

25th Anniversary *100th Bomb Group*

JUNE 27-29, 1969





FACILITIES

Reunion Headquarters	is, more or less, in the V.I.P. Lounge of the Officers Open Mess. This room is available to us except Saturday afternoon and evening.
The Swimming Pool	is open to us at certain times, by ticket. Check at the Reunion Secretary's desk for information and tickets.
The Bar and Lounge	of the Officers Open Mess are available to us. In addition, we will have our own open bar at the times indicated.
On Display	in the Lounge are pictures, scrapbooks, and other memorabilia of the War years. These are on loan and are irreplaceable. Please do not, under any circumstances, remove them.
Books about the 100th	or by people associated with the 100th are also on display in the Lounge. See the Secretary about ordering copies you wish to have.
Chapel Services on Sunday	are posted, for your convenience, in the Lounge.
Checkout Time	at the Visiting Officers Quarters is 1400 hours Sunday.

REUNION DINNER

Foulois Room

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres at 1830 Hours

Dinner at 2000 Hours

M E N U

Shrimp Cocktail

Broiled Filet Mignon, Mushroom Cap

Baked Potato

Fresh Vegetable

Tossed Salad

Rolls and Butter

Gamay Beaujolais Wine

Flaming Cherries Jubilee

Coffee

PROGRAM

Following Dinner on Saturday

Presiding BOB ROSENTHAL

Invocation CHAPLAIN GLENN TESKA

Welcome BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD A. KNOBLOCK
*Wing Commander 1001st Composite Wing, Andrews Air
Force Base*

Song "Fortress Learning Bombay" (Song Sheet)

Messages and Greetings

Award of the
Croix De Guerre With Palm
to the 100th Bomb Group
MAJOR GENERAL JEAN GAROT
Defense and Air Attache to the French Embassy

Presentation of
Honorary Lucky
Bastard Certificates
CHICK HARDING

A Remembrance of Things Past
SONG: "Drop In At The Rainbow Corner" MARIO LONDRA
"Of Such Are Heroes Made" HARRY CROSBY
Movies and Slides DOC HARDY and Others
Songs of the Hundredth
HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH, *Editor and Accompanist*

A Report HORACE L. VARIAN, JR., *Chairman of the Rennion*

THE CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM

*(Following is an extract of General Orders No. 43, Department of the Army,
Washington 25, D. C., dated 19 December 1950)*

I . . . GENERAL. — 1. Confirmation. — The following list of units of the United States Army to which decorations have been awarded by cobelligerent foreign governments during World War II, together with the citations therefor, is confirmed in accordance with current regulations.

100th Bomb Group, 8 AF FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, awarded under Decision 332, 17 September 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A remarkable combat unit, possessing the finest military and professional qualities. It distinguished itself brilliantly from 25 June to 31 December 1944, during the massive raids on Germany, by accomplishing numerous hazardous missions and dropping over 13,000 tons of explosives on vital enemy centers which were stubbornly defended by numerous fighter planes and by a concentrated and murderous anti-aircraft defense. In addition, it boldly parachuted supplies for the use of the French Forces of the Interior. By its sustained and effective action, it thus contributed to the collapse of the common enemy and to the liberation of France.

In Memoriam

In grateful memory of all those who gave their lives in the service of their country while in the 100th; and of those who have died since the War, including:

JOHN EGAN

Group Operations

WENDELL STOVER

Flight Surgeon, 418th

LAWRENCE JENNINGS

Group Flight Surgeon

FRANK CALLAHAN

Courts and Boards

ALOYSIUS PHILLIPS

Base Chaplain

CHARLES VIA

Co-Pilot, 418th

HARRY CHUDY

Navigator, 418th

JAMES B. STIFF

349th

PAUL SPURGEON

Pilot, 350th

CARROLL McCARTHY

Flight Surgeon, 349th

RALPH DeLONG

Warrant Officer

GRAYDON TIREY

Armorer, 350th

JOHN HOERR

Pilot, 418th

CHARLES AMISON

100th Group

ROBERT S. WILLIAMS

Finance, Service Group

QUOTES FROM LETTERS

"Though I believe I am of your age group and experienced similar conditions, you have the wrong Tom Toomey. Good luck and hope your reunion is a real blast."

