

384th BOMB GROUP INC.

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January 1995

MEMORIAL JUNKET VIII MAY 5TH THRU MAY 8TH, 1995

50th has been a big number for the last few years . . . in 1992 we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Birth of the 384th Bombardment Group(H) at the 50th Anniversary Reunion which was held at Irvine/Newport Beach, California. In 1993 we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Arrival of the 384th Bombardment Group(H) at Station 106, Grafton Underwood, England and the 50th Anniversary of the First Combat Mission flown by the Group with Memorial Junket VII. A few of us 384thers attended the 50th Anniversary of "D DAY," which took place at the Cambridge American Cemetery. These are now all history. The upcoming 50th Anniversary of "VE DAY" is probably the most important to all of us because it was the end of World War II in Europe. To celebrate this Historical Day we are planning Memorial Junket VIII.

To make the arrangements for the Hotel and Program for Memorial Junket VIII, Lloyd Whitlow made a trip to England during November 1994. The dates for Memorial Junket VIII will be May 5th thru May 8th, 1995. We will once again be headquartered at the Leicester Holiday Inn because it is the only hotel in the area that can accommodate a group of our size.

Memorial Junket VIII will open on Friday, May 5th with Registration during the afternoon. In the evening there will be a Reception and Briefing.

Saturday, May 6th, will be an Open Day until 7:00 P.M. when there will be a Cocktail Party, (Cash Bar), Dinner will be at 8:00 P.M. and there will be a combo that will play during dinner. After dinner there will be professional Entertainment, then Dancing until 12:00 P.M.

The big program for the 50th Anniversary of "VE DAY" will take place at the Cambridge American Cemetery on Sunday, May 7th. This program is being planned by Mr. Heath from the U.S. State Department and it is still in the planning stages and it is too early to know who the key player will be. We are hoping it will be a similar program to the "D DAY" celebration, which was held in this same location. In attendance for the "D DAY" affair were President Bill Clinton, Prime Minister John Majors, Secretary of the Treasury, the Honorable Lloyd Bentsen, and Walter Cronkite. We will have lunch in Cambridge following this affair. After lunch

we will go to the Duxford Air Museum. Sunday evening will be free.

The actual date for the 50th Anniversary of "VE DAY" is Monday, May 8th, We will have our program at the Memorial Monument, Grafton Underwood. This will take place from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. After the Ceremony we will have lunch in either Boughton House or in Grafton Underwood. Memorial Junket VIII will end on Monday evening with our traditional "GALA FAREWELL DINNER DANCE." This will start at 6:00 P.M. with a Host Cocktail Party. Dinner will be at 7:00 P.M. and Dancing to a Big Band until midnight.

There is a Deadline Date of February 24th, 1995. We are aware that this doesn't give you much time to make your decision about attending, but the deadline is necessary for the following reasons. May 6th thru May 8th is a special weekend in Great Britain and because of this there is a big demand for hotel rooms. Since we got our bid in early, we were able to reserve 75 rooms with an option for 25 additional rooms, IF, and this is a BIG IF, the Hotel Room Reservation are received by the Leicester Holiday Inn by February 24th, 1995. To assure everyone gets a hotel room and to expedite the Hotel Room Reservation, we will make them for you.

Included with this Newsletter are three Forms, a Memorial Junket VIII Registration Form, a Leicester Holiday Inn Hotel Room Reservation Form, and a Memorial Junket VIII Table Seating Reservation Form. The Memorial Junket VIII Registration Form and Deposit and the Leicester Holiday Inn Hotel Room Reservation Form are to be mailed to Ted Rothschild. The Memorial Junket VIII Table Seating Reservation Form is to be mailed to Lloyd Whitlow. The following information is needed on the Leicester Holiday Inn Hotel Room Reservation Form: Name, Address, Telephone Number, Number of People in your party, Date of Arrival, Date of Departure. Smoking or Non-Smoking Hotel Room, Type of Credit Card, Number and Date of Expiration, ie: Mastercard, Visa, American Express, if other Type of Credit Card . . . specify. If you do not have a Credit Card, then include a Deposit of \$100.00. If for some reason it becomes necessary to cancel your Hotel Room Reservation, make your cancellation directly with the Leicester Holiday Inn by telephoning: 011-44-116-251-1161.

We were very fortunate in receiving the same Hotel



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Room Rate that we have had for the last two Memorial Junkets: £43.00 Single Occupancy, £55.00 Double Occupancy, £60.00 Triple Occupancy, and £65.00 Quadruple Occupancy.

AGAIN, make your Hotel Room Reservations at the Leicester Holiday Inn by filling out the enclosed Leicester Holiday Inn Hotel Room Reservation Form and mail this Form to Ted Rothschild. **DO NOT**, and we repeat, **DO NOT** make your Hotel Room Reservation for the Leicester Holiday Inn by telephoning their "800" telephone number, this will only complicate things and we cannot guarantee that you will receive a Hotel Room. If you fill out and return the enclosed Leicester Holiday Inn Hotel Room Reservation Form to Ted Rothschild by February 24th, 1995, we will guarantee that you will receive a Hotel Room.

