

THE 457th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION
811 NORTHWEST "B" STREET
BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS 72712

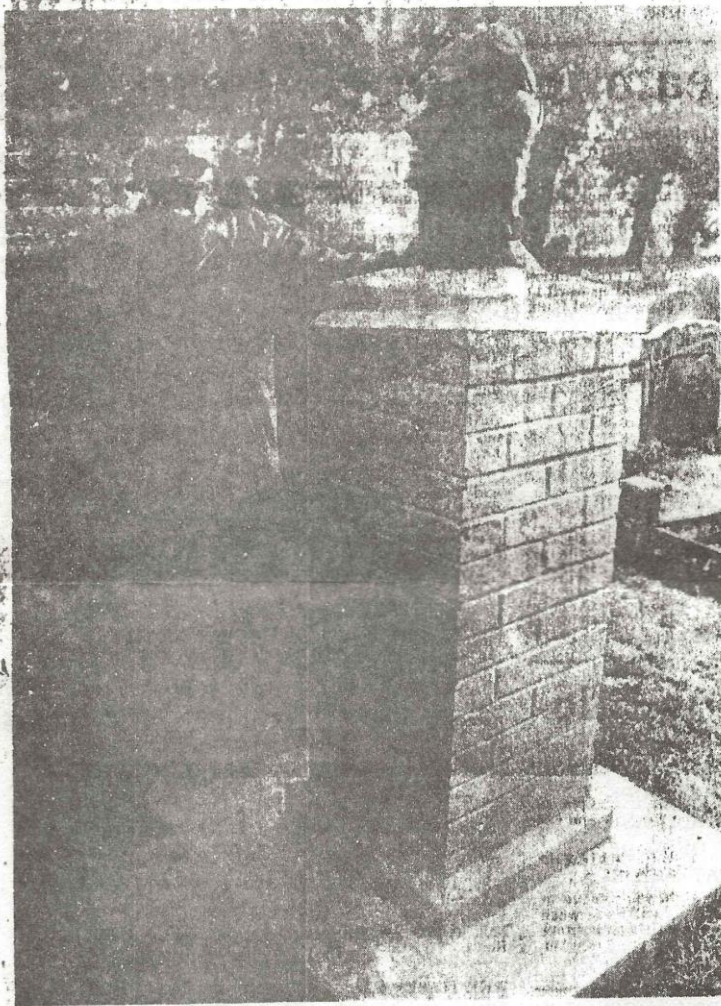
APRIL 1981

DEAR FIREBALLERS:

GEORGE TOWNSEND, SAWTRY, ENGLAND; SENT THE BELOW CLIPPING FROM A LOCAL ENGLISH NEWSPAPER TO US. "THE STONE AMERICAN" MEMORIAL MONUMENT HAS BEEN NEWLY REBUILT, USING THE ORIGINAL FLYER'S BUST, SCULPTURED BY LES FRIED, A 457th MEMBER, IN 1945. THE PRESENT 457'ers UNDERTOOK THE RECENT REBUILDING OF THE MEMORIAL WITH DONATIONS PAID A FIRM IN ENGLAND TO DO THE RESTORATIONS.

AS SOON AS THE MONUMENT IS COMPLETE AND A NEGATIVE REACHES THE SECY, A COPY OF A 5 X 7 PICTURE

LEST WE FORGET



George Townsend beside the memorial in Conington church-yard.

PRIDE OF PLACE RESTORED TO A MEMORIAL

A memorial to the American airmen who died while flying from Conington airfield during the last war has just been completely rebuilt.

Mr George Townsend (71), of 6 Moyne Road, Sawtry, who has looked after the memorial for the last 14 years, organised the restoration on behalf of the survivors of the 457th Bomb Group H.

Now the helmeted head of an airman has had a fresh coat of paint and the brick column that supports it has been replaced. It only needs its Faint Accomplish plaque replacing for it to be complete.

Mr Townsend said airmen from the former bomber base built the memorial in 1945.

A former cook at RAF Alconbury, he said he volunteered to look after the memorial after it became derelict.

He regularly tidies up the area around the

memorial, which is near his mother-in-law's grave, and this has led to two trips to America, with his wife Ena, to attend reunions of the airmen.

