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2011 AND 2012 REUNIONS

2011 REUNION

Arrangements have been made for the 2011 380th Reunion:

Location: Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dates: August 3-7, 2011

Hotel: Marriott

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/cosmc-colorado-springs-marriott/>



Working Agenda (subject to change):

Wednesday, August 3 - afternoon registration and (tentative) optional evening dinner/show

Thursday, August 4 - registration; optional morning tour to the Garden of the Gods Park, followed by driving tour of Manitou Springs and Old Colorado City; evening themed welcome dinner at hotel

Friday, August 5 - memorial service, luncheon, and tours of the US Air Force Academy and grounds

Saturday, August 6 - morning members meeting and evening banquet at hotel

Sunday, August 7 - departures



Additional information and registration/hotel forms will appear in the Spring newsletter (April).

2012 REUNION

From discussions at the 2010 Reunion in Branson, it looks like 2012 could be the final reunion for the 380th veterans (not set in stone, though).

We discussed **New Orleans** and **Florida** as possible locations.

Barb Gotham has started securing bids from hotels in New Orleans for this reunion since this appeared to be the most popular amongst those present at Branson. Note that we were to have our 2006 Reunion in New Orleans, but had to relocate due to Hurricane Katrina.

Please let us know your preferences for the 2012 Reunion by sending back the following form (or by sending email).

Please submit the following form to Barb Gotham before April 11 for the 2012 Reunion Site:

Name _____

My choice for the 2012 Reunion is:

New Orleans _____

Florida _____ **Your city choice:** _____

**Return to Barb Gotham, 130 Colony Road, West Lafayette IN 47906-1209 BEFORE APRIL 1, 2011.
Email responses are encouraged (if applicable): bjgotham@gmail.com**

2010 BRANSON REUNION

2010 Reunion Attendees

528th

Peggy and Dean Baker, Caroline and Tom Taylor (daughters of William F. Vance)

Loyd Oakes, with Bill Randall

Ray Oeth, with Bob Oeth

529th

Paul and Barbara Beilstein

Carl Borgstrom, with Terry Snyder and Jessica Havill

Al Busedu

Larry and Jeanne Farnum

Lloyd Fry

Donna Gioia (widow of Tony Gioia)

Sylvia Gordon (widow of William Gordon)

John Honegger (son of Edward Honegger)

Keith and Joy Honegger (son of Edward Honegger), with Jan and Butch Payne

Glenn and Gwen Horton (son of Glenn R. Horton Sr)

Irene Lanners (widow of Louie Lanners) with Jean Cator and Carrie & Wayne Elliott

530th

Edward and Carol Allen

Joyce and Art MacDonald (daughter of James Benton)

Jim and Jeanne Meredith

Wayne Olson

531st

Marie Johnson-Anderson (widow of Andy Anderson), with Doris Mitchell

Warren and Imogene Goodrich, with Shelly Collins and Melita Swartzell

Norma and Nick Lamicella (daughter of Raymond Benedict)

Cecelia and Scott Meade (daughter of Red Morrison)

John Morrison (son of Red Morrison)

George and Jessie Poy, with Rosalyn, Steven, Melissa, Erica, and Stevie Kin

Gail and Marilyn Stephenson

Ed and Barbara Walford, with Vickie and Gary Hulsey

Joe Wells

Diane Whetstine (niece of Clyde Whetstine)

Ted and Isabel Williams, with Elizabeth McPherson

RAAF

Gus Cameron

Honorary

Barb and Doug Gotham



*Christmas at the
Riverfront, Branson*



*Welcome at the
Grand Plaza Hotel*



*Reunion photos provided by
Al Busedu, Scott Meade, Barb Gotham*

*More photos will be posted on our website after 2/15/11 at
<http://380th.org/REUNION/2010Reunion/Reunion.htm>*

2010 BRANSON REUNION PHOTOS



Back (L-R): Paul Beilstein, Wayne Olson, Ted Williams, Loyd Oakes, Larry Farnum, Ed Allen, Jim Meredith, Ray Oeth, Carl Borgstrom

Front (L-R): George Poy, Lloyd Fry, Joe Wells, Gail Stephenson, Ed Walford, Al Busedu, Warren Goodrich, Gus Cameron

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Blvd, Branson MO*



On the way to Branson for the Reunion, Al Busedu and Donna Gioia stopped to visit with Jim Elam and Grace Killion (who were unable to travel to Branson due to health issues).



