

82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER

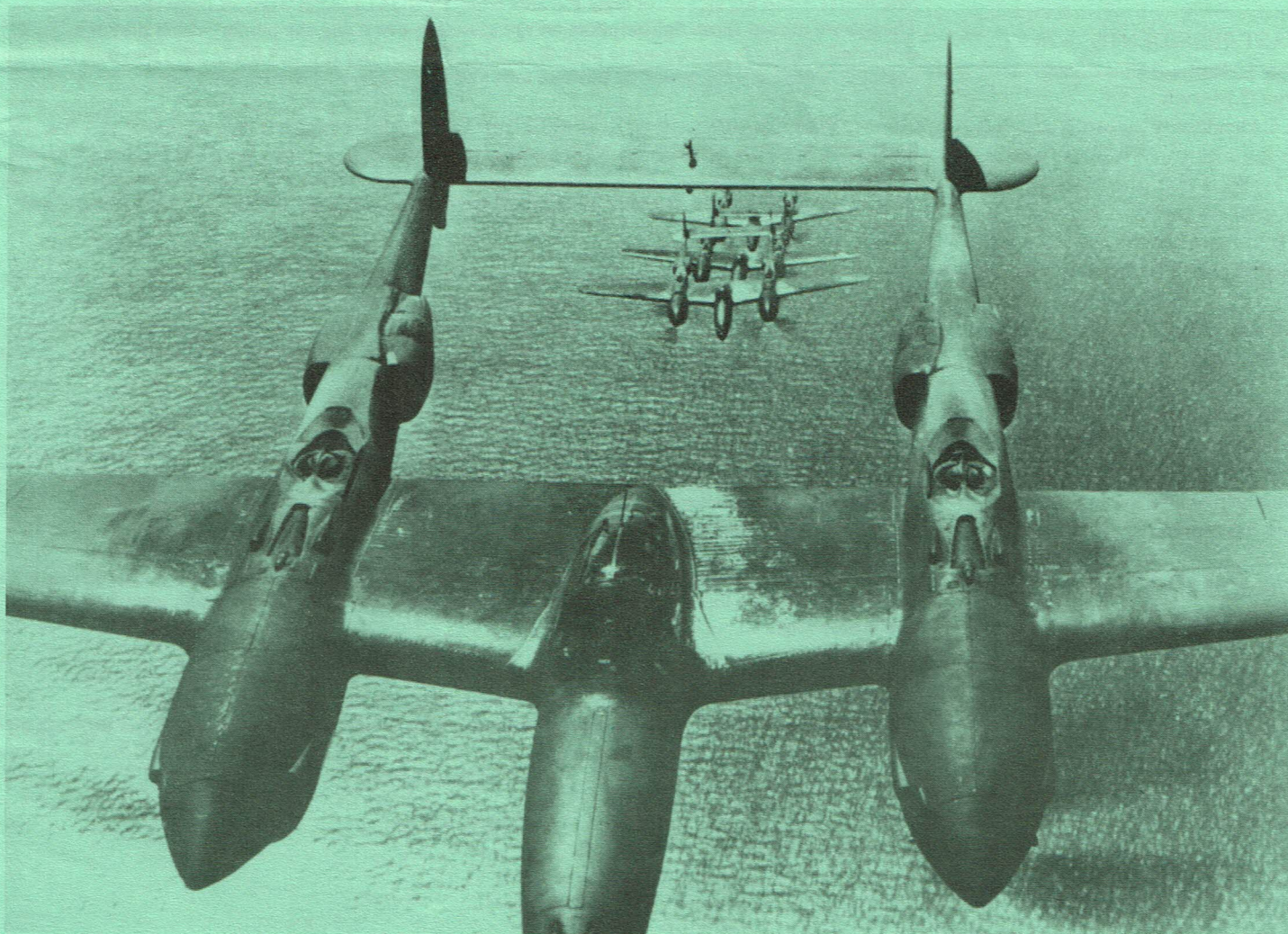
November 25, 2001

ISSUE 53

SPECIAL IN THIS ISSUE:

'Slick' and Fern's preview of Reunion 2002!

82nd FG Mission No. 73, -- PLOESTI.



82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



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NEWSLETTER

Hank Phillips

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Comrades of the 82nd Fighter Group Association,

I greet you in our newsletter for the first time as your president. I accepted the nomination only subject to the provision that Hank, Chuck and Roy were willing to continue doing their excellent jobs with Newsletter, Roster and Secy/Treasurer. Our Association is very fortunate to have these men so skilled and so willing to serve us! Our 82nd Fighter Group Association is also very fortunate to have had so many years with Will Hattendorf as our president and I express our thanks and appreciation to him from ALL OF US!

WOW!! Our Tucson Reunion was JUST GREAT!!! To Jim Monyhan, that was a super band and dinner and your Group Tours were great as was the Excellent Hotel with a spacious outside deck on which to be hospitable! I know that JIM gave a warm thanks to his crew but speaking for the whole group I send a hearty "Thank You All", it was just fine!! We all knew that MR BONES and his escorts in their F-15's from TYNDALL AFB were on Duty elsewhere. Though we missed those fighter pilots we are glad they are doing the job for which they are dedicated. It also is reassuring to note that after 55 years they are still flying with two tails and two engines! Even the very new F 22 has two tails and two engines — smart planning!

Will's appeal for Reunion Hosts in our August 2001 Newsletter was answered in a fine way by SLICK & FERN MORGAN. They invited Our Association for next year's 82nd Group Reunion to Sacramento, California! This is really good for they will maintain the excellence of our reunions. Also, other members are working on other future locations such as DAYTON, SAN DIEGO and HARTFORD, CT.

The 82nd's ITALY TOUR during the last two weeks of May 2001 was enjoyed by the 36 who shared it. We toured Rome 3-days, Sorrento/Capri/Amalfi/Pompeii for the next three days and at last to the Foggia/Bari area. We are indebted to CHUCK AND JUDY LUKE for they worked so hard with our tour company—IT WAS GREAT!! I hear from Roy that Slick and Fern are hard at work on their plans to "Enliven" Sacramento in 2002!

Our yearly expenses run about \$3,500 which is mostly for the printing and mailing of the roster and three newsletters. My appeal at the Tucson Oct. 13 banquet for contributions to our treasury was met with strong support, thank you! This with some 'overage' from the Tucson reunion will gain us enough to pay for a year's expenses! You will find Roy Norris' report elsewhere in this newsletter for the exact figures.

