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THE TENA NEWSLETTER

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CLARKE RESPONDS !

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I have finally recovered enough to realize that I have not been very civil to all of you who sent caring messages to me and to Ruth, either through written communications or by telephone. In my medicated daze I realized that you were reaching out to us and I cried a bucket of tears as I read the cards and took your calls, but it was not within my capabilities to respond at the time.

NOW, AFTER 85 DAYS, IT'S TIME FOR MY "HEARTFELT" THANKS. For those of you who may not have been reached by Ken Johnson's New Year's postcard, here's a synopsis of "our holidays just past":

I entered Letterman Army Medical center on Dec. 8 for what should have been a routine angiogram. Probably would have been sent home after that and scheduled for a by-pass sometime in Jan. or Feb. Instead, the board decided that they wouldn't chance me having my first heart attack but would operate ASAP. Unfortunately an unusual number of emergency heart patients came in and my operation kept "sliding". Imagine me pumping myself up for "tomorrow morning" from the 12th to the 23rd, when it finally happened!

As it turned out my 90% blockage of the three main arteries was taken care of with three by-passes. I was in recovery about 24 hours and Ruth and my daughter Lee saw me there every hour (I don't remember any of that). They ate Christmas

dinner in my room...I had Jello and they helped me make the first long walk around the ward that day. With a few complications surmounted I was released on Jan. 3 and Ruth drove me home in a driving rainstorm (3.5 hours on Rt. 101). I've been walking 1-3 miles every day since then, but my upper torso went unexercised until Feb. 18, when I decided to join Ruth and our "over the hill gang" in doubles tennis. Have played twice each week since then... about 2 hours each time and all is well ... except for many aching, unused muscles! The tennis followed my six week check, with X-rays showing the sternum was fully healed. Next I'll try some easy swinging at our golf driving range and hopefully by Mar. 25 I'll be ready to drive our motorhome down south to see all of our families there. I was hoping to be completely off medication as of today, but have to continue with half a TENORMAN and one each aspirin PER DAY. Took another treadmill test on Mar. 1 and was able to get my heart rate up to 156. That's the highest I could sustain in over ten years.

Many of you or your loved ones have gone through this same routine. I hope we all learn from this and pass on to our families a recognition of what salt and fatty diets do to us, before a heart attack ever hits. I thought I was in terrific shape...just slowing down and getting very tired. I urge you to add treadmill tests to your annual physicals...OK??

ANYWAY. THANKS FOR YOUR CONCERN AND LOVE. The staff on the 9th floor at Letterman were amazed at the calls and mail I received... and so were Ruth and I. Thanks Ken, I owe you a couple !!

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ON TO OTHER THINGS...

In the last newsletter I asked everyone to send me info for this edition by March 1. I also sent a similar plea to the individual class reps. Well, guess how many class reps answered my plea? Actually, 51-03 with weekly input from Ken Johnson and bi-monthly input from Bentley DeMars, is the only class reporting. Now I ask you, what can I report? The following is my gleanings from the sympathy cards, holiday greetings and notes accompanying donation checks:

WW II CLASSES & INSTRUCTORS

INSTRUCTORS: HAL SUSSKIND is the editor of "Hell's Angels", writing for the 303rd Bomb Group (H) Association, Inc. Hal was an instructor at EAFB when I was in training there. He has sent names of others who instructed with him, i.e. Bob Nix of Port Richey, FL, (who hasn't as yet responded to my queries). Hal was cited by the Bombardiers as a Navigator who twice flew as a bombardier in his career. His publication is "SLICK" and one to emulate. ALFRED A. HEYMAN taught navigation in '43 & '44 and was a graduate of Class 41-G at the Pan American School of Navigation. ROBERT P. NIX helped reopen Ellington in Sept. '49 (for my class). Remember the "Spitz" Planetarium? He built it! He and Hal left EAFB in March of '51 for 3 tough years in Bermuda. FREDRICK P. OTTO, instructed at Ellington after a tour with the 740th Bomb Sqdn in Italy. He's an attorney in

Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin. DAVE ROGERS has been screening WW II losses in aircraft overseas from microfilm for the 494th Bomb Gp (H) reunion in Reno next June... staggering losses!!