However, Mr Townsend realised the memorial was gradually falling apart so he told the Americans and they raised the money for it to be restored.

'I am very pleased that it has been put back to how it was before. It means a lot to those that were at the base,' he said.

A number of former airmen occasionally visit the airfield and church, Mr Townsend said. They are also planning a reunion in this area.

Conington church also means a lot to Mr Townsend. Although he comes from Sawtry, his wife comes from Conington. They were married in the church and their children were christened there.

Mr Townsend said his son Gordon, a fireman in Peterborough, helps him look after the memorial.

OF THE MONUMENT WILL BE MAILED TO EACH DONOR, ALSO A COPY WILL BE SENT TO THE 8th AF NEWS FOR A REPRINT IN THEIR NEWS-LETTER. THOSE WISHING TO BUY A COPY WILL BE ABLE TO ORDER ONE, EITHER TO BE MAILED OR PICKED UP AT REUNION IN SEPT. PLEASE CONTACT HOMER BRIGGS. WE DO NOT HAVE THE PICTURE OR PRICE YET.

THE OTHER ENGLISH HISTORIANS ALSO PLACE FLOWERS ON THE MEMORIAL ON MEMORIAL DAY. WE ARE HOPING THAT SEVERAL OF THE ENGLISH HISTORIANS CAN ATTEND OUR 1981 REUNION.

GEORGE TOWNSEND: SENDS ON TO US A LETTER SENT TO HIM FOR A REQUEST (IN PART IT READS): "PERHAPS YOU COULD HELP ME TO LOCATE A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY, MY COUSIN, A YOUNG LADY WHO LIVED AT WHITTLESEY AND MARRIED A U.S. SOLDIER IN 1945, GOING TO AMERICA WITH HIM, SINCE THEN WE HAVE LOST ALL CONTACT WITH THEM. WE HAVE TRIED TO CONTACT MY COUSIN ON AN IMPORTANT FAMILY MATTER. A YEAR AGO WE WROTE TO U. S. FORCES VETERAN ASSOCIATION BUT NO REPLY. I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THEIR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE. THE PARTIES BEING: VERA ANN RANDALL 12 A. ST., WHITTLESEY AND CHARLES O'SHIELD, 457th BG 750 BS APO 55 % PM. US ARMY. WEDDING DATE JAN 11, 1945 ST. ANDREWS CHURCH WHITTLESEY. UNFORTUNATELY WE NEVER MET CHARLES AND HAD NO LETTERS PASSED BETWEEN US. IS IT POSSIBLE ANYONE MIGHT REMEMBER HIM? COULD YOU GIVE US ANY ADDRESS OF EX-SERVICE GROUP WE COULD WRITE TO ? DOES ANY OF THE 457th GROUP REMEMBER HIM OR WHERE HE WAS FROM ?". MR. W. T. INKEL, 16 MAGEE ROAD WALTON, PETERBOUGH PE 4 6 SZ ENGLAND. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION SEND TO BRIGGS, OR WRITE TO MR. INKEL.

PAINTING: FOUND IN THE CONINGTON CHURCH RECTORY ATTIC, STORED WITH CANON WAYNE'S BELONGINGS, WAS GIVEN TO GEORGE TOWNSEND WHO IN TURN ASKED HIS SON, GORDON TO SEE TO IT. THE 6 FT BY 6 FT PAINTING WAS DONE BY PERSONEL OF THE 457th BASE & WAS OF THE CHURCH AT CONINGTON AND B 17s IT WAS PRESENTED TO CANON WAYNE IN 1945. GORDON TOWNSEND PICKED IT UP & GAVE IT TO THE PETERBOUGH MUSEUM FOR DISPLAY. THE MUSEUM IS A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE RAILWAY STATION IN PETERBOUGH, ENGLAND. LOST ADDRESS: COL. RODERICK FRANIS, HIS OCT. 1980 NEWSLETTER RETURNED-MOVED FORWARDING EXPIRED, ANYONE HAVING HIS ADDRESS OR CAN TRACE IT PLEASE CONTACT BRIGGS. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS: 522 N. IGO WAY, TUCSON, AZ 85710.

