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SOMEWHERE IN THE USA

REUNION HOTEL MOVES

The 1987 461st Bomb Group Reunion will be held at the Westchester Marriott Hotel located at 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10951.

This move was, in the opinion of the Reunion Committee, to be in the best interest of the Group in that access is easier and the hotel is located in a more populous area. The amenities consist of an indoor swimming pool in the enclosed courtyard, sauna, hydrotherapy pool, health club and a roomful of electronic games for you and your younger generation to wile away the time. Three restaurants will tempt you, or you can enjoy an olde English Pub, or give the Lobby Lounge the once over.

There are several area attractions in Tarrytown such as the Sleepy Hollow Restorations and the famous Goebel Museum for those of you that get tired of the "war stories".

This hotel is fully equipped with sprinklers and smoke alarms in each room, as are the hallways on each floor. 444 rooms are available and we can have all of them if we get our reservations in early. Reservations phone number: 1-800-228-9290. CAUTION: Identify yourself as being a member of the 461st Bomb Group. Reservations must be received by September 24, 1987. Advise the hotel, when registering, if you have any special requirements due to physical problems.

Prices of the rooms are \$75 per room per night for single occupancy, and \$79 per room per night for double, triple, and quad. An extra cot in your room is \$12 per night. These prices are in effect for us from 1 October to 3 October, with check out by 1 PM on 4 October. Check in time is 3 PM. Rates three days before and seven days after will be \$95 per night. These rooms normally run \$125 per night.

Those of you traveling by RV or Trailers will be permitted to park on the back part of the parking lot. No hook-up facilities are available. As a matter of courtesy, you might drop Judy Stern, at the above address, a card advising her of your intentions. There are a few RV parks in the area.

There is no Cadet Parade on Friday. We will be able to ob-

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ED H. SPETMAN—Group Treasurer



On January 18, 1987, Edward H. Spetman died of a heart attack in Omaha, Nebraska. Ed was our first Treasurer and was the prime mover in establishing this organization as it is now constituted. His many contacts with the State of Iowa and the Internal Revenue Department resulted in our becoming a Veterans tax free organization within a few months of our first reunion.

Ed was assigned to the crew of Ralph Seeman as a gunner. During his fifty missions he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters.

As Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Council Bluffs Savings Bank, he supervised the largest bank in south-west Iowa. Ed attended Iowa State University, Wisconsin School of Banking and Harvard School of Banking.

Ed is survived by his wife, Linda, daughter, Carol Ahrnhjolz, sons, Robert, Thomas, and Randall.

The Board of Directors wishes to extend their apology to our Jewish members in scheduling the reunion to take place coinciding with Yon Kippur. At scheduling time we were unaware of this conflict. Now that we are aware of this holiday, or any other similar holiday, we will make certain it will never happen again.

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TREASURER'S REPORT
STATEMENT PERIOD ENDING 1-20-87

BALANCE IN ACCOUNT—6-20-86	\$2,069.39
INCOME:	
Dues	\$1,305.94
TOTAL	\$3,375.33
EXPENSES	
Franchise Tax Application (Calif)	\$50.00
Liberaiider Printing	354.10
Decal Purchase	506.35
TOTAL	\$910.45
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT - 1-20-87	\$2,464.88

FINANCIAL REPORT—PX ACCT.

From 8-31-86 to 1/31/87

BALANCE IN ACCOUNT—8/31/86	\$234.12
INCOME	
Interest	\$8.98
Pins	180.00
Patches	196.00
Reunion Booklet	69.15
Boat Dinner Tickets	688.80
Decals	168.00
Plaque	45.00
Dues and Contributions	67.23
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,423.16
	\$1657.28

EXPENSES

Postage & Repro	\$378.48
Liberaiider Mailing	88.91
Dues Forwarded	52.17
Envelope Printing	126.52
Directory Reprint	159.75
San Antonio Dinner (Boat Cancelled)	314.80
Boat Dinner Reimbursement	374.00
Printing 500 Letterheads & Envelopes	86.05
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,580.68
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT - 1/31/87	\$76.60

MERCHANDISE INVENTORY
AS OF 1/31/87

Pins Purchases	250	\$292.99
Pins Sold as of 1/31/87	244	493.00
Patches Purchases	221	\$464.43
Patches Sold as of 1/31/87	121	556.39
Decals Purchased	500	\$506.35
Decals Sold as of 1/31/87	83	160.00



Maj Deishley and Albert C Ross
 461st Flight Surgeon's Office

1987 DUES

1987 dues are now payable to Glenn Stempel. Please check your membership card as over 130 of you have already paid for 1987. If you are giving Associate Memberships please give full name and address for each member. In a little over two years we have increased our mailing list from 258 to over 1200 and our contributing members from zero to 365 in 1986.

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GROUP HISTORY PRESENTED

Our thanks to Claude Hisey for presenting the Group with a copy of the Group History. If we ever get the time and money it is a hope that this history can be printed for all of you to enjoy.

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serve the formation of one half of the Cadets for their noon meal from the parade grounds. A Memorial Service will be held in the Cadet Chapel during our tour of West Point. The Cadets will parade on Saturday at 11:30 AM.

