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Flying Circus



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This Newsletter is Dedicated to:

*Forrest E. (Tommy) Thompson, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.)
and
Helen H. Thompson*

*They had the foresight, perseverance, and love of the 380th
Bombardment Group (H) and its history, traditions, and person-
nel to organize, succor, and guide the*

380th Bombardment Group Association, Inc.

*our predecessor organization, for the past eighteen years
(1982-1999).*

Our everlasting thanks and love go out to them.

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5th AF - RAAF**

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NEWSLETTER #23

June 2005

Compatriots and Friends:

Plans have now been solidified for our San Diego Reunion for November 9-13, 2005. We hope many of you are planning to attend and will have a great time.

Note that this is probably our most military Reunion since Pat, Barb, and I took over the planning of these Reunions. We will have our TAPS Memorial Service and lunch following at the Naval Air Station at North Island and the next day the Memorial Day Parade and B-24 Model Dedication Ceremony. We will be joined at the latter by many other B-24 veterans.

Therefore, be sure to bring your BLUE jackets so we make a great show to our other compatriots at the dedication. If you don't have one, we can get you one, as you know.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

To preserve the memory of the 380th.

Sincerely,

Theodore J. (Ted) Williams

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2005 REUNION INFORMATION

November 9-13, 2005
San Diego, California

Pat Carnevale has chosen the hotel for our Reunion. It is:

Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside
4875 North Harbor Drive
San Diego CA 92106

<http://www.holinnbayside.com/>

Rate of \$99 + 10.5% room tax for a total of \$109.40 per night
(single or double occupancy)

The hotel has a complimentary airport shuttle service, complimentary parking, and will give us a one-hour complimentary reception on Thursday evening. Our hospitality room is approximately 1400 sq ft, located on the top floor, with a view of the harbor. It looks like we'll have a very nice location for the 2005 reunion!

Here's some info on the hotel's location, from their website:

Located across from America's Cup Harbor and San Diego Bay, the Holiday Inn Bayside is conveniently close to all of San Diego's attractions. Magnificent parks, miles of sandy beaches and world-class shopping are all just minutes away. And, across the street you'll find sport fishing and whale watching tours.

San Diego International Airport	5 Minutes
Sea World	7 Minutes
San Diego Zoo	10 Minutes
San Diego Convention Center	5 Minutes
Gaslamp District	7 Minutes
Historic Old Town	10 Minutes
Golf	10 Minutes
Qualcomm Stadium	15 Minutes
Legoland	25 Minutes
Wild Animal Park	25 Minutes
Mexico	30 Minutes

San Diego is a great location for bringing your children and grandchildren.
Lots to see and do for all ages!

LOOK WHO'S SIGNED UP ALREADY

Bill Bever

Lloyd Fry

Barb & Doug Gotham

Ralph Henderson

Tom Hunt

Marie Johnson-Anderson and Doris Mitchell

Joe and Betty Maloney and Jo Ellen Mitchell, Bob and Ann Watson,

Troy and Kelly French and children,

Carlos and K.C. Nissen (all members of the Maloney family)

Lyle and Clara Sears

Phil Shaw

Ted and Isabel Williams

2005 REUNION - SAN DIEGO - November 9-13, 2005

TENTATIVE REUNION SCHEDULE

Wednesday – November 9

10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Registration in Hotel Lobby
	Free time to explore area on your own
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open (Suite 1007 & 1008)
6:00 pm	Welcome Dinner – Luau Buffet (Hotel)
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open

Thursday – November 10

9:30 am	Buses leave for Memorial Service at Naval Air Station at North Island, with lunch following
10:00	Memorial Service at North Island Chapel
11:20 am	Lunch at Islands Club (at North Island Naval Air Station)
12:30 pm	Board buses for trip to San Diego Zoo
4:30 pm	Buses return to hotel
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Reception in Hospitality Room hosted by hotel (Suite 1007 & 1008)
	Dinner on your own

