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Front row: Joe Schwarzgruber, Bob Stahl, Burton Lenhart, William Brown, Richard Trousdale, Leon Harmon  
Back row: John Sullivan, Jim Adams, Leo Sharp, John Lee, Fernley Smith, George McLean, Vernon Swaim, Bill Neumann

Veterans attending the reunion, but were not in the group picture.



Lew Brown



Calvin Davidson

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## President's Corner

The 2009 reunion provided a wonderful opportunity to share time together with old friends and to make new friends as well. To illustrate the point I'd like to present a short vignette that took place in our hospitality room late on Saturday evening. Joe Duran had asked Lew Brown, Pilot, for some time to show him some color film footage from the 93<sup>rd</sup> during its days in Africa and England. The film was rediscovered and recovered from one of our veteran's attic storage areas where it had lain untouched since his return from home at the end of the war. Although the film was in poor condition there were some segments of amazing film. Joe knew that Lew was in a segment from the Africa deployment. So, as the film was running several of us gathered to hear Lew's reaction when he saw himself in the movie. After about 30 minutes as we were getting close to the part with Lew, two of our first time attendees, Jim Root and his sister, Beth

Our business meeting, held on Saturday morning resulted in the member's approval of a revision to the By-Laws. The major changes:

- Incorporate the previously approved amendment
- Expand the purpose statement
- Eliminate the extra officer positions established so that we could have a veteran

Our officer's terms are two-years long so we did not have to conduct elections to fill any vacancies except for the Vice President to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division Association. We thank Charles Sill for his work

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Vice President to the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division Association

An advisory board of 93<sup>rd</sup> veterans composed of Fernley Smith, Charles Sill, and Cal Davidson provide advice and assistance. In addition to our

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Webmaster  
Assistant Historian  
Reunion Committee

King came into the room. Jim and I started a separate discussion a few steps away from Joe and Lew. I heard Joe say, "Here it comes." I interrupted Jim so we could all watch the film. In the segment, an unknown airman comes out of a tent in the desert, followed by a second man. When Jim saw the second man he said, "That's my Father! We were all stunned but none more than Jim and Beth. Joe replayed the segment several times for us. Finally, we moved on to the portion containing the shot of Lew. His reaction was different. "I don't think that's me!" Of course it was! How amazing to find Jim's Dad in a 1943 film from Africa.

On a sad note, two of our veterans who were scheduled to attend the reunion were unable to be with us due to serious illness and have subsequently passed away. We will miss these gallant warriors, Louie DelGuidice and Arthur Magill.

and a 2nd generation member serving together

- Establish the Convention/Reunion Coordinator Title and a Convention/Reunion Committee
- Add Article IX to formalize our web page
- Add Article X to provide guidance for dissolution

representing the 93<sup>rd</sup> during the last year. John Lee, a former 93<sup>rd</sup> VP to the 2ADA and 2008-2009 2ADA President was elected to be our VP to the 2ADA for 2009-2010. The 2009-2010 officers are:

John Marx  
Paul Steichen  
Gerald Veteto  
Paul Levine  
Jim Guddal  
Joanne Sargent  
John Marx  
Don Morrison  
John Lee

elected officers, we have identified other critical roles and those most suited to fulfill them as follows:

Kent Jaquith  
Michael Sellers  
Bill Sargent  
Michael Sellers  
Jim Root  
Joe & Phyllis Duran  
Kent Jaquith  
Fred Weir

The audit committee consisting of Gerald Veteto and Bill Neumann reviewed our accounts and reported to the membership that all was in good order. The

Our webmaster, Michael Sellers, provided a preview of the 93<sup>rd</sup>'s new web page design. Everyone was amazed at the advanced technologies available now

***To carry on the traditions and memories of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group  
after the veterans of that war have deceased.***

I encourage you to check out our new web page at [www.93rdbombardmentgroup.com](http://www.93rdbombardmentgroup.com) or at [www.93bg.com](http://www.93bg.com).

The successful conclusion of the Stained Glass Window project was celebrated. Our fund raising efforts have provided all of the funds needed to install the window. Donations are still needed to cover the dedication ceremony so it's not too late to take part. The group is determined to complete the

Not only did the members vote for the 2010 Reunion in Savannah, they also voted to hold the 2011 Reunion in Tucson, AZ. We plan to continue our tradition of conducting separate reunions while encouraging those who can to attend the 2ADA

Finally, our friends at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport rolled out the red carpet in honor of our veterans. In spite of present day mission pressures, we were treated with two remarkable presentations by current Air Force Commanders. Lieutenant Colonel Jones, Commander, 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Squadron, opened our reunion with a comparison between bombing results in WW II and today. The next day, Major General Carpenter, Commander, Eighth Air Force warmly welcomed our men and discussed today's Air Force. We were treated to a flight-line tour highlighted by a visit to the crew compartment of a B-52. Finally, we were welcomed at the Eighth

I want to add a special note of thanks to Jim Adams, our local Shreveport veteran, who did a great job coordinating the reunion details with the hotel and Air Base. His assistance and leadership were

transition of the Treasurer duties from Cal Davidson to Jim Guddal went smoothly over the last year.

and the easy-to-use approach. The web page is one of our best tools to accomplish our first purpose:

project with an appropriate dedication ceremony at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum Chapel, Savannah, Georgia. Our theme for the 2010 reunion in Savannah, GA from October 21 – 25 is "**One More Mission**".

reunions as well. Watch the Ball of Fire and the web page for details and plan to join us in Savannah for the 2010 Reunion and the Dedication of the Stained Glass Window.

Air Force Museum and walked among the aircraft static displays including the Louisiana Belle, one of the dozen remaining B-24s. Our guys visited aircrew in training and walked through the Lieutenant Colonel Addison E. Baker Conference room where they honor Col Baker and the Army Air Corps' accomplishments. The Eighth Air Force Honor Guard presented the flag at Friday's Officer's Club banquet and played taps at our Memorial Program on Sunday. We can be proud of today's Air Force!

instrumental ingredients to our success. Thanks, Jim!

