

380TH BOMB GROUP



Flying Circus



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

Francis Henstock

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
personnel 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.
WEST LAFAYETTE IN 47906-2123



NEWSLETTER #3

June 2000

Compatriots and Friends,

Things are progressing very well for our 2000 Reunion in San Antonio on November 8-12th. If you haven't already made your reservations, please do so soon since they appear to be going very fast. We have finalized the program and costs as noted herein.

As I am sure you have already noticed, we have arranged our program this year to be a military remembrance reunion, something we have gotten away from somewhat in recent years. We hope that this is the kind of program you want.

This is our opportunity to meet again with old friends of long standing; to tell wild stories which get better over the years; to remember all of our buddies who have gone; and to wipe away a tear or two from our eyes as old soldiers are often wont to do.

We look forward eagerly to seeing you all again in San Antonio in November.

As always, please be sure to send me your address changes, Taps, and other pertinent Society news to be published in these quarterly newsletters.

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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May 17, 2000

Dear Flying Circus Members,

Please note Helen Thompson's message regarding your former association. Helen and I couldn't believe the delays, but finally the paperwork has been done. We hope!!

In less than six months the Carnevale Associates' sponsored reunion will be held in San Antonio. I understand that, so far, 270 of you have signed with Carnevale for membership and 100 have registered for the San Antonio reunion. A reminder - vote early since the gathering starts the day after Election Day.

I am looking forward to this reunion. Don't know how it will be having no problems to solve but think that I can spend the time visiting with friends. Maybe I can keep 683 (John Lardin) straight. For those of you thinking of family attendees, Ted Williams reports that Jack Banks is leading that category.

Again, I remind you to keep Ted and Barbara informed of happenings so they can incorporate that news in the newsletters. Too, if some of you would write a letter to the members, Ted could use it instead of my musings.

Sincerely,



Tom Hunt

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380th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION

MENGER HOTEL — SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

November 8 - 12, 2000

REVISED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday & Wednesday
November 7 & 8

Golf — please call if interested (800) 659-8808
Courses and fees to be determined

Wednesday - Nov. 8

Official Check-in — Hospitality Room
Optional Tours - San Antonio
Be sure to visit The Alamo and Riverwalk

Thursday - Nov. 9

10:00 am — Lackland Graduation Parade and Museum
6:00 pm — Get-Acquainted dinner at hotel

Friday - Nov. 10

10:00 am — Memorial Service at Randolph AFB
11:30 am — Lunch at Randolph Field Officers Club
3:00 pm — Men's Meeting at the hotel

Saturday - Nov. 11

VETERAN'S DAY!!
10:00 am — Memorial Service, National Cemetery
at Fort Sam Houston
6:00 pm — Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar
7:00 pm — Dinner/Dance at hotel
MUSIC BY ROYALAIRES!

Sunday - Nov. 12

Continental Breakfast — Departure Day

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SPECIAL NOTES: As of May 12, 2000 — 272 members have registered with Carnevale & Associates and 109 rooms in our block of 150 have been reserved at the Menger Hotel for the November reunion. *If you haven't signed up yet — it's not too late!*

Be sure to call Carnevale Travel (800) 659-8808 for help with your travel arrangements. We **do not charge** for issuing tickets as many travel agencies do.

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380th BOMB GROUP – REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

November 8 - 11, 2000
Menger Hotel -- San Antonio, Texas

			No.	
Registration Fees:	Members	\$10.00 each	x _____	= \$ _____
	Spouses & Guests	\$5.00 each	x _____	= \$ _____
Thursday Get-Acquainted Dinner		\$25.00 each	x _____	= \$ _____
Thursday Lackland Graduation Parade and Museum at Lackland AFB (transportation included)		\$8.00 each	x _____	= \$ _____
Friday Memorial Service at Randolph Field, with Lunch at Officers Club (includes transportation)		\$18.00 each	x _____	= \$ _____
Saturday Memorial Service, Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery (transportation included) Special Veterans Day Ceremony		\$8.00 each	x _____	= \$ _____
Saturday Evening Dinner/Dance		\$35.00 each	x _____	= \$ _____
	TOTAL			\$ _____

Member Name _____ Squadron/Hdqtrs _____

Member Name (for name tag) _____

Guest/Spouse (name tag listing) _____

Other guests (name tag names needed) _____

REFUNDS: Refunds will be made if cancellation occurs on or before Tuesday, November 3. Please call (800) 659-8808.