Bob Hayes has offered to obtain tickets for the West Point football game on Saturday, 3 October. Cost of a ticket is \$13. Request must be in his hands no later than 1 June. Those of you that are interested should send your check to Robert V. Hayes, 31 Grand Street, New York, NY 10956. The Group has NOT engaged any transportation for this game.

We will be lunching on Friday at the famous Bear Mountain Inn located a few miles south of West Point. Please note that you must make a selection as to what you wish as your entrée!

Please complete the tear slip and forward it as soon as possible. We have a wonderful Committee but they need your help in receiving the information in order that they may make this reunion the BEST ever! Don't forget to bring a lot of color film as the trees have been requested to put on their best!

AIRLINE DISCOUNT

Delta Air Lines, in cooperation with the 461st Bomb Group, is offering a special discount which affords a 40%-70% discount to New York City for attendees traveling on Delta round trip to its 1987 meeting. All you have to do is call 1-800-241-6760 for your reservation 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time daily. REFER TO FILE NUMBER: V0390. This special discount is available ONLY through this number. If you normally use the services of a travel agent, have them place your reservations through the above toll-free number to obtain the same advantages for you. Remember some fares have restrictions, markets may vary, and seats may be limited—so call early for reservations. Check with Delta for the best discount applicable to your itinerary! Honolulu and Montreal—30% discount. Originating travel will be allowed Sept 28 to Oct 3. Seven days advance ticketing will be required and a maximum stay of 21 days will be permitted.

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PX MANAGER

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the management of the PX Account for a period of two years. This account makes available the pins, patches, etc. to members of the Group. Duties would consist of receiving and shipping orders and accounting of inventory and monies received to the Treasurer.

GROUP COWL MARKINGS

All documents and books reviewed so far are in error regarding the colors assigned to the Squadrons of our Group. The correct colors are:

- 764th Squadron Green
- 765th Squadron White
- 766th Squadron Yellow
- 767th Squadron Red



INTREPID AIRMEN OF THE 767TH BOMB SQUADRON

Date line—who knows—15th Air Force, Italy In Parade Formation (tongue-in-cheek) the following members of the 767th Bomb Squadron were presented their Air Medals for actions against the enemy. Presenting the awards was Lt. R. Max Pacher to Lt. Denny Tenney. (Ed thinks that the last time two of the awardees tried to “Suck it in Mister!” was in Cadets—or was it that they had less to do it with then?)

AVIATION CADET ALUMNI ASSOC.

Seeking addresses of WWII pilot cadets. Purpose—assist in locating old classmates. Send Flight Class, locations of primary, basic, and advance schools along with your address and telephone to: Bob White, 54 Seton Trail, Ormond Beach, FL 32074. You may include stamped envelop for current roster of particular Flight Class.

DISREGARD GI INSURANCE HOAX

A letter has again been circulated that urges all Veterans to apply for a Veterans Insurance Dividend. The letter claimed that a little publicized bill passed in Congress which would give all WWII veterans a dividend of 65 cents per thousand of GI insurance for each month of service. The VA disclaims the existence of any such bill. This one goes around every few years.

THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

Applications for membership may be sent to AFA, Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209-9963.

REUNION NOTICE

Bill Harrison, Publicity Chairman, is requesting that all members of national, or local, organizations, place a notice in their State Newsletter advising members of our forthcoming 1987 Reunion.

HAND CRAFTED GROUP INSIGNIA

Joseph D. Boblansky (764) has presented us with Group Insignia that he has crafted from leather. The work is outstanding! These works of art will be used as awards to individuals, or organizations, for services to our Group. In memory of Ed Spetman, our first Treasurer, the first two have been framed and presented to Mrs. Ed Spetman and the Council Bluffs Savings Bank.

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First Year of Combat Souvenir Edition



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Somewhere in Italy

Study in Contrasts 205 Missions Flown In Year of Combat



A study in transportation contrasts is provided as a B-24 leaves our runway, passing over the peasant and his cart.

Fourth 461st Commander



Col. Brooks A. Lawton (Story on Page 12)

"On April 2, visibility was good over the enemy railyards. There was neither flak nor fighters in the air, as the 461st Liberators dropped a fine bomb pattern on the Nazi communication center."

The above report applied equally to the first target this bomb group struck — the railyards of Bihac, Yugoslavia, and the target of a year later, the railyards of Saint Pölten in Austria. Both were milk-runs in the true sense of the word.

But in between there were missions that were not so easy — Libe and Odertal, both scenes of heavy fighter activity — the flak alleys of Ploesti, top-priority target seven times visited by our bombers — and Vienna and Moosherbaum that together accounted for 25 of the more than 200 combat missions in our year of fighting.

Liberaiders Hit Key Targets in Nine Countries

By MAJ Leigh M. Lott

In its first full year of combat in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations the Group flew a total of 205 missions against targets located in nine different countries: Austria, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Romania, and Yugoslavia.

For its first three months of operation the average bombing score of the Group were the highest of any group in the Air Force.

The Group participated in the D-Day drive against the Germans in Italy on May 12, and in the invasion of Southern France on August 15.