2010 BRANSON REUNION PHOTOS

Red, Hot & Blue Show (35 attended)



Hospitality Room
(70 total attendees)



*Reunion photos
provided by
Al Busedu, Scott
Meade, Barb Gotham*

2010 BRANSON REUNION PHOTOS

Welcome Dinner, Circle B Chuckwagon (54 attended)



2010 BRANSON REUNION PHOTOS

On bus ride to College of the Ozarks



Memorial Service, Williams Chapel,
College of the Ozarks (56 attended)



Greg Busch, College
Music Dept



Bob Smither,
Bugler

Color Guard:
Bobcat Com,
College of
Ozarks Army
ROTC



2010 BRANSON REUNION PHOTOS

Veterans Memorial Museum (55 attended)



Bottom: Veterans Memorial Park



Saturday Meeting



2010 BRANSON REUNION PHOTOS

Banquet (64 attended)



Sing-A-Long
conducted by
Gus Cameron,
Paul Beilstein,
Al Busedu (and
Larry Farnum)



FEATURED CREWS



WILSON CREW (102) 531st

Back: Joel R. Wilson, Pilot;
Richard Mansfield, Co-Pilot;
Hardy J. Rogers, Navigator;
Gordon E. Burns, Bombardier

Front: Anthony Sogusky,
Engineer; Joe Burdick, Radio;
Jasper Steen, Nose Gunner;
Alton Johnson, Waist Gunner;
Steve Eastanic, Martin Turret;
Warren Hice, Tail Gunner

Submitted by Joe Burdick, 10/10/10.

We were assigned to "Patches" and were flying the #4 position the day O'Brien's crew turned back and failed to return to our base. Hardy Rogers and I are the only two on the crew alive. Teresa (Hice) Burdick was married to Warren Hice, our tail gunner and good friend. We kept in contact as we flew 32 missions together and after our spouses passed away, Teresa and I were married on 9/22/2001.

KILBURY CREW (98) 531st

I recently came across this photograph of my father and his crew in front of Slightly Dangerous. My father William Kilbury is the third from the left in the back row. He was the Aircraft Commander of the 531st Flight Crew 98. From information on your website his crew members were Pilot Philip Pitkin (killed on ground June 28, 1945), Navigator Robert Montgomery, Bombardier Henry Ostopowski (killed flying with another crew June 18, 1945), Flight Engineer Robert Malik, Radio Operator Alexander Werner, and Gunners Henry Gullion, William Kangas, Fred Lamb, and Earl Walker.

As previously noted in TAPS, my father died 11-14-2005. I found this website after his death and it has meant a lot to me to learn more about his WWII experience. Thanks to all who make it available.

William (Fritz) Kilbury, 10/27/10



SHADY LADY DOCUMENTARY

from Office - Fact Not Fiction Films <office@factnotfictionfilms.com>
Thu, Jan 20, 2011 at 6:33 AM
subject Shady Lady August 1943

Dear Barbara,

I am contacting you on behalf of Fact Not Fiction Films, a multiple business award-winning independent British Film Production Company established in 2006 to make compelling and thought provoking documentaries with an emphasis on humanity, the environment and issues of significant public interest.

We are currently making a documentary about the Shady Lady and its fascinating adventures in August of 1943. We were advised that you may hold information and archive footage about the mission that took place by the 528th Squadron? Do you also know of any veterans who crewed the Shady Lady that are still alive?

