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93rd Bomb Group Reunion - Norwich, England



(Note: Picture 1 of 2 - see Picture 2 at the end of President's Corner - no picture had everyone!)

Thank you, Emma Marx - great picture! (Oh, no - a few of us did not get the message to bring/wear our special T-shirt!)

Row 1: Colin Mann (our English friend, host, tour guide, & bus driver!), June Eck, Faith Marx

Row 2: Bill Sargent, Robyn (Swaim) Phillips, Rayann Marx, Ryan Yamamoto, Raymond Eck, Alberta DelGuidice

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President's Corner

Our friends in England greeted us warmly as the 93rd Bomb Group arrived in East Anglia for our reunion last month. Although our group was smaller than in previous years, their enthusiasm was evident. Don Morrison and Colin Mann developed an excellent plan and proved to be gracious and thoughtful hosts. I commend them for organizing a first class agenda and reunion. The formal reunion, May 28 – 30 began on Saturday when we assembled for breakfast at the Holiday Inn Express, our Norwich residence throughout. With Alberta DeGuidice, Ray and June Eck, and Vernon Swain, in attendance, our WW II generation was well represented. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Alberta for suggesting the 93rd return to England again. We will always remember our gracious hosts and the beautiful and peaceful country.

Day 1 – Saturday: We departed for a day in Norwich beginning with a stop at the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library. For most of us this was our first time in the new library. The space is inviting and friendly with extensive 2ADA memorabilia and documentation. Libby Morgan, our librarian, explained the library's goal and purpose and described the impact this living memorial is having on the local community. We were very impressed with the facility and spent our time exploring their holdings and specifically the 93rd's information and display. Coincidentally, the British D-Day in Normandy veterans were using the library's conference room to coordinate their fund raising efforts to help send D-Day veterans back to Normandy for the 67th anniversary on June 6th. We met a veteran of a British Armor unit, who landed with his tank on the British beaches. He was very grateful for all of the excellent air support the forces enjoyed on D-Day and throughout their campaign to the Rhine River. We also visited the castle museum and cathedral. We ended our day at a traditional English country pub near Colin's home for some darts and dinner.

Day 2 – Sunday: Up bright and early, our group eagerly anticipated a day at Hardwick reliving the 93rd's experience in the countryside among the farmers and tradesman living in Topcroft and surrounding villages. Our first event was to join with the congregation of the St. Margaret's Church, Topcroft in their morning worship service. A choir was visiting from another community adding exceptional music to the worship experience. After the final Amen, we were treated to several additional popular songs including "Old McDonald Had a Farm". Each year, the local gardeners open their gardens on one Sunday afternoon. We were able to enjoy one garden with a 500-year-old Mulberry tree reputed to be the place where a young girl created the first ever valentine card for her boyfriend more than 400 years ago. At Hardwick, we enjoyed a "ploughman's lunch" in the old Sergeant's mess hall, visited our Memorial, toured the airfield sites by bus with Don explaining what took place where and pointing out the

remains of the field. Don used his excellent guide book with "then and now" photographs to help us understand what we were seeing. Paul Thrower had the 93rd's museum in tip-top shape. There are so many great displays to examine. David and Jean Woodrow, as always, were gracious hosts making each one of us a part of their family. For those of us making a return journey, we felt like we had come home again. The day ended with an all American barbecue in the modern hanger where several vintage airplanes are stored including a beautiful P-51. A group photo was taken with everyone sporting their new 93rd Bomb Group tees (designed by Don Morrison especially for those attending the reunion). We were treated to a take-off, fly by and landing by the P-51. We enjoyed spending the day with our English friends!

Day 3 – Monday – Memorial Day: Another early start with a bus ride to the American Military Cemetery in Maddingly, near Cambridge where 3811 American dead are buried: 59 members of the 93rd, and 103 missing are memorialized on the granite wall. Each year military and civilian organizations lay wreaths in memory of the valiant men and women whose names adorn the crosses, stars and walls. The United States Air Force from nearby RAF Mildenhall provided hundreds of young airmen to assist in the ceremony. The events included welcomes from Mr. Hugh Duberly, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Ms. Barbara Stephenson, the Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the United States, London, and Lieutenant General John Gardner, US Army, Deputy Commander, US European Command,. The wreaths were laid along the Memorial wall by representatives of each organization. Ray Eck laid the 93rd's wreath. Four Air Force planes conducted a fly over, a MC-130H from 352d Special Operations Group; a KC 135R from 100th Air Refueling Wing, RAF Mildenhall; and two F-15C fighters in tandem from the 48th Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath. A 21-gun salute was fired and taps were played. Before and after the ceremony, we had time to visit the graves of some of our fallen 93rd heroes. When the ceremony was concluded, we enjoyed a box lunch back at the bus while we allowed the traffic to clear. Colin Mann, was outfitted in a traditional Scottish kilt with full regalia in honor of our fallen comrades and consistent with his heritage. After the ceremony, Rayann, Emma, Faith and I said our farewells to the group as they returned to Norwich, we headed to London to be in position to catch our early morning flight from Heathrow back to the U.S. The reunion was a great success and should become a regular event.

Now, we turn our sights to our annual reunion scheduled for Oct 20 – 24 in Tucson, AZ. Jim Root has done a great job getting our reunion organized. All the details are included elsewhere in this issue. The only thing now needed is for you to decide to be there. We promise a great time! So be in Tucson in October!

93rd Bomb Group Reunion - Norwich, England



(Note: Picture 2 of 2) Thank you, Emma Marx - great picture (from her camera)!

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Treasurer's Notes

Dear friends, there are two key subjects I am reporting on for this BOF: 1) Current member issues and 2) our current charitable donation project.

We thank you members who responded to the "second notice" for dues payment. We also thank families of vets who have folded their wings for letting us know of any change in status of their memberships. The post card notification process worked very well this first time out, so, we will continue that process for the future.