DEATHS: THREE MEMBERS HAVE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AND WILL BE MISSED GREATLY. MELVIN O RICHESON, RTE 1 GALVESTON, IN 46932..FEB. 1981..WAYNE E EDDY, 3814 W CHICAGO, RAPID CITY, SD. 57701..(749sdn) MARCH 1981..GERALD GIBAS, 2811 SOUTH JEFFERSON, BAY CITY, MI 48706. CANCER '8

THE RE-UNION WILL BE HELD AT THE 4 SEASONS MOTOR INN WITH ROOM ACCOMODATIONS ARRANGED FOR SEPT. 25, 26 & 27. DISCOUNTED ROOM RATES ARE \$43.00 PER NIGHT FOR A SINGLE, AND \$53.00 FOR A DOUBLE. EXTRA PERSONS ARE \$8.00 EACH-ALSO \$8.00 EXTRA PER NIGHT IF YOU PREFER A POOLSIDE ROOM. A ROOM WE CAN SECURE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE WEEKEND FOR USE IN DISPLAY OF PHOTOS, HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS, UNIFORMS AND VARIOUS OTHER MEMORABILIA, SO PLEASE BRING YOUR OLD GAS MASK, GOGGLES, A-2 JACKET OR WHATEVER.

DETAILED PLANS FOR THE 3 DAYS ARE NOT COMPLETE (SOME DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER WHO PLAN TO ATTEND), BUT SOME OF THE SCHEDULED EVENTS ARE TOURS OF THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY AND THE NORAD (NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND) UNDERGROUND COMMAND FACILITY IN CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN. ONE EVENING WILL BE PLANNED FOR A COCKTAIL HOUR, DINNER AND A SPECIAL PROGRAM.

PLAN TO ARRIVE ON FRIDAY (25th) EARLY ENOUGH TO ATTEND AN EVENING OF COCKTAILS AND RE-ACQUAINTANCE HANGAR FLYING. CHECKOUT TIME WILL BE MONDAY (28th) NOON. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING SOMETIME BEFORE DEPARTURE. BE SURE TO RETURN YOUR PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS CARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (THAT'S ASAP, REMEMBER?), SO WE'LL KNOW HOW MANY TO PLAN FOR. WIVES, FAMILY, & FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO ALL EVENTS. WE ALL HAVE ENJOYED THE PAST REUNIONS. ALTHOUGH SOME FREE TIME WILL PERMIT LIMITED SIGHT-SEEING, YOU MAY WANT TO PLAN EXTRA DAYS TO ENJOY SOME OF THE MANY TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN THE COLORADO SPRINGS AND DENVER AREAS.....

LT. COL. DON SELLON, 2396 SO. LANSING ST. AURORA, CO 80014

DON HAS ENLISTED THE HELP OF ROBERT TANGNEY, FT. COLLINS, CO. & COL. WILLIAM DUDLEY OF COLORADO SPRINGS. ANY SUGGESTIONS OR QUESTIONS SHOULD GO TO DON SELLON OR PRESIDENT ED REPPA, DEARBORN, MICHIGAN.

AT THIS TIME WE HAVE NO PRICES AS TO THE BANQUET AND SUCH. YOU CAN OBTAIN THESE ALONG WITH PROGRAM, NAME TAGS, ETC AT REGISTRATION TIME. REGISTRATION IS PLANNED FOR FRIDAY AFTERNOON, EVENING AT THE MOTEL. IF YOU ARE A LATE COMER, LOOK MICKEY BRIGGS UP, ALSO POSSIBLY SAT EARLY MORNING LATE REGISTRATION.

EARLY PRE-REGISTRATION: THOSE THAT HAVE WRITTEN THEY ARE COMING: ENCLOSED IS A REGISTRATION CARD TO BE FILLED IN AND RETURNED TO HOMER BRIGGS, 811 NW B ST. THOSE NOT RECEIVING A CARD BUT WOULD LIKE ONE PLEASE WRITE US FOR ONE. THOSE THAT ATTEND, NOT KNOWING THEY MAY, CAN FILL ONE IN UPON ARRIVING. THE RETURNED REGISTRATION CARD WILL ENABLE MICKEY TO HAVE YOUR PRE-REGISTERED AND NAME TAGS READY ALONG WITH OTHER INFORMATION YOU MAY NEED IN YOUR PACKET. THE ONLY REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRE IS YOUR 1981 DUES PAID TO DATE..

