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FIREFBALLERS:

WE HAD A GREAT TIME IN HOUSTON, TEXAS FOR THE 6th REUNION OF THE 457th BOM GROUP ASSOCIATION. WE MISSED IN JUNCTION WITH THE 8th AHPH REUNION. WE ENJOYED BOTH REUNIONS, WE VISITED WITH FRIENDS FROM PAST REUNIONS AND MET NEW FRIENDS. WE VOTED ON THE FUTURE REUNION TO BE SEPARATED FROM THE 8th AHPH. IT WILL BE IN RAPID CITY, SD IN 1985. ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO COL. JOHN F. WELCH

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(REUNION CHAIRMAN)

AS SOON AS HE AND PRESIDENT WM. GOOD HAVE PLANS THEY WILL BE PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER. TENTATIVE PLANS ARE FOR SEPT 85.

PLANS ARE IN THE MAKING FOR A PAINTING OF THE 457th MARKINGS ON A B-27 COMPLETED AND HUNG IN THE AIRFORCE ACADEMY AT COLORAD O SPRINGS CO.

NEW OFFICERS WERE ELECTED AND ARE LISTED TO THE LEFT.

WE HAD A VERY IMPRESSIVE CANDLE LIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE CONDUCTED BY JOHN WARD, CHAPLAIN OF HERO, NV VETERANS HOSPITAL. NAMES WERE READ AND FLAGS PLACED IN THEIR HONOR, AND ADDED TO THE SCROLL.

FOUR MEMBERS IN ENGLAND SENT A COPY OF THE WALL OF THE MISSING WHICH WAS READ. THEY WERE ADDED ALSO TO THE SCROLL.

THIS LIST OF ATTENDEES AT THE RIGHT IS NOT COMPLETE, AS I HAVE NOT RECEIVED A COMPLETE LIST FROM THE 8TH HISTORICAL SOCIETY YET. IF YOUR NAME IS NOT LISTED AND YOU WERE THERE OR, YOU ARE LISTED AND YOU DID NOT ATTEND PLEASE CONTACT ME, SO THE RECORDS WILL BE CORRECT. THE CORRECTIONS WILL BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

LISTED IS A TOTAL OF 103.
At the recent Annual Meeting, we decided to hold a Reunion and Dedication of our new Monument at Conington in 1984. A professional Travel Agent made a pitch to handle the trip for us but the general consensus was that it could be done on our own for less money. It was decided to take the trip in the latter part of May since all Airline rates go up on June 1st. Some thought will be given to group travel. A lot will depend on your responses. If interest is sufficient to go forward with plans, there will be certain expenses connected with making arrangements. These expenditures will necessarily have to be borne equally by all members taking the trip.

**Tentative Schedule in Peterborough, England**

**May 1984**

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There are many Travel Agencies in London that provide Tours all through England that you can contact on arrival to arrange side trips on your own if you desire to arrive early or extend your trip. Also be aware of D-Day ceremonies on June 6, 1984 in France.

**TIME IS VERY SHORT FOR PLANNING SUCH AN OPERATION. IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO ALL COMMUNICATIONS IS AN ABSOLUTE MUST.**

For your information the Pound is approximately $1.50 at the present time.
I spend a lot of time on the phone but it is a less costly way of searching when you use your phone on Saturday, Sunday, or before Eight A.M. or after Eleven P.M. It is even cheaper than mail if you put a return, stamped envelope in your letter, and you get a better response, and you may get suggestions of where to search. You get more detail by the phone than you would by the mailing. However, mailing is a good source of finding "Lost Souls," and we will dwell on that a bit.

