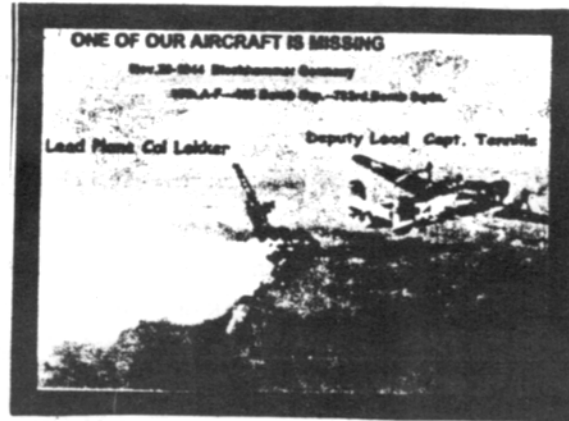
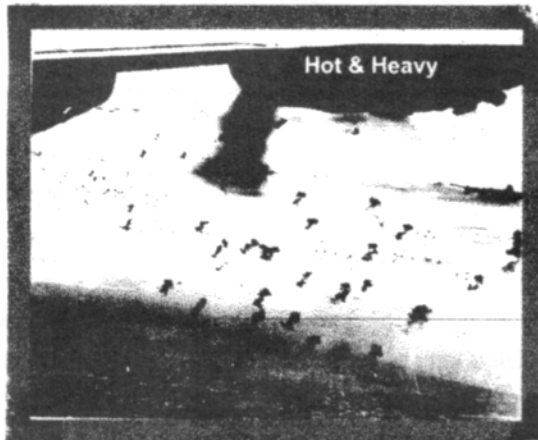




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JUNE 2002

Fifteenth Air Force
55th Bombardment Wing



THE ABOVE REPRESENTS THE HEART ACHES & SUFFERING OF 1944-1945

BELOW OFFERS THE CAMARADERIE & FRIENDSHIP AVAILABLE AT DAVENPORT 2002



**JOIN THE CROWD AT DAVENPORT, IA
DON'T BE A PARTY POOPER!**

HARRY & LOLA ARE HAVING A PARTY

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND SEPT 12 -SEPT 15-2002

GENE & MARY KULCZYK ALONG WITH CLEO & SUSANNE JACKSON HAVE ALREADY MADE RESERVATIONS

LIKE ALWAYS THEY WILL BE THERE TO GREET YOU ON YOUR ARRIVAL

CHECK THE PRICES OUT--WHERE CAN YOU GET AS MUCH FOR YOUR TRAVEL DOLLAR?

ALL ATTENDING 'DAVENPOOKYVILLE' 2000 WILL VERIFY THE OUTSTANDING ACCOMODATIONS & EXPERIENCE

WHILE VISITING WITH THE BEST---'OLE' SQUADRON FRIENDS

IF YOU MISPLACED YOUR RESERVATION SHEET-CALL OR WRITE & ANOTHER WILL BE SENT

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY



OUR THANKS

This marks the first time in 3 years on this tour of duty we didn't have the sad task of preparing an obituary for one or more of our members. It is hoped each and every member will take time to express their appreciation to their Higher Power as they understand him. Our thanks to the 'Big Sky Pilot' for this blessing.



MIKE MAGAZZINE-the 'Italian Stallion' endured them 'busting' him up the middle with a chain saw and doing a replumbing job on his heart guaranteed for another 100 000 miles. It should be remembered when you have passed the 80 year mark in this stroll thru life such a procedure isn't exactly a walk in the park. Having been an integral part of the 'Quid Fit' gang from womb to tomb he has a proven track record of being a tough 'Ole Guinea Rooster'. With the faithful Sarah at his side along with the other members of the Magazzine clan providing strong Italian love and care he is on the road to recovery. From McCook to Camp Patrick Henry; aboard the Walter Ranger to Oran; aboard

