



# 307th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HV) ASSOCIATION

**"THE LONG RANGERS"**



## NEWSLETTER 86-3

15 August 1986



### QUOTES OF NOTE:

*There are many fine things which you mean to do someday, under what you think will be more favorable circumstances. But the only time that is surely yours is the present. -- Grenville Kleiser*

*The greatest sin ... Gossip. The greatest crippler ... Fear. The greatest mistake ... Giving Up. The greatest opportunity ... The Next One. The greatest need ... Common Sense. -- Betty Heard*

*Suspicion is no less an enemy to virtue than to happiness. He that is already corrupt is naturally suspicious, and he that becomes suspicious will quickly be corrupt. -- Dr. Samuel Johnson*

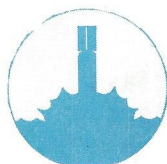
*There is no person without a gift; he might not develop it, but he or she has a gift. Every young person should be willing to work to develop it. A kid can be whatever he or she wants to be. -- Rosey Grier in Sunshine*

*The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions -- the little soon-forgotten charities of a kiss or a smile, a kind look, a heartfelt compliment and the countless infinitesimals of pleasurable and genial feelings. -- Samuel T. Coleridge*

### REFLECTIONS OF THE 307th BOMB GROUP REUNION NO. 6 - MILWAUKEE

The following are excerpts from letters received re: the reunion in Milwaukee. To the many that were unable to attend, it was a great reunion. Each reunion we have seems to be better than the last. Maybe it is because of the many new faces we see and the many new friends we are making.

"First, I want to tell you how much Lois and I enjoyed the reunion in Milwaukee and what a terrific job done by all of you good people. It's the most exciting thing that has happened to us in twenty years. We are really looking forward to Nashville in '88." - Ernie Nave



"It was a pleasure meeting you in Milwaukee at Reunion #6 of the 307th. It was the first one I had the opportunity to attend, and am looking forward to Reunion #7 in Nashville. There is something pleasant about meeting people in person who previously had been known only as a name on a piece of paper.

Sid Kahn did a marvelous job in organizing the reunion. To me the outstanding event was the banquet and Bill Sargent's Big Band sound. It brought back a flood of memories of the war years. I also enjoyed meeting again a few of the guys I knew from the days of Guadalcanal, Munda and Los Negros and in meeting the troops of the other squadrons I hadn't known 42 years ago." - Bill Seery

"First let me say that I had a great time. I've already written a letter to Sid Kahn telling him of my appreciation for his efforts in the reunion preparation. The facilities were even better than in Orlando, except for the nice area around the pool. We used a number of different rooms for the different get togethers; registration, brunches, general meeting, and banquet. The piece de resistance was the band with three great standins for the Andrew Sisters. But Milwaukee is nothing like Orlando for visitor attractions. A bus trip around town and I felt I'd seen it. There was plenty of good food and drink, and always someone to talk over old times. . . .

Here are some of the people I spent time talking with:

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| Dick Reis     | He was the last one I saw at Orlando as we flew to California on the same plane. He was the first one I saw this time. We were on the same plane into Milwaukee. I expect to see him from time to time as his nephew owns my favorite watering hole here in Fresno.  |
| A.J. Evans    | He showed me some pictures. I wish I could have spent more time talking to him. One of the pictures was taken just before we left Morotai of the marker on Curtis Finney's grave.  |
| Charles Dowdy | Evans' engineer and author of a just completed book on his experiences in the 424th. He did his research in the Army archives in Alabama. He is the new Vice President of our organization.  |
| Loran Patten  | McMillon's bombardier that replaced Finney when McMillon became Squadron Exec.   |
| Dick White    | It was his crew that I flew with the day I was hit. He, however was not along. His Co-Pilot, Fred Johnston flew first pilot and Chuck White was Co-Pilot.  |
| Roscoe Parker | Tail gunner on White's crew. He stayed in back of the plane and could only tell me what he was told by those that helped me. "His arm was blown off." That was over 90% accurate.  |
| John Reeves   | Pilot of the crew that bailed out over the Celebes just after I was shipped out. He too was not flying with his crew. He wore his old khaki uniform, hat and all. It fit and he looked so young in it I wondered what he was doing at this old man's reunion. He brought a lot of memorabilia and told me how my friend Bill Greenburg had survived and others were machine gunned by the Japanese after being betrayed by the natives. The last of the story is that the Dutch ordered the natives out of their village and destroyed it. |
| Earl Johnson  | He was in the 371st Squadron. He was the first Bombardier of my class at Demming that I'd seen since Morotai. We're going to exchange logs of our missions to see what we might have experienced in common. He had eight crew members there.   |

## REFLECTIONS - Continued

Don Horine      He and Norine just the same, probably better. I told him, "I was looking for an older man" ... He is getting younger.

