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THE 398[™] MEMORIAL AT NUTHAMPSTEAD Drawing The Yanks Back Again

Tour Memory: Ray Recalls Another Day In Channel

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When members of the June 2004 England Tour party enter the English Channel on their sea journey from Portsmouth to Caen, France at least one tailgunner will have his memory banks working overtime.

Yes, "D-Day Plus 60" will be on the minds of all the 398th travelers, numbering 38, but for Manuel Ray it will mean much more as he reflects on July 8, 1944.

This was the day he spent hours bobbing in the Channel waiting to be picked up by an RAF sea-rescue craft after bailing out of his stricken B-17 following the raid on Humieres, France 60 years before this more idyllic cruise.

The modern ferry taking passengers to Caen on June 5th to begin three days of D-Day activities will provide Ray and his wife Linda, time to reflect on that "other day in the Channel."

Flying with 601 deputy leader Kearie Berry and co-pilot Ray Thornton, their B-17 took enough 88 flak over the target to cause Berry to ring the bail out bell during the return over the Channel.

Simultaneously, squadron leader Hal Lamb, with the 601 CO Tracy Petersen aboard, also was knocked out of the formation, as was George Wilson, also in the lead trio.

Uniform Help Needed For Texas ROTC

A request for "uniform help" has been received by FLAK NEWS from an "assistant professor of military science" at the University of Texas at Arlington, TX.

This "assistant professor" also happens to be a lifetime member of the 398^{th} and the daughter of another lifetime member, Russ Reed, ex-B-17 pilot of the 603^{rd} (also ex-member of Germany's POW system).

Kelly Reed Hoelscher is the professor and she is seeking donations of 398th uniforms for her ROTC "Maverick" programs, be they full dress, flight suites, jackets or accessories. These will serve to represent all the eras in which the university has produced officers and men to the American Armed Forces.

She describes the program as a "moving and patriotic tribute."

For many years 398th members have seen fit to donate their uniforms to museums, schools, etc. This would appear to be an excellent opportunity to put that old uniform to good use. Send to –

Capt. Kelly R. Hoelscher, USAR, Alvarado, TX, 76009.

Capt. Hoelscher is an Army helicopter pilot, currently with the ROTC program at the University of Texas, Arlington.

Put Your Name On Smithsonian Wall of Honor

A special message to each member of the 398th Bomb Group—

Your name, or that of a designated hero or unsung hero, can be engraved and remembered on the National Aviation and Space Exploration Wall of Honor.

This Wall of Honor is located along a tree-lined walkway leading directly to the main entrance of the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, the newest addition to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum located at Chantilly, Virginia.

The location is very near to the site of the 398th's next reunion city of Falls Church, Virginia, and it is a certainty that the new, 293,707 square foot Center will be on the tour program for the September 8-11, 2004 reunion.

The Wall of Honor is actually a series of panels that have been designed to resemble an airplane wing or the shape of an airfoil. Each panel is six feet long, four feet tall and positioned two feet off the ground.

A \$100 contribution assures that the name submitted will be engraved on a panel as a person interested in aviation or space.

The engraving size on the Wall of Honor will vary on the size of gift, raging from \$100 to \$100,000.

To receive an application, call (202) 633-2606. An application can be downloaded on the Web at <u>www.nasm.si.edu/</u> <u>wallofhonor.</u>

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT January 2003 – December 2003

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Income:	
Flak News Donations	\$3,550
Membership Dues	10,224
P.X. Sales	4,500
Reunion Profit	330
Miscellaneous Income	63
Total Income	\$18,667
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Expenses:	
Flak News Publication	\$13,144
P.X. restocking	6,173
Postage and Delivery	362
Printing and Reproduction	542
Reunion Expenses	140
Supplies	34
Telephone	501
Web Site	108
Gifts	241
HALS (England)	1,000
Total Expenses	\$22,245
Net Income	\$ (3,578)
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Assets	
A.G. Edwards Account	\$21,349
Fed Credit Union - Savings	\$5,832

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Fed Credit Union - Savings	\$5,832
Fed Credit Union - Check	\$3,298
Reunion Deposit	\$1,000
Total	\$31,479

NUTHAMPSTEAD MONUMENT FUND

Portfolio Market Value as of	
December 2003	\$90,154
Interest Income 2003	\$7,430

The Memorial Maintenance is paid through March 1, 2004

Memories Stirred With B-17 Rides

Phil Stahlman and John Veenschoten had a nostalgic meeting last October in Fort Meyers, Florida. Jointly, they got reacquainted with an old friend, a B-17, and re-lived some stark memories of 60 years ago.