the USS Lyons to Naples; via the Cattle Car Railroad Ride to Panatella; working as a member of the Ground Crew with Big Pat Spradley on Perry & the Pirates and others till the end of hostilities; back to Puerto Rico; and finally to Florida he more than pulled his weight during these many journeys and endeavors. In 1985 when he again joined the Association at the Dayton Reunion it wasn't long until he was pulling his weight once more as a 'Volunteer'. Starting at the bottom of the Association Officer ladder he has held just about each and every office thru President. Today he isn't satisfied to just sit on the Board of Directors. At most of the Reunions along with his devoted Sarah they have handled the registrations of attendees. Take a look at the great Squadron Directories he prepares for each Reunion. His last act before departing for the 'Butcher Shop' was to prepare the mailing labels for the mailing of this newsletter. When you desire a job done well just unhook the 'Italian Stallion'; get out of the way and give him running room. When they coined the phrase, "CAN DO-WILL DO", they were describing the actions of this real Quid Fit lead 'hoss'. Mike, may the remainder of your road to recovery be a smooth one.

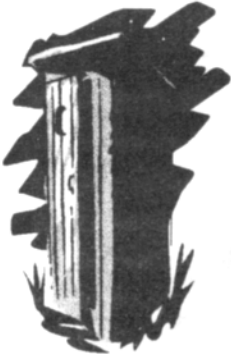
CHARLIE ELLIS-as previously reported has 'slud' down the hill with physical problems. Recently, we received word he has recovered sufficiently to be taken from the Care Center of his Retirement Home and allowed to attend a Big Band Dance held in the entertainment center. Although he couldn't shake a leg with the rest of the Golden Agers it is reported he enjoyed clapping and tapping his foot in tune with the music. This proves those 'Ole' 50 mission Crew Commanders will give it all they have till the bitter end. Hang in there 'Big Guy' we still have some hills to climb together.

**HAVE YOU TAKEN TIME LATELY TO DROP SOMEONE A NOTE
OF CHEER THAT HAS BEEN LESS FORTUNATE HEATH WISE?
IT'S NOT TOO LATE. DO SO TODAY-NOT TOMORROW!**

When someone annoys you, it takes 42 muscles to frown, but it only takes 4 muscles to extend your arm and smack them in the head.

Blackie Sherrod the famous Texas Sports Writer says, "By the time you're old enough to behave, you're too old to do otherwise".

LATRINE O GRAMS FROM 5TH STOOL DOWN



JOHN PLARR-one of those heavy footed 'Truck Jockeys' that dispensed so many thrilling rides in and out of Panatella has been retired from Lucent Technologies for a number of years. His son-in-law owns 3 service stations in Allentown and a car wash in Easton, PA. 'Johnny Boy' became bored sitting home enduring a love affair with the 'boob tube'. He now spends his days and early evenings running the roads in the Allentown-Easton area 'hot shoting' parts to his son-in-laws stations. Motorists in that area probably don't have a clue a 'Heavy Footed Highway Terrorist' may over take them at any moment.

TOM 'ARKIE' BONDS & GUY CARTER-we have received a flash the two mentioned 'Throttle Jockeys' from the Shack Queen Crew, who had their 'Tail Feathers' pulled out over Munich on the July 19, 1944 raid and spent the remainder of the war at the Stalag Luft Rest & Recreational Resort near Barth on the Black Sea, have become home sick and returned for a visit. They are reported traveling on a tour package arranged by the 'Back Woods University of Arkansas' lead by the Russians who liberated Barth. To get a better picture of this travel adventure it should be recalled these two 'Hot Rocks' parked the Shack Queen in a grape vineyard several miles from the Pantanella strip before being 'scragged'. When you consider the misfit Profs from 'Back Woods U'; the inept 'Rooskies'; and these two characters don't be surprised to hear at next report they took a wrong turn and are floating down the Yangtze River of China in a sampan. Dick Winston the Crew Navigator having the smarts not to join in this adventure tells everyone something. Stand by for a future progress report on this travelled

JOHN & HELEN KNAUS-made their annual winter pilgrimage to their Palm Springs, CA digs. They enjoyed soaking up some desert sun while escaping the cold weather of Missouri.

John advises a wonderful visit and lunch with Stan & Elaine Pace at their Indian Wells winter retreat was enjoyed .

The February 22, 2002 edition of the Palm Springs Desert Sun reported **STAN & ELAINE PACE** were among the 800 guests attending the celebrity packed 30th anniversary gala for the Eisenhower Medical Center. Among the distinguished guests were President & Mrs Gerald Ford; Julie Nixon Eisenhower; Lenore Annenberg; Barbara Sinatra to name only a few. Money raised at this event will provide for one of the most advanced pieces of cancer detection equipment in the world--a comprehensive PET/CT imaging scanner, at Eisenhower's Lucy Curci Cancer Center.