Also please fill out and return the Memorial Junket VIII Registration Form, along with a deposit of \$70.00 per person. Mail this Form and the Hotel Room Reservation Form to Ted Rothschild. Both Forms must be received by Ted no later than February 24th, 1995. The full price for Memorial Junket VIII will be £160.00. This price does not include your Hotel Room.

You will note that most of the prices are quoted in British Pounds Stirling. This is necessary because of the daily fluctuation of the Exchange Rate. Your deposit of \$70.00 per person will be adjusted at Registration with the Exchange Rate for that day.

REMEMBER that you must make your own travel arrangements and accommodations other than the Leicester Holiday Inn. There are a lot of bargain Air-Fares available. Check this out with your Travel Agent, or by calling various Airlines. If you plan to rent a car, the best bargain is with Hertz, if you pre-pay. At the present time, no other car rental agencies are offering pre-payment.

There will be assigned table seating for both the Saturday and the Monday evening dinners at the Leicester Holiday Inn. If you desire a Group Table, fill out and return the enclosed Memorial Junket VIII Table Seating Reservation Form, mail this Form to Lloyd Whitlow. The tables will seat twelve people and the tables will be assigned on a FIRST COME BASIS. We will use the date that the Memorial Junket VIII Table Seating Reservation Form is received, and/or the Memorial Junket VIII Registration Form. The sooner we receive either of these Forms, the better table you will be assigned.

There will be NO NAME TAGS made for Memorial Junket VIII. Most of our members have a drawer full of Name Tags, so PLEASE bring one of these Name Tags with you, any shape, color, or size. If you do not have a Name Tag, contact Lloyd Whitlow and he will have one made for you.

With the Banks in England being closed on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday there will be no banks open during this three day holiday to exchange your dollars to pounds. HOWEVER, the General Manager, John Evans, of the Leicester Holiday Inn has made arrangements to have money available at the Hotel and they will exchange your U.S. Dollars at the Bank Rates.

As has been required during past Memorial Junkets, we CANNOT accept Personal Checks at Regis-

tration. You will be required to pay the Balance Due with either U.S. Dollars or British Pounds Stirling. We will also accept Travelers Checks in either denomination.

REMEMBER THAT THE DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 24TH, 1995 . . . after that date we cannot guarantee that you will receive a Hotel Room Reservation at the Leicester Holiday Inn.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU MAIL THE MEMORIAL JUNKET VIII REGISTRATION FORM, AND YOUR DEPOSIT, ALONG WITH THE LEICESTER HOLIDAY INN HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION FORM TO TED ROTHSCHILD. HIS ADDRESS IS:

Theodore Rothschild
Executive Vice-President Clerical & Finance
Board of Directors
384th Bomb Group, Inc.
650 Snug Harbor Drive, Apt. G-402
Boynton Beach, Florida 33435-6137
Telephone: 1-407-734-5052

MAIL THE MEMORIAL JUNKET VIII TABLE SEATING RESERVATION FORM TO:

Lloyd W. Whitlow
President
Board of Directors
384th Bomb Group, Inc.
25151 Rivendell Drive
Lake Forest, El Toro,
California 92630-4134
Telephone: 1-714-830-3663

Mail your Forms in early so you will not miss this once in a life-time affair. We shall be looking forward to seeing and greeting you in Merry Old England.

Your Memorial Junket VIII Committee is doing its best to: "KEEP THE SHOW ON THE ROAD"

CHEERIO!

QUENTIN BLAND

May I on behalf of Barbara and myself thank all of you most sincerely for making our trip to your wonderful country possible, we would especially like to thank those kind people that allowed us to invade their homes, namely Bill and Betty Harvey, Ev and Louise Barnes, and Ted and Margaret Rothschild. We had a truly fantastic time, it was so nice to be among so many dear friends. How you all manage to look so young I must find out. We hope when you return to England in May we can make your visit as enjoyable as ours. Have a safe journey over, we will be ready and again thank you all so very much. "KEEP THE SHOW ON THE ROAD."

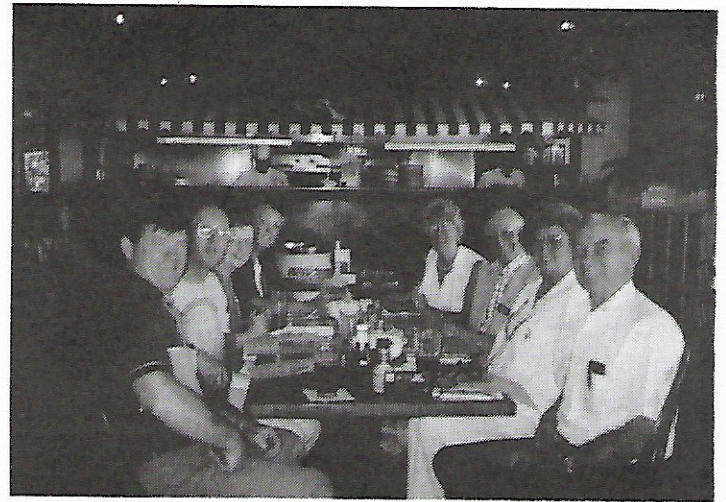
SURVEY

A Survey was given out at Registration during the Fourteenth Reunion which had questions about the type of program our members would like for a Reunion, what influenced their decision to attend a Reunion, what they were willing to pay for a hotel room, etc. The Survey brought out some very interesting results, some were surprising! The results of the Survey will be used by the Reunion Committee when planning the next Reunion.