Stahlman, from North Fort Meyers, was a 601 co-pilot and Veenschoten, from nearby Sanibel, was a radio operator/ gunner on the Howard Rehme crew of the 603rd. They had a ride on the Aluminum Overcast, the EAA's bomber flagship that carries the colors of the 398th Bomb Group.

"I was there when it came in," said Veenschoten, recalling that dramatic day in 1944 when Stahlman and Larry deLancey piloted their stricken Fortress all the way from Cologne after having the nose of their plane blown open by an exploding German 88 anti-aircraft cannon shell.

The two were at Page Field Airport when they met for the first time to talk about "those days" and to examine Stahlman's now famous photograph. And to regale others on the flight about that incident, plus other bits of drama that "seasoned" their respective careers while at Station 131, Nuthampstead.

Veenschoten is a retired sporting goods/ fine arts salesman (and volunteer Sanibel planning commissioner). Stahlman gave up his B-17 cockpit for commercial piloting in an Air Bus jet with Eastern Air Lines.

The Florida press had a "journalistic field day" as they soaked up the memories of two combat veterans who were there when it all happened.



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From The President's Desk: Timeless Voices Another Proud 398th Tradition

"Let No Story Go Untold"

BY WALLY BLACKWELL President, 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association

The 398th Bomb Group veterans are proud of our WWII service, and we are equally proud that we have the 398th Memorial Association. We have continued this great tradition by financially supporting major endeavors to keep our history alive.

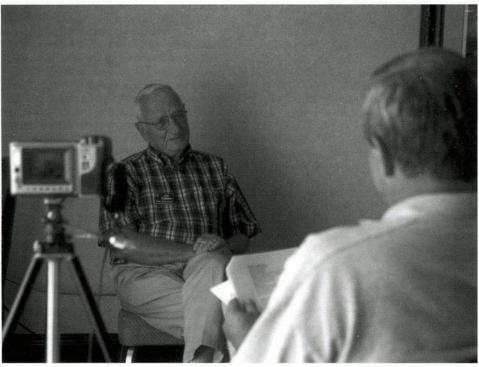
When opportunities arose to do this, we always responded with heartfelt enthusiasm. We funded monuments, stained glass windows, B-17 restorations, and strategically located memorial plaques and trees. We did so very well in all these efforts.

Now I am happy to report, that as of this writing, it appears we have done it again! Our support of EAA's Timeless Voices program is another significant accomplishment for us as a caring organization. When EAA began an ambitious program to record oral histories of those (like us) about their WWII wartime aviation experiences, we were asked to participate. At our last annual reunion the Association membership agreed that our contributions were not only to be our personal histories, to help fund its operating costs

We are very hopeful that our goal of donating \$10,000 to the program will be met. It all started last September at our reunion in Covington, KY. Randy Stange completed 27 interviews as prescribed by the EAA program format during the four days of our Convington reunion. It was a good beginning for what we hope will be a long-term involvement in the Timeless Voices program.

I was proud to join George Hilliard in finding our way to Randy's "recording studio" when our turn came. I listened to a true 398th veteran tell of his 30 years as an Air Force Master Sergeant. I did not really know much of George's story. For at least 45 minutes I sat in the background and listened to a dedicated soldier so proud of what he did to serve his country, tell his story. George had an amazing recall of his experiences, but often struggled to remember the details, but Randy was persistent. But it seemed, no matter how George told of his maintenance management responsibilities, of B-52's and other AF aircraft, he always came back to his line chief job in England - keeping his B-17's flying.

How appreciative those officers that George has served under, and those he supervised, must have been, to have George's talents and dedication on the job! George told me, as we found our way to the interview site, that he wanted to be sure he got his story recorded for his son to have. And



RANDY STANGE (right) and his video camera focus on PX officer Joe Joseph as Joe tells of his Air Force Career that included B-17 combat careers in both England and North Africa. This occurred at the Covington reunion last September, and was one of 27 such recordings for Timeless Voices by 398th veterans. More such recordings are planned.

now his son has it.

