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— Photo by Tim Wells

RALPH HALL'S FLAG FLIES OVER THE STATION 131 MEMORIAL

“On Behalf Of A Grateful Nation”

It all began in 1986 — the year of the very first FLAK NEWS. A modest list of 70 members of the 398th Bomb Group who were known to have passed on since returning home from World War II in 1945. It was compiled by George Hilliard, the original “contact officer.” Now, in January 2008, the annual “Taps” list is published again, and when one scans the names on Pages 6-7-8-9, one can’t help but connect with the commonly held statement —

“A thousand World War II veterans pass away every day.”

The year 2007 was particularly revealing for the 398th with the addition of 81 new names, some of whom passed on very recently, like Ralph Hall, who served as a 601 tail gunner in WW II and the rest

of his days serving as group treasurer and/or memorial fund chairman.

It was he who paved the way in transferring the land under the memorial from the Dimsdale family to the 398th. And it was Ralph again who saw that the land and memorial was transferred from the 398th to the American Battle Monuments Commission. It was for these achievements that president Wally Blackwell told him, “Well done.”

And it was also for these accomplishments that his casket flag was flown over the Station 131 Memorial recently by Peggy and Tim Wells (Page 1). Later, Hall’s flag will be flown on the “tall pole” located near the 398th tower.

No Reunion Let Down! 185 Gather

Just when it was beginning to look like we might be in for a downward slide in reunion attendance, up jumped a most pleasant surprise at Phoenix.

The 2007 reunion — 24th annual — was held in the Phoenix suburb of Ahwatukee on November 28-29-30 and December 1.

“I expected about a hundred or so,” said reunion chair Sharon Krause, citing declining numbers the past two years.

“Would you believe we welcomed 185 this time?,” was the cheery report of the delighted Krause.

The thought of winter warmth and sunshine must have made an impression on some (who came only to find cloudy days climaxed by “gully jumper” rains made more for boats than auto and bus).

Of the final count, 41 were veterans, meaning —

1. The veterans are quickly and quietly passing from the scene. And —

2. The second and third generations of the 398th are stepping up.

President Wally Blackwell, who for many years has been quietly (and effectively) bringing the second and third generation “kids” on board for important roles, said he could not be more pleased with the reunion turnout.

“We now have more of ‘them’ than ‘us’,” said Wally, pointing out that of the 17 Board officers, eight are from the veteran corps and nine from the second generation. “I couldn’t be happier,” he added.

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The President's Page:

Words Of Thanks And Praise ... And Of Concern

By **WALLY BLACKWELL**
President, 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association

Perhaps it was my wish of a lifetime that I was physically able to attend the Phoenix reunion last November.

Forget the chemo! It was time and surely good therapy for me to be with my 398th friends. It seemed to me that this reunion was the best ever for what I always have called the 398th BGMA Spirit. We must be very thankful that Sharon Krause and Allen Ostrom continue to use their talents to make these 398th reunions so splendidly possible, and this thanks includes having a well stocked 398th PX operation by Carolyn Widmann, daughter of Jim Crouch, a 601 Squadron toggler.

However, we did attend to business. Marilyn Gibb-Rice was elected 398th Vice President. Marilyn is also a Crouch daughter. Marilyn replaces Al Turney as our VP. We thank Al for his long-time devotion to the 398th. Mellisa Ledlow, daughter of Don Menard, 603 radio operator, has become our new 398th Treasurer. She and husband Jim have been devoted and long-time 398'ers. Paul Roderick, 602 Pilot, and father of Sharon Krause, was elected as a Director. Paul replaces resigning Lou Stoffer. Lou is also thanked for his contribution to past 398th successes.

A fifth 398th Director received 398th By-Laws approval. The "UK 398th Director" will provide official 398th guidance to the American Battle Monuments Commission as it accomplishes our Nuthampstead monument maintenance program. This Director will also act at the direction of the President as necessary in conducting other 398th UK responsibilities. Wilfrid Dimsdale has agreed to act in this position.

And there was good news from the past year activities to discuss. The acceptance for a perpetual maintenance program by the ABMC for the Nuthampstead property by Ralph Hall. The well accepted color in FLAK NEWS issues by Allen and packaging of 20-year volumes of FLAK NEWS to the Mighty 8th and HALS.

The roaring success of the 398th web site by Dave Jordan. Hundreds of "hits" each day from all over the world! A significant information source for many, but we often receive much previously unknown 398th information in return, among these, Geoff Rice's continued gathering of 398th crew pictures. The reissue of the Anstey Church Window mapping booklet with additional pictures and data, and the placing of all 398th

missing aircraft reports to CD, by our historian Lee Anne Bradley. And, we must not forget our Timeless Voices Program, well underway by Marilyn and Geoff Rice. The interview processing now underway exceeds 60. About one half of these are up on the 398th web site for your viewing. And these are just the highlights of activities being conducted by all these good 398'ers!

However, a bit of concern is in the wind. A close look at the dues reporting statistics supplied by Dawne Dougherty, our dues manager, needs to be discussed. In previous years the annual dues collec-



MELLISA LEDLOW
Our New Treasurer

tion plus FLAK NEWS donations covered the publishing and distribution of FLAK NEWS.

At this time the cost is about \$15,000 per year or at least \$3.00 per copy delivered stateside. About 720 veterans receive FLAK NEWS but only about 250 pay dues. Most of this difference is our lifetime membership situation. Recently two long-time lifetime members knowingly paid for another life membership, doing their part of assuring the future of FLAK NEWS. I believe more of this attitude is needed and I hope for a good response from this idea. About 65 of the 165 blood relative members pay annual dues. Those that receive FLAK NEWS in the UK can pay dues as defined on www.398th.org.