*John Marx, President*



## 2009 Reunion Minutes

**93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group Assoc.  
2009  
Shreveport, La.  
Reunion Business Meeting  
Minutes  
October 24, 2009  
10:00 am**

1. **Call to Order & Opening Remarks: President, John Marx** Welcome.
2. **Secretary Report: Paul Levine** read minutes of 2008 Business meeting as well as gave a Report regarding his meeting with the Heritage League President Brian Mahoney
3. **Financial Report: Jim Guddal** reported on 93<sup>rd</sup> Assoc 501(c)(3) Non-Profit status  
Budget Report: Jim Guddal also reported on the following:
  - a. Sales Tax Exemption
  - b. Dues
  - c. Membership Data Base
  - d. Software availability

Discussion ensued in regards to establishing a Trust Fund for Business Development and PX availability (John Marx and Jim Guddal)

Approval of 2008 Minutes and Financial Report

4. **Ball of Fire Editor's Report: Joanne Sargent**
  - a. Joanne asked for 'feedback from membership on quarterly Newsletter
  - b. Approval for listing contact information
  - c. Continue Quarterly Communication
  - d. Distribution of Newsletter? 315 physically mailed and 107 Emailed

Question concerning Bulk Mail vs. Non-Profit Mail

5. **Historian's Report: Don Morrison** could not make it nor was a report given. Don is asking for an assistant to help out due to his stringent schedule and new job.
6. **2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division Report: John Lee**
  - a. John reported, President of the 2<sup>nd</sup> AD Assoc he is anxious and looking forward to younger people (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> generation) to get involved in the continuing legacy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> AD and all its Bomb Groups
  - b. He appointed Jim Guddal as 'Back up Treasurer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> AD
  - c. John reported on the Memorial Library Trust Fund in London, which contains \$4Million that is in control of the British Board of Trustees, however, a US representative from the 2<sup>nd</sup> AD was appointed to the board

*Paul Levine, Secretary*

## Documentary Project & New 93<sup>RD</sup> Website

Michael Sellers reports that he was able to get some fantastic footage at the 2009 reunion in Shreveport. To mention a few highlights: Arriving early and documenting behind the scenes action of Joe and Phyllis Duran and understanding the nuts and bolts of what it takes to prepare for a reunion every year, Interviewing James Root where we travelled back in time on Barksdale Air Force base to the very church where his mother and father married some 60 plus years ago, Capturing the surprise visit to a classroom of new generation bombardiers and watching them pay homage to the older generation of bombardiers, and finally - grabbing everyone's reaction and anticipation to next year's Savannah reunion where we will dedicate the 93rd's stained glass memorial.

After the reunion in early November, Michael scheduled an interview with Earl Morse the founder of the national Honor Flight program. For those not familiar with the program - it was founded in 2005 and organizes visits for veterans to the WWII memorial in Washington, DC for free. Michael traveled to Springfield, Ohio where the program's headquarters are located. He documented the inner-workings of what it takes to prepare for an Honor Flight and then was able to tag along the next day on an actual flight! Michael hopes to have a short piece edited early next year for 93rd members to see.

And finally - after great input from the Shreveport reunion - the newly designed 93rd website went live on Thanksgiving Day 2009! People should feel free to visit the site and familiarize yourself with some of the new features (HINT! Look for the icon of a book and pencil to sign the guestbook. You can leave messages here for

93rd members or any other information you want). Please note that issues with playing video on the site are being looked into and should be corrected by mid-January. At the time of writing this update 1,200 people have visited the new site and our new tracking software even noticed a few visitors from Prague, Czech Republic!

Please note that the 93rd website can be accessed by entering:

[www.93rdbombardmentgroup.com](http://www.93rdbombardmentgroup.com)

or

[www.93bg.com](http://www.93bg.com)

Also to view information on the Honor Flight program go to:

[www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org)

For information on Michael's documentary go to:

[www.aherosreunion.com](http://www.aherosreunion.com)

*Michael Sellers, Webmaster*

## Historian Corner

### Book

After working with Turner Publishing for several years on the 93rd BG Photo History, they had decided to cancel the book. Turner is in the process of returning all deposits at this time. I have heard that some people have already received their refunds. In the event you have moved since ordering the book, please contact Dina at 1 (800) 788-3350.

I have met with one publisher in the UK but he is currently unable to publish a new book at this time due to current work load and the economy. If anyone has a suggestion or a contact in this business, please let me know. As we are in a holding pattern, I am continuing to add improved photos and better captions. In the event that a new publisher is found, I will update everyone through the Newsletter.

### Inquiries

We continue to receive Inquiries from around the world about the 93<sup>rd</sup> BG and its members. Based on the question, I review old flight records, documents and photos to prepare a response. I and others in the 93<sup>rd</sup> BG association make every possible attempt

to respond to the questions. We receive many very basic questions such as "Was Grandpa in the 93<sup>rd</sup> BG?" Or "What happened on a date or mission?" Many of these questions could be address by reading Ted's Travelling Circus. It would be good to stress that Ted's Travelling Circus would be a great source for anyone interested in the 93<sup>rd</sup> BG.

### Assistant Historian Position

We are developing process to better track and respond to inquiries. We now have one volunteer, Mr. James Root, whom is the son of the 93<sup>rd</sup> BG Engineering officer (Major Kenneth W. Root, II). We are meeting on January 9, 2010 as a kickoff

meeting. If anyone else is interested in assisting in this area, please contact me.

### Continued Search for new Items

I am still looking for new information, records, photos or artifacts that pertain to the 93<sup>rd</sup> BG. My last batch of photo was purchased from the internet auction house, EBay. Sadly, the original owner identity was

lost when the item were purchased at a house sale. If you have anything from your time with the 93<sup>rd</sup> BG, please contact me at the address shown below. All items will be copied/scanned and returned unharmed!

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## Treasurer's Notes

While attending the Shreveport, LA reunion in October, I was asked what my connection is to the 93rd. Well, I am proud to say that my uncle, Lt. Floyd R. Cook from Jeffers, MN was a pilot with the 328th from about February to June 1944. He was KIA on a mission to PasDe Calais France on June 19, 1944 when their B-24J (Able Mabel) took an 88 hit by #4 engine. Floyd, Kenneth Ehrhart of Palmer, Alaska and Michael Pietruccioli of Hackensack, New Jersey perished. The other seven crewmen were captured and remained guests of the German Warmacht until the end of the war.

In 2003, with the help of members of the 93rd and contacts in Belgium, I was able to learn more about the story of that mission and located Floyd's and Kenneth's graves at the American Cemetery in Epinal, France. Today, not too far from the crash site at Brugge, Belgium, there is a wonderful memorial plaque honoring Floyd, Michael and Kenneth. My wife Corinne and I were there representing the crew and accepted the American flag at the dedication. Of the crew, only Lt Robert W. Brown of Springfield, MO survives.