Hank Phillips was delighted to say that he started his "82nd Ftr. Gp." of e-mail people with 7 members; he now has 77 members which makes a very effective way for quick, easy, low cost communication.

911 is the national emergency number and 9/11 is a date of TERROR we will always remember with indignation and persistent resolve to purge the world of this awful menace. Our prayers go with our servicemen and with our leaders that they may prevail in this difficult time of our nation.

God Bless America,

Monty Powers

November 1, 2001

\$\$\$ DUES ARE DELINQUENT AFTER 31 MARCH OF THE CURRENT YEAR \$\$\$\$

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

[Newsletter is free to all Sustaining, Honorary and Life Members]

Current Sustaining dues - \$15 per year, Life membership is \$100, Associate Members - \$10 voluntary (incl. newsletter).

Send checks to: Roy Norris, Sec/Treas., 82nd Ftr. Gp. Assn., 6636 Plantation Way, Cincinnati, OH 45224

FINANCIAL REPORT

1 JULY 2000 -- 30 JUNE 2001

BEGINNING BALANCE

CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT	\$10,141.22	
CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT	3,081.85	
CHECKING	3,994.09	
TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE		\$17,217.16

INCOME

ARMED FORCES REUNION INC.	\$	178.00	A
DONATIONS		161.00	
DUES - LIFE		300.00	
- SUSTAINING		780.00	
INTEREST		862.28	
NEWSLETTER- ASSOCIATES		215.00	
REUNION 2000 SEED RETURNED		1,000.00	
REUNION 2000 PROFIT		1,266.37	
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 4,762.65

EXPENDITURES

AUDIT	\$	100.00	
BANK CHARGE		16.00	
FLOWERS - JO ANN LINGENFELTER		89.62	
NEWSLETTER (AUG. NOV.)		3,202.68	
PHOTOS		27.56	
POSTAGE		120.10	
REUNION 1996 EXPENSE SUBMISSION		2,140.00	B
REUNION 2001 SEED MONEY		1,000.00	
ROSTER		899.30	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$ 7,595.26

ENDING BALANCE

CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT	\$10,004.02	
CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT	3,275.75	
CHECKING	1,104.78	
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE		\$14,384.55

SPECIAL NOTES:

A P-38 Assn. Wyndham Hotel, earned two complimentary rooms.
B Final submission Reunion 1996, Boston, MA, expenses.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy E. Norris

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Brower, June	(414) 633-1638	96H
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Harman, A. Paul	17112	96
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Lauria, Marlene	% Ranger Steel PO Box 11848	
	Houston, TX 77293-1848	97H
Mitchell, Sid	1113 Kenmore Av	Vickie
	Fredericksburg, VA 22401	97H
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	Le Sueur, MN 56058	97
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	Dillon Beach, CA 94929	97

Deceased ——— {See Fly-By, page 3 }

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Hesse, Roger	14405 SE" 274 PL (253) 631-9218	
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	Saratoga, CA 95070	
Taback, Steve	90 Bridlewood RD	Marsha 97H

Dues & Donations

Craft, Bernise	01/02	Rivest, George L.	01
Currier, Charles	01/02	Strozier, Buddy A	01/02
Mitchell, Les	01		

Bowers, George A.	Don.	Jones, Lincoln	Don.
Ellison, Alfred	Don.	Otto, Guy W.	Don.
Hendrix, John	Don.	Powers, Monty	Don.
Hayduk, William	Don.	Russell, Eugene	Don.
Johnson, Burl	Don.	Taback, Mr. & Mrs Steve	Don.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy E. Norris

General Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 12, 2001
Double Tree Suits Hotel
Tucson, AZ

President Will Hattendorf opened the meeting. Monte Powers led the association members in the pledge of allegiance.

President Hattendorf requested if any members were here for the first time? Les Mitchell of the 97th responded. All welcomed him! !

President Hattendorf requested the Secretary/Treasurer to report on the finances.

Sec/Treas. Roy Norris responded as to the balance of the Funds on 1 July 2001 to be \$14,384.55, made up of Cash \$1,104.78, Certificate of Deposits \$13,279.77. AS of this date 89 members owe 2001 dues which equals \$1,335.00. Any questions? !

Newsletter Editor Hank Phillips noted the cost of three issues has been constantly increasing. Cost could be reduced by reducing issues to two issues. Members responded by a loud No! Send negatives and note who is in the picture. Currently printing 470 copies. Keep sending the stories!

Former N/L editor Dick Lingenfelter spoke of the panorama picture taken at the Dayton, OH, 1988, reunion and the identities of the members. The picture is to be displayed at the March Air Force Base, P-38 Association Museum. Jake Hendrix will assure its display.

Member Leo Fisher spoke of requests from the 8th AAF organization for stories. Suggested sending them an 82nd History Book. Leo Fisher donated his golf winnings of \$30.00 to the Association.

President Hattendorf referred to the association By-Laws in regard to election of the board members every two years. John Hendrix is the Chairman of the election committee. Hendrix mentioned that Lincoln Jones currently Vice President did not

wish to be nominated for the president position because of health problems.

Nomination for President, Monte Powers, Unanimous!
Vice President, Don Foley, " !
Secretary/Treasurer, Roy Norris, " !
Hdqr. Representative, Jerry Loewenberg " !
95th " , Olen Medley " !
96th " , Francis Chapman " !
97th " , Jack Duncan " !

President Hattendorf applauded Jim Monahan as the Chairman for the Tucson Reunion 2001 and for Lute Thompson for the Hospitality Room accomplishment.

President Hattendorf spoke of the association current difficulty of future reunion sites and appropriate Chairmen. The Reunion 2002 city was suggested as Sacramento, CA, and Chairmanship of Slick Morgan. This was a reluctant acceptance! The membership applauded.

Monte Powers offered these suggestions for the future reunions:

San Diego, CA -- ? -- Dick Ostronik
Hartford, Ct -- ? -- Pincus Taback
Ft. Meyers, FL -- ? -- Charles Pinson
Dayton, OH -- ? -- Hattendorf/Norris
Ft. Walton Beach, FL Hank Phillips

John Hendrix mentioned the N/L cost being so high and suggested LIFE membership could donate some funds. Hendrix, Otto and Powers responded with a donation.

Hattendorf mentioned that Ben Mason would have long stem roses for the Ladies attending the Banquet and Roy Norris has several Get Well cards for members to sign. These members had canceled due to illnesses.

Motion to Adjourn General Meeting!

