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

FEBRUARY 1983

DEAR FELLOW FIREBALLERS,  
CHRISTMAS DAY, 1982

IT IS NEARLY TIME AGAIN FOR OUR NEWSLETTER AND I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND PERSONAL HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO EACH ONE OF YOU AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, NORMA AND I HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED A CROSS-COUNTRY MOVE FROM BROWNSBURG, IND TO THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT HERE ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. WE MOVED INTO A BRAND NEW HOME HERE ON DEC 13th, JUST 12 DAYS AGO. WE ARE BOTH THRILLED WITH THE BEAUTIFUL SANDIA MTS. JUST TO OUR EAST, THE CITY SPREAD OUT BELOW US TO THE WEST AND BEYOND IT, THE DESERT AND DISTANT MOUNTAIN PEAKS TO THE WEST AND THE SUNNY, CLEAR BLUE SKIES ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, A FAR CRY FROM THE WINTERS NORMALLY EXPERIENCED BACK IN INDIANNA!

THIS IS A GREAT NEW YEAR COMING UP FOR OUR ORGANIZATION. TO MENTION A FEW ITEMS IN PARTICULAR, THERE IS OUR REUNION NEXT OCT. IN HOUSTON IN CONJUNCTION WITH THAT OF THE 8th AFHS TO WHICH I TRUST ALL OF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND. THERE HAVE BEEN NO PLANS MADE AS YET IN REGARD TO OUR OWN 457th ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE 8th'S CONVENTION BUT THIS WILL START SOON AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, AND WE SHALL SEE TO IT THAT WE DO RETAIN OUR IDENTITY AND AT THE SAME TIME AVAIL OURSELVES OF ALL THE GOOD FEATURES OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONS. YOUR BOARD MEMBERS WOULD WELCOME ANY AND ALL SUGGESTIONS IN REGARD TO SUCH PLANS WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK. THE PLANNING COMMITTEE IS YET TO BE SELECTED.

IN ADDITION, OUR NOTED ARTIST AND SCULPTOR LES FRIED HAS RECENTLY BEEN GIVEN THE 'GREEN LIGHT' TO PROCEED WITH THE B-17 AERIAL COMBAT OIL PAINTING WHICH IS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY. OUR FRIEND BILL DUDLEY HAVING MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE ACADEMY PERSONEL, THE PAINTING WILL BE PLACED THERE ON PERMANENT DISPLAY AS RECOGNITION OF THE WARTIME EFFORTS OF OUR BOMB GROUP. WE ALL SEND OUR BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED HEALTH AND SUCCESS IN THIS ENDEAVOUR TO LES FOLLOWING HIS RECENT ILLNESS.

FINALLY, MAY I EXPRESS MY PERSONAL THANKS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH THE SPLENDID MEMORIAL PROJECT NOW AN ACCOMPLISHED REALITY ON THE GROUNDS OF CONINGTON PARISH CHURCH ADJACENT TO GLATTON AIRFIELD. TO CHAIRMAN TOM GOFF, TO HIS COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND TO THE INVALUABLE AID AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY OUR ENGLISH FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER, BERNARD BAINS, WE ALL OWE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE WHICH CAN NEVER BE FULLY EXPRESSED. INDEED, I SHALL NEVER FORGET THE SPIRIT AND GENEROSITY OF OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IN THIS NOBLE ACCOMPLISHMENT.

IN CLOSING, I SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN THIS FALL IN HOUSTON.

YOUR PRESIDENT

DAN GRAHAM

DAN'S NEW ADDRESS: 10323 OSO GRANDE RD. N. E.

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ANOTHER NOTE FROM DAN ON JAN 83:

"IN PREFERENCE TO AN ITEM I READ IN "PARADE MAGAZINE" SECTION OF THE ALBQ. JOURNAL SUNDAY PAPER DATED 26 DEC '82 ENTITLED

"DID YOU GET YOUR MEDALS?"

THE ARTICLE IS IN REFERENCE TO DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS EARNED BY WWII VETS AND OTHERS AND NEVER RECEIVED. AMONG THE SEVERAL MEDALS LISTED (WHICH IS A PARTIAL LISTING ITSELF) WERE: 1. WWII VICTORY MEDAL, 2. AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, 3. NAT'L DEFENSE MEDAL, 4. AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL. VETS ENTITLED TO THESE AND NUMEROUS OTHER DECORATIONS SHOULD SEND THEIR REQUEST TO: NAT'L PERSONNEL RECORD CENTER, 9700 PAGE BLVD, ST. LOUIS, MO 63132. YOUR REQUEST MUST INCLUDE BRANCH OF SERVICE, I. D. (SERIAL) NUMBER AND SERVICE DATES. ASK FOR A CHECK ON YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER MEDALS OR DECORATIONS TO WHICH YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE ENTITLED. DAN IS APPLYING FOR HIS DAD'S MEDAL OF WWI."

PLEASE BEAR WITH US ON THE DELAY OF THE NEWSLETTER PROMISED IN DEC. PERSONAL DELAYS, STAGGERING CORRESPONDENCE, MICKEY AND I BOTH WORKING, HOPING TO SEE YOU ALL IN HOUSTON.  
HOMER BRIGGS, SECY TREAS.

