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306th Bombardment Group Association

Over 500 At F.W. Reunion

Rainy weather notwithstanding, the ninth reunion of the 306th Bomb Group was an exciting affair for more than 500 men and their guests in Fort Worth, TX, Oct. 25-27.

There were numerous highlights during the three days, but first on everyone's agenda was to renew old friendships, make new friends among the registrants, fly a few missions, change some engines, and in general relive some of those exciting days of 40 years ago.

The reminiscing may have started on the bus during the 30-mile ride from DFW to the Green Oaks Hotel in southwest Fort Worth, or it may have started in the lobby even before registration had really begun. But it was still going on as the cars, taxis and buses pulled away on Sunday morning.

First among the scheduled activities was Thursday night's excursion to Billy Bob's, a raucous, noisy event which mixed with an excellent dinner for 477 people. Most went by chartered buses through rain-filled streets, and came back in the late evening with a quiet ride through downtown Fort Worth after the day's traffic had cleared away.

306th men came from Seattle, WA; Miami, FL; Orrs Island, ME; San Diego, CA; and England. They came by plane and by car, perhaps someone arrived by train. This writer just didn't happen to run across them. Assuredly, if they passed through Fort Worth during the war it was more than likely by train.

There were 278 veterans of the battles of Thurlough, and there were 214 guests, mostly wives. There were also 34 friends and guests of the 306th enjoying the festivities as well.

Friday was the day people toured to Carswell Air Force Base, a short bus ride from the hotel.

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Col. John Ryan is the new president of the 306th Bomb Group Historical Association.

John Ryan President of 306 in '85

Col. John L. Ryan, commander of the 367th squadron for one day, was elected president of the 306th Bomb Group Association at the annual meeting in Fort Worth.

He succeeds Ralph Bordner, 368th bombardier from East Peoria, IL, who had headed the organization for several years on an informal basis and was elected formally last year at Omaha and the previous year at Cincinnati.

Robert Starzynski, 367th gunner and like Ryan, an evadee, was elected vice president.

Chosen by acclamation as secretary and as treasurer for the year ahead were Russell A. Strong, 367th, and William M. Collins, Jr., 369th, who have served in these positions nominally since renewed group activity began nine years ago. Mack McKay, during the annual meeting, suggested that they be elected in perpetuity. No second was heard!

Chosen as directors for the year ahead were William Houlihan and Bob Crane, who had been appointed by Bordner after the last annual meeting, and Gerald Rotter.

Also serving as director for the year will be the chairman of the 1985 reunion as soon as site selection is completed.

Ryan joined the 367th at Wendover in March of 1942, bringing in

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Maj. Gen. Delmar Wilson, left, greets one of the 42 POWs on hand, Norman Armbrust.

42 Returned Prisoners Greeted in Ceremony

One of the final events of the 1984 reunion was a ceremony led by Col Robert P. Riordan in welcoming back to the 306th some 42 men who had been prisoners of war.

Col. Riordan made some opening remarks, welcoming the men, and them called the roll. As each man's name was read he proceeded to the center of the ballroom where he was greeted by M/Gen. Delmar Wilson, who had been the first deputy commander of the 306th.

As the last man's name was read, the 500 persons in attendance rose and gave the POW's a warm welcome.

Those honored were:

Norman A. Armbrust, 423, James L. Babbs 423, O. B. Bourn 368, Quentin Burgett 367, Winston W. Burroughs 367, William J. Casey 369-367, Ray Coleman 368, Joseph Consolmagno 367, Cleo Dark 369, William L. Ferguson 369, Robert J. Flood 369, Leo L. Gallegos 368, Calvin Garrison 368.

Nelson Hardin 423, Robert B. Hermann 367, Francis J. Hess 367, Lee T. Jenks 423, Shedrick E. Jones 369, Edward E. Jordan 423, Lee Kessler 423, Al LaChasse 367, Glenn Lally 368, Richard T. Locke 369, Ralph E. Moulis 423, Alvin Naumann 368, Y. B. (Buck) Newsom 369.

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 Sheldon Beigel and Gloria 369—Encino, CA
 Edward Bergeron and Cecile 423—Newmarket, NH
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The 306th Bombardment Group Historical Association: John Ryan, president; Robert Starzynski, Vice President; Russell A. Strong, secretary; and William M. Collins, Jr., treasurer. Directors: Robert Crane, William Houlihan and Gerald Rotter.

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8AF Leader Brings 306th Up to Date

By Lt. Gen. Kenneth L. Peek, Jr.
Commanding General, Eighth Air Force

I was delighted to accept your invitation to speak to you tonight, for it gives me the opportunity to thank each of you for your contribution to the defense of our nation during World War II.

You have given the Eighth Air Force a glorious past and high standards against which we will always judge ourselves.

We are not as large an outfit in numbers as the Eighth Air Force you remember.

Today, there are about 50,000 people in the Eighth. We are organized into five air divisions which supervise:

- nine bombardment wings
- three air refueling wings
- three missile wings
- one reconnaissance wing.

Most of our bases span the eastern half of the United States. This extends eastward to operating locations in England, Spain, Germany, and Greece, as well.

Our operational squadrons are entrusted with 115 long range B-52s, 60 supersonic medium range FB-111 bombers, 290 KC-135 aerial tankers, reconnaissance and command control aircraft and a growing squadron of KC-10s.

The KC-10 is our newest aircraft and is the tanker and cargo military variant of the DC-10 airliner.

We also possess 30 Titan II missiles which carry the largest warhead in the free world, and are currently being deactivated at McConnell and Little Rock AFBs. We also possess 150 Minuteman II intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Since the 306th Bombardment

Group (Heavy) was one of the original bombardment units of the Eighth Air Force, I feel obliged to tell you how this fine outfit went on to serve our country after World War II, and how today it is serving once again under the 8th Air Force in England.

Inactivated

The 306th Bombardment group was inactivated Christmas Day, 1946, for a short time. It was reactivated in June 1947 at Andrews Field, Maryland, and was redesignated the 306th Bombardment Group (Very Heavy), composed of the 367th, 368th and 369th Bomb Squadron and assigned to the Strategic Air Command. Only the 423rd Bomb Squadron from the original group was missing.

The 306th remained a "paper organization" with no men or equipment until August 1948. The 306th Bomb Wing was transferred to MacDill AFB, Florida, in 1948, and redesignated a medium bomb wing assigned the B-29 bomber. By year's end, 653 men and 32 B-29 bombers were assigned. The primary mission was to operate a medium bombardment training school and a secondary mission was to train 306th bomb squadrons for long range strategic bombardment.

Highlights during 1949 and 1950 included: Col. Charles Lindberg flew a short time with the 306th; the 306th Bomb Group was upgraded to the 306th Bombardment Wing.

306th Goes Jet

In 1951 the wing traded its B-29s for the first jet bomber, the B-47. The 306th was the first wing in SAC



Lt. Gen. Kenneth Peek accepts a pewter replica of a B-17 from Reginald Robinson.

to fly the 47s. The first B-47 to arrive was christened "The Real McCoy," after Col. Michael N. W. McCoy, 306th wing commander. By December 1952, the 45th B-47 arrived, bringing the wing to its full strength.

