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NORTH CANTON, OHIO

SUMMER IS HERE!

RESULTS-LOST SOUL SEARCH

BAD-BAD NEWS as No Lost Souls located in the past three (3) months.

Anyone have any good suggestion on what we can do to locate LOST SOULS?

HELP-----HELP-----HELP

SICK CALL

HARRY D. FIKE our P.X. Officer, was hospitalized this spring and had the same surgical procedure performed on him as President Reagan. On May 13th he reported that he continues to recover nicely and has his golf scores to prove it. As his strength returns, his golf swing gets longer and harder which results in his score getting larger. (Just another way of asking for strokes). Glad to hear you're feeling better.

ED ROTH, the "CLOWN PRINCE" of the 783rd, was operated on for a cancerous condition in his bowel-colon area shortly after we were in Las Vegas last September. Information received from Paul Smith, says Ed had a difficult time which included an infection putting him in a coma for 45 days but now (April 5th), recovery seems assured and just around the corner. That's good news!! Now we can begin to treat the old codger in the manner he would expect from members of the 783rd! Seriously, were all glad to hear he is recovering and look forward to seeing him at our next gathering.

ELIZABETH (LIZ) HONEY, wife of Al Honey (gunner on Bill Lyon's crew) was "mugged" near her home in Oakland, California by a black teenager. Liz suffered a broken collar bone plus a few more bruises. This information reported by Don Kay. Get well soon Liz.

Please remember Harry, Ed and Liz in your thoughts and pray for them to get well soon.

TAPS:

ROBERT ZIEGLER, Bob as he was known by his friends passed away April 1, 1988 of a massive heart attack. Bob was 65 years old. He is survived by his wife Clair; two daughters, Monte Hist and Pat Harless; three granddaughters, Mindy Hist, Andrea Hist, and Devon Clair Harless.

not include shipping costs, so add \$1.00 or \$2.00 to the total of your check to cover shipping. If that's not enough Harry can drop you a note.

- 4-FLOYD GREGORY, Squadron Historian, of 2014 S. Anderson, Urbana, IL 61801, has not reported this quarter. I'll bet he's working on Squadron History.
- 5-PRESIDENT JAMES McCLOSKEY requested that all 783rd EXPOWS, please contact him if they are going to the POW Convention in Las Vegas this coming September. (He and Peg are going). (Jim was Radio Operator on Tommy Greenwood's crew and was shot down on his 387 mission July 19, 1944 over Munich, Germany). His phone # is 412-279-2767.
- 6-TREASURER FRANK GOPLIN and his wife Edie spent the winter snow dodging and fishing at Lake Buchanan, Texas. It has been reported by Sweet Sam Marie (President Emeritus of the 783rd) that one night Frank called, so excited he was talking with such a Norwegian accent Sam couldn't understand him. It was the first nite the white bass had really run and Frank had caught a fish basket full in less than an hour. Then the next night, Frank called again to tell Sam he caught a 6 3/4 pound Stripper that really popped his jollies. Sam is afraid that Edie is getting hooked fishing and that the Norwegian visitor will spend future winters at Lake Buchanan, Texas and screw up it's environment.
- 7-MIKE (GI) MAGAZZINE our Finder of Lost Souls reports he will be more successful in the future than he has been this last quarter.

INFO ABOUT MEMBERS

A total of 46 members and guests of the 465TH Bomb Group (H) just complete THE PANTANELLA TOUR. The 783rd Bomb Squadron was well represented by the following:

RUSSELL & YOLANDA AUGHINBAUGH	NAPA, CA
JAMES & AGNES FRINER	WILLIAMSVILLE, NY
MITCHELL & MARIE GUZIEKA	LOWELL, MA
J.T. & MAYME HARP	LIVERMORE, CA
MICHAEL & SARAH MAGAZZINE	BAY VILLAGE, OH
CLARENCE & KATHERINE OWENS	EVANSVILLE, IN
HAROLD & HELEN WINTERS	COLUMBUS, OH

MIKE MAGAZZINE advised by post card from Sorrento, Italy that the trip has been fabulous. The tour included Toronto, Frankfurt, London, Heidelberg, Munich, Vienna, Villach, Venice, Foggia, Canosa, Sorrento, PANTANELLA AIR BASE, Rome and Paris. Mike said, they had a difficulty locating the PANTANELLA AIR BASE as the Base is now covered with Olive trees. Once there everyone experienced their own personal emotions. A few bottles of wine was opened and Sarah Magazzine in her best Italian gave a toast to all the 465th Bomb Group members present. Tears filled the eyes of many of the war hardened veterans as they remembered their fallen comrades while gazing at the hill they called home for many months in '44 and '45. God Bless them all.

PAUL SMITH our Intelligence Officer very thoughtfully arranged for A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET as a remembrance of Our Deceased Buddies for MEMORIAL DAY. Thanks Paul.

CURT WILKINS, ball turret gunner on crews of Rippenger's, Anderson's and Tommy Moore's advised that there is a new 15th AIR FORCE GUNNER'S ASSOCIATION. Curt said that he just joined recently and received a letter from the Association advising that all old gunners are welcome. If any of you are interested contact Curt as I don't have the mailing address for the Association.

