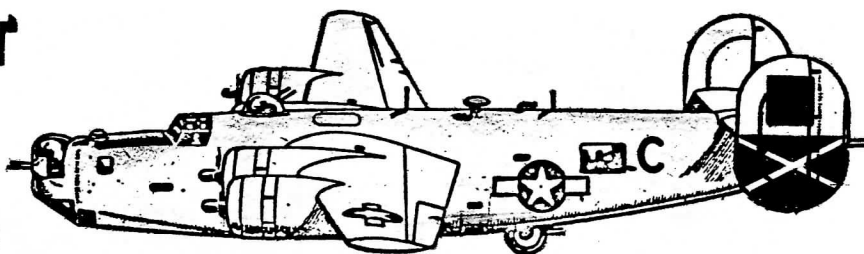


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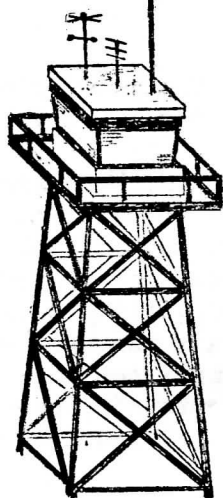
The fourth annual reunion of the 485th Bomb Group was held during the week-end of August 18, 1968 at the Holiday Inn in Taylor Center, a few miles south of Dearborn. The event was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Woodyard (831), Lambertville, Michigan, who guided the activity to a memorable occasion for all.

Motoring in from Philadelphia, Pa., were Mr. and Mrs. Jim McFadden (828), arriving at the Inn Thursday evening, along with Mr and Mrs William Wulf (829), of Cumberland, Indiana.



Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Turecki (828) flew in from Passiac, New Jersey, arriving Friday morning, shortly after the landing of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deeds (828), son Roy and daughter, Nancy, from Toledo, Ohio. Unable to obtain a suite for a Hospitality Room, where one could obtain refreshments, the Bob Deeds' room became the site for stimulating activities. So the stage was set and as more veterans arrived, an air of merriment soon prevailed, which continued until 2 AM as tired ol eagles fluttered thru the halls returning to their revetments for rest and recuperation (R & R).

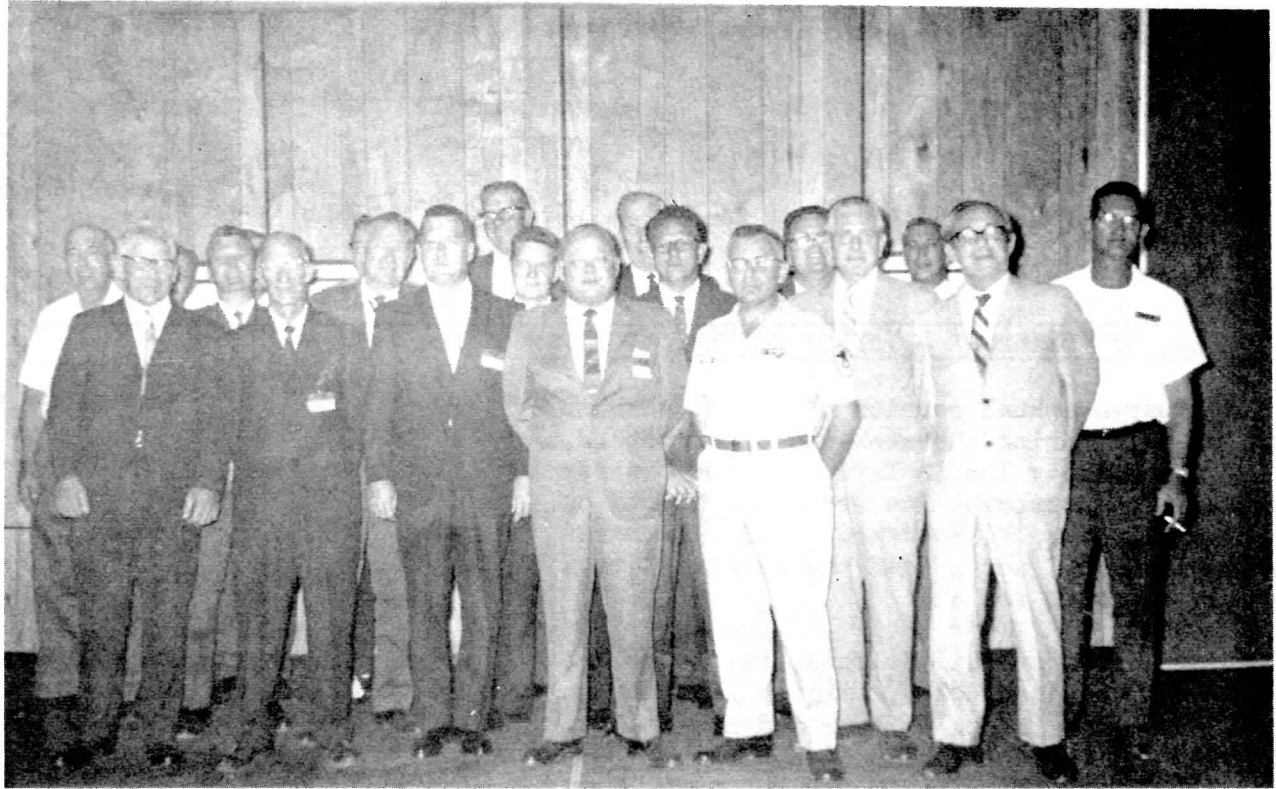
Saturday morning, about 9:30 AM, the ol eagles began gathering in the conference room. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dundon (831), New Holland, Ohio; Mr. Louis Wolf (830), Sheldon, Iowa; Mr. Lyle Talbott (830), Crooksville, Ohio; Mr. Jack Farrell (830), Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson (829), Sun Prairie Wisconsin; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Karns (829), Petersburg, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bundy (829), Evansville, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. John Waldeyer (828), Long Island, New York; Mr. and Mrs. William Schoultz (828), Newton Falls, Ohio; CMSgt and Mrs. Henry Fisher (828) and son, Great Falls, Montana; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Anderson (828), Carrollton, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. H. Huckleby (Gp Hq), Wheatridge, Colorado. Inspired by the old photos taken during the adventurous days in Italy, the room soon was buzzing with war stories.