Friday – November 11

9:00 am	Buses depart for Balboa Park (meet in lobby at 8:45 am)
10:00 am – 11:15 am	Veteran's Parade
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Picnic lunch at the Park
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Dedication of Vet Memorial Gardens and Bronze B-24
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Tour of Aerospace Museum
4:30 pm	Buses return to hotel
5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open (Suite 1007 & 1008)
	Dinner on your own

Saturday – November 12

10:00 am	Meeting of Members
11:00 – 5:00 pm	Free Time to tour area on your own
11:00 – 5:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open (Suite 1007 & 1008)
6:00 pm	No-host cocktails
7:00 pm	Banquet

Sunday – November 13

Departure day

SAN DIEGO REUNION

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM
Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside
4875 North Harbor Drive - San Diego, CA 92106
<http://www.holinnbayside.com/>

November 9 – 13, 2005

Name _____

Spouse or Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Rate: \$99 (single or double occupancy) + 10.5% room tax (Total \$109.36 per night)

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Room type: S = one person, one bed; D = two people, one bed; D/D = two people, two beds
(Circle Choice)

Special Needs: H=Handicap facilities; N/S = Non-smoking; S=Smoking; K=King bed
(Circle choice)

Guarantee by credit card # _____ exp date: _____

Signature _____

Name on card _____

Please print

Cancel policy for this event: 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid penalty

Please mail or fax reservation form to:

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SAN DIEGO REUNION

EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

November 9-13, 2005

Holiday Inn Bayside -- San Diego, CA

Registration Fees:

Members	\$10.00 ea.	x _____	\$ _____
Spouses/Guests	\$10.00 ea.	x _____	\$ _____

Wednesday – Welcome Dinner at Hotel \$32.00 ea. x _____ \$ _____

Thursday – Memorial Service and Luncheon at Naval Air Station
\$22.00 ea. x _____ \$ _____

Add an afternoon trip to San Diego Zoo
(transportation included)
\$34.00 ea. x _____ \$ _____

Friday – Veteran’s Parade at Vet Park
Picnic Lunch & Tour of Aerospace Museum
\$34.00 ea. x _____ \$ _____

Saturday - Banquet \$32.00 ea. x _____ \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Member Name (for name tag) _____ Squadron/Hdqtrs _____

Guest/Spouse (for name tag) _____

Other guests (as printed on name tag) _____

Refunds: No refunds will be made if cancellation occurs after Friday, November 4th

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Travel dates _____ Departure City _____ Aisle or Window seat
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WE WENT TO WAR

THE LUZON PLAN

It is a fact that Allied Headquarters in the SWPA continually overestimated the capability of the Japanese to combat our forward excursions, especially in The Philippines Campaign. Obviously, it is better to overestimate than underestimate, but enormous efforts were expended in planning for invasions that never happened and in building facilities that were never used or only briefly. We told you at Boston and in the December (#21) FLYING CIRCUS of Operations GOSSIPMONGER, KING I, KING III, LOVE II, and MIKE II, which were cancelled, and KING II, Leyte, and LOVE III, Mindoro, which were much advanced in time.

Another project abandoned after much effort was the LUZON PLAN to concentrate the Allied aerial armada in a vastly expanded Clark Field complex on the Luzon plain between Linguyan and Manila. The 380th was heavily involved in this as a cadre of our personnel were detailed there and a large part of our service equipment was mistakenly sent there.

The following presents a sketch map of the major airfield construction to be done and the units to be assigned, including the 380th. The construction was delayed and the war moved too fast, so the project was finally cancelled. Note the assignment of the 380th to FLORIDA BLANCA WEST (CLARK #2), and the 90th to FLORIDA BLANCA EAST (CLARK #4).

The 43rd (from Leyte) and the 22nd (from Samar) finally moved to CLARK WEST (CLARK #1) and CLARK EAST (CLARK #3), respectively, but as we all know, neither the 90th nor the 380th moved to Florida Blanca.

All the other heavy groups transferred to Okinawa in July with the 380th last to go there (mid-August). So we were last to The Philippines and last to Okinawa.