If you have a full address, including a street number or a rural route number of the "Lost Soul" you are trying to find you can write to him at that address and add after his name, "Or Anyone Who Knows of Him." This was a first method I used in finding "Lost Souls of the 14th Photo." Of course, after you find somebody they often will give you other addresses or mention another name and you can start a search of the new "Lost Soul." We found a great percentage of the "Lost Souls" of the Fourteenth this way. If the letter is returned to you, or you have no response, you could write to the occupant or resident of that address. If this is returned to you, or you have no response, you can use other methods. Be sure to always enclose a card or a stamped envelope for their answer. Also be sure that you have the proper zip. In case of larger cities where there are different zips for different streets, you can find such zips at the post office, if you do not have the large zip book.

If this method fails you can still write letters and make finds of "Lost Souls." A letter to the Chamber of Commerce if the population is over 2,000; or the Police Department if it is under 2,000; or the public library. I mentioned before that the Public Library is a source of finding ones who have unlisted telephone numbers. But it is also a good source of finding the "Lost Soul." From the library, if they have a City Directory opposed to a phone directory, they will often times have information of the wife, the occupation of the "Lost Soul," perhaps his age; depending upon the Directory and various other materials under his listing. You can have the Librarian start her search for 1945 and trace it through from year to year or whenever they have directories until the directory fails to include the name of the "Lost Soul." Perhaps the first address they have of the "Lost Soul" is the address of the parents. It may be that they can give you the parent's name, if the "Lost Soul" name is not listed separately. By use of the parents you can find out if they are deceased, then you could go to the Probate Court, or write to the Probate Court. (The Probate Court has different names in different states.) In the State of Nebraska it is called a County Court. If there has been an Estate Proceeding for the deceased parent of the "Lost Soul," you are trying to find, they can give you the address of the "Lost Soul" at that time. He will be listed with an address because he is a participant or an heir. You can then start tracing from the new address.

In letters to the Police Department the police will give you the information that you desire. I have a form letter which I use to get other information from Police Departments, Chamber of Commerce, and Public Library asking for addresses of school alumni, address of the American Legion, V.F.W., of Senter Citizen Organizations, and other possible sources of help. I have found "Lost Souls" through each one of these various sources. The Alumni Association will work or even the school, if he has gone to school in the town or the city where you have an address.

In one instance, a "Resident Letter" to North Carolina was turned over to the daughter of the former owner. She went to quite a bit of trouble to locate the "Lost Soul" Pilot and did so after some friend of hers told her that he believed that he remembered that name at some distant town than the one that she lived in, Winston Salem. She then went to the trouble to look for our "Lost Soul" in that town and located his divorced wife who then gave her the address of the "Lost Soul" Pilot. My helper called me in prime time and was so
excited and said that her friends thought she should be in the P.B.I. I assured her that I thought so too. You will find that most people are very cooperative in helping you find "Lost Souls" and don't hesitate to ask them. I've always sent a letter or 'thank you' to such people including the Librarians or Police or any other person who responds to my letters with positive answers.

I cannot repeat too often that you should put in a return stamped envelope or a card with each mailing.

I have mentioned it before but I want to emphasize that in case you do not know the exact zip and particularly in cities where they have zips for different streets, you can get that information at the Post Office from their large zip code book.

Once in awhile I will find an address of a City that doesn't seem to be in existence. I have written to the Post Master General in Washington, D.C., and he has told me if this town is a discontinued Post Office and what Post Office has taken over the duties of the discontinued Post Office. He has been even more helpful in getting addresses of the person that I was trying to seek.

I will mention the use of the Veterans Administration. However, for "Lost Souls" in the Operational Squadrons in the 7th Photo Group, George Lawson has taken over a great deal of that burden and has paid out of his own money the Two Dollars required for each search. With the other organizations, such as the 325th, the 55th, and M.P.S., if you have a listing that shows the "Lost Soul's" serial number you can write to the Veterans Administration and they will tell you if they have an address for that person. You can write a letter to such person, send it to the Veterans Administration, in a stamped envelope for the "Lost Soul" and be sure to include a stamped card for the "Lost Soul's" answer. The V.A. will fill in the address and City and mail it on. Some of their addresses are quite old and quite ineffective for that reason. Once in awhile in various Veteran Administration offices they will tell you that he has a residence address in such a place as Los Angeles but the address is obsolete. It depends upon the size of the V.A. office. If you go personally to get that information I have discovered by such a person named "Lost Soul" in Los Angeles. We had no idea about him because his original home was in Michigan. But by calling the operator in Los Angeles I was able to get a number and finally located him. The V.A. did not have a good address but they slipped and said that he had been in Los Angeles, and that was all that was needed.

