

380TH BOMB GROUP



HERKY-528, LIL BEAVER-529, BUGS BUNNY-530, DONALD DUCK-531 SQUADRONS

Francis Henstr...

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.

**THE 380TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION
5th AF - RAAF**

AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS

The Flying Circus

208 CHIPPEWA ST.
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NEWSLETTER #24

September 2005

Compatriots and Friends:

The original deployment crews of the 380th and their aircraft are all well known in all of our writings, but what was the 380th like after December 1943 when those crews started going home and many of their aircraft were declared war-weary, or had already been lost? From our history records, we have compiled lists of the replacement crews as they arrived, the new aircraft we received, and the original copilots who became first pilots before returning home. We hope you enjoy perusing these lists.

The San Diego Reunion promises to be an exciting and moving experience with the B-24 Dedication and our Memorial Service in the Navy Chapel. San Diego at that time of year promises to be beautiful with much to see.

With the disaster at New Orleans, we obviously will not be going there next year. We published the results of the Boston discussion in the March 2005 *FLYING CIRCUS*. Please be thinking whether you wish to follow that list or do you have other choices for next year. We must decide at the Members Meeting at the Reunion. If you are unable to attend the Reunion and you'd like to get your "two cents worth" in, please contact me before the end of October.

We hope you have a pleasant journey to San Diego and a great time there.

To preserve the memory of the 380th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ted".

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!

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!!!

Paul and Barbara Beilstein
Richard and Claire Benson
Bill Bever
Carl Borgstrom with Linda Weeden
Terry and Terry Snyder
Curt Chamberlain
Larry and Jeanne Farnum
Barb and Doug Gotham
Ralph Henderson
Tom Hunt
Marie Johnson-Anderson
Cal Killingsworth
Janice and Frank Knafelc
William and Sharon LaFlech
Lester and Marie LaLena
Nick and Norma Lamicella
Lou and Irene Lanners w/Jean Cator
Doris Mitchell Betty Maloney with Jo Ellen Mitchell,
Bob and Ann Watson, Troy and Kelly French and
Carlos and KC Nissen
Milt and Natalie Markowitz
Russell and Verna McCrea
Cecelia and Scott Meade

Diane Whetstine
Will Moran
Viola Peterson and Gladys Brandt
Vincent and Annabelle Scalese with Ronald and
Karen Scalese
Ozzie and Mary Schoenemann with Debbie and
Ken Campbell
Lyle and Clara Sears
Phil Shaw
Betty Swanson with Linda Donaldson
Ted and Isabel Williams
Jim Wright
John Annesser and Marian Hritz
William and Alma Brew with Len and Joanne
Slama
James and Sara Bejoian
Glenn and Gwen Horton
Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Oakes with Mr. and Mrs.
William Randall
Robert, Marie Daffer, with Daniel Daffer and Dan
and Kathie Turley
Loyd and Donna Oakes

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

PLANNED 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:

Carnevale & Associates, Inc.
P. O. Box 1230
Sonoita, AZ 85637
fax: 520- 455-5866
phone: 800-659-8808
e-mail: carne@dakotacom.net

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"ONE PHONE CALL DOES IT ALL"
(800) 659-8808

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

Please make checks payable to **Carnevale & Associates Inc.**
Mail form to: **P O Box 1230 Sonoita, AZ 85637**

Need help with travel plans? - Complete request below or phone (800) 659-8808

Travel dates _____ Departure City _____ Aisle or Window seat
(circle choice)
Preferred Airline _____ Frequent Flyer Number _____

(Note: a modest service fee applies to all airline tickets)