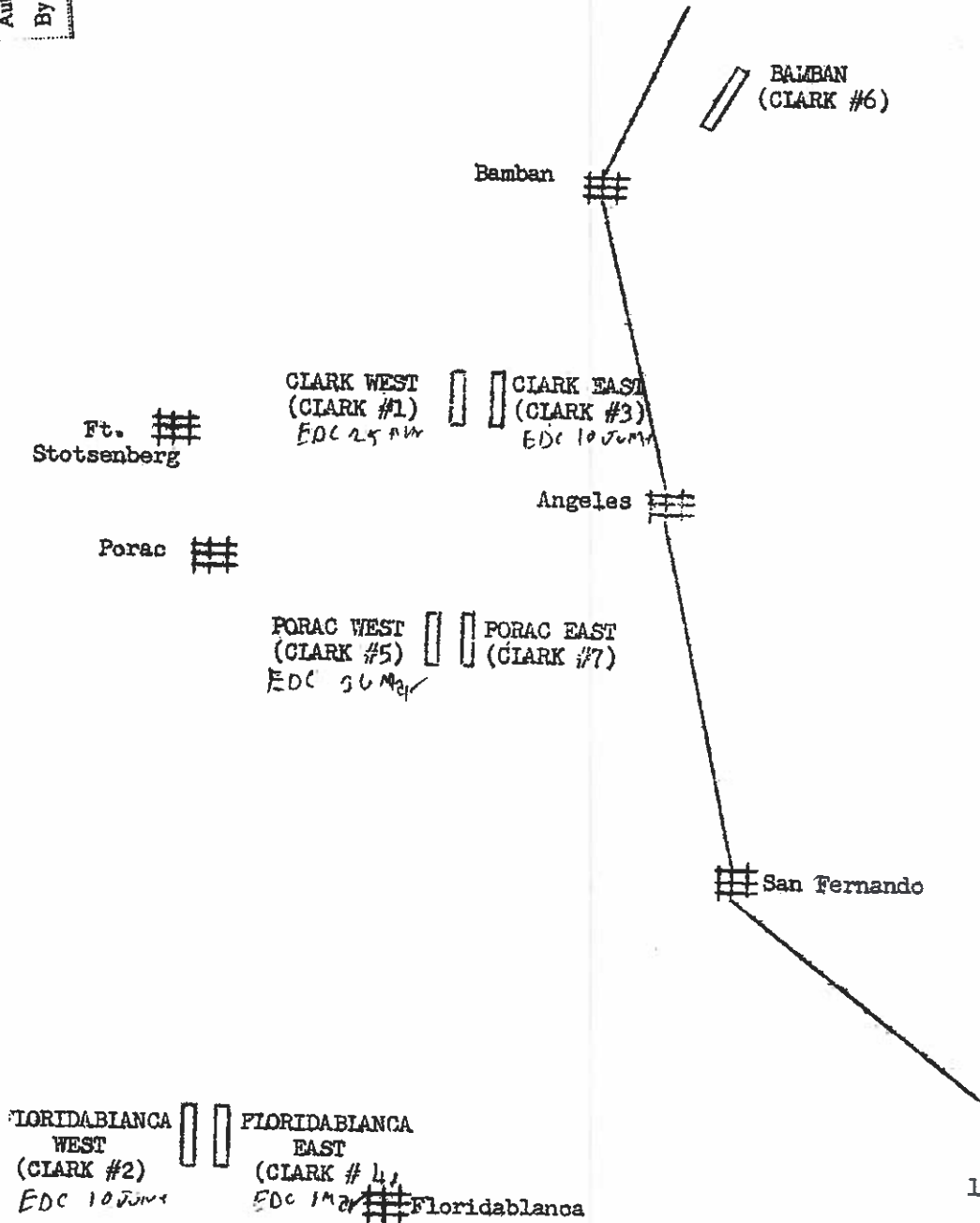
Apparently the others all had combat missions over Japan before the Armistice on August 15th. We arrived after that date and only had reconnaissance and weather missions to fly.

