



783RD LATRINE-O-GRAM

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

April 1994

First, this word about Nashville. Although we have not signed any contracts yet, we have agreed on a hotel - ClubHouse Inn - and the time - September 28 through October 1, 1995. That is Thursday through Sunday, although, depending on the golfers, we could stretch that to Monday, October 2. Mark your calendars! For those of you who know Nashville, ClubHouse Inn is at 920 Broadway, downtown, rather than in the airport area where Opryland is.

I have been in contact with Mrs. Al (Elizabeth) Honey, who would appreciate our help. When Al died she applied for DIC and was turned down. I believe she is appealing. I gave what limited advice I could, and with the help of Woody Browning and Jim McCloskey I suggested some people for her to contact. If any of you have any suggestions to help her she would love to hear from you. Her address: Mrs. Allen Honey

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The Eagle's Nest report in our January Latrine-O-Gram will refresh your memory about Al Honey.

I had a nice letter from Charlie Payne, with an item about Wilbur "Bob" Vaughan, the radio operator on our (Swanzy's) crew. Charlie and Bob were both in the dental supply business in the Atlanta area, did business with each other for several years but never knew they were in the same squadron in Italy - until they came together at the Atlanta reunion in 1989! Are there fruits from these reunions? Charlie has been doing some traveling - I guess several of you have seen him. Since he was the first to take me up on my offer of "Into the Guns of Ploesti", he now has it. When he finishes with it, maybe we can lend it to someone else.

Speaking of Ploesti, and the defenses around it, I would be interested to hear what some of you "veterans" thought about the comparative dangers of bombing Ploesti versus Blechhammer. I got to each of those oil targets only once.

I received a fascinating magazine article from my bombing partner from Bombardier School. He flew with the 464th Bomb Group and this was a report of the mission on which his crew was shot down. It is called "Target Pardubice". It is eight pages, with pictures, and a lot of attention given to the 465th. It tells of Captain Clark's crew going down - apparently in Charlie Ellis' airplane. I will gladly send a copy of this article to anyone who requests it. I have already sent a copy to Dick Trimmingham who went down with Tom Clark and I have written to Russ Christianson with this offer. The report summarizes "it was probably one of the most successful missions flown by the USAAF in WWII."

I enjoyed the reports in the January L-O-G from Don Kay, Golden Jones, Orbin Rutledge - and all the others who sent messages. I hope others will feel free share their stories with us. I would like to be notified of any deaths, either of members or their families.

Remember Nashville '95.

Ralph J. Smith
Ralph J. Smith

THIS LETTER WAS THE 'ORDER' TO PLACE THE "A" BOMB ONTO JAPAN IN WW2.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

26 July 1945

TO: General Carl Spaats
Commanding General
United States Army Strategic Air Forces

1. The 509 Composite Group, 20th Air Force will delivery its first special bomb as soon as weather will permit visual bombing after about 3 August 1945 on one of the targets: Hiroshima, Kokura, Niigata and Nagasaki. To carry military and civilian scientific personnel from the War Department to observe and record the affects of the explosion of the bomb, additional aircraft will accompany the airplane carrying the bomb. The observing planes will stay several miles distance from the point of impact of the bomb.

2. Additional bombs will be delivered on the above targets as soon as made ready by the project staff. Further instructions will be issued concerning targets other than those listed above.

3. Dissemination of any and all information concerning the use of the weapon against Japan is reserved to the Secretary of War and the President of the United States. No communiques on the subject or releases of information will be issued by Commanders in the field without specific prior authority. Any news stories will be sent to the War Department for special clearance.

4. The foregoing directive is issued to you by direction and with the approval of the Secretary of War and of the Chief of Staff, USA. It is desired that you personally deliver one copy of this directive to General MacArthur and one copy to Admiral Nimitz for their information.

THOS. T. HANDY
General, C.S.C.
Acting Chief of Staff

*THANK YOU,
Mike*

*Our Vice-Pres.
Mike, and his
bride, SARAH!
(The MAGAZZINES)
in early 1994
They "wintee"
in KISSIMMEE*



*OUR TREASUREE,
Joe, and his
bride, NUNNIE!
(The BASTINGS)
They "wintee"
in MARATHON.*

A TRIBUTE TO US "DEPRESSION KIDS".

THY WILL BE DONE. AUTHOR:EUGENE J DALY. PUBLISHED BY PROMETHEUS BOOKS.