MOTEL RESERVATION: AGAIN ENCLOSED ARE CARDS TO THOSE WHO MIGHT ATTEND OR HAVE WRITTEN TO US. IF YOU WANT ONE AND DO NOT RECEIVE ONE, PLEASE WRITE TO US FOR ONE. RETURN THEM ONLY TO THE COLORADO SPRINGS FOUR SEASONS MOTEL.

MEMBERSHIP: WE USE THE DUES COLLECTED FOR THE NEWSLETTER AND POSTAGE TO MAIL OUT LETTERS. WE NEED THEM ALL TO BE UP TO DATE. VOTED BY 1976 REUNION ATTENDEES - AS YOUR INITIAL DUES ARE PAID YOU WILL BE SENT A PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP CARD TO BE KEPT AS A PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP CARD. WHEN FUTURE DUES ARE PAID, PAY BY CHECK, MARK THE YEAR DUES YOU PAY ON THE CHECK, KEEP THE CANCELED CHECK AS A RECEIPT. YEARLY DUES ARE \$5.00 DUE JANUARY OF EACH YEAR.

MAILING LIST ONLY: IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER, TO STAY ON THE MAILING LIST PLEASE SEND \$1.00 EACH YEAR FOR POSTAGE. (IF YOU HAVE PAID DUES AND HAVE NO CARD, PLEASE CONTACT HOMER AND WE WILL HAVE THE CARD MAILED TO YOU.)

NEW ROSTER LIST 1981: A NEW ALPHABETIC ROSTER LIST HAS BEEN COMPILED. PAID MEMBERS WISHING A COPY SEND A LONG ONLY LONG SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. ADDRESS NEAR TOP OF ENVELOPE. NON-MEMBERS, WISHING ONE, SEND A LONG SELF ADDRESSED (STAMPED WITH 70 CENTS POSTAGE) ENVELOPE, FOR 3rd CLASS ROLL. EACH TIME A FULL SHEET OF ADDRESSES, NEW OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS, IT WILL BE INCLUDED IN NEXT NEWSLETTER, WHICH YOU CAN ATTACH TO YOUR ROSTER, IF YOU HAVE A NAME, ADDRESS NOT ON THIS ROSTER PLEASE SEND IT TO US.

5th REUNION: SEPT 25-28, 1981: TEN YEARS AGO THE GROUP STARTED WITH 1ST REUNION. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO HAVE ALL OF THE CHARTER MEMBERS ATTEND. THE CHARTER MEMBERS ARE: AR: HOMER BRIGGS, WILLIAM STELL..CA: KEN BLAKEBROUGH, AL MARTINEZ, WILLIAM SILER..FL: HUGH SULLIVAN..GA: FRANK ANDERSON, JR..IL: JAMES DAY, JOSEPH TURNER..IN: JAMES CAREY, DAN GRAHAM..KS: HOWARD LARSON, THEODORE STEELE, RICHARD D. CROW, M D..ME: SUMNER MARSHALL..MI: WILLIAM MORSE..MN: PAUL BIRCHEN..MS: JOHN TREADWAY (DECEASED), WM L SMITH..MO: DEE OWSLEY, AL ROECKLE (DECEASED), KEN RURODE, E. L. SCHOTT, ELMER WRIGHT, J. G. HUNSPERGER..NY: WM. GOODFELLOW..NC: HURCHEL TEAGUE..ND: GEORGE CONOVER..OH: EUGENE BUTSCHA, KEN KENYON..TN: FRED BURKHART, WM S. HITE, ROY JAMES, IVORY PHILLIPS..TX: SPEEDY PHILLIPS, LEON SMITH, CLYDE WEID..WV: IRVIN MCCLAIN.