Well known targets attacked by this Group include those at Athens, Augsburg, Bad Neuenau, Belgrade, Bielefeld, Blachhammer, Bologna, Bolzano, Bratislava, Brno, Bucharest, Budapest, Ferrara, Fiume, Friederichshafen, Giorgio, Graz, Innsbruck, Lina, Lyon, Moosherbaum, Munich, Odertal, Ploesti, Ploesti, Porto Marghera, Regensburg, Trieste, Toulon, Verona, Vienna, Wisner-Neustadt, and Zagreb.

There have been missions that have brought us glory along with the flak holes and red flares. On our April 12 mission to the Duna Repülőgépgyár aircraft components factory in Budapest, Hungary, we received our first citation as a distinguished unit. Then there was the July 13 mission to Ploesti, culmination of weeks of intensive training in the new technique of non-visual bombing. Through the heavy chemical smoke screens, our Libe laid a perfect pattern that brought us our second citation.

As we attacked oil refineries, bridges, railyards, coastal defenses, aircraft factories, and docks in nine European countries, we learned new uses for the heavy bombers. The Libe proved equally at home bombing the heavy shore installations on the invasion coast of Southern France prior to allied landings as they did in pin-pointing the Avignon railroad bridge August 1. It was the 461st Liberaider that bombed the Kempen marshalling yards in Austria, February 20, operating from an altitude of 13,000 feet, a remarkably low one for the heavies.

Not all of our missions will be (Continued on Page 12)

'Chutes Are Good Brakes



Horizontally as well as vertically, parachutes serve as brakes. When the "Judy R." 165th Liberaider, had her hydraulic system shot out on a mission to the Odertal oil refineries in Germany, this is the way her pilot, Capt. Robert T. Chalmers, landed her.

The "Judy R." never reached the

target. In a 15-minute sweep with some fifty fighters she suffered severe damage in the waist and tail, lost her number 3 supercharger, and sprung a fuel leak.

The crew landed hale and hearty, but "Judy R." with a great gash in her wing and a two foot hole in the waist was strictly for salvage.



It wasn't flak or fighter fire that blasted off that left rudder on the 764th's Ship 11. On her first combat mission, she never reached the target, but was blitzed within 50 miles of the field.

Ship 11 struck a thunderbolt that threw her into a 6,000 foot dive. It was all that her pilot, 2nd Lt. Frank M. Brown, Jr., and her co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Harold F. Black, could do to pull her out.

They didn't know the rudder was missing until they returned to the base, and admit that they were a lot more worried about the four gunners who bailed out shortly after the dive. The intercom was out and the boys in the waist had thought the plane was a goner.

An open parachute found in the waist gave rise to some idle speculation that one of the men forgot to take his chute when he jumped. When Cpl. James E. English, Jr., missing tail-gunner, returned home after a night at a local farmhouse, it was agreed that the mysterious open chute was an extra from the escape kit.

Trommershausser Heads 764th Men

Major John Trommershausser of Chicago, Ill., is the fourth commander to receive promotion while in command of the 764th Bomb Squad-

combat missions. In addition to the Air Medal with two Cook Leaf Clusters, he has been awarded the DFC for the March 16 mission to the Moosbierbaum oil refineries. He has flown as group and deputy leader.

The three other commanders of the 764th who have received promotion in office have been Major Marion C. Mixson, Major Edwin T. Govee, and Capt. Albert O. Witte.



Two Men Receive Direct Commissions

The first of two direct commissions given in the 461st went to William E. Shiffermiller, seasoned campaigner from Stamford, Neb. Now a gunnery officer in the 767th, Lt. Shiffermiller finished a tour of duty over targets in North Africa and the Mediterranean, and came back for more. He has 64 combat missions and a DFC.

The second award of a pair of gold bars went to the former first sergeant of the 765th, John E. Pegg of Richmond, Ind. Pegg enlisted in February, 1941, and received no specialized army education. He assisted the Provost Marshall's office at Randolph Field, Tex., investigating civil arrests for a year and a half, and later, as a top-kick, activated bomb groups at Gowen Field, Idaho.

He entered on his present duties March 8, and was promoted to Major within three weeks. Formerly group air inspector, Major Trommershausser has flown 26

764 Men Survey Year's Activities

The life of the 764th Squadron overseas began some five miles out of sight of our native shores when the luxury of an ocean cruise became confused with calisthenic formation, training lectures and guard duties. At night toy flutes in the darkness vied with Cpl. George Moody's siren, and below in the "Casino," M/Sgt. L. B. Perry was causing a small financial panic in an all-out poker game. M/Sgt. John Savick's tears flowed like wine, as did those good American greenbacks. S/Sgt. "Big John" Kendrick, who clung to the stair rail throughout, reported it was rough, very rough.

On the 10th of February all rumors were quelled when it was definitely announced we were to settle Italy. Happiest of all were Addonizio, Marchio, Gagliostro, Sylvester, and Pascucci, all of whom have since seen their near and dear on this troubled peninsula.

Our first night on "Pneumonia Flats" gave us a preview of what was to be a home away from home. What was referred to as the "squadron area" was a mountain of mud. Captain Koenig's medics trudged half-way up the hill and settled for dry quarters in a former horse corral. Some of the more valiant went ahead to pitch their tents around what is now squadron headquarters.

AM's Carry On

Capt. Montgomery's grease monkeys started setting up shop on the line while we were still digging our first slit trenches. For a month they serviced our ships kneedeep in mud, while sweating out their crew chiefs

who had been misplaced somewhere in Africa.