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy E. Norris

Secretary/Treasurer

82ND FIGHTER GROUP ASSOCIATION



Sep. 8, 2001

Executive Committee, Et Als:

The latest count on attendance for the Reunion 2001, Tucson, AZ, is 143. Twenty-eight of them only intents (not paid up). Looks like we will have a great turn-out!! The Howards, Jack and Mary called to cancel. Mary is to have an operation. I have refunded their registration, tour and banquet costs. The golf will have a very good turn out of 16 duffers! Who's keeping score?!

For the reunion we have two very important subjects to address. 1) Board member elections and 2) Where for the reunions, 2002, etc? !

Address Changes

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Geresi, Alice 426 Meer Ave. Wyckoff, NJ 07481-1805 95H
Kingery, Meredith 46901-2606 (765) 452-1557 97
Mikes, Alphons J. 1306 Luther Le. Shiner, TX 77984-6215 96
Terry, Mildred (901) 388-9060 97H

Dues

Anderson, L E	00/03 Mikes A J	LIFE
Barnhart, H E	01/02 Powell, G L	01
Buonaguidi, A A	01 Stoutenborough J D	01
Kingery, M R	99-04 Sullivan E D S	01-02
Lingenfelter R	02	

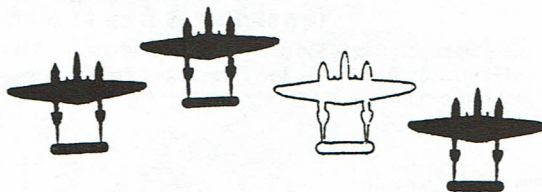
Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Norris

{{ Roy Norris' report continued from Page 2 }}



FLY BY of HONOR



Missing plane formation for recently departed heros of the 82nd

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Jim Schellien	27 Jan.,01	95th				
James R. Blackman	- Mar.,01	97th				
Martin Collis Jr.	18 Jun.,01	97th				
Raphen Cross	05 July,01	96th				
C.A. 'Josh' Joslin	12 Sept.,01	97th				
R.L. 'Dick' Hood	12 Sept.,01	97th				
Milton McCurry	21 Sept.,01	xxa				



From The Desk Of
A. Radawec

Hank Phillips!
I must apologize,
I thought my daughter
wrote you a notice that
I will not be able to
attend future reunions.
Please take me off your
mailing list. Mrs. Radawec

Mike and Albina Radawec's last reunion was in Scottsdale. Mike died in 1998. I convinced her that she is still entitled to our newsletter, hp

From Phil Taback

97th

"This of course is me and my crew chief, plus some more G.I.s that got into the picture (No Africa). Sorry I can't tell you their names. At my age, 82 it is hard to remember.
Pincus P."

(If any of you know who the others are -- please refresh Pincus' memory. hp)

Letters from the Members
(Sometimes abridged)

From Nona Isaacson

96H

Dear Marlene & Hank -

I have finally had my pictures developed! I am enclosing the two taken at that delightful Mexican restaurant. It was a great evening! Thank you for your precious hospitality. Loved the food, but my hosts and the conversation were the best!

These "pics" need not be returned. At the present I know I will be unable to attend the reunion in Tucson.

Life just gets too busy at times - but I love it. Someday I'll make it.

Again, thank you for a lovely evening.

Sincerely,
Nona

Ft. Walton Beach (Panchos Restaurant), Sept., 2001
Hank, Nona, and Marlene



From Bob Cardin to Monty Powers

96th

Hi Friends, the September issue of the Gazette is ready and you can view it at <http://www.thelostsquadron.com/ggg.html>

September was a keystone month for Glacier Girl because on 6 September we started and ran both engines for the very first time, all went well and we are now preparing her to taxi at the air show on the 6&7th of October. My plan is to taxi at 2pm on both Sat and Sunday, so if you can come by it will be an excellent opportunity to hear the Allison Engines run.

I would like to give a special thanks to Don Myers of The Parachute Shop for his coordinating the delivery Strong Parachute that now sits in the seat of GG. Check out his site at <http://www.parachuteshop.com> send him an e-mail and thank him for helping out.

In memory of his father, MG Abajohn, Carl Abajohn, owner of Burbank Sign, has donated some inverter placards for the cockpit--Thanks Carl.

When are we going to fly?--That is the big question??? I don't have a firm date yet but after we get to taxi and have 7 Engine cowlings made and fit, we should be ready to go. It will be 4-5 months at least.

When you go to the Gazette you will see a place to click to see the engines run, if it doesn't work try again in a couple of days, we are trying to get it fixed now, please do not e-mail me to say it isn't working, please be patient and check every once in awhile the webmaster will get it fixed.

Bob

SURPRISE FROM THE MORGANS !

I only asked for a couple of sentences on how the plans were coming along.-- hp

Letter from Emory C."Slick" Morgan

3 Nov.,01

Dear Hank,

Sorry to take so long to answer, both Fern and I have the Mother-of-all-colds and can't really get out. Maybe the following will help:

Much progress has been made toward planning the 82nd Fighter Group Reunion in Sacramento in 2002. We have settled on the Hilton Hotel, located just off Freeway 180 at Arden Way,

Tentative Plan follows:

THURSDAY

Morning -- Golf (Buddy Strozier in command)

Afternoon -- Shopping (Large Mall with Nordstrom and many more), or sightseeing.

FRIDAY

Morning -- City Bus Tour. (Governor's Mansion, Old Sacramento Town, lunch on your own)

Afternoon -- On your own (Shopping, sightseeing, rest, Hospitality Room.)

Evening -- Banquet/Dancing to John Skinner's Big Band. (It was suggested that the Banquet be held on Friday rather than Saturday, because many people must leave very early on Sunday)

SATURDAY

Morning -- Either a Bus Trip to the Wine Country, or a Boat Trip up the Sacramento River, with lunch on board.

SUNDAY

Morning -- Good-byes

PLAN TO MAKE THE REUNION A FULL CALIFORNIA VACATION! RENO AND LAKE TAHOE --142 MILES, SAN FRANCISCO --121 MILES

Call the Sacramento Convention Center Bureau at (916) 924-8661 and ask for a VISITOR'S GUIDE.

I hope this helps Hank, I'm going to bed.

ECM

From Francis "Chappy" Chapman

96th

Dear Hank,

Please pass on 'Many Thanks' from both Bonnie and me for the many encouraging and certainly uplifting cards and phone calls that I received while in the hospital. Their thoughtful acts helped me to endure a lot of pain and anxiety during that time.