Please make checks payable to: Carnevale & Associates, Inc.

Mail form to: PO Box 1230
Sonoita AZ 85637

NEED HELP WITH TRAVEL PLANS? - Complete request below or phone (800) 659-8808

Travel Dates _____ Departure City _____

Preferred Airline _____ Frequent Flyer # _____

Seat Preference _____ Aisle _____ Window _____ Need Rental Car Yes _____ No _____

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**380th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION
HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM**

The Menger Hotel
San Antonio - Texas
November 8 - 12, 2000

Name _____

Spouse or Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email: _____

Rate: \$100 (single or double occupancy) + 16.75% room tax

Arrival: _____ Departure: _____

Room Type: S=one person, one bed, D=two people, one bed; D/D=two people, twin 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 _____

Name on card _____

Signature _____

Cancel policy for this event: 24 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

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As full service travel agents, we are also able to assist you with your travel arrangements including air and rental cars.

“ONE PHONE CALL DOES IT ALL!”
(800) 659-8808 ask for Pat, Sue or Laura

UPDATE OF REUNION ATTENDEES SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Name	Share	Arrival	Departure
ROBERT ALFORD	PAT ALFORD	11/8/00	11/12/00
ROBERT J ANDERSON	MARIE JOHNSON	11/8/00	11/12/00
A JOHN ANNESSER	MARIAN HRITZ	11/8/00	11/12/00
DEAN BAKER	MARGARET BAKER	11/9/00	11/13/00
JACK R BANKS (4 rooms)		11/8/00	11/12/00
WILLIAM D BEVER	SANDRA BEVER	11/9/00	11/12/00
RICHARD D BILL	OLGA BILL	11/8/00	11/12/00
WILLIAM D (BILL) BREW	ALMA BREW	11/8/00	11/12/00
MARVIN G BURRIS	GINNY ROPER	11/8/00	11/12/00
JOHN L CAMPBELL	DORIS CAMPBELL	11/9/00	11/12/00
JOSEPH W DALLY	IRENE DALLY	11/8/00	11/12/00
ANNA A DEBEVEC	DONNA DROWELL	11/7/00	11/13/00
EUGENE FIORI	MARY STEINHART	11/8/00	11/12/00
WILLIAM M FORTENBERRY	BARBARA FORTENBERRY	11/8/00	11/12/00
EUGENE GADDIS		11/8/00	11/12/00
TERRY GADDIS		11/9/00	11/12/00
ROBERT A GARN	GENE GARN	11/8/00	11/12/00
GEORGE GERARDS JR	CHRIS GERARDS	11/6/00	11/13/00
BARBARA J GOTHAM	DOUGLAS GOTHAM	11/7/00	11/12/00
GEORGE WAYNE HEWETT	BONNIE HEWETT	11/8/00	11/12/00
WALTER L HILL	LOIS HILL	11/8/00	11/12/00
FRANCIS R JOHNSTON		11/8/00	11/12/00
JOHN GILBERT KOLLER	HELEN KOLLER	11/9/00	11/12/00
LOUIS N LANNERS JR	IREENE LANNERS	11/8/00	11/12/00
JOHN D LARDIN	SONYA HARRIS	11/4/00	11/12/00
GLORIA LEGHART	TBA	11/7/00	11/12/00
ROBERT R LIVELY	JEAN LIVELY	11/9/00	11/12/00
ED LOY	TBA	11/8/00	11/12/00
ROGER E MACDONALD	DOROTHY MACDONALD	11/8/00	11/12/00
MURRAY C MARKS	ALICE MARKS	11/8/00	11/12/00
JOHN H MILLER	LUCILLE MILLER	11/9/00	11/12/00
JAMES MORRIS	JENNIE MORRIS	11/8/00	11/12/00
ROBERT L MUCHOW	ILA MUCHOW	11/8/00	11/12/00
LOYD OAKES	DONNA OAKES	11/8/00	11/12/00
DAVID H OLSON	MARYELLEN OLSON	11/8/00	11/13/00
MACK OSBURN	WILMA OSBURN	11/8/00	11/12/00
CHARLES A PARROTT	CAROLYN PARROTT	11/8/00	11/12/00
VIOLA PETERSON	GLADYS BRANDT	11/8/00	11/12/00
DAVID PLASSMAN	ESTHER PLASSMAN	11/8/00	11/12/00
WILLIAM PLASSMAN	CONNIE PLASSMAN	11/8/00	11/12/00
GEORGE LIM POY	JESSIE POY	11/9/00	11/12/00
STEPHEN W RANKIN	RUTH RANKIN	11/8/00	11/12/00
CATHERINE REIN	LINDA CHILDERS	11/8/00	11/12/00
ROBERT F RHODEN		11/9/00	11/12/00
RONALD SCALESE	ANNABELLE SCALESE	11/8/00	11/12/00
VINCENT SCALESE	ANNABELLE SCALESE	11/8/00	11/12/00
ROBERT "FRITZ" SCHMITZ		11/8/00	11/12/00
SHERWOOD H SHEEHAN		11/8/00	11/12/00
JENNIFER SHULTZ	DONNA SHULTZ	11/8/00	11/12/00
JOHN SHULTZ SR	JOHN SHULTZ JR	11/8/00	11/12/00
WILLIAM E SLOANE JR	PAT SLOANE	11/7/00	11/12/00
GAIL F STEPHENSON	MARILYN STEPHENSON	11/8/00	11/12/00