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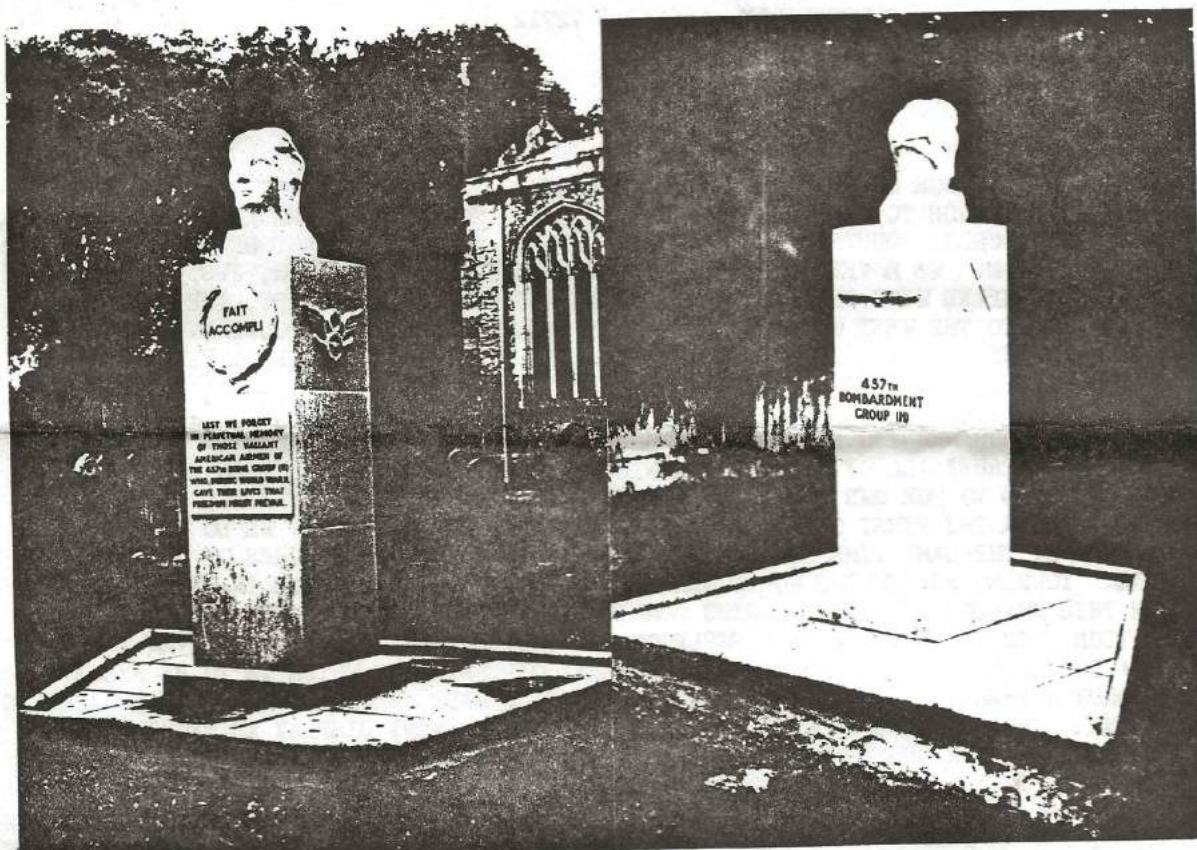
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THE ABOVE PICTURES SHOW OUR REBUILT "STONE AMERICAN". IT IS MY PLEASURE, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE RESTORATION COMMITTEE, TO TELL YOU THAT THE JOB IS FINISHED AND ALL BILLS ARE PAID. EACH CONTRIBUTOR SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A SET OF TWO PHOTOGRAPHS. IF NOT PLEASE CONTACT HOMER BRIGGS AND HE WILL MAIL THEM TO YOU.

I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH THE COMPLETED MONUMENT. I THINK IT IS BEAUTIFUL, DURABLE AND MAINTENANCE FREE. WE USED LES FRIED'S ORIGINAL IDEAS AS A MODEL. THE NEWLY CARVED HEAD, USING LES'S ORIGINAL AS A MODEL, IS CARVED FROM THE SAME PORTLAND STONE AS USED FOR THE BLOCKS. YOU WILL ALSO NOTE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE FAIT ACCOMPLI WREATH, ALSO LES' IDEA, AND THE LEST WE FORGET... SAYING, WE HAVE ADDED THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE LOGO, A B-17, A TRIANGLE U AND THE 457th BG IDENTIFICATION. THIS APPROXIMATE 6" MONUMENT SETS ON 2" PAVING STONES WHICH ARE SET IN A CONCRETE BASE WITH EDGING SLABS ALL AROUND.

PETERBORO EVENING  
TELEGRAPH AUG 23, 1982

## Group replaces ailing memorial

AMERICAN World War II veterans are determined they will not be forgotten in the village near their former base.

Former members of the 457th Bomb Group have raised nearly £2,000 to replace a monument in Conington churchyard.

The original memorial was put up in 1945 by Lester Fried, a member of the group. But over the years the memorial, which faced the runways as if waiting the return of the planes and men, gradually deteriorated.

Attempts by local people to restore the crumbling monument were unsuccessful. So the American ex-servicemen decided that it should be replaced by one more durable and maintenance-free.

The new monument, made of Portland stone, is a replica of the one made by Lester Fried.

The Americans have been helped in organising the new monument by a group of Peterborough men, who are associate members of the 457th Association, particularly Mr Bernard Bains.

I PERSONALLY, AND I AM SURE I SPEAK FOR ALL THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS—JOE FALCONE, LES FRIED, LES PETERSON AND NEIL SCHROEDER, PLUS PRESIDENT DAN GRAHAM, VICE PRESIDENT DON SELLON, AND SECRETARY/TREASURER HOMER BRIGGS THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION WHICH MADE THIS POSSIBLE. WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT PROBABLY THE ONE PERSON WHO CONTRIBUTED THE MOST EFFORT AND HAD TO PUT UP WITH MY CONSTANT DEMANDS FOR MORE AND MORE INFORMATION WAS BERNARD BAINS OF PETERBOROUGH, WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT HIM. WE ALL OWE HIM A VOTE OF APPRECIATION. SINCERELY, THOMAS A GOFF, CHAIRMAN

BILL O'CONNOR WRITES: "I WAS A BABY MEMBER (AGEWISE) OF THE 457th IN 1944. NOW I AM A PAST 60, TITLE III RETIREE, AND AM ENTITLED TO MAC FLIGHTS OVERSEAS WITH MY WIFE ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS. I AM SURE THERE ARE MANY OTHER FIREBALLERS IN THE SAME CATEGORY, MIGHT BE WORTH MENTIONING IN YOUR NEWSLETTER. THE MEMORIES OF GLATTON BRINGS BACK TEARS TO MY EYES. WHEN IS THE GLATTON REUNION GOING TO TAKE PLACE?????????????"

THIS IS A LETTER OFTEN REPEATED TO US.....ALSO ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A MEMORIAL DEDICATION? ....MAYBE EVERYONE COULD THINK ON IT AND LET YOUR PRESIDENT, BOARD MEMBERS KNOW YOUR VIEWS ON IT.

SEVERAL HAVE WRITTEN THAT THEY HAVE VISITED GLATTON, BUT A FEW FAILED TO KNOW OF THE MEMORIAL AND SEE IT. LATER THEY CONTACT US AND FIND OUT ABOUT IT.

