbo! there is a simple solution to this problem. Bring that stack of letters to Vegas and we will honor this 'select group' by seating them at the Ice Breaker for one & all to see and recognize--in the deep end of the swimming pool. COME ON FELLAS!! GIVE JIM A HELPING HAND!! REPAY YOUR DEBT!! SOMEONE TOOK THE TIME & TROUBLE TO LOCATE YOU!! BE SOMEBODY & LEND A HAND IN THIS MOST IMPORTANT PROJECT!!!!

WHOOOWEEEE!! IT SURE MAKES ONE FEEL BETTER TO THROW A KICKING, SPASTIC FIT AND GET THINGS OFF ONES CHEST. FROM OUR HUMBLE BEGINNINGS AT COLORADO SPRINGS WE HAVE WATCHED WITH PRIDE AS THIS OUTFIT HAS GROWN TO BE THE BEST. RECENTLY, WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A FRIEND IN ANOTHER SQUADRON IN THE GROUP INQUIRING IF IT BOTHERED US FOR OUR IDEAS TO BE COPIED. WE WROTE HIM BACK," CREAM ALWAYS COME TO THE TOP & 'YOU KNOW WHATS' ALWAYS SINK TO THE BOTTOM AND ARE FLUSHED DOWN. WHEN YOU HAVE THE BEST YOU MAY BE IMITATED BUT YOU WILL NEVER BE DUPLICATED". TO PROVE A POINT ALLOW US TO LAY THE NEXT LOAD ON YOU.

IDENTITY OF CREW DROPPING BOMBS IN MC COOK LUMBER YARD DOCUMENTED AFTER 43 YEARS:

Like our Mother always said,"the guilty hen will always cackle first". In this case it took the 1½ mile high altitude of Colorado Springs and the granting of drinking privileges to the 'lower classes' to loosen the tongues of the guilty while attending the first reunion of the 781ST. In the January issue of the Pantanella News the identity of the crew is documented on Pages 2 & 3. Jim Althoff, who wrote this article, didn't become a part of the 781ST until late Pantanella days. Consequently, he was not aware of the roles played by Jim 'Bimbo' Wray and 'Me Too' Sutton the Squadron Operations Officer and Squadron Bombardier and how they plotted and schemed to drape this act on an 'Innocent' Bombardier and his crew. What follows are the true facts that were carefully hidden these many years.

One nite several crews from the 781ST along with others from the Group were scheduled for the practice range and instructed to make single release runs recording their results with cameras. By their own admission this crew were so lacking in crew skills they didn't know the difference from a well lit midwest town from a well lit and identified target on the practice range. This resulted in their making a run on the City of Mc Cook, NE; dropping all of their bombs in train on a single release; and hitting the lumber yard. Since the film of all missions flown that nite was carefully reviewed it is obvious they employed the old gimmick of placing a gloved hand over the front of the camera and running off a sufficient amount of film.

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