Soon we began combat operations and learned to spot M/Sgt. Jones' "Evel" Weevil, of the degenerate generators, M/Sgt. Arzber's "Old Bird" with the perpetual turbo trouble, and M/Sgt. Bro's "Stinky," that picked up more flak than our pup, Murphy, has flea.

There were ships we grew to like — M/Sgt. Holland's "One-Eyed Jack," M/Sgt. Hardee's "Chippendale," and the new smoothie "Miss Lucc," crewed by M/Sgt. Big Christie and decorated with an original Caniff cartoon by T/Sgt. Harold J. McGuire.

By April 1, our EM Club was in full swing with M/Sgt. L. B. Perry as its first president, and M/Sgt. Wilfred Irwin and S/Sgt. Louis F. Bell, as vice-president and secretary treasurer respectively.

"Put-Put" Appears

Under the instigation of 1st Lt. S.S. Sklensky, and the editorship of Sgt. Art Foley, the "Put-Put" began its fearless, if short, career. Lt. Goodfriend and Cooley were regular contributors to the journal, and Sgt. B. C. Sharp, one-time commercial artist swung the stylus.

By the time Christmas rolled around, we were winterized, warm, and muggy. S/Sgt. Harold T. Voight, who used to run his own habshery back in Sheldon, Ill., fed us as good a Christmas chow as we've eaten in O.D.'s Sgt. Arnold Green topped his off with a quart of imported American rose-water, and Cpl. Purren reported that Pfc. Alfred L. Ives was well in the lead in the mail-bag sweepstakes.

We began to look around us during the long winter nights and unearthed the fact that Sgt. William Eckert was a former fireman, that "Scop" Harbough was a professional motor-cyclist and that a certain B-24 pilot once slung hash at the Bulldog Inn in Okemoka, Tex. We learned that the man they called "Hot-Shot Charley" was our own Lt. Kenneth Kase (although we did for a minute suspect Lt. Black). We discovered that Major Trommershausser plays the bass-viol and that 1st Sgt. Frank O'Neill, now busy rotating, was in the army of occupation last war.

Sport Activities

The basketball season rolled around and carried our team of Greenberg, McCarthy, Cranston, Holcombe, Joe Miller, and Hardee up to third place in the group league. Sgt. John Wedlock, P-X commissar and talent scout, is at work organizing a softball team.

Recently the "Beachhead" has been contemplating new quarters according to its new proxy, S/Sgt. Irving Alper, and Cpl. "Wild Bill" Bennett will continue to serve the

specials when he's not ~~writing~~ on the squadron communications. We're awaiting another session with those Beachhead hep-cats, Cpls. George Arvanites and Eugene Reilly, with T/Sgt. John MacDonald on the ivory.



The joint looks a lot different now. Lt. Veno has prettied up the officer's bar a brand new water-proof entry box has been installed and S/Sgt. Bill Evert has covered every available inch of his cas with pan-ups. The "Big Inch" shower has begun to trickle warm water, and Hypo has gone AWOL again. Pfc. Joseph Marn's Italian marriage has been blessed with a daughter. Sgt. Galtner of the conservative Medics is laying even money that the war will be floored by July 15.

Things are looking up for the boy on the hill.

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Somewhere in Italy

Editors: Sgts. Charles E. Dynes, Robert Paine, and Geoffrey L. Peters. This edition was published in Rome, Italy.

Stampato Grafico Romano «Il Vascello» - Roma - Via Mario de' Fiori, 20

Mail Call

Dear Frank,

In answer to your recent request, enclosed is a write up of the December 17, 1944 Odertal mission. This is only one man's recollection of events that happened 42 years ago, so I'd like to hear from other people who also lived through that awful day.

You may want to clean up the language in a couple of spots for publication in the "Liberaider", but I'm telling it like it happened.

Write if you get the opportunity, and in the meantime I'm looking forward to seeing you in New York next Fall.

Hugh Hanley

MISSION #151 ODERTAL, GERMANY MY 10TH MISSION

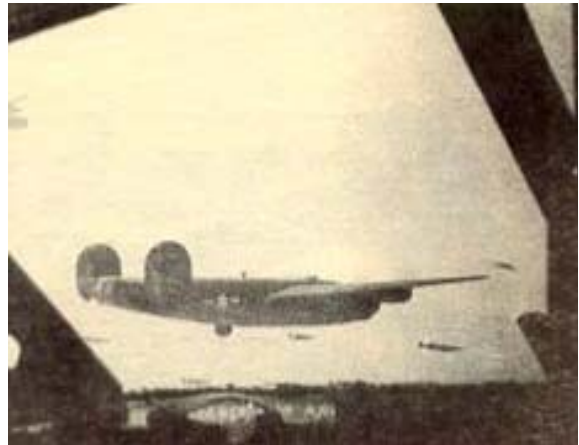
By Hugh Hanley—765th Squadron

Having checked the flight board on the evening of Dec. 16th, and finding our crew scheduled for tomorrow's mission, we all went to bed early. We were awakened at 4 AM with the terse notification, "briefing in an hour". After coffee and a light breakfast (we didn't have a big appetite on those days we were flying), we went to the briefing room. As we entered, and saw that grim black line due almost direct northeast into Eastern Germany, someone muttered, "Oh ———, Blechhammer again!". Bill McClain, our navigator replied, "No, it's East of that area".

