



FROM JOECLYNE & NIECE

Mr. & Mrs. Patton: Brussels, 13 June, 1988
 My niece and I thank you for the warm reception that we have received at Denver.
 This gave us an unforgettable visit which, in friendship, permitted us to pass agreeable moments in the company of very interesting people.
 Everything was perfect, and we know the work required to organize such an affair. For my part, I will never forget the last evening topped off by the excellent orchestra "The Brass Beat"; I truly appreciate their talent.
 Again one time I thank you and all of your comrades, I ask you to send out gratitude to the organizing committee for their kindness towards us.

We hope to receive you and Madame Patton shortly in Brussels.

Joecline Willy DeKeyser

DID YOU KNOW? The first air mail pilot was Earl Lewis Ovington, who was sworn in on September 23, 1911, at Garden City, L.I. as "Airmail Pilot number one." In his Bleriot monoplane Dragonfly he delivered air mail from Postmaster General Frank Harris Hitchcock to Postmaster William McCarthy in Mineola, L.I...six miles away.



DUTCH HELPERS AND EVADERS

- Row 1 - James Wilson, Elly Manion, Anne van Horne, Janny DeWitt, Charlotte Ambach, Elsa Caspers, Nell Lind, Case Honou, Joke Folmer
 Row 2 - John Buckner, Elsie Grisetti, Harry Dolph, Bert Poels, Cornelis Jasperse, Bas DeWitt, Sam Melancon, Charles Lowe, Doug Drysdale, Ashley Ivey, Clayton David, Roy Walker, Louis Breitenbach
 Row 3 - Bob Hannan, Clyde Martin, John Bradley, Jacques Vrij, Joel Punches, Max Palenica, Ken Shaver, Den Haines, James Keefee, Lloyd McMichael

LOOKING FOR JAMES R. WILSON

To AFEES Publishing:

In your magazine Winter Communications I read about James R. Wilson and his escape from Holland. I think I helped him from the Barneveld area to the Blijdesteins home (driver Idenburg) at Maarn.

Across that part I crossed about 40 pilots and Airbornes from Arnhem in small groups, who went through the Biesbosch line.

I would like to contact him. I think it was about the beginning of 1945. Sincerely yours, H.van BENTUM, 63 Stationsweg, 3931 EK Woudenberg, Netherlands

Ed. Note. James R. Wilson is indeed a member of AFEES. I will forward a copy of your letter to him.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND REUNIONS

The 801st/492nd Bomb Group Association (Carpet-baggers) are having their reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada September 29th to October 2, 1988. For further information, contact William Becker - 6228 Camino Del Rincon, San Diego, Calif. 92120 (619) 287-7163 or Sebastian H. Corrie - 4939 No. 89th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53225 (414) 464-8246.

461st & 484th BOMB GROUPS ASSOCIATION (WWII). September 1-4, 1988. San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, California. Contact Bud Markel, 1122 Ysabel Street, Redondo Beach, California 90277. Phone (213) 316-3330.

384th BG (H) reunion in Savannah, Georgia at the Hyatt Hotel, October (no date available yet) B-17's are expected to rendezvous. Expecting over 500. Reported by Jim Munday.

The Caterpillar Association. Reportedly having their 1989 rendezvous in Colorado Springs, Colorado in June, Col. Johnny Brown reports. 1989 rendezvous in San Antonio was a huge success with about 135 members in attendance.

91st BGMA reported planning a September, 1988 rendezvous in Chicago, Ill. The three day affair will be hosted by Sam Cipolla, 6818 N Dowagiac Ave, Chicago, Ill. 60646. For further information contact Sam.

WORTH REWRITING

Stephen Galembush U.S. Navy Petty Officer was parachuted into the province of Montenegro in Yugoslavia as an OSS agent to aide the Partisans and to effect the recovery of American airmen shot down following the raids on Ploesti. As radio operator to the Rakeoff Mission, Stephen Galembush came to the aide of 300 American airmen during the period of April 9, 1944 to the end of July, 1944.

Galembush, now a retired engineer from I.B.M. in Endicott, N.Y. is trying to track down some of those 300 guys he helped. In May 1987 he traveled to Yugoslavia to renew old friendships and to revisit the area of his O.S.S. activities; he received a royal reception and is now planning on a return trip in 1989. He hopes that he can find some of the Americans who were there with him during the war and would

like to return there with him. He promises "an experience of a lifetime," for those able to join him. Ed. Note: During the reunion in Denver, I was honored to meet with Stephen and his wife. He's a fine gentleman and after reading his book, I'm sure that anybody going back to Yugoslavia with him would have a memorable trip. Ed.

STILL LOOKING

I write to you in the hope of finding a trace of an American who I had helped during the last war. This airman was named William C. Martin. He was, at this time 20 years of age. Unfortunately this is the only information that I am able to give you about him.

I myself was hidden in the region of Landereau, in south Finestere.

The 17th of May 1943 around 12:00 noon, on returning from bombing Lorient the fortress was hit and in difficulty and was followed by German fighters.

During this aerial combat a number of airmen were machine-gunned in their descent from the airplane. I went to the aide of one of the wounded. I led him to the home of Mr. & Mrs Roignant at Kleuziou. (Landeleau)

Mr. & Mrs. Roignant have a certificate of recognition signed at the request of the President of the United States, by General Dwight D. Eisenhower. It came from MIS X Section, HQ W BS USFET, APO 513 U.S.Army

I will appreciate it if you will be able to help me in any way possible in my search for William C. Martin. Sincerely, Georges Louet, 20 rue Le Bout du pont, 29104 ROSPORDEN, France.

FOR YOU CBI SLEUTHS

Dear Sir: My late uncle, Lieutenant Irwin "Zipper" Zaetz, served in China during WWII with the 14th Air Force as a B-24 Navigator. In late 1943, he and his crew were forced to bail out over Japanese-occupied territory and eventually made their way back to their home base.

I am writing trying to inquire (1) About membership in your society for my uncle, who was killed in January, 1944, and (2) Make contact with any members of your organization who either knew "Zipper," or had similar experiences in China. I am prepared to furnish you with official documentary proof of my uncles evasion of capture, if necessary.

Sincerely, Gary Zaetz.

Ed. Note: "Zipper" Zaetz is already a member of our organization, otherwise he wouldn't be listed in our folded wings section. Let's help Gary if we can....

Dear Mr. Patton: I thought you might be interested in the enclosed information regarding my second book about the U.S. 8th A.A.F. in England in WWII. If you would like further information, I'm sure Mr Ellis Scripthm (address enclosed) will be pleased to send you further details. Also enclose are relevant details regarding my first book about the U.S. 8th A.A.F. "Munster, the way it was" has been published and reprinted in Germany and is now in it's second reprint in the U.S.A. Sincerely, Jan Hawkins, England