WE WENT TO WAR

THE LUZON PLAN

Authority AND PLANS
By LF NARA Date 1/14/45

Schematic sketch showing relative locations of the CLARK FIELD Airdromes of THE LUZON PLAN



14 April 1945

WE WENT TO WAR

THE LUZON PLAN

Authority AMM 745005
 By LF NARA Date 1/14/45

RECAPITULATION OF THE DEPLOYMENT OF PHASE I COMBAT UNITS

<u>Airdrome</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sqdns</u>	<u>HBHS</u>
CLARK WEST (CLARK #1)	475th Fighter Gp	3	25
	43rd Bomb Gp (H)	4	48
	Two PB4Y Sq	2	30
	26 Photo Sq	1	6
	36 Photo Sq	1	6
	421st Nite Fighter Sq	1	6
	Sub Totals		12
CLARK EAST (CLARK #3)	345th Bomb Gp (M)	4	32
	22nd Bomb Gp (H)	4	48
	157 Liaison Sq Commando		
Sub Totals		8	80
FLORIDABLANCA WEST (CLARK #2)	348th Fighter Gp	4	25
	380th Bomb Gp (H)	4	48
	3rd Emergency Res Sq	1	24
Sub Totals		9	97
FLORIDABLANCA EAST (CLARK #4)	90th Bomb Gp (H)	4	48
Sub Totals		4	48
PORAC WEST (CLARK #5)	375th T. C. Gp	4	64
Sub Totals		4	64
LINGAYEN	49th Fighter Gp	3	25
	35th Fighter Gp	3	20
	3rd Fighter Sq Commando	1	6
	4th Fighter Sq Commando	1	7
	82nd Tac Recco Sq	1	6
	110th Tac Recco Sq	1	6
	38th Bomb Gp (M)	4	32
	547th Nite Fighter Sq	1	6
	318th T. C. Sq Commando	1	16
	159th Liaison Sq Commando		
	160th Liaison Sq Commando		
Sub Totals		16	124
PHASE I - GRAND TOTALS		53	534

14 April 1945

NEWS FROM DOWN UNDER

3/11/2005

Dear Ted,

Greetings from South Australia and I hope you are well.

After many months of delay at the printer's, my latest book, "G'day Mate, 'ave ya 'eard this one. MK.11." is finally receiving the finishing touches. Because of this I have been doing as promised and notifying all contributors of articles, etc., about its availability. There are two American contributors whose addresses I have lost and I wondered if they are people known to you or any members of the 380th. One in particular is a Mr. William R. Duffy who says he is known mainly as "Duffy". I located one man of that name by phone in California this day who didn't sound very happy and when I told him where I was calling from he said, "What are you selling?" Anyway it was the wrong man.

The other person who was an American serviceman who spent some time in Australia, goes by the title of "Iguana Jack Roo" who is in reality, "George Edward Sheldon" and claims to be an aircraft historian. His address according to the Internet is simply "America." I believe he travels around giving lectures etc. I would be pleased to receive any help in this regard. Just looking at Duffy's article he informs me he has a Japanese wife if that may ring a bell with you and he was 75 at the time of his writing.

Please remember me to all the guys who happened to spend time in the hottest and worst dust hole in the whole of Australia, Corunna Downs, when I operated there as RAAF radio telegraphist and they were doing their nightly bombing runs up in the islands. Good on you guys and the mighty Liberators.

Will be sending you a copy of my book for your library when copies are received.

Cheers for now and all the best Ted.

Yours faithfully,

Antonio Cafarella.

artwriter@bigpond.com

BOMBER LEGENDS

In addition to the calendars sold by George B. Welsh's organization, they also produce "Bomber Legends" magazine. See the ad below for more information on this publication.

2006 Calendars

Bomber Legends is also seeking high quality photographs and historical information for three 2006 calendars: B-24 Liberator, B-17 Flying Fortress, and a Bomber Legends Calendar. The Bomber Legends Calendar will feature all WWII bombers and be widely distributed to mainstream bookstores (such as Barnes & Nobles).



