



783RD LATRINE-O-GRAM

June Edition, 1990

Picayune, Ms.

Well folks, the March L.O.G. has come and gone and now I embark on June and hope you will all bear with me.

I have a confession to make however, while putting together the March L.O.G., I felt like I was the only pair of brown shoes in a world full of Tuxedos, what with the shoes I must fill. Later however, I started getting phone calls and letters with kind expressions of praise, wisdom and whatever. Then I started trying to find a king size 783rd cap, but alas, they don't make 'em. So I decided I had better come back down a peg or two and get busy with the following June L.O.G. I do indeed want to thank all of you however, for being kind enough to acknowledge, you have certainly made my day.

For those of you that are not aware of the 783rd. History Book, Floyd Gregory has advised me that he only has about a hundred copies left. Floyd dedicated about four years of his life and untold hours of his time scratching and clawing every nook, cranny and pasture to compile it and I might add, did a splendid job. I mailed out 442 L.O.G.'s in March, Floyd sold about 200 books, this translated into the fact that some of you won't be able to purchase a copy. Frankly, I wouldn't part with my copy and you may be able to get one for your library on a first come first serve basis. You may purchase your copy for \$14.00 which included S & H. If you care to send more, any overage will be forwarded to the 783rd. Treasury. Make your checks out to Floyd Gregory, 2014 So. Anderson, St. Urbana, ILL, 61801., there will never be another one printed.

Sarah Magazzine was kind enough to give me a bit of news about Mike. In February, Mike was honored at a dinner as HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER OF POST #1 ITAM (Italian American War Veterans) Lorain, Ohio. This honor is also affiliated with the Dept. Of Ohio & National Itam. He has held several offices both local and State. At this time, he is Senior Vice Commander for both. His is a charter member when the post began in 1946. So good people, its hats off to the Italian Stallion, we wish to congratulate you and know you will continue to do a good job and give the 783rd. a plug when the opportunity arises.

While I'm on the subject of Mike Magazzine, Mike in his last letter to me advises that dues are coming in, however too slow. We don't want to be forced to file Chapter 11 so won't you take a minute or two and fire your dues to Mike. Let's face it, it's June and our 1990 dues are half worn out. Make your checks payable to the 783rd. Bomb. Sqdn. Assn. and send them to Mike Magazzine, 24023 E. Oakland Road, Bay Village, OH 44014.

May 13th? What's that? Well a historic event took place on this date many years ago and I suggest you mark your calendar. Lordy Lordy Lund turned forty. Now if you believe this yarn, I have a bridge for sale on the Sahara Desert - at a bargain. Simply send me your down payment and monthly notes. Norman being too tall was given the option of being a waist gunner or a pilot, where else can you fit him in a B-24? After some hours and sleepless nights he heard that a pilot was furnished a chair so he exercised his option and decided to take the job with the chair. After all, if you're too tall, subject to get shot at, you could get hurt just falling down.

Jim & Peg McCloskey left for Germany May 11th and plan on returning in August. Their son, daughter-in-law and grandson are stationed there. They plan on motoring around Germany to try and find some of the Hostels Jim stayed at while a guest of Adolph. In addition, odds are pretty good that Jimbo will rattle a few bushes, move a few rocks and might just find a lost soul.

The Goplens spent a few weeks this past winter with Sam and Lynne Marie. The Marie's number two place is a million dollar shack up on Rattlesnake Bayou, this is where Sir Francis and Queen Edith stayed. Spring finally sprang and Bear Goplen found out in a hurry that everything that grows in that part of Texas will either stick ya' or bite cha'. So being a rather bright chap, he grabbed Edith by the hand, jumped in their Tin Lizzy and headed back to Zumbrota, what's a couple feet of snow.

At the risk of sounding like a book salesman, I might give you some more food for thought. In case some of you don't know, at the Atlanta Reunion, we had a memory book made by Reunions, Inc. It has 136 photos in all and they only have about 20 extra copies left. You may contact them at the following or send them a check. It is a mere \$12.00 and I needn't tell you, you couldn't purchase the film for that kind of money not to mention the fact that it is now history and we will never have another chance.

COMPLIMENTS OF



Again, not wanting to sound repetitious, I wouldn't part with my copy.

That cute little Norma Powell continues to drop a salvo on me as the occasion arises and I believe the following could be of interest to some of us.