I thank all of you that have donated to our goal of \$10,000 for support of EAA's Timeless Voices program. We have many more of "George's" stories to record. We hope that Randy will have more "customers" at future reunions.

Also, there could well be some opportunities on the June England Tour. Randy will be there with other members of his family, and he indicated that he might well schedule some interviews, particularly during the Channel crossing between Portsmouth and Caen, France.

By next September's reunion in Falls Church, Virginia (Washington DC) other interviewers may be added to assist Randy in the project.

Will your "Voice" be added?

And, if you have not already contributed financially to Timeless Voices, please send your check to 398th treasurer Marilyn Gibb-Rice, Fountain, CO 80817-0934

Let's keep up this proud tradition of 398th enthusiasm!

Mighty Eighth Soon Debt-free

The Mighty Eighth Heritage Museum at Savannah, Georgia will be debt-free this year, it was announced by President and CEO C.J. Roberts.

A Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax was passed last fall by the voters of Chatham County, and the Heritage Center will realize enough benefit from this tax to retire the original bond debt.

"This will leave our museum healthier than ever," said Roberts. "But in order to meet our day-to-day challenges and expand our offerings, we will continue to depend on the generosity of our donors," he added.

Individual contributions may be directed to the Mighty Eighth Heritage Museum, PO Box 1992, Savannah, GA 31402.

The 398th is represented corporately through a contribution and a group memorial plus a number of individual and crew plaques.

38 Poised For June Tour To England And Normandy

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And later, over England, Dana Lovelace and his crew would have to bail out (See Page 5).

Ray survived the bail out, landing in the cold Channel waters, as did Berry, the last one out. He was close enough to an island off the English coast and managed to swim his way to "safety" on the uninhabited land.

The other seven members of the Berry crew perished, either in the waters after bailing out or perhaps during the attack.

Wilson was the only one killed in his plane. Seven bailed out and became prisoners of war and one—Reginald Ferguson—evaded.

Berry, who rose to the rank of colonel in the post-war Air Force and commanded Paine AFB, Washington, almost didn't make it off the English Channel island that day 60 years ago. To his dismay, he discovered his little island was used for RAF bombing practice. Only some frantic waving and an alert RAF pilot saved Berry from certain death.

Berry went on to serve as 603 operations officer before returning to the US. He was killed at Paine Field in 1962 in a jet T-39 accident. He was one of several West Point officers assigned to the 398th under Col. Frank P. Hunter, Jr., also a West Point graduate.

Ray was picked up by the RAF boat and returned to Station 131, along with Berry. Ray did some special flights to the continent before being sent home for reassignment. He was training for B-25 duty when the war ended.

While on the way to Caen on the ferry next June, Ray said he would throw a floral piece into the Channel in memory of the crewmen who perished.

Lamb, with 601 CO Tracy Petersen aboard as Air Commander, had envisioned a "milk run" to Humieres, an attack on a V-1 launching site. "Home for lunch," they agreed.

However, the IP run resulted in all three ships in the lead element taking catastrophic anti-aircraft hits. Wilson went down immediately; Berry made it to the Channel; and Lamb/Petersen "almost" made it across the Channel. But not quite.

Their plane was too low to clear the looming white cliffs despite having an emergency landing strip in sight. The alternate to hitting the cliffs head-on was a hard, left-hand turn and hope for the best with a beach landing.

Adroitly avoiding the concrete posts arranged as tank traps they saw a stretch of clear sand and the two pilots set their Fort down for a remarkable, smooth landing. And there to be met by English civilians who cautioned the lucky airmen not to move until they could be guided out. The sandy beach was mined!

With the England/Normandy Tour still several months distant, the count had reached 38 at FLAK NEWS press time. Once again it will be led by 398th president Wally Blackwell and his wife, Teedy.

Blackwell is expected to make a special presentation to the mayor of Courseulles-Sur-mer, the French city closest to Juno Beach, the target for the 398th on D-Day June 6, 1944. The 398th tour members also will be a part of many D-Day activities scheduled during the three days in Normandy.

The 398th will be staying at the Hotel LeFruitier in Villedieules-Poules, near Caen. As usual for the continent tours, Pär Nilhammer will be the tour guide and will remain with the group throughout the 15-day tour culminating in England on June 15.