A cortege of six autos, with 485th banners flying high, transported the group to Dearborn for the scheduled visit to Greenfield Village and the Ford Museum. Several hours later the group returned, somewhat weary of the long walk, viewing the many autos, aircraft etc and the historical buildings in the village. In the meantime, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Borgetti (828), Whiting, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Edmund B. Manning (828), Springboro, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gigowski (828), Gr. Rapids, Michigan motored in.

Following the evening banquet, entertainment was

1969 REUNION
Tentatively, the date of the 5th annual 485th Bomb Group Reunion is set for the week-end of 16 and 17 August 1969 in St. Louis, Missouri. Complete details will be mailed in the near future.



GATHERING OF THE EAGLES - L to R: Arthur Karns, Harold Dundon, Edmond Manning, Stanley Turecki, Howard Woodyard, Karl Anderson, William Wulf, H. Huckleby, Lyle Talbott, Earl Bundy, William Schoultz, Jim McFadden, John Waldeyer, Ambrose Borgetti, CMSgt Henry Fisher, USAF, Robert Deeds, Jack Farrell, Carl Gigowski, Louis Wolf and Robert Thompson.

provided by Robert Deeds and Carl Gigowski. Bob presented his movies of previous reunions and Carl presented 'The Story Of A Mission', a pictorial essay of slides composed from photos received from the many veterans. 'Daffy Awards' were presented again, with presentations to CMSgt Fisher, who traveled the furthest to the reunion; Lyle Talbott, the youngest bachelor; Bill Schoultz, the worst bowler; Mrs. Karl Anderson, worst card player; Mrs H. Huckleby, grandmother with the most grandchildren; Mrs. Arthur Karns, owner of the most pets, plus many more.

As the banquet ended, many of the guests found their way to the Hospitality Room and to others, which mysteriously appeared. Here while enjoying a drink, many more experiences of the great adventure were told and retold as were many photo albums viewed. Sometime after midnight, the eagles were grounded.

Late Sunday morning, the guests gathered in the conference room for the good-by's as a short business meeting was conducted. By noon many had started the long journey home.