— Tom Toomey the Second

"I have worn the fourragere (shoulder braid) for the Croix de Guerre on occasion, but in getting into it the first time I nearly castrated myself."

— Pappy Daiger

"According to reports in the news and from recent visitors, I suggest that the 100th be re-formed and make a bomb run on Washington to make it safe to hold a reunion there . . . London was much safer."

— Gabriel Sumrall

". . . my old outfit, originally the 1141st Q M Co., still has a get-together every three years with the next one in May 1970. Since I cannot be with you, I am sending a check for \$25 to put in the pot . . . my thoughts will be with the 100th as always."

— Jerry Scharding

"Trust you all have a fine time. Sorry I cannot join you."

— Darr H. Alkire

"How you (Varian) in Massachusetts and Fred Daiger in Milwaukee ever got together, I will never know — as a matter of fact, I don't think I will ask the question."

— Clarence Arata, Washington Convention Bureau

"Enclosed: my life savings."

— Ed Jablonski

"I hope you will treat said book (scrap book) with full reverence and never let it out of your sight . . . While everyone in the 100th was a perfect angel in some respects, I happen to know that they are a bunch of chieving, conniving bastards."

— Rex Creitz

"You say that you would enjoy hearing some of my recollections of the War years around the old base . . . I'll do my best on a separate sheet."
(John's diary is reprinted elsewhere.)

— John Archer, Earsham Near Bungay

". . . today's schedule had me up at 7, ran 3 miles before breakfast, then after work went to the park and ran 6 miles non-stop."

— Irv Waterbury

"I'm delighted to be of any help . . . will certainly work with Harry Cruver, but who is Robinson?" (Now do you wonder why the Reunion Theme?)

— Al Paul

And these responses to the request for a copy of the 100th Song Sheet:

"I will try to find my copy . . . I have it in some safe place where my six kids couldn't find it."

— Hollingsworth

"I recall seeing it about 8 years ago . . ."

— Carleton

"I have a copy in my safe deposit box to keep my wife from destroying it."

— Daiger

"Not on your life!"

— Clouter

REUNION THEME

"I'll Never Forget Old What's-His-Name"

OTHER SUGGESTED THEMES

<i>"Could Be The Old Son-of-a-Bitch Is Dead"</i>	Bowman
<i>"We Never Had It So Good"</i>	Jablonski (with credit to Jack Sheridan)
<i>"The Century At Mid-Century"</i>	Cimikowski
<i>"My Old Uniform Must Have Shrunk!"</i>	Wolfman
<i>"Still Flying High — But On Target"</i>	Cimikowski
<i>"The Return Of The Bloody Hundredth"</i>	Hardy
<i>"The Unbloodied Hundredth"</i>	Jablonski
<i>"Where Are We Now — With Both Feet On The Ground"</i>	Cimikowski
<i>"Damn The Abortions — Pass The Pills"</i>	Rosenthal
<i>"Century Conclave"</i>	Ollie Turner

GROUP HUMOR

(Recounted here are a few of the more persistent and durable stories of a quarter-century ago, presented exactly as they have been handed down. The Editors disclaim responsibility for accretions, deletions, authenticity, or possible libel.)

"There's a fire in Bouchard's quarters!" From his customary station at the Officers Club bar, Lt. Sangro, roused from his stupor, answered, "I am the Fire-Marshall. If there was a fire, I would be there."

At the 100th's first staff meeting overseas, Al Paul earned scorn and reprimand from Colonel Huglin for his serious suggestion that beer be pipe-lined from the brewery to the base's Flack Shack.

Over the Tanoy: "This is Colonel Bennett. Major Crosby will *run*, not walk — I repeat, *run*, to Headquarters." (The italics are the Colonel's, not ours).

Don Blazer, never demonstrative, on preparing to leave the 100th, told Al Paul he had a gift for him. Al, deeply touched, was startled to receive a disassembled 50-calibre machine gun packed in cosmoline.

And then there was the price-war the year Chaplain Teska and the PX's Al Paul *both* had 3,000 Mother's Day cards printed. During the final week of sales, one of them was heard to remark, "The bastard is cutting prices."

Doc Hardy's prescription for a man who complained of chest pains while breathing: (You guessed it) "Quit breathing!"

Jack Marsh, referring to the generally accepted fact that a particular officer was the most generously endowed man on the base, returned from an Officers Club party to find said officer sitting on the can, with hiccups, syphoning all the water out of the bowl.