WOODROW W. BROWNING, bombardier on Cecil Bates' crew has been presented with

the PRISONER (POW) MEDAL at Randolph Air Force Base on April 19, 1988. Woody advised that the medal has been authorized and is now available for all POWS. For the benefit of all POWS that may want to apply for this Medal a copy of DD Form 2510 "PRISONER (POW) MEDAL APPLICATION/INFORMATION". The completed form should be sent to:

AIR FORCE REFERENCE BRANCH
NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER
9700 PAGE BOULEVARD
ST LOUIS, MO 63132-5199
(THE ADDRESS IS LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE FORM)

In mid April, the Marie's (Sam & Lynne), Farage's (Nyme & June), Goplen's (Frank & Edie) and the Powell's (Bill & Norm) spend 4 days in Nashville, Tennessee for a mini reunion. The men golfed, while the ladies shopped and visited places of interest. Good companions, excellent food, good old country and western music, but no comment on the golf or golf courses.

HARRIET COHEN a very enthusiastic supporter of the 783rd was in Akron, Ohio April 23th to attend the 85th birthday of her mother. Harriet was able to break away for a few hours and have brunch with Norma and I. She is looking forward to the next reunion.

AL WYLIE (The Scotsman Tail Gunner) said if they catch the mugger of Liz Honey, the punishment should be "STAKING HIM TO AN ANT HILL AND THE THE BUZZARDS COULD FINISH THE OFF".

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

Radio Operator Henry S. Brusinski	April 28
Engineer Gunner Clarence C. Owens	April 29
Co-Pilot Norman E. Lund	May 12
Co-Pilot William J. White	May 18
Gunner Melvin J. Radebaugh	May 20
Engineer Gunner Ralph W. McElyea	May 21
President James W. McCloskey	May 27
No birthday in June.	

The entire Squadron join me in sending Birthday greeting to you one and all. May you have many, many more. Belated happy birthday greetings to all others not mentioned.

CONGRATULATIONS are due Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Pop) D. Spellbrink. Pop and his everloving wife Betty will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on July 1st, 1988. I know the members of your crew and Squadron join me in wishing you and Betty many, many more years of wedded bliss. Congratulations!

TOURS AND REUNION INFORMATION

The 465TH Bomb Group (H) will meet in San Antonio, Texas September 14-18, 1988. THE 465th Bomb Group (H) will meet at the Menger Hotel, Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78295. All Bomb Squadrons of the 465th Bomb Group (H) will be there except our Illustrious 783rd. If any members of the 783rd Squadron can find time to make the Reunion, I am quite certain the members of the 780th, 781st and 782nd Squadrons would make you welcome. If you want to attend Group Reunion. Contact one of the following:

780th Bomb Squadron Association -or-
c/o Wanda J. Dannelly
7404 W. Northwest Highway #8
Dallas, Texas 75225

781st Bomb Squadron Association
c/o James C. Althoff
2 Mt. Vernon Lane
Atherton, California 94025

-or-

782nd Bomb Squadron Association
c/o William F. Bruce, Jr.
1683 Eggert Rd.
Buffalo, New York 14226

B-24 LIBERATOR 50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION 17-21 May 1989 FORTH WORTH, TEXAS
Bob Vickers, 6424 Torreon Drive NE., Albuquerque, NM 87109 is National Project Director for this Reunion. It appears extremely doubtful that the 783rd will attend as a unit. This Reunion should be a packed with fun filled days. Members may wish to mark their calendars in anticipation of the event.

THE LIBERATOR CLUB of P.O. Box 841, San Diego, California 92112 also plans to observe a birthday salute to the B-24 Liberator. Thousands more crewmen will gather in San Diego, California, location of the original production of the Consolidated Aircraft Company. The San Diego Observance is set for September 20-24, 1989. Anyone interested in attending that event should contact THE LIBERATOR CLUB.

THE McCOOK AIR BASE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will hold it's second reunion September 22-25, 1988. Anyone interested should write:

The McCook Air Base Historical Society
Box B-29
McCook, NE 69001-0029

GENERAL INFORMATION:

THE COLLINGS FOUNDATION is in the process of total restoration of a B-24J Liberator. They plan to complete the restoration and have it completely airworthy in time for the 50th Anniversary celebration that is to take place in Fort Worth, Texas in May, 1989. They indicate that if every B-24 crewmen would just send \$10 it could be done. Or if you'd like to help with a larger contribution they need WWII oxygen Bottles \$40, Radios \$50, Ammo boxes \$100, Overhaul of an Instrument \$100, Overhaul of a Propeller \$1,500, DEDICATED CREW POSITIONS \$5,000 where you can leave the ultimate heritage- your position named after you, to carry on the proud tradition; or \$15,000 Engine Overhaul, plus lots more.

The majority of Officers and Board of Director Members of the 783rd Bomb Squadron (H) Association feel that donations for any causes except Squadron dues should be left up to the individual member. If you care to contribute to this restoration project you can send your donation direct to:

THE COLLINGS FOUNDATION
RIVER HILL FARM
STOW, MASS. 01775

If you want more information their telephone number is 617-568-8924.

Virgil W. Falkner of the 394th Bomb Squadron (his address is: 8936 Calle Kuehn E., Tucson, AZ 85715) reports that a proposal has been made to the Pima Air Museum, Tucson, Arizona about making the B-24J Liberator (serial number 44-44175) located there a memorial to those gave their lives while serving aboard B-24 aircraft. The proposal is to build a permanent hangar for the aircraft and give it a complete going over and make the hanger with the B-24 a memorial. If you are in favor of the project donations can be sent to:

Pima Air Museum B-24 Memorial Fund (Note: Make certain check contain
6000 East Valencia notation "B-24 Memorial").
Tucson, Arizona 85706

If more information wanted telephone 602-574-9658.