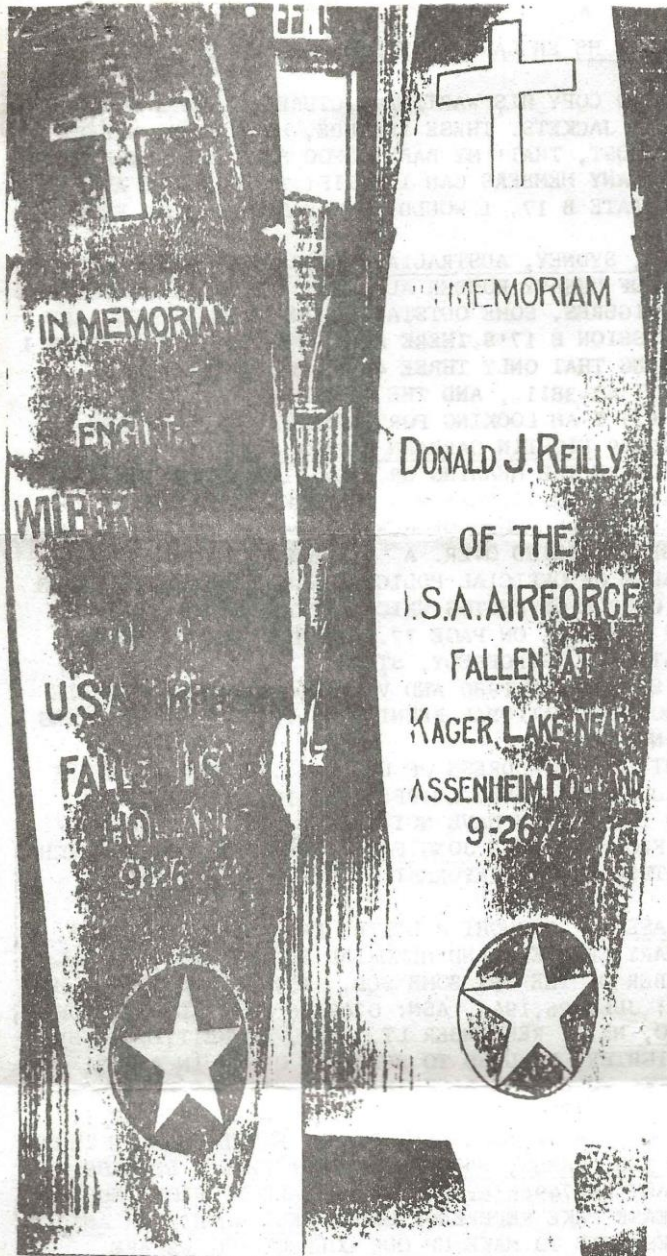
NEWSLETTERS: ARE MAILED AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR, OR WHEN THE OFFICERS FEEL IT NECESSARY. WE DO NEED YOU TO SEND US NEWS, PERSONAL OR WW II EXPERIENCES, THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP. PLEASE WRITE US AND LET US KNOW WHETHER YOU LIKE THE NEWSLETTER OR WHAT CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT ONE.

MAIL OUT: WE HAVE MAILED THIS APRIL 1981 ISSUE TO 650 MEN, INCLUDING, PAID TO DATE MEMBERS, NON PAID MEN, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND MEMBERS THAT HAVE PAID AT ONE TIME OR THE OTHER ALONG WITH THE NEW MEN WE HAVE RECENTLY FOUND.

REUNION PICTURES: WE ARE ARRANGING FOR A GROUP PICTURE TO BE TAKEN. REPRINTS WILL BE SOLD.



"Stealing the plane; flying to Europe; that's okay. But I still don't think we should have bombed Berlin!"



THIS PHOTO IS THE TWO PROPELLERS OF LT. GOOCH B-17 SENT TO US BY HAROLD E. JANSEN, THE NETHERLANDS.

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: THE HELD IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA ON 15-16 OCT. 1981, EACH YEAR A NUMBER OF UNITS HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 8th AF REUNION. THESE AFFAIRS ARE CALLED UNIT RENDEZVOUS. ALL EVENTS TO TAKE PLACE AT THE RADISSON ST. PAUL AND PLAZA HOTELS. IF INTERESTED CONTACT THE 8th AFHS, PO BOX 3556, HOLLYWOOD, FL 33083. THE MEMBERS NOW NUMBER OVER 7700. 8th AF CLEARINGHOUSE % ELMER FESSLER, 3911 NW 173rd TERR. OPA-LOCKA, FL 33504.