In 1953 the new bomb wing proved that it was fully combat ready. It participated in Operation "Sky Try," similar to an operational readiness inspection which tested the wing's combat readiness. The 306th received an outstanding rating, proved its mobility capability, and deployed to England for two months.

Faster Crossing Than 1942

On 7 April 1953, two 306th Bomb Wing B-47s set a speed record across the Atlantic Ocean, crossing from Maine to England in five hours and 38 minutes.

In March 1954 Paramount Pictures arrived at MacDill AFB for filming. The 306th participated in the making of the movie, **Strategic Air Command**.

The next five years, 1955-60, were routine in that the wing fulfilled its day to day alert mission. However, this half decade was not without its highlights: in 1956 and 1958, the 306th Bomb Wing won the SAC bombing competition, taking home the coveted Fairchild Trophy; in January 1959 the wing was transferred from Second Air Force back to Eighth Air Force; the wing expanded to include the 423rd Bomb Squadron as well as the 305th and 306th Air Refueling Squadrons; both refueling squadrons flew the KC-97 tanker, but were primed to receive the new KC-135 jet tanker.

1963 was a year of transition for the wing. It moved from MacDill AFB to McCoy AFB Orlando, FL, and traded its B-47s for 15 of the new B-52 heavy bombers.

The Stratofortress Arrives

The B-52 Stratofortress, designed to carry nuclear weapons, can also carry non-nuclear iron bombs. The fully loaded aircraft with crew of six weighs 244 tons and is powered by eight jet engines producing 168,000 pounds of thrust. One B-52 can carry 108 bombs weighing a total of 60,000 pounds. The wing also traded its KC-97s for 15 KC-135s.

That year the wing participated in Operation Chrome Dome for 45 days, keeping a bomber in the air

on constant airborne alert.

Off to Vietnam

In late 1966 the 306th faced its greatest challenge since the Second World War. It was called upon to use bombardment as an instrument of national policy in Southeast Asia. Aircraft, crews and support personnel were sent to Southeast Asia on temporary duty. "Temporary" meant for 180 days at a time. Four different times, the 306th deployed to Vietnam on such temporary duty.

It participated in three major operations—Young Tiger, Arc Light and Bullet Shot. In October 1966 306th bombers and tankers went to Southeast Asia to support Project Young Tiger. In the skies over Vietnam, the 306th met the challenge head on, much as it had done over Nazi-occupied Europe 25 years before. In six months the 306th flew 1,500 combat missions. Crews averaged 51 missions and 600 flying hours.

A total of 13,200 hours were spent in the air, which equals 20 months of continuous flying. Two hundred million pounds of fuel were off-loaded, and one 306th crew flew a record seven bombing missions in one day.

President Lyndon Johnson decorated 18 306th Bomb Wing personnel.

Maj. James Taylor, 306th Air Refueling Squadron and his crew became the first to complete 100 combat missions in Vietnam.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Ky presented the "Republic of Vietnam Air Force Distinguished Service Order" to Col. Earl Johnson, 306th Bomb Wing commander.

The Wing received its second Air Force Outstanding Unit Citation.

The first crew member to fly 300 missions in Vietnam was M/Sgt Hance Storus, a gunner.

In February 1972 the 306th Bomb Wing went back to Southeast Asia for its fourth and last time, led by Col. Glen Pugmire, on Operation Bullet Shot, the largest SAC combat operation in the command's 26-year history. It became a thundering volley of 500, 750 and 1,000 pound bomb bursts of retaliation every hour of every day.

Lt. Gen. Gerald W. Johnson (a WWII 8th Air Force fighter pilot) said: "Never before in the history of airpower had such a strike force been assembled. Never before had

Andy Vangalis and Peggy 368—Longmont, CO
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David Wheeler and Ellen 369—Yuba City, CA
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Delmar Wilson and Vauda Hdqs.—San Antonio, TX
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Warren Wilson 368—Port Ludlow, WA
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Frank Yaussi 423—Glendale, CA
Ray Yerak and Reggie 369—Willoughby Hills, OH
Oliver O. Young and Helen 423—Birmingham, AL
Pervis Earl Youree and Juanita 323—Wagoner, OK
Ralph Zimmerman and Charlotte 423—Naples, FL

Others attending:

Dick Damato—Tamarac, FL
Gary Baker—Lompoc, CA
A. L. Edwards—Shreveport, LA
George Gransie—Lompoc, CA
Jean Guest
Robert and Jean Driver
Wayne Montie and Estelle Theriot
Mrs. Elbert (Jane) Odle—Carmel, IN
Mrs. Joseph (Catherine) Brennan—Washington, D.C.
Nena Brennan Leary
Grace Perez and Craig—El Paso, TX
Ronald and Phyllis Dillon
Lyle and Laura Moore—Marietta, NY

airpower been given such a singularly important role in achieving national objectives."

The 306th kept unrelenting pressure on the enemy during the 1972. Daily they struck key strongholds, supply routes, munitions storage facilities and troop concentrations. In one day, 100 SAC B-52s dropped 1,700 tons of bombs. SAC tankers provided 481 refuelings in 166 flights.

In early October the first signs of payoff came. Paris peace talks resumed and after one final push in December 1972 (Linebacker II), America's POWs came home.

By April 1973 the 306th had ceased all commitments in Vietnam.

During the same month, it was announced that McCoy AFB would close and the 306th Bomb Wing inactivated. In August 1972 KC-135s transferred to Plattsburg AFB, NY. In September the last issue of the base paper, *Citrus Flyer*, was printed. Assigned personnel at the end of 1972 dropped from 3,347 to 1,114. The 306th Wing was inactivated in 1974.

But, this was not to be the end of the 306th Bomb Wing. It was again reactivated 16 August 1976 at Ramstein AFB, Germany, as the 306th Strategic Wing, and in July 1978 moved to RAF Mildenhall, England, and assigned KC-135 refueling tankers. Its mission is to refuel aircraft in the European area, and in 1980 it supported the rescue attempt of American hostages in Iran.

It is ironic that the 306th has returned to the Eighth Air Force, assigned in England, an hour's drive away from where it served three strenuous and glorious years in 1942-45.

As I close this evening, I leave you with a message from today's Mighty Eighth: We are still around, still proud of the 306th and still doing a hell of a good job. You gave us a good beginning and we'll continue your standard of excellence.

On May 12, 1962, General Douglas MacArthur gave his farewell address to the cadets at West Point. Here is what he said:

Duty, honor and country; Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are our rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.

This morning let me take the liberty of paraphrasing these words and dedicating them to you—all the men and women associated with the 306th.