Well, I've said my piece. I thank all of you that continually show concern for my health situation. So, I'll go on for a while longer. Wishing all a Happy New Year!

— Wally

Easterners Get Their Chance

Members living in the 14 states that make up the "Eastern" sector of the quarterly FLAK NEWS Dues Appeal get the honor of "paying up" this time around. January has been their "time" since the dues were split into quarterly sections.

Thus, the folks living in the following states are asked to send in their \$20 annual dues in the enclosed self-addressed envelope —

Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, and Washington DC.

Should the envelope be missing and you are up for payment, you can always send your \$20 (or more) to Dawne Dougherty, Harrisburg, OR 97446-9585.

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Grateful Nation

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A flag has flown there continuously — day and night — for many years beginning with the flag donated by Maria Hunter, widow of the 398th commanding officer Col. Frank P. Hunter, Jr.

Eighty-two seems to be the current age of the youngest living member, assuming they had served at the age of 18. And many such young men grew up very quickly at this age. (See Paul Wagner's "Youngest Crew" in the PX book section on Page 11.)

And on the other end of the spectrum there is the 2007 passing of Warren Currie, who was a 602 Squadron crew chief. He sent his B-17 out on 55 missions without an abort.

Currie died at 96.

Some additional names may be found in the PX section. A photo of the Anstey stained glass window features the names of all the 398th men killed in action, plus the location of each name.

St. George's Church will hold a Thanksgiving service on Sunday, June 15, 2008, in memory of the 292 men from Station 131 who perished in WW II. This has been the church's semi-annual custom since 1986.

Medallions Were A Smash Hit

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Wally, recipient of an attractive plaque (page 5) depicting his many activities with the Association, came to the reunion with some “trepidation” considering his ongoing and persistent battle with cancer. He turned some of the prexy chores over to director Lew Burke.

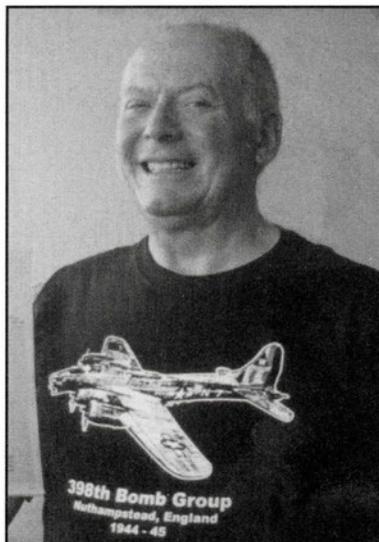
It was Burke who reveled in the task of introducing British guest Malcolm (Ozzie) Osborn. The Burke humor brought gaiety to his banquet audiences as he chided not only Ozzie but also English Friend Elaine Tyler, who came to Phoenix hoping for a ride on Sentimental Journey, the CAF B-17 stationed at nearby Falcon Field.

Not so, she discovered. It was not on “flight status” so she and the many others who opted for the Falcon Field Museum tour, had to be satisfied with “walk through” tours (concluded just before the rains came).

The “other” coach, carrying an assortment of tourists bent on “seeing Arizona,” did just that with a journey to Sedona. They left the Ahwatukee hotel at 8 AM for an eight-hour adventure of sightseeing, shopping, dining, etc. They returned to the hotel just in time for the Farewell banquet. Two hours late.

The Sedona highway was very much awash with water as the coach “cruised” on its way back to the hotel with its 398th tourists. All present and accounted for.

Osborn was to be accompanied to Phoenix by Peter Brooke of Anstey, who had been named chairman of the Friends



OZZIE OSBORN
A Reunion Hit

Timeless Voices Interviews

Twenty more names were added to the list of Timeless Voices interviews at the Phoenix reunion, joining the 41 announced in the October issue.

The plan is that every interviewee will receive a complimentary DVD, with additional copies to be available through the PX and web site. Eventually, all interviews will be on the web site (398th.org) in video form.

The list from Phoenix included Ray Richman, Terrance St. Louis, Roy Test, Jim White, Frank Yarmoski, Dean Hill, Nunzio Addabbo, Bob Armstrong, Bob Beckley, Russ Carrier, Dallas Ebest, Vaughn Erickson, Sam Gailey, Ted Johnston, Phil Jones, Vern Kling, Ray Moore, Bob Nelson, Norm Petrocine, and William Parker.

“You Are Our Heroes”

of the 398th in England. But the health of his father and other business commitments kept Brooke at home. Thus, Osborn did double duty. First, he joined with Brandy Howard, a 398th granddaughter, in urging our membership to visit Nuthampstead in June 2008.

The Friends’ every-other-year commitment for a Station 131 Memorial Service and St. George’s Church (Anstey) Service of Thanksgiving will beheld June 14 and 15, respectively.

Brandy has offered to “coordinate” this tour with interested persons. Only these two “specifics” have been settled on, although more activities can be arranged depending on the numbers. She had over

42 on her “interest” list after the Phoenix reunion.

Contact Brandy Howard, Freeport, IL 61032-2330.

*Note New Address.