CONTINUATION OF REUNION ATTENDEES LIST

VIRGIL H STEVENS	JEAN STEVENS	11/8/00	11/12/00
BETTY P SWANSON		11/8/00	11/12/00
TOM TAYLOR	CAROLINE TAYLOR	11/8/00	11/12/00
JAMES E TEMPLE	MARK TEMPLE	11/9/00	11/12/00
JOHN THOMAS		11/8/00	11/12/00
CHARLES TYLER	NORMA TYLER	11/8/00	11/12/00
VAN RAY	ELAINE RAY	11/7/00	11/9/00
WILLIAM F VANCE	JOYCE VANCE	11/8/00	11/12/00
VERNON WILFERT		11/10/00	11/12/00
THEODORE J WILLIAMS	ISABEL WILLIAMS	11/5/00	11/12/00
FRANK J WOJNILKO	JENNY WOJNILKO	11/7/00	11/13/00
CARL J ZAEPFEL	PENNY ZAEPFEL	11/8/00	11/12/00

REQUESTS AND RESPONSES

A Note From Helen Thompson:

The former 380th Bomb Group Association, Inc., has now been dissolved. The Final Tax Return with all pertinent legal work attached was mailed to the Internal Revenue Service on 12 April 2000.

The Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum has put together a B-24 Heavy Bomber Crew Registry. We have given them the information from our database, as published in our two Roster documents, for this Registry.

380th Members can view their information contained on this Registry by going to:

http://www.co.pueblo.co.us/pwam/crew_registry/

You can contact the museum regarding the database at:

Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum
31001 Magnuson Avenue
Pueblo CO 81001
Phone: 719/948-9219
Email: pwam@iex.net

We can give our contact there a copy of our current mailing list so that he can add current mailing addresses to your entries in the database information, but we need your permission to do so. Please contact Barbara Gotham if it is okay for us to give him your current mailing address.