Duty, honor and country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you were, what you are and what you will be. They were your rallying point to build courage when courage seemed to fail, to regain faith when there seemed to be little cause for

The Land of The Free and Home of The Brave

Chaplain, Col. Palmer Bowers
Carswell AFB, Texas

I want to take you back in memory to the summer of 1941. Times were good and apparently getting better. Economically America was coming out of the great depression of the 30's. People were beginning to put their old ice boxes out on the back porch and replace them with something called an electric refrigerator. Music was real music with great dance bands led by men like Tommy Dorsey, Harry James and Glenn Miller. Television had not been developed but there was the classic radio humor of George Burns and Gracie Allen, Jack Benny, Fred Allen and Bob Hope. And remember those lavish, spectacular musicals that Hollywood was producing! Neighborhoods were places with genuine neighbors where people sat out on the front porch in the evening and everybody knew everyone else on the block. If somebody was taking drugs they were probably a diabetic who had to take daily injections of insulin. It was a good life, wasn't it?

But one terrible thing was wrong. War was raging in both Europe and the Far East but America did not want to look. Under Adolph Hitler Germany had annexed Austria and Czechoslovakia in 1939, and demanded Poland. As a result England and France had declared war against the Third Reich. Hitler in 1940 proceeded to take Denmark, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Yugoslavia and Greece. Unable to defeat Britain, Germany then attacked Russia. In the Far East an undeclared war between Japan and China had commenced in 1937 and in 1940 Japan occupied Indochina.

Despite the urgings of President Roosevelt the isolationist spirit was so strong that there was little interest in building up our broomstick Army and outfitting it with modern weapons. Our Army Air Corps was almost non-existent with only 2,500 aircraft and our Navy possessed only 760 warships, some of them little better than rust-buckets.

And, tragically, you all know what happened at 7:55 a.m. on Sunday morning, December 7th, 1941. Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and

faith and to create hope when hope had become forlorn.

To each of you of the 306th—may God bless you for what you have done, what you are doing, and what you shall do to keep America a land of the free and a home of the brave!



Five squadron bombardiers from the 368th appeared at the reunion: left to right, Ralph Bordner, Irv Norton, Don Ross, Ted Boswell and Eddie Montoya.

overnight we found ourselves in the middle of World War II. Suddenly those of you in this chapel who had just finished high school and were in your first civilian job or enrolled in college found yourselves in boot camp and then in specialized flight training. And, miraculously—less than one year later—some of you were arriving in Thurleigh, England. The first mission of the 306th was flown on 9 October 1942 and last one completed on 19 April 1945. 9,614 sorties, 342 missions and 22,574.6 tons of ordnance delivered on the enemy in less than three years.

How important was this? You, as much as any fighting organization in the European theater, brought about the downfall of Hitler's Third Reich. And how important was that? When the war ended in 1945 I was a sophomore in high school. I can still remember how happy I was when I heard that Germany had surrendered. But I want to confess to you that I never truly appreciated the full significance of that defeat until 1972—27 years later—when I first visited the city of Berlin.

While in Berlin, I visited the magnificent Tempelhof Airport. Designed by Adolph Hitler in the form of a great war eagle with wings outstretched it is the third largest building in the world. Under the immense roof, which represents the wings of the eagle, is a vast parking ramp that can accommodate a large number of aircraft. There is a balcony under that roof which looks out on the parking ramp. I asked my guide what the balcony was for. And when he answered I for the first time fully appreciated with my heart as well as my mind what you had accomplished. He said, "That was Hitler's private observation deck from which he planned to greet the leaders of the world as they flew into Berlin at the conclusion of the war to pay homage to him and to Germany."

On behalf of my generation that immediately followed yours—and all the generations after—I want to take this opportunity to thank you for saving America from that fate.

And I want to thank you for something that is perhaps even more important. When you returned to the United States and to civilian life, you had learned a lesson well that the Bible teaches. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Because we are sinners we are selfish and because we are selfish we are tempted to want to seize that which is not ours. You learned from Hitler that what applies to individuals applies as well to nations. Almost two thousand years ago Jesus, who was the supreme realist, warned his disciples in these words, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name saying, 'I am Christ,' and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you be not troubled, for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom." So, because you knew that nations were tempted to start wars where they perceived weakness and because you were not deluded into thinking that World War II was the war to end all wars, you came back and voted for the development of a strong and ready defense establishment. You supported the creation of the Strategic Air Command and the greatest Air Force in the world because you knew that it was not weakness that encouraged peace but strength. And because of that wisdom we have been delivered from another World War for almost 40 years.

Now today, just as in 1941, there are isolationists and middle-of-the-roads who would tell us that what is happening in Central America and in the Middle East is no concern of ours. Stop spending so much money on national defense and war will go away. Thank God for your generation is still a vital force in our society and that reunions such as yours refresh our memory of the past to guide us in the future.

Newly-Found

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a B-17 for some instructional work with the neophyte pilots of the 306th. He was already a captain at the time. Within a few days, Col. Charles Overacker had maneuvered to have Ryan assigned permanently to the 306th, and there he remained.

When Maj. Harry Holt was relieved as 367th commander on March 5, 1943, Ryan was named to succeed him. Orders had not even been cut when Ryan was shot down the next day in northern France. He evaded capture and eventually returned to England. He was assigned a First Wing operations job and remained in England throughout 1943.

A native of Troy, NY, and educated at the State University of New York at Albany, Ryan remained on active duty after WWII, to 30 January 1970. Having an early training as a teacher, Ryan entered graduate school and earned his doctor of philosophy degree in modern foreign languages at the University of New Mexico in 1974. He continued on the faculty there for several more years, before retiring completely and moving to Woodland Park, CO.

Ryan's interest in the 306th was rekindled when he attended a small 306th gathering in Colorado Springs, and met Russ Strong for the first time. It was then that Ryan volunteered to become the editor of the manuscript of "First Over Germany," a task to which he gave great energy and expertise.

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Small, James Lenaghan, John Dexter. Third row: Harold Twing, Robert Rockwell, H. V. Roeder, Quentin Burgett, Paul Tardiff, Fred Rector, Jerome Kostal, John Ryan, Nelson Ake, Robert Starzynski, Lawrence Ristuccia, John Biggins, Ed Ronczy, Fourth row: Paul Steele, Hubert Verdick, Arthur Crapsey, Herb Gedney, Fred Anderson, Ervin Clark, Hugh Phelan, Richard O'Hara, Arch Nesbitt, William Rader, Walt Coons, Del Wilson, Dick Walck, Robert Schultz.



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Front, left to right: Orval Cook, Bill Breslin, Wayne Stellish, Harold Taylor, Joseph Mynatt, Marshall Baker, Graford Jennings, Glenn Lally, Ted Boswell, George Fisher. Second row: Irving Norton, Maynard Dix, Dewey Jones, Phillip Vaught, Douglas Griggs, Warren Wilson, Frank Ross, Russell Houghton, Stanley Mathes,

Jack Samway. Third row: Andy Vangalis, William Cavaness, Eduardo Montoya, Ralph Bordner, Joseph Jaeger, James Gerlach, Donald Ross, Dellon Bumgardner, Alvin Naumann, Reginald Robinson. Fourth row: Leo Gallegos, George DeVack, Wallace Boring, W. D. Jones, Mack McKay, Lee Kessler, M. E. Christianson.