Nice cards from JANET & HAROLD PFEIFER and JOHN HILLIARD... thanks !!

GALE HODGKIN trained in the first class to go through the entire course at Ellington (but he didn't give the class number). Any of you near Ft. Lupton, CO might help him go through his "stuff" to dig out that data. DAVE WESTHEIMER, of Los Angeles, trained at Turner Field, GA and taught at Ellington when he was recalled in 1950. CLIFFORD HOPEWELL was in Class 42-16 (preflight) and graduated at Selman Field in Class 42-17. He was shot down on his 3rd B-17 mission in England and was a POW for almost 2 years. DON WELLINGS is an aviation artist with few peers, who graduated in 1944. (Thanks for the card, Garbanzo). Wish we could get him to paint us a composite navigational theme for Orlando! CLYDE BENSON was in Class 44-7; flew in the 13th AAF in WW II and the 5th AF in Korea. CLARENCE WALTON graduated in 44-11 and 52-B-NR, B-24s in WW II, recalled for Korea and flew in B-29s. Active reserve from '55-'69 and retired in '72. Retired from Borden Foods as regional sales manager in 1987. That's a bunch of combat! HOLLIS & MAXINE LOGAN. He of that odd class 53 in 1944, showed all us younger alumni how to enjoy a reunion in Houston. HERMAN LOTSTEIN of Class 44-K deals in RAILRODIANA (trains) in New Jersey. Actually he's a retired reservist as of 1974 and a retired college professor as of 1986. If you're near Pennsauken, look them up.

There are many more of this

era on our roster, but they seem to be shy, or at least reticent to tell us about their activities... little do they know how many of us "kids" were just waiting to go to preflight in '44 and '45 and just missed being their classmates. We'd like to hear from all of you and hope to see you at Orlando, '89.

CLASSES 50-A*, 50-B*, 50-C*

There were 90 student officers who reported to Ellington in 1949 and they became the above classes, with 30 in each class. They were all (I believe) WW II Bombardiers and most stayed in the service in SAC. They had many PWs and KIAs in Korea. RAY FINFER of 50-B* was one of our earlier members, who regretfully has had to work during both our reunions. NED HUMPHREYS, who edits "Crosshairs" for Bombardiers, Inc. was in one of those classes and also had a distinguished career in SAC. BILL MC DONALD was in 50-D*, the student officer counterpart to my Cadet class 50-D. I was so naive in cadets that I didn't even know there were student officer navigation classes on the base. Course they didn't have GI parties and walk tours or cut grass... so how would I have met them? GIL WATZ was also in 50-D* and ELDEN LORAH in 50-F*. DONALD RYAN was in 50-F* and has been a big help to us. Wish you could all see the card he sent me "to get well" on. Some comments from some of the student officers we've contacted indicate they found little to draw them to our reunions because they only knew Ellington as an 8-5 classroom situation. But those who have come to the reunions seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Try us and see for yourself.