H. Woodyard

-We all extend a sincere thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Woodyard for an outstanding reunion. Just as the previous reunions were placed in the memory bank, so will this one - to be withdrawn occasionally for pleasant memories. Also, a sincere thank you is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deeds, for use of their room as the Hospitality Room. We apologize to Ed. Manning, who brought his slides of the 3rd reunion and was unable to show them as we ran out of time. We certainly want to see them and shall see that time is allocated for showing them at the next reunion. Again, it was a profound pleasure meeting you all and will be looking forward to seeing you all at the next reunion.-
Ed. & Staff-

THIS IS HOW IT WAS

During the month of June 1944, the 485th experienced its most costly period of operations with the loss of 14 bombers and their crews. Gunners of the 485th claimed 29 enemy aircraft destroyed, 32 probable destroyed, and 18 damaged. After a lull in its opposition to the bombers of the 15th AF, the German Luftwaffe, during the month of June, began to appear more frequently putting up a relentless resistance to the bombers as encountered by the 485th Liberators on 28 June.

On this date, at 0548 hours, 38 B-24s took off to bomb the Titan Oil Refinery and Storage at Bucharest, Rumania. Major Robert E Smith, Group Operations Officer, led the 1st attack unit and Captain Ralph E Monroe, 828th Operations Officer led the 2nd attack unit. Two hours later, rendezvous with fighter escort was effected.

The flight enroute to the target was routine until the formation approached the target when approximately 50 enemy fighters were sighted. As the formation was about to turn on the IP 32 Me 109s and 3 FW 190s attacked. For the next 30 minutes the enemy fighters continued to attack the formation aggressively from all directions.

"We were just approaching the target," Lt Volney Wiggins, pilot of FLAK SHAK, later recalled, "When eight fighters came in at us. They damaged the left wing of FLAK SHAK and wounded our bombardier. Nevertheless, we made the bomb run OK!" At 0952 hours, 82 tons of bombs rained down on the cloud - obscured target, starting several fires in the target area.

"Again the fighters attacked us. This time they knocked out the turbo-supercharger on no. 1 engine and wounded our co-pilot. Despite his wounds, the co-pilot managed to go through the aircraft gathering the oxygen bottles for us up front as the oxygen system was out."

Flying in no. 6 position in the low box of the lead unit, 147 was attacked by three Me 109s. The Liberator began to straggle out of formation when it was attacked again by seven enemy fighters. This time the bomber caught fire and went into a spin. Four crew members were seen to bail out. 147 crashed at 1000 hours.

701, flying in no. 7 position in the lead box of the 2nd unit was attacked by fighters, receiving hits in the waist section and the flight deck. Three Me 109s continued to attack 701 as it left the formation. Six crew members were seen to bail out before 701 crashed and exploded at 1003 hours.

Four Me 109s attacked 122 flying in no. 6 position in the low box of the 2nd unit, scoring hits on no. 3 engine which almost was blown from its mounting. Dropping out of formation, 122 was attacked again by 4 fighters. Severally damaged, the bomber went into a vertical dive. Two crew members were seen to bail out with only one chute observed to open. The bomber began breaking up as it made its final plunge. At 1004 hours, 122 crashed and burned.

FLAK SHAK, 534, was in trouble. "We left the formation with two engines out. Lt Young Barber, piloting 414, dropped out of formation to provide protection for the disabled bomber," Lt Wiggins continued, "Again the fighters attacked us, making eight more passes at our crippled bomber. It was during this time that our victories were scored." Five of the enemy fighters were shot down by the gunners of Lt Wiggins crew 66. Four more were shot down by the gunners of Lt Barbers crew 61.

Severely damaged, FLAK SHAK continued on home. Every man in the waist, except Cpl Hartupea, were wounded. A fire was extinguished in the tail section. The hydraulic, electrical, and oxygen systems were knocked out as well as the radio and compasses. There was a constant threat of fire from fuel leaking from the damaged fuel cells.

THIS IS HOW IT WAS (Cont)

Some how the crew managed to keep FLAK SHAK flying, and three hours later they landed safely at Bari. Over 500 holes were found in the bomber, including some 60 20MM hits, of which 7 were in the props. 703 and 718 also landed at Bari and 116 landed at Tortorella. Only 718 managed to return later to the base. The others were too damaged to fly. The rest of the Liberators landed at the home base at 1330 hours.

When it was over our gunners claimed 12 Me 109s destroyed, 15 Me 109s probables and 1 Fw 190 damaged. The Group lost 3 bombers to enemy fighters. Five bombers were severally damaged by fighters and one received minor damage from fighters. Five bombers received major flak damage and seven received minor flak damage. At least eleven crew members were wounded.

485TH STATISTICS

The 485th Bomb Group flew 187 combat missions during the period of 10 May 1944 to 25 April 1945 and dropped 10,550.15 tons of bombs on targets in Austria, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

The first 485th personnel to arrive at the Venosa Airdrome was the detachment of eight officers and forty-eight enlisted men of Group Hq. on 19 April 1944. By April 22 all bombers and their crews reported in and on April 29 all personnel were reunited.

