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15 Nov. 1980

Dear Compadres;

It was a pleasure and a privilege to meet with you all. The 99th sure didn't turn out losers.

In conformance with wishes of the AQ Group I have done the following:

- 1). Opened a bank account in the name of the Group at the Fidelity National Bank, P.O. Box 3686, Albuquerque, NM 87190.
- 2). Mailed newsletters and current rosters to 136 of the names on our roster. This has ^{already} resulted in 5 memberships and a few returned letters.
- 3). I have researched the IRS rules for non-profit status and am applying for an employer's number as a first step.
- 4). I have continued to study the rules for incorporation in New Mexico.

I plan to do the following:

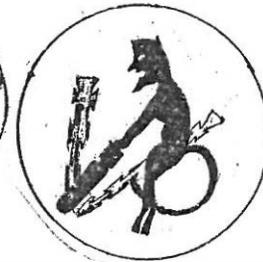
- 1). Have membership cards printed.
- 2). Design and obtain a 99BGHS rubber return address stamp.
- 3). Set up a local chapter of the 99th.
- 4). Type Cheshire cards for each paid-up member.
- 5). Research all returned mail in the telephone directory for new addresses
- 6). Locate economical motel and trailer quarters for the April Reunion.

In addition, I suggest the following:

We should work closely with Robert Wood and Ed Zawila, both of whom have expended a great deal of effort in the past on the 99th. I propose to keep them posted on our efforts as an acknowledgement of their much-appreciated work. Ed was chairman of two Chicago reunions that I know of.

I have begun a search thru channels for General Upthegrove, but don't let that stop any of you fellows from trying on your own.

I will keep a look-out for addresses of contacts of our sister groups.



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When I have located a 15th AF insignia I will include it in the art work. What do you fellows think of my getting a guest editor to put out an occasional newsletter? We could spread the viewpoint around the country that way.

Mrs. Boatwright tells me that she and Lou did fly over to AQ, and returned after a long wait at the airport.

Hank Parks telephoned to say that Truels Iverson died of a heart attack at his home in Murdo, SD. I am very sorry to hear the news. I had looked forward to meeting him.

I have received several rosters dated 1943 but have not figured out a way to use them productively at this time. I will keep them handy and may be able to trace some of those who are not found by other means, but this isn't the time yet. We will have notices in the Air Force Magazine and the Retired Officer for the April bash, and that should be productive.

We will try several logos between now and April in order to have a choice and not an echo when we meet. I shall protest the minutes at that time, since I told the bank we were a Society. Sorry about that, fellows.

The present monthly schedule is as follows:

1st of month- Newsletter

11th of month- Report to Directors- That's you.

21st of month- Set up local Chapter meeting- Informal.

Local committees will probably meet with the chapter.

Your suggestions, directions, gripes and groans are welcome.

Salud y pesetas

George

MISSION REPORT

Amarillo, Texas

18 Oct. 1980

The Group furnished 9 men, escorted by 7 spouses. Our first order of business was to form an interim organization.

A bomb scare forced us to evacuate the motel, so convened in Mike Yarina's trailer. Hank Parks circulated along the police cordon, telling the Force where we has set up the meeting, since we were expecting the Boatwrights to fly over from Albuquerque. So when a police officer later asked Maudie Kenney "Are you with the bomber squad?" she indignantly replied "Why, I should hope not!" Nevertheless, the ladies found us in short order.

The writer was elected chairman and Joe Kenney was elected Secretary. We adopted the title "Ninety-ninth Bombardment Group Historical Society". Our purpose is to be putting the former members of the Group in touch with each other. We will seek non-profit status as a philanthropy.

Dues were set at \$5.00 for the calendar year of 1981.

We will publish six newsletters in 1981.

The next meeting will be held in Albuquerque in April, at which time the Chairman is to present for ratification by those present a constitution and by-laws.

We were unable to make contact with Lou and Mrs. Boatwright who were stranded at the airport during the four hours during which we were kept from our rooms, and they regrettably returned to Albuquerque. We had a very pleasant supper at the Holiday Inn, possibly a little quieter than some which the Group has attended, but 'son los años'.

It was agreed by the Group that the weather on May 3rd could have been improved, and that it would have been nice if the fighters had come up to escort the Group on that Foggia raid. Joe Kenney got the prize for the Youngest Member Present.

There was no competition for Oldest Surviving Flier.

George

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1981

99th Bombardment Group Historical Society

NAME _____

Street Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____ Squadron _____

1981 Dues are \$5. Any surplus is to be used to locate 99'ers.

We have all four insignia now. However we do not have the lyrics to "Over the Hill".

To Ted Heller;

Dear Ted;

The peculiar marks on Sweater Girl's rudder pedals were due to having attached two pieces of 8x8 so that a certain pilot who is now a jurist in Nebraska could reach the rudder pedal. I'm glad you asked me that.

Bomb Scare Interrupts Texas Witches' Rally

AMARILLO, Texas (UPI) — Evangelists denounced the "forces of darkness" and "satanism" at a rally Saturday held in a vacant lot behind the motel where a witches' convention was disrupted by a bomb threat.

The rally was sponsored by the Church of Wicca, a religion that believes in witchcraft, began at 9 a.m. but was disrupted by a bomb threat. When reporters were asked to leave the motel and the approximately 70 convention participants were escorted out a side entrance.

The group was moved to another motel, although the location was kept secret from reporters, while police conducted a room-by-room search for the bomb. The convention participants returned four hours later and were undisturbed by the uniformed and plainclothes security people around.

A man called police and local television stations Friday night, claiming a bomb would explode at noon at the motel.

"Those witches killed my brother," the man was quoted as telling a television station reporter who had asked him why he would plant bombs at the motel.

Bomb-sniffing dogs found nothing Friday night and police searched room by room Saturday.

While officers searched for the bomb, a group of 300 people gathered in a vacant lot behind the motel to sing hymns and pray in protest of the witches' presence.

18 Oct.	Charter Members	
1	Geo. Coen	416
2	Joe C. Kenney	346
3	Ray D. Sigthous	
4	Henry A. Parks	347
5	P. W. Bradburn	416
6	Thomas H. Reed	348
7	Michael D. Wynn	342
8	R. W. Dalkieffs	348
9	Ted Hank	316