Following the path of least resistance is what makes rivers and men crooked.

I started with nothing and still have most of it.



BE ON GUARD!

SGT 'BIG BANG' IS ON THE WAY TO PLACE A CHARGE UNDER YOUR RECLINER INTENDED TO BLOW YOU AWAY FROM THE BOOB TUBE & HASTEN YOUR DECISION TO MAKE THE DAVENPORT ROUND UP!

MEMORIES



This trip down Memory lane is dedicated to FRANK KARA

*His art work on the wall of the Club made HIS LADIES even better than the originals
Many individuals derived countless hours of pleasure just looking & dreaming*



HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO THE ONE & ONLY BO BOLINSKI

**A FORMER POW; A CAREER SOLDIER; A GREAT SQUADRON
MEMBER; A FAITHFUL REUNION ATTENDEE : & A GREAT GUY--
MAY HE ENJOY MANY, MANY MORE!**

'HIS BUDDY' & FRIENDS

HAVE AIR CREW MEMBERS GIVEN THANKS TO THE BIG SKY PILOT LATELY

"Of all the combat jobs in the American services during WW II, from infantryman to submariner, no job was more dangerous, statistically, than that of a man in a bomber over Germany. The Fifteenth and Eighth Air Forces took a higher percentage of losses than any other American fighting force, from foxhole to destroyer deck. Though the glamour of the AAF.....seemed to shine throughout the war, the air war was not clean or safe. It was murderous".

From the book BOMBER COMMAND by JEFFREY L. ETHELL

Addendum: "QUID FIT UMBRIAGOS CAN STAND TALL AMONG ANY COMPANY" by SAMMARIE

DOCUMENTED POW HISTORY

FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Commanding General
A. P. O. 520

20 August 1944

Mrs. Gussie Clutts
Alto Pass, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Clutts:

I am extremely sorry that I must confirm the notification you have received from the War Department informing you that your son, Technical Sergeant Leonard D. Clutts, 16040567, has been missing in action since July 19, 1944, when his Liberator failed to return from a high altitude bombing mission over Munich, Germany.

Leonard's plane was hit by flak after leaving the target and as a result is believed to have gone down near Udine, Italy. I am glad to report that all the crew members bailed out while the craft was in sight of our other planes. Eventually, some or all of the men may be heard from as prisoners of war. However, until official confirmation of the fact is received we can do little but wait and hope for the best. Rest assured that the War Department will notify you as soon as more detailed information is available.

Leonard has been awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievements throughout sustained combat operations in this theater. You can be very proud of his record.

Very sincerely yours,

M. F. Twining
M. F. TWINING
Major General, USA
Commanding

When you 'Drafted Recruits' would get your 'tail feathers' pulled out and go to 'POWville' you may have thought you had your business in a jam. Little did you realize the time those still flying missions spent writing letters attempting to explain to your loved ones while not knowing whether you had been totally 'scragged' or not. It doesn't take much smarts to know 'behinds' were hung way out the window predicting your safety trying to give hope when in reality you could easily have 'bought the farm'. Generally, there were replies with more questions. Disposing of possessions such as selling motorcycles was a heavy responsibility. One could only hope the price received and sent was satisfactory. One person making requests must have thought we were a Lt General rather than having just lost our 'Blue Goose Bar' and being a new 2nd Lt. Likewise, in many cases some of you POW's should have been thankful your friends were around to remove 'incriminating evidence' from belongings that saved many from having a date with a divorce lawyer on their return. Yep! No doubt you guys had it rough. But it wasn't all a picnic back on the 'Hill'. One person that really had it double rough was Colonel Andrus. Night after night he sat in that little tent hand writing your loved ones. Having sent you out and then having to write and say you were down was truly double jeopardy. Unfortunately, we have no copies of the many letters he might have written to include in this article. Take our word--no one went down that he didn't consider a personal loss. We can testify that on a number of occasions we saw tears run down 'Ole Iron Ass's' cheeks and him choke up. Few of you will ever know how much he agonized.