"I DEDICATE THIS BOOK TO THOSE WHO SURVIVED THE DEPRESSION AND WHO WENT ON TO DISPLAY THE MOST DEDICATED WORK ETHIC OF ANY GENERATION".

BAND OF BROTHERS. AUTHOR:STEPHEN E AMBROSE. PUBLISHED BY SIMON & SCHUSTER.
E COMPANY 506TH REGIMENT OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE.

"THEY HAD A CHARACTER LIKE A ROCK, THESE MEMBERS OF THE GENERATION BORN BETWEEN 1910 AND 1928. THEY WERE THE CHILDREN OF THE DEPRESSION, FIGHTERS IN THE GREATEST WAR IN HISTORY, BUILDERS OF AND PARTICIPANTS IN THE POSTWAR BOOM. THEY ACCEPTED A HAND-UP IN THE GI BILL, BUT NEVER TOOK A HANDOUT. THEY MADE THEIR OWN WAY. A FEW BECAME RICH, A FEW BECAME POWERFUL, ALMOST ALL OF THEM BUILT THEIR HOUSES AND DID THEIR JOBS AND RAISED THEIR FAMILIES AND LIVED GOOD LIVES, TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE FREEDOM THEY HAD HELPED TO PRESERVE."

ALLELEUIA and AMEN! AND GOD BLESS US "GOOD GUYS".

NEW 783RD LIFE MEMBERS

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TO MAKE "VINO RUNS"??



ADDITIONS AS OF 4/25/94

RICHARD WINSTON THORNWOOD, N.Y.

JAMES DULITZ ATASCADERO, CALIFORNIA

SEPTEMBER 28 THRU OCTOBER 1ST
REMEMBER: WE NEXT MEET IN NASHVILLE IN 1995! *Mike Magazine*

"Thoughts 50 Years Later"

Part 2

Donald P. Kay

Unfortunately for me I'd let it be know to "Colonel Burt" that I'd had 2½ years of Mechanical Engineering at Penn State before enlisting as an Aviation Cadet. Also that I'd been on the LaCrosse team and had played at West Point in May of 1942. Think Stan Pace told me he'd seen the game, West Point won. As a result of these "confessions" to Burt, I was drafted to do a number of things for the Squadron. As fall cooled the weather in Italy, the Squadron shower needed to be winterized. As an aspiring engineer and a 2nd Lt., I was requested to take the job. So, armed with a pair or two of Aviator Glasses (G.I. issue) and a bottle of ration whiskey, Larry "The Beast" Siegler and I took a GI truck to Bari to obtain some wood to enclose the shower. As we were leaving, the Colonel "asked" me to go to the GI Laundry in Bari and pick up his uniform "Long Coat." It was being dry cleaned. To make a long story short, we were able to trade our loot for a truck load of lumber. By the time we finished our chores the weather had turned to rain. After picking up the "coat" we found that there wasn't room in the cab for The Beast, the coat, and me plus the driver. As a result, "the coat" traveled safely in the cab while the Beast and I rode in the rain atop the pile of lumber from Bari home. We dumped the wood in what we thought was a safe place, but next morning discovered the scavengers had taken a goodly portion of the pile! We did, however, get the shower built. Those of you attending the reunion in Colorado Springs may remember my reading my poem titled "The Long Coat." If I can find it among my memorabilia, I'll have Jack publish it.

As for my athletic ability. If you watched the video tape of our 1st Reunion, you may remember a volleyball game near the end. Once again I was "asked" to erect a volleyball net in the Squadron area. I was given a few sacks of cement and told where to find a source of sand. Somehow I was able to get a helper plus use of the old operations jeep. Off we went in our task. After filling the jeep trailer with sand, we started back to the Squadron. As we drove through the creek, our jeep stalled in the middle. We tried all sorts of things to get it started, but to no avail. Finally, after quite some time, someone from another outfit came by and helped us get started. Turned out that there was a crack in the distributor cap and splashing water had shorted it out. So much for my mechanical expertise! Quid Fit!

Thanks, Don

EAGLE'S NEST REPORT

Mrs. Gilberte Gallagher writes to report that Robert Gallagher has died and that the GOOD LORD needed Robert elsewhere. Mrs. Gallagher lives in Bradenton. Drop her a note. She'll enjoy hearing from us. Robert is buried in Bushnell, Florida.