Like so many families during the war years, ours paid the supreme price for freedom. My father was drafted into the army in 1944 at age 28. He was a replacement in the 28th Infantry Regiment and died at Cologne, Germany March 5, 1945. My stepfather Hans Anderson joined the Windom, MN National Guard in 1940 and spent 3.5 years in Kodiak, AK with an anti-aircraft artillery unit. He finished the war in Germany having seen his share of action. His last job before coming home on the Jeremiah O'Brien was to return German POWs to their homes. He married my mother in 1946 and for the next 60 years was a great

dad. In December 2006, at age 89, he rejoined his departed comrades.

In September of this year at the 2ADA gathering in Chicago, I was asked to be the next generation back-up treasurer. I am really looking forward to working with them as they ponder the questions of their future.

Veterans & members out there, consider this. Do you have a son, daughter, grandchild or good friend who might like to know about the 93rd and its rich history? Here is what you can do. Buy them a year's membership for \$25. Or better still, give that special person a copy of "Ted's Travelling Circus". Go to the new 93rd web site under Post Exchange and order one today. Or, mail me a check for \$99.95 (includes shipping) payable to the 93rd BG and we will send it to them. It is a great read and an excellent resource. The 93rd now has a PX (Post Exchange). We are just starting to ramp it up so please be patient while we consider products for sale. If you have access to makers of caps, mugs, patches and golf shirts who will give us a great deal, send me a note and I'll follow up on it.

As 2009 draws to a close, a huge THANK YOU to all of you who made donations to the 93rd stain glass window project and also brought your dues current. I am very enthusiastic about the future of the 93rd and am glad to help carry on its grand legacy.

Dues are due January 2010.

All the best!

*Jim Guddal, Treasurer*

## Financial Report

10/20/09                      **93<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Group Association**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**  
**As of September 30, 2009**

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Center National Bank Cert. Dep.	12,000
Center National Bank Savings	9,098
Center National Bank Checking	2,520
Donation Fund	762
Total Checking/Savings	<u>24,380</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>24,380</u>
TOTALS ASSETS	<u>24,380</u>
LIABILITES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Net Income	<u>24,380</u>
Total Equity	<u>24,380</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>24,380</u>

10/20/09                      **93<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Group Association**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**  
**November 2008 through September 2009**

	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Donations	1,485
Interest	98
Member Dues	6,534
Reunion Excess Proceeds 08'	2,300
Transfers In	<u>18,634</u>
Total Income	<u>28,781</u>
Expense	
Donation Transfers	3,420
Miscellaneous	100
Newsletter Publishing	1,224
Postage	42
Website	<u>377</u>
Total Expense	<u>5,163</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>23,618</u>
Net Income	<u>23,618</u>

Prepared on a Cash Basis by K. James Guddal



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division Association

Happy New Year! The October Reunion in Shreveport gave opportunity to reunite with everyone, including three of our crew who are still living. It is always great to see Fernley and Bob and Dottie Stahl as well as all the others who regularly attend the 93rd's reunions.

As many of you are probably aware I served as President of the 2nd ADA last year, 2009. During my term one of my goals was to work closer with the younger generation. At the reunion in Chicago I asked Jim Guddal to speak to the reunion attendees regarding a letter he had sent to me. As a result he was asked to join others from the Heritage League who have been serving in back up positions for Veteran officers. He will be serving as Back Up Treasurer and is doing a fine job already.

For the past few years, while serving as VP of the 93rd and as President of the 2nd ADA we have attended the Remembrance Day Services in England. Last year I had the privilege of laying the wreath in Norwich on behalf of the 2nd ADA. This year we attended the service and watched as Dick Robert the new President laid the wreath.

We were also privileged to attend a Remembrance Service at the wartime Chapel Hethel Airfield on Saturday November 7th. The service was conducted by Pat Ramm, the English Liaison to the 453rd BG. What an outstanding service it was. Pat began by stating that we were gathered there to remember the young men killed in action flying from airfields in that area and North Africa. He then recited without notes, "668 from the 93rd, 700 from the 389th, 366 from the 453rd and 320 from the 466th." He went on to say all these young men volunteered and with 24,000 other aircrew of the eighth Airforce who were also killed in action helped to make it possible that we enjoy the privilege of living in a free country today..

He gave a moving tribute to those young men who experienced the emotions of seeing their friends planes go down in flames. He closed with the words we heard so often during that weekend...**They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.** He then gave the order for the sounding of the last post by Derek Knights the Bugler. A short silence and then Derek sounded Reveille. Following the ceremony Betty and I were invited to join others in laying wreaths. We felt very honored to lay a wreath at the Flagpole in honor of the 93rd BG, followed by Andrew Hawker and Steve Mendham 389th BG, Dick Robert and Aggie Ramm 453rd BG and Cathy Thompson and Partner Les 466th BG. Andrew Hawker, who is a member of the Board of Governors of the 2nd ADA, had arranged this visit and we all felt most grateful to him as it was a special day in our lives. Pat Ramm and all the others there made us feel most welcome and we were served hot tea and goodies by the ladies of the group.

This year my position with the 2nd Air Division will be VP of Group Relations and I will be serving as VP of the 93rd. As we grow fewer in numbers I would like to see as many as are able to attend the 2nd ADA reunion as well as the 93rd. The 2010 2nd ADA reunion will be held in New Orleans in September 10-12. We will be in the heart of the French Quarter at the Omni Royale. There will be some local entertainment as well as a visit to the National WWII Museum. Each year we think it may be the last one, so it would be a fine thing if many could attend to remember the old times.

Once again we wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*John L. Lee VP 93rd*

### **What to do with my historical documents, pictures, and memorabilia? by John Marx**

This question is on the minds of many of you as you seek to find a suitable place for the record of your military service. How can valuable and irreplaceable records be preserved for posterity so that when our great-great-grandchildren want to know about their grandfather's experiences during the war they can find the documents, pictures and memorabilia to bring the past to life? In many families these items

1. The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, Carlisle, PA serves as the Army's public library and archives for military history. They organize, preserve, and make available for study, source

are passed from generation to generation. This approach keeps the information in the family's hands but does not allow access by historians researching the events of the past. The information is exposed to the risk of flood, fire, and peril and may be lost entirely. There are some good options that are worthy of your consideration.

material on the U.S. Army and American Military History in war and peace, from colonial times to the present. They currently hold more than 15 million items of all types. For more information visit the web

site at [www.usahec.org](http://www.usahec.org) or call 717-245-3094 and

2. The Eighth Air Force Archives at Penn State Paterno Library is specifically interested in receiving the following items to add to the Archives: Books authored by members, Bomb Group histories,

3. The Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum near Savannah, GA is well known to the 93<sup>rd</sup>. The Roger A. Freeman Eighth Air Force Research Center is dedicated to promoting research on 8th Air Force history and to expanding its priceless collection of artifacts, manuscripts, photographs, rare books, original film footage, and oral histories.