In the December issue of the Ball of Fire, President Marx told you about **"our goal of educating future generations of Americans about the sacrifices of the 93rd during WWII"**. Our current project is to assist the 8th Air Form Museum of Savannah GA in its Ploesti Exhibit. As explained in the December BOF, the 44th BG has made a major contribution in its spectacular "diorama" of the Ploesti facility complete with fire, smoke and B-24s flying thru "hell". To further

expand the exhibit, the 93rd has also contributed an original painting and a piece of B-24 fuselage from the crash site. Additional crash site artifacts are pledged for the future.

To bring you up to date in the Exhibit's progress, I met with Vivian Rogers-Price at the Museum this past month. She is in charge of this important project. They are in the process of creating "audio" domes and artifact display cases for the exhibit. The audio domes will provide an on-going narrative of the mission as museum goers pass by the exhibit. Like all such important endeavors, besides the planning, what is needed most now is money to purchase suitable equipment and in the case of the audios, talent to produce the best narratives. Based upon my discussions with the museum staff, I believe the planning is in place and now we need to assist on the funding. Our goal for this project is to raise \$5,000 from members and then your Association will

match an additional \$5,000. Many of you have been very generous so far, but, it takes a lot of \$10 and \$25 donations to reach \$5,000. Since the 93rd BG Association is organized as a 501(c)(3), for most members, your contributions are 100% deductible for income tax purposes.

In your gift planning this year, be sure to remember the 93rd and its effort to memorialize one of the key historical events of the 93rd. It is legacy

*** Ploesti Summit ***

The planning for the October 2011 Ploesti Mission Symposium is in full swing. The 93rd BG is looking forward to hosting the five bomb groups that flew that historic 8-1-1943 bombing mission to knock out "Hitler's Gold". They were the 44th, 93rd, 98th, 376th & 389th. The planners believed this strategic mission would shorten the war. Unfortunately, the mission did not succeed and the losses were great. Join veterans who survived this

worth preserving and telling others. Your donations can be made by check payable to the 93rd Bomb Group Association and sent to me as Treasurer or use Paypal found on the 93rd website under the Membership tab.

Thanks for listening!
Jim Guddal, Treasurer

very dangerous assignment and hear their stories at the two day event beginning Saturday October 22 at the 93rd's annual gathering being held in Tucson, AZ. Also on hand will be crash site artifacts such as a "gas load adjuster", a gyroscope and fuselage parts. Besides our speakers and veteran led Panel Discussions, on hand for your review will be pictures, films, and other mission information.

Please make your interest in attending known by contacting us through the 93rd Reunion Committee or contact:

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"Notes & Quotes "

In May 2011, I rec'd a call from a person at the **Pentagon** who had found my name on the 93rd website. To make a long story short, with the information I had obtained from 328th Veteran James Vest (Dec'd 2/2011) I was able to help the "Correction of Military Records" group at the Pentagon award 409th Veteran **Cornelius K. Gregory** (posthumously) the **Distinguished Flying Cross** for the August 1, 1943 Ploesti Mission.

For any of you Veterans or families of our Vets who are seeking help in "correcting any records" there is the expected paperwork in the form of DD Form 149, June

2010 Rev. If you will provide a fax number to me, I will send you copies of the form. Or, contact them directly.

Here is the contact information I was given by the Pentagon:

**Board for Correction of Air Force Records
SAF/MRBR
550-C Street West, Suite 40
Randolph AFB Texas 78150**

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Guddal (jguddal@yahoo.com)

Here's a story with a heartwarming twist that was made possible by Sons from Apache Junction, AZ Sq 27. It all started when some folks at a barber shop in town realized the rough looking man who walked into town each day to buy water was actually a Vietnam veteran who was living in a tent in the dessert. Thanks to some footwork by the Sons, the vet was able to get medical assistance through the VA. Unfortunately, the man was found to have terminal cancer, so the guys at Squadron 27 helped secure hospice care and even a burial plot in the Phoenix Veterans Cemetery.

While awaiting the inevitable, it was learned the vet had family in Indiana that he'd lost track of many years before. With the help of an Indiana newspaper story, several members of the veteran's family were located. His mother said the vet had disappeared 18 years ago

and none of his family know what had happened to him. Within a few days of the newspaper story, there was a tearful reunion at the Phoenix airport.

Writer's comment: This story came from the April 2011 National Update which is the official publication of the Sons of the American Legion of which I am a proud member. If there are any sons out there who are interested in membership in this great organization, be sure to contact your local American Legion Chapter. The Sons raise money for Boy's and Girl's state, legion baseball and several other worthwhile community services.

Submitted by member, Jim Guddal

93rd Website & Documentary Project

93rd Website Update

At the time of writing this article, 25,976 people have visited the 93rd BG website since it's redesign in November 2009.

We recently logged a visitor all the way from Montevideo, Uruguay. See where other visitors are from this month on the included map:



Before the next reunion, plans are underway to update sections of the 93rd website. These sections are the links to MUSEUMS, EDUCATION and HISTORY. Another major area is the PX. We want to provide a one stop shop on the website to purchase all items related to the 93rd BG. Items like books, hats, mugs, etc. are always available at the annual reunions but we want you

to have access online as well. We've been figuring out the kinks with our online transaction service to bring this option to members and their families. Cross your fingers that we will have this up and running soon! Until then - please use the provided forms provided by Jim Guddal located in the Ball of Fire newsletter.

93rd Documentary Project / DVDs and Blu-rays Still Available

The film entitled "Thoughts for the Future", which was featured at the 2010 93rd BG reunion, is still available for purchase. You can chose from either DVD in standard definition (\$10) or Blu-ray in high definition (\$13). If you purchase a Blu-ray disc, make sure you have a Blu-ray player to view the disc. This film was a thank you to the 93rd for their bravery during the war and the many sacrifices they made. Look for an order

form in this issue of the Ball of Fire or go to www.thoughtsforthefuture.com

Please note: This DVD also includes an 8th AAF Combat Crew documentary called "Liberators over Europe". This film chronicles the B-24's efforts in Europe and has many scenes of the 93rd BG in action. This was produced by the United States government in 1945.