Just so you know as well, we are working with Heritage Consultant Lindsay Peet (Australia) on the story and the people we are aware of that were crewing the Shady Lady as we understand are:

Doug Craig's Crew – Crew Eight

Acft Cmdr: Craig, Douglas S., O-659955
Pilot: Jackson, Robert L., O-795598
Pilot: O'Flahavan, John P., O-669903
Navigator: Nash, John B., O-796581
Bombardier: Packard, Randall E., O-734826
Flt Eng: Joseph, Louis D., 13026849
Radio Opr: Daughy, Rupert J., Jr., 18053940
Asst Flt Eng, Gunner: Krout, Vernon A., 33374130
Front Nose Gunner: S/Sgt William Klenn
Gunner: Kapuscinski, Chester A., 32491459
Gunner: Mynock, William J., 19024518
Gunner: Powers, Maurice V., 32441404
Flying Officer: H R ('Sandy') Ruston

Thanks for all of your help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Nathalie Holman
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What if...the pilot about to land your plane has become incapacitated, but you don't know about it. Worse still, neither does he.

www.shadowsfromthesky.com
Shadows From The Sky (2010)

August 18, 2010, note from Mr. Lindsay Peet (he's a member of our association)

I note that you and Ted Williams have been running a History Project, 'We went to war,' for a number of years. Since 1988 I have been researching the air war in Western Australia (WA) from 1939 to 1945 and have collected a large amount of material on 380 BG operations in WA (May 1943-February 1945) from sources in Australia and the USA, as well as visiting Corunna Downs, Drysdale (now Kalumburu) and Truscott. Glenn Horton is aware of this, as is Bob Alford (who I understand is now living in Thailand). And I did meet Ted at the 1990 Colorado Springs Reunion and again a few weeks later at the USAF Museum at Dayton, Ohio. Subject to coping with my current (and hopefully temporary) disabilities I am happy to share my research into the 380 BG in WA with you and Ted. I should also mention that I have revived my book on the air war in WA which will include proper coverage of the role of the 380 BG.

Editor note: Lindsay sent me considerable information about Corunna Downs and Lombeck, which I plan on sharing with you in the Spring 2011 FLYING CIRCUS newsletter.

The producers of this documentary are looking for photos of these crew members and some background information about them, such as where they came from, how old they were at the time of this mission, what they did before and after the war, etc. Also any information, archival footage, stories surrounding the events of August 13-14, 1943.

If you can contribute, please let Barb Gotham know so she can contact the producers. They are gathering information at this stage and preparing the "script," and hope to film their documentary (with re-enactments) by/at the end of this year.

MAIL CALL

Letter
Sept 01, 2010
From T.A. Cafarella
To 380th Bomb Group Association

Dear 380th,

My copy of #43, 380th Bomb Group newsletter contained a story by Roger W. Caputo, which I not only found very interesting, but full of praise for the Australian servicemen he became associated with while doing his tour of duty out here.

I only wish I could have his words printed in letters six feet high and displayed on the highest mountain of our beautiful country for all Aussies to read forever and let the whole world know what one brave American who served his country and Australia during WW2 thought of the Australian soldier.

It was high praise indeed and I would like to shake his hand if only metaphorically, thanking him on behalf of the complete fighting forces of Australia.

As a member of the RAAF, I served as a radio telegraphist in Australia's most secret air base known as 73 OBU (Operational base unit) in Corunna Downs, Western Australia, when the 380th Bomb Group was based there.

Being impossible for me to reach so far to shake hands personally, I have enclosed a book I produced about that unit, which I humbly beg the 380th to pass on to Roger for remembrance reasons and a considered handshake.

I really appreciate the newsletter as it helps me to keep in touch with memories of our associations with American USAF personnel who saved Australia from falling into the hands of the enemy. How can we Aussies ever thank you enough for that?

Yours faithfully,

Antonio Cafarella
PO Box 24, Hawker S.A. 5434, Australia
artwriter@bigpond.com

*Tony's book is: CORUNNA DOWNS, THE INVISIBLE WW2
AIRFIELD: An Airman's Story of WW2 Experienced not
far from Marble Bar*

Letter
Sept 30, 2010
From Roger Caputo
To Antonio Cafarella
Copied to B. Gotham, 380th Bomb Group Assn.

Dear Antonio:

On September 24th I received your booklet, Corunna Downs The Invisible, forwarded to me by the 380th Bomb Group Association.

Thanks to you and Barbara Gotham for the booklet!

Given that my Military Service in WW II was entirely in the Headquarters, Intelligence Section, of the 380th Bomb Group, I was aware of the presence of the Corunna Downs Air Base. However, I knew little or nothing of it other than our Group flew two missions from Corunna Downs into the Dutch East Indies. One mission was to Surabaya on Java and the other to a point on the Western shore of Lombok Island. The Surabaya mission target was an airfield occupied by the Japs and the Lombok mission was to destroy some heavy cannon Japs had installed in bunkers to fire on U.S. submarines who used the Lombok Strait.