Bill

Worthington      Going strong. Ruth was unable to be there, but it was great that Bill could be there. This must have been the longest he'd gone without a golf game in a long while.

The general meeting was brief. There was the election that gave us a new president, vice president, and other officers. Cena Marsh continues to be the Secretary/Treasurer. The wood carved plaques are one display in some museum. A Bombardier named Brown was acknowledge as coming from Panama. When it came to site selection for the next get-together, it was between San Diego and Nashville. We're going to Nashville. It sounds real good to me.

You all take care of yourselves. I'll be seeing you, and if that can't be, I'll be thinking of you anyway." - Russ Doyland

## OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S SALUTE TO THE "MEN OF THE 307TH"

"What a reunion! Each one gets more exciting than the last. My only objection is they don't last long enough. What a band, and what music -- did that ever take me back. Makes one realize just how old we have become. I really think Sid and Flossie Kahn (our host and hostess) did an outstanding job in planning this reunion. I know I speak for the membership when I say "THANKS" to both of you for showing all of us such a great time.

Since this was my last reunion as your President I can truthfully say I've enjoyed every minute of it. The watch is beautiful and my thanks to each and everyone of you for the token. I appreciate the lovely cards I have received since we returned home thanking me for my devotion to the Association. (I promise I will answer every one of them.) It takes more than one person to accomplish what the 307th Bomb Group (HV) Association has accomplished over the past 16 years. I was surrounded by the best.

To Carl Whitesell and George Jaffe for bending elbows in some bar in Reno and deciding to locate their old crew members, our grateful thanks. Carl is no longer here to take the praise but wouldn't he be proud? To George Jaffe, the Board of Directors at their meeting May 17, 1986 voted him a "*Lifetime Membership*".

Just a few of the names of "Men of the 307th" that have gone the extra mile in their support: Abe Sheaffer, Woody Carpenter, Sam Walker (our first official historian), Jim McCloskey, Dan Macdonald, Bill Mayhew, Ulmer Newman, John Van Dyke, Milt Jeffs, James Perry, Harold Raymond, Jim Kendall, Harry Sterkel, Sid Kahn, Marty Sporn, Leon Rothman, Robert Paul, Charles Endy, and the list goes on. I know I have left out many names of the Men that have contributed of their time either as chairman of the election committee, chairman of the site committee, or just gathering information for the membership. To the names I may have missed and to all that have been listed above my many, many thanks.

The reunion in Milwaukee introduced the membership to Ken Meyers and his lovely wife Velta. They will be our Host and Hostess for the 7th official reunion in Nashville, TN in 1988. John Wood and I (Dan Cauffiel) will serve as site commanders for our reunion in 1990.

Once again, to all the Men of the 307th that have supported the organization by giving their time as well as their money and most of all their support, my thanks."

Dan Cauffiel

## 1986 - 1988 OFFICERS

President	Bob Jones
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Secretary/Treasurer	Cena Marsh
Historian	Jim Kendall
Asst. Historian	Harry Sterkel
Advertizing	To be announced
Election Committee	To be announced
Site Chairmen	Dan Cauffiel and John Wood

Reunion #7 Host and Hostess Ken and Velta Meyers

## NOTIFICATION OF OTHER 307th SQUADRON REUNIONS

Members of the 370th Bomb Squadron are holding their reunion October 30th, 31st, and November 1st, 1986 in Tucson, AZ. Anyone in the 370th interested in attending the reunion should contact Ira Anderson, 1800 Sybil Lane, Tyler, TX 57703, Phone (214) 561-2932.

BOMBARDIERS - Second reunion scheduled at the Riverwalk Marriott Hotel in San Antonio, TX, 26 thru 29 March, 1987. A copy of the flyer from the BOMBARDIERS, INC. is included in this newsletter.

## CURRENT PUBLICATIONS/WWII AIR FILM VIDEOCASSETTES

Leyte Gulf, 1944: A periscopic View, The Retired Officer, October 1984. Tells of the fate of the Japanese task force that sailed from Brunei Bay on October 22, 1944. This was just six days after the Brunei Bay mission of the 307th.