NEW NAMES AND CURRENT ADDRESSES HAVE BEEN COMING IN FROM MEMBERS OF THE 8th AFHS, OTHER GROUPS WHO DISPLAY THE 8th AF STICKERS AND LICENSE PLATES. OUR 457th MEN ASK THEM ABOUT IT. HOMER FOUND 2 OTHERS AND GUIDED THEM TO THEIR CONTACT MEN. FOUND A FELLOW 749 SQN HERE IN BENTONVILLE, AR. HIS EMBLEM OF 8th AF ON CAP HELPED TOO.



# WW II monument restored by national and local effort

A monument to American soldiers based in England during World War II has been restored through the efforts of former U.S. Air Force bomber crews with national headquarters in Bentonville.

Homer and Micky Briggs of Bentonville, the respective secretary/treasurer and historian for the 457th Bombardment Group, said members of the organization had contributed several thousand dollars to the replacement of the 1945 monument with a "maintenance-free" stone sculpture.

The couple said the original monument was made of brick and covered with concrete, which has required repairs three times over the years.

The monument is located in a churchyard in Glatton, England, within sight of the original base which the airmen operated from during the war. Glatton is a community between Conington and Peterborough.

The six-foot monument, topped by a bust of a flier, was designed at the end of the war by Lester Fried, a member of the bomb group. It is in memory of the 729 men in the group who were killed or missing in combat.

Members of the fighting force, who flew in B-17 Flying Fortresses, formed the veterans' organization in 1970 and the 600 members hold reunions every two years, Briggs said. The 1971 and 1976 reunions were in Bentonville.

The 457th was formed in 1943 and flew missions over Berlin, Germany, seven times, and raided Gdansk, Poland, as well.



Monument to the 457th Bombardment Group.

He said it was a "morale thing" to bomb any place the Germans were during the war because the Germans boosted that English and American bombs would never fall in Germany.

HARRY CONNORS FINDS 12 NEW MEN AND CURRENT ADDRESSES IN SEVERAL ISSUES OF POW MAGAZINE. THANKS.

8th AFHS CLEARINGHOUSE HAS SENT US ABOUT 40 NEW ADDRESSES.

SORRY WE LEFT OUT OF THE 1980 COLORADO REUNION ATTENDEES COL. JOHN WELCH AND WIFE ALBERTA.

HISTORIAN: MANY HAVE WRITTEN THAT THEY HAVE PIC'S AND PAPERS, WANTING TO KNOW IF WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FOR THE GROUP'S GROWING BOOKS. YES PLEASE SEND IF NOT THE ORIGINAL, THEN A COPY OF IT. MICKEY IS MAKING BOOK AFTER BOOK AND KEEPING THEM, BRINGING THEM TO THE REUNIONS FOR VIEWING.

A BIG THANKS TO BERNIE BAINES FOR COPY OF AMERICAN MEMORIAL DAY AT CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND FOR OUR BOOK.

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.)

#### ROSTER LIST:

PAID MEMBERS WISHING A COPY OF ROSTER LIST SEND A LONG-ONLY-LONG SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. NAME AND ADDRESS NEAR TOP OF ENVELOPE WHERE STAMPS USUALLY ARE.

NON PAYING DUES: WISHING A ROSTER LIST SEND A LONG SELF ADDRESSED (STAMPED WITH 70 CENTS STAMPS ATTACHED. THESE WILL ALL BE MAILED IN A 3rd CLASS ROLL. EACH TIME A FULL SHEET OF NEW ADDRESSES, 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.

#### MEMORIAL WALL COLORADO:

THE USAF ACADEMY CEMETERY MEMORIAL WALL IS A USAF ACADEMY MEMORIAL BOARD APPROVED PROGRAM INTENDED TO ALLOW AIR RELATED UNITS TO REMEMBER THOSE OF THEIR COMRADES WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF COMBAT. WHILE MEMORIALS TO INDIVIDUALS ON THE WALL ARE DISCOURAGED, AIR RELATED UNITS WISHING TO MEMORIALIZE THEIR COMBAT CASUALTIES MAY WRITE TO: SECRETARY USAF MEMORIAL BOARD (XPXG), USAF ACADEMY, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80840, FOR MORE DETAILS CONCERNING QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS PROGRAM. (HOMER HAS A COPY OF THE PROCEDURES, AND INFO ON SIZES AND ETC)

#### B-17 T-SHIRTS

WE STILL HAVE A FEW T SHIRTS LEFT FROM THE COLORADO REUNION SIZES SMALL AND MEDIUM \$4.00 EACH. IF YOU ORDERED ONE AND DID NOT RECEIVE IT PLEASE LET US KNOW. MOVING?????

PLEASE SEND ADDRESS CHANGE IT. MANY PEOPLE WRITE IN, NEW ONES (ALSO) TRYING TO FIND A BUDDY FROM BACK THEN.....SOME TRYING TO VERIFY AN OLD INJURY AND SOME TO JUST VISIT AGAIN.



EXCERPTS FROM FRIENDS OF THE EIGHT "FOTE NEWS" ENGLAND: NOVEMBER 1982

A NEW MONUMENT TO THE 457th BOMB GROUP by BERNARD W BAINS  
ON THE 31st of MAY 1945, A MONUMENT WAS UNVEILED IN CONINGTON CHURCHYARD, IN MEMORY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE 457th BOMB GROUP, WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES WHILST SERVING AT GLATTON, STATION 130, OF THE 8th USAAF. IT WILL BE SEEN FROM COPIES OF THE DAILY BULLETIN OF 3rd JUNE 1945, AND A COMMENDATION DATED 5th JUNE 1945, CORPORAL LESTER FRIED DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED THE MONUMENT AND THE UNVEILING WAS PERFORMED BY THE GROUP COMMANDER, COLONEL HARRIS E. ROGNER.

THIS COMMENDABLE WARTIME EFFORT SURVIVED OUR VARYING CLIMATE FOR 34 YEARS, BUT HAD REACHED AN ALARMING STATE OF DETERIORATION. A WELL INTENTIONED EFFORT TO REBUILD IN BRICK, AND THE RETENTION OF THE ORIGINAL HEAD DID NOT PRODUCE SATISFACTORY RESULTS. IN SEPTEMBER 1981, AT THE GROUPS REUNION IN COLORADO SPRINGS, IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE A NEW MEMORIAL BEFITTING THE SACRIFICES AND DEDICATED EFFORTS OF ALL WHO SERVED AT GLATTON.