About 15 years ago one of our sons urged me to write the story of my experiences in WWII. So I did, but today my memory is beginning to fail (age 89) and I probably could not write the story.

Again: Thank You, Thank You!

Sincerely,

Roger Caputo

MAIL CALL

from Bmeyers780 <bmeyers780@aol.com>

Thu, Sep 23, 2010 at 1:24 PM

Taps for Waldo W. Meyers - 380th Bomb Group Association, 5th AF, RAAF (The Flying Circus)

It is with sadness that I have to inform you of the passing of Waldo W. Meyers, TSGT, 528th Squadron, 380th Bomb Group (Herman Corrado's crew). Our dad died September 5 and was interred with full military honors at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on September 10.

Your 380th Bomb Group newsletter #38 (Spring 2009) Mail Call section published letters and a photo of Dad with his pilot Herman "Rudy" Corrado. Thank you for sending the newsletters to him these last few years - he enjoyed reading them very much. If possible, I would like to continue his membership and receive future newsletters.

I have attached some photos which may be of interest to other veterans and/or their families. They include both sides of his handpainted flight bag (he earned extra money and/or bottles of liquor to barter by painting other crewmembers bags), his dress hat with the flag and shell casings from his military burial ceremony, and 3 of the pins/tags he removed from bomb releasing mechanisms with his notes on the date and target of the mission. He kept a pin/tag from each of his 32 missions.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Meyers (son)



MAIL CALL

from Tony DiNardo <roguepawn@comcast.net>

Thu, Oct 7, 2010 at 4:10 PM

subject Ray Colie

Mathew:

I read your message in the 380th Newsletter about your grandfather. My name is Tony DiNardo. I was the bombardier on Blum's crew, and contacted Harry Blum, our pilot, and Bob Winters, our nose gunner, to confirm our joint recollections. I'm happy to tell you that indeed your grandfather did fly with our crew, and that he is the man kneeling in the crew picture, second from the left as you thought. The person to Ray's left is Bob Winters and the one on the far right is me--Harry Blum is standing third from the left, and the other crew members have passed on.

Ray joined our crew as a waist gunner when our original gunner was transferred to another crew. Thus, while he flew a few earlier missions with other crews, he flew most of his missions with us. He was an excellent gunner, with a quiet, confident manner, and an integral part of the crew.

P.S. to Barbara--I was happy to see such a clear picture of our crew. We tried once before, but the result was blurred. The picture we are talking about was taken the day we returned from Male Call's 100th mission. She was an "old" Model D with no nose turret, but mechanics had attached one from a damaged Model J. It leaked water in storms down onto me, and the hydraulic fluid from the turret dripped a little, but she took good care of us.

Glad we could help Mathew.

Tony

from joshsirt@comcast.net

Sun, Oct 24, 2010 at 3:52 PM

subject 380th Bomb Group Association

Dear Mr. Williams and Ms. Gotham:

This is a special letter of thanks for preserving the memories and honor of our fighting men and women from the Second World War. I just came from a 90th birthday celebration for my grandfather. My mother recently told me, of our entire family, I am the only member to whom my grandfather has ever given any details of his service. After putting together some of his war stories and factoids, I stumbled upon your website. Through your careful records and wonderful hard work, I was able to piece together the solid fact my grandfather is Radio Operator Technical Sergeant Seymour Shapiro of the 380th Bombardment Group, 529th Squadron. Through your website, I was able to learn great details never before captured by anyone in the family. My grandfather confirmed today, my findings are 100% accurate. This is exceptionally meaningful as he is very humble and has remained virtually silent for so many years regarding the tremendous sacrifice he and so many others made in loving service to a grateful nation. I cannot thank you enough for making these findings possible. Since, we have recovered his uniform, a medal for good conduct, and his Army ring which he gave to me today. We cannot thank you enough.