ACE OF ACES, By Carl Bong with Mike O'Conner (Mesa, AZ; Champlin Museum Press, 1985), 152 pages, notes, index, illus. \$14.95. While he was in the Fifth Air Force he was flying cover for the same targets we were bombing. Twelve of his forty confirmed kills were during his third tour from September to December. This, of course, is the Dick Bong story.

For anyone interested in WWII Air Film Videocassettes, copies of the literature is in this newsletter.

## MEDALS STILL AVAILABLE

If there are people out there that are still interested in getting medals for those ribbons that they wore so long ago, they can use this address as I did. In my case I got the American Campaign and the Asian Pacific medals. If you have the authorization you were given at time of discharge, be sure to send a copy with your request. The address is: National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63123.  
re: Russ Doyland

## MINUTES

The Minutes of the 307th 6th Annual Reunion Meeting will be published in the Dec. newsletter. The December newsletter will also include the Financial Report and a list of the members of the 307th that attended the reunion in Milwaukee.

I must apologize for the delay in getting the minutes out but I do not take shorthand and it has been quite a struggle to get them typed and out to the Board for their approval.  
re: Cena Marsh

## NOTES FROM YOUR SECRETARY/TREASURER

Since I have been typing words written by several of you faithful "Members of the 307th" regarding what you thought of our reunion in Milwaukee, I thought it was about time I added a line or two.

- 1) We thought it was a great reunion. Sid and Flossie Kahn did a bang up job. That music - wonderful. I did a bit of dancing in my time to those tunes, not only on the dance floor but as entertainment for the USO. It was a night that Walt and I will not soon forget.
- 2) On the unhappy side -- Comments were heard from one of the ground crew members that "this Organization and reunion was for the Officers only." WRONG -- We have been looking for GROUND CREWS from the time this organization was founded. If any of you feel that this is an organization for "OFFICERS ONLY" you are very much misinformed. Any person that served with the 307th Bomb Group (HV) from WWII on is eligible to become a member. We just need names and addresses. Should any of you, whether the Officer or Ground Crew ever feel ill at ease at one of our reunions look me up and I'll soon change that feeling in a hurry.
- 3) Contributions were given by a great many people at the Milwaukee reunion to defray some of the expenses that Walt and I might incur by attending. However, much as we appreciate the gesture and your generosity, this organization has become a big part of our lives. We look forward to each reunion with great enthusiasm. What a group of people you are and being part of this Association is our pleasure. We want you to know that your contributions have been added to the 307th bank account to be used for mailings, newsletters, etc. Thanks so much for your thoughts .....
- 4) In the past I have asked that each of you members send me tales of some exciting experience, any experience that you think might be of interest to the rest of the membership. This "ole gal" was not flying about in those beautiful B-24's during the war years and much as I would have loved to have known you all then, I did not. Sometimes it becomes quite a battle to put together a newsletter. Maybe you are all waiting for me to keep my threat of printing a shot of me in one of those lovely outfits I used to dance in. I may just do that yet, but in the meantime, please help me with articles of interest.
- 5) Reports from the Historian and President, Minutes of the 6th Annual Meeting, a new roster and the financial statement will be out in the next newsletter.
- 6) Bob Raya sent a notice that the 50th Anniversary of the B-24's is scheduled in Ft. Worth, TX on May 19 thru 21st in 1989. Do we have any volunteers to research this reunion and come up with some feedback to me. Maybe we should have a back to back reunion with 1988 and participate in the 1989 reunion in Ft. Worth. Contact Col. Robt. Vickers, B-24 Unit, P.O. Box 4738, Hollywood, FL 33083.
- 7) My thanks to Russ Doyland for his input in this newsletter. He promised he would send me a story and he did. To all other members that have furnished items for me to use, my thanks.

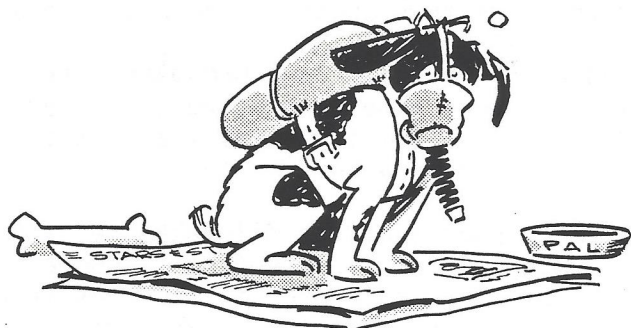
Cena Marsh

Bob Stevens'

# "There I Was..."

THE MAJORITY OF CANINES ADOPTED BY FLYING UNITS HAD THEIR OWN GEAR—

NOT FULLY TRAINED  
and THEY GOT ME  
FLYIN' MISSIONS!