A COMMITTEE OF 5 457th MEMBERS, THOMAS A. GOFF, JOSEPH FALCONE, LESTER FRIED, LESLIE R PETERSON AND NEIL C SCHRODER WAS ELECTED TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT AND MYSELF, A PRIVILEGED AND HONOURED ATTENDEE AT THE COLORADO SPRINGS REUNION, WAS ELECTED THEIR U.K. REPRESENTATIVE. LESTER FRIED'S ORIGINAL CONCEPT HAS BEEN RETAINED AND IS CONSTRUCTED IN PORTLAND STONE, THE INSTALLATION WAS COMPLETED IN EARLY AUGUST 1982.

HEADQUARTERS  
APO 557, U.S.ARMY

3 JUNE 1945

DAILY BULLETIN (IN PART)

1. NOTICE: ATTN ALL PERSONNEL--EVERY MEMBER OF THIS STATION IS URGED TO VISIT CONINGTON CHURCHYARD AND VIEW THE MEMORIAL BUST TO THE AMERICAN AIRMEN OF THE 457th BOMB GROUP WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THIS WORLD WAR II. THE BUST IS LOCATED IN THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CHURCHYARD. THIS MONUMENT WAS UNVEILED ON 31 MAY 1945 BY THE STATION COMMANDER CPL. LESTER FRIED, WHO DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED IT. PAY A VISIT AND SPEND A MOMENT'S QUIET REFLECTION IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO CAME OVER BUT WILL NOT RETURN.

APO 557, U.S. ARMY

5 JUNE 1945

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION

TO: CORPORAL LESTER FRIED, 32803411, 751st BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, 457th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), BASE

1. I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN COMMENDING YOU FOR THE SPLENDID MEMORIAL YOU CONSTRUCTED ON BEHALF OF THOSE MEMBERS OF THE 457th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN COMBAT.

2. YOUR EFFORTS AND ARTISTIC GENIUS HAVE HELPED TO COMPOSE A MATERIAL THING OF BEAUTY THAT, IN EFFECT, EXPRESSES THOSE WORDS WE CANNOT CREATE TO OFFER OUR APPRECIATION FOR THEIR HEROIC DEEDS.

3. I AM CERTAIN THAT I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE 457th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) WHEN I SAY THAT YOUR FINE GESTURE AND NOBLE EFFORTS ARE APPRECIATED BY EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US.

SIGNED:

HARRIS E ROGNER  
COLONEL, AIR CORPS,  
COMMANDING.

REMEMBER WE DO NOT ENDORSE ANY OF THESE BOOKS, MERCHANDISE, OR REQUESTS: ONLY LET YOU KNOW OF THEM.

DEEP SIX MINIATURES: FINE 3 DIMENSIONAL CAST ANTIQUE PEWTER TIE BARS OR TACKS-- ANY PLANE ( MANY HAVE ASKED FOR THE B-17 TIE BARS) INQUIRE TO DEEP SIX MINIATURES, BOX 134, NORTHBORO, MA 01532

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT A ST J STEVENS, RAF FRITES:

WE ARE BUILDING THE BOMBER COMMAND MUSEUM TO STAND ALONGSIDE THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AND BATTLE OF BRITAIN MUSEUMS HERE AT HENDON AIRFORCE MUSEUM, LONDON. THIS NEW MUSEUM WILL TRACE THE HISTORY OF THE BOMBER FROM ITS INCEPTION DURING WORLD WAR ONE UP TO THE PRESENT DAY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT WILL STAND AS A PERMANENT MEMORIAL TO THE 57,000 MEMBERS OF BOMBER COMMAND AND 65,000 MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES 8th AND 9th AIR FORCES WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE STRATEGIC BOMBING OFFENSIVE OF WORLD WAR TWO. THE MAJOR PART OF THE MUSEUM WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE HISTORY OF THE BOMBING CAMPAIGN OF THE LAST WAR AND THEREFORE THE ENORMOUS AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION WILL BE FULLY REMEMBERED. WE HAVE LAUNCHED AN APPEAL TO RAISE THE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS NEEDED TO FINANCE THIS PROJECT AND IT IS MY JOB TO ESTABLISH AND CO-ORDINATE OUR FUND RAISING EFFORTS IN THE U.S. IN THESE TROUBLED TIMES I KNOW MONEY IS HARD TO FIND BUT I HOPE YOU WILL AGREE THAT OUR CAUSE IS A WORTHY ONE. WE ARE LOOKING TO SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE GREAT CAMPAIGN TO HELP US IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE AND I HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT I CAN RELEY ON YOU TO PUBLICISE OUR EFFORTS TO THE MEMBERS OF YOUR ASSOCIATION. WE FEEL THAT IT IS TO INDIVIDUALS THAT WE MUST LOOK TO RAISE A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE FINANCE AND SO PUBLICITY OF THE APPEAL IS VITAL.

BOMBER COMMAND MUSEUM APPEAL, ROYAL AIR FORCE MUSEUM, AERODROME ROAD, HENDON, LONDON NW9 5LL.

ROBERT M FOOSE 1175 WEYBRIDGE ROAD, COLUMBUS, OH 43220 WRITES:

A LATE NOTICE, BUT YOU CAN CHECK WITH HIM TO SEE IF HE STILL WANTS: AT PRESENT I AM WRITING A BOOK ON THE 8th AF CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE GERMAN OIL INDUSTRY (MAY THRU NOV 1944). I WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT ANY MEMBERS OF THE 457th WHO FLEW TO THOSE OIL TARGETS AND HAVE PERSONAL EXPERIENCES TO SHARE. PHOTOS OF AIRCRAFT, CREWS AND TARGET ARE ALSO NEEDED. ANY



PHOTOS SENT TO ME WILL BE CREDITED AND RETURNED TO THE SENDER PROMPTLY. ANY HELP FROM THE GROUP WILL BE APPRECIATED. HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU. CHEERS.

THE AIRBORNE SHOP, PO BOX 177, SALINA STAA 13208 SYRACUSE, NY.