Best Regards and many thanks on behalf of my entire extended family,

Joshua A. Sirt

MAIL CALL

from Ben Bevers <blkwoodcrk@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 5, 2010 at 8:44 PM

Dear Barbara,

I found group photos of crews from the 380 in my uncles papers and wanted to share. My uncle Acft Cmdr; Gunnery Officer Aaron Paul Bevers. There were 12 photos minus one that was cut out (unk reason), Paul's crew on middle bottom of photo. He and his crew were in the Flying Circus newsletter # 41. Hope you can use them.

Sincerely;

Ben Bevers



MAIL CALL

From: Richard Kee [mailto:famkee@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 12:10 AM
To: Gotham, Barbara J.
Subject: Fw: New Private Message at War Relics forum

For your letters portion of your winter newsletter.

From: "WW2 militaria collectors-War relics forum. Uniforms, Guns, helmets, battlefield archaeology" <forum@warrelics.eu>
To: <famkee@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2010 11:09 PM
Subject: New Private Message at War Relics forum

G'day,
My name is Tony and I am the one who has been posting these pics of the Darwin area. I am very honoured that I have been able to show the 380th Veterans a small piece of what is left to see. I was in the Aussie Army for 18 years and served in East Timor and Iraq and have a passion for military history and honouring our Veterans.

I have a 50 Cal machine gun barrel that I found in a puddle in a former USAAF maintenance and supply area, I found two actually, I kept one and donated the other to the Darwin Air Museum. I have been told it came from a B24, but I doubt there is any way of confirming that, having said that, I really do believe that such things should remain with those that may have used them, I have cleaned it up and keep it behind my bar and tell all who visit my place what it is and how I found it. The connection that my pics have found with the 380th really puts things into perspective for me, these things are not just rusted pieces of wreckage and a few black and white photos, the crash sites and pieces I find belonged to real people and units and the fact that Veterans of the 380th may have known the blokes who died in that plane wreck that I took my daughter to show her about our history really shows the human element to all this.

I look after and respect the 50 cal, trust me, but do you think I would be able to donate it back to the Association? Is that something they would like?

It is just a thought, I'd like to think someone would do the same for my family, and your association is a family.

Please let me know if this is feasible,

My deepest respects,

Tony Kornacki
SGT Royal Australian Corps of Transport (Ret)

All the best,
War Relics forum Administration

If anyone is interested in this 50 cal machine gun barrel, please let Barb Gotham know, so she can contact Richard Kee).

January 25, 2011

Barbara,

What I have elected to do is set up an account (there is no cost) for all 380th members at the following website:

<http://warrelics.eu/forum/battlefield-archaeology/darwin-area-23423/>

User Name = 380
Password=fenton

(These fields are at the top of the page)

This will be a trip back in time for all of your members. After the first of 6 pages, there are probably 80, old and new, related to the 380th, Fenton and Darwin.

Give it a try and let me know how it goes.

Respectfully,

Rick
Richard Kee' <famkee@verizon.net>

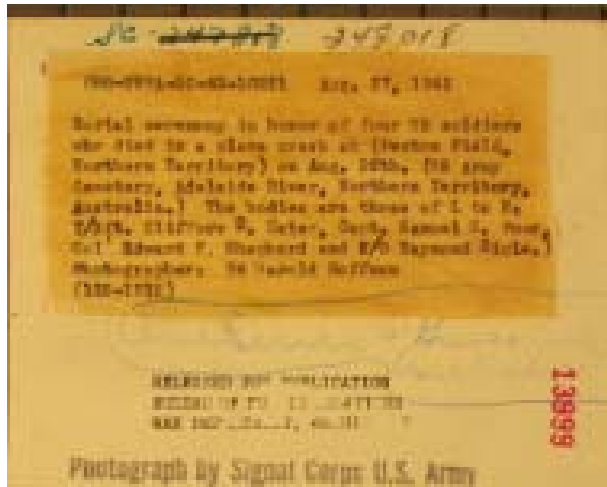
MAIL CALL

From: OZBOB_Bob Livingstone
[ev982@netspace.net.au]
Thursday, November 04, 2010 6:24 AM
Subject: Alley Oop crash

Barbara,

A pic associated with the Alley Oop accident.