(IT HAPPENED TO A LOT OF TROOPS, PAL)

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IF MEMORY SERVES ME RIGHT,  
THERE WAS A '17 OUTFIT THAT HAD  
A SMALL DONKEY AS ITS MASCOT—



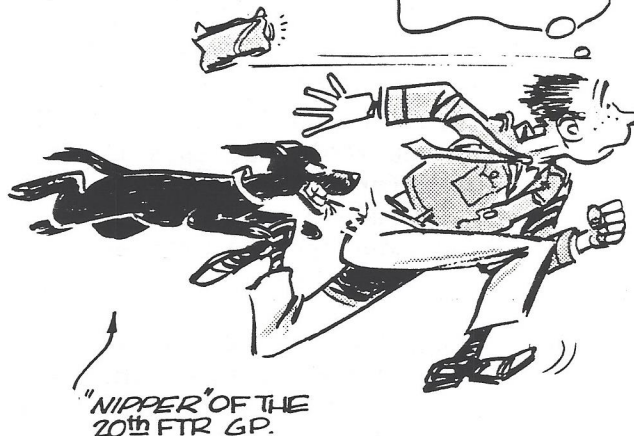
HEY!  
WHO'S GONNA  
CLEAN UP  
THIS MESS  
IN HERE?

(IT WENT O'SEAS WITH 'EM!)

THEY WERE CALLED "NIPPER," "PIDDLER,"  
"LIGHTNING," "BARNEY," and, MORE OFTEN  
THAN NOT, "SAD SACK". THESE ARE THE  
NAMES GIVEN TO MASCOTS BY AIRMEN  
IN VIRTUALLY EVERY UNIT SINCE THE  
FIRST AERO SQ. WAS FORMED IN 1913.  
MASCOT POPULATION REACHED ITS  
ZENITH DURING WWII.

MOST EM'S DOGS HATED OFFICERS.

MUST BE  
MY PINKS...



GREATEST MASCOT STORY: THE C-47  
THAT BELLIED DEEP IN EAST GERMANY  
AFTER THE CREW HAD BAILED OUT  
LEAVING JUST THE MASCOT ABOARD\*



\* SEE AIR FORCE DEC 1985 p.98

Bob Stevens

Therefore to this dog will I,  
Tenderly not scornfully,  
Render praise and favor

To Flush, My Dog (1844)  
Elizabeth Barrett Browning  
1806-1861

TO TUFFY, MY DOG -- 1944-1945

Russ Doyland

Noemfoor and Morotai must have been typical of the rest of the South Pacific islands. You had little use for money. Unless you gambled or sent it home there wasn't any need to draw pay each month. So it accumulated. When the rest leave finally came around and you were on your way back to Bondi Beach or some other fabled place in the Sydney area you drew all your back pay and set out for the time of your life. After three weeks of the good life tomorrow became the day you returned to reality. I wasn't ready to go. I'm a kid in a candy store and my money isn't all gone yet. I bought my mother an Irish Belleek mustache cup and saucer, a fur Koala bear for a girl friend, and two cases of Scotch whiskey that fit nicely in the B-4 bag with a few other things to keep them from rattling. My buddies borrowed a hundred pounds (over \$300 as I remember). Then there was a last minute thought. Why not take a puppy back to Morotai. It never entered my mind that there might be a reason not to. I took the tram (this was another combat experience) to the "key" where the ferry boats came and went. This is right where they built the world famous opera house. It may have been Sunday as the shop was closed when I got there. I hadn't come all the way across Sydney to be disappointed. Next door was a bar and club for European Sailors. I wasn't too sure whether they liked American officers or not. It turned out that they were very helpful. They told me to knock hard that the owner of the pet store lived upstairs and that he would open up. Tuffy was my choice of five dalmations. The last of my money was well spent.

The next day we were winging our way back to the war. After several hours of flying the C-47 was coming down for a landing. I was looking forward to the heat I expected in Biak or Hollandia. I had wrapped Tuffy in my leather flying jacket and it was cool. We had only gotten as far as Brisbane. They had returned for repairs. With the haste to a pup and a very heavy B-4 bag I left the flight jacket in the plane and wasn't able to recover it. The realities of parenthood....I'm flat broke and have a puppy to entertain.

Once back in the squadron area I had to start thinking about feeding my friend. It was surprisingly easy. There was a supply of canned salmon and I was free to take a can a day. The dog was eating better than I was. All that fish produced a nice shiney coat.