FORMER 8th AF MEMBERS, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE LOOKING FOR AN A-2 JACKET TO FIT A LITTLE BETTER, OR JUST FOR OLD TIMES SAKE. I FOUND A SMALL LOT OF A-2 JACKETS THAT WERE MADE FOR A BRITISH FILM STUDIO, BY ONE OF THE ORIGINAL MAKERS HERE, WHO HAD MADE THEM DURING THE WAR. THESE ARE NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE REPRODUCTION JACKETS BEING MADE BY A COMPANY IN NEW YORK CITY. THESE WERE MADE ON A SPEC ORDER BUT NEVER SHIPPED, AS THE MOVIE THE STUDIO WAS GOING TO MAKE WAS PUT ON THE SHELF, AND A SMALL LOT WERE NOT SHIPPED TO ENGLAND. THESE ARE DEAD ON TO THE ISSUE JACKETS, WITH RIGHT SNAPS, HOOKS ETC. MED BROWN, GLOVE SOFT LEATHER, RIGHT COLOR LINING ETC. WILL GLADLY REFUND YOUR MONEY IF THESE ARE NOT THE BEST YOU'VE SEEN. I'VE BEEN COLLECTING FLYING GEAR FOR 30 YEARS AND NEVER SAW ANY AS GOOD. BELOW ARE SIZES. I HAVE 40,42,44,46 PRICE IS \$150.00 EACH PKUS UPS OR PARCEL POST. PO MO'S ONLY TO M. D. TASKER 1305 N. STATE ST. SYRACUSE, N. Y. 13208.

LEROY W NEWBY, AUTHOR OF "GREEN FLAK OVER PLOESTI" (PRESIDIO PRESS, NAVATO, CA) RECREATES THE VIEW FROM INSIDE THE BOMBER, ALONG WITH A PORTRAYAL OF THE OVERALL U.S. AERIAL DESTRUCTION OF GERMAN MILITARY TARGETS. THE READER MANS THE BOMBSIGHT ON SEVERAL BOMB RUNS, AND EXPERIENCES THE REACTION OF YOUNG CREWMEN AS THEY SEE THEIR FIRST AMERICAN BOMBER TURN OVER AND GO DOWN--JUST A FEW FEET AWAY. THE DEPLOYMENT, APPRECIATION AND EXCITEMENT OF THE FIGHTER ESCORT IS ALL THERE.

MUCH OF THE ACTION CENTERS AROUND PLOESTI, MUNICH AND BUCHAREST. AND THE BOOK TELLS OF THE 8th AIR FORCE INVOLVEMENT IN THOSE FLAK HOLES.

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EIGHTH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

1982 OCT 6-10 MEMORIAL REUNION SCHEDULE, CINCINNATI, OHIO

UNIT CONTACT BREAKFAST AND UNIT CONTACT WORKSHOP (HOMER AND MICKEY INVITED)

THE MIGHTY EIGHTH THEATER SHOWED WWII MOVIES ALL THRU REUNION

AERO CLUB DANCE - LIVE BAND AND CASH BAR SUIT UP! HAVE FUN! THE 8th REKINDLES THE SPIRIT OF THE '40'S WITH A BALL IN THE HALL!! CASH PRIZES!! BEST AND CRAZY WWII DRESS, DANCING, "VOLUNTEER" UNIT SINGING GROUPS ( GEO TOMKO AND MATT PATULSKI SANG FOR 457th)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, ALL VOTING MEMBERS PLEASE ATTEND!

UNIT BUFFET LUNCHEON-8AF ers AND GUESTS! EACH UNIT SIT TOGETHER  
MINN UNIT RENDEZVOUS SESSIONS TIME FOR UNIT MEETINGS GET TOGETHER

RIVER BOAT CRUISE, BUSES DEPART TWO HOUR TRIP ALONG THE BEAUTIFUL OHIO RIVER. RETURN 1600 LADIES TOOD THIS TRIP DURING UNIT GET TOGETHER.

AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS.

SOCIAL HOUR-PRE-DINNER RECEPTION

RENDEZVOUS DINNER-FULL COURSE SIT-DOWN

ROGER FREEMAN , ENGLAND, SHOW! REALY GREAT!

OCTOBER 9th (8AF MEMORIAL DAY)  
ANOTHER HEARTY BREAKFAST TO BEGIN OUR BIG DAY!

ALL ABOARD! BUSES DEPART FOR AF MUSEUM IN DAYTON AND MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY.  
(BEING A OFFICER AND UNIT CONTACT MAN, HOMER AND MICKEY WERE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.)

8af MEMORIAL CEREMONY

MEMORIAL TREE CEREMONIES ( SPECIFIED UNITS)

BUSES DEPART AF museum FOR REUNION HOTELS IN CINCINNATI

RECEPTION PRE-BANQUET

8AF HONOR CEREMONY

MEMORIAL REUNION BANQUET

DANCING TO THE BIG BAND ERA SOUNDS, RAFFLE TICKETS FOR BIG CASH PRIZES.

OCT 10th

BREAKFAST AT REUNION HOTELS, HAVE A SAFE AND MOST PLEASNT TRIP HOME SEE YOU IN HOUSTON, TX IN '83!

NOTES: PHOTOGRAPHER ON HAND FOR YOUR UNIT GROUP SHOTS! IMPRESSIVE AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT & MODELS DISPLAYS. VISIT THE PX BIGGER & BETTER.

HOMER AND MICKEY: ATTENDED A SPECIAL UNIT CONTACT BREAKFAST AND WORKSHOP!

THESE ARE SOMETHINGS WE LEARNED TO PASS ON TO THE GROUP FOR THE FINDING OF LOST SOULS FROM YOUR OWN HOME TOWN AND OR STATE.



WAYS OF INQUIRY--POSTMASTER (SOME TIMES), CALL SAME LAST NAME IN THAT HOME TOWN, CALL POLICE DEPT, (2,00 OR LESS PEOPLE) CALL CHAMER COMMERCE, CALL PHONE OPERATOR, LETTER TO LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, ADDRESS RESIDENT OF THAT ADDRESS, LIBRARY PHONE DIRECTORIES, DRIVER LICENCE BUREAU, VETS ADMINISTRATION (SERIAL NO) COSTS \$ 42.00 TO FIND DECEASED NAMES.