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West Lafayette IN 47906-1209
Phone: 765/494-7037
Email: barb@purdue.edu

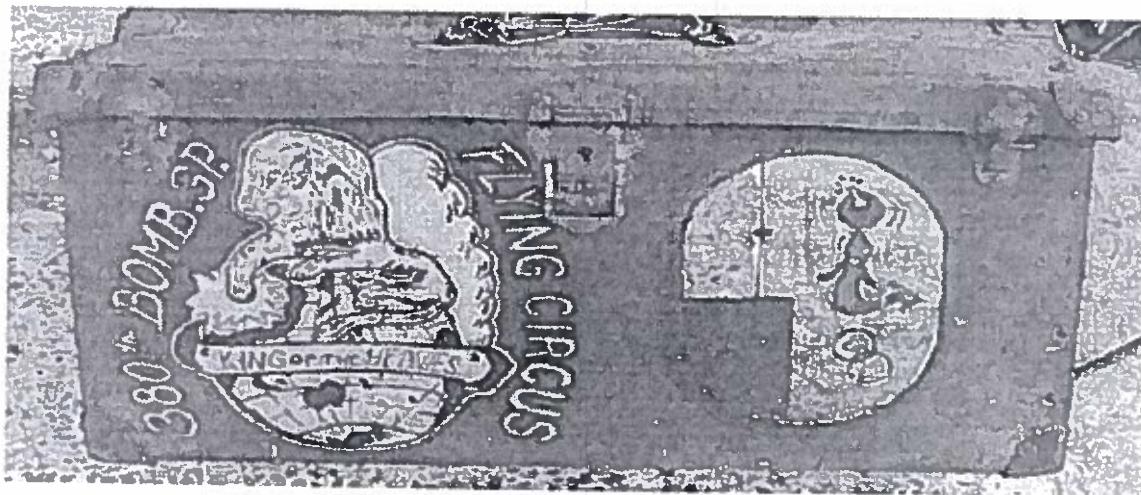
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As many of you know, the Internet auction website, eBay.com handles many WWII memorabilia in its Collectibles, Militaria, WWII, section. Many of these in the past have involved 380 Bomb Group related artifacts. We have had inquiries concerning two such objects, as noted below:

Richard R. Kee (Famkee@aol.com) has purchased the nose art reproduction of our 380 Group Emblem as shown in this photo. If anyone recognizes this piece and can tell Rick something of its history, he would be most appreciative. You can reach him at the email address given above, or write him at:



Mike Davis (mdavis54@flash.net) has procured an accordion whose carrying case (pictured here) carries the Group and 531st Squadron emblems used by us while in The Philippines. Again, Mike would like to know if anyone remembers the history of this particular accordion and its box.



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**380th BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

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 _____

* *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.

Annual payment of \$20 payable to **Carnevale & Associates** will help defray costs of mailings throughout the year. The mailing address for Carnevale & Associates is:

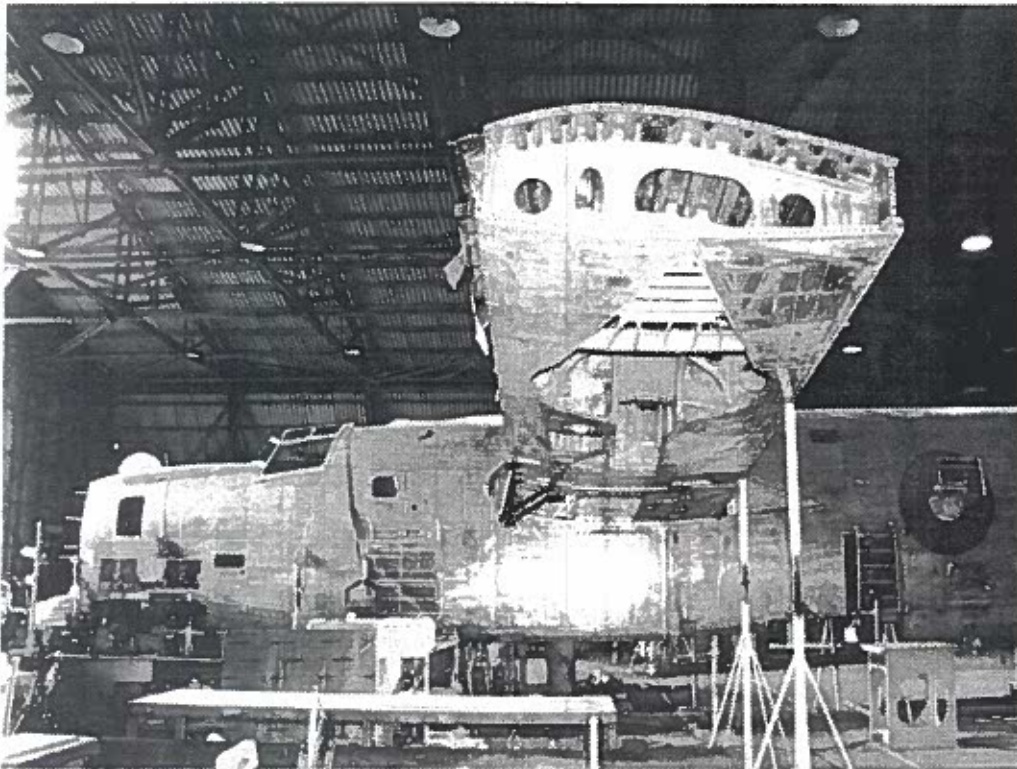
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Thanks to all of you who have already made your annual payment!!