*MAYBE YOU WOULD LIKE TO
READ THIS AGAIN.
THE GREEN INK DIDN'T SHOW
UP TO GOOD.*

While working with this page and reading Clutt's note about the green ink brought back memories. The simple task of acquiring writing paper immediately following our arrival on the 'Hill' took some ingenuity. Going down to the Operations tent and mooching onion skins or second sheets from my 'Ole Compadre' John Walker was used to write Mrs Clutts. Danged, if we can recall where the mailing envelopes were mooched. Nor, can it be remembered how we acquired the large bottle of green ink used in our great tent illegally confiscated by Don Kay's crew after Greenwood was 'scragged'. Resentments still grip our 'GI Behind' having to leave our concrete block floor and go over to the dirt one in Cap Petranek's. A damned green bunch of 'Drafted Recruits' dispossessing a 40 mission Flite 'Toggle Jockey' proves 'AKing' worked in that day as it does today.

My Dear Mrs Clutts,

August 1, 1944

It is hoped this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits after receiving word that Leonard was missing in action.

As Leonard may have written I had been Bombardier on his crew since we were at Mc Cook and had flown 34 missions with them. Due to his persuasion and that of Lt Greenwood our Crew Commander I had accepted a 3 day pass to Rome awarded to the Bombardier with the most missions in the Squadron. This will account for my not being with the boys wherever they are. (It should be noted I had also been flying missions with the Petranek Crew which will account for the 40 number mentioned).

I have personally talked with most of the men on the other crews, who were on the same raid, and they seem confident the boys are well and safe. They all reported the ship was hit badly by flak just as the bombs went away. However, the flak is reported to have hit in a position of the plane where it's injuring any of the crew was small. When their plane was last seen it was under perfect control slowly losing altitude. This leads me to hope they might have possibly reached a neutral country for a forced landing or bailed out and are now prisoners of war.

When I returned our Squadron Supply Officer had taken possession of their personal belongings for shipment home. However, there were a few personal letters and logs of his combat missions that could not be included due to censorship problems. I have them and they will be forwarded you on my return to the states if I complete my missions. Within 20-30 days following receipt of this letter you should receive \$120.00 from the government which I sent PTA today. One hundred of it was what I received from the sale of his motorcycle. The other \$20 was the amount he loaned me when I left for Rome.

I know you join with me in praying for their safety. I would consider it a personal favor if you would let me know if you receive any word from or about Leonard.

Also, I will be glad to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Sam Marie

The above is a copy of one of ten letters written each crew member's family including that of Bo Bolinski, who was flying in my place, when they were 'scragged'. Bo had just purchased my motorcycle and it along with that of Gop's, Bill Bitterman and Tommy Greenwood as well as that of Clutts mentioned above were sold and the money sent to their families.

The attached note from Clutts explaining the condition of this letter will explain why it couldn't be reproduced and I had to type a copy.

The copy of General Twining's letter confirms the above as well as documenting why he was such a great Commanding General with a big heart for his airmen.



2002 MINI REUNION UPDATE

Plans are progressing and we are working on a no-cost/low-cost "mini" tour that can include everyone (sign up at arrival time on September 12th). We would appreciate it if you would fill out the registration form you received in the March newsletter and send it in as soon as possible (Like NOW). It is very difficult to plan events without numbers. We already have a number of reservations; and right after Mike Magazine returned home a few weeks ago from serious heart surgery, Sarah, Mike's wife, knowing from personal experience that early registration is important, told me that she had their completed registration form ready to send in as soon as the doctor says OK. How is that for dedication?

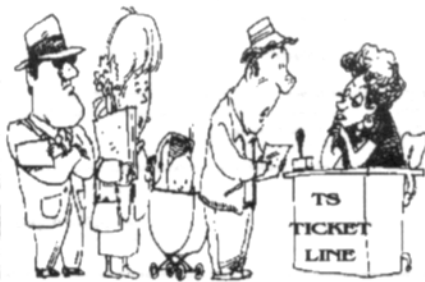
NOTE: Since 9/11, no one is allowed to enter Arsenal Island without a photo ID (e.g. driver's license, passport). If you plan to go on the Arsenal tour, be sure you bring proper ID.