Jack and Gail Schmidt



George Roberts and Norma



Ed Ronczy and Bob Williams



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Front, left to right: Brooks Cook, Charles Hayes, Robert Roth, William Flanagan, Horace Corigliano, Robert Riordan, Lou Damaso, Charles Davis, Anthony Santoro, Frank Potter, Terry Harkin, Bill Tarr, George Antous. Second row: James Furay, Arthur Harnois, Peter Pappas, Harold Lightbown, Dennis Sharkey, Forrest Goodwill, Robert Crane, John Geary, Gerald Rotter, Harold Thornam, Eddie Perin, Robert Dwiggins, William Casey, Robert Flood, Earl Schwab, Gordon Crossman, Third

row: Trygve Olsen, Charles Flannagan, Malcolm Phillips, J. C. Thorn, Jack Hartung, Ed Hennessy, Casey Jones, Everett Daniel, Orville Karstadt, David Wheeler, Thurman Shuller, Ed Maliszewski, C. Dale Briscoe, Edgar Smith, Wallace Peckham. Fourth row: Roy W. Howard, James Opdyke, Edward Murphy, Orville Stocker, Buck Newsom, William Ferguson, Billy Casseday, Roy Trask, Elmer Nofsinger, Cleo Dark, John Roberts, Ray Yerak, Bert Perimutter, Elvie Deal, Vincent Palumbo, Howard Sharkey. Back row: John Krische.



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Front, left to right: Claiborne Wilson, Nelson Hardin, Lee Jenks, Ralph Moulis, Kenneth Norris, J. P. Schutz, Saul Kupferman, Phillip Lanyon, A. J. Nahabedian, Leo VanDeurzen, Edward Bergeron, Frank Serafin. Second row: Curtis Oakes, Howard Hutchinson, W. T. Riedel, Bill Daniel, James Talley, Jacob LeRoy, James S. Cheney, Guy Burnett, Norman Armbrust, Joe Hathaway, Jack Murphy, Clayton

Meyer, John Wilson. Third row: Jack Brakebill, Oliver Young, Mack McKay, Pervis Youree, Gary Baker, Ralph Zimmerman, Hollis Baker, H. Rex Jones, Matthew Radnofsky, Paul Reiloux, Milton Edwards, Jerroll Sanders, Don Casey, Fourth row: James Poston, Ken Herbster, W. T. Morgan, Harry Doles, Forrest Stewart, Richard Raymond, Edward Jordan, Maynard Poray.



Mr. and Mrs. Trygve Olsen, James Updyke and Bill Tarr.



Gordon Donkin and Don MacDonald, 367th pilot and copilot, renew acquaintances at Carswell Officers Club dinner.

SCENES FROM FORT WORTH

Scenes from Fort Worth, and the 9th reunion of the 306th, were made possible through the photographic efforts of Bob Hermann, Bill Houlihan, Ed Ronczy, Don Ross, Bob Starzynski and Russ Strong.



Marlen Reber flew a number of missions as pilot of "Eager Beaver," and was pleased to see a large picture of the plane. The nose art was by Lee Kessler.



Steve Tanella



Chester Markewicz and John Kalb.



Bill Futchik and Larry Emeigh.



Bill Hogan is still showing his Short Snorter.



Walter Coons, John Manning, Bull Houlihan, John McKee, John Ryan and John Kalb.



That's Ted Boswell next to the sign at Carswell AFB.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Williams.



That's O.B. Bourn, center left, with Lou Rodriguez, Mr. and Mrs. Reber.



R. Eugene Gustafson, Ben Peters and Ken Hoffman.



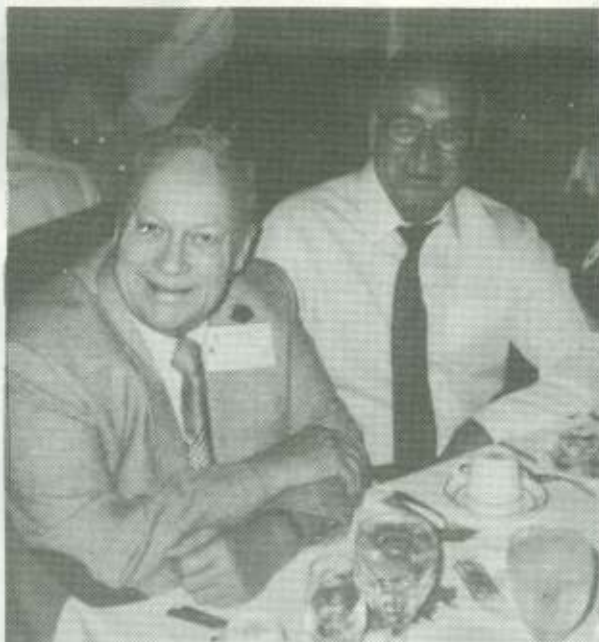
Frank Yaussi, Casey Jones and Bill Flanagan.



Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jones talk with Clay Ganes.



Brig. Gen. and Mrs. William Rader talk with Ralph Bordner.



Kieth Jackson and Clay Ganes.



Jones are at right.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Starzynski.



Maj. Gen. Delmar Wilson was pleased to meet an old friend from 1942-43, Dr. Thurman Shuller, first group surgeon.



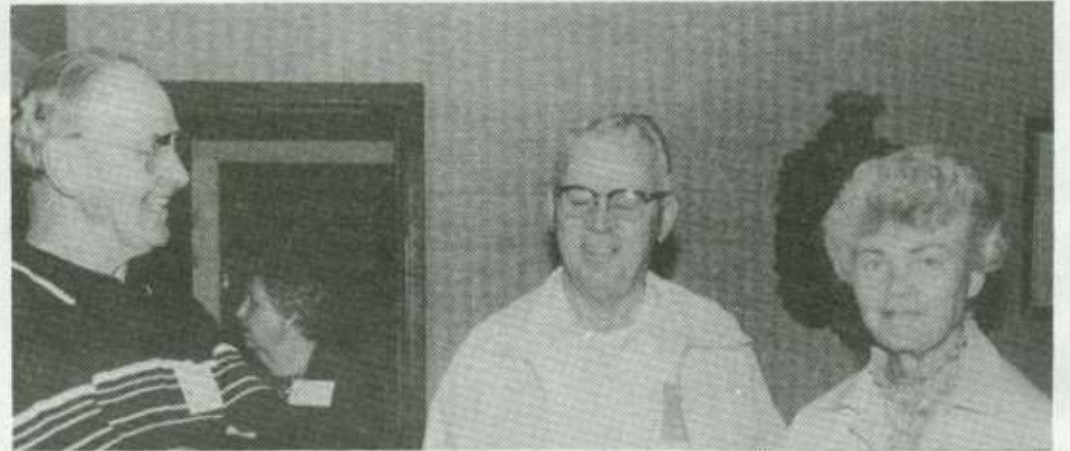
Maj. Gen. James S. Cheney and Lt. Gen. Kenneth Peek listen as Maj. Gen. Delmar Wilson makes a point.