WE WENT TO WAR -- 380TH HISTORY FACTS

EARLY REPLACEMENT CREWS' FIRST MISSIONS THROUGH JANUARY 1944

	A/C Cmdr	Sqdn / Crew	Aircraft / Serial No.	Date	Mission	Fate
1	Cesario	530 Crew 52	NOTHING SACRED 42-40509	9/19/1943	Ambon	Completed Tour Sqdn Cmdr, Gp Ops Officer
2	Parris	530 Crew 27	SHE'ASTA 42-40512	9/19/1943	Ambon	All KIA, Mission Damage, Crash Landing, 2nd Mission, 9/21/1943
3	Toepperwein	529 Crew 17	FYRTLE MYRTLE 42-40485	9/22/1943	Ambon	Completed Tour Sqdn Cmdr
4	Seale	531 Crew 76	"ROBBIE L" II 42-40979	10/5/1943	Manokwari	Completed Tour Sqdn Cmdr
5	Harkins	530 Crew 38	OLD HICKORY 42-40827	10/17/1943	Halmahera	Completed Tour
6	Ross	530 Crew 57	GUS'S BUS 42-40504	10/17/1943	Halmahera	Tour Completed under Co-Pilot Handorf
7	W. Robertson	529 Crew 24	TOUGHY 42-40525	10/25/1943	Manokwari	Completed Tour
8	Lasko	531 Crew 85	ROBBIE L II 42-40979	11/9/1943	Sourabaja	Completed Tour Sqdn Ops Officer
9	Manley	531 Crew 84	BIG ASS BIRD II 42-72801	11/9/1943	Sourabaja	Completed Tour
10	Bruce	531 Crew 86	BIG ASS BIRD II 42-72801	11/17/1943	Tjepoe, Java	Completed Tour
11	Brenholtz	530 Crew 60	JUGGLIN JOSIE 42-41237	11/21/1943	Maikoor	Completed Tour
12	Deaton	531 Crew 78	BEBE 42-41248	11/21/1943	Maikoor	Completed Tour Sqdn Ops Officer
13	Blake	529 Crew 19	JUNGLE QUEEN II 42-40510	11/24/1943	Kaoe Bay, Halmahera	Completed Tour
14	Ondes	529 Crew 26	GYPSY 42-41133	11/24/1943	Halmahera	Crew Killed with Jones, Landing Accident, 01/17/1944
15	Baptist	531 Crew 87	MALE CALL 42-71799	11/25/1943	Ambon	Pilot Injured in Ground Accident; Crew Completed Tour with Various Pilots
16	Bates	531 Crew 89	SOOPER DROOPER 42-40515	11/25/1943	Ambon	Four Crew Killed in Crash Landing, Mission Damage, 02/05/1944
17	Dow	529 Crew 27	JE REVIENS 42-42808	11/25/1943	Ambon	Completed Tour
18	Jennings	529 Crew 33	BLACK VELVET 42-41239	11/29/1943	Manokwari	All KIA, Take-off Crash, 03/08/1944
19	Kemp	528 Crew 11	SNORKEY 42-73164	12/3/1943	Koepang	Completed Tour
20	Shaffer	528 Crew 12	(NONE) 42-41241	12/3/1943	Koepang	Completed Tour Sqdn Cmdr

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EARLY REPLACEMENT CREWS' FIRST MISSIONS THROUGH JANUARY 1944 (continued)

	A/C Cmdr	Sqdn / Crew	Aircraft / Serial No.	Date	Mission	Fate
21	Neal	531 Crew 78	MALE CALL 42-72799	12/6/1943	Search H-2	6 KIA on Practice Mission. 01/17/1945
22	Parker	528 Crew 2	PUSS & BOOTS 42-72942	12/7/1943	Haroekoe Is.	Shot Down. all KIA. 05/08/1944
23	Taylor	530 Crew 42	QUACK WAC 42-72775	12/7/1943	Pelauw Village	Completed Tour
24	Marshall	530 Crew 63	LIL D'ICER 42-72795	12/13/1943	Cape Hoskins	Completed Tour
25	Magee	531 Crew 91	DOODLE BUG 42-73117	12/21/1943	Amahai	Completed Tour
26	Benbow	528 Crew 15	BATTLE WEARY 42-41243	12/27/1943	Pomelaa	Completed Tour
27	Bousfield	528 Crew 6	PUSS & BOOTS 42-72942	12/27/1943	Pomelaa	Completed Tour
28	Burns	528 Crew 13	OLD HICKORY 42-40827	12/27/1943	Pomelaa	Completed Tour
29	Tovarez	530 Crew 65	GUS'S BUS II 42-41125	12/27/1943	Pomelaa	Completed Tour
30	Moody	531 Crew 93	"ROBBIE L" II 42-40979	1/6/1944	Manokwari	Completed Tour
31	Henderson	531 Crew 92	"ROBBIE L" II 42-40979	1/8/1944	Kendari	Completed Tour
32	Planck	530 Crew 66	B.T.O. 42-41214	1/8/1944	Kendari	Completed Tour Sqdn Ops Officer
33	Fleming	528 Crew 17	DALLY'S DILLY 42-73114	1/12/1944	Balikpapan	Completed Tour
34	Hagler	530 Crew 68	B.T.O. 42-41214	1/12/1944	Balikpapan	KIA, First Mission, 01/12/1944
35	Martens	528 Crew 16	CARROT TOP 42-73114	1/12/1944	Balikpapan	KIA, Struck Mountain. 03/19/1944
36	Smith	531 Crew 94	BIG ASS BIRD II 42-72801	1/12/1944	Balikpapan	Shot Down. 5 KIA. 5 Rescued. 01/19/1944
37	Ivey	529 Crew 40	SNAFU No. II 42-41120	1/13/1944	Timeoko, NG	Completed Tour
38	J. Thomas	529 Crew 39	JEZEBELLE 42-72953	1/17/1944	Manokwari	Completed Tour
39	Stevens	529 Crew 29	PAPER DOLL 42-73187	1/17/1944	Manokwari	Completed Tour
40	Kimlau	530 Crew 67	(NONE) 42-41124	1/19/1944	Ambon	KIA, Take-off Accident. 03/05/1944
41	Woodward	529 Crew 41	BIG ASS BIRD 42-73113	1/19/1944	Ambon	Completed Tour Sqdn Cmdr, Gp Ops Officer