One of the organizations that was at the Venosa Airdrome awaiting the arrival of the 485th was the 408th Air Engineering Squadron, which remained with the 485th until the Group returned to the States. Robert Tipton was a Turret and Gun Mechanic assigned to the 408th and, in a letter to us he reminisced about the early days at the airdrome.

"When we arrived at Venosa, it was a sea of mud. Our supply tent was located just off the east taxi strip and we unpacked parts and tools in the rain and mud. There was no mess hall, just a cooking shack. We ate out in the rain and if a person could get his chow down before his mess kit filled with water, he was lucky. Before the mess hall was built the mud dried and then we had dust to eat with our chow.

"The tower had been erected and the operations building was completed. As for the runway, well, we had to help construct it. I volunteered to operate the crane used for laying the steel mats. We also helped build the taxi strips and the parking revetments.

"We lived in tents which were pitched in a wheat field, as was the entire airdrome. When summer came we were all surrounded by ripe wheat, which the Air Corps allowed the Italians to harvest.

"As time passed we managed to scrounge enough materials to build a mess hall, fire station, a bar and day room. When the bombers would arrive, we would all stop working and run out to watch them land and greet the crews.

"In the spare time that could be found I worked extra in the welding shop, building stoves from 50 gallon drums and smoke stacks from 4 inch fuel pipe. These would be set up in the new crew tents - for a small remuneration, like a bottle of that good ol' stateside mountain dew."

The personnel of the 408th also worked on the Crash Crew and Bob was on the line when Lt Wydler landed his crippled bomber. (This story appeared in the 2nd newsletter -Ed.) "I have always remembered the nose turret gunner," Bob related, "Who climbed out, lit a cigarette, then returned inside the bomber to inspect the damage. Emerging from the gaping hole in the nose compartment, he commented, 'It's a helluva hole, ain't it?' and walked away as calm as if it happened everyday."

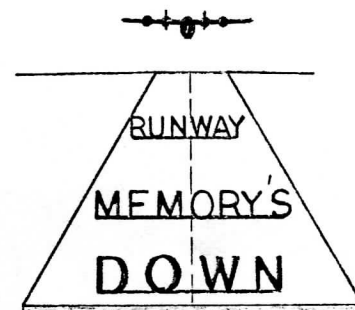


Photo-G. Ick
Winter in Sunny Italy

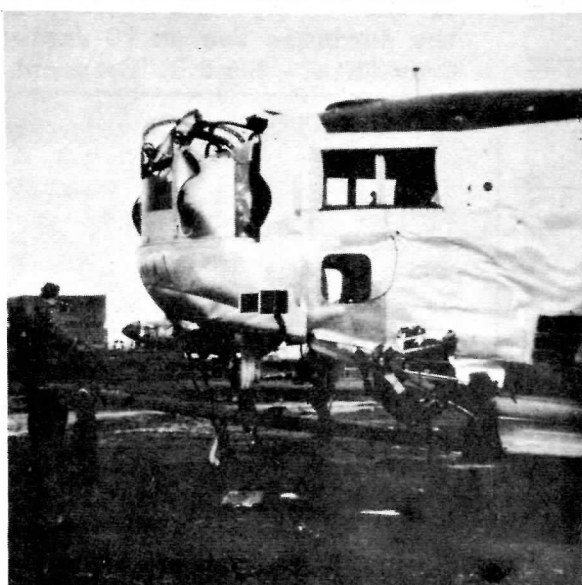


Photo-H. Combs
The 829th Liberator 882, piloted by
Lt K. Wydler on Feb. 7, 1945, which
received a direct flak hit in the
nose compartment.

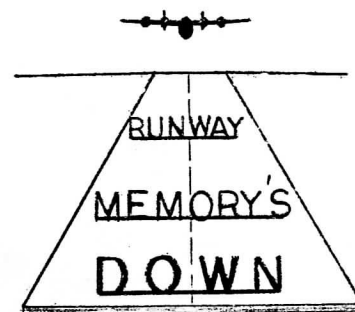


Photo-R. Johnson
L to R - Maj Ralph W. Johnson - Gp Comm Officer,
Capt H. M. Huckleby - Gp Aerial Photo Intpr, and
Maj Walter A. Ladner - Gp Intel Staff Officer.