The group will be staying at the Arundel Hotel in Cambridge.

The tour will be comprised of 11 veterans, plus an assortment of 27 spouses, children and associates.

The Loading list –

*James and Jaunice Powell; Jeanne Stange; Randy Stange; Steve and Karen Clements; *Manuel and Linda Ray; *David Mills; Mary & Cate Ludlam; *Keith Anderson; *Bill Markham; *Russ & Millie Reed; Gertrude and Karen Neff; Trudie Kirkland; *Robert Kraft; Ann Collins; Barbara Yates; Dave and Elizabeth Jordan; Lee Anne Bradley; James & Mildred Hill; Dawne Dougherty; Ruthanna Doerstler; *Wally and Teedy Blackwell; *John & Rosemary Cosco; *Bob & Jane Bowen; Jan Kolb; Rick & Barbara Fish (travel consultants) and *Allen Ostrom, (tour organizer).

– Veteran.

Wall Of The Missing



COLOR GUARD troops march past the statue of an 8th Air Force aerial gunner at the American Military Cemetery at Madingley, near Cambridge, England. Members of the 398th will visit this place on Friday, June 11, as part of the "One LastLook"2004 EnglandTour, scheduled for June 3-15. A floral wreath will be presented in memory of the group's killed and missing in action.



WHEN THE TOUR COACH arrives at Nuthampstead there is always a friendly welcome by the Friends of the 398th and oftentimes a WW II jeep there to escort. Will the "Welcome Back" Jeep be there to greet the Yank visitors next June?

"I Am The Part Owner Of A B-17 Flying Fortress"

Crash In England Yields Treasures

BY JOHN WOODGATE Long Melford, Suffock, England

I have been looking at your web site (www.398th.org) trying to find some reference to your B-17 serial number 42-97380 flown by Lt. Lovelace on the 8th July 1944. This aircraft crashed in my village very close to our farmhouse on the very day of my parents wedding. I lived on our farm for 40 years and in that time visited the crash site of that B-17 many times. I amassed a vast collection of "treasures" found mainly with a metal detector. At one time I horrified my mother when she discovered I had 103 live rounds of "point fifty" caliber in a cardboard box under my bed! I've been in contact with *Bob Hart, the co-pilot of that B-17, who lives in Wilmington, Ohio, and he has been very kind to me. I'm not really an aircraft enthusiast at all. That B-17G came to us all by itself flying on autopilot. I did grow up with it, so to speak (born in 1948), and can truthfully say I am a part owner of a Flying Fortress though the parts I own are actually quite small!!

This aircraft crash was possibly the only event of the war to touch the inhabitants of our village personally. Our farm was about 2 miles west of the main runway of RAF Wattisham and during the Battle Of Britain German aircraft used to "come visiting" to bomb the airfield. Many of the men who worked for us on the farm thrilled me as a young boy with stories of these raids. But the story, which thrilled me the most was the fact that on the very day that my mother and father were married the B-17 came down. It was a useful fact in later years when I began

For many years I wasn't even sure what sort of aircraft it had been. Eyewitness accounts were very sketchy and often by men who weren't really interested. Some said it was a Lancaster while another said it was a Liberator. One, an aircraft enthusiast, said it had been a B-17 but couldn't remember any details that I could check. My big break happened in 1983. I was searching with a metal detector close to a wood over which the Fortress had passed just prior to crashing. I found a small piece of stainless steel about the size of two credit cards and folded in half. I carried it home along with the other finds of the day. When I got home I used a blowtorch on it and managed to open it up. It turned out to be a serial number plate from the ex-

researching the plane's history.

haust stack of the plane's number one engine. My Fortress had hit an elm tree just before coming down which had ripped off number one engine which fell next to the aforementioned wood. The great thrill was that it had the model number B-17G and the manufacturers name "Fisher Body Detroit Division". So in my hand I had a solid proof that it had been a B-17G. That

was quite a moment. When I moved from the farmhouse in 1988 I reburied a lot of the aluminum shards keeping only the best bits. I still have them in an outbuilding here in Suffolk. I also wrote to Bob Hart who in turn wrote back and sent me some 398th memorabilia, which I have, and treasure. That's my story.