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EARLY COPILOTS UPGRADED TO AIRCRAFT COMMANDERS THROUGH JANUARY 1944

	Name	Sqdn / Crew #	Aircraft / Serial No.	First Mission	Mission	Fate
1	Hastings	528 / Crew 1	QUEER DEAR/DEER 42-40935	10/13/1943	Rabaul	MIA, Mission, 1/7/1944
2	Vick	530 / Crew 56	QUACK WAC 42-72775	11/3/1943	Boela	Completed Tour
3	Shaw	528 / Crew 9	(NONE) 42-41241	11/17/1943	Tjepoe, Java	Completed Tour
4	White	529 / Crew 20	JE REVIENS 42-72808	11/17/1943	Tjepoe, Java	Completed Tour
5	Roberts	530 / Crew 41	SHE`ASTA 42-40512	11/24/1943	Ambon	Completed Tour
6	Piper	530 / Crew 64	SNORKEY 42-73164	12/13/1943	Cape Hoskins	Completed Tour
7	Mulhollen	530 / Crew 59	SANDRA KAY 42-72790	12/14/1945	Arawa	Shot Down, All KIA, 1/8/1944
8	Nunan	531 / Crew 53	TENNESSEE SQUIRREL HUNTER 42-73201	12/23/1943	Nabire	Completed Tour
9	Calhoun	528 / Crew 3	QUEER DEAR/DEER 42-40935	1/8/1944	Search for Missing B-24	Completed Tour
10	Zagroski	531 / Crew 88	ROBBIE L II 42-40979	12/27/1943	Pomelaa	Completed Tour
11	Tosch	529 / Crew 35	ADELAIDE FEVER 42-41247	1/9/1944	Search for Missing B-24	Crashed into Mountain in New Guinea. May 1944
12	VanWormer	529 / Crew 45	PAPER DOLL 42-73187	1/19/1944	Ambon	Shot Down, POW, 1/19/1944

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FIRST AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENTS THROUGH 10 DECEMBER 1943

No.	No.	Nose Art / Serial No.	First Mission	Sqdn	Fate
1	001	ALLEY OOP 41-24248	8/21/1943	528	Crash Landing 8/25/1943
2	044	BLACK WIDOW 42-40967	8/29/1943	528	Shot Down (AA) 11/21/1943
3	045	"ROBBIE L" II 42-40979	8/29/1943	531	Salvaged 8/8/1944
4	042	OLD HICKORY 42-40827	9/1/1943	530	Crash Landing 3/1/1944
5	043	QUEER DEAR/DEER 42-40935	9/11/1943	528	Salvaged 3/8/1945
6	054	OKC "SACK TIME" 42-41219	11/1/1943	531	Hit in Crash Landing 1/17/1944
7	071	QUACK WAC 42-72775	11/3/1943	530	Crash Landing Mission Damage 2/9/1944
8	050	OKC GUS'S BUS II 42-41125	11/9/1943	530	Takeoff Crash 10/11/1944
9	072	SANDRA KAY 42-72790	11/9/1943	530	Mission Crash Landing 5/19/1945
10	074	MALE CALL 42-72799	11/9/1943	531	Salvaged 6/28/1945
11	075	BIG ASS BIRD II 42-72801	11/9/1943	531 530	Crashed on Mission 3/19/1944
12	060	OKC HOMMA HOMMA KID II 42-41238	11/11/1943	528 530	Damaged on Mission, Not Returned 1/8/1944
13	062	OKC (NONE) 42-41241	11/11/1943	528 530	Salvaged After Spin Recovery 12/26/1943
14	063	OKC (NONE) 42-41242	11/11/1943	528	Salvaged 11/11/1944
15	067	POISON IVY 42-41249	11/11/1943	529	Salvaged 10/20/1944
16	048	OKC SNAFU No. II 42-41120	11/17/1943	529	Salvaged Feb-45
17	051	OKC GYPSY 42-41133	11/17/1943	529 528	Take-off Crash 3/5/1944
18	052	(NONE) 42-41182	11/17/1943	529	Crash Landing 5/7/1944
19	059	OKC JUGGLIN' JOSIE 42-41237	11/17/1943	530	Salvaged After Crash Landing 7/25/1944