The “smash hit” of the reunion came very quickly at the Welcome Banquet. Before Blackwell could mount the platform for his “welcome and introductions,” the girls (Sharon Krause, Marilyn Gibb-Rice, Carolyn Widmann and Lee Anne Bradley) commandeered the stage and “commanded” all the veterans to come forward and receive a special medallion with accompanying red-white-blue ribbon

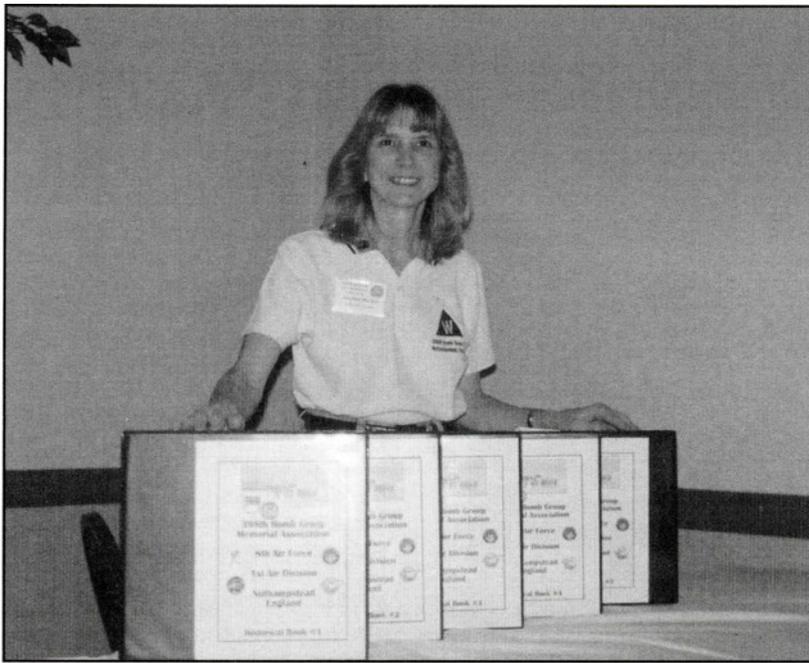
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WILL MAYHALL admires **PAUL RODERICK’S** special medallion while posing in front of the Sentimental Journey’s propeller during a visit to Falcon field near Phoenix. All 41 veterans received similar medallions while at the reunion. It was a surprise presentation, generated by Sharon Krause,

Marilyn Gibb-Rice, Carolyn Widmann and Lee Anne Bradley, all second generation Association officers. Mayhall, son of a 603 Squadron navigator, recently presented the 398th with a \$5,000 gift in support of the group’s Timeless Voices program.





“Jack’s Books”

LEE ANNE BRADLEY poses with “Jack’s Books,” a five-volume collection of 398th history. It was begun years ago by the late Jack Wintersteen and they contain records and photos of many hundreds of personnel. Lee Anne, the group historian, keeps the books updated and brings them to every reunion for the benefit of all.

185 Enjoy Reunion In Phoenix

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to adorn their necks.

“You are our heroes,” was their reasoning as they basked in upstaging the program chairman’s planned program. (He didn’t complain as he was one of the recipients.)

Frank Bertziel, the P-38 pilot who had bonded with Blackwell these past two years, had high praise for the 398th and its leadership.

“Yes, we flew out of Nuthampstead before you came,” he recalled. “But now, all these years later, we have you to thank for providing our 55th Fighter Group with a memorial along side yours. We thank you.”

Barb Fish, with eight “Travel Consultant” tours to Nuthampstead (plus the Continent) had a hard time deciding on which was her “favorite.” She recited a few high points, like the visit to the House of Lords, but finally admitted, “I loved them all.”

Elaine Tyler, who has been in and around the Nuthampstead contingent since the beginning, echoed Barb’s memories and urged her listeners to “come again in 2008.”

Two other speakers had “stories to tell.”

Bill Parker, the navigator who brought 14 family members to the Farewell

Banquet, told of being hut mates with 10 other fellow officers only to find that in the end (after all the Merseburg missions) he was the only survivor. And he almost got his ticket when a V-2 hit close by while on leave in London.

Warren Wade of the 601st was among those of his crew who did not survive the “Shady Lady” mission (REMEMBRANCES) but his daughter, Ann Addison, come to regale the audience about her trip to the very area where “Shady Lady” came down in France. And where she found loving welcomes among those who still remember the fateful day of September 8, 1944.

“At every place where my father and his crew had an experience we had a special ceremony. They even found some parts from his plane for Ted and me.”

(Ted Prevost, the co-pilot, accompanied Ann on the tour.)

Ozzie was at his finest as he pulled together a sheaf of stories about his affection for the 398th. An affection that had begun early on and all but culminated following the 1982 Memorial dedication. It was Ozzie who put the final touches on the Memorial and its dedication.

The resulting storm that day, plus demands on his time from work and family, sidelined him for several years. He returned in 2004 for the group’s “One Last Tour” and has been a vital Station 131 cog ever since.

His intimate knowledge of the old base (and other 8th bomber bases) has made him an invaluable source of information for visitors and members as well.

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THE PHOENIX REUNION had a distinct British flavor with Elaine Tyler (left) of England offering a Brit greeting for the 398th to visit again in 2008. Barb Fish, although not British, offered comments on her “favorite” English tour (she was Travel Consultant on eight 398th visits). She admitted that every visit was her favorite.



WALLY BLACKWELL and wife Teedy were both surprised and pleased when the officers of the 398th presented Wally with this plaque for his many years of devoted service to the Association. The plaque depicted the president in many of his roles, featuring his motto, "Keep 'Em Flying."