The comments received on some of the Surveys have been duly noted and will each be taken into consideration. These constructive comments are



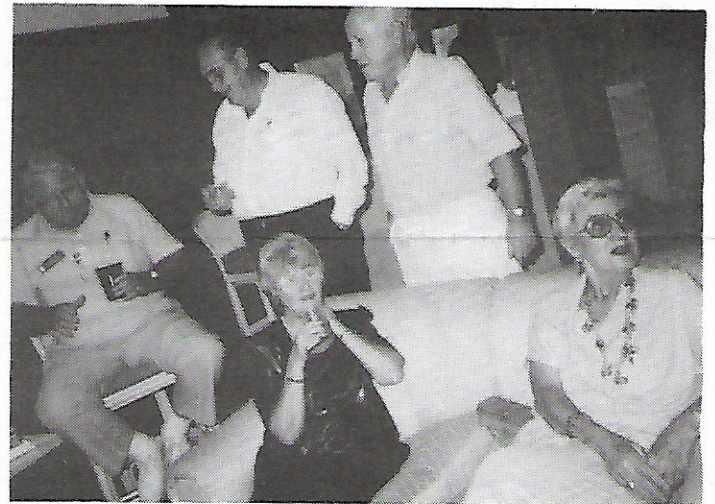
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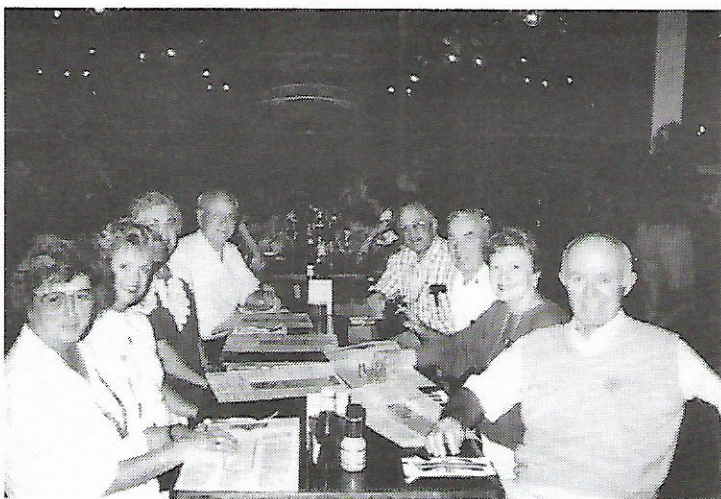
SOME ENGLISH VISITORS - Left to Right - Dave Jelley, Quentin Bland, Blanche Arauz, Rose Jelly, Barbara Bland, Sam Arauz, Jean Guilmet, Art Guilmet



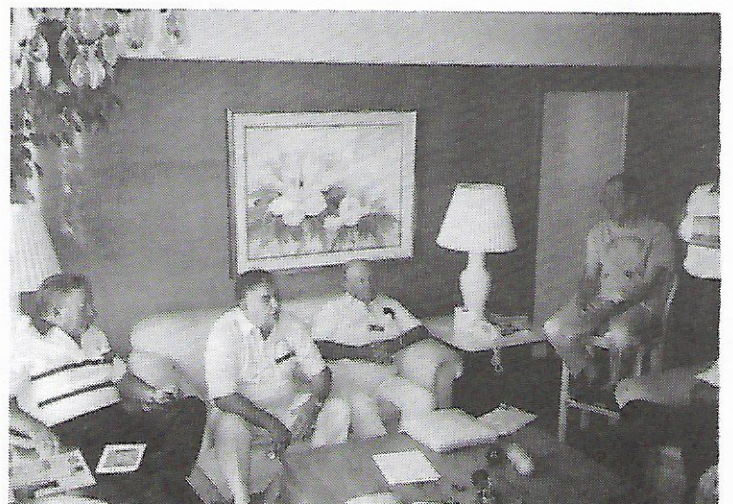
GET TOGETHER - Left to Right - Jean Guilmet, Pat Barnes, Blanche Arauz, Ed Barnes, Art Guilmet



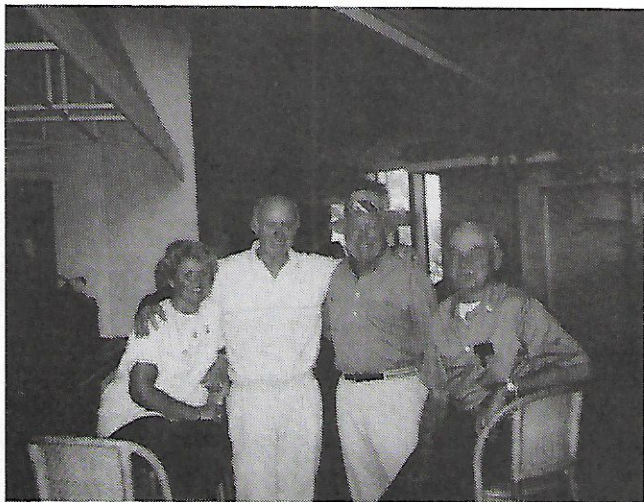
HOSPITALITY TIME - John Adams, Ted Barnes, Bill Harvey, Barbara Bland, Pat Barnes