Connie and Gordon Richards expressed their appreciation to the group for their trip from England.



Two former group surgeons, H. Deane Munal and John J. Manning.



Dick O'Hara talks with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Verdick.



Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Loring Astorino talk with Don Ross.



Pervis Earl Youree, Robert C. Williams and Mack McKay.



Bill Collins and Bob Crane.



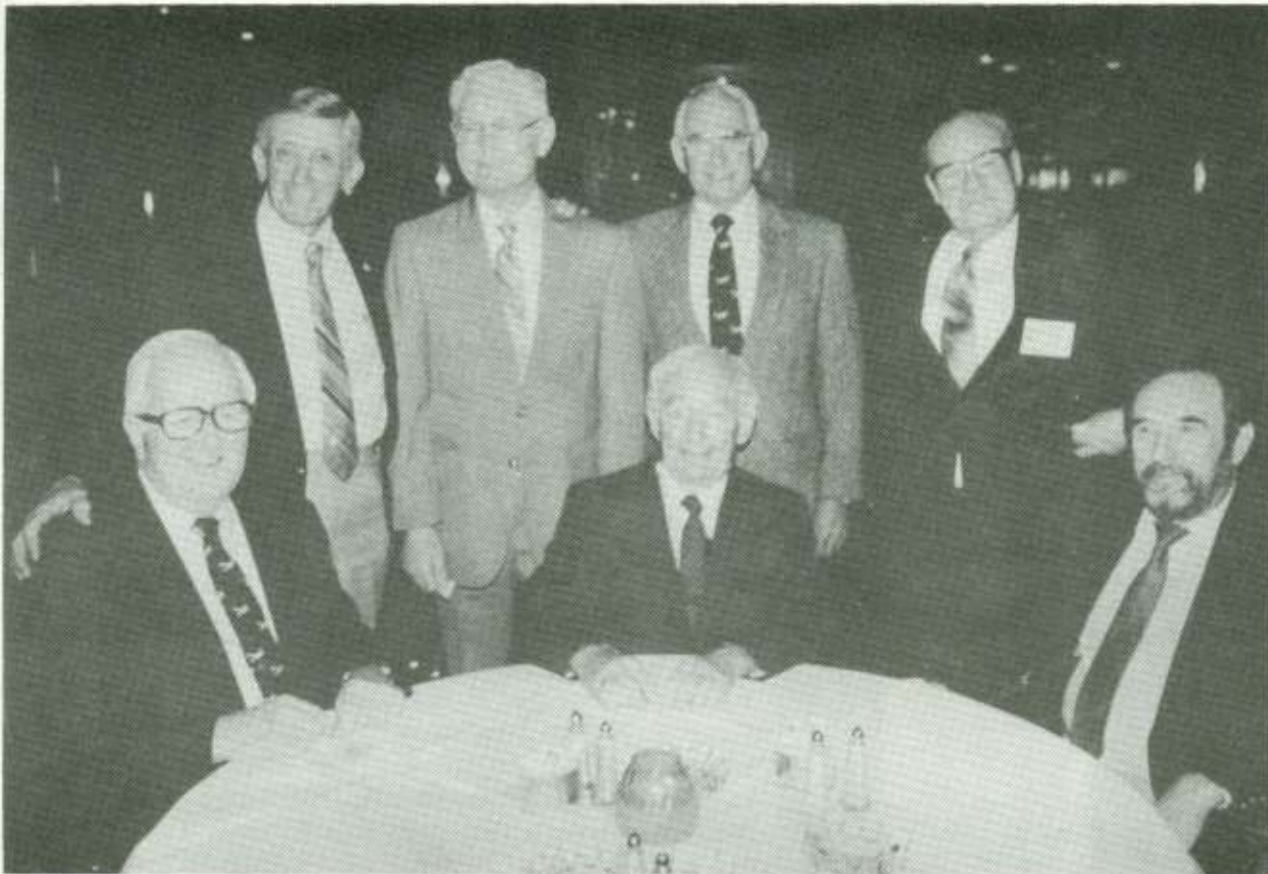
John Buie and Robert Riordan, another member of the Fort Worth committee.



Ben Peters, Ray Fields and Nelson Ake.



Russell Strong and John Ryan, during the business meeting.



A part of the Fort Worth committee posed for the camera: seated, Jennings; standing, Guy Lateano, Ted Boswell, Alex Clarke left to right, Malcolm Phillips, Reginald Robinson, and Graford John Buie.



Mayor Bob Bolen presents new cowboy boots to Reginald Robinson, on behalf of the Fort Worth "Boot Brigade," for bringing the 306th to Fort Worth.



M/Gen. Delmar and Vauda Wilson

A Thank You from Fort Worth

On behalf of the 1984 Reunion Committee, we thank each of you for making this reunion a memorable experience. Our objective was to provide an opportunity for you to renew those long lasting friendships that developed during the hectic years of the early 1940s. During the past year we talked with many of you and we exchanged letters. These contacts were very rewarding for us and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to bring our group together again. We hope to see you next year.

Our Golf Tournament was delayed with only limited participation. We had instructions to place unused golf funds into Group funds for future use. Those of you who did not give us instructions are asked to please do so, or we will place your unused golf fees in our Group funds.

We will soon close out our 1984 Reunion activities. If you have questions please contact us for information. Also send suggestions for future reunions. After 1 December, address all inquiries to:

1984 Reunion Committee
 Reginald L. Robinson, Chairman
 4009 Ranier Court
 Fort Worth, TX 76109
 817/923-2791



Richard Walick.



Two recent registrants check the roster of those who have already signed in.



Mayor Bob Bolen examines the list of Lord Mayors of Bedford, dating back to 1200 A.D. Connie Richards made the presentation.





Mayor Bob Bolen presents a key to Fort Worth to Connie Richards.



The new 306th banner that came from England hung from the rostrum at the banquet.



Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kostal.

Mr. and Mrs.
Winston Burroughs.



M/Gen. James S. Cheney and Walt Coons,
longtime lead navigator and bombardier team



Bob Rockwell and Harold Twing.



Vince Kiley and Steve Tanella.

By-Laws of the 306th Bomb Group Historical Association

Article I.

- Section 1. **Principal Office:** The principal office of the Association shall be located: Russell A. Strong, 2041 Hillside, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007.
- Section 2. **Registered Office:** The registered office of the Association may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office.

Article II.

- Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be:
President: The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Association, and, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall supervise and control the management of the Association in accordance with these By-Laws. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. In general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.
Vice President: The Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of that office. In addition, he shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.
The **Treasurer** shall have custody of all funds and securities belonging to the Association and shall receive, deposit or disburse the same under the direction of the Board of Directors. He shall keep full and accurate accounts of the finances of the Association in books especially provided for that purpose; and he shall cause a true statement of its assets and liabilities as of the close of each fiscal year and of the results of its operations and of changes and of changes in surplus for such fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, to be made and filed at the registered or principal office of the Association within four months after the end of such fiscal year. The Treasurer shall, in general, perform all duties incident to his office and such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the President or by the Board of Directors.