CLASS 50-D

My class 50-D will have a

mini reunion in Arlington, VA on 26-29 May, under the guiding hands of LOIS and DAVE BESANKO. We have 57 classmates on our roster, 11 known dead and 4 are still "missing". We hope to entice at least half of them to bring their wives and join us for a few days of nostalgia. Widows of several of our deceased have joined us in Vegas and Houston and we hope to see them in Arlington. The JOE LYONS visited the RANDY STRICKLANDS in Destin, FL and then traveled to the Keys to visit the RAY JOHNSONS. DON PONGRACE came down from Rye, NH and had lunch with DAVE BESANKO & GEORGE SCHROPP in D.C. They schemed on how best to get the previous no-shows to our next mini. GEORGE TAYLOR earned a nice bonus from the IRS for finding means to make their withdrawals from our pockets more palatable...just a jest, George. The FRANK CORCORANS are in their usual social spin with Frank heading so many Shrine activities in Santa Rosa. Our Association Caps have gone interservice with LLOYD WENTWORTH ordering one for his Army Son at Ft. Hood. Sent me a 2nd Armored Div. Yellow Cap with Unit Badges. He also ordered a video tape because "your suite was too crowded with people for us to see it". Good thing I saved Lloyd's Nov. letter, 'cause I missed his check for the video and ball cap. FRANK EARHART has moved to: Rt. 4, Box 417, Cheney, WA 99004, (509) 448-6210. BERNARD VASH started a telephone alert re my hospital stay and visited me often. THANKS Bernie! The JIM WILLIAMSONS, writing on my get well card from their home in Hawaii, let me know how tough life can be: "We'll see you at the May reunion... Will drive down from visiting relatives in NY after a trip to Italy and London." BARRY BONWIT sent me 12 get well cards in an express mail envelope. My favorite was

his advice to "get rid of your jogging outfit, tennis racket etc. and get a chinchilla hassock for in front of the TV. LIBBIE & FRED MEIER kept me laughing through Dec. with cards, notes and calls. That's what friends are for! The staff at Letterman really began to give me TLC after EDIE LOW'S two cards came, addressed to Colonel C. S. Lampard. BILL HAACKER advised me that ENID had 5 by-passes Christmas Eve of 1986 and is now doing very nicely. Red Baron GURGEVICH & DOROTHY must have a WAIS line. Half my class who called said that Mike had alerted them to my surgery. CATHY & JOE GREGORY, in Rome, Italy were able to visit Greece, Israel, England, Sardinia and Switzerland in 1987 while doing God's work... Shalom

If it seems as though I hi-lite SO-D, I did. 42 of them wrote often and not just after Ken and Bernard's Pyramid Alert. I need input from your class reps or YOU to make this a true Association Newsletter. If I did not mention you, know that I truly appreciate all of your loving concern.

CLASS 50-E

Ruth and I were looking forward to attending SUSI & JACK BARTLETT'S celebration right after Christmas, but my heart got in the way. Susi wrote that the MOLNARS were there and JACK "looked darling in his kilt". OSCAR & EUGENIE BACHAND were unable to attend the Houston reunion due to illness in their family back east. He sent a large check to help with expenses. Hope to see you both soon. Does anyone know the whereabouts of JOHN W. SMITH (SO-E)? JACK ELLIS in particular is hoping to find him. If any of you are near the Miami Passport Agency, look up BOB FRASER who calls the job "another adventure in the rich

pageant of life". FLOYD HEATH sent me a get well card although he had just left the hospital himself with heart troubles. FLOYD sadly advises that his wife PATRICIA passed away in 1987. CAREL & ALICE HUMME have a new phone number: 804/596-0063. KEITH UNDERWOOD has done goeman's duty in finding so many of his class. Now, get them all to come to Orlando, MYRNA!

CLASS 50-F

JACK MUDIE, with son Mike's help purchased an XT Clone, a PB screen and an Epson LX-800. Are you ready to take over now JACK? His claim to fame is hitting in 57 consecutive slo-pitch games last summer. He "HAD to travel to Singapore and Sydney to help several airlines with their flight planning last June". Now we know why you continue to work. DANA DOW wrote that he went through an identical by-pass operation 5 years ago and it made a new man of him. Don't know if Ruth wants a "new man", but I hope it works for me too. Nice cards from the BERTRAMS, DISTELS, PURVIS, FARNSWORTHS, SELLERS, & BILL & PAULINE SMITH. PAULINE'S by-passes in 1986 caused them to miss the Vegas reunion, but she's healthy now. Thanks to all of you.