SEND LETTER TO EDITOR OF NEWSPAPERS

SAMPLE: DEAR FOLKS, WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO LOCATE OUR COMRADE WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW. THIS ADDRESS MAY BE AS OLD AS 40 YEARS AGO WHEN HE SERVED WITH US AT CLATTON, ENGLAND NEAR PETERBORO DURING WORLD WAR II WHEN WE WERE IN THE 8th AIR FORCE THERE.

WE WANT TO TELL HIM OF OUR REUNIONS AND REMINISCING AND I AM SURE HE WILL BE INTERESTED. ANY HELP YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO GIVE US SUCH HELP, PERHAPS YOU'LL FURNISH ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING WHO MIGHT HELP US. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD INCLUDE FROM THE PHONE BOOK ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS OF THOSE HAVING THE SAME SURNAME AS OUR COMRADE.

JOE DOE, I III WEST EAST ST TOWN, STATE, ZIP  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
SINCERELY, JOHN HENRE, ADDRESS

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OLD TIME RESIDENT IN THE NEIGHBOR HOOD

PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION AND VFW ADDRESSES  
LOCAL NEWSPAPER LOCAL BANK  
LOCAL CHURCH OF COMRADE, IF KNOWN SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP OR HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOC  
YOUR COMMENTS:

THIS TYPE OF LETTER WAS SENT TO US SEVERAL YEARS AGO FROM ANOTHER GROUP AND WE LOCATED THE PERSON FOR THEM IN ANOTHER CITY.

ALSO THIS ABOVE LETTER COULD BE SENT TO THE DEAR EDITOR OF YOUR NEWSPAPER.

OR A NOTICE OF THE 457th REUNION, AND OR 8th AFHS REUNION. THIS ALWAYS BRINGS SOME RESPONSE. DEDICATION CEREMONY OCT 9, 1982 AIR FORCE MUSEUM, DAYTON OHIO, FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL DEDICATION 1942-82 ..... TRAVELING BY GROUPS IN BUSES, HONORED GUESTS, UNIT PRES, CONTACT, AND WIVES HAD A RECEPTION IN THE MUSEUM BEFORE THE DEDICATION. AFTER THE ATTENDEES WERE SEATED THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS WERE SEATED IN A SPECIAL AREA IN A GROUP. HONOR GUARD COLORS, POSTING, NATIONAL ANTHEM THE USAF BAND, WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, THE USAF HONOR GUARD, WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, ROTC PARTICIPATING UNITS: FAIRBORN AND DAYTON OHIO LOCAL AREA, THE 1500 PLUS DAYTON MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTORS, INVOCATION. OPENING DEDICATORY REMARKS, MAJ GEN JOHN HUSTON, USAF RETIRED, PROFESSOR, US NAVAL ACADEMY. DEDICATORY ADDRESS-FLY OVER, LT GEN ROBERT HERRES, COMMANDING GENERAL EIGHTH AIR FORCE (SAC) UNVEILING & HONORS, PRESENTATION FOR SAFEKEEPING BENEDICTION. TEXT OF DEDICATION PLAQUE..... THE HERITAGE OF FREE PEOPLES IN THEIR QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AGAINST TYRANNY AND SUPPRESSION WAS HONORED BY THE COURAGEOUS SACRIFICES OF OVER 300,000 MEN AND WOMEN DURING WORLD WAR TWO WHO SERVED IN THE MIGHTIEST AIR COMBAT STRIKING FORCE EVER COMMITTED TO BATTLE. THE U.S. EIGHTH AIR FORCE. TO THESE MANY, AND THE NEARLY 50,000 WHO WERE KILLED OR DID NOT RETURN FROM THEIR MISSIONS, THIS MEMORIAL IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED.

THE EIGHT AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

IN A DOWN POUR OF RAIN WE THEN HAD A PICNIC LUNCH ON AF MUSEUM GROUNDS, VISITATION OF MUSEUM. AT DAYTON WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE MUSEUM: INDIVIDUAL GROUPS ARE ALLOWED DEDICATION MEMORIAL MARKERS AND TREES ON THE GROUNDS. FOR FURTHER INFO WRITE TO TOM GOGG.

MINI REUNION AT 8th AFHS OF ATTENDING 457th 'ers:

WE HAVE A SONG BOOK "WE SANG THE SONGS" 30 PAGES. WE WILL BRING TO THE HOUSTON REUNION. THE 457th MINI REUNION AT THE 8th AFHS REUNION IN CINCINNATI OH WERE: MAT PATULSKI; DALE JEFFERS; WM TRUSSELMAN; JOHN DERLING; HAROLD STURMAN; ENOCH NAVERSEN; GEO TOMKO; TOM GOFF; WILLIAM GOOD, PEGGY (FLA); DAR ADAMS, DEE; DAN GRAHAM, NORMA; ED REPPA, NELDA; HOMER BRIGGS, MICKEY; FRANK HECKINS, ELEANOR; JOE FALCON, IRIS; AND ART FITCH, JEAN.

GEORGE TOMKO SANG SOLO "LET IT BE LOVE" AND GEORGE AND MATT PATULSKI SANG A DUO "WHISKEY RYE WHISKEY AT THE 8th AF REUNION AND WON \$50.00 DONATED TO GEN FUND OF THE 457th. THE GROUP THEN DONATED A B 17 SHIRT TO EACH OF THEM.

MEMORIAL BANQUET

ROTC HONOR GUARD AND CADRE UNIV OF CINCINNATI POSTING THE COLORS. MASTER OF CEREMONIES, JOHN W. HUSTON, MAJOR GENERAL USAF RETIRED, NATIONAL ANTHEM, CANDELIGHT HONOR CEREMONY INVOCATION, DINNER GUEST SPEAKER, LT. GEN. ROBERT T. HERRES, THE THEN PRESENT COMMANDING GENERAL 8th AF, HEADQUARTERS BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LOUISIANA STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND. DANCING WITH 40's TUNES. ALL UNITS SIT TOGETHER.

FUTURE 8th AFHS REUNIONS: HOUSTON, TX -83, LOS ANGELES, CA -84 WICHITA, KS -85

SUGGESTIONS BY THE 8th AFHS: COPIES OF MISSION REPORTS, ANECDOTES, SERIOUS EXPERIENCES, PIS BE DONATED TO THE 8th AF ARCHIVES AND WHENEVER WE ARE THRU WITH OUR BOOKS TO HAVE THEM DONATED TO THE ARCHIVES. WE COULD HAVE SOME DUPLICATED AND DONATED.