*-Bob Hart passed away last month.

Dues Time For East Coast, UK Membership

Just as FLAK NEWS can be the "life blood" between the members of the 398th, both at home and abroad, so are the financial dues by this same membership also the "life blood" for the program.

Maintaining the newsletter, and the operations that go with it, is the responsibility of the members. And that responsibility has been established by the board at \$20 per year.

This quarter, as has been the case for many years, the dues will be collected from members living on the East Coast – Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington DC.

Dues envelopes for these states have been inserted in FLAK NEWS. If the selfaddressed envelope happens to be missing, just send a note and \$20 to James Haas, Perry , IA 50220-0163.

For our Friends living in England, they are invited to send 10 Pounds to UK Dues Manager Barry Tyler, Buntingford, Herts SG9 0BN.

Dues information also appears on the group's web site – <u>398th.org.</u>

HUMIERES, FRANCE MISSION July 8, 1944

LEAD GROUP

PETERSEN Lamb Wilson Berry

Turner J.H. Davis Boehm Zimmerman Taylor McCarty

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SECOND GROUP

WAGNER

Hopkins Gallagher Stoll Baker Fisher Lovelace Searl Farenthold Spitzer

Ballard Reed Menzel

THIS WAS the formation assignment for the 398th mission to Humieres, France on July 8, 1944 when all three ships in the lead were knocked out, plus a fourth in the second group. See accompanying story on this page and the lead story on Pages 1 and 4.

Many Tours, Reunions – Which Were The Very Best?

The 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association has had 20 reunions in 20 different cities throughout the United States in the past 20 years (not counting the several meetings held in conjunction with the Eighth Air Force Historical Society).

Also, there have been nine tours "Back to the Old Base," with most including visits to other parts of the UK and the continent.

Plus two additional special tours to the Czech Republic to join that country in celebrating their liberation or to participate in a special ceremony honoring the 398th.

So comes the question-

What is your choice for the most interesting, most unusual, most inspirational, most joyous, most hilarious, most something of all the 20 reunions and 11 overseas tours?

Which reunion was the best? For what reason? Which guest do you remember? Why? What happened on one of the England Tours that was so special? There is much to select from, both at home and abroad.

Tell it to the FLAK NEWS editor, Seattle, WA 98107.

No big prize for the best entry, but there will be a compilation in a future issue of FLAK NEWS.



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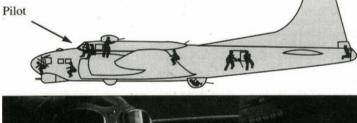
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Someone Missing?

The annual Taps list in FLAK NEWS represents the names of all members who are known to have passed on since returning home from World War II.

If the name of a loved one who fits this category is missing from the 2004 list, please contact the FLAK NEWS editor at Seattle, WA 98107.

The Killed in Action list can always be obtained from the 398th PX. See Page 11 or downloaded on www.398th.org





PILOT

The B-17 pilot was the "aircraft commander," charged with physically flying the airplane, assisted in the cockpit by the co-pilot.

The pilot was charged with ensuring that the training syllabus set up for the crew was accomplished. He was also responsible for the individual operation for each and every flight the crew conducted, be it training or combat. The course of action in an emergency was his decision to make.

The combat crew of a B-17 developed a rapport and a camaraderie, the tone of which was established to a large degree by the pilot.

This presentation is part of a Living History created by the Arizona Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, Mesa, Arizona. Other similar crew positions will be presented in future issues. Special thanks to the CAF and the Sentimental Journey.

Aluminum Overcast Makes Big Time In "Air Classics"

Warbird fanciers, especially those inclined toward the B-17, will relish the centerfold calendar inserted in the AIR CLASSICS aviation magazine,

The B-17 air photo for January, 2004 is of "our own" Aluminum Overcast, beautifully photographed by Michael O'Leary.

Interior of Spruce Goose Can Be Seen

Howard Hughes' legendary Spruce Goose, ensconced at the Evergreen Aviation Museum near Portland, was to be seen, but not entered, when the 398th reunion group visited there in 2002.

The giant aircraft is now available for interior viewing, and one day soon it will accommodate group meetings, birthday parties, weddings, etc.

"The magnificent interior of this great aircraft will leave you awestruck," said a museum official.