Photo-K. Brown
831st Crew 64, one of the two crews
shot down May 29, 1944, - the first
losses of the Group.

Knl, L to R: Lt Robert Lynn-CP, Lt
Lloyd E. Proudlove-P, Lt Irwin Ivy-
N, FO J.Q. Tolleson-B; Std, L to R:
SSgt Kenneth H. Brown-TG, Sgt Eric
Bernhard-BG, SSgt Robert W. Miller-
NG, SSgt Arnij Gudjonson-UG, TSgt
Walter Gworek-FE and TSgt Wilbur E.
Snider-RO. Sgt Bernhard was killed
during the sinking of the merchant
vessel, off the coast of N. Africa,
which was carrying 831st personnel.
Armand L. Madore assigned to crew.
Capt J. L. Landis flew the fateful
mission as co-pilot of the crew.





Red "A" - 42-52718H

Photo-W. Brien
YANKEE DOODLE DANDY, last of
the original assigned bombers
of the 828th, was ditched in
the Adriatic Sea on 20 Jan '45
Crew Chief- MSgt R. Beaumont.

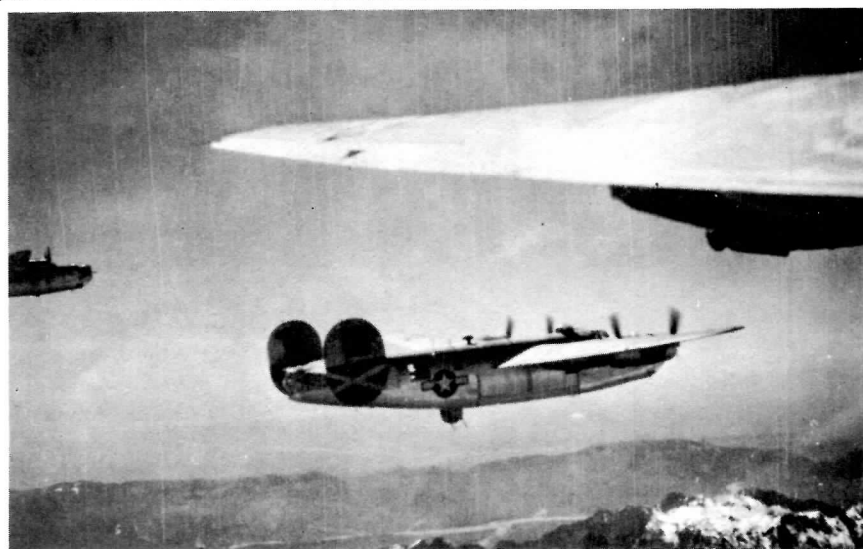


Photo-E. Parsegian
Over the Alps enroute to the target



Photo-W. Wulf
Down on the flight line



Photo-H. Ball
485th homeward bound over the Italian coastline

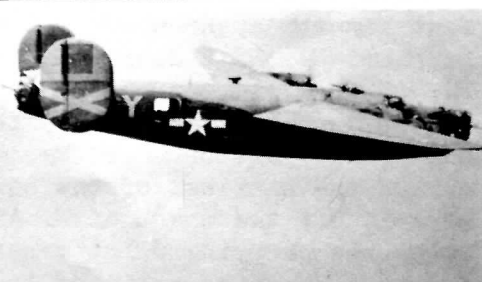


Photo-H. Ball
829th "Y", MISS FITZ

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A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWER OPERATORS

Thanks to the wonderful response to the newsletter, we believe we have the letter fully airborne loaded with items which will bring back nostalgic memories. Our mailing list is growing and promises the kind of interest and support which will allow the letter to continue to grow.

We are happy to introduce Earl L. Bundy, ex-829th Crew Chief, the newest member of our staff. Earl will represent the 829th, assisting your editor with the correspondence to 829th veterans. We are still in need of a reporter for the 830th.

Many photos were received which we would like to share with you through the expanded section "Down Memory's Runway". Another section which we would like to expand is "This Is How It Was". Quite honestly, we were unable to obtain the amount of personal experiences to use in the newsletter and the history. One area in particular we definitely want covered, is the very important part played by the ground personnel, from the Crew Chief to the Cooks, Clerks - everyone.

Enclosed with the letter is our mailing roster. Space limitations prevent us from including the addresses at this time. As the letter grows

it will be included, possibly with the next issue. If you are in contact with any veteran, whose name is not on the list, please send the name along with the address to us so that we may inform him of our activities. Mailing lists are available by writing the staff.