Mrs. Priscilla Davis writes to report that Richard E. Davis has died and is buried in Duxbury, Massachusetts. Richard was a proud Navigator in the B-24's of the 783rd. He also practiced law and was a land developer and a State Senator in Vermont. Drop a note to Priscilla in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

SICK CALL

Mid-March, 1994, Jim McCloskey was hospitalized with Legionnaire's Disease. With 103 degrees, Jim did a LOT of sweating. Call Jim and Peg to wish them well.

Ken Monge reports that his bride, Phyllis, has had a Kidney Transplant, which her body rejected. She uses dialysis now to maintain reasonable chemical balance in her body. "CHIN UP, PHYLLIS!"

Ralph McElyea reports his bride, Louise, is doing as well as can be expected "on oxygen" continuously since 1988. Mac's 55-year old son is bedfast with Terminal Lung and Bone Cancer. Mac's still "golfing" in the San Gabriel Mountains on the edge of Antelope Valley, 75 miles north of L.A. BEST WISHES to you and yours, Mac.

FUTURE ITEM Mort Cohn requests that the Squadron consider having a Reunion in the Northeast. He suggests specifically the Mount Airy Lodge in Pennsylvania. This notion has merit. Mort, send our President, Ralph Smith, a brochure about the Mount Airy Lodge.

PERSONAL ITEM Since I have been doing the publishing of the L.O.G., I have met two gentlemen that I had never met before ... One is Jim Hudson (here in Indianapolis) and the other is Tom (Spare Parts) Moore, whom I met when I visited Nashville a few months ago. This is my pleasure, gents.

OLD AGE IS HELL

The body gets still, you get cramps in your legs
Corns on your feet as big as hen's eggs.
Gas in the stomach, elimination is poor
Take EX-LAX at night, but then you're not sure.
You soak in the tub, or the body will smell
It's just like I said, (OLD AGE IS HELL !!!)
The teeth start decaying, eye sight is poor
Hair falling out all over the floor.
Sex life is shot, it's a thing of the past
Don't kid yourself friends, even that doesn't last!
Can't go to parties, don't dance anymore
Just putting it mildly, you're a hell of a bore.

Liquor is out, can't take a chance
Bladder is weak, might pee in your pants.
Nothing to plan for, nothing to expect
Just the mailman bringing your Security Check.
Now be sure your affairs are in order and you will is made
right ...
Or on the way to your grave there will be a hell of a fight.
So, if this NEW YEAR you feel fairly well,
Thank GOD you're alive, altho
OLD AGE IS HELL !!!
Submitted by: Orbin E. Rutledge ("I just turned 70.")

I solicit your help in getting up-to-date addresses for these folks:

Richard E. Higgins
Karl Otto Stuberberg
John V. Brogan
Lloyd Dunton
John D. Warnack, Jr.
Robert L. Julien

Alphonse Miscouraca
Martin D. Seiler
Julie Haring Beachnan

Pam Fuller
Thelma Valentine
Curtis A. Wilkins

Orville Heim
Clarence Patterson

GOLFERS REPORT from George Josten and Joe Einecker.

Harry Fike is to host a golf group in Davenport, Iowa, in June, with the Josten's, Fran Goplen from Minnesota and Norm Lund of Waukegan. In August, the Josten crew will have its bi-annual Crew Reunion at Joe Bastin's casa on Barkley Lake --- WOW! What a "scene" Joe and Nunnie have!!! At Reno Chairman Joe Einecker ran a Class AAA golf competition.

First Place Foursome:

Second Place Foursome:

The Prize List goes on with:

Bob and Jean Heafner with Murv and Kay Huston
A "tie" - Sam Marie / Bob Wills / Doc Kimball / Dick Rogers with Joe and Doe Einecker with Don and Barb Einecker. Sam's Team won the playoff for Second Place.
Weyland Feely, Ed Pereira, Joe Bastin, Bob and Rosella Anderson, Harry and Lola Fike, Norm and Betty Lund, Wally and June Volkman receiving prizes and recognition of participation.

JOE, GET NUNNIE TO HELD, FA RAGE

Chairman Joe's bride, ~~DOE~~ ^{DOE} is recovering quickly from Colon Cancer surgery, so she will be able to compete in the 1995 golf at Nashville. Joe, please study the GOLF COURSE "scene" in the Nashville area for a site of the 1995 golf outing. I'm guessing there's a GREAT variety!!!

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All members should be considering nominations for the Board for the election in 1995 at Nashville. Send your ideas (recommendations) to Mike Magazzino.

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PLEASE send items of interest to any officer for use in our L.O.G.

We want YOUR input so we have an excellent bulletin!!!

!!!! ENJOY !!!!