It was easy to have a dog. Everyone seemed to enjoy him. It wasn't necessary to tie him up. When I flew he just waited around the area until I returned. Almost every day we would swim in the ocean then take a shower where they were conveniently located by the shore.

With the same disregard of what anyone might think of my having the dog in the first place, I didn't ask anyone what they thought of my taking him on a combat mission. It should have been easy, but ... the taxi ways were narrow and when the plane ahead of us had a flat tire we tried taxiing around it. There wasn't quite enough room. Our right wheel slipped off the taxi way leaving the plane unable to get back up there. There we

were the eleven of us and as the directive said, "the crew will remain with the plane until the ground crews have resolved the problem". This was one area where Tuffy wouldn't be running loose. Several hours later we got our ride back to the area. Tuffy never flew a mission.



It it hadn't been for Tuffy I would never have had the adventure of driving an Army jeep. The day I took him to the veterinarian to cure his worms that muddy path to the air strip was slicker than usual. At one point the road was a narrow levee with a deep pond on each side and half submerged vehicles still where they went in. You may be as surprised as I was then to learn that the Army had veterinarians. It wasn't because they anticipated guys like me having a sick dog. Do you know why they had them? Give up? It was to inspect the meat we ate. How would you like to have had that job. I wouldn't try to tell your their inspections produced good meat, but curing worms was something they could do.

As the missions built up and it was getting closer to the time I'd be going back to the States, my Dad in Bakersfield was building a fenced area behind the house. This was just another thing I knew would work out. No one was saying it couldn't be done, but I wasn't asking too many questions either. I figured that Tuffy and I were going home. Then the unexpected happened.

I was hit on my thirty-eight mission and was to be sent home aboard ship in a hospital ward. I got to see Tuffy a couple of times when the guys would come down to the emergency hospital. I was never to see him again. He was a good dog. John Starr loved that dog as I did and made every effort to get him to California. They got as far as Manila where Tuffy was hit and killed by a vehicle. By now I'm dealing more with realities than I was as the youngster that bought that dog. John wrote and told me what had happened. What I didn't learn until a recent reunion was that he was so attached to that black and white pup that he got himself one. As he told me, there was something that neither of us knew forty years ago, and that was just how big a dalmation can get.

Tuffy wasn't the only pet in the area, but I'm sure he was the best. There was a monkey that bit; there was a parrot that wouldn't talk but made a lot of noise; there was a jungle-born dog that drank too much booze. Someone even had a goat. From what I hear about goats he probably wasn't too neat either. There have been some special dogs since then, but with reunions, old friends, and old memories Tuffy lives on.

# Still More...

## WWII Air Combat Film

### NOW AVAILABLE

### On Videocassette!

**TARGET FOR TODAY** - An 8th AF B-17 bombing mission against Germany, from planning, through flak and fighters to the target, and return to base. **BP1 59 minutes, b&w ..... \$49.95**

**FIGHT FOR THE SKY** - Rare documentary on USAAF fighter planes and aces in the skies over Europe. Sensational gun camera film of aerial kills, strafing. **BP2 21 minutes, b&w ..... \$29.95**

**RAMROD TO EMDEN!** - Story of a 56th F.G. (8th AF) P-47 escort mission. Thunderbolt operation detailed: briefing; takeoff, join up, rendezvous with B-17s. Tangle with ME-109s, FW-190s. **BP3 23 minutes, b&w ..... \$29.95**

**THE EARTHQUAKERS** - Classic color narrative of 12th Bomb Group men and B-25s flying from desert against the Germans in North African Campaign. **BP4 20 minutes, color ..... \$29.95**

**D-DAY MINUS ONE** - An official Army Air Force documentary showing day-before Normandy combat action of pathfinders, paratroopers and gliders. **BP5 20 minutes, b&w ..... \$29.95**

**ARMY AIR FORCES PACIFIC** - Rare wartime pictures of USAAF planes and airmen in the skies over the Pacific attacking the Japanese on islands and at sea. **BP6 20 minutes, b&w ..... \$29.95**

**HOW TO FLY THE B-26 MARAUDER** - Detailed instruction for Army pilots on handling this "hot" twin-engined bomber. Shows interior/exterior; equipment and systems. Emergency procedures, checklist. **BP7 48 minutes, b&w ..... \$49.95**