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He did a survey last summer on FLAK NEWS' East Anglia bomber base story, and elicited much local (English) disbelief as he told of 1,500 four-engine bombers being in the air at the same time over their countryside. "That many?" "You must be joking!"

And more Ozzie stores that can't be remembered.

He did praise Brandy ("It takes a lot of courage") for volunteering to coordinate the proposed June 2008 tour.

2008 Cocoa Beach FLORIDA

Yes indeed! It will happen again next September 2008. The 25th reunion will be held in Cocoa Beach, Florida. The Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront will be a grand venue. It's beautiful and affordable. And, like the name indicates, it's right on the ocean.

I chose the area because of the Kennedy Space Center. There will be a Space Center tour set up that should be very interesting. There will also be a Warbird Museum tour. And, once again, we will have a river boat dinner cruise. I'm looking forward to next year and hope everyone else will, too.

Mark your calendar for September 3-4-5-6, 2008.

— SHARON KRAUSE
Reunion Chair

2007 Reunion Veterans

Nunzio Addabbo	Joe Mansell
Ken Akins	John Matecki
Keith Anderson	Herb Meeker
Bob Armstrong	Dave Mills
Bob Beckley	Cecil Moore
Cleo Bickford	Ray Moore
Wally Blackwell	Elliot Novek
Bob Bowen	Allen Ostrom
Dale Brown	Bill Parker
Lew Burke	Norman Petrocine
Russ Currier	Russ Reed
Dallas Ebest	Ray Richman
Vaughn Erickson	Paul Roderick
Sam Gailey	Arnie Schneider
George Graham	Dick Scribner
Roger Harvey	Terrence St. Louis
George Hershberger	Darrell Thorpe
Dean Hill	Roy Test
Phil Jones	Jim White
Ted Johnston	Frank Yarmoski
Vern Kling	

Taps List Has Grown

There are four pages featuring the names of 398th Bomb Group members who have passed on since the end of World War II. The list was last published in January 2007. With the addition of 81 names, the list has now grown to 1,347. The compilation of this list by FLAK NEWS is dependent on information from friends and loved ones.

A book with the names of those killed in action, with a photo of where their names appear in the Anstey stained glass window, is available in the PX on Page 11.

Letters

"Thank you all for being so sweet to my mother. You 'found' her in time for the 1987 reunion in San Antonio and she loved that reunion and the others she was able to attend. It helped her to become a new person in the last years of her life."

**Sarah Gayle (Hunter) Randolph,
Irvington, Virginia**

"Thank you for the offer of the Air Force aircraft lithographs. Unfortunately, they do not fit in our collecting mission."

**National Museum Curator,
Wright-Patterson AFB**

Ed's Comment — These will be presented in coming issues of FLAK NEWS.

"I am glad to know that the 398th is coming to England this coming summer. Will we see you at HALS?"

**Susan Flood, HALS County
Archivist, Hertford, England**

Ed's Note — Everyone is trying their best to form up a tour for June, especially "our" Brandy Howard and "your" Peter Brooke. Stay tuned.

"My father was part of the 398th and he is listed in the POW 398th.org web pages. Words cannot express the feeling I have as I look through those pages. The best way is to say "thank you" and that my father, Frank Henning, would have been touched at seeing his name in the site that honors his group."

Amy S. Goll, Miami, Florida

www.398th.org

The web site and web team are bringing 398th History to a very wide audience both here in the USA and around the world. We thank all those who have contributed stories and copies of diaries, photos and more to its repository for the enlightenment and enjoyment of many.

Web Stats —

Averaging over 300 visits per day; over 100,000 visits in 2007.

Over 315,000 visits since January 2003.

Over 500 views of "We Fly at Dawn" in just over a month.

Consistent top views: 398th Crew Photos, 398th POW list, Wally's two articles on 398th Combat Formations and Identifying B-17's, KIA lists, the Diaries, and Beez's photos of 2004 "One Last Look" reunion tour.

All Timeless Voices videos being viewed.

Many referral visits from Wikipedia articles: Wally's Combat Box and our diaries and info on the 14 Feb 1945 mistaken "Bombing of Prague."

The price of the web site holds at \$108.24 a year. Quite a bargain.