8th AFHS: MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$6.00 YEARLY. SEND CHECK WITH FIRST AND LAST NAME, ADDRESS, AF GROUP., DEPOT OR HQ, ASSIGNED OR ATTACHED TO AND LOCATION. SEND TO 8th AFHS, 495 NE 157th TERR, MIAMI, FL 33162.

OCT. 1980, ORLANDO REUNION 457 'ers ATTENDEES (PARTIAL LIST): KEN AND ARDEN BLAKEBROUGH, NORMAN AND ARLENE BREITS, DAN AND NORMA GRAHAM, BILL AND MAGUERITE GOOD, JOE AND IRIS FALCONE, ART AND JEAN FITCH, LES AND MILDRED PETERSON, ED AND ROBERTA JACKSON, (GARY GARRISON (KENNETH ?) IF YOU HAVE HIS ADDRESS PLEASE SEND IT IN) TOM GOFF, ED REPPA, JOHN AND WIFE DERLING, FRANCIS HECKINS, WIFE. OVER 1700 REGISTERED BUT MANY MORE CAME FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS. THE FINAL BANQUET WAS AROUND 2,000.

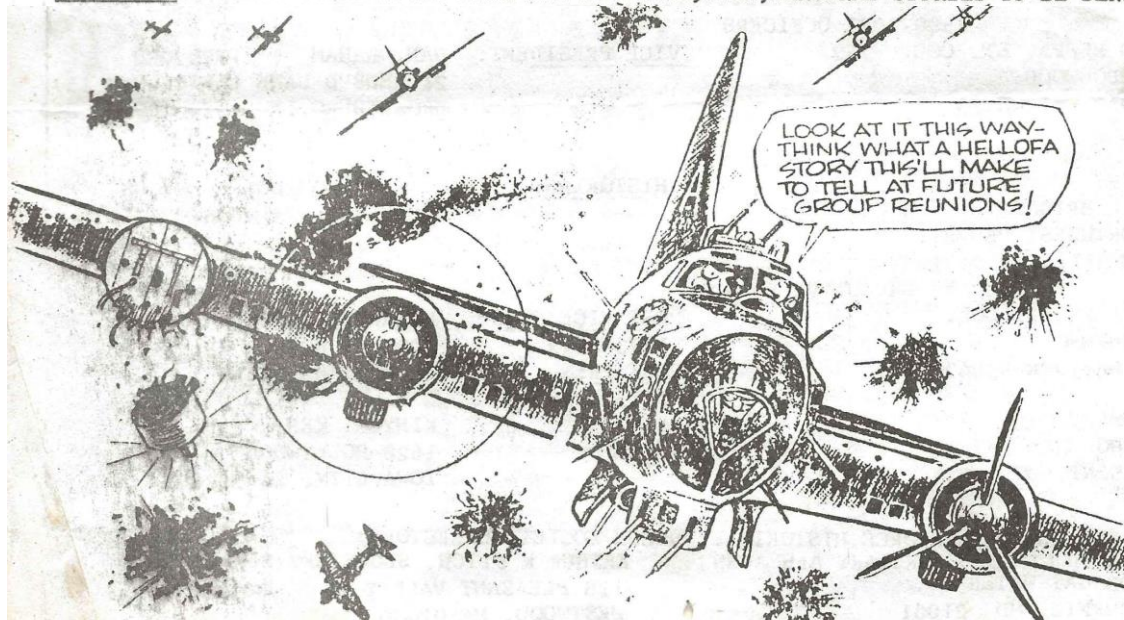
ADVERTISEMENT: MICKEY SENT THE REUNION NOTICE TO THE FOLLOWING: AEROSPACE HISTORIAN... AIR FORCE MAGAZINE... AIR FORCE TIMES... DAV MAGAZINE... NATIONAL ASSOC. FOR UNIFORMED SERVICE... THE OFFICER MAGAZINE (MOVED* DO YOU HAVE RECENT ADDRESS?... SERGEANT'S MAGAZINE, VFW MAGAZINE, WORLD WAR ENTHUSIAST... AMERICAN LEGION... JEWISH VETERAN MAGAZINE... JOIN UP... AIR CLASSICS... PILOT NEWS, KANSAS CITY... KANSAS MISSOURI AIRCRAFT OWNERS... BELLA VISTA PROPERTY OWNERS (LOCAL NEWS MAILED TO ALL OVER U.S. AND SOME FOREIGN COUNTRIES)... ASSOC OF U.S. ARMY NEWS... DO YOU HAVE ANY WE HAVE MISSED?