S-2 began the briefing by telling us that the target today was Odertal, a small oil refinery near the Polish border. There would be a little if any flak. Ball turrets would not be lowered until we came to the IP, Zuckmentel. Loading was 6,500 lb GP's and 2700 gals. Of fuel. Altitude would be 26000 ft. (What else?) Almost as an afterthought, he mentioned that we would likely catch fighter opposition. In retrospect, this would have to qualify as the understatement of the year, if not the century.

We met at the flight line, our crew consisted of the following: Phil Crossman—pilot; Whitey Kreps—co-pilot; Bill McClain—navigator; yours truly—bombardier; Larry Eidsmore—nose gunner; Lenny Geier—engineer; Val Barnson—radio op; Bill White—ball turret; Johnny Sainio—waist gunner; and Bernie Freeman—tail gunner. In addition to our regular crew, 1st Lt. Jack Cody, Squadron Gunnery Officer, would fly with us, and man the top turret. This necessitated moving Barnson to one of the waist guns.

The green flare arched into the sky and the mission was under way. A typical Italian winter day, weather overcast and somewhat chilly. Takeoff was uneventful and we began our climb to altitude and formation. Over the spur of the "boot", and out



FROM THE "OFFICE"

over the Adriatic, climbing all the way. Strictly routine, as in the previous nine. Oxygen checks—crew banter. All of a sudden, somebody is in TROUBLE. "Horizontal" Moore is aborting—engine trouble. Lucky so and so. Through the alley between Vienna and Bratislava. Always NME. Check arming, five minutes to IP. Routine up to here.

Suddenly all hell breaks loose. "Kraut fighters at 3 o'clock". "God Almighty, there must be 100 of them". Not quite, but there's a lot more than 50 FW-190s and ME-109s. Wing tip to wing tip they lay down a barrage of fire right through and in front of our flight. We're hit. We lose No. 3 immediately and it's running away. Feather No. 3. Were lucky, the feathering mechanism works. Somebody in the flight blows up in mid air (I don't know who it was) [ED: The Group History does not mention this—only the losses of ten aircraft]. Ten men to oblivion. The enemy fighters break up into twos, swoop ahead and below us, and rake our underbellies with gun and cannon fire. Bernie Freeman calls out, "I got one of those bastards". A 20 [mm] explodes in the compartment, and I take a small piece in the left leg. No. 4 starts running away and the 24 is starting to vibrate like a large mold of jell-o. The bail out alarm sounds. We have no hydraulic power, so I hit the salvo handle and the bomb load goes right through the bomb bay doors. Whoosh...! Eidsmore and I, after securing our chest chutes, make our way to the flight deck. It looks like the scene of an axe murder. Cody has had a 20 explode in the turret and is severely wounded about the face and head. Geier, who has taken a bullet through his left thigh, bails out the unconscious Cody through the now open bomb bay doors.

I'm going out next. Scared? You bet the ranch I was scared! A very short prayer and Geronimo! Whipped out by the slipstream, I'm suddenly in a deathly still space, with no feeling of falling at all. I pull the rip cord ring and then hear the most beautiful sound in the world—THA...WHUNK, accompanied by a tooth jarring halt of my fall. Within minutes I hear our plane hit the ground in a massive explosion. As I finally break through the undercast, I see a small town to my left, and immediately 3 cars barrel out, heading for the area I am about to land. But that is another story.

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Dear Frank,

In answer to your letter..... Gus Karalis' letter describing his capture follows [Mission to Wiener Nuestadt]. I use his exact wording:

“... On May 24, 1944, our plane got shot up real bad as a matter of fact we lost all three engines before we jumped out, and we all got out alive—all 10 of us. (Thank God) I landed right outside of the target & what a mess that was, fire & flames all over the sky—plus all the flak from the ground. When I landed near a farm the people were throwing rocks at me but a German soldier took me to his house & told the people to leave me alone. From there he called the Gestapo to take me to jail. From the jail they shipped me & two other guys from my crew to Frankford, Germany. If I remember right wasn't Smitty a red head? If so I remember when he shot the 45 at the Sgt. Who used to wake us up at 3:30AM....”

Gus was right and wrong about the scaring of the C.Q. The person was a red head but his name wasn't Smitty. It was “Pinky”. That's what they called me. I wonder if Emily Karalis who is listed in the “Directory” is any relation to Gus. Not a common name. (His wife ED)....

Wally Robinson 767th

The following is an example of our continual trying to reach missing men from the Group. Bernard Cooney (764) requested our help and the information was passed on to Denny Perkins (766) in San Diego. Don't hesitate to ask ANY member of the Group for help in locating a member that you have lost track of over the years.

“Frank C. O'Bannon

Bernard C. Cooney called last night. He said he has tried to get in touch with me for 20 years. He has the current addresses of the other crew members, mine was the last one he needed. The crew has had 2 reunions without me.

He promised to send you the details, with a copy to me.

I hope that an old driver's license will serve as a snap shot of me. The best I could do at the moment, hope to do better in the future.

I sent my dues to the Treasurer in Iowa.