You will be relieved to know that most of that is now behind me and the doctors tell me that I'm well on the way to recovery and we are both looking forward to seeing all of you in Sacramento next year.

Chappy.

From Clayton Tillapaugh

96th

18 Sept. 2001

Hi Hank,

Here is a copy of my letter to Dale Piper in response to "Case 2" in the 25 Aug. 2001 issue of the Newsletter.

John Schlenker was a 1st Lt. and I was (of course) still a 2nd Lt. with a year in grade on 6 Sept. I did not know John around the 96th area; i.e. Valley Ball games, etc. I don't know his flying background; but, I lost him on my first turn around into the 109s.

Best Regards,

"Tillie"

Re: 1st Lt. John Schlenker

17 Sept. 2001

Mr. Dale Piper,

Dear Sir;

I read the note you had sent to Hank Phillips and the P-38 Fighter Group Newsletter, 25 Aug. 2001 issue.

Your uncle, John Schlenker was my element leader on that fateful day -- 2 Sept. 1943.

+ - Flight leader
Flight leader's wingman + - Element leader
+ - Tail-end Charlie

The Germans had been saving their fighters for one big bash. The other two groups of P-38s -- the 1st Ftr Gp., and the 4th Ftr Gp. had both been hit heavily, losing many aircraft. Our Group Commander said: "They are not going to catch us like that. We will take every aircraft we have a pilot to fly." We had 72, with all 3 squadrons flying on this mission -- escorting a group of B-25 Mitchells to bomb a railway marshalling yard near Salerno, Italy, bombing from 10,000'. Maj Buddy Strozier was leading the 96th Sq. and I was leading the second half of the 96th Sq. I had Lt. Col. William Litton as my wingman; this was his first mission, he was our new Group Executive Officer. John had a new pilot (5 or 6 missions) as his wingman.

The bombing went off smoothly, except for the omnipresence of flak -- no enemy fighters. Coming off the target and leaving the coast of Italy at 10,000' -- no problem. We were still flying on belly tanks. The three squadron commanders had flipped for position, and Buddy lost, so we got rear and top cover. That meant that I and my flight



Margo and Bryce Hughes 96th

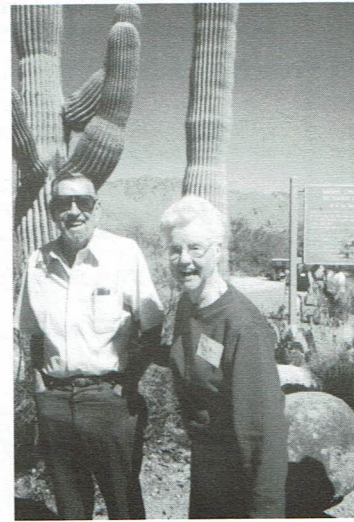


Sylvia O and Jerry Loewenberg Hq



Lucille and Whitey Ellison 97th

{ Regina Foley looks on }



Howard and Peggy Warne 97th



Buddy Strozier/Jim Monyhan

{ Golf Captain and Reunion Host }



Ben Mason and Aida Reinarz Hq

{ Tillie's letter continues on page 4. }

were the last aircraft to leave the coast. About 10 miles out from the coast, I noticed a large collection of flak bursts near our flights. My first thought was: "Those dirty Italians on the Isle of Capri have voided their pledge of no-fire (Open City)." Next I looked behind and saw the sky was black with fighters; later estimates put the number as about 100 Me 109s. They (some) were firing air-to-air rockets hoping to hit one of our P-38s. I called a turn-about (British term I learned when flying P-40s in Egypt), the rest of our squadron turned with me and the middle squadron, I'm not sure about the leading squadron. Then the melee began, down to water level -- back to about 8000' & down to water again -- all over the sky, a real ball of fighters going every direction at once.

I never saw John again, after I turned into the enemy. I called for belly tank drop, John's wingman did not drop his and went through the entire fight with tanks on and got home O.K. We were in such a juggle of about 150 aircraft that it was impossible to identify flights. I saw six aircraft go into the water in about 90 seconds. After we broke for home we ran into more Me 109s awaiting us, so we had another fight. Finally, gas shortage forced us to make a run out of there. Quite a few of us had to head for Sicily for refueling; the next day I led seven 38s back to Giombellia, Tunisia.

Our group lost 10 aircraft, the 96th lost 7, including one of my tentmates, Louis Pape, on his 48th mission; he became a POW. - another good story about that. I have no

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idea about what happened to John, sorry to tell you this. Perhaps Edward D. Sullivan, our squadron Intelligence Officer might have records that would give light to his fate. His address is 4503 Collwood Lane, San Diego, Calif, 92115; his phone number listed in the membership roster is 619-286-4892.

My phone number is 301-449-8237 and I would be glad to talk with you; but, this info is about all I can provide. Possibly one of his tentmates will write to you; I don't know any of their names.

Best of Luck,
Clayton E. Tillapaugh

After the Italy Tour, Dick, Sylvia and I joined John Kane in Wiesbaden where we were "pampered guests" of the Fuereders. (Visited, Ruedesheim, Heidelberg, Hanover, Rostock, GAF Base Laage, Berlin, Potsdam, Dresden, Eisenach as well as the local Wiesbaden area)
hp

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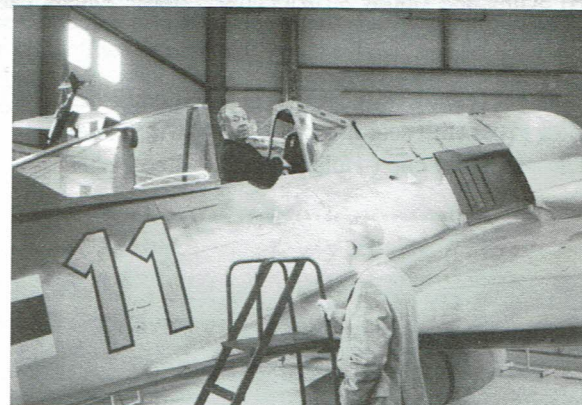


Bill Blurock 95th and Delores Wilson (Guest)



Enjoying "Fuereder Hospitality" !