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LETTERS

3/17/2005

Dear Mr. Williams,

I am anxious to contact a veteran who flew missions out of Corunna May 43 to Nov 45. In particular a mission about Nov 44 attacking a Japanese convoy and lasting around three weeks. A lot of the detail I want to record is obscure or lost. It was a very secretive base so I don't know if it was recorded. Perhaps if you would be kind enough to publish my request in your newsletter I would be grateful.

I was there from Jul 43 to Nov 45 as a member of the RAAF 73rd Operational Base Unit and would like to put more information on paper and a very large part of the action was the 380th. Any help you can give me would be most appreciated.

Cordially,
John Mooney

4/4/2005

Thought you might find this of interest.

A gentleman by the name of Greg Wright, Katherine, Northern Territory, Australia & his 14 yr. old son found a dog tag in 2001 or 2002 at Fenton Field in a dump not far from the transport section. The dog tag was marked L W Luehring which is my father, Lester W Luehring, who was stationed at Fenton Field During WWII. He was a member of the 380th bomb group - the 528th squadron. Mr. Wright contacted Mr. Luehring's family to say he had found the tag & would like to return it. My father, Lester W Luehring, passed away in March of 2002. The dog tag has been returned to his family in March of 2005.

We cannot thank Mr. Wright enough for making sure the dog tag was returned home.

My father was very proud of being a member of the 380th bomb group; I even attended a reunion with him that was held at Dayton, Ohio. It was very moving for me.

Thank you for taking time to read this. If you would like any more information I can be contacted at lll_1@charter.net

Sincerely

Lorna Luehring

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2005 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM**

Date _____

Your Name _____

Squadron _____ 380th Duty _____

Please check if you are a * Regular Member _____ or an ** Associate Member _____

**Associates: 380th Veteran's Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Sqdn: _____

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Spouse's Name _____

* *Regular member* means an original member of the 380th Bomb Group.

** *Associate member* means a family member (or other affiliation) of an original member. If you are an Associate, please give the name of the original member, your relationship to that person, and his squadron number.

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TAPS

*Day is done, gone the sun, from the lake from the hill
from the sky. All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.*

*Thanks and praise for our days 'neath the sun, 'neath
the stars, 'neath the sky. As we go, this we know
God is nigh.*



LEST WE FORGET

RAAF-528th Pattison, Albert James, Radar Navigator/Wireless Operator, Various Crews, DOD 01/14/2005, Bribie Island, Queensland, Australia, reported by his son, Kenneth Pattison

529th Lively, Robert R., Assistant Ops Officer, Aircraft Commander, Lively's Crew (41), DOD 05/10/2005, Pineville, Louisiana, reported by Gene Gaddis

530th Chelling, Edward H., Gunner, DeLoache's Crew (64), DOD 01/14/2005, Downey, California, reported by his son, Timothy Chelling

530th Montz, Richard T., Flight Engineer, Piper/Kreuger's Crew (64), DOD 05/13/2005, St. Augustine, Florida, reported by Len Gronkowski

530th Murphy Walter E., Co-Pilot, Kreuger's Crew (64), Aircraft Commander, Murphy's Crew (54), DOD 03/14/1997, Oceanside, California, reported by his daughter-in-law, Janis Murphy

531st Campbell, John L., Pilot/Aircraft Commander, Paul's Crew (32) / Various Crews, DOD 03/30/2005, Louisville, Kentucky, reported by his wife, Doris

531st Deale, Francis X., Flight Engineer, Dreier's Crew (28), DOD 2003, reported by his daughter, Romana X Deale Beltran

531st Efthemios, Nicholas, Flight Engineer, Biggs' Crew (95), Sears' Crew (85), DOD 04/02/1983, Hillside, New Jersey, reported by his daughter, Constance Thomas

531st Haven, Donald E., Bombardier, Brasfield's Crew (98), DOD 01/05/1998, Visalia, California, reported by his daughter, Stacie L. Haven

531st Quimby, Kenneth D., Gunner, Hulsey's Crew (82), DOD 02/14/2005, Wichita, Kansas, reported by his wife, Dortha

531st Swanson, Ralph E., Tail Gunner, Hulsey's Crew (82), DOD 10/21/1999, Portland, Oregon, reported by his grandson, Jesse



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