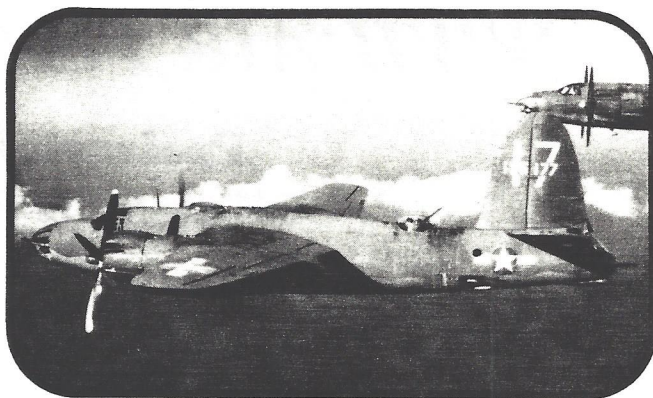
**FLYING THE P-51 MUSTANG** - Official USAAF WWII pilot training film on this speedy fighter. Takeoffs, landings, aerobatics, combat tips are shown. **BP8 30 minutes, b&w ..... \$29.95**

**RECONNAISSANCE PILOT** - This WWII USAAF training film dramatically portrays what it was like to be a recon flyer. Aerial action in Pacific P-38s. Stars William Holden. **BP9 29 minutes, b&w ..... \$29.95**

**BUILDING A BOMBER** - Official U.S. Government film, shot in mid-1941 at the Martin factory in Baltimore, shows Marauder B-26 being built. Many closeups; some flying scenes. **BP10 20 minutes, b&w ..... \$29.95**

**FLYING THE P-47 THUNDERBOLT** - Official USAAF pilot training film. Covers familiarization, ground handling, takeoff, normal flight, aerobatics, combat tactics and landings. Detailed closeups of Republic "Jug" cockpit and outside. **BP11 69 minutes, b&w ..... \$49.95**

**FLYING THE P-61 BLACK WIDOW** - Another official WWII Air Force film depicting pilot checkout on Northrop's big, advanced twin-engined night fighter. Excellent interior and exterior views; beautiful flying sequences. **BP12 28 minutes, b&w ..... \$29.95**



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**HOW TO FLY THE B-25** - AAF pilot training film from WWII on the Mitchell twin-engined medium bomber. Covers everything from cockpit checklist to landings. Many closeups of interior, crew compartments, equipment, etc. Nice aerial scenes. **BP14 22 minutes, b&w ..... \$29.95**

**A-26 FLYING TIPS** - This is the official AAF pilot training film for the Douglas Invader speedy, highly maneuverable two-engined bomber. Film shows interior and exterior; many scenes in the air. **BP15 16 minutes, b&w ..... \$29.95**

**P-38 LIGHTNING** - Flying the twin-boomed fighter from Lockheed is shown and described in this WWII color film from the USAAF's archives. Cockpit and engine details are covered; includes some spectacular flight scenes. **BP16 25 minutes, color ..... \$29.95**

**P-40 WARHAWK** - An official how-to-fly the Curtiss pursuit plane pilot training film in color. Shows all aspects; cockpit and exterior; stalls, spins and flight characteristics; beautiful aerial photography. **BP17 30 minutes, color ..... \$29.95**

**B-17 FLYING FORTRESS** - Boeing's "Queen of the Skies"; how she was flown and fought. Official USAAF film from WWII. Every detail of this historic bomber pictured; cockpit, interior, exterior. Takeoffs and landings; gorgeous aerial views. **BP18 82 minutes, b&w ..... \$49.95**

**THE MEMPHIS BELLE** - Final mission for this B-17 Flying Fortress and her crew. Documents raid over Germany from beginning to end. Official USAAF color film directed by William Wyler. **BP19 60 minutes, color ..... \$59.95**

**THE FIGHTING LADY** - Official color film features Navy carrier operations in WWII. Tribute to men and aircraft of the flattops in the Pacific air war against Japan. Robert Taylor narrates. **BP20 60 minutes, color ..... \$59.95**

**THUNDERBOLT** - Directed by William Wyler, film pictures a 12th AF P-47 Thunderbolt group on Corsica during the summer of 1944. Spectacular color footage of P-47s bombing and strafing Italian targets. Lloyd Bridges narrates. **BP21 60 minutes, color ..... \$59.95**

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**BP22 21 minutes, b&w ..... \$29.95**

**COMBAT AMERICA** - USAAF documentary in color narrated by Clark Gable. Follows a B-17 group from training into air combat with the 8th AF in England. Missions over Germany are shown; flak and fighters.