GOOD FRIENDS - Left to Right - Jean Guilmet, Stephanie Rowland, Gloria Bohnsack, Dana Bohnsack, Sam Arauz, Art Guilmet, Blanche Arauz, Chuck Rowland



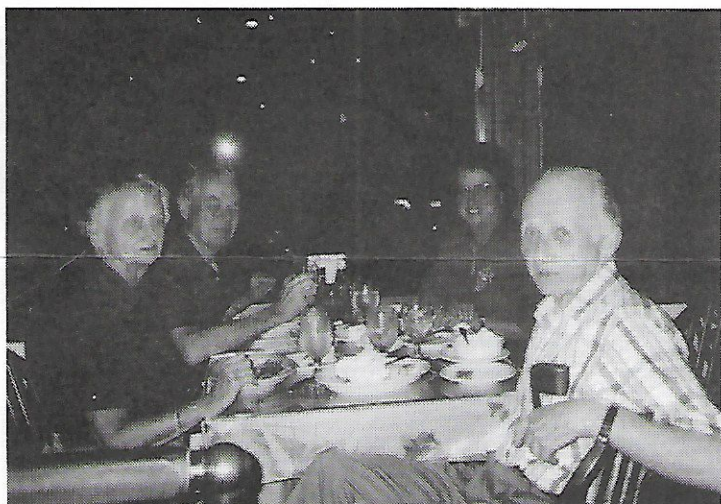
BOARD MEETING - Left to Right - Marcus Nichols, Ted Rothschild, Joe Carnes, Quentin Bland, Lloyd Whitlow



OLD FRIENDS GET TOGETHER - Left to Right - Stephanie Rowland, Chuck Rowland, Bill Harvey, Art Guilmet



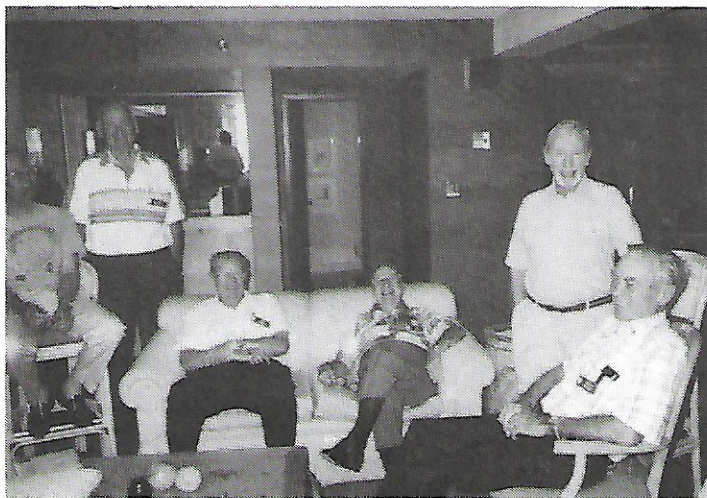
CLOWN NITE - Marcus Nichols, Blanche Arauz, Patti Nichols, Tony Nilo, Jan McGuire



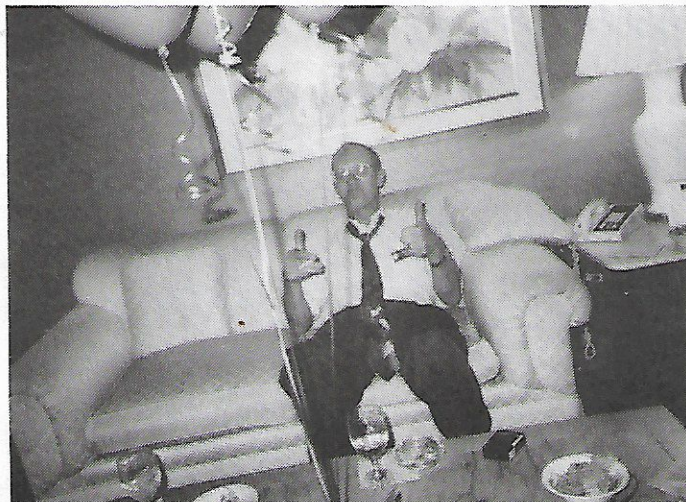
WORKER'S RELAXING - Left to Right - Marge Coleman, Art Guilmet, Jean Guilmet, Bob Coleman



HAPPY TIME - Left to Right - Robert Langlois, Marcus Nichols, Jeannette Langlois



MEN'S GATHERING - Lloyd, Bud Turner, Tom Hunt, Mike Mazer, Art Guitment



OUR ENGLISH HISTORIAN - Quentin Bland

REPORT ON 14th REUNION

This reunion was one of the best and biggest we ever had, (over 400). The location was one of the best we ever had, the weather was just perfect and of course, the people who came were magnificent in every way (partaking in our functions, in proper dress, and very few complaints), so all in all we had a good 14th reunion.

We had our British Historian (Quentin Bland and Wife Barbara) over with us. All who never met them before, took pleasure in having a few words with them. All now will be able to relate to each other, when events are written about them in our newsletter relating to our Historians. (A letter from Quentin is in this newsletter).