Project Baby!!!

My wife Suzanne and I are having a baby!! She is due November 26th. My plans to attend the 2011 reunion in Tucson are still up in the air but I'd like to ask the boss at

some point if I can go. We will find out boy or girl next month - updates to come!!

Michael Sellers, Webmaster
www.93bg.com
www.thoughtsforthefuture.com

Thoughts for the Future

This film was shown at the 2010 reunion during the Stained Glass Dedication Dinner.

Directed and Edited by Michael Sellers

During World War II, allied forces from airbases in England strategically bombed Germany to weaken its grip on Europe. As in the Pacific, the European theatre of war was costly and deadly. The United States military assigned most of the heavy bombing in Europe to the 8th Air Force. Bombing of German targets eventually allowed Allied troops on the ground to break through German defenses to help win the war. Many members of bomb groups still meet today at reunions set up across the country some 65+ years later. This film follows one such group, the 93rd Bomb Group.

A donation will be made to the 93rd Bomb Group if overall demand is large enough.

Thoughts for the Future
a film by Michael Sellers

Shown at the dedication dinner!

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Please send this order form with check or money order to:

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565 Carroll St.
Apt. #4
Brooklyn, NY 11215

In the white boxes fill in quantity for desired format

DVD (\$10 each)

Blu-RayHD (\$13 each)

93rd Bomb Group Reunion Schedule

October 20– 24, 2011
Radisson Suites Airport, Tucson, AZ
7051 S. Tucson Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85756
Direct Phone: 520-225-0810
Fax: 520-225-0890
email: lisa.neff@radisson.com

Thursday, October 20

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Registration / Mtg. room setup
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Registration /Hospitality open
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Reunion Committee & Officers - meeting in Theatre Room
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Reception –hotel lobby
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Welcome Dinner hotel
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Memorabilia room open

Friday, October 21

6:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Complimentary Breakfast Buffet
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Registration open
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Education session
11:30 AM – 12:30 AM	To Pima Air & Space museum for lunch
12:30 AM – 2:30 PM	Tour of PIMA Air & Space Museum
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Bus tour of AMARG, airplane “graveyard”
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM	Return to Hotel
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner at Pima B-24 (Dinner, program, dance to Big Band Express)
9:00 PM– 11:00 PM	Memorabilia room open

Saturday, October 22

6:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Complimentary Breakfast Buffet
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Business Meeting
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Joint Ploesti education
11:45 AM – 4:00 PM	Old Tucson Studios <OR> Sonora Desert Museum
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Ploesti Summit
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Memorabilia room open
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner & program at Davis-Monthan AF Base
9:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Memorabilia room open

Sunday, October 23

6:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Complimentary Breakfast Buffet
7:30 AM – 9:15 AM	“Old” St. Augustine Mariachi Mass
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Downtown “Old Town Artisan” shopping (Lunch on your own)
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Ploesti Summit
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Reception
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Memorial Service
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Farewell Dinner hotel
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Memorabilia room open

Monday, October 24

6:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Complimentary Breakfast Buffet
	Depart

93rd Bomb Group Reunion 2011

October 20 - 24
Tucson, AZ

Step #1 - Make hotel reservations now, but not later than **September 15th** to obtain the group rate. For registration call: **1-800-333-3333 or 1-520-225-0810**

The hotel's address and phone number are:

Radisson Suites Hotel Tucson Airport
7051-S. Tucson Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85756
(520) 225-0810 direct

Please give the following group name/group code to the reservation agent when making reservation: **"93BOM"**. State and local taxes of 13.05% + \$1.00 fee are additional. Total cost including taxes is shown in the table below:

Room Style	Daily Rate	Tax (13.05%)	Per Day Total
Suite with 1 King Bed With Sleeper Sofa (up to 4 guests)	\$89	\$12.62	\$101.62
Suite with 2 Queen Beds (up to 4 guests)	\$89	\$12.62	\$101.62

Rates are available for 3 days prior and 3 days after the meeting dates beginning on October 17th and ending on October 27th. Room rates include:

Standard King or 2 Queen Bed suites
Fully equipped with refrigerator, microwave and DirecTV.
Complimentary wired or wireless high speed internet access
Fully cooked to order breakfast every morning
Evening Manager's Reception
Fitness Center and gorgeous outdoor Pool
Complimentary Shuttle to and from the Tucson Airport (only 200 yards away!)

Step #2 - Tell us that you are coming to the reunion and how many will be in your group. Select a one of two possible Saturday activities. Simply mail, call or email Joe and Phyllis so we can estimate how many people will be attending. You can change your mind at any time before the formal registration concludes on **September 15th**.

Joe and Phyllis Duran
309 E. Santa Paula St
Santa Paula, CA 93060
Phone: (805) 525-4681
Email: dogpatchraider@gmail.com

Step #3 - Make travel arrangements to arrive in time for registration at 2:00 - 5:00 PM on Thursday October 20st. Dinner reception at 6:00 PM. The hotel provides shuttle service to and from the airport and within a five mile radius of the hotel.

Step #4 - Complete Registration Form and submit with your check not later than **September 15th**. Make check payable to **93rd Bombardment Group**.

Step #5 - Mail completed form to:

Joe and Phyllis Duran
309 E. Santa Paula St
Santa Paula, CA 93060

Step #6 - Plan to join us for a great time of "Flying High, Flying Low" in Tucson, AZ! Bring a friend or family too!!!

NOTE: Your TOTAL reunion cost is lower than 2010! Even though registration is higher, negotiated room rates are much lower in 2011!

2011 93rd Bomb Group Reunion Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
(Someone not traveling with you) (Name) (Phone Number)

Additional Attendees Names:

Please circle one choice for Saturday activity for each attendee:
Old Tucson Studios tour **OR** Arizona Sonora Desert Museum

Once your registration is received, you will be contacted for meal choices.