Those who saw the interior of the Spruce Goose when it was displayed in Long Beach, CA, likened it to "an office building, quite unbelievable."

Looking Ahead:

The 21st Annual 398th Bomb Group reunion will be held September 8-9-10-11, 2004 at Falls Church, Virginia, on the outskirts of Washington DC, at the Fairview Park Marriott Hotel



RON SETTER AND CAPT. JOHN MATTS Remembering Fallen 398th Airmen at Penn, England

Ron Setter, who along with Johanna Sienkiewicz and Peter Halliday organized the 1990 Remembrance activities at Penn, England for the 398th Searl crew that perished near there in 1944, took another step in this act of remembrance last November.

Setter donated a "credence" table for Penn's Holy Trinity Church's chapel with a "Tomahawk Warrier" brass plate affixed in memory of the nine 600 Squadron men killed in the crash. This was dedicated on the church's Remembrance Service, which also included American flags placed outside for each of the men.

America was represented at the dedication by a United States Navy officer, Captain Steven Matts from the U.S. Naval Headquarters at Ruislip.

Tree Remembrances From Germany



NEUSS

Our German Friends planted trees in two of their cities in memory of the Americans killed during the bombing missions and those of their own civilians who perished during the aerial bombardments.

The tree in Neuss, where Col. Frank P. Hunter, Jr. and his lead crew were shot down, was dedicated by the 398th members on the 1988 England-Germany Tour. This would include Federico Gonzales, the lead ship's pilot and lone survivor of the crash and Hunter's widow, Maria.

And then the 1992 tour group witnessed another planting in the heart of downtown Merseburg. Michael George of the Merseburg City Hall, said, "the tree is doing nicely and in the future it will be a majestic tree."

Manfred König, who organized the planting in Neuss, said their tree "survived the incredibly dry and hot summer and we are only now getting rain after many months. Alfred Wilms was the "chief picture taker."

Other 398th memorial trees, also "doing just fine," are the pair at Station 131, dedicated in 1988, and at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base museum, dedicated in 1989.



MERSEBURG

<u>www.398th.org:</u> **Researching On Our Website**

BY DAVE JORDAN 398th Webmaster

It has been estimated that there were over 5000 men that served with the 398th. To date, a comprehensive list is not available, but our group historian is building a data base, currently 2000 and growing.

To help you search, the following hints were put together to get you started. These are the Key Data Tabs—

- 1. Original Crews from Rapid City (March 1944)-
- There were 72 original crews with 10 men in each crew. It is important to realize that on the journey from the USA to England, one man was bumped from each combat crew on the flyover and various men not assigned to the actual crews (e.g. ground crews, operations officers, etc) was substituted. It's close, but not exactly the original combat crews.
- 398th Killed in Action—
 293 men that gave their full measure of devotion to their country. This link lets you choose among various KIA lists.
- 3. 398th POWs—
- The number of known 398th Prisoners of War is almost 300. 4. 398th Missing Aircraft Reports—
- There are 66 known Missing Aircraft Reports (MACRs) for the 398th, listed according to the pilots names.

There are a number of other Search Possibilities, but it will take some patience, perseverance and a bit of luck—

- 1. *Identified Crew Pictures and Unidentified Crew Pictures* While someday it is hoped to upload pictures for most of the crews, right now there are only a few.
- 2. Flak News Articles and Veteran WWII Personal Histories— A few veterans have written of their experiences. While your Veteran of Interest may not have written a story, they might be mentioned in one of the stories. It helps to know your veteran's squadron and pilot.

3. 398th Combat Diaries—

These diaries tend to mention other crew members and sometimes observations about other aircraft that got in trouble. If your **Veteran of Interest** was Killed in Action or a POW, many times there may be a mention in one of the diaries. The mention may be on the day of the event or mentioned a day or two later. Sometimes such mentions are for days when the diary author did not fly, so it pays to read some of their non-mission entries. If there is a mention, it may only be a few words, but those few words may help others know what happened that day.

 398th Missions by Crews/Individuals— So far this listing is quite small and it may stay that way for a while given the hugeness of the task.