The dinner and dance was one of the best we ever had, the band was so good, we had to chase the members off the dance floor at 12 midnight, when the band stopped playing, when was the last time that happened!

Now to show all the good times we had; view the following pictures, and see what you missed by not coming to the reunion. Make ready now for the 15th reunion: The year 1996 . . . Be there!!!

The nostalgia room drew crowds of the entire reunion with displays of old photos and other memorabilia.

Talking on the nostalgia room, I was informed by Homer Warner that some one picked up this 547th issued patch and the leather "Nose Art" patch off his old jacket, so whoever has them please return them to Homer Warner, 7108 South Spiceland Road, Spiceland, IN 47385-9765.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

1. Will greatly appreciate any information from crew members who flew with my grandfather, Frank A. Thompson who was a flight engineer with the 544th Sqd. and whose plane was shot down late 1944. Please write to Mickey Askew, 1326 East Platte Ave., Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909.
2. Would like to hear from members of S/Sgt. Bernard F. Cavanaugh, crew who flew together during 1944. Sgt. Cavanaugh passed away some time ago and his widow is trying to gather as much information as possible about his pre service with the 384th Bomb Group. Please write to David S. Cavanaugh, 93 Stony Road, Edison, New Jersey 08817.
3. Tina Nowosad, widow of Fritz, would like to thank one and all for their kind expressions of sympathy, on the death of Fritz, October 4, 1994.

Dear Members of 384th

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.*

*Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so we saw it there.*

*Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say;*

*Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day,*

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

*We thank you so much whatever the part.
The Family of Fritz Nowosad - Tina & Karen*

During the 384th Reunion in Sarasota, FL many members including EX-POW's, showed interest in buying a copy of the video titled "Behind the Wire." Manny Biera promised to provide the order form from the 8th Air Force PX in the next newsletter. Enclosed is an order form to order the video "Behind the Wire." Good luck from Manny Biera. If anybody has any questions about EX-POW matters, feel free to contact me. I am also active in the American EX-POW programs with the VA.

BEHIND THE WIRE

The air war between the Allies and Nazi Germany was the longest and most catastrophic of the Second World War. Over 150,000 Allied airmen were to lose their lives. Nearly 47,000 were captured and went 'behind the wire.' Yet another 6,000 who were shot down managed to hide out and evade capture.

Never revealed or presented are the various outrages committed against Allied airmen, the untold story of the 'Great Escape,' the 'Heydekrug Run' and the forced marches as the Third Reich was crumbling.

This is a story of courage and cruelty, suffering and hope. It is presented in a mix of captured German film, air combat footage, illustrations and the airmen themselves, shown as they were then and now.

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Allied Airmen in German Captivity in the Second World War

Price: \$29.95 plus \$3.50 S&H = \$33.45

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Ordered by (if different): _____

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Signature _____

Note: Running time - 1 hour 21 minutes
Color, 1994 original version

Please send order form and check to:

8th AF PX, c/o Arthur Swanson

65 Beddington Lane, Strasburg, PA 17579

WWII MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The Historical WWII Memorial Chapel at Hill Air Force Base Museum is the permanent home of our duplicate Memorial Stained Glass Window. Nathan Mazer, a Member of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. Board of Directors is also a member of the Hill Air Force Base, Hill Aerospace Foundation. The Judge Advocate General has approved the placement of 1-1/2 inch by 4 inch Brass Memorial Plaques on the Pews in the Chapel, the cost will be \$250.00 inclusive.

The 384th Bomb Group, Inc. members have been given priority for placement of a Plaque on the Pews. Write to Nathan Mazer for more information about this project as he will be handling all details connected to the placement of 220 Plaques on the Pews. His address is:

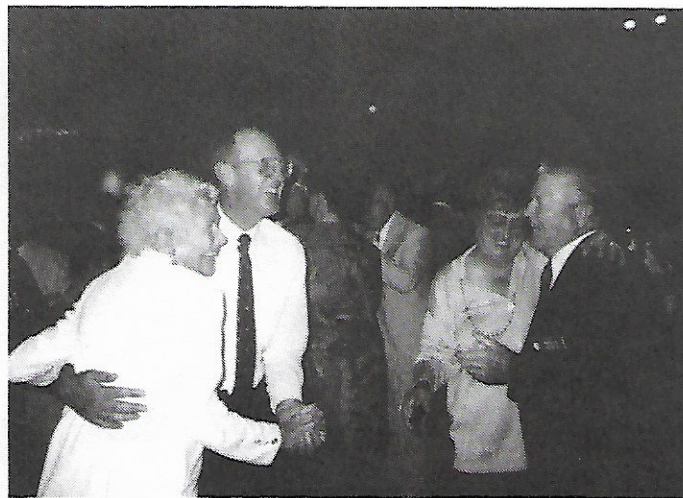
Nathan H. Mazer
5483 South - 2375 West
Roy, Utah 84067-1607