Calculate your registration fee:

The registration fee includes: Dinner for 4 evenings, 2 lunches, Museum Receptions, Museum Entry fees, Transportation, Memorabilia room, Day activities, Live entertainments, Key note speakers, Education session, Business meeting, snacks, Door prizes. The reservation fee does not include your hotel rooms.

Number in group: _____ times \$325 = _____

TOTAL _____

Please complete form and enclose check payable to the 93rd Bomb Group for the total amount.

Tucson Reunion Fee Refund Policy: No refund will be made after Sep 15th.

(see REUNION FEE REFUND POLICY on the next page)

REUNION FEE REFUND POLICY

Last minute cancellations can cause significant loss to the 93rd Bomb Group. This loss results because we must guarantee your attendance to the hotel relative to all meals and other related costs. When you don't show, we still get charged for meals and other charges related to those meals.

We recognize that there will always be unforeseen events beyond your control, and we truly regret your personal inconvenience. However, your executive committee has decided that we must stay with our policy of "pay as you go" for reunion costs.

We have reviewed the choices: we can either add an extra amount to everyone's fees to cover last minute cancellations, or we can set a deadline date for cancellations after which the fees paid cannot be refunded.

In order to keep our reunion fees as low as possible, your executive committee has chosen the deadline date choice. Therefore, a deadline date, based on hotel contract requirements for each reunion will be provided to you at the time you make your reservations, and included in our reunion announcements in the Ball of Fire.

The Final Inspection

The Soldier stood and faced God, which must always come to pass.
He hopes his shoes were shining, just as brightly as his brass. . .

"Step forward now, Soldier, how shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek? To my church have you been true?"

The soldier squared his shoulder and said, "No Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns, can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays, and at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent, because the world is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny, that wasn't mine to keep . . .
Though I worked a lot of overtime, when the bills got just too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help, though at times I shook with fear. . .
And sometimes, God, forgive me, I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place, among the people here,
They never wanted me around, except to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord, it needn't be so grand,
I never expected or had too much, but if you don't, I'll understand."

There was silence all around the throne, where the saints had often trod.
As the soldier waited quietly, for the judgement of his God.

"Step forward now, you soldier, you've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets, you've done your time in Hell."

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Folded Wings

The information written about each veteran is compiled from available resources: *Ted's Travelling Circus*, emails, letters, obituary, and reunion photos. The amount of information does not imply the value and importance of a veteran. All veterans are equally honored for their role in WWII.

JoAnne Sargent, Editor

Baker, M/Sgt Albert, June 2004

(Email from son, Al Baker)

M/Sgt Albert Baker 329th Sq. 93rd BG passed away June, 2004 at the age of 85.

Hal Bilyeu, May 26 2011

(from obituary website: <http://www.tributes.com/show/Hal-Bilyeu-91574215>)

He entered the Army Air Corps in 1941 and as a navigator, flew 25 combat missions over Europe including the historical low-level raids on the oil refineries of Ploesti Romania on August 1, 1943. He also served during the Korean Conflict and Vietnam, serving as Asst. Secretary to General Westmoreland from 1965 until

1966. Col. Bilyeu received military awards for his service including the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and a Purple Heart.

(Email from Pat Schenk)

Let me know if there is anything else you would like as I have compiled a whole book on him.

conversations with him in the ensuing years. He would have turned 91 in November.

It is with much sadness that I must report the sudden passing of Hal Bilyeu on May 26. Hal lived life on his own terms and died at his home in Shreveport. I had the privilege of visiting Hal in 2005 and had many great

They don't make 'em like this anymore.

Blue skies Hal

(Email from Phyllis Duran)

Unfortunately another of our Veterans has folded his wings. Hal Bilyeu was one of our early 93rd men. Originally Hal flew with Leon Packer's crew. He also flew with Capt. Joe Avendano and Col. John (Pack) Roche on the Ploesti Mission. He will be deeply missed. What a gentleman!

for all his hospitality and after, Hal reached around and slapped the tar out of my Joe on the back. We all just busted up! That one was for Uncle Joe. Ha ha ha

Joe and I visited him at his home the last time we were in Shreveport. Had a wonderful visit and he related some funny stories about he and Uncle Joe. One being that every time Uncle Joe saw him he would slap Hal on the back. Hal finally told Uncle Joe to take it easy being that Hal was a much smaller framed man. As we were getting ready to leave I gave Hal a hug and thanked him

You are absolutely right they don't make them like they use to. What a honor and privilege to have known so many of these wonderful veterans. I all ways remember one of the last conversation Joe and I had with Kenny McFarland. Kenny made the comment that it was too bad we hadn't met sooner than we did. Joe told Kenny "You know what would have been sad is if we had never met". I am so grateful for the time we have.

Blateric, Paul L., June 5, 2011



(Note from his son, Stephen Blateric)

When you spend months and years caring for a parent then you have a week to plan a military funeral, it does not give you much time to really express you really felt about your father.

I was a really lucky son.

My dad, Paul Blateric truly was one of the good guys.

A loving and loyal husband, a good and true friend and a great and giving dad. All of you knew him will have your personal memories. Several have told me that he was like a second dad to you. He was always willing to talk with you about anything and at any time. And so it was with me. We talked around the dinner table about everything and sometimes it got a little heated. But at the end of dinner, we were laughing and still loving each other. There were basically two things of importance in my dad's life, my mother and me. We always came first. There was

always one valuable lesson I got from both my mother and father, having money will not make your marriage, but not knowing and agreeing on what to do with it certainly can tear one apart.



(List of names written on the back of the picture; cannot match most of the names to the faces)

Wilkinson - ball gunner
 Novak - engineer
 Balzer - radio man
 unknown
 Doyle - tail gunner
 Edwards - nose gunner
 Whitford - co-pilot
 Paul Blateric - waist gunner (back row 4th from left)
 Thompson - navigator
 Irving H. Fruchter - pilot (front row, 1st from left)
 Sam Bargamian, bombardier

June 12 (D-Day Plus 6, three missions

Number1--Eight from the Circus took off a 0500 and attacked the Ille and Vilaine river rail bridges, near Rennes, with disappointing results. However, one Circus ship hooked onto the 389th Group and successfully planted bombs on Chartres Aerodrome while another dropped on the Chartres marshalling yards. One Circus squadron, tabbed for Vezin, make a college try against the invisible target without much success.