We can think of no adequate words to tell of our sincere appreciation of your generosity to us in expression of appreciation, of the letters and contributions received. If it were possible, we would most certainly wish to thank all of you personally. We know we can depend on the 485th Veterans for their unprecedented support of the letter. Thank you all and our best wishes for the New Year.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The whereabouts of the former Group Commanders is still a mystery to us. The staff would appreciate any assistance in locating them. As a possible clue, their last known address is noted below.

Maj Gen Walter E. Arnold	Col John B. Cornet	Col Douglas M. Cairns (Ret)
APO New York	4608th Support Sqdn	Apt H - 8 1200 Leon St
New York 09254	Ent AF Base, Colo.	Durham, N. Carolina

Your editor received a letter from Lt Col David P. McQuilliam, USAF, inquiring of the address of Captain Joseph Landis, who was the Group or Assistant Group Operations Officer. Captain Landis was shot down on 29 May 1944 and survived the war. The last time Col McQuilliam saw Capt Landis, was after his release from POW camp, just prior to his being mustered out of service. Major Cletus M. Harner, SDANG, wrote us in August and is seeking assistance in locating his crew members.

Any assistance you can offer, will be greatly appreciated and the information will be forwarded to the requestor.

THE MAIL ROOM.

The mail room was a busy place during 1968 and we are very grateful for the many letters and Christmas Cards received. We know we will be hearing from you all again in 1969 and more veterans we haven't heard from so far. Through the mail room we have met several veterans for the first time, such as Major Cletus M. Harner, who is with the 114th Fighter Group, SDANG in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Seeing our reunion notice in the Airman magazine, Major Harner contacted us about the reunion. We hope to meet more of you through the mail room.

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Another veteran we met for the first time is Lawrence J. Vocino of Clifton, New Jersey. Larry noted our reunion notice in the AF Historical Foundation Newsletter and wrote us. Assigned to S-3, Group Operations, Larry was with the Group from the early days until the Group returned to the States. A big thanks to Ralph W. Johnson for his many letters and his greatly appreciated help in obtaining material for the historical project. In particular, a roster of the Group Headquarters personnel. While many of us were in our early 20s when in Italy, Ralph was in his 40s. Now we youngsters are in our 40s, Ralph is enjoying life in his ---. (? guess-Ed.)

From Wheatridge, Colorado, came more material, including many bomb photos, and a nice letter from H. Minor Huckleby, another retired veteran. Crew members might recall the days when returning from a mission, there were always a lot of questions asked and HMH was one of the interrogators with the questions.

Major John M. Hannan, Jr., USAF, Sacramento, California, noted our reunion notice in the Airman magazine and contacted us in November. Major Hannan was the 485th Group Technical Inspector and Assistant Group Engineering Officer, joining the Group in 1943 and stayed with the organization until it was deactivated in Sioux Falls after the war. It was through Major Hannan that we were able to contact Captain Edward Kral and MSgt Irving Rubenfield.

828TH BOMB SQDN

We look back on the past year as being one full of accomplishments. We welcome this opportunity to thank you for all your letters - your friendship - and your co-operation, which has aided us in our growth.

We received letters from William G. Keanelly, Fred E. Baggan, John C. Calhoun, Thomas R. Tabor, Karl Anderson, Joseph Faraci, Robert Beamish, John Byrne, CMSgt Henry Fisher, USAF, Ben Christ, William Brien, Edward Nett, Edmond Manning, Fred Freyermuth, Laurel L. Behnke, Robert Volbrecht, Fred Buzan, Lawrence Hohmann, John Wheeler, George Ick, Henry T. Hazen, Lt Col Harold S. Julin, USAF, Clemmie E. Norris, Col Calvin W. Fite, USAF, Nicholas Montulli and Stanley Turecki. Everyone enjoyed reading the newsletter and we had the pleasure of meeting some of you at the past reunion.

During the year we learned of the passing of three of our 828th veterans - Ernie Barquist - Feb. 1967, Edward Sollinger - Jan. 8, 1968 and Frank Ketcham - March 1968.