At the reunion, 10 copies of Cal Stewart's book, Ted's Travelling Circus, were available for sale. To avoid shipping the last few remaining, a special offer was made. Anyone could purchase a copy for \$75 as long as they agreed to donate the book to a library or Air History organization. This idea was inspired since it allows us to place the 93<sup>rd</sup>'s history

ask for assistance.

mission reports and newsletters. Contact the Archives at 510 Paterno Library, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802.

The Research Center's collections have been formed through generous donations. Individuals wishing to donate material for the Research Center are asked to contact the Research Center Director at 912 - 748 - 8888. Their web address is [www.mightyeighth.org](http://www.mightyeighth.org).

into the hands of future generations. The copy I purchased was donated to the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. They were very enthusiastic and gracious in their acceptance. I am confident it found a good home where it will be well treated and available to future generations of researchers!

## POW Poems\*

### LIBERATOR

Oh why did I join the Air Corps? Oh, mother,  
dear mother knew best,  
For here I lie 'neath the wreckage with a  
Liberator all over my chest.

Now the Lib is a very fine airplane constructed  
of rivets and tin  
With a top speed of a over a hundred, the ship  
with the headwind built in.

If you ever lose any engines and don't know  
which way to turn,

\* The poems were written by American Airmen that were being held captive in the German prison camp known as Stalag Luft 1. They were contained in a journal written and compiled by Walter Boychuk, Captain, U.S. 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force, Kriegsgefangenen No. 5407. He was wounded and shot down over Le Harve, France on

Just reach right up on the dashboard, push the  
button marked "Spin, Crash and Burn"

And if you ever run into ack-ack or a  
Messerschmidt makes a good pass,  
Just pick up your 'chute and start walking, to  
hell with the crew, save your ass!

Oh why did I join the Air Corps? Oh, mother,  
dear mother knew best,  
For here I lie 'neath the wreckage with a  
Liberator all over my chest.

Sunday, August 13, 1944. After his capture, he was taken to Berlin for medical care and then sent to Stalag Luft 1 at Barth near the Baltic Sea. He was there until April, 1945 when the war in Europe ended. Thanks to George McLean for providing the poems - additional poems will be included in future newsletters.

## Stained Glass Memorial Project for the 8th AF Museum in Savannah



I have been in contact with the 8th AF Museum in Savannah, Ga. concerning initial plans for the Stained Glass Dedication program. We are scheduled for Saturday, Oct 23rd in the Chapel at 3:30pm, followed by a private tour, and a reception and dinner in the Colonial Group Art Gallery. Kent Jacquith is also working on a

special presentation for the dedication that I know will be nothing less than spectacular (no pressure Kent...you always come through with fabulous presentations!)

*Paul Levine, Secretary*

This is a special request to all of those who so generously donated to the 93<sup>rd</sup> BG Stained Glass Window. Please consider this special opportunity to honor that someone special who served in our 93<sup>rd</sup>, by expanding the event by bringing along members of your family who would wish to participate in this very special dedication. I was surprised to find my own instance that those who have never managed to make our reunion were excited about attending. This may be the case in your family, especially if you are attending to honor

someone who may not be able to make it, but would be honored if you did attend. As we accept that time is taking our vets away it may not be a trip they can make. PLEASE TALK THIS OVER AT HOME, we would love to have every seat filled and extra seating in the aisle to handle those who came to honor their 93<sup>rd</sup> Vets. Looking forward to seeing you there.

ALWAYS THE BEST,  
Fernley Smith

## Folded Wings

The information written about each veteran is compiled from available resources: Ted 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 as well as their role as husband, son, brother, father, uncle, cousin, friend, etc. JoAnne Sargent, Editor

### **Francis H. Sanger, 2008**

Tech. Sergeant Francis H. Sanger, 412<sup>th</sup> Squadron flew on B-24s on several missions. His plane went down in Belgium in 1944 or 1945. (See Letters to the Editor for

the email request - "Crew member info" for information on Francis by his son-in-law Jack Kettering.)

### **Seymour Weisman, April 22, 2008**

Sergeant Seymour Weisman, 328<sup>th</sup> Squadron was an engineer on the plane piloted by Lieutenant William Lozowski. The plane was hit by flak on February 3, 1945. Six of the his crew members, including the pilot were killed in action: Lieutenant Frank C. Glut (co-pilot), Lieutenant Anthony G. Marulli (navigator),

Sergeant Cornelius J. Carter (tail), Sergeant James L. Segar (waist), and Sergeant Paul E. Colby (radio). Along with Seymour, only two other members survived, Lieutenant Arthur H. Schleichter (bombardier) and Sergeant John J. Corradetti (nose)\*. Seymour is survived by his wife, Donna Weisman.

### **Wilbur C. Cushing, July 2009**

Wilbur C. Cushing was enrolled in aircraft mechanics course in Kessler Field in Biloxi, Mississippi. The class was moved to Bendex Turret School. On completion his group was activated as part of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group. After final training in Fort Myers, Florida, he was assigned to Armament section of the 328<sup>th</sup> Squadron. He was stationed in England for nearly three years in Alconbury and Hardwick, both small fields. His group was the first B-24 Liberator group to get to England.

Just before D-Day he was transferred to the 852<sup>nd</sup> Squadron of the 491<sup>st</sup> Bomb group, stationed at Metfield and North Pickenham. After victory in Europe in May 1945, Wilbur flew home, but then his outfit was assigned to help finish the war in the Pacific. He was sent to McChord Field in to Tacoma, Washington to await deployment when the war with Japan ended and he was discharged. Wilbur is survived by his wife of 61 years, Vivian E. Cushing and other family members. (from Marstons Mills, MA newspaper)



### **Arthur Magill, October 29, 2009**

Arthur attended a few of the reunions with his grandson, Pat Terro including the last overseas trip to Norwich, England in 2005. According to his nephew, Douglas Payne, Art was "ground crew" at

Hardwick working on "g boxes" (radar) during the war. We missed Arthur and his grandson, Pat at the last reunion and we were very sad to hear of Arthur's passing. We will miss his friendly and easy going manner. Special thanks to Arthur's family for their generous donation to Stained Glass Memorial.