"McCook Army Air Base"

McCook has a Historical Society and they plan on a reunion September 28th and 29th of 1990. Norma forwarded one of their News Letters and a registration form to me. This event would be of interest to many as I can see it from my point of view. The prices are in my opinion, very low so if you are able to make it please do so. Perhaps we should all chip in a few bucks and send our very own Doc Kimball out there to check the hardstands for the conditions of the asphalt. There I go again stealing from Paul Smith. Dog gone Paul, I hope you didn't have your speech copywritten, I don't need a lawsuit. At any rate, for whatever it may be worth, we need to thank that cute little Norma Powell for her continued interest in the 783rd. You may contact them at the following:

McCook Army Air Base
Historical Society
P. O. Box 29
McCook, NE 69001

Or Area Code 308-345-4234

I'm wondering if any of you have contacted any of our A.W.O.L. since the March L.O.G., I have. I will continue to badger you for support to make the 91 re-union the Maximum Effort it can be. Let us rendezvous somewhere and give it our best shot. Won't you please look in your Roster and pick out a name or two and get on their case.

I would challenge each and every one of you to do yourself a favor. I will give you a couple of names and I trust you will look in your telephone book for the following men.

Herbert Pennell Theobald
913 Alexander Ave.
Drexel Hills, PA

Nearest Next of Kin, Sister Dorothy Scholfield. This is the last known address we have and if he is still with us may just be living with a son or daughter. You may remember, he was our last Adj., Red Headed, now White. I'm sure but was or is still a fine gentleman. I have many fond memories of this man as I'm sure some of you do.

The next name is Johnny J. Gomesky a truck driver that could win the Indy 500 in a 6 x 6. I have no known address and so this is a long shot. You can check this one out with Charlie Payne and if I'm wrong, 100 lashes with a wet noodle are in order. Many thanks for whatever you can contribute.

Change of Address

You all may like to jot the following down in your roster for future reference.

Raymond Allen
Rt. #1, Box 43
Ava, MO 65608

Milton Gassel
5500 NW 2nd Ave, Apt #214
Boca Raton, FLA 33487

Dominic A. Malucci
150 Bolton Center Rd.
Bolton, Ct 06043
203-646-2078

Change of Address, Cont.

Albert J. Yatkauskas 4478 River Road Little River, S.C. 29566

Sick Call

This isn't one of my favorite subjects to report to you, however a very important duty. The following report is from Sam Marie about the McElyea's, goodness knows they don't need anymore problems. Louise required emergency hospitalization recently, Ralph was visiting her and had a stroke that has left him without Peripheral Vision.

Bob Wills had a triple by-pass in April but is doing as well as can be expected and will no doubt return as strong as an acre of garlic.

Frank Goplen had to have surgery on his hand and won't be able to pick peas for about a year but is in good spirits as you might expect from the "Bear".

Won't you please close ranks with me and send a note or card to these fine folks, it might make their day just a tad bit brighter.

TAPS

Another report from Sam Marie which no doubt will be of interest to many of you.

Charlie Leroy Insko - who was assigned to Tech Supply passed away in 1985. After his service days he had worked on numerous river barges. He is survived by his wife, who is seriously ill in a nursing home, and two children. He will be remembered as a West Virginia Hill Billy Guitar picker and singer of mountain ballads with few equals. All, who took that memorable luxury cruise to Oran, will recall the numerous hours of entertainment Insko provided picking his guitar and singing ballads that provided escape from boredom and gave much entertainment. He might well be compared to the popular Willie Nelson both in musical ability and while pursuing the joys of life both always seemed to end up with unanticipated problems. Yet, he was a character liked by all. News of his passing will pluck the heart strings of all of us who knew and liked the rascal.

George Josten reported to me the following name which many will remember:

Theodore P. LaFave. Ted passed away December 30, 1989 at the age of 71.

Jim and Agnes Friner were kind enough to inform us about the passing of Chick Marola. After a bout with cancer he left us July 8, 1989. His wife's name is Peggy.

Jim McCloskey informed me about the passing of Robert L. (Lee) Valentine. Lung cancer finally took its tole and Lee passed away April 26, 1990. He is survived by his widow Thelma who wants to remain active in the 783rd. Thelma, we certainly hope you will.

Cofield, Browning and Marie all have advised me of the passing of Wilbert (Chief) Elliot. He was one of the original 17 crew commanders and is survived by his wife Hazel. The Chief left us on Feb. 24, 1990.

Margaret Shaw was kind enough to drop me a letter about her husband the Late, Roger D. Shaw. He was Exec. Officer and passed away January 12, 1990.

The entire 783rd. joins with me in sending condolences to the survivors of all of the above.

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