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Colin Grey, Restoration Coordinator for the restoration of the B-24M being carried out in Australia, has supplied the following pictures showing the attachment of the wing to the fuselage and some of the details of the massive re-engineering and duplication from scratch that they had to do in carrying out the work. He cautions that the restoration will not be complete internally at the time of roll-out on August 15, 2000. His words are as follows:

"We would have preferred to have a complete aeroplane at the time of dedication. However, the passage of time and the age of the B-24 Veterans has indicated we should choose an earlier date. So it was decided that although the restoration will have 18 months to 2 years to run, it would be prudent to have the dedication at our earliest opportunity. To that end the 15th of August, 2000 (the 55th Anniversary of victory in the Pacific War) has been chosen. On behalf of our Committee of Management, and the members of the "FUND" we would like to wish you all the best with your 60th celebrations and I hope to be able to meet you in Melbourne on August 15th, 2000."



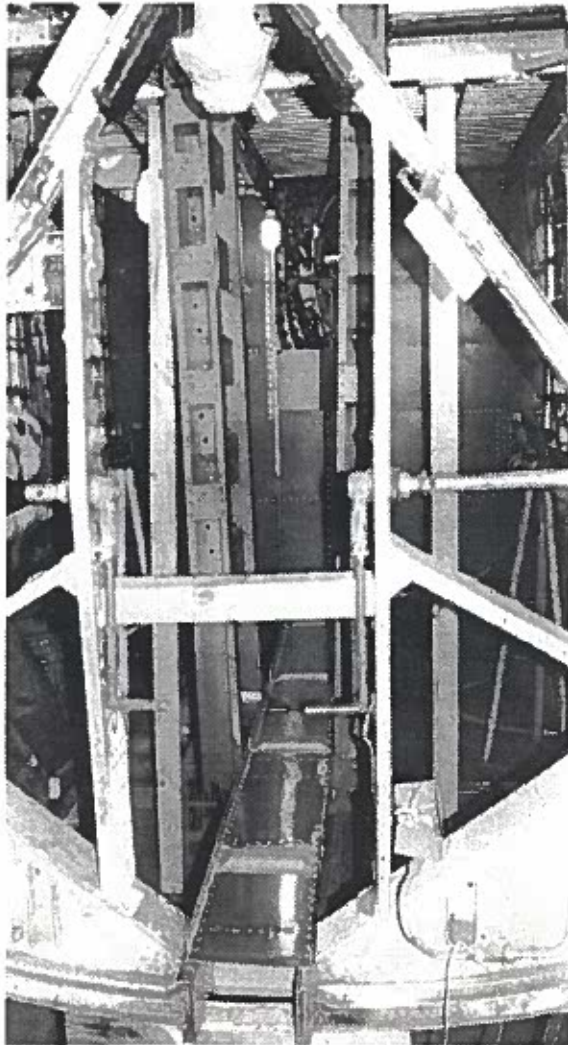
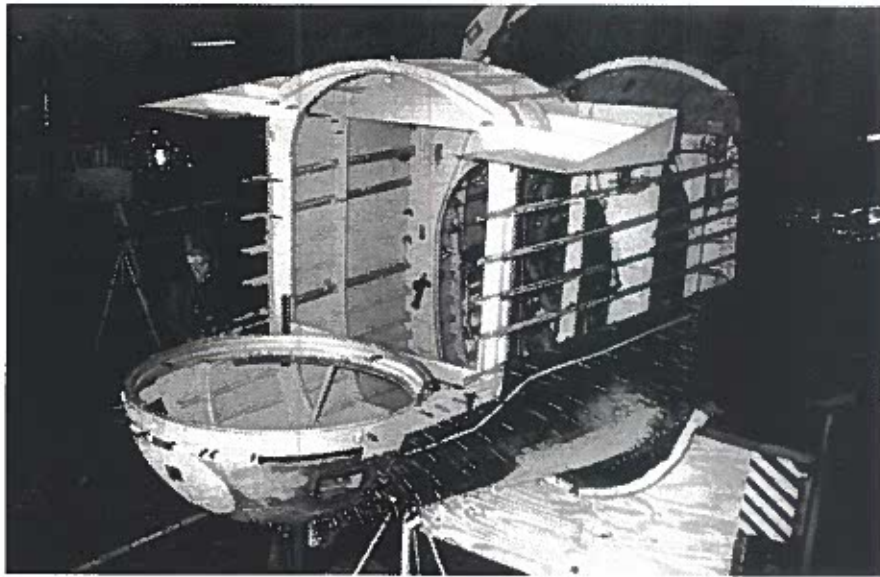
Fuselage with wing mainplane attached. After some 4 years of work the wing and fuselage were mated for the first time on October 13, 1999.