— Dave Jordan

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Adam, Walter H.
Adamak, Edward
Adams, Eugene R.
Adelman, Paul
Adleman, Milo
Agnew, Harry
Agnew, Robert
Albert, Dwyer D.
Albro, Albert M.
Alderson, Richard
Alexander, Claude
Alfano, John
Allare, John
Allen, George E.
Allen, Stanley W.
Alpert, Stanley
Altman, Frank
Alves, Alfred
Alwood, Joe
Amer, Jerry
Anaya, Alredo
Anderson, Allen C.
Anderson, Emil
Anderson, Frank
Anderson, Norman R.
Anderson, Ralph
Anderson, Roy L.
Anderson, Russell M.
Anderson, William G.
Andreko, Andrew
Andrews, Kenneth E.
Arbogast, F.E. (Phil)
Ariotta, Joseph
Arlin, Allen A.
Armstrong, Arthur
Armstrong, Sidney A.
Armstrong, Walter G.
Arndell, James
Arndell, James
Ashour, Martin D.
Ashton Jr., Leonard C.
Ashworth, Dean H.
Atkins, James R.
Atkinson, Herman
Atkinson, Vernon C.
Atwood, Doyle
Audet, Paul E.
Augustine, Joseph J.
Aukerman, John V.
Aune, Arnt M.
Austad, Kermit
Axson, Jason M.
Bacon, Adrian
Bacon, James C.
Baer, Howard F.
Bagley, Bernard
Bahling, John W.
Bailey, Adrian (Bud)
Bailey, Ray E.
Baird, Harold
Baker, Albert A.
Baker, Cova
Baker, Hermus C.
Baldwin, Mondo L.
Ballard, Charles W.
Bancroft, Joseph (Dave)
Bangson, Barry D.
Bankert, James
Baptist, Claude A.
Barkovich, Fred
Barnes, Lynn W.
Barnes, Mike K.
Barnhard, Joseph E.
Barnshaw, Thomas J.
Bartimus, Neil R.
Bartusiak, Leonard J.
Bartusis, Anthony J.
Basco, John J.
Bash, Claire C.
Basham, James
Bassman, Fred G.
Battaglia, Frank A.
Baughman, John
Bawduniak, John
Baxter, Richard
Bearden, Edgar
Beattie, Hugh Don
Beatty, Oscar L.
Beavers, Cecil
Beck, Charles M.
Beck, John W.
Becker, John J.
Becker, Max
Beecher, Edward B.
Belcher, Jess
Bell, Marvin
Bell, Robert
Bendixon, Donald L.
Benefiel, Phillip L.
Bennett, John L.
Bennett, Norville
Benningfield, Harley O.
Benoe, William I.
Berggren, Cecil E.
Bergsma, Norman E.
Bernier, Loyola A.
Berry, Kearie L.
Berryhill, Col. Earl
Berthoud, Charles
Bestervelt, Harold J.
Bewley, James A.
Biancardi, Andrew
Biette, Paul W.
Bigda, Joseph
Bingle, Henry
Bird, John C.
Bischoff, Albert J.
Bittner, Walter
Blancett, Marvin
Blanda, Guido
Blankenship, G.W.
Blehm, Frederick W.
Bley, Winston
Blum, Lowell
Bobbitt, James M.S.
Boeger, Orv. W.
Boersma, Ted
Bogard, Willard B.
Bogdanski, Edward J.
Bohn, Jack L.
Bolthouse, Charles
Bolton, Vencil
Boltz, Phillip T.
Bonanno, Salvatore
Bonjani, Bruno
Borchers, Doyle
Bordonaro, Vincent L.
Bornstedt, John W.
Borys, Raymond
Bosshart, Herbert
Boswell, Marion L.
Bottoms, Millard S.
Bourke, Joseph E.
Bourlon, Billy L.
Bowcock Jr., H. Guy
Bowman, Leonard L.
Boyes, Haskell
Braddock, Heyward M.
Bradford, Oliver W.
Bradley, Frederick C.
Brady, Jack
Braica, Benny
Brass, Ernest H.
Bream, Burt D.
Breault, Al
Breimeyer, Royal
Brewer, Darrell F.
Bridges, Clarence W.
Briody, James J.
Briskie, Edward F.
Britt, Thomas F.
Brockman, James W.
Brokaw, Rev. Raymond
Brooks, Harrison F.
Brooks, Henry A.
Brown, Arnold W.
Brown, Clyde R.
Brown, Joe E.
Brown, E. Logan
Brown, Hilyer (Pete)
Brown, James C.
Brown, Lawrence
Brown, Orland D.
Brown, Paul
Brown, Robert E.
Brown, Samuel M.
Brown, Sidney
Brozena, John M.
Brubaker, Franklin P.
Brubaker, Wayne
Brunke, Earl H.
Brunsborg, Arnold
Bryant, Edward M.
Buchsbaum, Louis
Buck, Chester S.
Buck, Herman J.
Buckingham, James S.
Buckley, Francis X.
Bur, Nicholas J.
Burke, Al
Burris Jr., Thomas E.
Burrroughs, Kirby
Burton, John
Busciani, John P.
Buschbaum, Louis