Yours truly, Edward B. Snyder—764th”

B-24 TIE-TAX

Members have requested information as to where tie-tac's can be purchased. This item is available from Vogel & Sons (15th AFA), PO Box 1752, Waldorf, MD 20601. Cost is \$6 plus \$2.50 postage and handling fee. Another source is the B-24 Liberator Club, PO Box 841, San Diego, CA 92112. Cost is \$6 plus \$1.00 postage and handling fee. Specify model B-24J.

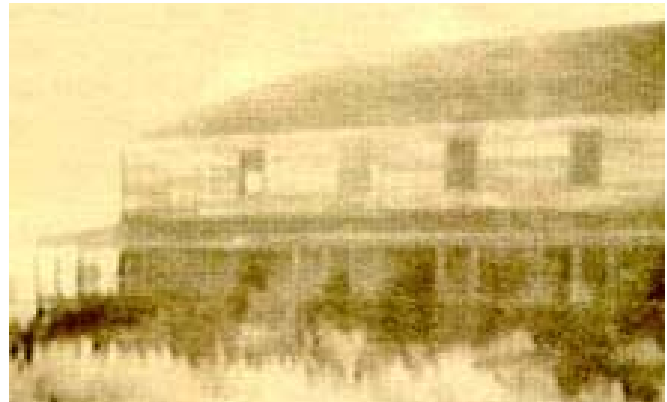
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44 YEARS AGO—WHO

WENDOVER REVISITED—1984—1986

Fifteen years ago Lyman M. Delameter (764) drove by Wendover AFB, UT, and discovered the above “461” on the mountain to the west of the base. The gas station attendant stated that those numbers had been placed there during the war. Last year Del returned and took video pictures of the base and the sign on the mountain. We can only guess as to how it got there but there is a strong rumor that a case of beer had something to do with it. To those that provided proof to the younger generation that we had been there (ahead of Kilroy it seems) we would like to get the straight story for the rest of the troops. We would also like to identify the building below—it appears to be a club of some type.



WHO'S CLUB?

STALAG LUFT III EX-POW REUNION—May 21-24, Seattle, WA. Contact Bob Weinberg, 2229 Rock Creek Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028, or phone (512) 257-4643.

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FORMER PRISONERS-OF-WAR are entitled to special VA benefits. For specialized service, call the nearest VA office or hospital or call toll free, any hour, 1-800-821-8139.

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Aviation researcher-historian wants to be contacted by any pilots or air-crew members who have had combat with the early German jet-powered ME-262. Write to: Lorenz Rasse, 2940 Kennedy St., Livermore, CA 94550.

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My captors would give me no information as to the fate of the rest of the crew, except to say that four bodies were found in the wreckage of the plane. Since there was ample time to bail out, we can only assume that the men aft of the bomb bay were either killed by gunfire or wounded so badly in the attack that they had no chance to bail out.

Three days later, I met Crossman, Kreps, and McClain in a POW staging area in Olmutz, Czechoslovakia, and sweated out the rest of the war with them in the same POW camp, Stalag Luft I. I met Jack Cody in France after liberation. He had lost his left eye, and the Germans had done extensive plastic surgery on his face. I got together with Lenny Geier and Larry Eidsmore in August 1945 when we were home on R&R, but have lost track of them since then.

December 17th, 1944—A day to remember!

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Hi Ed (Spetman),

I don't remember your name but, hell! I can't even remember my own all the time.

I was a crew chief or something or another—can't even remember the tail #'s now. I'd better come to another reunion and get reacquainted. Anyhow—do remember that my bird was parked next to the Maint Office so old Capt. Montgomery could keep an eye on me. I also remember one day old Montgomery (Maint Officer) says, "Harris, what's the current price of pork?" I answered, "Hell, I don't know. Why?" Old Monty says, "I thought you might know since your revetment looks like a damned pig pen!" That guy just didn't appreciate "laid back".

Since we are paying dues (\$4.61) based on group—why not add Sqdn (\$7.64 etc)? Build up the old kitty. (He did!)

James P. Harris (764)

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Crew #1 (764) C.A Stevens, R.E. Freeman, A.R. D'Amante, S. C. Vorpe, F.E. Laketos, C.W. Hamm, G.R. McDonald, H. Holcomb, D.B. Doviesz, L.C. Crutchfield



Joe Lewis with 461st Friends—1944

MEMORIES

Dear Frank,

.... I am sending a copy of SO #19, also copy of orders relieving me from assignment in the 461st BG, many are 766 personnel, including Robert D. Flakner. I knew him quite well as he was an excellent magician. He always created a crowd in town as he would walk down the street, reach into the air and pull down a lighted cigarette, take a puff and toss it, and then repeat, plus other things. When I was in Korea I saw him on the front page of the Stars & Stripes pulling a deck of cards from his mouth. I didn't get to see him however....

You mentioned General Glantzberg. Yes, I met him while I was in Wheelus. He came in from Rabat several times. I remember one time when he came in, in a T-33. I happened to be AO and met the General and his Staff Pilot. The Press was there and it was a going thing, the General posed for photo, with his cap on backwards, so the 3 stars didn't show. The little Airman First photographer ran up to me and told me he could not take a picture of the General with his hat on backwards. I broke from my position, marched up to the general, saluted, and asked if the General would please check his cap. So all turned out well....