**BP23 55 minutes, color ..... \$59.95**

**FLYING THE P-39 AIRCOBRA** - Official WWII pilot training film shows how to fly the tricycle-gear, cannon-firing fighter. Covers cockpit checkoff, ground handling, takeoffs, aerobatics, emergencies, armament.

**BP24 60 minutes, b&w ..... \$49.95**

**STORY OF THE 13th AIR FORCE (AIR PATTERN PACIFIC)** - Narrated by Spencer Tracy, shows coral airstrips and long-range missions over ocean. B-17s, B-24s, B-25s, P-40s and P-38s in action.

**BP25 60 minutes, b&w ..... \$49.95**

**REPORT FROM THE ALEUTIANS** - Color film directed and narrated by John Houston. Air combat against Japanese off Alaska. Shows B-24s, B-25s, B-26s, P-38s, P-39s and Navy PBY Catalinas on Aleutian missions.

**BP26 44 minutes, color ..... \$49.95**

**THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY** - Color film of historic land-sea battle, shot by U.S.N. combat cameramen. PBYs and B-17s search; Japs attack Island. Devastators, SBDs, Wildcats takeoff from carriers and hit invasion fleet.

**BP27 19 minutes, color ..... \$39.95**

**ARMY AIR FORCES REPORT: 1943** - Intro by General Arnold, film shows U.S. aircraft production buildup; stateside training of airmen. Accomplishments of every combat Air Force in Pacific, Europe, MTO, CBI.

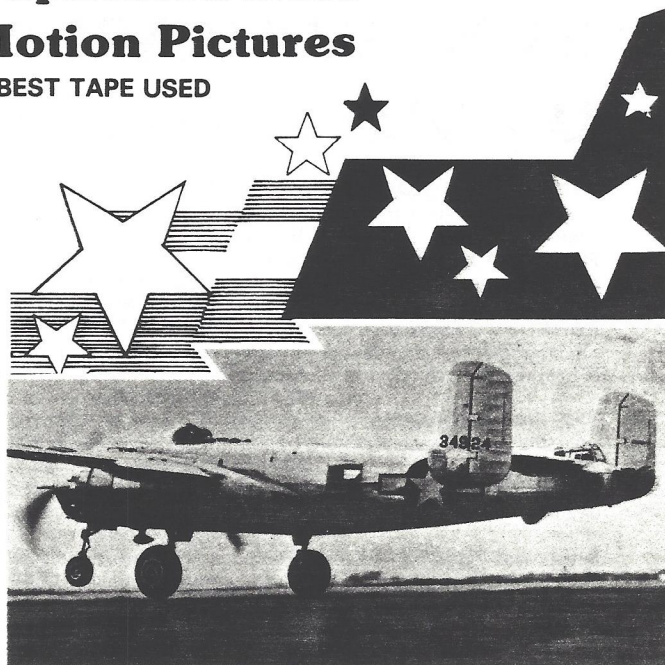
**BP28 42 minutes, b&w ..... \$39.95**

**TARGET ITALY** - 1944-45 aerial interdiction campaign against German rail lines in Northern Italy by 57th BW B-25s and 22nd TAC P-47s. Rare combat action film of Mitchells and Thunderbolts over the Alps.

**BP29 30 minutes, b&w ..... \$29.95**

**DROP ZONE NORMANDY** - Full story of the planning and execution of glider and paratroop drop on D-Day by Ninth AF Troop Carrier Command; C-47s, C-46s, Wacos and Horsas. Detailed combat action.

**BP30 78 minutes, b&w ..... \$49.95**



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 Street/P.O. Box Number \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Office Tel Number \_\_\_\_\_ Bmbdr School from which graduated/or Training Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Your Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Current or last worked at Profession \_\_\_\_\_  
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 RELATES NAMES OF ANY INSTRUCTORS YOU REMEMBER: PILOTS YOU ESPECIALLY REMEMBER; OR AMUSING/INTERESTING ANECDOTES YOU RECALL DURING YOUR TIME IN TRAINING AS A CADET. (Use continuation sheet if necessary)

BRIEFLY LIST WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AFTER GRADUATION (Note spaces following for combat units)[Use continuation sheet]

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 NAMES OF ACFT (NOSE ART) IN WHICH YOU FLEW: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER INFO ABOUT YOUR COMBAT TOUR (Honors, Incidents, Lead Positions, POW-Where, Etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Military oriented organizations, associations, memorial groups, etc., to which you now belong: \_\_\_\_\_