CLASS 51-01

The LLOYD HERMANS are now in their winter home in Raytown, MO. ANDY LUTZ missed the Houston reunion due to SHIRLEY having knee surgery. He called me after my surgery and I don't know when I've ever talked to anyone so positive about life... after facing so many adversities himself. JOHN ANDRICHAK is still actively working on Navy weapons systems. Don't know how he does that when he's "up to his elbows in alligators".

CLASS 51-01*

BOB BEYERS enjoying the good life in Las Vegas. VINCENT LUCHSINGER has retired. (see our "Notables" section for more on VINCE). Dr. GALE RAYMOND pops in and out of the ZI, following assignments all over the world. I hope that one day GALE will write a story about as much of his exploits as he is permitted. I'll quote from his last letter: We really enjoyed our Houston whingding together (sic), & even tho I was the only one from my class to show (how about VINCE?) it was great just being with the gang who spoke navigator-lingo. To me a big part of the fun was to see how the guys had matured, the big things they've done and are doing. It didn't take me long to find out that we were a whole BUNCH of uniques at the reunion. Right on, GALE! GEORGE SEITZER wrote that he too had by-pass surgery 11 years ago and he's still around harassing folks. Someday I'm going to find out who were cadets and who were student officers in 51-01.

CLASS 51-03

I could fill ten newsletters with extracts from the letters of one each KEN JOHNSON... but I won't. Ken writes the most witty and droll humor and keeps me on the level inspite of my bent. He is still trying to locate ALL of his classmates and deserves a very special award from the association.

TIME OUT!

This newsletter is being interrupted for a special comment by Ken Johnson. I can do that, you know, because I am doing the typing and layout for this epistle. Would have broken in sooner but Clarke was doing real well the first couple of lines of the 51-03 department. Anyway, I shall continue with MY class and you can have him back for the rest of the letter.

I reluctantly answered a card from Clarke way back in the fall of '85, and my life hasn't been the same since. The yard hasn't been mowed in almost 3 years, the paint is peeling off the house, the cars are so dirty I have no idea what the original color was, and I have worn out 3 pairs of eye glasses sitting at this *&% computer screen. That feller won't let me rest for a minute. BUT... it has been fun! At Houston a few of us conned Bentley DeMars into being our Class rep. A master stroke! BENTLEY & MARILYN, a team of hard working Iowans, have found classmates I had long since given up for dead. Out of 41, we have now located 25, confirmed 8 as deceased, and are still looking for the other 8. At Houston an 03 mini was losely planned for this fall, so in January BENTLEY & MARILYN came down from the frozen wastelands of IA, GLENN & MICKEY WENDELL drove up from Waco, and we plotted it out. Dates are Oct. 21-23 with a day or two tacked on to either end if you like. So far, 15 couples have given us a firm "YES", and 2 or 3 maybe's. MICKEY has lined up enough activities to keep us amused for weeks, and that's even before the tall tales get started. You 03s start saving your money, 'cause it is a BYOB affair. You will hear from YELTNEB in plenty of time to make your plans.

By the way, 50-D didn't produce ALL the heros. BENNETT MONDE, the cartoonist, spent more time over the Yalu river in B-29s than 01' Ken did in the local bars at Tachikawa. Over half the class put in their 50 in Korea, and 3 were lost there. LEVI SINCLAIR is now known as "BURT". I suspect he had to change his name before he could hire out to the Texas Highway Patrol after leaving the AF in 1957 and marrying SALLIE. Burt now does some of the finest gun and jewelry engraving I have

ever seen on the side, and SALLIE does calligraphy that is out of this world. LEE OAKLEY slept through a tour in Alaska, married LAURA (Coushin Lips) up there, then got out to start a second career as an illustrator. He drew many of the Coca-Cola ads and logos you are familiar with. He now works (?) for the CDC in Atlanta and LAURA is a CPA recently opening her own business in order to keep LEE in cigars. GLENN WENDELL survived 20 years astraddle a jet engine, (He and I were in the same Basic Pilot Training class in '53, but I had the good sense to opt for multi-engines) and now owns and operates a trailer park and several properties in Waco. I could go into detail about REX BENJAMIN, NORWOOD & MARION COOPER, WILLARD GARCIA, BILL & MARY ANN HADLEY, ED & ELEANOR JONGSMA, BOB SCALLAN, BILL & ALMA SWANN and GLENN & MARGARET WALFOORT, but Clark is already antsy about the space I have used. They'll all be at Waco, so come on down and join us!