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FIRST AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENTS THROUGH 10 DECEMBER 1943 (continued)

	No.		Nose Art / Serial No.	First Mission	Sqdn	Fate
20	065	OKC	ADELAIDE FEVER 42-41247	11/17/1943	529	Salvaged 6/30/1944
21	066	OKC	BEBE 42-41248	11/17/1943	531	Hit in Crash Landing 1/17/1944
22	076		"JE REVIENS" 42-72808	11/17/1943	529	Salvaged 10/20/1944
23	079		JEZEBELLE 42-72953	11/17/1943	529	Salvaged 6/19/1945
24	053		B.T.O. 42-41214	11/18/1943	530	Shot Down 1/12/1944
25	057	OKC	CAREER GIRL 42-41234	11/18/1943	528 530	Take-off Crash 12/14/1943
26	041		(NONE) 42-40683	11/21/1943	528	Crashed, Returning from Mission 11/21/1943
27	055		HELL'S BELLE 42-41222	11/21/1943	530	Salvaged Feb-45
28	056		SUNSHINE I 42-41225	11/22/1943	531	Shot Down 3/8/1944
29	064	OKC	BATTLE WEARY 42-41243	11/24/1943	528	Salvaged 2/8/1945
30	068		SATAN'S SECRETARY 42-63989	11/24/1943	528	Salvaged 2/25/1945
31	082		THE BIG ASS BIRD 42-73113	11/24/1943	529	Shot-up on Mission, Salvaged 6/8/1944
32	095		(NONE) 42-73186	11/24/1943	530	Crash Landing 3/26/1944
33	061	OKC	BLACK VELVET 42-41239	11/29/1943	529	Crash Landing 5/2/1944
34	058	OKC	(NONE) 42-41236	12/3/1943	529	Take-off Crash 1/17/1944
35	093		SNORKEY 42-73164	12/3/1943	528	Salvaged 10/22/1944
36	087		ROYAL FLUSH II 42-73121	12/3/1943	531	Salvaged 4/16/1945
37	077		PUSS & BOOTS 42-72942	12/7/1943	528	Salvaged 6/22/1945
38	091		SAD SACK 42-73133	12/10/1943	531	Battle Damage, Salvaged 12/31/1944
39	094		THE BEAUTIFUL BEAST 42-73167	12/10/1943	528	Salvaged, Taxi Accident 8/22/1944

LETTERS

American Ex-POW s Phoenix Chapter

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Phone, 602-466-3739

June 27, 2005

Ted Williams
for the 380th. Bomb Group "Flying Circus"
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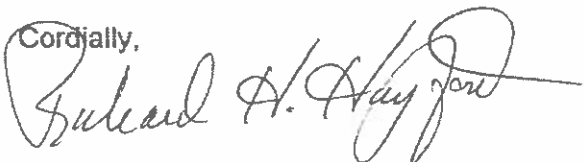
Friends:

I found your address in the publication Bomber Legends. My reason for writing is because American Ex-Pow's exists to assist former POW's in gaining access to benefits which the Federal Government has provided for Ex-POW's. We make no charges whatsoever for our services. We exist to assist any former POW's, in contacting the Bureau of Veterans Affairs regarding provisions they might be entitled to.