### **Louis E. DelGuidice, November 12, 2009**

Louie was a radio operator aboard a B-24 piloted by Lieutenant Charles W. Walters\*. On January 7, 1944 the plane was shot down over occupied France and he was hidden by the French Underground. Along with three other crew members, he was taken

by the French Resistance to the foot of the Pyrennes where the French Maques took them over the mountain into Spain. They were placed in a Spanish Prison and released to the English Red Cross, sent to Gibraltar, then back to England and shipped back to the United States. (from North Haven Funeral Home)

Louie and his wife, Alberta actively participated in many reunions, including the ones in England. We missed

them at the last reunion in Shreveport and were very sad to hear about his passing.

**Daniel E. McCarthy, December 4, 2009**

Lieutenant Daniel E McCarthy (navigator) was part of the crew piloted by Lieutenant Albert Austin. On February 5, 1944 the plane was downed by intense flak at 1145, five minutes after leaving the target. Eight of Austin's crew, including Daniel became POWs: Austin, Lieutenant Eugene A. Flint (co-pilot), Marion W. Saffell (bombardier), Sergeant Alfred E. Maury (engineer-

Dan McCarthy was a good friend of Bruce W. Orriss. Bruce said Dan was days away from his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Bruce mentioned Dan flew on B-24Js, was shot down in 1944 and spent the rest of the war in Stalag Luft One in Barth, Germany. Bruce has known Dan for 35 years since joining Northrop Aircraft in 1974. They worked in the engineering department on T-38, F-5, and F-18 programs. Dan joined Northrop after retiring from the USAF in the early 1960s. Dan was a great help to Bruce

**James H Jones, Major General (Ret.), September 1, 2008**

James H. Jones was a pilot who served under Colonel Edward J. (Ted) Timberlake. He was a Ted's Travelling Circus junior officer who retired as a brigadier general.\*

**Leroy Frank Casper, September 3, 2009**

Leroy Frank Casper of Homeland, California really enjoyed reading the Ball of Fire newsletters. Leroy is

\* Ted's Travelling Circus by Carroll Stewart

gunner)), Sergeant J.W. Choate (radio), Sergeant Francis T. Pepin (waist-gunner) and Sergeant Hall R. Pace (waist-gunner), Sergeant Woodrow R. Collings (ball-turret), and Sergeant Kenneth M. Sexton (tail-turret). Missing for a time, but later returned were McCarthy and Sexton.\*

while he working as one of the technical advisors during the making of the "Memphis Belle" film in the late 1980s. In the mid-1990s Dan introduced Bruce to his former C.O. Ramsey Potts during one of their fund raising efforts in Los Angeles for the American Air Museum in England. Dan said Potts was one of the finest officers he had ever known during his time in the Air Force. Dan was a great fellow and will be sorely missed. (email from Bruce W. Orriss)

He is deeply missed by his wife, Colonel (Ret.) Shirley Jones.

survived by his wife, Billie and had been married for 60 years.



## Letters to the Editor

From: "Markus Reisner" <markus\_reisner@yahoo.de>  
To: <dogpatchraider@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2009 2:26 AM  
Subject: Request for information

Hi! My name is Markus Reisner. I am a quite enthusiastic historian of the airwar over Wiener Neustadt, Austria during the WWII. I already wrote a book with over 1.200 pages about that time. I sold 1.000 pieces of the book in two editions. Because there is still interest, I am thinking to reedit it once more, mainly also, because I got a lot of new interesting and thrilling stories and information from both civil and military veterans.

I did also heavy research on the American side which is much better documented than the German one. So I was in AFHRA in Maxwell and in contact with several veterans (including Gen. Jacob E Smart, the planner of the Ploestiraid, who was shot down over Wiener Neustadt in 1944). I even helped out a JPAC team twice in Austria.

The cause of my email now, is that I would like to

forward to you a list with all the crashes of American planes which were shot down over Wiener Neustadt between the years 1943 to 1945. It shows my actual research data. I kindly ask you to make a look at it and see if you have some additional or different information. I would like to thank you and your organization for each single piece of new information!

In addition, and if you are interested in certain planes/cases and the fate of the crews it could be that I am able to provide your organization with some information. I have for example from some of the planes pictures from the crash sites. This information I will provide you for free. I am not looking out for money, I am just trying to bring lost information to the surface. I think that is something we owe the soldiers and civilians on both sides who perished through that time.

Thank you for your time and enjoy the list!

Max

P.S. I have a crash picture from the crash site of 1Lt William Stein

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From: dogpatchraider@gmail.com  
To: markus\_reisner@yahoo.de  
CC: K8QGC@aol.com; doniac1967@sbcglobal.net; jguddal@yahoo.com; joyridecp@msn.com; marxj@genco.com  
Subject: Re: Request for information  
Date: Thu, 24 Sep 2009 10:22:05 -0700

Max,  
I am taking the liberty to answer your email as my husband is at work and can not do so at this time. The information we have is from our 93rd BG history book called Ted's Travelling Circus written by Carroll Stewart. According to it on 10-08-1943 while over the target 1st Lt. Alva Geron's crew had to feather an engine and reported power loss on another..He was able to land safely in Switzerland on the only aerodrome capable of receiving a big bomber. They were all interned there in Switzerland not POWs. On another point of interest all members of his crew had been survivors of the low level Ploesti mission

01, August 1943.

Stein's Crew were also Ploesti Survivors at that time he was flying "War Baby". The mission your enquiring about was 1st Lt. William Stien's 10th mission some how he was separated and flying alone. At that time he was jumped by 3 ME 109's They knocked out engines 3 and 4 of his B-24 (Jerk's Natural) While attempting a down hill landing the plane crash. The only survivor was the navigator William W. Sykes. he had parachuted out near Heidbrunn and was later taken by the Nazis to a POW camp where he spent 19 months. William passed away in 1993.

I hope this information will be of help and I will pass on your inquiry to others in our group who may have more to offer.

Regards,  
Phyllis Duran

From: LPScott62@aol.com  
Date: Sun, 27 Sep 2009 15:39:49 -0400  
Subject: The Tupelo Lass Lives !!  
To: joyridecp@msn.com

**This is the link to the earlier 1999 article and the 15 pics can be called up by clicking under the single pic shown here.**

[http://nems360.com/pages/leecountyneighbors\\_full\\_push?blog-entry-Little+Jake+and+the+Tupelo+Lass%20&id=3514869-Little+Jake+and+the+Tupelo+Lass&instance=neighbors](http://nems360.com/pages/leecountyneighbors_full_push?blog-entry-Little+Jake+and+the+Tupelo+Lass%20&id=3514869-Little+Jake+and+the+Tupelo+Lass&instance=neighbors)

and here's the new article about the model construction and presentation to the museum - [http://nems360.com/pages/full\\_story/push?article-Bringing+the++%E2%80%98Lass%E2%80%99+-+to+life%20&id=3645501-Bringing+the++%E2%80%98Lass%E2%80%99+-+to+life](http://nems360.com/pages/full_story/push?article-Bringing+the++%E2%80%98Lass%E2%80%99+-+to+life%20&id=3645501-Bringing+the++%E2%80%98Lass%E2%80%99+-+to+life)

If you have any questions or follow-up - Please contact me at this email address -

Or by phone at 828-297-7657.  
Thanks --

\*~)  
(.. Patrick Scott  
"Time is a River .....

and Books are Boats ....