Don't forget to dig out some of the memorabilia and pictures that you stashed away many years ago. You still have time to organize it and share it with all of us. This is something I am really looking forward to. Remember the map of Yugoslavia with the "safe areas" marked for bail outs that Carl Lind brought to Omaha and shared with us? Carl gave me that map and it will be here for all to enjoy (and I hope that Carl will be here to add the much-needed story behind the maps).

We already have 5 golfers registered and the "big guns" haven't responded as yet. In fact, the most maligned (under-performing) foursome is already planning a new strategy (we need one).

The Quad Cities is easy to get to by air (Moline Airport) as well as by auto (I-80 and I-74 cross here and the motel is just off I-74). Our daughter Cheri and her husband Roger will again assist us in hosting this event (They were such a big help two years ago and again last year in Omaha). In fact, they are looking forward to it, and so are we. See you in September.

Harry Fike



EXCUSES! EXCUSES! EXCUSES!
DON'T BE IN THIS LINE OF 'GOOF OFFS'
ALWAYS MAKING EXCUSES—
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR
'DAVENPOOKY' TODAY



SNOW BIRDS HEADED SOUTH

MEMBERS CONTINUE TO 'SNOW BIRD' & MOVE NEVER ADVISING

The following list reveals how some of our members continue moving & 'snow birding' with no regard to having their address for the LOG corrected causing it to be returned and creating extra work and expense for your Association and volunteers. It has been decided by your Officers the best way to correct this indifference is to print a list and if they are interested they can send a 34cent postage stamp and their returned March 2002 LOG will be forwarded once again:

RETURNED LOGS & REASONS

Angela Cohn-	Moved-Return to Sender	Joseph Bastin	Return to Sender-Temporarily Away
Ricky Greene	If phone chge advise	Betty Lund	.
Richard H. Marsh	.	Kenneth Peters	.
Carrol McNamee	.	Harold Winters	.
Donald Mercier	.		

Isn't it amazing how so many flee & escape 'paradise' to 'snow bird'. And-then spend their entire stay constantly bragging how much better it is in the very 'paradise' they fled.

RESPONSE TO APPEALS FOR NEWS ARTICLES & BIRTHDAYS UNACCEPTABLE

'YOUR' response to our appeal for you folks to help with this 'rag sheet' by sending news articles and birth dates was most discouraging. One member did bother to cooperate by sending a story to be used in the next LOG. 'Queenie' McGill the daughter of Sam McGill (deceased-who flew on Charlie Ellis crew) sent some info and photos requiring additional research before using. And—not a single soul among you made an effort to forward a birth date. It is hoped the majority of you were so paralyzed waiting for an IRS refund you couldn't take time to cooperate and respond. If there isn't an acceptable response between distribution of this LOG and the Davenport Mini your officers will be advised of your lack of cooperation and receive a recommendation to curtail the number of newsletters in the interest of saving Squadron funds. This is YOUR PUBLICATION—PARTICIPATE! & CONTRIBUTE! 'YOUR COOPERATION' IS BOTH IMPORTANT & NEEDED!

Folks while we have been struggling to shovel this load Harry, Lola, their daughter and son-in-law Shary & Roger have been working on each and every detail of the 'Davenpooky' reunion to insure all in attendance have even a better time then enjoyed in 2000. On the front page we reminded you of the extra bang for your travel buck Harry & Lola et al have made possible. Make your plans to attend now. Who knows? You might go down to a Casino Boat on the River and get lucky while hitting a Jack Pot. So, you drop a few bucks! Return to the hospitality room and Roger will pour one of his famous Manhattans helping to quickly erase the memories of your loss. His famous Manhattans will enhance the many great memories you carry home after visiting with your 'Ole Friends'. The Good Lord willing & the creek doesn't rise hope to see you in 'Davenpookyville'.

QUID FIT!
SAM



THIS OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING MAY OFFER THE LAST TIME TO VISIT AGAIN WITH 'OLE FRIENDS' ONCE WILLING TO RISK THEIR LIVES FOR YOU. REMEMBER! OPPORTUNITY MAY NOT KNOCK AGAIN! DON'T BLOW THIS OPPORTUNITY!

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY

783RD BOMB SQUADRON ASSOCIATION

SAM MARIE

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