There are more than 18 so-called "presumptives" of entitlement which Congress has set up, to assist former POW's. Problem is, many former POW's aren't even aware that such provisions exist. If you talk to Veterans Affairs they will tell you that all former POW's were notified when the congress passed these laws. The only problem is that prior to the law enactment, there had been a big fire in the records center in St. Louis, and so thousands and thousands of former POW's were not notified, because their records were destroyed in the fire. In my own case, that is exactly what happened to me. I was a member of the 451st Bomb Group, stationed in Italy in WW2, and was shot down on my way to bomb Regensburg, February 25, 1944, and spent 15 months as a POW in Germany. I was not notified by Veterans Affairs that there were benefits available for former POW's, and it was only by accident in 2003, in a conversation at one of our reunions, that a fellow asked me what disability percentage I had received from the V A, as a former POW. Disability percentage I asked, I never heard of such a thing. Well he said, you'd better contact Veterans Affairs when you get back home. As a consequence, I can tell you I am now receiving well over \$2,000 dollars per month, and this disability pension is tax free, both state and Federal.

We have offices in all major cities in the U.S., and as I said there are no charges nor obligations in permitting us in assisting any of your former POW members in their contact with Veterans Affairs. If you will let me know, I'll be glad to furnish you details about our office locations, and how your members may contact our Service Officers, to get help in presenting their case to the Bureau of Veterans Affairs.

Cordially,



Richard H. Hayford.

LETTERS

We received the following message from Australia. We've asked Mr. Atkinson to send photos and a story for a future newsletter!

Sent: Friday, August 26, 2005 8:49 PM

Name=Ian G ATKINSON

Address=516 South St

City=MOORESBURY

Country=AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,

I came across your site whilst researching B24 Beautiful Betsy. A number of friends and myself are planning a trip into the crash site on Tuesday September 6th. We are all ex servicemen most with active service in Vietnam as either Infanteers or Artillery gunners. Our party will be no more than 8 in number and at the crash site we plan on raising the United States Flag and the Australian flag. playing Taps, followed by the Last Post, reading out the names of those lost, a minute silence, then we shall all sit and drink a cold beer with your old buddies in the Queensland bush.

Lest we Forget. I shall send photos and a report on our return. With deepest respect,
Ian Atkinson
ex 2nd battalion Royal Australian Regiment.

UPDATE received September 12th:

From: foxhound@ourbrisbane.com [mailto:foxhound@ourbrisbane.com]

Sent: Monday, September 12, 2005 2:12 AM

To: Gotham, Barbara J.

Subject: RE: Beautiful Betsy

Dear Barbara, successfully reached Beautiful Betsy last Tuesday 6 Sept. Heather my wife has commenced to construct a small site at www.users.on.net/~theakkos/betsy -- it has no captions or text at this time but will have soon. In the interim, one of our team has requested that you inform any old friends or family of the lost crew that he and myself are prepared to act as guides and drivers if they wish visit the crash site.

We also received a letter dated August 19th, from

Wayne Shearsmith

He's desperately trying to obtain original 531st Bomb Squadron and 380th Bomb Group patches (as worn on A-2 flight jackets), to complete his set of 380th Bomb Group insignia. He's asking if any 380th veterans who would be willing to part with a 531st squadron patch, he would be most willing to pay \$275 for one, and would also be prepared to pay \$275 for a Group patch. He has collected these insignia for 15 years, and treasure every one, so you can be assured that if he can obtain these two patches, they would be well looked after.

Anyone interested should contact Wayne directly.

WAR MEMORIES

GOD PROVIDES

... by BILL BEVER

A former navigator, Lt. Harry Hagen, who was assigned to the 5th AAF, 380th Bomb Group, 528th Squadron in the Southwest Pacific during W.W.II related to me in a letter that his squadron at times had to fly with the Jolly Rogers 90th Bomb Group as they had so few operational B-24 aircraft. The politicians back in Washington sent everything to Europe.

In one instance the navigator said Mae West flotation vests were in short supply. He gave his vest to his young tail gunner and flew two weeks without a vest until he located a crate stored on a beach with two dozen Mae Wests inside. When he opened the crate to remove one vest, he heard a rifle being loaded behind him. He turned around to see a corporal with his rifle pointed right at him. Harry challenged the corporal and requested the corporal's officer on duty, but to no regard was the trooper going to release the vests. Harry went back to his squadron, contacted the CO to go with him to confiscate the vests. Upon arriving at the beach, they were both challenged by the same corporal so the CO said they were taking the vests and that he would accept full responsibility at that point. No shots were fired!

Another essential item in short supply was toilet paper. Harry said, "Finding toilet paper was like finding a treasure." They would promise rides in their B-24 for several rolls. One day the navigator and his friend traveled several miles to eat at an Officer's Mess. When they left the mess hall, their chests bloomed out to size 52 busts, each having two rolls of toilet paper stuffed inside their shirts they had liberated from the head!