With the approach of the next reunion our thoughts are directed toward the many fine associations we have enjoyed during the past years. Friendships are strengthened at reunion time. Old buddies greet one another warmly and sincerely. And so we want to send a special invitation to attend the next reunion at the Holiday Inn in St Louis, Mo. *W. Schoultz*

829TH BOMB SQDN

I thoroughly enjoyed our 4th annual reunion after so many years anticipating a 485th reunion. It was a real thrill to renew old acquaintances. The few members of our Group that got the ball rolling for these reunions are a hard working gang and should be com-

mended. Being appointed a reporter is a pleasure as I am getting first hand contacts with so many old friends of the 829th. Received letters from Albert J. O'Brien, H. J. Ball, William Wulf, Bernard Rempe, John Throne, Sal LoBello, Ernest Mills, Robert E. Dillahay, Ralph Libbert and Ed Parsegian.

Capt. (Ret) Ed Parsegian revived old memories as he was a Flight Commander and credited with 29 sorties. I remember making test hops with him and many of his missions from Venosa Air Base. I was especially happy to hear from one of our Flt. Chiefs Ralph Libbert, who lived on the 'Line' in a block house next to ours. He really worked hard with his Crew Chiefs to keep the B-24s flying. He lives in Russellville, Mo., and I'm looking forward to seeing him at the 1969 reunion.

Received a wonderful letter from the Bernard Rempes. Bernie quit writing letters when he got out of service. He has been very busy farming nearly 900 acres near Oklahoma City, Okla. Married 27 years, the Rempes have four children. I'm sure his thoughts are often directed back to take off time at Venosa as he lives close to Will Rogers AF Base.

I had a big treat as a result of the mailing list. I looked up Fred Heaton, one evening, in Munice, Ind. and had a big gab session. He got out his little black book from which I obtained several names (male 829th members) for our mailing list. Fred has kept in contact with several of our old gang and spent many vacations just touring the USA, hunting them up.

I hope to receive replies from all of you with more names and addresses of 829th veterans. Let's all make the 5th reunion a big success by attending. (Your editor enjoyed another lengthy telephone conversation with Sid Connelley of Oklahoma City, Okla. We also heard from Frank Lozier, C. Duecker and Ebe Reynolds.-Ed.) *Earl Bundy*

830TH BOMB SQDN

We were happy to hear from several 830th veterans for the first time. Frank E. Gallagher, Navigator, of Salem, Mass. inquired about the reunion and hopes to attend one of them. Both, SMSgt Everett H. Swann and Wolfred Greenberg of Edwards, California noticed the reunion announcement in the Airman magazine and mailed us a letter, inquiring about the reunion. Wolfred was the payroll clerk in the 830th and Everett was First Sgt of the Sqdn. The two veterans joined the Group at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho and remained with the Sqdn until deactivation.

From the desk of ex-SSgt Louis Wolf, Sheldon, Iowa, came a note containing the name of Jack Farrel, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. Louis worked in S-2 in Group and was attached to the 830th. We had the pleasure of meeting Louis and Jack at the reunion. Louis related his interesting visit to the old Bomb Group site at Venosa, Italy which he made about three years ago. We shall endeavor to have him write a story on his observations, for the next letter.

Again we had the pleasure of hearing from Carroll Eichner, Killduff, Iowa, Russel L. Severn, Fort Madison, Iowa and David Anderson, Howell, Michigan. Certainly hope to meet you all from Iowa in St. Louis. *CPG*

831ST BOMB SQDN

The past year has rolled by fast and it is time to report again. Received several letters and many Christmas Cards in '68. Harry McGaw indicated his desire to attend the reunion in Dearborn, but had to spend two weeks on active duty with the 92d Aerial Port Sqdn. We hope the reunion date will not coincide with his active duty tour in 1969 so that we may meet him at the reunion. Don Stahl, who has been most helpful in obtaining addresses, wrote us a nice letter. Glad to hear he is happy in his new home. Also heard from Kenneth Brown, Burl Jackson, and Ralph Summers. All expressed enjoyment in reading the letter. Ken Brown was a member of Lt Lloyd Proudlove's crew, one of the first crews

shot down on 29 May 1944 and was a POW until 3 May 1945.

The names and addresses of Orval C. Bawden and his crew were received from Louis W. Sikes, Deneson, Texas, Radio Operator of the crew. TSgt John H Ranz, 131st Tactical Fighter Group, East Alton, Illinois, contacted us about the reunion and expressed hope of attending. It was a pleasure to hear from Harold Combs of Fredericktown, Mo., who sent along material for the history project. The letters and contributions to the newsletter are sincerely appreciated.

We enjoyed Sunday afternoon, following the reunion, with Harold and Margaret Dundon, who returned with us to our home for a continuation of the gab session. We are looking forward to seeing a good attendance at the reunion in St. Louis this summer. Lester Sutter has offered to assist in making the event a success. We do hope to see more veterans for the first time at the event.