In the event that you know somebody who lived in North Carolina, as an example, but you have no other information or the town that you have him listed in does not respond write to the Driver's License Bureau in the Motor Vehicle Division and they will give you his address if they have a driver's license for him. Some of these State Agencies charge quite a bit. Often times the charge is only Two Dollars. You can get the same information from the local police, if they are cooperative and if you know them pretty well. They can put it on a teletype for any State in the Union and they can get you the name of the "Lost Soul" you are trying to seek, especially if you know his age. You can give an approximate age and it might be well even to guess at his birthday, like March 31, 1908, or whatever. You know about what his age should be, and they will do the search for you. In one instances, in Ohio a friend, who was a member of the 14th, had a friend in the Police Department and he got several names from the Police Department as the name of the "Lost Soul" he was searching. He would then take the one whose age corresponded more to the one that he was trying to seek. He wrote letters to them and he found several of them this way.

Remember Pilots are about sixty years old; and the rest of us, Ground Forces, would be sixty-five or older.

If you are in a location where the City Libraries have good City Directories you can search and find names from the City Directories yourself, which is much more satisfactory. You can take your time doing it and you can get in the localities and the information you want more specifically than the Librarian will give you if you write to her or call her. Some libraries, such as San Francisco, have a great many phone directories and City Directories. The City Directory will give you more information than a phone directory. For instance, in Chicago they have so many suburbs and they have a listing of the suburbs in separate books which relate to Chicago or near Chicago.
Another source: The American Legion has helped me by giving me the names of the "Lost Soul," who are members of the American Legion. However, I have not been very successful there because usually while they have the same name such as the "Lost Soul" it isn't THE "Lost Soul" that we are seeking. However, it is a source you can use. I do not know whether the Disabled Vets or the V.F.W. has the same service.

Do follow up on your Chamber of Commerce and your 'Occupant' letters and use your initiative. Sometimes Churches and Senior Citizen Groups will help and they do like to work for you. I've found different "Lost Souls" by using all of the different methods. I must include the fact that you should use the system that is best for you. Enlist as many helpers as you can. The more helpers that you have the more "Lost Souls" you will find. If you have some helpers that will visit all the old address he will find somebody in that area who also has lived there a long time, who is very helpful in giving suggestions as to how you can find the "Lost Soul" who has moved away from that address. As an example: Amos Ellerd drove to one town, the man did not live there but they suspected that he lived in another town. So he went to the other town and went to the Post Master. The Post Master said, I can't give you his address, but I can nod my head where he works. You can take it from there." So he went to the window and nodded his head at a Manufacturing Place and Amos went over there, found the "Lost Soul" he was seeking.

Recently I have found a very good source of finding "Lost Souls" from phone books. As a prime example: I have had difficulty in finding people in Brooklyn, Bronx, New York City, and Long Island. A friend of mine sent me the '516' code phone books which are two volumes including all phone numbers in Long Island. Many of the "Lost Souls" from these areas have moved to the cities and towns in Long Island. As a result I have found many "Lost Souls" from these two books. The same would be true if someone could get books from Connecticut. I have all the books from Northern California but I only have one book from Los Angeles. I have used these to success in locating a number of "Lost Souls." Of course, Los Angeles is only a City of eight million persons, so they have many books and even several volumes for the main City, and then many more for the suburbs.