Pilot, Irving H. Fruchter of Philadelphia was hit by intense flak. Returning from Rennes, one of his engines went crazy and almost tore itself from the mountings. Because the engine was coming apart "bolt-by-bolt" and fearing fire, Fruchter ordered bailout.

The crew descended at Newport, Essex, near London, where the bomber crashed in the center of the small village. The civilians were safely evacuated. One 2,000-pounder exploded. Besides Fruchter, who sustained a bootless broken leg upon hitting the ground, the wounded were Lt. Sam Bargamian of New York City (co-pilot), a back injury, and Sgt. Martin W. Ward of Toogootee, Ind. (waist-gunner). Nurses at a nearby RAF station hospital witnessed the 'chutes descending and stood by. Fruchter, Bargamian and Ward were the first significant Circus personnel injuries since May 20--16 missions ago. (*p 340).

Braund, James H.



(Chicago Daily Tribune (1923-1963); Mar 25, 1945; ProQuest Historical Newspapers Chicago Tribune (1849-1987) pg SW2 from son, William Braund)

Rounds Out 20 Years in Air Forces

Completion of 20 years of service in the army air forces recently was celebrated by Capt. James H. Braund, husband of Mrs. Cleata Braund, 5542 W. 64th Pl. He was assigned to the 93rd bombardment group as a technical inspector of aircraft and maintenance facilities at an 8th air force Liberator station in England.

Braund joined the air service (now the army air forces) in Pittsburg, a few minutes after seeing a sign which read: "Join the Army--Earn, Learn, and Travel." He added four years to 17, his real age.

During his first 16 years of service he was a aircraft mechanic and worked on every army plane from the DH-4B, a DeHavilland biplane with a Liberty engine, to the newly developed four engine Liberator bomber.

When the 93rd bombardment squadron was formed at Barksdale field, La., Capt. Braund was a master sergeant and a line chief in charge of repair and maintenance. The squadron was the first Liberator unit

to arrive in the European theater and has bombed German held areas from Oslo, Norway, to the Ploesti oil fields in Romania.

Braund was commissioned shortly after going overseas and has accompanied the squadron on two of its three trips to North Africa. As a 20 year service man, he refers to ground crews composed of newly recruited men as

"ex-civilians", but says their work in maintaining fleets of bombers and fighters all over the world has been "almost miraculous, altho they've had comparatively little training by peace time standards."

(Note from son, William Braund)

A few days ago I was getting ready to scan a few documents and respond to you then I thought of the attached .pdf file that I'd purchased from the Chicago Tribune archives. It pretty much summarizes my father's service in WWII. He went to England with the 93rd and returned with them. My father's service numbers (since he served as both enlisted and an officer) were A0885823 and 6077733. His SSAN was 532-34-2344 and he died on the 15th of November 1982. He was born on 6 May 1902 according to his service records but as the newspaper story says he lied about his age in order to enlist. He was actually born on 13 May 1906.

to 1st Lt. He skipped 2nd Lt. He was promoted to Captain as the article says and that's as far as his commissioned status went. He said that he would have easily made Lt. Col. but he was far "too rough around the edges". After the war he returned to his previous rank as a MSgt and retired in 1953. Anyway, when he was commissioned the papers were signed by Addison E. Baker, Major, AC Commanding. I thought that I'd drop a name that will certainly mean something to all of you. I also attached a photo taken circa 1945. If you need anything else to corroborate my father's service, I'll be happy to send it.

William Braund
San Antonio, Texas

There is one other interesting thing that I would like to add. When he was promoted to the officer ranks it was

Caver, Lawrence H., November 28, 1996

(Email from: son, N. Preston Caver)

My father was Lawrence H. Caver, born 1/7/23 flew as tailgunner with the 330th squadron, 93rd bomb group

(h). His missions started with Willebruck (8/25/44) and ended with Munster (3/23/45).

Friedman, Major Murray, December 25, 2010

Griggs, Carl, April 22, 2011

(From the Shelby Star on April 24, 2011)



Carl Griggs served in the United States Army Air Corps attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served as a tail gunner in a B-24 Bomber that flew over 30 missions over Nazi Germany. He was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with two Bronze Stars; One Overseas Service Bar; a Good Conduct Medal; the AR 600-68 44 Air Medal and the 78HQ 8th AF 44 Distinguished Medal.

(Note from Phyllis Duran)

To all,

It is with a saddened heart I write to let all of you know that I just got off the phone with Wilma Griggs. She had called to let us know that Carl had folded his wings on April 22, 2011. Carl was the tail gunner of Fred Fescharek Crew, 93rd BG 409th Sq. His plane was the Southwind. Carl always

seemed to enjoy our time together at the 93rd Reunions. It was a great pleasure and honor to have had the opportunity to get know him and his wife.

My best wishes to all,
Phyllis

Gruber, Lt. Col Clinton A., March 12, 2011

(From obituary website: <http://obits.oregonlive.com/obituaries/oregon/obituary.aspx?n=clinton-a-gruber&pid=149499187&fhid>)



Lt. Col. Clinton A. Gruber attended Pacific University on a scholarship in 1938 and concurrently enrolled in the university's Civilian Pilot Training Program at Hillsboro Airport. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor plunged America into the Second World War, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet, graduating as a Second Lieutenant in the class of 43-C. Assigned to a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber crew as a copilot, he went to England to join the 93rd Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, based at Norwich. Temporarily posted to North Africa, he and his crew flew combat missions out of desert bases near Benghazi and Tunis, striking enemy targets in Italy and Austria. Back in England, he flew more missions to strategic targets in Germany. On December 1, 1943, on approach to a target near Solingen, Germany, Nazi fighters attacked, knocking out two of the four

engines on his plane and killing the tail gunner. Clint and surviving crew members bailed out at 18,000 feet. He landed in a snowy field, injuring his leg. Nevertheless, he evaded capture for two days. He was interrogated and sent to Stalag Luft I prison camp on the Baltic Sea, where he remained a prisoner of war until liberated by Russian forces shortly before the German surrender in May 1945.