Cleven, to his offending mess sergeant: "I'll put you so far behind bars they'll have to feed you with a slingshot."

At the conclusion of a not all together happy inspection of the 350th by General LeMay — Major Cleven having taken off for the woods — Louis Hays careened into the area with a weapons-carrier, went into one of the ever-present puddles, throwing a wall of mud to within a foot of the General. With fine military precision and in keeping with chain-of-command, an order went from General to CO to Exec to Adjutant to 1st Sgt: "Get that man."

The Reunion Committee Is Grateful . . .

. . . to many of you for help with names and addresses, letter-writing, personal phone calls, and other voluntary acts to stir up interest in the Reunion.

. . . to several for advance funds, actual gifts, and for offers of financial assistance.

. . . and to many others for taking on specific responsibilities, involving time, letter-writing, travel, etc.

Harry Cruver
Irv Waterbury
Pappy Daiger
Bill Carleton
Doc Hardy
Ed Cimokowski
Red Bowman
Harry Crosby
Bob Rosenthal
Mal Clouter
Horace Varian, Chairman

PRESS RELEASE

To: _____

In 1946 General Charles DeGaulle, President of the Provisional French Government, awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm to the 100th Bombardment Group. Twenty-three years later _____ of _____, a member of the 100th in World War II, was among those who received the award last Saturday at a Group Reunion in Washington, D. C. Major General Jean Garot, Defense and Air Attache, acting for the French Ambassador, presented the fourragere (gold shoulder braid) to Mr. _____ and some 75 other veterans of this famed bombing unit.

Mr. _____, who served in the 100th as _____, helped mark the Group's 25th anniversary at Andrews Air Force Base. Often known as the "Bloody Hundredth", this unit of the 8th Air Force flew more than 300 combat sorties against Germany during World War II. The Croix de Guerre citation calls the organization, "a remarkable combat unit, possessing the finest military and professional qualities." In addition to the French award, the 100th earned two Presidential Unit Citations from our own Government.

Mr. _____ was accompanied on the trip to the Nation's Capitol by his wife, _____ and their children, _____/ Highlight of the reunion weekend, they say, was the Saturday night banquet at the Officers Open Mess at the Washington Base, during which the French award was made. Other events enjoyed by the 150 men, wives, and children were a tour of Andrews Base, films of the War years, and the opportunity to renew friendships of a quarter-century ago.

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S U P P L E M E N T A L N O T E S

Accommodations

During the past two weeks it became apparent that registrations had exceeded billeting space at Andrews. Consequently, we have taken a number of rooms, mostly doubles, at the Interstate Inn, across the road from the Officers Open Mess. Rather than wrestle with a new rate schedule, we felt it fair simply to add a total of \$5.00 to each reservation. The rest of the difference in cost will be made up from a reserve we had anticipated. No additional charge is being made for wives or children, and the childrens' rate continues at the reduced rate of \$33.00. There is a swimming pool at the Inn and the restaurant is open for Saturday breakfast. Regular transportation over to the Base is provided. Since the distance is only a few hundred feet, some of the sturdier brothers and their wives may even elect to walk! Free ice and baby cribs also are available. On Base, we have already paid for the ice. Any further questions?

Change in Schedule

On Saturday morning a most interesting tour has been arranged for the men and boys. It will begin with the Base Parade at 0900 which we will view from stands. A demonstration of (or by) the Security Police Sentry Dogs follows at 1000 and then a tour of base facilities. Busses are provided. All men and boys, please meet in front of the Officers Open Mess at 0845 Saturday-- not at the later hour shown in the program. A full turnout will insure an interesting morning and will be a response to the courtesy of the Base authorities in planning so fine a program.