Sometimes you have trouble finding lists of "Lost Souls" but if you persist you will find that many Veterans have in their attic or their own personal files, Orders of Promotion in which other Veterans, names of the other squadrons are also listed and sometimes their address is given. The address is always given in the case of a Pilot receiving medals and such orders will give the home address of the person receiving the medal; such as an air medal, or cluster, or whatever it might be. If you can get our members to search their attics and come up with such lists, you will find a great deal of help in locating "Lost Souls" from such sources. The difficulty is getting our members to search their attics. Another source not listed above is the use of banks in the home town of the "Lost Soul" person you are hunting. Also the use of the Alumni. I think I have mentioned that before, the High School.

You can also use the local taxing authorities. For instance, if there are personal taxes and the "Lost Soul" paid personal taxes, his name would be listed in 1965 and succeeding years. All of a sudden it may be cut off. He may own a car at that time and the certificate on the car would have to be transferred to the State where he moved. If he is deceased, the car may be owned under joint tenancy and the next year owned by his wife. That's a good source if you can go to the Court House or write to the County Court Clerk or the keeper of the records for driver's licenses, motor vehicle licenses, and tax lists. Some clerks are very helpful and some are not; and you may waste your postage in asking. However, it is just one more source in finding the "Lost Soul." It is worthwhile to keep a list of different methods of finding "Lost Souls." One other thing too, if you have an unlisted phone number so that you know the person is apt to be in a town such as New York City, or somewhere, you can send a Western Union telegram and Western Union would deliver the telegram to the person. However, this is a rather expensive way in locating "Lost Souls" who have unlisted phone numbers. I would first use a library and other systems as listed above.

Sometimes a letter to a Postmaster will help. However, they are limited to the information they can give you but in the small localities they don't mind giving you more information regardless of regulations.
I have mentioned my Department of Motor Vehicles in
Nebraska has been very helpful in locating the "Lost Souls" in
Nebraska. Also, I have found, for instance, Pilot Crane had a
Nebraska address in Elbe, Nebraska. I am sure he never lived there.
I went to the Probate Court, the County Court, the Police, and other
sources without success. My guess was that his wife lived there and
if I just happened to know her name, her first name or her last name,
I think I could locate where Crane is located now or maybe they are
divorced by this time. At least it would be a help.

The use of notices of reunions in the publications of
Veteran's Magazines, and particularly in States' Publications of
Veterans Organizations such as American Legion, V.F.W., Disabled
Veterans, etc., Each time that you have a reunion, make out a notice
and send it to them and have them use your own name and address, and
tell them the date of the reunion, the place of the reunion, and the
organization. I have often times used a notice as follows:

"All the Air Force personnel at Mt.
Farm Air Force Base and Champaign Air Force Base
during World War II please contact (your name and
address) for information of a reunion to be held on ______

I've read recently that such organizations as the
Social Security Administration and the Census Bureau might help you
under certain circumstances. I have never used this source so I
know nothing about it except that it was printed in the paper and
you might try it. If you have difficulty in this regard your
Congressman will be glad to help you. I have not used my Congressman
but I have threatened to use her on several different occasions.
I still think that I will on some of the things that I want to find
out about.

One of the things that I have on the back burner is
finding the code or interpretation of the serial number. If you will
remember your own, the first number, if you are an enlisted man,
indicates if you enlisted or were drafted. The second number is the
Corps area such as the 7th would be the 9th Corps Area which includes
the States of Washington, Oregon, California, and perhaps Montana.
I'm not sure of all of the Corps areas but that gives you an idea.
The 7th Corps would be Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and I am not sure
about Kansas and the Dakotas. Following up, I'm sure that the serial
numbers then would show the location of the board. I have this on
the back burner and will explore it more and I think I'll use my
Congressman because I've been, so far, unsuccessful in getting the
code book showing the information.

I cannot repeat often enough do not get disappointed
in the people who say they will help and don't help, or your failures.
I have a persistent mind, who lives in Illinois, and is an employee or
has been an employee of the telephone company and has free use of the
telephone. Over the phone he said he would be glad to help out. I
have waited three months and no response from him and I only submitted
to him a list of about ten names in Illinois for him to search. It
would be easy for him to do, at no cost to him, as it costs me quite
a sum of money out of my own pocket. You realize that you have to pay
out of your own pocket all costs of searching because there is no source
of help from the group.