Jacobs, Col (ret) Robert A., March 14th 2011

(Email from his son, Peter R Jacobs)

I regret to inform you of the passing of my father, Col (ret) Robert A. Jacobs, on March 14th 2011.

He continued service in the Air Force Reserve and the Oregon National Guard until his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1972. In his memoirs he recalled, "I am forever grateful to have been of an age to actively experience the war years, and to have been allowed to serve my country in World War II as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Force. I am proud of that service, and thankful that I was spared to see the fruits of our victory.

My father will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery on June 8th at 1:00PM, next to his wife who died on August 8th, 2010.

Johnson TSgt AAF, Frederick M., November 20, 2004



Flight Mechanic/Gunner
329th Bomb Squadron
93rd BG B-24/Oberschmid Crew
(Please see Letters to the Editor for more information)

Stover, Jack (Smokey), June 16, 1983

(Email from his daughter, Cathy Stover Jordan)

Jack (Smokey) Stover was a member of the 329th I still have his traveling circus patch. He passed many years ago. June 16, 1983. But I wanted to add him to the list. It was such a part of his life. Dad was a tail gunner on the

Thunderbird. He also was working on the ground. I was lucky enough to contact several of his good friends who I kept in touch with until they passed. Mike DeBrino was one of them who knew my dad well.

Tiller, Lt Anton (Tony) J., 1992

(Email from his son Steve Tiller)

My Dad's heritage with the USAAF, the B-24, the 93rd, and World War II in general were a big part of my growing up in the 1950's. I remember the stories, good and bad, he told many times of his exploits in the "Big One," and then later of the Korean War. Obviously they had an impact on my becoming an Air Force pilot, but my own experiences as a fighter pilot and officer pale in comparison to the effort my father's generation faced in that war. My Dad's participation in WWII was by itself a

heroic endeavor. I remember many times upon hearing him repeat the same stories, especially with other WWII veterans, listeners would wonder why he still spoke of the War long after its conclusion. His simple answer was that "World War II was the defining period of my whole life--it was who I am...."

(Note: also see Letters to the Editor)

Weiss, Lt. Charles J., USAF (ret.), November 19, 2000
(see Letters to the Editor from wife, Elsie B. "Peg" Weiss)

Woollen, Robert, 2011

The Bulge / 1944

December 16: A Circus force became airborne but was recalled.

Allied high command ordered the Air Force to sweep up quotas of non-essential personnel and consign them forthwith to forward Army depots. There

was also an appeal for volunteers. In the latter category was the rangy, well-liked 329th first sergeant, Robert Woollen, who dismayed everyone. Like the red-headed Woollen, an Oklahoman, other volunteers were transferred in grade. These included Corporals Robert

K. Lavanway, Frank N. Leatherwood, James F. Bolster

and Private First-class Cecil T. Ingram. (*page 433)

* *Ted's Travelling Circus* by Carroll (Cal) Stewart

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INFORMATION REQUEST
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Please send me any information related to the 93rd Bomb Group for the people below. I did not find them listed in *Ted's Travelling Circus* book.

Thank you,
JoAnne Sargent, 93rd BG Editor
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Denver, CO 80220
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email: joyridecp@msn.com

Gilbert Davis
Carlton Frederick Taylor

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Letters to the Editor
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Date: Sun, 27 Mar 2011 12:05:20 -0400
Subject: 93rd BG Association
From: pukingpup@gmail.com
To: jguddal@yahoo.com
CC: joyridecp@msn.com

over Ploesti, but made it back OK. My interest in the 93rd Association is to possibly tag up with anyone who knew my dad, or had any information on which B-24s he flew. He died in 1992 and I have been trying to recover any information on his war years beyond his personal accounts. Could you spread the word, perhaps?
Thanks VERY much.

Hey Jim,
Just a brief note--I joined the association recently and noticed that you have a list of new people in the back of the newsletter. I may have missed my name earlier, but it was not there, and the note said to e-mail you to get on the list. I am a retired USAF Lt Col and F-4 fighter pilot. My dad was Lt Anton (Tony) J. Tiller, and was in the 93rd at Hardwick and Benghazi. He was shot down

Dr. Steve Tiller
LtCol, USAF (ret.)
919-201-2307

(Note: also see *Folded Wings*)

Subject: search for 409th bomb. sq member
From: John.Finch@gulfstream.com
To: joyridecp@msn.com
Date: Mon, 28 Mar 2011 10:04:50 -0400

Monocello attached to 409th bombardment squadron. If you have any information or might know where else I may be able to look, anything will be greatly appreciated.

regards,
John Finch

Hello- I am looking for any information Joseph(Joe)

From: joyridecp@msn.com
To: don.morrison@beis.com;
dogpatchraider@gmail.com; k8qgc@aol.com;
fernleybud@yahoo.com; qajk38@bendbroadband.com;
109clearview@verizon.net; marxj@genco.com
Subject: Information Requested on Colonel Wills E. Beightol
Date: Sun, 17 Apr 2011 20:32:16 -0600

Herb Harper, 98th BG former Historian, 423-336-2768 asked about contact information for Willis Beightol. Mr. Beightol flew with Packy Roche on the low level Ploesti raid. Mr. Beightol is not in our database (not a member). Does anyone has anyone information or know who to ask?