Let's start down that Stream .... "

\_\_\_ Adapted from a Dan Brown quote

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To: marxj@genco.com; joyridecp@msn.com  
Subject: Fw: Godfather  
Date: Tue, 29 Sep 2009 09:42:19 -0700

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [koen wouters](#)  
**To:** [Joe Duran](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2009 9:07 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Godfather

Dear Mr and Mss DURAN  
Dear Joe and Phyllis (if i may say so),

As I promessed I'm trying to send you some photographs about the ceremony that took place at the cemetry of Henri Chapelle at the beginning of this month.  
Unfortunately, being a active police officer my duty called me and I couldn't participate. But I did send a great delegation of my family. My three sisters and my mother.

It was my mother who deposed the flowers at the tombs of the boys who's godfather I am. By the way, my mother is now 81 years old. During the war she fled from Leopoldsburg to Brussels on a bike. Because of her age (about 11 years) she couldn't sit on the bike and drove, standing ont the pedals about 100 km to realise that the enemy was everywhere. So she had to drive those 100 km back home in the same way. She lost her husband the 3 octobre 2008. My father was a regimental sergeant major who lost his father in 1943. My grand father (that I've never known) was in the resistance, caught by the enemy and shot in the forest near Leopoldsburg.)

I'm risking to send you some fotographs twice. I trust you'll make yourselve a selection.

With my kind regards,

Koen WOUTERS



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From: SDufek@visa.com  
To: joyridecp@msn.com  
Date: Tue, 29 Sep 2009 09:51:25 -0600  
Subject: Elton John Schulties  
Good morning,

I am looking for any data on my Uncle. I did contact the Army and I did receive the information they had on file but any other information was destroyed by a fire. I

believe the plane's name was Queenie and it was a B-24, Liberator that went down on 11/13/1943.

If you have anything at all for Elton John Schulties, and his information is as follows:

S/Sgt. Elton J. Schulties  
409<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron  
93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group

U.S. Army  
Born February 9, 1917  
Killed in Action Over Bremen, Germany  
November 13, 1943

Thank you,  
Shirley Dufek

From: partytime43@hotmail.com  
To: joyridecp@msn.com  
Subject: like to be added to 93rd BG newsletter  
Date: Thu, 8 Oct 2009 13:54:25 -0700

hello 93rd BGA:

I'd like to be added to your email distribution for the 93rd BG newsletter "Ball of Fire Quarterly Express". Please add my email address on the next update:

partytime43@hotmail.com

I also have a request for your journalist and writers. My dad was a navigator of B24's in the 93rd BG during the war. He has since passed away (Dec. 1997) but I would like to know more about the Army Air Corp structure or hierarchy. For example, how many people were in the 93rd BG and how was the reporting structure? Where was a squadron in the hierarchy? How many squadrons were there and how many BG were there? When you were assigned to a particular BG, did you ever move or transfer to another (I know my dad was in two)? or was that something unusual and only in extenuating

circumstances? I think an article covering this would be really beneficial to many of your readers, especially those of us that can't ask our loved ones how it was because they are no longer with us.

Another request I have for future newsletters is a breakdown of what the patches or badges that were issued meant. My dad received the DFC over 40 years after he "earned" it and we were able to share the award of this for him. But he had many other badges and ribbons (European Theatre, Five/four leaf clover?) that we don't know the meaning or why they were issued. I have tried to search the internet for this information but the historical data is difficult to find. Again, something that many of your readers would benefit from if you had the resources to publish something.

Thanks in advance for adding me to your newsletter distribution and for considering my requests. I hope to see something in future newsletters on these requests!!

Pam Kawashima  
email: [partytime43@hotmail.com](mailto:partytime43@hotmail.com)

From: lci449@live.com  
To: joyridecp@msn.com;  
webmaster@93rdbombardmentgroup.com  
Subject: 93rd Bomb Group Request  
Date: Wed, 14 Oct 2009 22:31:15 -0400

Hello,

I am part of a team that will shoot a WWII Documentary through Northern Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas.

One of the men we will highlight is Herbert C. Borgmann who flew a bomber in the 330th Squadron. Would you have any record of the missions he was on, who his crew was, what damage they sustained, what his plane was named. Any and all information will be greatly appreciated and lend authenticity to our endeavor. Myself and JT Dudrow are both grandsons of WWII veterans and very proud of it. Thank you.

Dennis

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [max\\_womack](mailto:max_womack)  
**To:** <mailto:joyridecp@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 08, 2009 12:28 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: 93rd BG Request

Ted's Flying Circus printed on the inside. also, 2nd Christmas in APO.

Return address was  
Cpl. Gilbert Davis 6291864  
329th Bomb SQ 93rd BG (H)  
New York, New York.

Date on stamp 12-13-43

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [max\\_womack](mailto:max_womack)  
**To:** [circus@93rdbombardmentgroup.com](mailto:circus@93rdbombardmentgroup.com)  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 08, 2009 12:09 PM  
**Subject:** 93rd BG Request

That's all we know of Gilberts War years. He has been deceased for several years. And now after finding this Christmas Card I am trying to find out what part he

Just found a Christmas Card sent home to my mother from Her Brother. The Card showed a B24 Liberator with

played in WWII. If you know which Plain he flew in or operations he was involved in I would sure love to know.

Thanks, Max Womack

I met my Uncle Gilbert one time I was very young and was watching the TV Show 12'oclock High, Gilbert walked by looked at the TV and said ( I was there when that happened ) and walked out. That was all he ever said about his Service Years.