5. 398th Missions and Descriptions-

The 398th Flew 195 Combat Missions. As diaries, articles, and stories about combat missions become available, links are made from each of the mission dates to the articles about that mission. If you know when your **Veteran of Interest** flew, this is a great way to find out more about what happened that day. Even though his name might not be mentioned you'll get a pretty good idea about what went on that day from long ago.

 What's New— Major new adds to the 398th Web Pages are noted in the What's New section. It can be helpful to review this listing since your last visit.

Letters, Letters

"I had a great trip in my Super Cruiser, going from your reunion in Covington, down through Kentucky and Tennessee, over to Memphis, back to Louisville and Chicago, finally heading home. What a great country we have, with freedom to fly over much of it, thanks to you guys."

- Greg Anderson, EAA, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

"I am into genealogy and it is from that hobby I learned to make web sites. Like the 398th site, people find you and send you interesting information and corrections. There is a Veteran's personal history section on our 398th.org. If a family member wishes to write a short story about one's time with the 398th or as POW, we would be pleased to add it to our site. I have added the links, which show the history entries in the Guestbook (lower left hand corner). I know the Guestbook was pretty important in hearing from people out there. The easiest thing for me to do is to add a pop-up e-mail link, which will send their comments to me, I would then post the new entry and forward the message for comment. – Dave Jordan, Middletown, NJ.

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"Here's a 'feel good' story for today. I E-mailed brothers Gary & Guy Gentry regarding the Doerr crew photo which pictured their uncle, co-pilot Giles Teague. Geoff, this is the photo you found in your book. Dave, this is the one you scanned and forwarded to me. I forwarded it on to them this morning. I will send you their response after I send you this. Thanks guys, for making this family VERY happy!"

- Lee Anne Bradley, Andover, NJ.

"You will never know how much this photo means to our family!! It will help us who were around when all this happened to pass it on to the younger Teague and Gentry family members. God bless you and your organization which helps keep these heroes alive in our hearts."

- Guy Gentry, Durham, NC.

"Thanks to this wonderful site. I was able to give my Grandfather, Michael Barnes, Jr. a beautiful gift. After searching through the "Unidentified Crew Photos," I found a photo of his crew that he didn't remember being taken. I could hardly believe it. Up to now, none of these men in this picture had been identified. I printed and sent this photo to him, which made him very happy. I am forever thankful for your site enabling me to bring my Grandfather such joy. Please keep up the good work and God Bless."

- Michael Barnes, Evansville, IN.

"I just wanted to drop you a line and thank you for the call several weeks ago. It was great to connect directly with the 398th.

I had a chance to visit the Woodman Inn June 15th, while on a business trip to London. I took many photos. You have made mention of the trees that have been planted around the memorial. I must say that Nuthamstead is as rural England as it gets. The bartender spoke fondly of the 398th and a group that visited about a year ago. The walls over and surrounding the fireplace are filled with 398th memorabilia. My father always wanted to return and visit the Woodman Inn but died before he had a chance. I felt I was fulfilling that dream.

- James Froelich, River Forest, IL.

Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and do it.