(l - r) Dick Ostronik, John Kane, Sylvia Ostronik, Lilo and Georg Fuereder. { Wiesbaden -- 4 June, 2001 }



John Kane "checks out" in the FW190

"Ck pilot", Herr Leonhardt looks on. { Hanover, 7 June, 01 }



Restaurant "Treffpunkt Berlin" { Berlin, 10 June, 01 }

John, Georg, Dick, Hank { Met a couple there from Spokane }

Tucson

2001 REUNION REPORT from Jim Monyhan, Del & Mary Ryland,
Co-conspirators/Hosts

How remarkable to match last year's attendance! One-hundred thirty-five fun-loving folks gathered for the Saturday evening banquet. The sight-seeing trips were also well-attended! Attractions included the Pima Air and Space Museum, Sabino Canyon, and for some art-lovers the DeGrazia Museum. On Thursday twelve played golf!

Lute Thompson did an A-1 job hosting the Hospitality Room, and the perfect setup included balcony tables outside--great for visiting and renewing acquaintance (and tall tales??). Jake Hendrix provided video showings of the Foggia, Italy, trip of the month of May.

We must mention our gratitude at the attendance of Jerry Loewenberg from Texas--and in his 94th year sharp as a tack! And thanks to Ben Mason for his "Memorial Roses"--a precious gift to all the women at the banquet. It was a moving experience when Roy Norris read the "Missing Flier" list, followed by the playing of Taps.



Our special thanks to Tucson residents Raquel Buckles (John 96th) and Blythe Pratt (Leonard 97th). Also to helpers Betty Pinson, Lou Ellison, Sylvia & Dick Ostronik, Buddy Strozier, and our perennially dependable treasurer, Roy Norris and Jo Ann--grand helpers all! And thanks to our fine prez, Will Hattendorf!

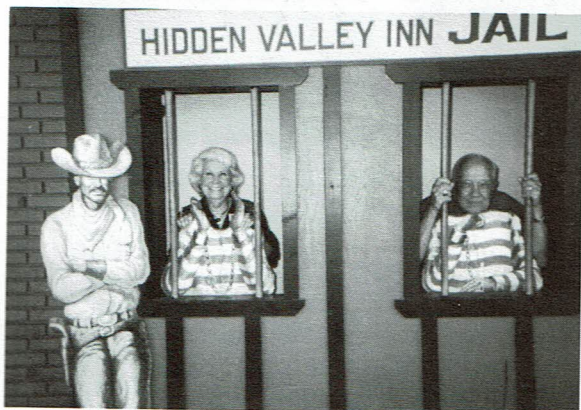
See you next year in SACRAMENTO!

Golf Tournament Results

The players -- John Bosshard, Leo Fisher, Will Hattendorf, Penny Krutsch (Leo's sister), Jim Monyhan, Dick Ostronik, Al Schneider, Buddy Strozier (Team Captain), Pincus Taback and Steve Taback.

Three Prizes

Low net (handicap score)---- 73-----Leo Fisher
Low gross (full score)---- 88-----Al Schneider
Closest to the cup (Hole 5-par 3)----Leo Fisher



BUSTED !

A tough case for the jury -- one looks innocent, the other guilty. Any 'takers' out there on the verdict? I'll print them in the March newsletter.

{ No anonymous entries accepted. }

From Buddy Strozier

96th

FRIDAY 26th

Hi Hank,

Hope these photos are not too late getting to you -- after that great reunion I flew up to my daughter's home in Boise, ID for 10 days. And outside of one rainy day the weather there was almost as nice as we enjoyed in Tucson.

Here are some of the snapshots I took during the reunion. You don't need to return them, but I would appreciate your forwarding the "in jail" shot taken after lunch to the couple involved. If you would like to have shots of aircraft we viewed at Pima Air + Space Museum let me know -- I snapped ~~at~~ OK the ground there a lot of them.

I've heard from 'Slick' Morgan -- he's busy already in preparation for next year!

Personal regards, Buddy

Strayed "Dogies"

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Newsletters and Rosters to the above have been returned by the Post Office for unknown addresses. If any member has a proven address for any of the above, notify Chuck Luke, Roy Norris or Hank Phillips. hp

NOTICE !

Mr. Marko Jeras of Zagreb, Croatia is writing a history of WWII aviation relating to Croatia and the surrounding areas. He has asked for information on 1st Lt. Ernest F. Benkoski, 1st Lt. John J. Baas and Colonel Richard A. Legg. We know that Col Legg died in 1991 and Baas has been dead since 1987. My inquiries have uncovered no new info on Benkoski. Any member who has knowledge relating to any of the above, please notify Roy Norris, Hank Phillips or write Marko direct. His address is: Marko Jeras, Z.Rogosa 7, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Europe. hp

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VINCENTO STEFANELLI. Memoria storica della Città di Troia

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A Troia ex Aviatori Americani che furono qui durante la guerra

A fine di questa settimana, mentre usciamo col giornale sono a Troia, nel corso di una visita in Italia, numerosi ex Aviatori degli USA (una sessantina di superstiti) che furono già a Troia, nel 1943-44, come militari nell'Air Force (l'Aviazione degli USA) all'Aeroporto di Torre Bianca presso Troia. Essi vorranno incontrare anche alcuni troiani superstiti che in quegli anni lavorarono da civili presso quell'Aeroporto, da dove partivano gli aerei verso l'Alta Italia e la Germania ancora in mano ai fascisti della Repubblica di Salò ed ai nazisti.

NELLA TERZA TAPPA DEL 22 MAGGIO: LUCERA-POTENZA

L'84° Giro d'Italia a Troia

Proveniente da Lucera, dove ha fatto tappa per due giorni, la varipinta carovana ha continuato il percorso per Giardinetto verso la Basilicata

Dopo il prologo di una gara a cronometro Montebelluno-Pescara svoltasi sabato 19 maggio, il successivo 20, da Pescara, la prima vera e propria tappa dell'84° Giro d'Italia, fino a Francavilla al Mare. La seconda tappa ha coinvolto un lembo di Capitanata esattamente la nostra zona il giorno 21, la Fossacesia-Lucera. Due cittadine di provincia, come si dice, la prima in provincia di Chieti, l'altra in provincia di Foggia, qui a due passi da Troia.

Lucera si era preparata da settimane ad accogliere, nel pomeriggio del 21 maggio, la Carovana multi-

ripartito per la 3ª tappa: Lucera-Potenza.

Ed eccoci al punto: a soli 18 Km. da Lucera, e quindi verso le 13,30 e minuti, il Giro è passato per Troia, esattamente all'incrocio Cimitero-Via Giardinetto-Via Foggia-Viale Kennedy, proveniente da Lucera, si è immerso sulla via per Giardinetto verso Palazzo d'Ascoli - Bivio Candela e super strada per Melfi-Potenza.

Quindi l'84° Giro d'Italia, sia pure lambendo la nostra cittadina, è passato per Troia e lì da prima delle ore 13 già vi era una folla enorme.