Thanks,
JoAnne Sargent

From: gerhard.kaschuba@prmg.de
To: joyridecp@msn.com
Date: Thu, 14 Apr 2011 08:57:13 +0200
Subject: 93rd Bomb Group on 12 May 1944

the mission report of 93rd Bomb Group? What was the position (lead, high or low group) of 93rd BG on that day? There was an attack of German twin-engine fighters on the flight back. Do you have information about Me 410 attacks on 94th Bomb Group?

Dear Sir,
I am very interested in the American air attack of 12 May 1944. 93rd BG was involved on that day. Do you have

Many thanks and best wishes
Gerhard Kaschuba
Carl-von-Linde-StraÙe 7

May 5, 2011 - Pictures and letter from Elsie B. "Peg" Weiss



- 1) Lt. Charles J. Weiss & Elsie B. "Peg" Weiss, July 10 1943, Soham, Cambridge, England
- 2) Elsie B. "Peg" Weiss & Lt. Charles J. Weiss, USAF Rtd., July 10, 1993, Waldorf, Maryland, 50th Wedding Anniversary

Dear Joanne,

I am the British born widow of Charles J. Weiss - the Lt. mentioned in T/Sgt James H. Sharp's letter, about finding the son of his father's waist gunner John Carney Jr. (Page 17 of the March 2011 Ball of Fire Express). He writes in part "Walter T Stewart was co-pilot and Lt. Weiss (the ground communication officer who bumped John W. Carney as waist gunner so he could go). He got a fighter and a Medal... Crash landed in Southern England and were billeted overnight in an old castle... Yes Charles got a Focke wolf fighter, but no medal because he was ineligible as ground crew.

I met Charles a few weeks earlier and had a "date" to receive his phone call in the village phone kiosk (few people had home phones then). Somehow he managed to call at the appointed hour and the conversation went like this "we got shot down and I'm in a cass-le" "You're in a WHAT? (I had visions of a rubber

dinghy in the North Sea!!) "A Cass-le--Castle". Oh a Carsle!" He loved to tell this story!!

Anyway, we were married fifty-eight wonderful years - two children, Carol born in Norwich, a retired Opera singer -- Rod, a retired Airborne Ranger. Charles folded his wings Nov 19 2000 and rest with many of his buddies at Arlington. He was active in the 93rd - V.P. at one point and did most of the work- fund raising, etc. for the Memorial at Topcroft (Hardwick).

The last mission of the "Ball of Fire", I believe was on the Submarine Pens at St. Nazaire France and was written up in LIFE magazine (I have a copy).

Anyway, I thought this might be of interest to the Sharpe and Carney families and anyone else who remembers Charles. Not many left -- Charles would have been 90 (I am almost 89!)

Regards,
Elsie B. "Peg" Weiss



From: unclbudd.ka@verizon.net
To: joyridecp@msn.com
Subject: Re: Folded Wings - **Frederick M. Johnson TSgt AAF**
Date: Mon, 16 May 2011 18:33:05 -0400

I see in the newsletter you printed some other pictures. For your records, I would also like to add the picture of the crew my Dad flew with:

Front Row, left to right:

Lt. Elwood L. Faulhaber Bombardier Edon, OH

Capt. Robert E. Obershmid Pilot Spooner WI (Lt. in this early photo)

Lt. Gerald D. Baughman Navigator Murphysboro TN

Lt. Armando A. Antonio Copilot Wilmington DE

Back Row, left to right:

SSgt. Allen H. Sorenson Tail Gunner Salt Lake City UT

SSgt. Nick Fluera Nose Gunner (unknown at this time)

SSgt. Glenn D. Thompson Top Turret Gunner Oklahoma City OK
TSgt. Eugene H. Clement Radio Operator Bala Cynwyd PA
SSgt. James F. Duprey Ball Turret Gunner Syracuse NY
TSgt Frederick M. Johnson Engineer Trucksville PA
Not shown in this photo was:
Lt. Elmer W Pearson Radar Navigator Solvang CA

We used the attached picture for my Dad's Memorial Service, in a slide show of his life, so that is why it has the big arrow pointing to him.

I spoke to Obie (his pilot) today and he is the only remaining crew member alive. I asked about an aircraft nickname and he said they didn't have one specific airframe, that they were flying the newer B-24's. However, he did note that they flew the B-24 that is in the American Air Museum at Duxford England, #493, on

four missions. I'm sorry now that I never attended any of their crew reunions and met the crew members, as I was in the Air Force at the time and never available at the same times. Now maybe I can help others piece together the history of the 93rd.

Thank You
W. Budd Johnson MSgt USAF Retired
416BMW 8th AF

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Date: Mon, 13 Jun 2011 21:12:50 -0500
Subject: 93rd Bomb Group Inquiry
From: jamie2534@gmail.com
To: joyridecp@msn.com

Hi,

My name is Jamie and I am looking for information on my Great Uncle. He has a lot of information written down: crew members, missions, bomb group, etc. His journal says that he was in the 93rd bomb group on the

Naughty Nan and best I can tell it would have been in the 328th squadron. However, I am not finding his name or any of the names of his crew on the 93 bomb group website. My Great Uncle's name was Royce Jack Powell. He was not KIA or injured and I am not sure if he received awards or not. Any information you can give would be much appreciated.

Thank you,
Jamie



From: ekstra79@verizon.net
To: joyridecp@msn.com
Subject: Photo taken at Hardwick of 4FG Mustangs
Date: Thu, 26 May 2011 00:07:40 -0400

Hi,
I recently came across a photograph taken of four 4th Fighter Group P-51's parked on the ramp at Hardwick, likely in late 1944. This

section of Mustangs was forced down at Hardwick due to severe weather. This photo appeared un-credited in an Eagle Eye (the newsletter of the Association of the 4th Fighter group) from the late 90's. Because of the methods used to produce the newsletter back then, the image is grainy and unclear. We would like to get a scan or copy of this photo, as it is not one currently in our archives.

I have enclosed a copy of the image for reference, but as you can see it is of poor quality. If anyone in your association has a decent resolution copy of this photo and would like to share it, or knows of its origin, please have them contact me at ektra79@verizon.net.