One source that I have not indicated, any member of the
Air Force, even though retired, can write to the Air Force Base at
Randolph Field for a search for a "Lost Soul," and if he continued in
the Air Force or is retired they will have his address. This has
found several "Lost Souls."

You also find the area codes and the states they cover
in the telephone book or you can get the information from the Information
Operator. The Post Office will show how the United States is divided,
the first number on the zip being the clue, for the zip area — '6'
covers Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, etc., Texas has '7' and that include
Oklahoma and the states of Louisiana and Arkansas. So, that if you
know that you have a zip code but don't know where it is locate., such
as a zip code beginning with '3' it would just be the Tennessee, Alabama
Mississippi, and Florida area.
If you have sent notices to your local organizations or to the National Organizations and it is printed, be sure to send a copy and also the date of the publication to your 7th Photo Contact, Claude Murray. The more publications you can get from radio or newspapers the more apt you are to find “Lost Souls.” Do not give up any avenue of search, or any avenue that might help. In the newspapers you can get some of the notices published in the “Letter to the Editor.” There is also a “Letter to the Editor” and often times I have had the notice printed in both of the columns.

Another thing that I have not emphasized enough is to use your own initiative. Do not be afraid of being a failure. Do not be afraid of the operators or any other person you are contacting. People like to be helpful, as I said before, even operators. You can call one operator who will be no help. In a few hours call another operator and she will give you a vast amount of information. As a matter of fact, I have found several “Lost Souls” by calling the second and third time the Information Operator and she has given me the information that helped to locate the “Lost Soul.” Use your initiative and do not be scared if you fail to make contact. Try and try and eventually you will find the “Lost Soul.”

How it can be done.

1. If the man is retired write to AFPOC/MCDOO,” Randolph AFB, TX. 78148. This service is free to retired members, $2 to others.
2. If you have the man’s serial number write to VA Center, 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20420—Cost $2.00 per name.
3. If you have an old address write to the Chamber of Commerce in big cities, write to the Police Department in small cities.
4. Write to the library they have city directories going back to 1945 and in many cases telephone books going back 30 yrs.
5. Check with alumni organizations, American Legion, VFW and other service-oriented organizations and publications.
6. Write to the County Court Clerk or the keeper of records for Drivers Licenses, Motor Vehicle Licenses and Tax Lists.
7. Solve the unlisted phone number by sending a Western Union telegram.
8. Postmasters will sometimes help especially in small towns.
9. The use of notices in local, state and national publications will always bring replies and good leads.
10. If you have the serial number and the man was drafted you can determine the area from the number, the first number indicates whether a man enlisted or was drafted, the second number is the Corps Area, i.e. 5-7 indicates the man came from the 7th Corps Area which was Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri, the 9th includes Washington, Oregon and California. We are attempting to obtain the entire code book.