H. Woodyard

GROUP HISTORY PROJECT

During the 2nd week of October, your editor spent five days at Maxwell AF Base, Alabama, researching the 485th records in the AF Historical Division archives. Approximately 100 pages of notes were typed, relating to the organization of the Group and all the missions flown, except for three, which were missing from the particular volume of records reviewed. However, when the correlation of material collected to date is completed, another trip will be made to Maxwell AF Base for future researching until all particulars are complete. At this time the project will be approximately 60 per cent complete.

Some difficulty has been experienced in obtaining the serial numbers of the B-24s assigned to the Group and their final destiny. However, a list has been compiled, based on information collected to date, which probably contains one third of the total bombers assigned. This also applies to the crew lists. Your editor would greatly appreciate a copy of SO 61, Incl #1, Par 2, Hq FAAF, Geneva, Neb., dtd 1 March 1944, which contains a complete list of the original crews, their assigned bomber and the crew chiefs. A copy was in the records, but there just wasn't time to type the long list of names.

Again, a sincere thank you to the following contributors for graciously lending personal photos, military orders and personal accounts: Kenneth Brown, Earl Bundy, Ralph Johnson, Robert Beamish, H. Minor Huckleby, Fred Freyermuth, Henry Hazen, John Wheeler, Robert Tipton, John Waldeyer, Frank Lozier, William Wulf and Stanley Turecki. Your editor is somewhat snowed with material for the project, thus a delay in returning same. However, it will be returned as soon as possible.

Do you have your Sqdn insignia patch yet? If so, may we borrow it? We would like to make replicas of them for use at the reunions.

CPG

DO YOU REMEMBER---?

What happened to the two bombers lost prior to the arrival of the 485th in Italy? The original bomber strength of the 485th at Fairmont, Neb. was 72 bombers. One bomber was lost at Lincoln, Neb. on 7 March 1944 and the other bomber was lost on the flight over Africa, from Marrakesh to Oudna, prior to March 18, 1944. It is believed this bomber struck a mountain during foul weather.

JOURNEYS END

Members Deceased Since The End Of WWII

BARQUIST, Ernie	(828)	1967
BLACKWELL, Earl	(828)	1959
BOYER, Henry	(828)	1964
CHAPMAN, Russel	(828)	
CORY, Russel	(828)	
ENTWHISTLE, Jack	(828)	1959
GIBSON, Richard O.	(828)	1962
GRASS, Alfred W.	(828)	
JENSEN, Willard	(828)	1962
KETCHAM, Frank D.	(828)	1968
O'DELL, Rex	(828)	1948
ROE, John	(Gp Hq)	
SHINDLEDECKER, Freeman	(828)	1965
SOLLINGER, Edward	(828)	1968
STAGMAN, Orlie M.	(831)	
THOMAS, Homer	(831)	

MAILING ROSTER

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CZACHOROWSKI, Leo J., Dr.
 GOODSON, James M.
 HANNAN, John M., Jr., Major
 HUCKEY, H. Minor
 JOHNSON, Ralph W.
 KRAL, Edward
 LADNER, Walter A.
 LAI, H.
 RUBINFELD, Irving I., MSgt
 VOCINO, Lawrence J.
 WAKEFIELD, Ralph J.

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AKIN, Jess W.
 ANDERSON, Karl
 ANDREWS, Jim
 BAGGAN, Fred E.
 BARNES, Charles
 BASSETT, Dean F.
 BATES, Richard
 BEAMISH, Robert E.
 BECKLEY, Paul
 BEHNKE, Laurel L.
 BELL, Gilbert I.
 BENTLEY, M. D., Dr.
 BERRY, Harold
 BONUS, Walter J.
 BORGETTI, Ambrose
 BOWMAN, James A.
 BOYLE, David
 BRIEN, William L.
 BRODRICK, Gerald A.
 BROWN, Arlynn R.
 BROWN, Richard
 BROWN, Wilbur
 BUZAN, Fred
 BYRNE, John
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 CAUDLE, James
 CHRIST, Ben
 CHRISTENSON, Gale M.
 CLARK, Edward J.
 COCHREN, Melvin S.
 COMPTON, Ralph H.
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 CORSON, Somers
 DEEDS, Robert S.
 DEKOSTIC, Edward
 DEVANE, Edward J.
 DIMATTEO, Gene
 DOZIER, Craig
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