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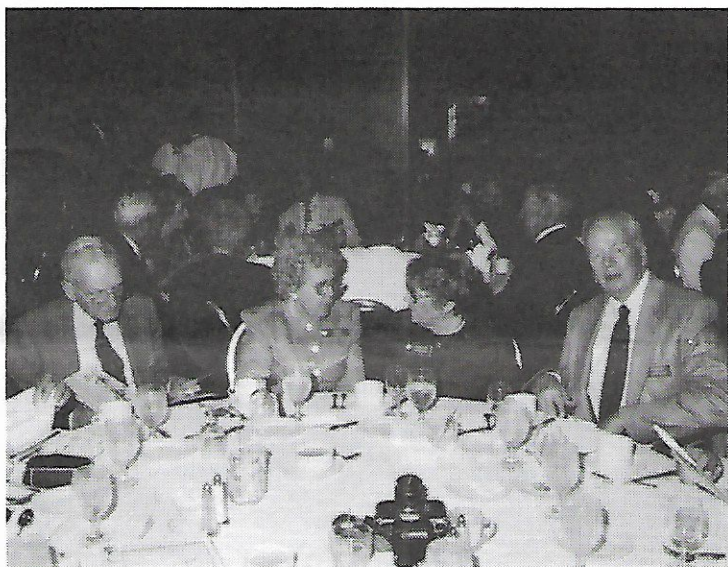
This is our first opportunity to Memorialize our people, both living and deceased Stateside forever.



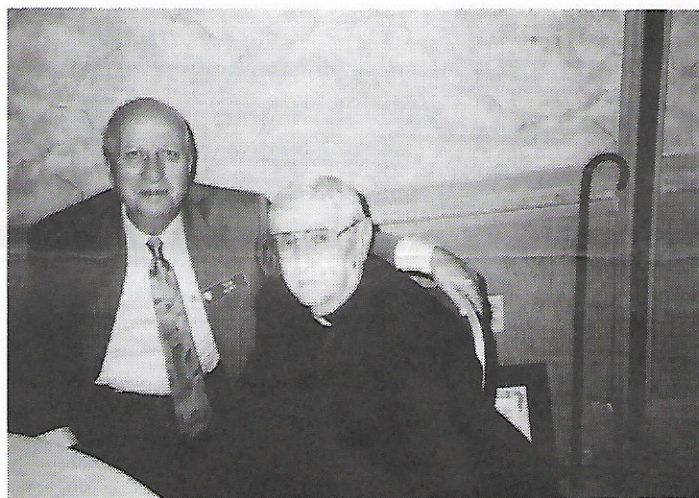
SATURDAY NITE DINNER DANCE - Left to Right - Patti Nichols, Marcus Nichols, Blanche Arauz, Sam Arauz, Dr. Arthur Foley



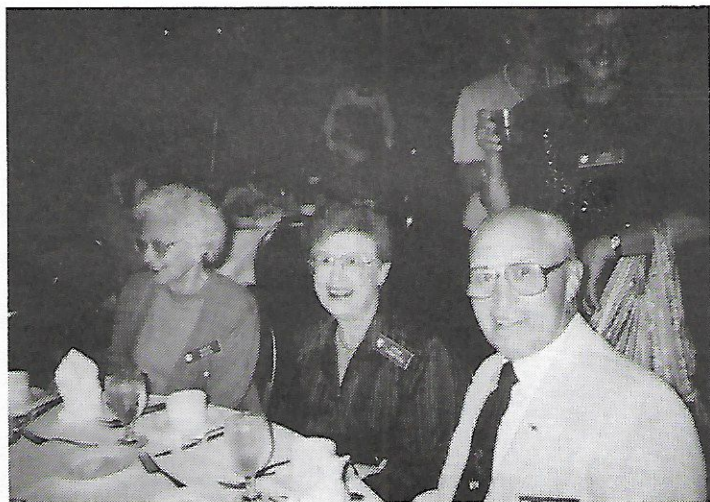
SATURDAY NITE DINNER DANCE - Left to Right - Betty Carroll, Quentin Bland, Mike Nichols, Jean Guitmet



SATURDAY NITE DINNER DANCE - Left to Right - Dr. Arthur Foley, Edith Foley, Jeannette Langlois, Robert Langlois



SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER DANCE - Tom Hunt, Father Billy



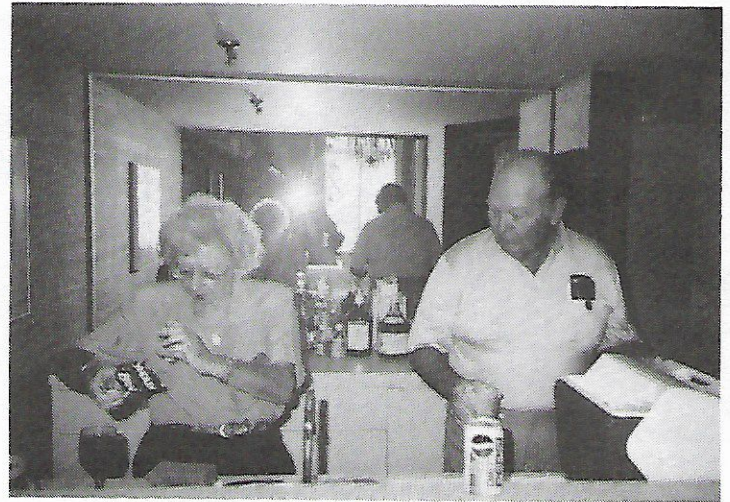
SATURDAY NITE DINNER DANCE - Left to Right - Marie Block, Irene Thompson, Donald Thompson