I bumped into Maurice J. Ojserkis, from Walt Barans crew, at Stewart AFB, NY in 1952. Would like to hear from that crew as we went through OTV together....

I am looking forward to getting back together with the crew. It is always so nice to see them again after all these years.

Again it was good to hear from you and keep up the good work.

Bill Powers—766th

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STATE/AREA REPRESENTATIVES

The following members have agreed to represent the 461st, and to aid in finding members, in their state:

John F. Wilson	(764)	Alabama
Clifford Winham	(765)	Arizona
Tom Moss	(765)	Colorado
George Dickie	(767)	Connecticut
Bill Harrison	(764)	Florida
Charles F. Kostka	(765)	Idaho
Milton Radovsky	(767)	Maryland
Howard Ritter	(765)	Michigan
Patrick Forking	(765)	New Jersey
James Colavito	(765)	New Mexico
Ralph Seeman	(766)	Oregon
Robert Forster	(766)	Texas
Ralph Seeman	(766)	Washington
Jim Van Nostrand	(765)	Wyoming

If you have a name in their area they will try and find him for you. If you live in one of the open states and would like to help, please get in touch with your Squadron Director or Frank O'Bannon.

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Mac ? and Izzy Feld—766

NAME TAGS—1987 REUNION

To Wally Robinson (767), and many others who have expressed concern, in deference to those of us that admit to a SLIGHT seeing problem (bifocals and trifocals), the 1987 REUNION name tags WILL BE WITH LARGE LETTERS for your name, slightly smaller for your HOMETOWN, and will be color coded with your Squadron color. Get your REGISTRATION form in early!

HAM RADIO OPERATORS

Jim Van Norstrand (765) requests that you contact him regarding the idea of establishing a 461st/15AF Ham Radio Net. Jim is operating a 2-meter Emergency Net in Jackson Hole, WY, and would like to establish a net for our personnel to chew the fat with on cold winter nights. Jim's address is PO Box 1121, Jackson Hole, WY 83001, phone (307) 733-2132.

BOARD ACTIONS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—The current Board of Directors will act as the committee for the nomination of Officers and Squadron Directors. The nominations should be finalized for mailing out to the qualified membership for proxy vote not later than August 15, 1987. Tom Moss (765) is to act as Chairman of this committee. Nominations for inclusion on this ballot should be forwarded to Tom Moss or your Squadron Director for consideration and forwarding to the membership for election.

SQUADRON CAUCUS—A Squadron Caucus will be scheduled prior to the General Election at the Reunion for the selection of the Alternate Directors for 1990-1991.

AUDIT OF BANK ACCOUNT—Glen Stempel, Treasurer, will secure an independent audit of our Bank Account.

REUNIONS—Notification has been received that the 15th Air Force will hold its Reunion on 14-18 October 1987 at Colorado Springs and that the 50th Anniversary of the B-24 will be held 19-21 May 1989 in Ft. Worth. The Board approved the recommendation that we maintain our Reunion Schedule of every two years as voted by our membership. It was further recommended that all members be encouraged to attend each of the meetings as individuals and not as a major effort by the Group.

15th SPECIAL ORDERS—Will be purchased in order that we might secure names and hometowns of members that are not available to us by other means.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE COPIES—It was recommended that the cost of these plaques be placed at \$20 each and that members desiring a copy forward requests and check to Frank O'Bannon in order that we might place this order immediately. [Due to the response from the members, this project is presently being placed on hold and will be activated after the Reunion.]

GLENN H. STEMPEL—In accordance with the Article V, By-laws of the 461st Bomb Group (H) 1943-1945, Inc., Glenn H. Stempel was appointed Secretary/Treasurer effective January 18, 1987, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Edward H. Spelman.

ITALIAN CORRESPONDENT—Approved the appointment of Ed Callahan (766) to be the Group's Italian Correspondent. Ed will attempt to reestablish old contacts when given information that he can work with, addresses or pictures will help. He requests the inquiries be "not too long, specialized or embarrassingly personal".

LIBERAIDER EDITOR—The Board has approved the appointment of George D. Dickie (767) as the Editor of the Liberaider. George is a volunteer for this position and will assume the Editorship effective in the Fall of 1987. As the Editor of a similar paper for Pratt-Whitney there is no doubt that he can give you a newsletter of the First Order. Your current Editor felt his knapsack got a few pounds lighter with George's offer.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS WITHOUT WHO OUR LIBERAIDER AND WEST POINT REUNION WOULD NOT BECOME REALITIES:

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Cole, Grace
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Dynes, Charles
Elmore, Hank
Elmore, Stanhope E.
Hisey, Claude W.
Ingram, Richard H.
Lazuk, Al
Mullahey, Joseph
Pruitt, Marion M.
Quick, Robert F.
Scott, R. Foster
Van Orman, Robert
Vorpe, Oma L. Mrs.
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Allison, James B.
Askerman, Donald L.
Bella, Paul J.
Boblasky, Joseph D.
Bro, Alan M.
Bro, Elaine
Brown, Lester J.
Carter, Arthur D.
Casey, Robert T.
Catalano, Anthony
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Goodhue, Edward
Gray, Arthur L.
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Hardee, James L.
Harris, James P.
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Hendry, Thomas P.
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Hilliker, Kenneth L.
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Jones, James B. Jr.
Joyce, John P.
Joyce, Katherine
Kassay, Ruth
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Kendle, Kenneth K.
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Leasure, George A.
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- Lundberg, Katherine
Lyke, Richard G.
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LAST OF THE BOMBARDIERS

Down a lonely road, on a cold black night,
A miserable beggar trudges into sight.
And the people whisper over their beers,
Here comes the last of the Bombardiers.