Late Profiles

HUGHES, Robert L. 351st Pilot Single
2631 Thor Av, Griffis AFB, N Y 13440 330-7351
Asst Dep CO for Maint, 416 B W, Griffis AFB, N Y

ROSENFELD, Leonard J. 349th Ord O Adele 2
19 William St, Mt Vernon, N Y 10552 914-667-0158
Lawyer, Law Dept, Schenley Industries, Inc, N Y C

VIA, Mrs. Charles A. Jr (Margaret) (Charles Via, 418th Pilot, died May 7, 1965)
1426 Foxbrook La, Charlottesville, Va 22901 703-295-9382
Real Estate Broker, Charlottesville, Va

A TYPICAL DAY IN MY LIFE, NEAR THORPE ABBOTTS 1944

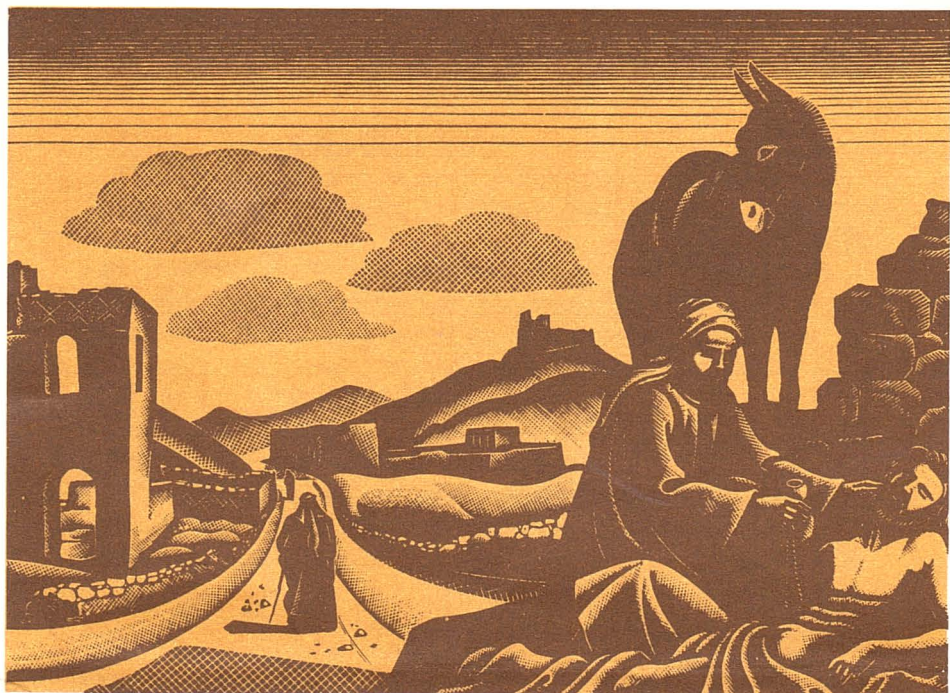
by

John Archer

(John was about 14 and lived near the Base during the War years. "I have tried to capture and put into words," he says, "some of my thoughts and experiences during by boyhood days near Thorpe Abbots, home of the 100th Bombardment Group (H), when it was part of our life here in W. W. II." He captures something in these recollections that strikes a responsive chord.)

- 2700 Its still dark, the engines of the B-17's are being run to a constant pitch all round the countryside. Lights are flashing everywhere from vehicles on the move round the perimeter to the hardstands.
- 0715 Engine noise has dropped, being replaced by the sound of screeching brakes, gives me the reminder that once again the B-17's are on the move for position, ready for take-off on another mission.
- 0720 Just daybreak, the lead B-17 is airborne with the rest of the Group following at regular intervals.
- 0730 Looking to the South, the 95th Bomb Group (Horham) are already forming up with tail-end Charlies still trying to catch up.
- 0800 The sky is alive with B-17's and B-24's, all forming up in race track fashion over their own bases. Hundreds of different colored flares are seen giving a sight never to be forgotten.
- 0820 The B-17's of the 100th Bomb Group have gained enough height to now be seen pulling contrails in the clear sunshine.
- 0830 The Groups are now formed up in Wing position, and making a last big circuit round the area eventually heading out Eastward for the Coast.
- 0835 A B-17 heads in from the opposite direction with one engine dead, He has aborted the mission.
- 0900 The last of the various groups disappear into the distance, shining in the sun's rays, their outlines getting smaller, and the noise dying away.
- 0930 After two hours or so of continuous activity the surrounding countryside settles down to the daily routine once again. Loaded gasoline tankers rumble by. Air Force trucks loaded with bombs, fuses, fins, etc. make their way to the base to replenish the stocks which are now used up as fast as they bring them in.
- 1030 A single B-17 takes off, does several passes over the field, two or three touch and goes, then finally lands. (I assume this was a training flight or a test).
- 1100 Dozens of P-47's in formation of 4's streak out towards the coast.