The restored center wing section has been reunited with the mostly restored fuselage of the A72-176.

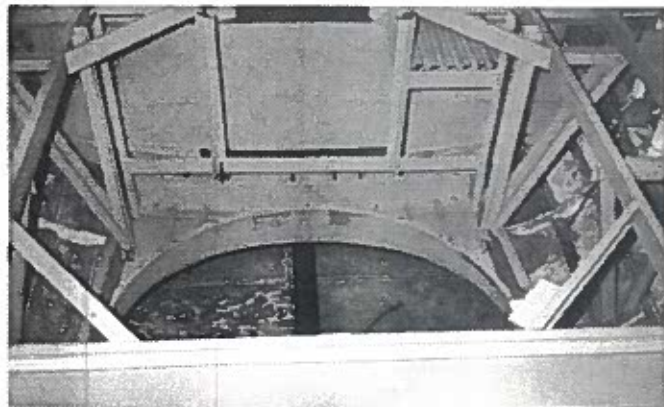


CONTINUATION OF AUSTRALIAN B-24 RESTORATION

When recovered, the fuselage had a significant amount of leaf litter laying in the lower part of the fuselage; consequently, the lower 25% of the fuselage is over it's full length is being replaced. All floor and bulkhead frames need to be replaced below the mid-line.



The rear bomb bay bulkhead, bomb racks and catwalk. All have been reverse engineered using the originals as patterns.



New floor and fuselage structure for the ball turret area. When recovered, virtually all of this structure was missing from the fuselage; it has been reverse engineered from the remaining stubs and photographs.

The pictures presented here are all from Colin Grey courtesy of Briefing, the quarterly of the B-24 Liberator Club, George Walsh, Editor; and of Classic Wings Downunder, based in New Zealand, and edited by Graham Orphan.

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



- 528th **Hillard, John M.** (Squadron and Group Engineering Officer, Original Cadre. Also served as an Executive Officer on the Board of Directors of the former 380th Bombardment Group Association), Ojai, California, DOD 4/6/00, reported by his daughter, Barbara
- 529th **Campbell, James W. (Pete)** (co-pilot on Lloyd Fry's Crew), Union City, Tennessee, DOD 12/24/99, by James E. Elam
- 531st **Egli, Max** (pilot on Manley's Crew), Seattle, Washington, DOD 3/4/00, by Vincent "Jim" Scalese