YOU CAN SEND: AN NEWS ITEM FREE TO YOUR LOCAL PAPER (ESPECIALLY IF A LARGE PAPER, IT WILL REACH MANY), ANNOUNCING THE REUNION AND GIVE YOUR NAME AS A LOCAL PERSON, OR / AND HOMER BRIGGS AND HOME BASE ADDRESS. THE DAV MAGAZINES HAVE ALREADY GIVEN US TWO MORE NAMES. NOTICES AT LOCAL VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS.

BE SURE TO BRING SOME LITERATURE &/OR SOUVENIR (FREE FROM STATES) FROM YOUR STATE OR CITY TO SHARE WITH OTHER REUNION ATTENDEES.

LAST MINTUE NEW ADDRESSES: KEN HOLDER 255 PUEBLO TAVERNIER, FL 33070
WARREN MEHRING 324 HENRY DRIVE WOODSTOCK, VA 22664

HISTORIAN: MICKEY STILL WOULD LIKE ANY PICTURES, DATA, PERSONAL STORIES TO BE SENT TO HER.



BERNARD BAINES, 29 WESTERN AVE, PETERBOROUGH PE 14 HS ENGLAND WRITES: HE AND WIFE, SADIE ARE COMING TO OUR REUNION IN 1981.

"BY COURTESY OF LES FRIED WHO KINDLY ALLOWED ME TO COPY HIS WARTIME PICTURES, I HAVE SOME PHOTOGRAPHS ART WORK BY LES, PAINTED ON A2 COMBAT JACKETS. THESE INCLUDE, MILK MAID, SLEEPY TIME GAL, SWEET LORRAINE, DING BAT II, REBEL'S ROOST, THAT' MY BABY, SHOO SHOO BABY, TOP HAND WARRIOR, BLANCHE, AND SATAN'S LADY.....IF ANY MEMBERS CAN IDENTIFY THESE NAMES AND RELATE THEM TO THE SERIAL NUMBERS OF THE APPROPRIATE B 17, I WOULD BE PLEASED TO HEAR FROM THEM." .. BERNARD.

STEVE BIRDSALL, 31 PARKLAND ROAD, MONA VALE 2103, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA WRITES: " I AM WORKING ON A NEW BOOK FOR DOUBLEDAY IN NEW YORK, A KIND OF "HEAVY BOMBER ALMANAC", WHICH WILL INCLUDE CAPSULE HISTORIES OF ALL THE GROUPS, FACTS AND FIGURES, SOME OUTSTANDING NOSE PAINTINGS, AND OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AIRPLANES, SUCH AS 100-MISSION B 17'S. THERE ARE A FEW SPECIFICS WHICH I WOULD LIKE HELP WITH. (1) AM I CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT ONLY THREE 457th B 17'S FLEW 100 MISSIONS OR MORE?.....PATTY ANN 43-37694, RENE III 42-38113, AND THE AIRPLANE 42-97123, WHICH MAY HAVE BRIEFLY BEEN NAMED "IPANA SMILE" ? (2) I AM LOOKING FOR CLOSEUP PHOTOS OF THE ARTWORK ON THREE 457th B-17 NOSES..FIRSTLY 42-32099 FIGHTIN CARBARN HAMMER SLAW, AND OH KAY. AND THIRDLY. "IPANA SMILE". I'M ALSO HOPING TO LEARN THE MEANING OR SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NAME FIGHTIN CARBARN HAMMER SLAW. IN THE ACTUALLY PAINTED ON---THERE WAS A SHARK-MOUTH DESIGN AROUND THE CHIN TURRET OF THE AIRPLANE, AND A GRAVEYARD PHOTO OF HER, TAKEN IN 1947 IN ARIZONA, INDICATES THAT SOMETHING, POSSIBLY A NAME, HAS BEEN PAINTED OVER. A 457th CREWMAN ONCE TOLD ME THAT HE THOUGHT THE NAME WAS "CENSORED" BECAUSE OF OFFICIAL POLICY TOWARD THE USE OF BRAND NAMES. (3) I AM HOPING TO BORROW A PRINT OF A COUPLE OF PHOTOS WHICH APPEAR IN THE 457th BOOK THE FLAK PHOTO ON PAGE 40, AND THE SHOT OF RENE III ON PAGE 77. ANY HELP YOU CAN OFFER WILL BE WARMLY WELCOMED, AND THANKS IN ANTICIPATION....SINCERELY, STEVE.