Max Womack  
po box 303  
Pawnee, Ok. 74058  
PH. 918 762 1080

Date: Thu, 19 Nov 2009 21:39:09 -0600  
From: jmkett@bellin.org  
To: Joyridecp@msn.com  
Subject: Crew member info

flew several missions including one where the plane went down in Belgium in 1944 or 45.my wife would like to gather any info regarding the name of the planes he flew in,crews etc,any help would be welcomed. His name was Francis Sanger,also called Skip Service number was 39-571=813, rank of tech sgt. I can be reached at this email or my personal email at [jmkett@mousehut.com](mailto:jmkett@mousehut.com)

Hello-my name is jack kettering and I am looking for info.My father in law passed away last year and we recently came in to some of his military records and mementos.He served with the army air corps and was an aircrew member on B-24s as a member of 93rd BG,412 Bomb squadron.he

Thanks in advance Jack K

Subject: Crew member inquiry  
Date: Sun, 22 Nov 2009 20:25:50 -0600  
From: fguyot@eaa.org  
To: joyridecp@msn.com

Wausau, WI enlistment office. Army S/N 16024662

Thank you for any information you may have.

To Whom It May Concern:

Regards,

My Wife's Grandfather served on Red Ass or The Red Ass. Based on interviews with family members he served on a B-24 and participated in raids over Ploesti, Romania. They also remember he was a tail gunner/photographer. Based on cursory internet research it seems plausible that he served in the 93rd Bomb Group/ 409th Squadron due to his service in both Africa and England which jibes with the locations of this Group during WWII.

Fareed Guyot, EAA #388642  
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See you at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2010-July 26-August 1

His name is Joseph L. Revak born 1923 and he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 through the

Fri, Nov 20, 2009 at 1:23 PM  
Palumbo, Michael (Information Technology Services)  
<[PalumboM@easternct.edu](mailto:PalumboM@easternct.edu)> wrote:  
Hi,

One more set to go.

Thanks,

As promised I've made available another 20 minutes of interview and photos from my grandfather's service. The details are here:  
<http://pantharos.livejournal.com/133376.html>  
The 3 most recent items are new if you were not notified earlier about the first set. I hope they are useful or of interest to you. Please feel free to link them to any online resource you may have.

Mike Palumbo

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**From:** Joe Duran [mailto:[dogpatchraider@gmail.com](mailto:dogpatchraider@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 21, 2009 10:56 AM  
**To:** Palumbo, Michael (Information Technology Services)  
**Subject:** Re: 93rd and 491st stories

Michael

I want to start by saying that you have done a great job putting together your grandfathers material during his tour of duty. I love what you have done with the interviews and his photos. Your family has been blessed with this gift and it will help others possibly add to what you have done. The Georgia Peach is well know among the original vets. Unfortunately we lose about 1500 of our WWII Vets a day. Our time to glen from their stories is very quickly runny out. Your decision to capture your Grandfathers history I'm sure is a wonderful blessing to your family.

I see that your grandfather was in the 328th sq which was my uncle Joe Avendano's sq has well. He was a co-pilot when the 93rd BG came over in Sept. 1942 and would fly the Ploesti mission piloting the ship called Dogpatchraiders 8/1/1943. That would be his 29th or 30th mission. My uncle was lost over the skies of

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On Mon, Nov 23, 2009 at 5:53 AM, Palumbo, Michael (Information Technology Services) <[PalumboM@easternct.edu](mailto:PalumboM@easternct.edu)> wrote:  
Hi,

It was nice to hear about your Uncle, I'm in touch with Vic Walzel, the descendant of 93 pilot, who also has a website dedicated to his memory. I recorded the audio to these presentations in 2002, my grandfather died a couple of years later, so I feel very lucky to have gotten anything at all. By all means please send the links to anyone you think would be interested. Have Michael let

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Date: Mon, 23 Nov 2009 07:21:26 -0800  
Subject: Re: 93rd and 491st stories  
From: [dogpatchraider@gmail.com](mailto:dogpatchraider@gmail.com)  
To: [PalumboM@easternct.edu](mailto:PalumboM@easternct.edu)  
CC: [jguddal@yahoo.com](mailto:jguddal@yahoo.com); [joyridecp@msn.com](mailto:joyridecp@msn.com); [doniac1967@sbcglobal.net](mailto:doniac1967@sbcglobal.net); [109clearview@verizon.net](mailto:109clearview@verizon.net)

Michael

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Date: Sun, 20 Dec 2009 13:22:09 -0500  
From: [abuckner@indy.rr.com](mailto:abuckner@indy.rr.com)  
To: [joyridecp@msn.com](mailto:joyridecp@msn.com)  
Subject: Missing from the Honor Roll

My father, Capt Malcolm W. Buckner of the 328th

England Jan. 23,1944 in a night time test flight of a B-24 Pathfinder.

After visiting my uncles grave site at the American cemetery in Cambridge England in 1999,my wife Phyllis and I started to see if we could find any information on the uncles military service.We at the time had very little but made contact with the 93rd Bg and with their help was able to fill much of the his time before his night time accident.

Phyllis and I volunteer with the 93rd BG and are on the Reunion Committee that's why you found our e-mail address on the 93rd site. We have a very gifted young man who is the grandson of one of our vets. His name is also Michael. With your permission I would like to forward your email to him. He will be updating the 93rd web site which all of us previewed at the Reunion in Shreveport, LA last month. Once it's up and running you'll have to check it out again. We are all very excited about his work.

Let me know what you think

Best Regards  
Joe and Phyllis Duran

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[me know where the link shows up on the 93<sup>rd</sup> site so I can share it with my family.](#)

Thanks,

Mike Palumbo

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Good to hear that you have made contact with my our good friend ,Vic Walzel. I have forwarded your message to Michael Sellers. Let me know if you make contact.

Thanks Again  
Joe

Squadron, 93<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Group is not listed on your honor roll. I have his 30 mission certificate sitting in front of me. His first mission was Orleans-Bricy A/D 23 May 44 and his 30th mission was Groesbeck 18 Jul 1944. The certificate is signed Wayne M. Beumeler Squadron Commander and Leland G. Fiegel Colonel Air Corps



Commanding. He trained at Peterson Field where he met my mother 1st Lt. Mary Ford Blackmore then the base dietitian. He was chosen to fly his plane across and made the trip from Brazil to Africa with no problems, however two other planes on his flight had to ditch because they ran out of fuel. He never had a crew member wounded. He did get the Distinguished Flying Cross for making it back to England with two engines shot out. He was born in Texas 20 May 1919 and died March 4, 2008 in Franklin Indiana. I can also provide the names of the crew if

needed.

He flew a B-24 H with no name on it. As he told he, he flew wing lead a lot and the Germans on the ground had good telescopes and he didn't want anything on the side of his plane that would make him a particular target.

Andrew Buckner  
Indianapolis

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Andrew,

Thank you for telling us about your father and his amazing service. The Roll of Honor are for the servicemen who were killed in action (KIA) or missing in action (MIA) between March 1942 - May 1945. I am

forwarding your email to the historian, Don Morrison, the webmaster, Michael Sellers, and other members.