Bushle, Louis
Bussard, James L.
Butler, John
Buvinger, David
Buzza, Kenneth
Callahan, Noel
Cameron, Carl C.
Campbell, Edward A.
Campbell, Tom
Campbell, Van B.
Campbell, Wallis L.
Campdon, Alfred
Cantrell, Floyd
Cantwell, Robert H.
Capen, George H.
Carlton, Donald P.
Carter, Nigel
Carter, Richard J.
Carter, Robert C. (Saferite crew)
Carter, Robert C. (Watson crew)
Carwile, Allan P.
Cason, Alfred
Cassel, Arnold
Castro, Edward
Catterson, Kenneth L.
Cavalier, Vincent J.
Charbonneau, Francis
Chase, Lewis D.
Chesshir, Kenneth
Chimelewski, Raymond J.
Chorba, Robert T.
Chrisman, Estil L.
Christofer, George
Christopher, Arthur C.
Christos, Christy A.
Church, Fred M.
Church, Harold M.
Churchill, Wesley H.
Cifrese, Paul
Civitarese, William A.
Clafford, Lloyd
Clament, Jesse R.
Clark, Benjamin L.
Clark, Francis C.
Clark, Joyal O.
Clarke, Atwell S.
Clarke, Walter F.
Clements, Jerauld
Clifton, Ernest
Clyne, Harold J.
Cochran, Curtis
Codan, Peter
Coe, Dewey
Coene, William
Colantoni, George
Colburn, Warren
Cole, Harold
Coleman, George F.
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Coleman, Winsor
Collins, Philip D.
Colvin, Charles E.
Colvin, William L.
Colwell, John
Comstock, William G.
Conrad, John P.
Contento, John D.
Cook, Eugene I.
Coombs, William F.
Coomes, Ralph S.
Cooper, Beryl C.
Cooper, D.G. (Bud)
Cooper, Joseph D.
Coopet, Joseph L.
Corcoran, Joseph W.
Cornett, Earl M.
Corr, Orville (Ben)
Corrigan, James
Corry, Fr. George
Corsuti, Anthony
Costanzo, William H.
Cote, Arthur
Coupert, Bernard
Courtenay, Gordon T.
Coville, Paul A.
Cowen, Harry
Cowley Jr., John J.
Cox, Howard W.
Cox, Norman
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Coxey, John T.
Crawford, Paul
Davidson, Warren
Davidson, Wm. H.
Davis, Elwood B.
Davis, Jack
Davis, Jerald A.
Davis, John H.
Deaton, Floyd L.
Decker, Gerald
Delancey, Lawrence
Delbart, Raymond S.
Delcamp, Clarence E.
Delorey, William J.
Delorier, Joseph
Delorimier, John B.
Demander, John L.
Desh, Herb
Devan, Samuel
Devlin, Steve
Dexter, Robert L.
Dezan, Burton H.
Dick, Russell O.
Dickhart, Clarence
Crenshaw, Billy W.
Crocker, Lawrence
Cron, Robert
Cross, Albert B.
Crouch, James
Cubranich, Julius P.
Cullinan, Stephen P.
Cummings, D.L.
Cundiff, Donald W.
Currie, Warren H.
Curtis, Glenn
Cutcher, James L.
Dacon, Charles H.
Dailey, Donald
Dailey, E. Bruce
Dalton, Hollis
Daly, William J.
Dames, John J.
Darcy, Lawrence
Darner, Leroy
David, Paul M.
Davidoff, Herman
Dierolf, Claude E.
DiGiuseppe, A. Gerard
Dimich, Peter M.
Dimino, Charles A.
Dippel, Francis
Dixon, Gerald
Dixon, Roger E.
Dobie, Richard
Doerfler, David J.
Doerstler, Wayne
Doles, Robert F.
Dollar, James D.
Donahue, Clifford E.
Donelian, Thomas
Donovan, George
Dorfmeier, Donald D.
Dougherty, A.L.
Dougherty, Thomas E.
Douglas, Gene
Dover, Harry J.
Downing, Robert A.
Drager, Kenneth



Grateful Nation



by the dawn's ear-ly light,

Dreyer, Charles G.
 Driscoll, John T.
 Duncan, John W.
 Duncombe, David M.
 Dunlap, Fred M.
 Dunn, Richard J.
 Dunne, Bill
 Durbin, Francis
 Durtschi, William J.
 Dutra, Edwin
 Dutrow, Gordon P.
 Duvall, Rev. James T.
 (Protestant Chaplain)
 Dwyer, Wilbur S.
 Dwyer Jr., William J.
 Earley, Robert J.
 Ebbeson, Dr. E. Dalton
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Bury Me

With Soldiers

**I've played a lot of roles in life,
I've met a lot of men.
I've done a lot of things I'd like to think
I wouldn't do again.**

**And though I'm young, I'm old enough
To know someday I'll die.
To think about what lies beyond,
And beside whom I would lie.**

**Perhaps it doesn't matter much,
Still, if I had my choice,
I'd want a grave amongst soldiers
When at last death quells my voice.**

**I'm sick of the hypocrisy
Of lectures of the wise.
I'll take the man, with all the flaws,
Who goes, though scared, and dies.**

**The troops I knew were commonplace,
They didn't want the war,
They fought because their fathers had,
And their fathers had before.**

**They cursed and killed and wept.
God knows they're easy to deride.
But buy me with men like these,
They faced the guns and died.**

**It's funny when you think of it,
The way we got along.
We'd come from different worlds
To live in one where no one belongs.**

**I didn't even like them all;
I'm sure they'd all agree.
Yet, I would give my life for them,
I know some did for me.**

**So, bury me with soldiers, please,
Though much maligned they be.
Yes, bury me with soldiers,
For I miss their company.**

**We'll not soon see their likes again;
If we've had our fill of war,
So bury me with men like them
I cannot ask for more.**

— Author unknown

Vintage B-17 Crash Took 40 Lives

The hours are sometimes long and tedious when recovering from surgery. But sometimes they yield unexpected crops of information that might otherwise have gone unnoticed.

Such was the case in mid-August when the FLAK NEWS editor encountered a fellow patient and the two began talking B-17's. The editor, of course, was right

On a previous flight Palmer had experienced some anxious moments when the B-17 lost two engines over the ocean approaching Port Moresby.

Just like the Channel jettison days experienced by 8th Air Force folks, the R&R guys "tossed out everything not nailed down."

That was a bad omen, and on the

Palmer knew —
"They just lined us up and shoved us in. We sat anyplace there was a space."

