

June 1975 - Newsletter

Dear Fireballers:

Sorry to hold up the last letter, but the bumper stickers were late--just one of those things. But--they were worth the wait !!! If you want to you can cut the decal off the end, color it yourself for car window. These were donated by a very good FRIEND, also a pilot, Mr. James N. Walters, NEAL WALTERS POSTER CORP, Hwy 72 East, Bentonville, Ark 72712. Any business you can give him will show him our appreciation. These bumper stickers will not only be sent all over the USA but also to Germany, England, Hawaii, Mexico. These should advertise our Bomb Group and find some other 457th men. Anyone requesting seconds will need to send a self addressed, large envelope, with 20 cent stamp. Please hold your requests down so we can have enough to go around.

Just received another letter from Lt Col Tom Goff. He needs to be praised...He has worked so hard on using doctors, lawyers, police, car dealers to trace over 50 men--and gaining more each week. Latest--Howard R. Hendrickson (Cpl 749) 15 Otsenigo St, Binghamton, NY 13903. Joseph T. Arko, 8507 Ester St, Mentor, Ohio 44060. Possibly--I have correct address for Stan Major, Ed Gizikowski, Harvey Pollack, Amos Kelso, if you want these write me. All these names will be on the next add-on Roster this Fall.

Dan and Nora Graham were the only known members of group to go to England beginning May 28th for 3 weeks. The Bill Morses are to go July & August. The Homer Briggs, possible the Paul Birchens, are scheduled to leave for London Aug 18th for 3 weeks & will meet with 8 different men "FRIENDS OF THE EIGHTH" at different cities to give a copy of our history collection to them, which will be included in an English display held in Oct. in memory of the 8th Air Force. Mickey will take her decoupage "Hi Flight" poem. Does anyone have anything to send us that we can use??? Also we plan a meeting with Vice Commander at Alconbury; USAF Colonel Dexter Martin to find out about restoring the Memorial at Conington...with perhaps a more lasting material.

Remember---if you want us to purchase the B-17, that we have found at scrap price, SEND NOW your donation.

In the Fall a financial statement and results of ballots, account of trip to England, the Florida 8th Air Force reunion trip, will be sent along with any Roster additions.

Everyone writing us says they will be here in '76, we hope we have a big success on our hands. In the Fall the Lodge will give us reservation cards to send to each of you.

We have one deceased man to take off our Roster--Michael Rubacha, Calif. Also names sent in of deceased--Robert Horn, Robert Krumm.

Bill Welborn says he is some better at this time.

You can have any information on the Florida 8th Historical Reunion plans by writing to Lt Col Woolnough, address on the April newsletter.

Send us your news for the Fall newsletter.

Bill Welborn, President, wants to hear from Frank Taylor.

Homer Briggs

Secretary & Treasurer -- Reunion 1976

Mickey, historian