The **Secretary** shall keep accurate records of the acts and proceedings of all meetings of directors. He shall give all notices required by law and by these By-Laws. He shall have general charge of the corporate books and records. He shall have general charge of the membership books of the Association and shall keep at the registered or principal office of the Association a record of such directors, showing the name and address of each director. He shall sign such instruments as may require his signature, and in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned him from time to time by the President or by the Board of Directors.

- Section 3. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association. They shall assume the duties of their office as of election, and shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified. The annual meeting shall be held at the Fall reunion of the Association.
- Section 4. Any vacancies created by death, resignation or other cause shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Article III. Directors

- Section 1. **General Powers:** The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors or by such executive committees as the Board may establish pursuant to these By-Laws.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three members nor more than ten members, including the officers. One-third of the Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting of the members, each to serve for a term of three years, or until his successor has been elected.
- Section 3. Any vacancies created by death, resignation, or other cause shall be filled by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4. The chairman of the Reunion Committee shall be a member of the Board of Directors for the year preceding his reunion.
- Section 5. **Removal:** Directors may be removed from office with or without cause by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

- Section 6. The Board of Directors may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the number of directors then holding office, designate two or more directors or officers to constitute an executive committee, which committee, to the extent provided in said resolution, shall have and exercise all the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Association.

Article IV. Meetings

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall meet from time to time as the Board of Directors may designate.
- Section 2. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President at any time upon written notice, or by any three members of the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the day preceding the annual meeting of the Association at the site of the annual reunion of the Association. A majority of the Directors fixed by these By-Laws shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- Section 4. Because of the special nature of this Association and the geographic expanse of its membership, these By-Laws specially permit and encourage the conduct of Association business by telephone and mail. Voting so conducted will be duly recorded by the secretary as the legitimate and proper action of the Board of Directors.

Article V.

- Section 1. All committees other than an executive committee shall be appointed annually by the President.

Article VI

- Section 1. **Amendments:** Amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any annual or special meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that two weeks written notice is given to the Board of Directors.

Planning for 1985!

If you couldn't make it to Fort Worth, or may question in your own mind whether you ought to ever attend a reunion, we suggest that you begin planning now for 1985. Shortly you will receive a notice of the reunion site. At that moment you can begin some very serious planning as to how you will get there.

I can only tell you that past evidence indicates that almost 100 percent of the men attending go away planning to make it back next year.

In our maturing years, many have had enough of professional meetings, all kinds of community gatherings, etc., but only those who come to a 306th reunion will know the pleasure that can be earned merely by attending. We call your attention also to the 1984 roster and the number of wives and friends who attended!

Again, we urge you to begin planning for '85.



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bordner.