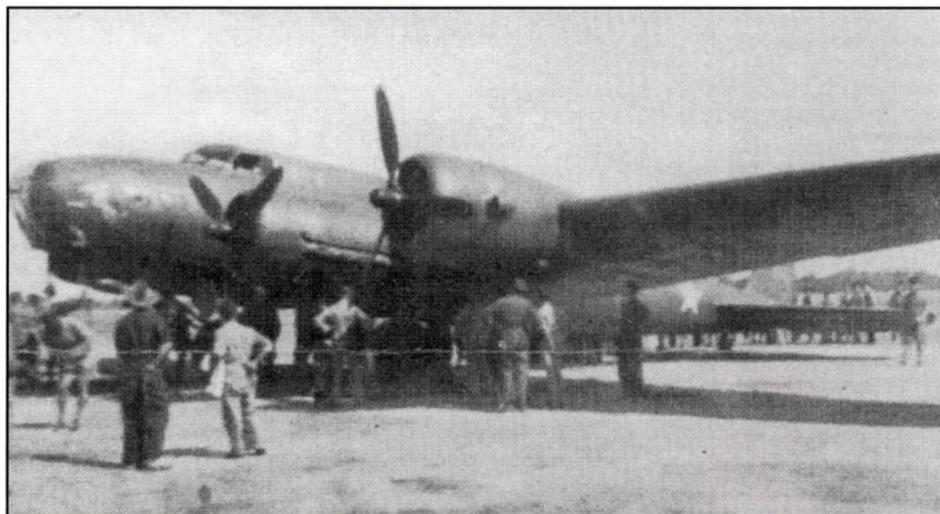
Cutler's book prompted action by the Australians and in 1992 they erected a memorial in memory of the 40 who perished. In 2003 a group of Air Force veterans added a bronze B-17 to the memorial.

Over the years, despite the early "hush" of the incident, 36 of the 41 families who were involved in the accident, have been notified.

Cutler's book, "Mackay's Flying Fortress," was published in Australia, but the author is currently trying to have it made available in the U.S.

There is also a memorial to the deadly crash located in Washington, DC, on the grounds of the Australian Embassy.

Cutler and other backers hope to have the memorial moved to Arlington National Cemetery by mid-2008.



THIS IS THE B-17 C that crashed in Australia in 1943 with the loss of 40 men. Note the "lineup" of personnel waiting to board the plane. It was on an "R&R" run between Australia and Port Moresby in New Guinea when it crashed on takeoff.

there up front with his 398th T-shirt so B-17 talk came easily and quickly.

The "other fellow" had a much different slant on the conversation and he proceeded with a story that had the editor admitting —

"I didn't know that."

Bob Palmer, also from Seattle, had been a member of the 8th Fighter Group, 5th Air Force, Australia, in 1943. He was a communications specialist at the time (when they used teletypes). The group flew P-39's, P-40's, P-38's and P-47's.

The squadron was part of the American counter offensive against the Japanese in New Guinea.

Meanwhile, there was a great deal of non-combat traffic between that island (Port Moresby) and Queensland in northern Australia.

Most of this was handled by the 46th Troop Carrier Squadron, using C-47's and ...

One B-17 C (VH-CBA).

This aircraft had been a favorite of the troops heading for R&R in Australia at Bakers Creek, with the closest airport being at nearby Mackay Airdrome.

very next trip to Port Moresby from Mackay the dreaded happened. Forty-one men, including six crewmen, crashed on takeoff, leaving one survivor.

For years, it remained America's worst air disaster.

The vintage B-17 C, a survivor from the early battles in the Philippines, was popular with the Troop Carrier guys and had been somewhat "assigned" to the Bakers Creek run.

What apparently had not been "assigned" to the old "C" was regular and proper maintenance. Not unusual, considering the shortage of just about everything in those early-day war years.

For over 50 years, news of this tragedy had been "hushed up." In 1943 the Pacific War still had more than two years to run before VJ Day and the loss of 40 men on an R&R run would not have been pleasing to the American public.

A book by Bob Cutler brought the event to light. He had come upon the story in researching his father's military career.

How could 41 men be "shoe-horned" into a B-17, was the question he and many had asked.

B-17 'Belle Soon Off On Mission

An ambitious, yet fascinating "mission" has been planned by the folks who sponsor the B-17, "Liberty Belle."

The 'Belle carries the colors and markings of the 390th Bomb Group of the 8th's 3rd Division and flew out of Framlingham in East Anglia.

Later this year the "Liberty Belle" will return to England and participate in many ceremonies commemorating the history as provided by the 8th in World War II.

The 'Belle, under the auspices of the Liberty Foundation of Tulsa, Oklahoma, will fly to England following the traditional flight paths of the WW II bombers. From its home base in Georgia she will fly 971 miles to Bangor, Maine; then 608 miles to Goose Bay, Canada; then 670 miles to Greenland; then 720 miles to Reykjavik, Iceland; then to Scotland before touching down at Framlingham. A total distance of 7,800 miles.

The organization is seeking funds for the 2008 tour. For more information telephone 918-340-0243. E-mail smaher@libertyfoundation.org.