- 1115 Another B-17 comes in to land, looks a new one, as no markings are seen. Probably a replacement.
- 1200 Another single B-17 takes off, goes through the same routine as the earlier one.
- 1215 Hazy sunshine turning to overcast skies, visibility down to about one mile.
- 1245 During my lunch, I hear a B-17, run outside to find it above the overcast, must be from another Group stationed farther inland.
- 1330 Getting a bit uneasy as I observe the weather closing in, knowing the Group is still out, and the conditions will be against them on the return to the base.
- 1400 Almost without warning a group of B-17's appear to the North of the base, still looking good after their long haul over Germany, with strained eyes I observe they are from the 388th Bomb Group, "K" on fins. The 100th won't be long now, I guess!
- 1415 Several scattered groups now appear. The 95th are on circuit and breaking for landing over to the South at Horham. Everything appears to be happening at once. A B-17 appears overhead, makes a short landing at Thorpe Abbots, not one of the 100th. It seemed to be having difficulty. Glad to make it down, I guess.
- 1420 At last the Square D group comes into view. I count 26---27--- a lone one, 28---yes, I would say they've had a good day. I never did hear how many failed to return on these occasions, but I guessed many empty beds would be at Thorpe Abbots some days.
- 1500 I assume everybody is now safely down, although one or two had to make two or three passes. As I cycle 'round the base I observe "The All American Girl" has made it back once again, but "Hang the Expense" has made a mess of Farmer Drapers' Barn! Pausing to talk awhile with the lonely Air Policeman on sentry watch, we exchange a few stories and, as it starts to rain, I bid him farewell and make for my home which is a short distance from the base.



The Good Samaritan

A Samaritan, as he journeyed
had compassion,
and went to him
and bound up his wounds,
pouring on oil and wine.

Luke 10

1001ST COMPOSITE WING, ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, MD.

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul

29 June 1969

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME.

To all our new Parishioners who have joined us recently, we wish you a happy stay at Andrews and if we can help you in any way, please stop in to see us or call us.

PARISH NEWSLETTER.

Copies of the current newsletter are still available at the rear of the church. We call your attention to an important article on the High School CCD Program.

CHOIR.

Our Parish Choir continues to perform excellently Sunday after Sunday. New members are most welcome. Please contact Mr. Fred Wyvill, our very capable Director, at 627-2446.

CHANGING CHURCH.

Our small but enthusiastic Adult Discussion Group will meet this Wednesday evening at 2000 hours at the home of Mrs. R. Brewer, 4015-2 Beech Lane. Anyone of our Parish desiring to attend should contact Father Colohan, 981-2111.

"US" GROUP.

The "US" Group trip to the Zoo will leave at 1300 hours today. The boys from Edgemeade School will be guests of the Group. Next "US" meeting is tomorrow at 1900 hours in the Service Club. All young adults are welcome.

THE 100TH BOMB GROUP of World War II is having their reunion at Andrews AFB this weekend and some of its members are worshipping with us this morning. We bid them welcome.

FOLK MASS.

New members are needed for our High School Group that plays at the 1000 Mass in the Cinema Theater. Please contact Father Colohan, 981-2111.

USHERS - READERS!

The Summer leave and PCS schedules are leaving us in dire need of help in these two roles. HELP!

ALTAR BOYS.

There will be an Altar Boy meeting this week on Wednesday, 2 July, at 1000 hours in Chapel One. All members should be present. Plans for a Summer Outing will be discussed.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

"Until all men are free from all forms of enslavement, the apostolate of Christ is to free men from idolatry and oppression."

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CHAPEL SCHEDULE:

MASS

Daily - Chapel One - 1200
Saturday - Chapel One - 1700
Sunday - Chapel One - 0800, 0900, 1215, 1315, 1730
Cinema Theater - 1000, 1100
Hospital Chapel - 1100

CHOIR REHEARSAL - Tuesday - 2000

CONFESSION - Daily before Mass
Saturday - 1600-1700; 1900-2000

BAPTISMS - Sunday - 1400 (Please register in advance)

Father Jerome D. Halloran, Chapel One, Ext. 2111
Father Edward A. Colohan, Chapel One, Ext. 2111
Father Robert H. Mooney, Hospital Chapel, Ext. 8343