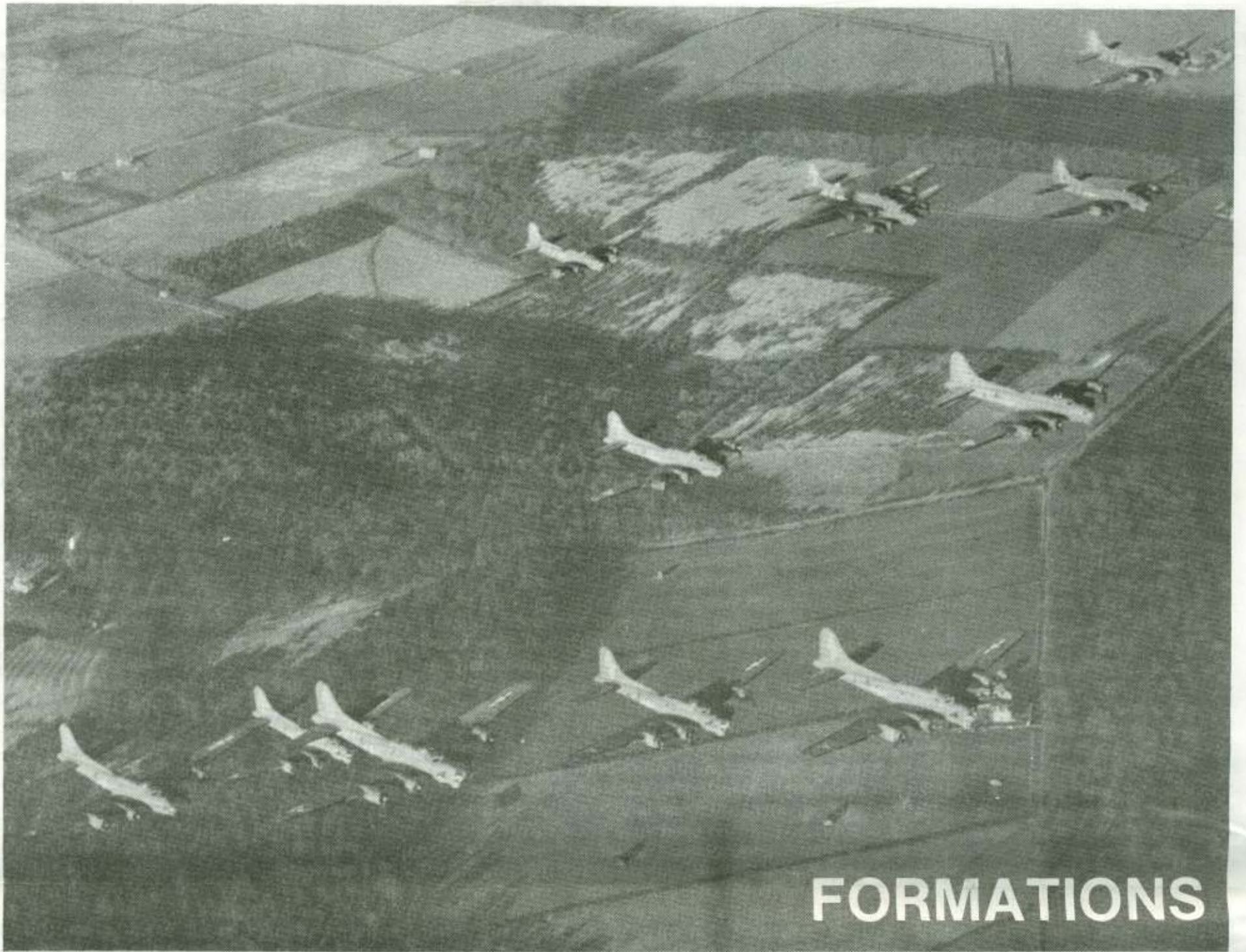
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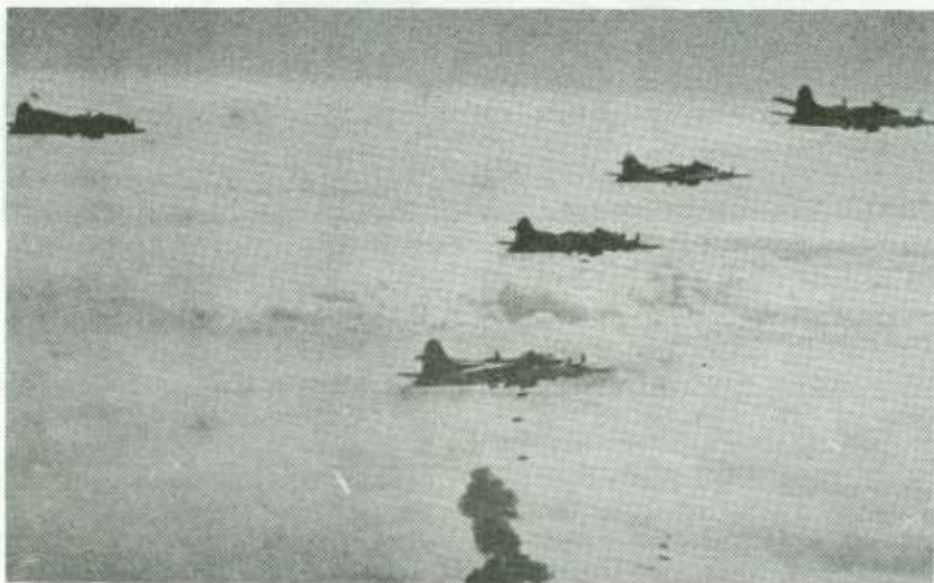
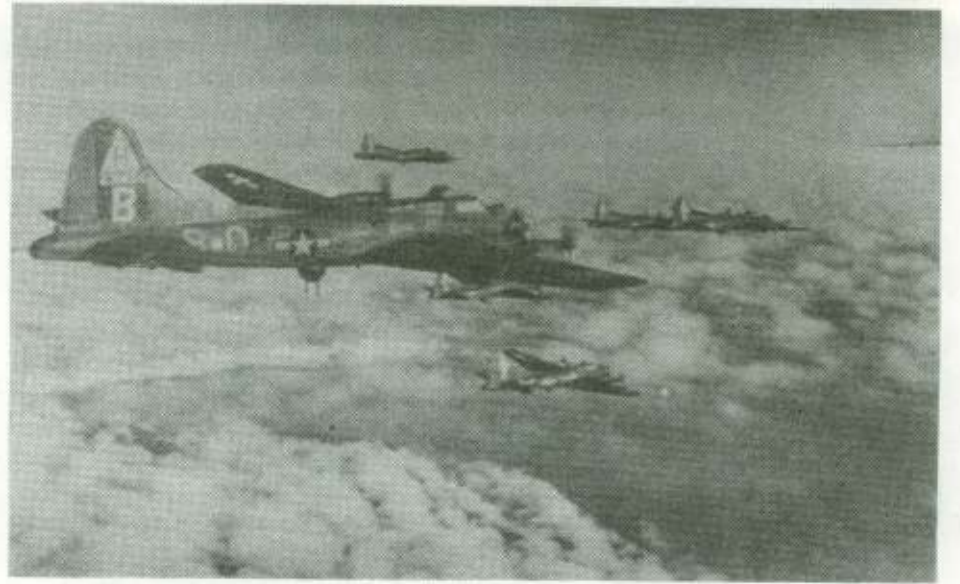
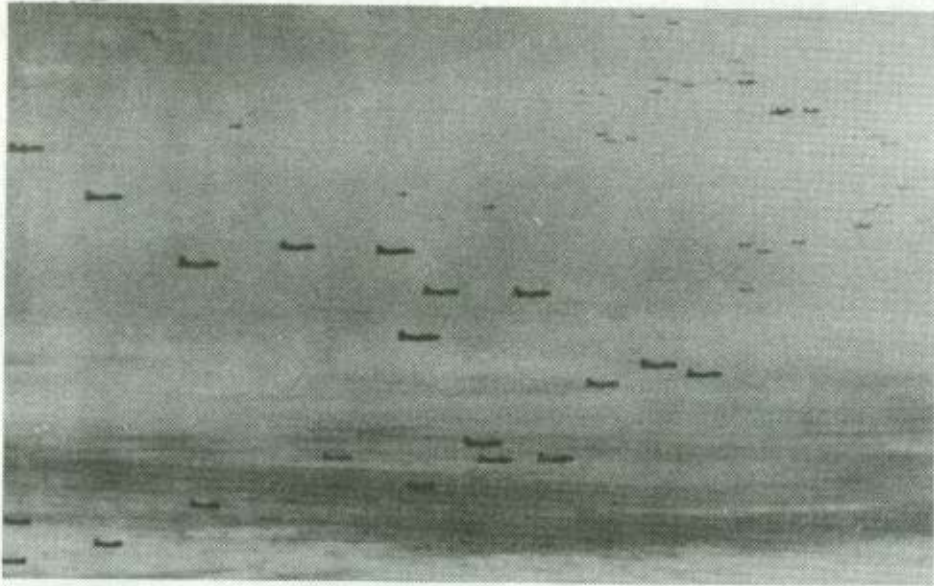
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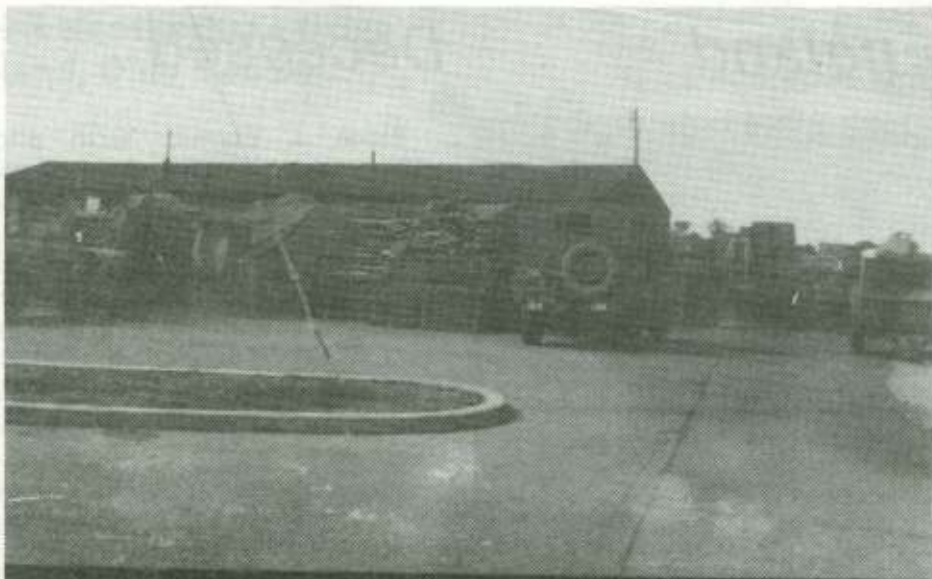
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FORMATIONS





Reginald Robinson

Reunion

(from page 1)

There were 142 in the morning contingent that had lunch at the Officers' Club on base, and 325 toured in the afternoon and had dinner at the club.