Bob



From: Natalie Richards
[natalie@sreducationgroup.org]
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010
3:22 PM
Subject: WWII Information

Dear Ms. Gotham,

My name is Natalie Richards, and I work for SR Education Group, an education resource provider. I recently created a World War II resource that was inspired by my grandfather, a WWII Navy Chief. After hours of sitting around his kitchen table, this war, with its rich historical context and sociopolitical implications, has become one of my favorite subjects.

I was looking at your 380th Bomb Group Association website, and I thought I would offer this resource to you in case you, or the people who visit your links to related sites, might have any interest. <http://www.guidetoonlineschools.com/library/wwii>

Thank you for your time.
Best,
Natalie Richards
Project Manager
SR Education Group, Inc
natalie@sreducationgroup.org

from: Michael Grados <michael.grados@gmail.com>
Tue, Nov 30, 2010 at 5:45 PM
Subject: MILADY B-24 Picture

Barbara,

Here is an image given to me by my father of his Uncle, Mike Simon in front of the B-24 MILADY. I appreciate your efforts in maintaining the history of WWII aircraft and the crews behind them. Please feel free to use this image as you see fit.

Mike Simon is the middle of the three men, the other names are unknown.

Thanks again,

Capt Mike Grados
USAF



If you know who the other fellows are in this photo, please contact Barb Gotham/Mike Grados.

MAIL CALL

From: Richard Wardman <richard.wardman@mac.com>

To: Ted Williams, Barbara Gotham

Mon, Dec 6, 2010 at 6:58 AM

Subject: Visit to Jefferson Barracks War Grave for Aussie Uncle and American Flyers in Big Ass Bird

Theodore J Williams

The 380th Bomb Group Association

About three years ago we exchanged emails about the fate of the USAAF Liberator 'Big Ass Bird' which was carrying Australian commandos to a raid in Western New Guinea. The aircraft crashed on 19 March 1944 killing all on board. My uncle, Geoff Mitchell-Burden was one of those commandos.

This month I am visiting Canada and the USA for the first time. The penultimate leg of my journey will be to St Louis MI, where my daughter and I plan to visit Jefferson Barracks War Cemetery and honour my uncle's memory by placing a simple wreath on his grave.

The grave is a communal grave for all the men who perished in that aircraft, and I would like you and other veterans know that, by this act, I am hoping that all those brave men will be honoured and memory of their deeds kept fresh.

Regards

Richard Wardman

richard.wardman@me.com

M: 043-124-5618

from: Gene Stadler <genestadler@cox.net>

Wed, Jan 5, 2011 at 1:16 PM

subject: A must read

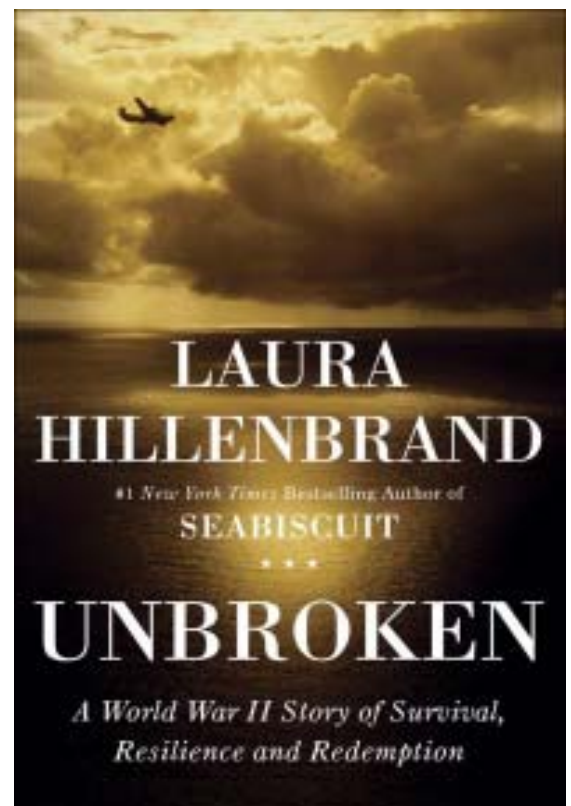
Dear Barb,

I was completely mesmerized when I read Laura Hillenbrand's book **UNBROKEN**. It is a true story of the life of Luis Samperini. Much of the book deals with his wartime experiences as a bombardier on B-24s and about his POW experiences.