LES PETERSON: LES AND MILDRED PETERSON TOURED ENGLAND IN 1980 AND VISITED BERNARD AND SADIE BAINES. THE OLD AIR BASE, ALSO JUST RETURNED FROM THE NATIONAL REUNION OF THE 8th AF. LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 457th REUNION IN COLORADO SPRINGS.

THE RESPONSES TO IVO M DE JONG'S LETTER: BROUGHT US THE ADDRESS OF DR. R. M. STOHL. A LETTER FROM IRVING LEWIS, WHO KNEW LT. KNIPFER, STATED HE MET CLYDE KNIPFER IN 1952 AT KEFLAVIK AIR FORCE BASE, ICELAND. HE HAD BEEN A POW IN WW II. BUT WE HAVE NOT TRACED HIS ADDRESS AT PRESENT. WE ALSO HAVE RECIEVED A RECENT LETTER FROM IVO M DE JONG FROM THE NETHERLANDS, WHICH STATES, HE RECIEVED MANY LETTERS AND APPRECIATES ALL THE INFORMATION HE RECIEVED. HE IS SENDING A COPY OF INFORMATION FOR OUR FILES.

THE RESPONSES TO GORDON H HUNSBERGER, 355th FG ASSN.: BROUGHT A LETTER FROM BERNARD BAINES, WHO HAD A LETTER FROM CAMBRIDGE, AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL IN ENGLAND..STATING THE FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD L BENNETT WAS A MEMBER OF THE 751 BOMB SQD, 457th BOMB GROUP (H). HE WAS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK, DATE OF DEATH: JULY 26, 1944, ASN: 0749188. IT ALSO BROUGHT A LETTER FROM 457th MEMBER REV JOHN D WARD, RENO, NE. I REMEMBER LT. DICK, BENNETT, 751. HE LEFT AFTER HIS 30th MISSION AND TRANSFERRED TO FIGHTER, HE USED TO BUZZ THE GROUP IN A P-51 MUSTANG. HE LEFT GLATTON, 12 JULY, TWO WEEKS LATER WORD CAME BACK THAT BENNETT WAS KILLED IN A P-51 TRAINING FLIGHT. JOHN D WARD, CHAPLIN, 2885 KLETZE LANE, NO 75, RENO, NEVADA 89502.....SAYS ANYONE COMING THRU RENO, TO LOOK HIM UP AT THE VA MEDICAL CENTER. HE IS THE CHAPLIN THERE. JOHN WILSON, 8 ANTHONY CLOSE, PETERBOROUGH PE1 3XU, CAMBS, ENGLAND WRITES: "EVERY SUCCESS TO YOUR REUNION WITH PARTICULAR GOOD WISHES TO ANY EX-749th'er WHO MAY RECALL ME FROM THOSE HISTORIC DAYS OF 1944-45, WISH I WAS THERE"..PLEASE MAKE REFERENCE UNDER ENGLISH HISTORIANS FOR OUR PLEAS FOR B-17 PHOTOGRAPHS, CREW PICTURES, ETC TO MAKE UP OUR COLLECTION, WE ARE PARTICULARLY TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER PHOTOS OF ALL THE B-17'S USED BY THE 457th ESPECIALLY WHERE WE CAN IDENTIFY THE SERIAL NUMBERS." YOURS SINCERELY, JOHN WILSON.....

CORRECTED ADDRESS: (ALREADY ON NEW 1981 ROSTER)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: AFTER MAY 15, 1981

HEDRICK, RAY D
1705 CEDAR DR
GRAFTIN, WI 53024

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DECEASED:

LT. COL. CHARLES P NELSON, FORMER GRP INTELL. 1962 MAINE.....ROBERT C KREITE
HENRY L. BAKER, JUNE 1944.....KEITH MORGAN, JUNE 1944.....GERALD GIBAS, CANCER, AUG 1980
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