- Andrew Jackson

BRIEF things

The FLAK NEWS editor, along with Wally and all the 398th officers, join in saying "thank you" for the Holiday greetings from far and wide; and we are glad to know that "Radostne Vanoce a Stastny Novy Rok" means "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" in Czech... there apparently is "some" interest in the group's web site (398th.org) when one discovers there were 28,644 "hits" in 2003 through November (see page 10)... a "trendy" builder has purchased the old chapel at Nuthampstead (used by the 398th) and is converting it into his hew home; and England Tour folks will find a new 50-seat restaurant at the Woodman Inn next summer to go with their new Bed & Breakfast units built a couple of years ago . . . with the passing of Dwight Ross and Stanley Allen, only Milton **Dunlap** is left from the original three pilots assigned to Ephrata AAFB in 1943 (others came, too, but soon all were off to Geiger Field and then on to Rapid City)... there are only a few members still around who were at the original 1976 Historical Society reunion in Cincinnati, but among them only Newt Moy and George Hilliard were at the 2003 reunion in nearby Covington, KY . . . how old are we now? Herb Wilson's daughter, Lynn Henselman, retired from the Army last year, and Dick Hall's daughter Carol Coleman, is retiring from the Air Force this year. . . "Moy's Boys" placed a great memorial plaque at the Heritage Museum which reads "Proud To Have Served" ... Bruce Daily passed away a year ago, and he was followed last September by his wife, Betty ... Karl Issel, a German engineer living in San Francisco, learned that some of the flak gunners at Merseburg were Russian PW's "hired" to man the guns and "pass the ammunition"; also, that one of the very young German "Flakhelfers" is now a professor of engineering and architecture in Germany... The American flag presented to the 398th by the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Bureau at the Covington reunion will be carried to England in June to be flown on the "tall pole" on the old air base ... the late Fred Karner, 601 Electrician, spent most of his adult years building homes in Colorado, but he had many fond memories of his days at Station 131, witness the \$50 his family bequeathed to the Monument Fund for care and keeping of the Nuthampstead memorial ... Joe and Rozanne Joseph would remind all the folks going on the June England Tour that there are many items in the 398th PX that make excellent take-along gifts (T-shirts, patches, lapel pins, etc; see next column) . . . the Museum of Flight in Seattle was the recipient of one of the Concordes when they went out of service (why not? British Air has a daily flight from Seattle to London) . . . thank you readers, for reminding the editor that it is called the Commemorative Air Force (not Contemporary), and all who saw this FLAK NEWS error can send their \$1.00 fine to our 398th treasurer, Marilyn Gibb-Rice. .. two of our best loved squadron leaders, Bill Markley and Willis Frazier, are both going through difficult health bouts these days; how about some "little friends" support for those two, and any others known to be in trouble? . . . prexy **Wally** Blackwell was invited to a special pre-opening of the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum in Chantilly, Virginia and he admits he was overwhelmed by the immensity of the building and awed at meeting Paul Tibbets, who dropped the first A-bombon Japan (we'll see the museum and the Enola Gay during the September, 2004 reunion) ... Charles Church says he has some memory problems at the age of 90, but he still remembers flying home from the war in "Wonder Bird," the B-17 he crew-chiefed with the 602nd ... Steve Carter, one of our many UK Friends, has spent 20 years helping to keep England's B-17, Sally B, flying and air worthy; Elly Sallingboe, the plane's operator and caretaker, has been at it for 28 years . . . the 398th net income deficit for 2003 (\$3570) should be a stark reminder that dues are important (when God wants to make a dynamic change of direction, He often does so through a lack of funds).

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Please circle squadron, size and/or color choices.

Qty. CLOTHING	Cost		Total
Cap – Fits All Sizes	\$8.00	ea	
600, 601, 602, 603, Group Jackets – Navy, B-17 on Front S, M. L, XL, XXL	\$25.00	ea	
T-Shirts – B-17 on Front Navy – White – S, M, L, XL, XXL	\$10.00	ea	
Sweat Shirts – B-17 on Front Navy – White – S, M, L, XL, XXL	\$15.00	ea	
Golf Shirts – Group Logo on Front Navy or White – S, M, L, XL, XXL	\$20.00	ea	
Turtle Neck Shirt – B-17 on Collar White – S, M, L, XL, XL; Navy – S, M, Black	\$20.00 (– L, XL	ea	
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Group Lapel Pin (Hell from Heaven)	\$5.00	ea	
Group Lapel Pin – Special Design	\$5.00	ea	5 - S
B-17 Lapel Pin (Silver)	\$2.00	ea	
B-17 Earrings (Silver – Pierced only)	\$5.00	ea	
CD's & VIDEOS			
CD Jack's Books	\$25.00	ea	
CD Flak News	\$30.00	ea	
Video Anstey Window Dedication	\$10.00	ea	
Video Return to Station 131 Memorial	\$10.00	ea	
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(CD-ROM) Statistical History of 398th B.G. Set of 2	\$55.00	set	
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Group Patch ("Hell from Heaven")	\$6.00	ea	
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Photo (8x10 Aluminum Overcast)	\$2.00	ea	
Print (11x17) "Clearing & Colder"	\$10.00	ea	
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS			
B-17 Sun Catcher	\$10.00	ea	
Folding Umbrellas – Red with White	\$18.00	ea	
Note Paper with B-17 (Packet of 12)	\$4.00	pkt	
Tote bag, Navy with White B-17	\$7.00	ea	
Golf Towel, White w/Black B-17	\$7.00	ea	
License Plate Holder (398 th B.G.)	\$2.00	ea	
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