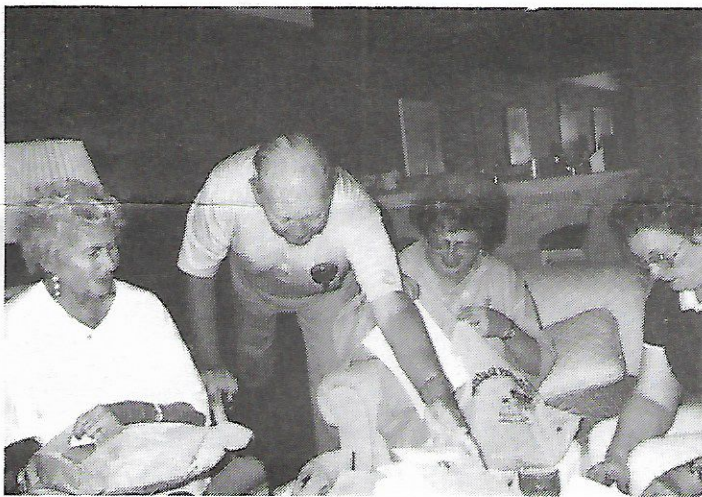
SATURDAY NITE DINNER DANCE - Fran, Betty & Me???



GIRLS AT REGISTRATION - Betty, Esther, Ike, Yolanda



COCKTAIL TIME - Margaret & Joe



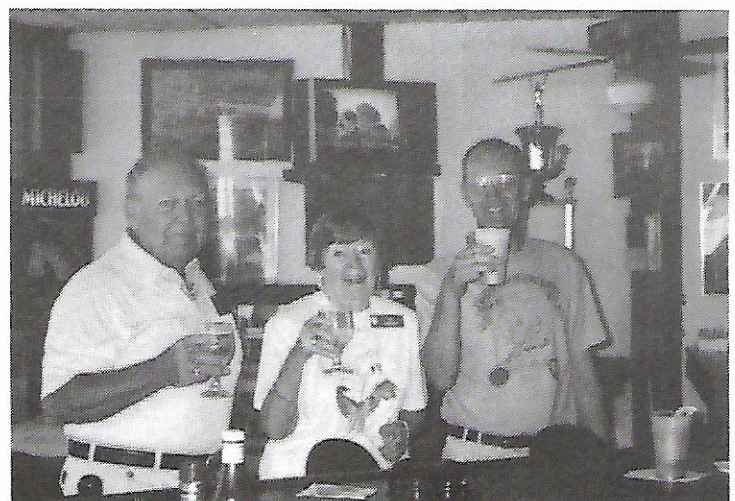
SETTING UP GIFT PACKAGES - Betty, Joe, Jean, Blanche



RELAXING AT THE BOATHOUSE - Left to Right - Jean Guilmet, Pat Barnes, Ike Carnes, Art Guilmet, Joe Carnes, Blanche Arauz, Ed Barnes



STILL WORKING - Steve Kasmerski, Marge, Blanche



GOOD TIMES - Left to Right - Joe Carnes, Ike Carnes, Quentin Bland

greatly appreciated.

The two biggest reasons given on the Survey for attending a Reunion, or a Memorial Junket were for nostalgic reasons, and to meet and be with crew members, old comrades, and other 384thers. For the program visiting Military Bases was the choice of a very large majority, and having a harbor cruise was a close second. There was a large interest in social events such as dinners and banquets, dinner shows, tours and sightseeing. For the Saturday Dinner Dance again a very large majority said to leave it like it is, and most said they would like some type of entertainment. Having a guest speaker came in last! A price of approximately \$70.00 per day was what most members were willing to pay for a hotel room. 98% of those filling out the Survey said that they planned to attend the Fifteenth Reunion, 2% were not sure and no one said that they would not attend.

The Board of Directors would like to thank those members that took the time and the effort to fill out and return the Survey, it is greatly appreciated and it also shows your interest in your organization.

To those who received Facts and Happenings at the reunion, here are some additions and changes under the headings of PLANE NAMES and Aircraft by Serial Number.

43-3800 SO-K, add name "BUSY BUZZARD."

44-8430 change BK-P to SO-P, add name "ALEX" and pilot Lt. Charles Allyn Lewis.

43-37843 SO-B "RECALL," change Landed cont. to C/L cont. Change pilot to Lt. George W. Cathey.

42-32106 JD-R change name to "DAMN YAN-KEE" and add to PLANE NAMES.

42-102518 JD-K change name from "DAMNYAN-KEE" to "SNUFFY."

Thanks to everyone who helped put all this together." KEEP THE SHOW ON THE ROAD."

Clint Orean

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Annual Board of Directors Meeting was held on October 18, 1994 just a few days prior to the Fourteenth Reunion. One important item on the agenda was the filling of vacancies on the Board of Directors due to the death of two of the Board Members, Alfred D. Hesko and Frederick Nowosad. There was also one resignation and one member is critically ill. Another item was the reorganization of the titles and duties of each Board Member.