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Il neo Deputato Lello Di Gioia



Il neo Senatore Carmelo Morra

Il re dei Computer, il foggiano-lucerino Lucio Stanca, Ministro nel secondo Gabinetto Berlusconi

torale comunale su chi punteranno come Sindaco e su saranno per un Centro-Sinistra che - lo ripetiamo - è maggioranza a Troia, almeno stando ai numeri.

Altro dato importante che ci preme sottolineare è che i due neoeletti: il Sen. Carmelo Morra (Polo) e l'on. Lello Di Gioia (Ulivo), oltre ad essere entrambi Presidenti della Comunità Montana del Sub-Appennino Settecentrale (Di Gioia), Meridionale (Morra), sono entrambi provenienti dal Partito Socialista: craxiano: uno schierato nel Centro-Sinistra e l'altro col Centro-Destra. E poi dice che il PSI è sparito!

WORLD WAR II AMERICAN PILOTS VISIT TROIA

Several American pilots (60 WWII survivors) are visiting Troia this weekend, as part of their Italian tour. These pilots were stationed here in 1943 and 1944, in the American Air Force base of Torrefianca, near Troia. They came to visit with the Italian civilians that worked during the war at their base camp, where planes took off for their missions in Northern Italy, occupied by the Salò Republic Fascists and the Nazi Germans.

Hank here it is, hope you get it on time!

*All the best
Aida*

Above is the Troia, Italy local newspaper for 26 May, 2001. The 'ex Aviatori Americani' article concerns our visit to Troia and the Foggia airbase. We must thank Aida Reinarz, HqH for the translation from Italian into English THANKS AIDA !

Regarding the Inset on the upper left.: You will notice the good-looking gal (the taller one) who is obviously on a Rhein Cruise circa 1954. If you guess rightly, your name will be prominently listed in the March, 2002 newsletter.--Hint -- she's one of us and a resolute 'defier' at the aging process.

(No anonymous entries--please.)

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Tucson Reunion Celebrants

Because of the exigencies of war, the Supreme Commander of the 95th Fighter Squadron, "MR BONES", regretfully canceled the traditional and scheduled visit of Col. "Gorilla" Donovan and his team of fighter pilots to our Reunion this year. We missed them!

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Gordon and Kaki Fuqua, Wyn Cook

Table One

Bryan and Wyn Cook 97th
Gordon and Kaki Fuqua 97th
Jim and Billie Metcalf 96th
Burl and Florence Johnson 95th



Leo Fisher and sister, Penny

Table Two

Len and Eloise Kuczmariski 96th
Gene and Bette Russell 96th
Bryce and Margo Hughes 96th
Leo Fisher 96th
Penny Kruttsch (Leo's sister) Guest
Eddy and Elizabeth Light 96th



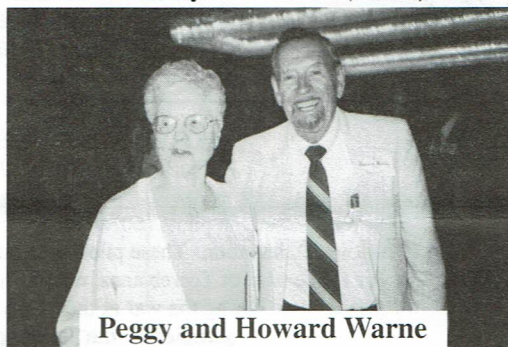
George Marvin, Dick Lingenfelter and daughter Barbara. {JoAnn Norris, standing}



Audrey and Bill Barr

Table Three

Bill and Audrey Barr 95th
Norman & Virginia Sorensen
(Barr, -- in-law) Guests
Bill Blurock 95th
Delores Wilson (Blurock) Guest
Mike Barr(son) and LuAnn Guests
Judson Hallock Hq
Linda Malloy (Hallock) Guest



Peggy and Howard Warne

Table Four

Del and Mary Ryland 95th
Jerry & Elaine Manson (Ryland) Guests
Monty and Margaret Powers 95th
Laura & Tom Rubbo (niece & spouse) Guests
Howard and Peggy Warne 97th



Betty Medley, daughter Nancy, Olen Medley

Table Five

Roy and JoAnn Norris 96th
"Chip" Norris (son) 96th
Liz Willenberg (Norris) Guest
Gene and Jane Ames (Norris) Guests
George Marvin 97th
Dick Lingenfelter 96th
Barbara Odenburg (dau) 96th
Jerry Loewenberg Hq



Roy, "Chip" and JoAnn Norris

Table Six

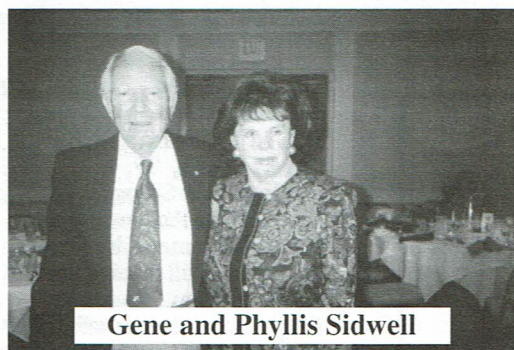
Meredith Embrey 95H
Clark & Paddee Embrey (son/d-in-law) Guests
Colin & Sheryl Embrey (g/son&d-in-law) Guests
Chad Embrey (g/son) Guest
Mel and Lois Roalsvig 97th
George Rivest 97th
Grace Davidson (Rivest) Guest



Bernie says "It doesn't get better than this!" Nanette on his right; Lola on the left.