EIGHTH AIR FORCE FRIENDSHIP HOLIDAY: TOURING ENGLAND, FRANCE, BELGIUM AND HOLLAND, JULY 6-22, 1983 WRITE TO FRIENDSHIP HOLIDAY, PO BOX 1304, HALLANDALE, FL 33009

8th AFHS MEMBERSHIP: DUES ARE \$8.00 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



THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 9th ANNUAL REUNION, HOUSTON-TEXAS 12-16 OCTOBER 1983 REUNION BROCHURES WILL BE MAILED IN MAY OR JUNE 1983  
MICKEY WILL MAIL OUT HERS AS SOON AS SENT TO HER. HYATT REGENCY, SHERATON, HOUSTON  
HOLICAY INN-DOWNTOWN, JOHNSON SPACE CENTER.....

TENATIVE DRAFT 1983 REUNION PLAN

OCT 11, 83 EARLY, EARLY ARRIVALS OF GUYS AND GALS SIGNED UP TO PLAY 8AF GOLF TOURNAMENT.  
OCT. 12, 1983 GOLFERS BUSSED TO PRIVATE GOLF COURSE, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS DURING REVIEW OF PAIRINGS AND BRIEF WELCOM, AWARDS PRESENTOS, REFRESHMENTS, REGISTRATION DESK OPEN EARLY BIRD RECEPTION.

13 OCT 83 BREAKFAST FOR UNIT CONTACTS AND WIVES. UNIT CONTACTS WORKSHOP REGISTRATION, INFO DESK AND MEMBERSHIP DESKS OPEN LOBBY OF HYATT REGENCY.1:00 PM UNIT BREAKOUT ROOMS OPI AERO DANCE FEATURING THE HQS 8AF BAND FROM BARKSDALE AFB LA.

14 OCT 83 SIT DOWN FULL BREAKFAST, REGISTRATION AND INFO DESKS OPE, BUS DEPARTURES FOR CONFEDERATE AF BOMBER/FIGHTER STATIO DISPLAY (ELLINGTON AB ON ROUTE TO NASA)  
BUS: DEPART FROM CAF SITE TO NASA FOR JOHNSON SPACE CENTER TOUR , LUNCH AT NASA MEMORIAL SERVICE AT NASA, STURN ROCKET DISPLAY SITE, DEPART NASA JSC FOR HOTELS.  
UNIT RENDEZVOUS MEETINGS(THREE HOURS) CASH BARS, RENDEZVOUS DINNERS IN UNIT AREAS 8AF THEATER RE OPENS RAP SESSION

15 OCT 83 COFFEE AND DANISH, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 8AF LADIES FUNCTION ?????  
8AFMMF SYMPOSIUM, 8AF THEATER, BUSES DEPART FOR HOUSTON CIVIC CENTER AND BANQUET REGISTRATION DESK OPEN FOR LOCALS, PRE BANQUET RECEPTION, CAS BAR, 8AF BAND FLAGS' SALUTE & HONOR CEREMONY, BANQUET, DANCE TEX BENEKE IN PERSON AND HIS BAND.

16 OCT 83 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & FAREWELLS.

THE PRIMARY HOTELS ARE THE HYATT REGENCY, ALL INFO AND REUNION REGISTRATION DESKS WILL BE LOCATED, AND THE SHERATON-HOUSTON JUST ACROSS THE STREET WHERE MANY EVENTS AND MEETINGS WILL BE HELD. THEY ARE CONNECTED BY UNDERBROUND WALK WAY AS WELL AS AN OVERHEAD PASSAGE THROUGH ATTRACTIVE SHOPPING MALL AREA. HOLIDAY-INN DOWNTOWN IS ABOUT 3+ CITY BLOCKS FROM THE MAIN HOTELS. FOR THE NASA TOUR ON FRI AND BANQUET EVE ON SATURDAY BUSES WILL PICK UP ATTENDEES AT ALL 3 HOTELS, AND RETURN TO SAME. INFO ON RV PARKS NEARBY WILL BE AVAILABLE, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PASS ALONG CENTRAL BOOKING AIRLINES INFO.

457th REUNION !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I HAVE GIVEN YOU THE ADVANCED PROGRAM FOR THE HOUSTON REUNION IN ORDER TO AQUAINT YOU WITH WHAT WILL BE AVAILABLE, PRICES WILL BE IN THE JUNE MAILING OF THEIR REUNION BROCHURES AND AT THAT TIME WILL INCLUDE OUR OWN 457th AND ATTACHED GROUPS REUNION PLANS, AS WE WILL HAVE OUR REUNION INCONJUNCTION WITH THEM AT THAT TIME. I WANT TO STRESS ON YOUR EARLY REGISTRATION AT THAT TIME.....

MANY OF YOU HAVE EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE OF ATTENDING THE NEXT REUNION AT HOUSTON, BECAUSE OF THE COMBINED REUNION WITH THE 8th AFHS. ALSO OF THE EXTRA EXPENSE.

THINGS YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT: ATTEND AND SEE HOW YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE IT, MAYBE LEAVE SOME NO ATTENDED, THEN VOTE AT BUSINESS MEETING OF YOUR UNIT, WHATEVER YOUR PREFERENCES.  
ANOTHER IS DO WRITE YOUR OFFICERS AND ALSO TO ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS OF YOUR VIEWS, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.....HOPING TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE.

WE WILL ADVERTISE IN OVER 25 VETERANS' PUBLICATIONS OF OUR REUNION, HOPE YOU CAN PUT AN ITEM IN YOUR HOMETOWN PAPER OR NEARBY BIG CITY. THIS ALWAYS BRINGS NEW NAMES AND CURRENT ADDRESSES.

