



## 783RD LATRINE-O-GRAM

September Edition, 1991

Picayune, Ms.

Dear Friends;

This will no doubt be a short one and my final one. It has been my pleasure to serve you.

Cassimer Bidas continues to supply me with info and photos, I certainly hope what I am about to show you will reproduce to your satisfaction.



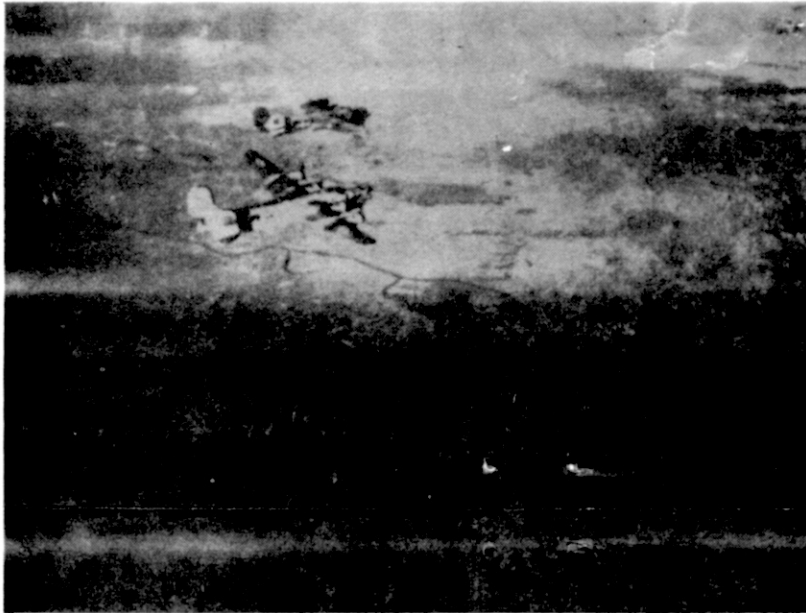
FRANCIS T. MULROONEY  
OVER BLACK HAMMER 11-20-44  
TWO MONTHS LATER WAS K.I.A.,  
1-20-45 ON THE ISLE OF UIS.

MULROONEY, TOOK THE PHOTO  
OF COL. LOKKER 11-20-44  
COL. LOKKER WAS A CLASS MATE  
OF COL. ANDRUS.





COL LOKKER BRING  
HIT, 11-20-44 OVER  
BLACKHAMMER,  
AGAIN, PHOTOS BY  
FRANCIS MULROONEY  
FROM BAKER 2  
POSITION



AGAIN COL. LOKKER  
LEADING FORMATION  
OVER BLACKHAMMER  
JUST MOMENTS BEFORE  
HIS AIRCRAFT WAS  
HIT, 11-20-44.  
PHOTO TAKEN BY  
FRANCIS MULROONEY,  
FLOWN BY LT. HAROLD  
W. SHOENER.

I certainly hope you will all appreciate the above. Cas advised that he and Harold Shoener crashed on 1. 20.45. Howard Harvey and Cas were assigned. Cas. and G Collins came out of the hospital. I beg your pardon, Collins was still in the hospital with a leg wound received over the Brenner Pass.

As I mentioned a few lines back I do hope these will reproduce well as they are certainly a piece of history and something we should all be proud of. Bless all these gallant men for their effort. A simple tankyou is so inadaquete.

More photo's on the following page. Mike and Sarah seem to travel a great deal and come up with some new tricks every time they do. They visited Dudley Kahn, Paul & Betty Tobin, Jim & Agnes Friner, George & Millie Budzicka and Evelyn Guziejka. Dudley flew lead Navigator on several occasions with Col. Andrus & Fred Kowal, "now deceased" I think you will be delighted with the photo on the following page. Dudley plans on making the scene in San Antonio so why not make him welcome?



Mike Magazzino &  
Dudley Kahn. Now  
I ask you what's  
now to love here?

As long as I am on the photo deal, for those of you that  
Might be interested, the next photo is of me back in 1944.



I suspect we should  
have tossed some of  
these out the chaff  
shut instead of the  
foil, it might have  
ended the war a wee  
bit sooner.

Next on my agenda is to Scharzkopf you just a wee bit. Mike  
the Italian Stallion is tighter than Dick's hat band when  
it comes to coins. I know some of you will have forgotten,  
however, dues are due. Wont you please sit down and write  
out your checks to the 783rd. Bomb Sqdn. Assn. for \$15.00  
and first them off to Mike. His address is as follows, Mike  
Magazzino, 24023 E. Oakland Road Bay Village, Ohio, 44140

The next thing is, why havent you made reservations for San Antonio. Perhaps I flunked recess but I dont understand. San Antonio could be the greatest shindig we have had to date provided, that is, if enough of us make the scene. As a favor to yourself, lets make it a Max Effort. From what I have learned, everything is planned well, now all we need is bodies. Lets face it, this will no doubt be the last one for some of us. Soooooo, Dear one's, you widows, widowers and each and every one of you that have been A.W.O.L., please reconsider and make the effort to attend. The last page will have a copy of your registration poop, do it now.

#### SICK CALL:

George Bevington was trying to be a teenager and do some painting and suffered a slight stroke. He will try and make it to San Antonio.

Sam Marie had Gall Bladder surgery. He had some problems with an infection afterwards but seems to be on the mend and wants to thank all of you for your kind attention and phone calls.

J. T. Harp is recovering from Chemo and in hope's of remission. Perhaps a note of encouragement is in order.

#### TAPS:

COLONEL JACOB 'JAKE' PUTNAM USA Ret-made his final flite to Eagles Nest July 12, 1991. The by-pass patch job performed on his heart by Dr Denton Cooley in Houston, TX 6-1-82 finally gave out. 'Jake' will be remembered as the Tail Gunner on Jim Cox's crew with whom he flew 36 missions. Following WW II he attended Oklahoma State University. Afterwards he was employed by Standard of Indiana and Mobil Oil in their crude purchasing departments at Casper, WY. In 1949 he enlisted in the Wyoming National Guard as a Private. When called to active duty he rose <sup>thru</sup> the ranks retiring as a 'Bull' Colonel at Ft Leonard Wood, MD in 1976. During his 'Green Suiter' service he completed the Armored School at Ft Knox, KY; Advanced Artillery School at Ft Sill, OK; was Directorate of Reserve Components at Ft Leonard Wood, MD; and Commandant of the Wyoming Military Academy. A freak coincidence resulted in 'Jake' being reunited with the Squadron at a time when we were writing the LOG. That Saturday afternoon he called the excitement and enthusiasm he voiced will never be forgotten. Nor shall we forget the determination and effort he put forth until every living member of his crew and had been located. The last being Vance Beatty, who was tracked down by our Ralph Mc Elyea and Ward Daniels, with whom we had put him in touch. Afterwards he attended each and every reunion always supportive in every effort. He had called earlier to say he would be in SA when the bugle blew and was looking forward to it with his usual enthusiasm. Without a doubt the enthusiasm and support he gave the Squadron Association contributed to his success rising from Private to Staff Srgeant and from Private to Colonel. He is survived by his wife Mary; son Mike; daughter Jeanette; six grandchildren; and sister Darlence Norman. We would indeed be remiss if we failed to mention his support of his beloved St Anthony's Catholic Church and St anthony's School. Each year since his being reunited with the Squadron we have received a large calendar from St Anthony's School which we refer to almost daily. When we lost 'Ole Jake' we lost one of the best.

Well folksi's, this is my final L.O.G. It has been my pleasure to serve you, I do hope to see each and everyone of you in San Antonio, come October.