Table Seven

Olen and Betty Medley 95th
Nancy Manduano (dau) 95H
Nanette Forrester (dau) 95H
Lola Giertz 95th
Bernie Croft 95th
Roger Hesse xxa
Chuck and Bette Pinson 96th
Mary Beth Berney (dau) 96th



Gene and Phyllis Sidwell

Table Eight

Dick and Sylvia Ostronik	96th
Aida Reinarz	HqH
Ben Mason	Hq
Bill Mason	HqH
Fran Bassett (Mason relative)	Guest
Les and Anne Mitchell	97th
Sid Mitchell (son)	97H
M.D. Griffith	xxa



**First Timers !
Les, Anne and Sid Mitchell**

Table Nine

Hugh and Lucille O'Brien	95th
Nancy Isham (dau)	95th
Christy Fitzsimmons (dau)	95th
Jake and Phyllis Hendrix	95th
Hank and Marlene Phillips	96th
Georg and Lilo Fuereder	xxa



**The O'Brien "Clan";
Christy, Hugh, Lucille and Nancy**

Table Ten

Dick and Zeta Gadbury	97th
Whitey and Lou Ellison	97th
Guy and Phyllis Otto	97th
Ed and Theresa Orr	95th
John and Fran Kane	96th

Table Eleven

Lute Thompson	96th
Gene and Phyllis Sidwell	95th
Al and Gayle Schneider	97th
John and Eunice Bosshard	97th
Mildred Terry	97H
Johnson and Janie Williams	97th



Table Twelve

Bob and Pat Carpenter	95th
Link and Midge Jones	96th
Don and Regina Foley	97th
Kathy Rockey (Schildt dau)	95H
John Caputo	97th
Al Deforge	97th



"VP" Link Jones and Midge



Theresa and Ed Orr

Georg and Lilo Fuereder



Gayle and Al Schneider

Table Thirteen

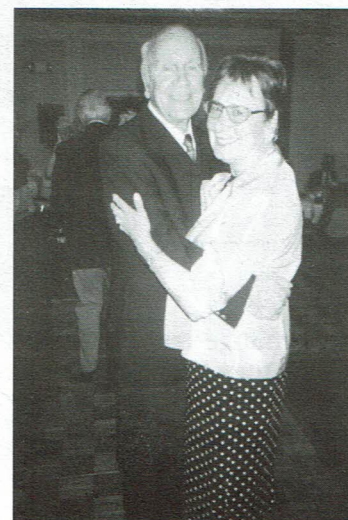
Pincus Taback	97th
Steve and Marsha Taback	97H
John and Ysobel Litchfield	97th
Blythe Pratt	97H
Norm Partridge	96th
Ed Nystrom (Partridge) (Lockheed Exec.)	
Slick and Fern Morgan	97th



Marsha, Pincus and Steve Taback

Table Fourteen

Ros and Lillian Harding	96th
Val Schrieterer (Harding)	Guest
Raquel Buckles	96H
Eloise Krause (Buckles)	Guest
Nate Richardson (Buckles)	Guest
Jim Monahan	96th
Buddy Strozier	96th
Will Hattendorf	95th



*Jim - thought so much
of the 82nd Fighter Group
and always enjoyed the
news letter.
I wanted you to know
we've lost a good
82nd Fighter -
God Bless -
Shannon Schellien*

James Schellien

Jan. 20, 1920—Jan. 27, 2001

James Schellien, 81, of Rice Lake died Jan. 27 at his home. Funeral services were Tuesday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Rice Lake, with the Rev. Charles Strong officiating and interment in the Orchard Beach Cemetery in Rice Lake, with military rites accorded by the Rice Lake American Legion Post.



Mr. Schellien was born Jan. 20, 1920 in Ingram to Frank and Ida (Melchert) Schellien. He graduated from Frederic High School in 1938 and worked for the Coca-Cola Co. for 4 years before enlisting in the Army. Mr. Schellien married Shannon Dittburner on Sept. 16, 1944 in Rice Lake and owned and operated the Rice Lake Hatchery for many years and then owned and operated Schellien's Decorating Center in Rice Lake for 37 years until retiring in 1982. Mr. Schellien was a member of the Rice Lake Elks Lodge, Blue Hills Masonic Lodge 234, the Scottish Rite 32nd Degree, Zor Shrine and the Rice Lake American Legion Post.

He is survived by his wife, Shannon; two daughters, Janet Kohel of Rice Lake and Joyce Tonn of Maplewood, Minn.; and four grandchildren.

LATE ENTRY.

Please change Terry Hamric's e-mail address to:
thamric38@yahoo.com
in the new 2001 (Blue) Roster.

October 15, 2001

Dear Hank,

*As I go from room to room
looking for people Milton
corresponded with I find
Hank Phillips' name.*

*He always looked forward
to and enjoyed the Newsletter
from the 82nd Fighter Group
Association.*

*After a very long illness
Milton died September 21, 2001.*

We will miss him

Ethel McCurry

(Mrs. Milton L. McCurry)

Harold and Janet Scharlau

3610 N. Lincoln
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Phone (217) 328-1894



March 28, 2001

Dear Friend,

I am writing this with sadness, but feel that perhaps it is news you should have. My father, Walter Carlson, passed away on March 3. He was a wonderful friend as you know, but also a wonderful father, as I know. Dad had been confined to a nursing home for seven years on a ventilator and was a quadriplegic. He had wonderful care and I can say was a happy man. He never complained about his life nor was bitter or angry in anyway. He just accepted what was given to him. That was what made him so inspiring to his care givers and to his family.

If you want to make any memorial contributions, Dad was especially fond of the Shriners Crippled Children Hospitals.

My vision of my dad now is free from all restraint, with his beloved Dorothy and happy.....

Sincerely,

Janet & Harold
Janet and Harold Scharlau

JOSLIN: Aaron Charles "Josh" Joslin, 77, a 25-year resident of the Silver City area, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the home of his daughter. Family will receive friends Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Bright Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 11. Cremation will follow under the direction of Bright Funeral Home, and interment will take place at Fort Bayard National Cemetery at 9 a.m. Wednesday. American Legion Post No. 18 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3347 will provide full military honors. Mr. Joslin was the eldest son of Aaron Francis and Olivia Harrison Joslin. Born in Ozona, Texas, on June 2, 1924, he was raised in Odessa, Texas. After graduating from high school, he worked for Hughes Tool in Houston, Texas, before joining the Army Air Corps in 1942. He was a lieutenant in the 82nd Fighter Group at Foggia, Italy. He flew P-38s. After his World War II service, he began a 45-year-long career as a pilot in agricultural aviation. Almost half of his career was spent with the Independent Dusting Co. in El Campo, Texas. He flew Stearman open cockpit biplanes, reminiscent of the old barnstormers. In 1974, he began retirement by spending six months of the year living in Silver City. He is a member of the Grant County Archaeological Society and the Westerners International. He loved the geology, history, archaeology and anthropology of this part of the country. He is survived by a sister, Lois June Nelly of Grandbury, Texas; a brother, William D. Joslin of Dixon, Calif.; four daughters, Kathryn J. Walling of Chestertown, Md., Elizabeth Joslin of Fabens, Texas, Victoria Joslin May of El Paso, Texas, and Christina Joslin of Silver City; and five grandchildren, L. Lee, Erin E., Krista R., Daniel Troy and Charles Byrd Joslin, all of Fabens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Lung Association, 216 Truman N.E., Albuquerque, NM, or to the Joslin Diabetes Center, Boston, MA. Bright Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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No ! This is NOT the 82nd members suffering through Hank Phillips' presentation at the business meeting on 13 Oct. The photo is for real, but was taken while waiting for the meeting to start..