BRIEF-things

He's been a lifetime member since the beginning of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association, but navigator **Joe Roberge** continues "over and above" support for FLAK NEWS ... his latest coming in the form of a \$100 check ... it's sad, but we lose a lot of members because they move and forget to send us a new address; please think of FLAK NEWS when you contemplate a move (or when you have a Taps notice to report) ... seen in an AF newsletter — "I need a longer runway just to get off the ground, but I'm a human DC-3, and look! I'm still around" ... the Editor is eternally grateful for the many remembrances on the passing of his wife ... **Leu Burke**, the director who sends out "past due" notices to our forgetful members, receives more than a few "thank you's" from guys who might otherwise not be receiving their FLAK NEWS ... pity the poor airline employees who have to handle **Lee Anne Bradley's** five-volume set of **Jack's Books** ... lots of folks admire our "**Clearing & Colder**" logo, the latest to ask permission to use it being the North Texas chapter of the 8th AF Historical Society ... **Ozzie Osborn** said he was most fortunate in procuring tickets for the Miami-New York NFL game in London, adding that "the Dolphin cheerleaders were most attractive" ... **Bob Kraft** had the B-17 ride of his life last year, treating his family to a flight over San Francisco (much nicer than those tense "bunching up" days over East Anglia) ... those seniors who winter in Sun City, Arizona, and call themselves **The Melodaires** were the ones who entertained at the Phoenix reunion dance ... the Grace Inn at Ahwatukee was a nice venue, even if some "head knocking" had to be effected to get things "right" for the Banquets and Memory Room (but their banquet meals were excellent) ... no one was available to sing "America" at the reunion so 16 young people descended on the podium and did a bang-up job ... look for many additional special FLAK NEWS reports from England in the days ahead, by-lined by "**Ozzie**" ... also look for **Geoff Rice's** contribution in telling the story of the group's B-17's ... **Bob Welty's** color photo in the October FLAK NEWS was well-received, with others wanting permission to reproduce it in their journals ... **Rice** pleads with the families of departed 398'ers not to "throw out" photos and documents ("send them to me") ... **Buck Buchanan** was the Falcon Field tour guide showing our 398th reunion members through the Sentimental Journey ... **Ann Collins** went all out in advertising her 601st (it's tattooed on her left shoulder) ... the 398th has friends the world over, witness the \$33.00 (cash) worth of squadron and group patches, plus a Hell From Heaven pin ordered from the PX by **Alan Koukol** of Plzen, Czech Republic ... our B-17 friends with the Sentimental Journey publish an excellent newsletter for their CAF Wing and they gave the 398th a full page coverage on the group's visit to Falcon Field, including a photo of our party gathered under the wing when the rains came ... it's a long story on how the plane got to Falcon Field, but the long and short of it is that an Alaskan operator bought this DC-6 that had been on display there for \$100,000, removed the engines and landing gear, and then scrapped the rest of the plane ... among the many members who will be looking forward to the next reunion in Florida is Director **Joe Joseph**, who lives but 40 miles from Cocoa Beach (**Joe** is doing just fine following a quad bypass) ... the "possible" England tour list is still not finalized, but one US/Brit friend who WILL be there is **Ralph Ambrose** (he'll also take in the RAF reunion) ... the very popular poem featured on *398th.org* was written by **John Contento** of the *Grinter* crew.

GRAND ESSENTIALS FOR HAPPINESS

Something to do

Something to love

Something to hope for

— Allan J. Chalmers

398th Bomb Group PX ORDER FORM (The Second Generation)

QTY	ITEM	UNIT COST	TOTAL
CLOTHING			
___	T-Shirt, black, "398th BG Flying Fortress"	\$12.00	___
___	T-Shirt, navy, with B-17 front view	\$12.00	___
___	T-Shirt, gray, with with logo on back	\$12.00	___
___	T-Shirt, olive, with Triangle W	\$12.00	___
___	Denim Shirt, long sleeve, 398th logo (S, M, L, XL XXL, please indicate size)	\$28.00	___
___	Golf Shirts, embroidered Triangle W, 60% cotton, 40% poly mesh		___
___	Mens, light blue or white, S-XL	\$25.00	___
___	Ladies, light blue, S-XL (please indicate size & color)	\$25.00	___
CAPS			
___	Black, with logo (indicate 600, 601, 602, 603)	\$8.00	___
BOOKS (All books postpaid)			
___	Fortresses Over Nuthampstead (Bishop)	\$65.00	___
___	398th History (1946, photo copy)	\$20.00	___
___	"Remembrances" (1989, photo copy, Ostrom)	\$30.00	___
___	"Bird of Prey" (Coffee)	\$19.95	___
___	"Hell From Heaven" (Streitfeld)	\$19.95	___
___	"Last of the B-17 Combat Drivers" (Weekley)	\$39.95	___
___	"The Youngest Crew" (Wagner)	\$19.95	___
___	"WW II Odyssey" (Frankhouser)	\$19.00	___
JEWELRY			
___	Squadron lapel pins (indicate 600, 601, 602, 603)	\$5.00	___
___	Group lapel pin (Hell From Heaven)	\$5.00	___
LOGOS			
___	Squadron Patch (indicate 600, 601, 602, 603)	\$6.00	___
___	B-17 Jacket Patch (rectangular)	\$4.00	___
___	8th Air Force Patch	\$6.00	___
PHOTOGRAPHS & PRINTS			
___	"Clearing & Colder" (8x10)	\$10.00	___
___	"Clearing & Colder" (14x17)	\$30.00	___
___	Anstey Stained Glass Window booklet (11x17 includes list of comrades Killed in Action)	\$10.00	___
___	Aluminum Overcast (8x10)	\$2.00	___
___	"Sunset at Nuthampstead" (8x10)	\$7.00	___
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___	Bumper Sticker (black)	\$3.00	___
___	Blue Ink Pen (398th imprints)	\$5.00	___
___	License Plate Frame (398th imprints)	\$5.00	___
___	Book Marker	\$5.00	___
___	WW II Coloring Book (with crayons)	\$4.00	___
___	Tote Bag (20x15, black, with logo)	\$8.00	___

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Make check payable to "398th Bomb Group PX." Mail completed order form and check to Carolyn Widmann, Noblesville, IN 46062-7150,



This is a fond memory of the several tours taken by the 398th Bomb Group to the Czech Republic. "Dukla" represents a part of the Czech Army devoted to special projects, which includes servicing the many memorials erected in the Czech lands where American servicemen perished in WW II.

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