The navigator never felt any remorse about liberating certain essential items when he found out their Chaplain got cans of turkey and beef. When he asked the Chaplain where he got the canned meat, the Chaplain told Harry, "God Provides."



CARL ORTMAN'S 528th CREW

Standing, L to R: LeGrand Brown-WG, Norm Brunette-BOMB, Ortman-P, Harry Hagen-NAV, Stan Massoll-CP. Kneeling: Bill Boos-R/O, Ron St. Martin-NOSE, Gene Chiarella-TAIL, John Mead-ENG/TOP, Bob Berry-WG
Harry Hagen Collection

If you have a story like this to share with our members, feel free to send it to Barb Gotham (barb@purdue.edu), 130 Colony Road, West Lafayette, IN 47906-1209.

380th WEBSITE NOTES

Some fairly recent changes to the 380th website are noted here, as well as others of general interest:

Compilation of all recorded TAPS (from previous Association, current Association, and our histories):
<http://iies.www.ecn.purdue.edu/IIES/PLAIC/380/NEWS/TAPS/Taps.html>

Jacket and patches order form:
<http://fairway.ecn.purdue.edu/IIES/PLAIC/380/NEWS/News22/Jacket-Patches-Form.pdf>

Reunion Website:
<http://fairway.ecn.purdue.edu/IIES/PLAIC/380/REUNION/Reunion.html>

Newsletters:
<http://iies.www.ecn.purdue.edu/IIES/PLAIC/380/NEWS/News.html>

Listing of all 380th Aircraft by Name:
<http://iies.www.ecn.purdue.edu/IIES/PLAIC/380/HISTORY/All-Aircraft-byName.htm>

For corrections/changes to our website, either submit the Comment form at
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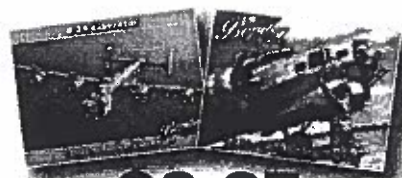
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Please check if you are a * Regular Member _____ or an ** Associate Member _____

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Relationship: _____ Sqdn: _____

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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-529th

McGrory, Sydney ("Mick") R.D.,
Bombardier, Dixon's Crew,
DOD 09/05/2003, Brisbane,
Queensland, Australia,
reported by his son,
Anthony ("Tony") R.D. McGrory

528th Casselberry, Margie,
Wife of Bill Casselberry, DOD
08/01/2005, San Angelo, Texas,
reported by her husband
Corrections:

529th Houhoulis, Peter N.

Spelling of last name corrected
reported by his son-in-law,
Ian L. Natkin

531st Lees, Deane H.,

Date of death corrected,
DOD 10/14/1999,
reported by
Tim Marcinko

528th/HQ Cox, Gayle S., Pilot, Sqdn Cmdr, Group
Cmdr, DOD 04/14/1994, Cincinnati, Ohio, reported by
his son, Barry Cox

528th Klenn, William F. ("Bill"), Gunner, Shek's Crew
(7), DOD 11/20/1996, Alsip, Illinois, reported by his
daughter, Marietta Rosellini

528th Peavy, Carl Wendell, Ground Staff, Armament,
DOD 04/24/2005, Unadilla, Georgia, reported by his
daughter, Marlene Hiland

528th Shreve, Everett W., Gunner, Henry/Adams' Crew
(12), DOD 07/09/2004, Corralitos, California, reported
by his son, Joseph Shreve

528th Turpin, Lawrence R., RCM Operator, Various
Crews, DOD 01/11/1984, Atlantic City, New Jersey,
reported by his nephew, Larry Wildman

529th Kelly, Clifford E., Gunner, Kershner's Crew (12),
DOD 12/25/1997, Grandview, Jackson, Missouri,
reported by his grand-nephew, Steve Pyne

529th Maloney, Joseph W., Radio Operator, Wehrly's
Crew (41), DOD 07/17/2005, Dublin, California,
reported by his wife, Betty

529th Nemcek, Sylvester P., Gunner, Kroes' Crew (56),
DOD 08/28/2005, Dolton, Illinois, reported by Barbara
Beilstein

530th Dixon, Clifford E., Ground Staff, Airplane Sheet
Metal Worker, DOD 06/17/2004, Macon, Missouri,
reported by his son, Don Dixon

531st Lees, Hiroko, Wife of Deane H. Lees, DOD 02/
18/2005, San Antonio, Texas, reported by Tim Marcinko

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