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Date: Fri, 3 Jun 2011 15:25:28 -0500
From: geomcl@cox.net
To: 109clearview@verizon.net;
originalwindude@yahoo.com
Subject: Old Memories

This morning an old memory popped into my head which I always found amusing and thought I'd share it with you. I went overseas as part of the 491st Bomb group, one of the last few to arrive in England. Their base was at Metfield. We were surprised to find that our toilet paper was British Army issue, not at all like we were used to. It

New Members Roll Call

We welcome the following new members into the 93rd Bomb Group Association Family!!!

<u>Member (Vets are in Bold & **)</u>	<u>Connection to 93rd BG</u>
Albert W. Baker III **	M/Sgt Crew Chief 329 th '41-'45
Andy Cloninger	John Cloninger
Bruce Fry	Interested in the 93rd
Maj. Robert T. Rice, USAF (Ret)**	330 th 4-'44 to Jul'44; Recalled 1948 to 93 rd BG Castle AFB, flew 13 missions over Korea in B-29 w 19 th BW.
George B. Wilkinson	Pending
LtCol Steve Tiller USAF (Ret) F-4 Pilot	Son of Lt Anton (Tony) Tiller Pilot 9 th AF and 93 rd at Hardwick & Bengazzi. (Shot down Ploesti 1944) - <u>Family desires info from anyone</u>
Kerry Tiller	Son of Anton (Tony) Tiller
Robert Sullivan	Pending

If you have joined the 93rd in the past 4 months and your name is not listed above, let Jim Guddal know at jguddal@yahoo.com or send me a note at P O Box 47336 Plymouth, MN 55447.

Recipe Corner

Recipe by Mary Steichen Yamamoto

English Scones

This is my favorite scone recipe and I use it often. Living in Michigan I always use dried cherries instead of raisins or currants. Serve with strawberry jam and whipped (or Devon) cream and of course a nice cup of PG Tips English Breakfast Tea.

2 cups flour
 1/4 cup sugar
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/3 cup butter
 1/2 cup cream
 1 egg
 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
 Currants or raisins

For glaze (optional): 1 egg and 2 teaspoons milk

If you have a food processor, slice cold butter into half inch pieces and add to processor with flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. Process by pulsing on and off until the mixture resembles cornmeal. If doing by hand, cut the butter into the flour mixture with two knives. Add cream, slightly beaten egg and vanilla. Mix briefly by hand or pulse until mixed together (do not over mix). Place on floured surface, sprinkle with currants or whatever dried fruit you are using, and knead a couple of times until mixed in and shape into a large round about an inch thick. Slice across round to make 8 scones and place on cookie sheet lined with silpat or parchment paper. If you are really ambitious and want a nice looking scone, beat egg and 2t milk and brush top of scones for glaze. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown (about 12-15 minutes).

Recipes by Mary Ann Swanson-Neumann

Turkey Corn Chowder SERVES 4-6

1 1/2 cup cubed cooked turkey or chicken
 1 cup sliced cooked carrots
 4 oz. American Cheese (5 singles)
 2 cup milk
 12 oz can Green Giant Mexicorn
 1 can Cream of Potato soup (10 3/4 oz)

1 can Cream of Celery soup
 1 Tbsp minced onion
 salt & pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients. Cook on low heat stirring occasionally until heated through. (DO NOT BOIL)

Italian Pie

Brown together ---

1 lb ground beef
1 Tbsp chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery

Pour off grease and stir in:

1 can of Tomato Soup
1/2 can drained mushrooms
2 tsp parsley flakes

1/2 tsp oregano

1 envelope/package Spaghetti sauce mix seasoning and mix.

Let simmer for about 5 minutes.

Fit 1 package Crescent Rolls into a pie plate.

Pour meat mixture and top with 1 cup of Cottage Cheese.

Sprinkle 1 package/1 cup of grated Mozzarella cheese over the top.

Bake at 375 for 25-30 minutes.

Recipes by Alberta DelGuidice

Peanut Butter and Jelly Bars

Prep Time: 10 min

Inactive Prep Time: 1 hr 0 min

Cook Time: 45 min Level:

Intermediate Serves: 24 bars Ingredients

1/2 pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature

1 1/2 cups sugar

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

2 extra-large eggs, at room temperature

2 cups (18 ounces) creamy peanut butter (recommended: Skippy)

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt

1 1/2 cups (18 ounces) raspberry jam or other jam

2/3 cups salted peanuts, coarsely chopped

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Grease a 9 by 13 by 2-inch cake pan. Line it with parchment paper, then grease and flour the pan. and cut into squares.

In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream the butter and sugar on medium speed until light yellow, about 2 minutes. With the mixer on low speed, add the vanilla, eggs, and peanut butter and mix until all ingredients are combined.

In a small bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt. With the mixer on low speed, slowly add the flour mixture to the peanut butter mixture. Mix just until combined.

Spread 2/3 of the dough into the prepared cake pan and spread over the bottom with a knife or offset spatula.

Spread the jam evenly over the dough. Drop small globs of the remaining dough evenly over the jam. Don't worry if all the jam isn't covered; it will spread in the oven.

Sprinkle with chopped peanuts and bake for 45 minutes, until golden brown. Cool

Recipe by Joannie Smith

SUPER "Supper" Pork Chops

For Four portions: Four 1 inch pork chops

For each chop, top with:

1 Large green pepper ring

1 Slice of lemon

1 Slice of onion

1 Tbls. Ketchup

1 Tbls. Brown Sugar

Arrange chops in an oven proof dish with a tight fitting cover. Bake at 375 F for 45 minutes or until done. Serve with pan juices..

Recipe by Becky Burch

Brisket

One brisket

One large Lipton Onion Soup Mix

One half bottle Burgundy

Brown n' Bag

Use Brown n' Bag as directed; pour wine over brisket.

Pat dry soup on top after that. Seal. Bake about 45 minutes per pound at 325 degrees.



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