8th AIRFORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REUNION WAS HELD IN HOUSTON, TEXAS OCT 13-16, 1983
THE BRIGGS ARRIVED AND ATTENDED THE OCT 13TH CONTACT BREAKFAST AND WORKSHOP.
A 40’s ANDERSON DANCE FEATURING THE EQHS 8TH AF PARADE SAG BAND, WAS HELD THAT NIGHT.
A GET TOGETHER WITH THE EARLY ARRIVALS.
WII MOVIES WERE HELD ALL THRU THE REUNION.
FRIDAY NIGHT THE GROUP BUSES TOOK US TO THE HOBBY AIRPORT FOR A CONFERENCE AIR FORCE BOMBER / FIGHTER STATIC DISPLAY WITH 2 FLY IN’S. THEN ON TO NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER, WITH SAP CONCERT BAND AND SPECIAL TOURS OF THE CENTER. A LUNCH LUNCHEON AT NASA MEMORIAL WREATH LAYING 8AF MILITARY SERVICE (FLOREAL OFFERINGS) BY THE MEMORIAL UNITS (HOME BRIGGS REPRESENTED THE 457TH AND LAID A YELLOW ROSE AT THE WREATH SITE) AT THE SAMO HANKS DISPLAY SITE, NASA MILITARY GUARD & ASTRONAUT DR. STOKEY MUSgrave SAID, IN PART "YOU MIGHT START THE TECHNICAL ADVANCED AREA OF FLYING; IF IT HAD’T BEEN FOR YOU MEN, THERE WOULDN’T HAVE BEEN A LATER SPACE PROGRAM." IT WAS TELEVISIONED.
WE HAD OUR 457TH BUSINESS MEETING, FRIDAY AFTER NOON, AND A UNIT DINNER IN THE EVENING WITH VISITING AND A GROUP PICTURES. (PLEASE WOULD THE ONES WHO TOOK THE PICTURES PLEASE SEND A COPY TO ME? WE WILL SEE IF ANY SHOWN OFF GOOD ENOUGH FOR COPIES TO COMES WHO WISH ONE.)
SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST TOGETHER AGAIN AND THE MEN ATTENDED THE 8TH APHS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. SAT NIGHT THE 8TH AIRFORCE BAND "FLAG" SALUTE AND HONOR CEREMONY WAS VERY IMPRESSIVE, FOLLOWED BY "SPIRIT OF TEXAS" GALA REUNION BANQUET (WITH THE UNITS SITTING AT ADJOINING TABLES. TEX BONNIE AND HIS BAND FURNISH 40’s AND LATER TUNES TO DANCE TO, MANY VISITED, A GREAT TIME BY ALL. SUN A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND A BIG SAD GOODBYE TO OUR FRIENDS ONCE MORE TOGETHER UNTIL THE NEXT TIME.

MORE LETTERS TO COME IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER, KEEP SENDING US THINGS TO WRITE ABOUT REMEMBER, WE NEED NEWS TO KEEP PRINTING AND MAILING. WE NEED ADDRESS CHANGES, WHEN YOU MOVE. WE NEED NEWS TO PUT IN YOUR NEWSLETTER, HAVE PATIENCE WHILE WAITING FOR AN ANSWER, CORRESPONDENCE IS VERY GREAT.
November 9, 1983

Mr. Homer L. Briggs  
811 N.W. B Street  
Bentonville, AR 72712

Dear Mr. Briggs:

World War II Bombers, mark your calendars for Friday, July 25, 1985...that's the date The Boeing Management Association will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the B-17 Bomber in Seattle, Washington.

What better place to gather for your annual reunion. The 91st, 351st and 398th Bomb Group have already committed to Seattle.

The Seattle Sheraton has worked with several WWII reunion groups, most notably the 4th Marine Division and WWII Glider Pilots.

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I'll plan to contact you soon to further discuss the possibilities.

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Sincerely,

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October 21, 1983

Homer Briggs
457th Bombardment Group (H)
Bentonville, AR

Dear Briggs:

Here are a few photos that obviously once belonged to a member of the 457th. These were given to me by an ex-airman who said he found them in an airplane at the end of WWII.

As an airman myself, I send them to you as contact person for the 457th. There is enough information for you to possibly identify the person who intended bringing them home. If you cannot identify the person they may have value to your group archives.

Best wishes

T/Sgt Roscoe M. Pierson
Armorer-gunner/tail gunner
Crew number 1
508th Bomb Sqn (H)
351st Bomb Group (H)

(NOTE FROM HOMER: 23 PHOTOS WERE INCLUDED, TWO OF WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THIS LETTER, ONE BELOW AND ONE ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE.)

(HOMER CONTINUED: THE ONLY NAMES ON ANYTHING WERE: GLENN R. SEWELL, "LUKE" "STILL GOING" ANDY, F/O A.C., ALVIN G. HAZLETT, JAMES D. TOUSCHEN, NAVIGATOR 2nd LT. A.C.)