Happy Holidays,  
JoAnne Sargent,  
Ball of Fire Editor

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Date: Thu, 24 Dec 2009 12:41:10 -0500  
From: abuckner@indy.rr.com  
To: joyridecp@msn.com  
Subject: Malcolm Buckner & Crew at Hardwick AFB

missions with no casualties. They completed their 30 missions on 18 July 1944. There was never any nose art on this plane because my father did not want to give the German's anything to make his plane stand out from the crowd, it must have worked.

This is a picture of my Father, Capt Malcolm Wilson Buckner his plane #42-95059-R and crew taken on May 25, 1944. At this time they had completed at least 2 missions, Orleans-Bricy A/D on 23 May 44 and Creil A/D on 24 May 44. They also completed a mission to Mulhouse on 25 May 44 so I don't know if this was taken before or after the mission. I can only assume that his was taken at Hardwick AFB.

(see list of crew members below)

I was copying this information off of an old typewritten memo. I may have misread a number or letter here and there.

Thank you for your kind attention.

They were proud members of the 328th Squadron of the 93rd Bombardment Group and completed their 30

Andrew Buckner



2nd Lt Malcolm W. Buckner 0-808946 Pilot Far right standing  
2nd Lt. Dale O. Swanson 0-761202 Co-Pilot  
2nd Lt. Richard W. Quimby 0-703314 Navigator  
2nd Lt. Donald B. Routz 0-698842 Bombadier  
S/Sgt Dale L. Johnson 16162216  
S/Sgt Donald R. Ross 16194528  
S/Sgt William B. Broadhead 14675151 M/G  
Sgt Carle W. Harrison 15336727 M/G  
Sgt Dayle A. Rickerl 37461597  
Sgt Edward J. Frejas 13171514 Tail

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Date: Thu, 24 Dec 2009 12:47:15 -0500  
From: abuckner@indy.rr.com  
To: joyridecp@msn.com  
Subject: Re: Malcolm Buckner & Crew at Hardwick AFB

flight to Brazil, Africa and then England. The note that I got the information for the names and ID numbers has a hand written date of 25 May 1944. I can't imagine that England had that much snow in May. I may have been wrong on the date of the picture.

You know, I had always been told that the picture was probably taken at Peterson Field in Colorado because of the snow. This would have been before they left on their

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Paul London, 409<sup>th</sup> Squadron, Air Traffic Controller or Flying Control from October 1941 to October 1945. He started in Barksdale, spent four months in Fort Myers, Florida, then in Fort Dix, New Jersey, sailed on Queen Elizabeth I to England, stationed at Alconbury three to four months, and 2½ years in Hardwick.

Paul is seeking information on the following veterans::

Richard Byant  
Joseph Cambal  
Truman C. Huckleberry  
Jacob Michael  
James Nagle  
Harold Williams

If you have any information for the above veterans, please contact:

Paul London  
5600 E. Mexico Ave  
Denver, CO 80224-2141  
303-759-4931



### Recipe Corner

By request, our new section includes favorite recipes from our members. If you would like to have a recipe included in our next newsletter, send it to me by email or regular mail. Enjoy!

email: [joyridecp@msn.com](mailto:joyridecp@msn.com) or  
JoAnne Sargent  
1458 Locust St.  
Denver, CO 80220

#### **Golden Crunch Mix from Becky Burch**

2 twelve oz. can of mixed nuts  
½ cup of melted butter  
½ cup of Parmesan Cheese  
½ tsp. of garlic powder  
½ tsp. of oregano  
½ tsp. of celery salt

10 cups of Golden Grahams (cereal)

Heat oven to 300 degrees. Mix nuts and melted butter until coated. Add cheese and other seasonings. Spread in jelly roll pan. Bake for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Take from oven and stir in cereal. Cool. Stir in airtight container. Makes about 14 cups.

## Recipes from Dottie Stahl

### Party Mix (14 servings)

¼ cup margarine  
½ tsp garlic powder  
½ cup salted pretzels  
½ cup puffed rice  
1 cup spoon-size shredded wheat

### Party Mix

Large pkg. Corn Chex  
Large pkg. Rice Chex  
Large pkg. slim pretzels  
2 lb. mixed nuts  
1 box Cheerios  
2 cups oil  
2 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce

### Dot Stahl's Low Fat Homemade Pancakes

1 ½ cups white general purpose flour  
1 cup wheat flour  
2 tsp baking powder  
¼ tsp baking soda  
2 egg whites mixed with ¼ cup egg beater

## Recipes from Corinne Guddal

### Bachelor Croutons (from school cookbook)

Girls, buy yourself a good popover pan and give your love a treat.

### Popovers

2 eggs  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
1 cup milk  
½ tsp salt

Great for gifts and cheaper than the store bought.

### Poppy cock

1 cup butter  
2 cups sugar  
½ cup white corn syrup  
1 tsp salt  
1 tsp vanilla  
½ tsp soda  
1 cup almonds

½ cup unsalted peanuts

Melt margarine in skillet. Add garlic powder and mix. Add remaining ingredients and toss together. Serve warm. May use walnuts, pecans, or a mixture of nuts in place of peanuts. May also add ¼ cup raisins and omit garlic powder.

1 Tbsp garlic salt  
1 Tbsp seasoned salt

Mix well. Stir every ½ hour. Bake in 250 degrees oven for 2 hours. I would suggest making a smaller amount by using smaller boxes of cereal and ½ of the ingredients.

Add 1 cup skim milk buttermilk and about 1 cup skim milk as needed to get to a creamy consistency. Do not beat, only stir. Bake on a 375 degrees griddle. Best if pancakes are 4 to 5 inches.

Take one bread toaster, turn upside down, and shake vigorously. Great on salads, soups, and as alone as a nutritious snack.

Heat oven to 450 degrees. Generously grease pan cups. Beat eggs slightly; beat in flour, milk, and salt just until smooth (do not overbeat). Fill cups about ½ full. Bake 20 minutes. Decrease oven temperature to 350 degrees bake popovers 20 minutes longer. Immediately remove from cups and serve hot. Some people use 6 ounce custard cups – only the popover pan works for me.

1 cup pecan halves  
2 – 9x13 cake pans of popcorn

Combine butter, sugar, syrup, and salt in heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil 5 minutes without stirring. Remove from heat, stir in vanilla and soda. Pour over popcorn and nuts. Stirring until well coated. Bake at 250 degrees 1 – 1 ½ hours until dry. Stir every 20 minutes. Store in airtight container.

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