Both groups during the tour stopped at the Base Chapel where a memorial service was held for those lost in action, and with especial note made of the passing of Maynard H. Smith, the sole Medal of Honor winner from the 306th. It was a moving ceremony with an excellent message, which appears elsewhere in this paper.

The buses also went down to the flight line where a B-52 was on hand with its crew there to answer questions, and nearby stood a KC-135, with its flight deck open to visitors. Despite the rain, most people got out to peer into the aircraft and to ask a few questions.

After the evening group returned, Larry Emeigh sat at the keyboard of piano in the 367th squadron room for a late evening song fest. He repeated his efforts on Saturday night.

Ladies were invited Saturday morning to participate in a fashion event at the Neiman-Marcus store just across I-30 at the Ridgemar Shopping Center, while many of the men took one of two tours to the assembly line to the nearby General Dynamics plant, home of the F-16.

The major Saturday events were the Group business meeting in the afternoon, and 306th banquet at night in the hotel. More than 225 persons attended the meeting, and banquet attendance was 519.

As the finale to the whole reunion, the banquet was presided over by Reginald Robinson, chairman of the reunion. Mayor Bob

Missing Pictures May be Retrieved

Did you lose a roll of film at Fort Worth?

One was picked up off a table at Carswell AFB after everyone had left. Taken home by the William Hogans, they had it processed.

Two of the prints show a sign in the background, Bear Creek Nursing Home. Some of the pictures are of elderly ladies with a birthday cake. There are also pictures taken from a plane and at the reunion.

The owner can claim the pictures and film from Mrs. William Hogan, 2508 31st St. Ct., Rock Island, IL 61201.

Another General

Echoes has only recently learned that Robert J. Chrisjohn, a 368th pilot in mid-1944, retired from the National Guard 4 February 74 with the rank of brigadier general. His total time in service was 33 years, with 20 of that in the Guard.

Bolen of Fort Worth was present to give Robinson a new pair of cowboy boots in recognition of his having brought the 306th to Fort Worth.

Gordon and Connie Richards came from Bedford, England, for the reunion, and at the banquet, Connie presented Mayor Bolen with a scroll from the Lord Mayor of Bedford, and included in it was a list of Lord Mayors from 1200 A.D. to the present time. Mayor Bolen was hard pressed to equal that record, but did give Connie a key to the city of Fort Worth.

Perhaps the most moving event of the three days was Col. Robert Riordan's introduction of the prisoners of war, and Gen. Delmar Wilson's welcome to each man.

On behalf of the members of the 306th Strategic Wing, RAF Mildenhall, England, a new 306th banner was presented to the group, and included with it were streamers showing the battles in which the 306th participated, as well as two blue ribbons denoting the distinguished unit citations received. Col. Col. Richard Hedge, present 306th commander, sent his best wishes along with the banner.

Lt. Gen. Kenneth L. Peek, Jr., came from Barkadale AFB, LA, to present the evening's major address.

The evening concluded with dancing to Glenn Miller era music by the David Levy group.

More Issues of 'Echoes'

Here's my help for future issues of **Echoes!**

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New Boeing Book a Gem For Airmen

A friend, an active commercial pilot, said once that he preferred flying the 727 because Boeing builds better planes than anyone.

Those who are devotees of the B-17, and have spent hours in more recent versions of Boeing design, will find a new book, **Boeing, Planemaker to the World**, an interesting venture in reading.

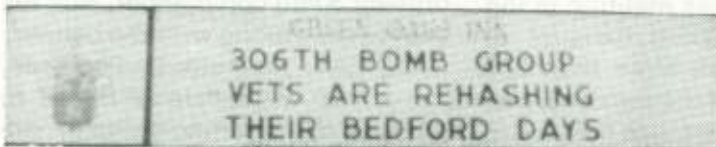
Authored by Robert Redding and Bill Yenne, the handsome new book tells lots of stories about the B-17, its predecessors, and its successors. It is loaded with facts, with pictures, with charts, with drawings, all designed to tell you more about Boeing planes than you have ever known before.

Unlike many other such books, this one does not linger over the early models, nor any models for that matter, but quickly and vividly tells the story of the B-17. It is set among the P-26, the B-29, B-47, and the familiar planes of today, the B-52, KC-135, 707, 727, 737, 757, 767, and the king of them all, the 747.

The 306th flew E models in its original training at Wendover, but picked up F models at Westover and flew them to England. In combat the 306th flew only Fs and Gs.

A comparison of the XB-17 and the G model may be of interest:

	XB-17	B-17G
Span	103'9"	103'9"
Length	68'9"	74'9"
Wing Area	1420sqft	1420sqft
Tail Height	18'4"	19'1"
Gross Weight	32,432lbs	65,000lbs +
Bomb Capacity	4800lbs	17,600lbs
Top Speed	236mph	160mph +
Cruising Speed	140mph	
Ferry Range	3010mi	3750mi
Serv. Ceiling	24,620	35,600
Engines	750hp P&W	1200hpWright
	R-1690-E	R-1820-97
Defense	5 30cal.	13 50cal.



Come Shake My Hand!

From the editor's viewpoint, there was only one shortcoming of the 1984 reunion, and it's a factor that has appeared other years—there was no opportunity for the editor to meet every 306th man who came to Fort Worth.

As the editor reviewed the roster of those attending in preparing this issues of **Echoes**, he encountered several dozen names that caused him to pause and to mutter, "I wanted to meet him!"

This is one suggestion that will be passed on to the 1985 reunion committee. Perhaps some of you have encountered this problem at large meetings and may have some suggestions as to how it can be licked. Perhaps there is no solution. But each year you can be sure that the editor will be out shaking hands—and because bifocals are such a nuisance, will be peering at name tags to see just who this unknown is. That's one way to make sure that no one is unknown for long.

Greetings from England



Mary & Cyril Norman
 Connie Gordon & Lloyd Ruchardt
 Rachel & Daphne Trakli
 John & Di Mills
 J. Hodfield

Deceased

Eldon J. Burrell, 367th pilot (1944), was killed some years ago in an Alaskan rescue mission crash.

LTC Ragnar L. Carlson, 423rd pilot (early 1944), died April 21 in Newport, OR, after a long illness. He had retired from service in 1967 with 4,700 hours in the cockpit. He was also a veteran of Korea and Vietnam.

Roger L. Fistes, 367th gunner (Burrell's crew, 1944), died two years ago.

Eugene H. Levy, 367th gunner and POW (8 Oct 43, Bremen with Ledgerwood), died March 29 in Kettering Hospital, Dayton, OH.

William H. McNeill, 367th pilot (mid-1944), died Nov. 30, 1983, in Monte Vista, CO, where he was a cattle rancher.

Henry C. Nunnery, Jr., 367th gunner (Martin's crew, mid 1944), died Aug. 14 at his home in Edgemoor, SC.

Russell G. Sutton, 369th, was killed in 1981 in an accident on the New York Thruway. He lived at Coxsackie, NY.

Howard V. Wilson, 423rd gunner (Salada's original crew), died Feb. 27 in Holmes, PA. MIA 25 June 43 at Hamburg (with Logan).



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