The book is so well written that once you begin you can't put it down.

Gene Stadler

Released in November 2010 by Random House, Laura Hillenbrand's (*Seabiscuit*) **Unbroken** is the story of Louis Zamperini, an Olympic athlete who endured incredible hardships during World War II.



PAINTINGS BY BOB MCRAE

From: William Shek <filmxtra@att.net>
Tue, Nov 23, 2010 at 8:32 PM
Subject: Paintings by Bob McRae

Do you remember getting and forwarding to me an email from Bob McRae, Australia? He is an artist and asked to contact me regarding some paintings he did that are connected with the 380th BG. Anyway, he sent me 3 photos of paintings he did and is interested in selling them. He also asked if I could send them to you also, for possible inclusion in the Newsletter (along with descriptions of them and his contact info) if any members are interested. I've attached the 3 photos and pasted his information below.

Bill



From Bob McRae:

I am sending you three 380th bomber group wreck images, with accompanying short descriptions (below), for your consideration. If you wanted to buy any of these pictures, I would send you a more extensive story.

One oil painting is 3'x 4' the other two are 3'3"x 4'. Each has a good sized gold frame which adds to the size. If you are interested in purchase, I would build a box around the painting(s) to export to the US.

Each painting is worth AUD\$3000.00, this includes the frame and transport box. However, you would need to pay for the freight, and I could let you know the cost. I have successfully sent paintings this way from Sydney to the Darwin Military Museum and they have arrived safely.

Please note that these images are not for reproduction unless purchased.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best regards
Bob McRae
bobmcrae54@hotmail.com

(1) 'The newly rediscovered 'Nothing Sacred''

This Liberator Bomber of the 380th Bomber group was recently rediscovered at Fenton Airstrip in the Northern Territory, Australia. The historian, Bob Alford, took my friend Peter Fisher and myself to the site where he was ascertaining its historical significance to the Northern Territory.

Oil on canvas 3'x4'.

(2) 'The wreck of 'My Lady' At Mandora'.

Large chunks of this plane's machinery fill the site of this 380th Bomber groups Liberator wreck.

Oil on canvas 3'x4'.

(3) 'Another 380th Bomber group Liberator wreck'.

Bob Alford found a watch at this site which was previously thought to be from a crew member of 'Nothing Sacred'. He tried to return the watch to relatives of the crew, but was unable to do so. I think that the watch is at the Darwin Aircraft Museum. In the woods at the back of the painting are images of the crew - one is looking for his watch.

Oil on canvas 3'x4'.

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, William "Bill" LaFlech, Pilot, Bowman Crew (22), DOD October 12, 2010, Highland, Indiana, reported by his nephew, Joseph Strohmeyer

528th, Winogene Gaddis, widow of Eugene Gaddis, DOD October 20, 2010, Mt Pleasant, Texas, reported by her son, Terry Gaddis

528th, Waldo W. Meyers, Radio Operator, Corrado Crew (17), DOD September 5, 2010, reported by his son, Robert Meyers

529th, Frank R. Bolton, Gunner, Thompson Crew (15), DOD May 27, 1990, Claremont, North Carolina, reported by his son, Wayne Bolton

529th, James W. Soderberg, Aircraft Commander, Soderberg Crew (13), DOD July 4, 1999, St. Petersburg, Florida, reported by his granddaughter, Connie McCarthy

529th, Jeanne Soderberg, widow of James W. Soderberg, DOD September 2009, St. Petersburg, Florida, reported by her granddaughter, Connie McCarthy



530th, Charles D. Wilbert, Radio Operator, Dennis Crew, DOD May 21, 1973, Spokane, Washington, reported by his son, Charles J. Wilbert

531st, Francis Lyle Sears, Aircraft Commander, Sears Crew (85), DOD December 6, 2010, reported by John Annesser

Other, Geraldde (Johnny) Cardin, Tech Sergeant and Aviation Instructor at Chanute Field, Kansas, DOD December 25, 2010, Conway, Arkansas, reported by his daughter, Lynn Cardin

Correction: 528th, Richard A. Ebbeson, passed away in his home on October 30, 2001. Reported by his granddaughter, Tammy G. Ebbeson Kennard

Please send all TAPS listings to:

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