The new Board Members that were nominated and approved for their appointments to the Board of Directors are: Edward A. Barnes, Anthony A. Occhino, Willard Turner, Edmund Zieba, and Donald E. Thompson. Tony Occhino was a replacement for Dominic P. Acquaro was passed away in 1993.

The By-Laws of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. state that there will be a minimum of six (6) Board Members. The current Board of Directors has sixteen (16) Board Members.

The Board of Directors along with their titles and new duties are listed below:

Samuel F. Arauz - Chairman

Lloyd W. Whitlow - President

Theodore Rothschild - Executive Vice-President Clerical & Finance

Joe R. Carnes, Jr. - Senior Vice-President Security & Communications.

Nathan H. Mazer - Legislative Vice-President Air Force Liaison

Walter L. Harvey - Vice-President Special Projects

Robert L. Coleman - Vice-President Public Relations

Arthur E. Guilmet - Vice-President Historian

Tom Hunt - Vice-President Membership

Fred Hewins - Vice-President Memorabilia & Marketing

Stephen J. Kasmerski - Member, Asst. Air Force Liaison

Edward A. Barnes - Member, Asst. Public Relations

Anthony A. Occhino - Member, Asst. Memorabilia & Marketing

Willard J. Turner - Member, Asst. Security & Communications

Edmund Zieba - Member, Asst. Special Projects

Donald E. Thompson - Member, Asst. Historian

Arthur M. McNamara - Member Emeritus

FIFTEENTH REUNION OFFICERS

During the Fourteenth Reunion Saturday Business Meeting the slate for the Fifteenth Reunion Officers were nominated and placed on the floor for a vote. The following is the slate of the Fifteenth Reunion Officers:

Edmund Zieba - President

William J. Smisek - Assistant to the President

Robert L. Coleman - Public Relations**

Morgan Y. Himmelstein - Vice-President Region I

Anthony Nilo - Vice-President Region II

Charles D. Goble - Vice-President Region III

Earl C. Majeske - Vice-President Region IV

Ted M. Carmack - Vice-President Region V

Gene R. Goodrick - Vice-President Region VI

Arthur P. Beese - Vice-President Region VII

Ted Bardue - Vice-President Region VII

Theodore Rothschild - Treasurer**

Lloyd W. Whitlow - Secretary**

Joe R. Carnes, Jr. - Chief Liaison Officer**

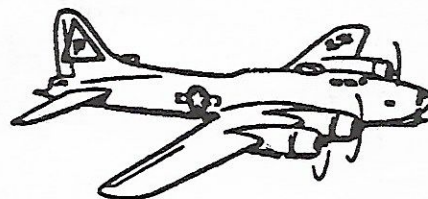
Rather Method C. Billy - Chaplain

Nathan H. Mazer - Assistant to the Chaplain

**Per the By-Laws of the 384th Bomb Group, Inc. the Office of Public Relations, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chief Liaison Officer are required to be held by a Member from the Board of Directors.

FIFTEENTH REUNION

The site for the Fifteenth Reunion will be St. Louis, Missouri. St. Louis won the vote on the second ballot with a scant 7 votes. The alternate site will be Minneapolis, Minnesota.



FRED NOWOSAD

August 7, 1915 - October 4, 1994

The 384th Bomb Group recently lost one of its dearest and most loyal members. Fred Nowosad passed away on October 4th, after a long battle with a kidney ailment. Fritz, as his friends affectionately called him, took pride in the fact that he was among the first to join the 384th in wartime and one of the last to leave it at the end of the war.

In war and in peace he served the 384th, giving it his most dedicated attention and devotion. As Engineering Officer of the 545th Squadron, he regarded the aircraft almost as human - he wanted his planes to take good care of the crews flying to and from the designated targets. He saw to it that the crew chiefs he supervised were as meticulous as he was, and when one of his planes had to abort for a mechanical failure not due to improper maintenance, it was as though he himself had suffered a wound. One time when he was threatened with an investigation because the landing gear of a B-17 had retracted while being worked on at the hard stand, Fritz proved to the visiting "brass" that the original wiring had been faulty by showing them the wiring diagram.

After the war when the 384th became incorporated, Fritz was appointed Treasurer after the second reunion, a position he held until he left us. It always bothered him that not enough members wanted to inspect the books to verify correctness; his reputation for precision and honesty preceded him. Later on, he also assumed the position of Secretary, and likewise carried out his obligations impeccably. For all his hard work, the Group always extended their sincere thanks. Fritz remained permanent Secretary-Treasurer and, along with the rest of the Board, never received remuneration or repayment for his travel expenses.

Fritz gave his dedication to perfection and his devotion to his work to the 384th. His great affection for the Group, as well as his good-natured humor, will be remembered by all of us who knew him. He will be missed!

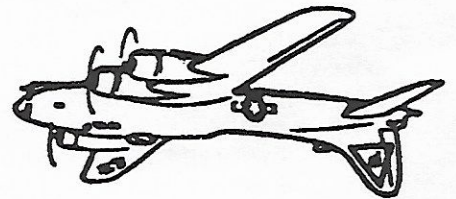
Another members who will be greatly missed is "Al Hesko," a very active member and a member of our Board of Directors. All of us who worked with "AL" in the working of the 384th Bomb Group will really miss him.

Our sincere condolences to his lovely wife Lynn.

"Keep the Show on the Road" . . .

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