Ps: This is only the left side of the room – the right side might have been more alert..

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Changes since the last newsletter

Bosshard	new address	97th
Fuereder	address change	xxa
Elkins	new address	97H
Hayduk	new address	95th
Hesse	new address	xxa
Hood	deleted	97th
McCurry	deleted	xxa
Mitchell s.v.	new address	97H
Norris	address chan	96th
Powell	address change	97th
Sides	address change	96th
Sides(Judy)	new address	96th
Scharlau	new address	96H
Taback,M	new address	97H

Note:
Mason*
First two letters in Bill's address are r n; not "m" as it appears to be.
** Passes info to Meredith Embrey.
*** richsyll1 ends with a (one), not two ells.
**** Passes info to Roy Norris
***** Walt Carlson's daughter

Members wishing to add their names to the above,
notify Hank Phillips or Chuck Luke
{ E-mail preferred }



Lucille and Hugh O'Brien

95th

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HEADQUARTERS 82nd FIGHTER GROUP Office of the Intelligence Officer

AIR 520,
26 July 1944.

MISSION NO. 73 95th, 96th, 97th Squadrons. Fighter sweep of Ploesti area, Romania.
NARRATIVE REPORT

1. MISSION AND TARGET: Fighter sweep of Ploesti area for the entire task force including the 14th and 31st Fighter Groups.
2. AIRCRAFT AND CHRONOLOGY: 35 P-38s took off from Poltava at 1000 hours; 4 returned early (all mechanical); 31 made rendezvous with the remainder of the fighter force at Kirovograd at 1030 hours; 31 were over target at 1245-1300 hours; 29 down at base at 1520 hours; 2 missing.

	<u>Took off</u>	<u>Early Returns</u>	<u>Over Target</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>Down</u>
95 th	12	1	11	0	11
96 th	10	1	9	1	8
97 th	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
	35	4	31	2	29

3. ROUTE: Poltava A/D to rendezvous at Kirovograd, 125 miles; to Tichina, 175 miles; to Lake Snagov, 215 miles; to base, 585 miles. Total mileage: 1100 miles.
4. RENDEZVOUS, FORMATION AND ASSAULT: P-38s of 82nd Fighter Group made rendezvous
5. with P-38s of the 14th F.G. and P-51s of 31st F.G. at 10,000 feet over Kirovograd at 1100 hours. The 95th led the formation with the 97th on the left and the 96th on the right, at 15,000 feet. The 31st F>G> was slightly higher on the outside left, and the 14th slightly higher on the outside right. All fighters were to be within supporting distance.

RESULTS OF BOMBING None

6. STRAFING: Major Strozier passed over a grass L/G after the fight and strafed 10-12 He.111s, leaving one smoking.
7. ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY: Just southwest of Galatz, an ME-410 was seen diving down toward the deck from 15,000 feet. All except three P-38s of the formation followed the E/A down and destroyed it near the deck. Immediately, 20-25 ME 109's and FW 190's attacked from out of the clouds and a general dogfight followed for 20 minutes over a wide area. During the fight at low altitudes part of the formation passed over an A/D at Menesti (4530-2730) where several TEF and transports were taking off. Some of these were destroyed during the fight. The three P-38's that remained above saw the E/A start down and warned the P-38's, then were themselves attacked from above by 6-8 ME 109's and FW 190's. These P-38's were unable to break away in time to join the formation below, but succeeded in destroying three E/A.
8. FLAK: TAL from Ploesti A/D (4530-2730). MIM from Ploesti (fighters were out of range) SIN from Visani (4510-2720).

{{ We are indebted to one of our Associate Members, M.D. Griffith, for this and the next page of this newsletter. --

THANKS GRIFF!

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9. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS: (A) The old trick of using the ME 410 as bait to draw the fighters down, then attacking out of the clouds worked today. (b) Several grass L/G's were seen north and west of Zilistea A/D. (c) A good smoke screen already going at Ploesti.
10. WEATHER: 6/10 to 9/10 clear weather cumulus from Russian Base to mountains in western Yugoslavia 6/10 over target with tops at 15,000 feet and base at 5,000 feet.

AIR/SEA RESCUE: none.

RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.

FRIENDLY A/C IN TROUBLE: none.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED BY OTHER GROUPS: none.

VICTORIES AND LOSSES: 8 ME 109's, 1 FW 190, 1 HE 111, 1 ME 410, 1 JU 52 destroyed, 3 ME 109's damaged.

A. Victories

Damaged:

1 HE 111 - Maj. Gardner	1 ME 109 - Lt. Bodine
1 ME 410 - Maj. Isaacson	1 ME 109 - Maj. Ford
1 FW 190 - Lt. Carroll	1 ME 109 - Lt. Darrow
1 JU 52 - Lt. Willsie	
1 ME 109 - Lt. Willsie	
1 ME 190 - Capt. Gangel	
2 ME 109 - Lt. Ellis (these 2 E/A collided while in dogfight with Lt. Ellis).	
1 ME 109 - Lt. Bodine	
1 ME 109 - Capt. Sognier	
1 ME 109 - Maj. Ford	
1 ME 109 - Lt. Biggs	

- B. Losses: (1) Pilot loses: 1st Lt. Robert C. Griffith, 0-752116, Austin, Texas. 1st Lt. Charles H. Pinson, 0-672666, Henderson, Kentucky.

These two pilots were with the formation at the beginning of the fight near Vanesti A/D (4530-2730) at 1245 Hours and could not be contacted on the radio. They were not seen again after the fight. One P-38 seen to belly land during the fight; may have been one of these pilots.

(2) Damage to our planes: 4 P-38's holed by light flak. Damage slight.

16. SORTIES: Thirty-one (31) effective sorties. The two pilots missing over the target were given sorties.

17. FORMATION FLIGHT LEADERS: 95TH: Major Phillips (formation leader), Major Gardner, Capt. Belton, 96th Major Isaacson, Capt. Gangel, Capt. Sognier; 97th: Major Ford, Lt. Wells, Lt. Biggs.

18. COMMENTS: none.

19. CANNOT READ THIS LINE.

For the Intelligence Officer:

Henry Collins
1st Lt., Air Corps,
asst. Intelligence Officer.