J.B. WILSON: 8 ANTHONY CLOSE, PETERBOROUGH, PEL 3XU CAMBS, ENGLAND. WRITES: (IN PART)  
I'VE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME GOING THROUGH THE OFFICIAL MICROFILM DOING A LONGHAND TRANSCRIBE OF THE 236 MISSION NARRATIVES OF 749 SQN FOR SUBSEQUENT TYPING BY A FRIEND AND WITH VARIOUS ADDITIONS. WE HAVE 3 GOOD VOLUMES OF DETAILS ALTHOUGH SOME MISSIONS ARE VERY SPARSE ON INFO WHEREAS OTHERS ARE QUITE GOOD. SOME WERE FROM DETAILS SUPPLIED BY DUANE ZEMPER FOR WHICH I'M GRATEFUL DURING THE CHECKING OFTEN BY MAGNIFYING GLASS AS SOME RECORDS WERE FADED AND THE 749th TYPEWRITER IN SQN OPERATIONS WAS A TERRIBLE MACHINE. I NOW APPEAL FOR HELP: 1. MISSION NARRATIVES FOR MISSION 42, LUXEMBOURG 9th MAY '44 MISSION 43 LUXEMBOURG 11th MAY '44 ( NO GROUP INFO IS ON THE MICROFILM, BUT SOMEONE MAY HAVE IT ON THE OFFICAL HQ PHOTO REPORT.)

2.A/C SERIAL NUMBERS AGAINST THE FOLLOWING NAMED B-17 "OH KAY", "RAMPART PANSY" "LADIES DELIGHT" "REMEMBER ME" (WE HAVE NOSE PHOTOS BUT NO SERIAL NUMBERS)

HISTORICAL INFO YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN:

1. IN FEB '82 NEWSLETTER WE MENTIONED A/C 42-31615 SNAFU SHAMROCK. THIS B-17 WAS LOST ON MISSION 71 20th JUNE 1944 FLAK AT TARGET HAMBURG. FLOWN BY LT. W. BONAR.

2. THE MICROFILM SHOWS 41-2578 B -17 E ALTHOUGH WAR WEARY (WW 41-25780 WAS STILL IN THE GROUP AT THE END OF THE WAR FIRST APPEARING ON THE STATUS REPORT 6th MARCH 1944 THIS PLANE WAS 1 OF 12 A/C TO FLY THE 8th's FIRST B-17 MISSION TO ROVEN FLOWN BY COL. ARMSTRONG AND MAJ PAUL TIBBETS (LATER OF HIROSHIMA ATOM BOMB FAME) ON 19th AUGUST 1942. A PHOTO OF IT APPEARS IN ROGER FREEMAN'S MIGHTY EIGHT WAR DIARY (PAGE 11).  
DEOES ANY FIREBALLER HAVE A PICTURE OF THIS PLANE IN TRIANGLE U MARKINGS?

LT. COL. BERNARD B WEINBERG, 608 SHORTRIDGE ROAD, FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28303 WRITES: (IN PART)  
"AMONG THESE PAPERS WAS MY COMBAT OPERATIONAL MISSIONS REPORT, LISTING THE MISSIONS I HAD FLOWN. IT BROUGHT TO MIND SOMETHING I HAD LONG FORGOTTEN. MY CREW WAS ONE OF SIX THAT FLEW THE FIRST UNPAINTED (SILVER) B-17's ON A MISSION TO MUNSTER, GER. I BELIEVE ON MAR 11, 1944. UNPON LANDING, I WAS MET BY A REPORTER FROM THE LONDON DAILY EXPRESS ( IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE DAILY MAIL) AND INTERVIEWED ME. MY FOLKS AT HOME WERE ALSO INTERVIEWED, I DON'T RECALL THE REASON, BUT WAS INFORMED THAT THE ARTICLE WOULD APPPEAR IN THE ISSUE OF MARCH 14, 1944. I NEVER DID SEE THAT ARTICLE AND WONDER IF YOU COULD PUT ME IN TOUCH WITH SOMEONE WHO MIGHT HELP ME OBTAIN A COPY OF IT. MANY THAN"



HAROLD REGISTER, 6608 OAKWOOD ST, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32208 WRITES: I WAS IN HEADQUARTERS 457th AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT SGT ROBERT B PARSONS OF MY OUTFIT WHO WAS OUR MAIL CLERK HE WAS ORIGINALLY FROM KY. I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HIM IN 1945 FROM COLORADO BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT HIM. IF ANYONE KNOWS HIS WHEREABOUTS I WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT HIM ON AN IMPORTANT MATTER. BEST OF LUCK TO ALL, GOD BLESS.

B.J. GAUDINIER WRITES: 11336 30th AVENUE, SEATTLE, WA 98125  
IN REGARD TO FEB 1982 NEWSLETTER IT WAS MENTIONED THAT 1st LT. CLYDE P KNIPFER WAS "LAST SEEN SEVERAL THOUSAND FEET BELOW UNDER CONTROL, FLYING A COURSE TOWARD ENGLAND". I DON'T KNOW KNIPFER'S ADDRESS OR IF HE IS STILL LIVING, BUT HE WAS IN MY NISSEN HUT WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THE 457th SO I KNEW WHO HE WAS. I GUESS HE NEVER MADE ENGLAND, BECAUSE WHEN I WAS SHOT DOWN AND TAKEN TO A DULAG LUFT, WHICH I THINK WAS LOCATED AT WETZLAR, GERMANY, I SAW HIS NAME IN THE BOOK AHEAD OF MINE. I THINK HE WAS CAPTURED IN MAY 1944. I NEVER SAW HIM AT THE DULAG OR LATER AT THE STALAGS IN POLAND OR BAVARIA, SO DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.....THIS WEEK IN A NEW LIST OF MEN AND ADDRESSES, WE HAVE CLYDE P KNIPFER LISTED....IT WAS FOUND IN POW MAGAZINE..... HIS ADDRESS IS IN THE ROSTER LIST ENCLOSED.

KEN CHRISTENSEN WRITES:

WHILE VISITING THE AF MUSEUM AT WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, HE PURCHASED THE 8th AF YEARBOOK AND FROM THE BOOK GOT THE 457th ASSOCIATION ADDRESS AND HOMER'S NAME. HE WROTE ASKING ABOUT CAPT CHARLES E BARRIER, ANOTHER RECENT NEW MEMBER FOUND, AND IN TURN SUPPLIED US WITH TWO OTHERS.

NOTE: FOR THOSE WHO KNOWS JERRY (OUR SON) HE IS ABOUT TO COMPLETE HIS AIR FORCE STAY AT ALASKAN AIR WARNING SYSTEMS STATION IN REMOTE TATALINA, ALASKA AND WILL SOON BE AT PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA. (HOMER AND MICKEY)



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