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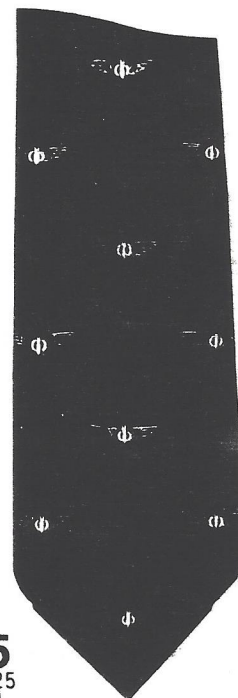
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21 January 1986

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This packet is being sent you by virtue of someone having given your name to us or in answer to your inquiry. In either case we are pleased to have the opportunity to make contact with you and provide you some information about this organization. We hope you will at least complete and return the enclosed bio sketch form!

Our first reunion was held at the Hilton Hotel in Midland, TX, 11-14 April 1985. We had a total of 367 attend, and approximately 250 of these were bombardiers. At the first gathering, the undersigned was named to head BOMBARDIERS, Inc., as Chairman of the Board and Executive Director. Other directors of the 7-man board are: Joel H. Apel, (43-8 Midland); Walter J. Couser (44-10 Kirtland); Hyman M. Goldberg (42-4 Albq/Kirtland); Dr. Charles R. "Chili" McClintick (41-2 Lowry); Max Springer (43-3 San Angelo); and Leon W. "Big Foot" Brown (42-13 Midland). Oh yes, I graduated Class 43-1, Midland.

At the time of our first reunion there were approximately 900 contacts on the books. At this writing we have con-  
tacted about 2,600 and we continue to receive inquiries daily!

We have a limited number of rosters containing the information we know of for those who have been contacted. As long as they last, this roster, dated 15 Nov 1985 and containing 2,073 names, is available for \$3.50 plus anything more you want to contribute to our cause. The one condition is that you do not use this roster for commercial purposes! You'll see ordering information about this Roster on the back of the enclosed Bio-Sketch form.

From sales of the few pieces of merchandise we now have; a wee bit of profit from the reunion; and generosity of many who donate, a hoped-for-quarterly-newsletter is about to be distributed. Initially, everyone will receive a copy of the first edition. Thereafter, only those considered 'members in good standing'--will receive subsequent editions. We think you will like what this newsletter (to be named "CROSSHAIRS") will contain!

A second reunion is already scheduled and work has begun to make it an even better gathering than our first. The site will be The Riverwalk Marriott Hotel in San Antonio--The dates: 26 through 29 March 1987. While the subject is fresh on your mind, won't you mark your calendar for this event? You won't be sorry, if the success of the first reunion is any criteria!

Dayton, Ohio was selected as the site of our third reunion. The Stouffer Hotel, will be headquarters for the 18 through 21 April 1989 gathering.

Many have approached us with the suggestion that perhaps we should be meeting annually instead of bi-annually since time is getting short for us all. What do you think? We would like to have you in San Antonio in March of 1987 to personally make your feelings known and heard!

Negotiations are currently underway with the USAF ARMAMENT MUSEUM at Eglin AFB, Florida, to give us permanent display space in their Class B facility. Except for the museum at Wright-Patterson and possibly another place, all other museums in the Air Force as Class C. We feel very fortunate to be this far along in planning for possible inclusion in the ARMAMENT MUSUEM--What could be more appropriate? Bombardiers & Armament!

For this and obvious other reasons, we would like to ask you to consider emptying your old footlockers and boxes to donate to us every bit of WWII and Bombardiering memorabilia you can find. We are particularly in the market for class-books and copies of all orders relating to your class graduation. Once we get all information about numbers of graduates per class, we will be able to produce some detailed information about bombardiering history and background that we have thus far been unable to find anywhere in the US Air Force or the Army archives.

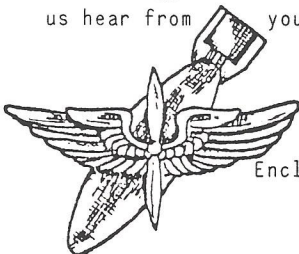
When you complete your bio-sketch form, be sure to include your bomb group and squadron in which you served. We include this information in the roster to help reunite buddies who flew combat together.

In closing, let me repeat how good it is to make contact with you. We sincerely hope and trust that you will let us hear from you to give us at least the skeleton-like information about you!

Fraternally,

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E.C. "Ned" HUMPHREYS, JR  
Founder & Executive Director



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