What is a Bombardier? No reply.
But the men grow silent and the women sigh,
As a death-like silence fills the place.
Like the gaunt grey ghost of a long-last race.

Furtive glances from ceiling to floor,
Till someone or something opens the door.
And the bravest of hearts grow cold with fear,
For the thing in the door is a Bombardier.

His hands are bony and his hair is thin,
His back is curved like an old bent pin,
His eyes are two empty rings of black,
And he vaguely mumbles, "Shack, Shack, Shack".

This ancient relic of the Second World War
Creeps across the floor and slouches at the bar.
And, in hollow tones from his sunken chest,
He demands a drink - and only the best.

The people say nothing but watch in the glass,
As the beggar produces his bombsight pass.
With glass to his lips, they hear him say,
"Bomb bays open; bombs away".

Then speaking no word he staggers through the door,
And the last of the Bombardiers is seen no more.
But all through the years this phrase has stuck -
When you say "Bombardier" - you add, "Hard Luck".

Author Unknown

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BOMBARDIERS, INC.

Bombardiers, Inc., convenes its 2nd Reunion of former Bombardiers at San Antonio, TX 26-29 March 1987. Contact them at Star Rt. #1, Box 254, Eagle Harbor, MI 49951 for membership and details.



Winter—461st Headquarters

Dear Frank,

I was sure glad to find that the 461st was looking for former members. Pete Tompas and Bob Basiliere are the only two I have kept in contact with. Bob may know some of the men in the New England area. I know he can get in touch with "Muff" Bryer, the Line Chief of the 765th. They both live in Seekonk, MA. I called Bob and he said he would get in touch with you.

I'm sorry I missed the reunion in Colorado Springs. My oldest daughter lives in Albuquerque, NM, and I was there about the time of your meeting....

Here are copies of a few orders I have. I hope they can be of some use in your search for former members.

Sincerely, R. E. Fox—765th

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William E. Ryder (764) in cockpit of No. 55—Rough Rider (766)

Affinito, James	764	Unknown	Patterson, NJ	611	Spetman, Edward H.	766	1/18/87	Council Bluffs, IA	757
Alkire, Robert W.	767	1981ca	Jamaica, IA	1092	Strong, Harold B	767	1945ca	Ft Lauderdale, FL	1092
Bowers, David E.	764	1977	Dallas	750	Tweedy, Howard	765	Unknown		612
Brodsky, Sidney D.	766	11/21/65	Ardmore, PA	612	Walumas, Joseph	765	6/1979	Long Branch, NJ	750
Brown, Joseph R.	767	3/31/83	Unknown	612	Warren, Robert L.	765	Unknown	W. Portsmouth, OH	747
Crume, Lyle L.	767	1948ca	Oakalla, TX	1092	Weatherly, Charles W.	767	1983ca	Brighton, MI	757
Donofrio, Michael	764	1946ca	Bridgeport, PA	612	Welber, Edmund F.	767	12/1982	Toledo, OH	762
Dotson, Thomas B.	765	8/19/86	Tiffin, OH	511	Whitman, Robert L.	764	4/28/84	Clovis, CA	748
Ferguson, Robert C.	767	10/7/86	Cedar Rapids, IA	757	Wright, Robert L.	767	1945ca	Minneapolis, MN	1092
Fisher, Manly K.	765	Unknown	Hamburg, NY	757	LEIGH M. LOTT—Group Historian				
Fox, John H.	765	1966ca	Nashville, TN	826	Major Leigh M. Lott died in August of 1986 in Hackettstown, NJ. Assigned as the Group Combat Intelligence Officer on 12 August 1943, Maj. Lott remained in this position until his reassignment on 27 April 1945. During this period of time his responsibilities, over and above his assigned duties, included the gathering and editing of the Group History.				
Genuardi, Jacob J.	765	Unknown	Norristown, PA	750	Following his service Major Lott went on to become the Superintendent of Schools for New Jersey.				
Gilbert, Ernest E.	767	Unknown	Spokane, WA	747					
Hendrickson, Robert H.	765	1/3/71	Minneapolis, MN	1034					
Karalis, Gust A.	767	Unknown	Chicago, IL	612					
Koecherwitz, Irvin R.	766	1982	Madison, MN	686					
Kowalczyk, Joseph J.	766	1976	Chicago, IL	911					
Lawson, Donald W.	767	1972	Worcester, MA	612					
Lott, Leigh M.	461	8/1986	Hackettstown, NJ	9301					
Lowen, Russell W.	765	Unknown	Scranton, PA	747					
Lown, Russell W.	765	Unknown	Unknown	747					
McDonnell, Charles P.	765	9/8/45	Des Moines, IA	1092					
Sanders, Kenneth A.	767	1946ca	Dos Palos, CA	612					

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