CLASS 51-DNR

HOWARD P. SMITH, Jr. had a very unique service career. B-29s with the 98th BG-345th BSQ and 29 missions to Korea. Lost 4 crew members on aborted next to last mission. Did not re-up in '53... joined the Army Reserve in 1974 and retired in 1984. HOWARD got his initial navigation training at Hondo in class 44-4.

CLASS 51-06

Best wishes from the CONNELLS, the JACKIE HILLS, the LEDBETTERS, the SEGGERMANS, and the WASSONS. Hope to see them all in Orlando!

CLASS 51-07

EDWARD RUFF wrote that he too is among the survivors of CAB. Got his done about 11 years ago.

CLASS 51-08

Lovely card from the ANDERSONS, the BUTLERS and from LARRY JORDAN a copy of a picture of he and his CAB Bear. LARRY had so much fun at Houston that on July 29 he had triple by-pass surgery and was back at work full time on Sept. 22nd. ANDRE & RUBY PIAZZA wrote "you didn't have to be so drastic to have a reason or excuse to loaf". That's French humor, folks, from two very wonderful people. CLEM SMITH claims that teaching keeps him on his toes... Borishnakov look out. LARRY UNDERCOFFER sent his new address: 11141 Golden Way, Nevada City, CA 95959, 916 272 5558. LYN & ELAINE WARD have written often... very cheery letters. LYN has detached retina problems but both are improving. Now he's forbidden desserts and is on a very strict diet, but they went on a cruise! 51-08 is still planning a mini in 1988 but haven't firmed up a date or place yet (or won't tell us). The WARDS visited the JERRY SCHISSELS in Florida and talked to TOM TOOR of 50-E.

CLASS 51-09

The BRISTOWS sent their good wishes and CARTER BRUNK said that he'd intended inviting us to the Spring Mating Dance in Madagascar until he heard I was indisposed. GUS CANNON wrote that he's working on the '89 reunion plans but nothing is firmed up yet. Please don't let it go too long, GUS, as the months go quickly after 60. HAYS & CECILE GRIFFIN sent a lovely letter in Nov., enclosing the floor plan of their new house in Australia. Would really love to visit them there... How about an Assoc. junket? Nice note from the KRESLS in Florida. JIM LUNTZEL wrote a long letter and enclosed a copy of "Tijuana Today". JIM writes for this

journal and is one of the few real estate "gringos" (my word) recognized by the Mexican Govt. to buy and sell in Baja. BEN MYERS sent a great card and note. MALCOLM & KITTY PAGE sent several lovely cards.

CLASS 51-12

JIM FRANKLIN exclaims that he is not having much luck with his classmates. Anyone have a suggestion for JIM? Well, there's JIM GRACE in Vancouver, JACK COBLENZ in Houston, STAN CASTLEMAN in Rockport, ME, LARRY TATUM in your own town of Bellevue, NE and JAMES TURNER in Beattyville, KY. Should be able to draw all of them to Omaha for a fine mini this summer. Just have to invite them and smear a little honey on the trails leading into town. First thing you do is write and urge them to join us by donating to the cause.

CLASSES 51-20 THRU 51-28

PETE & HELEN KARNOWSKI of 51-20 now call Vegas their home and if GUS & DOUG don't find a fabulous deal for us in Orlando, we may prevail on PETE & HELEN to help us reunite in 1989. On their get well card PETE wrote "that is not the way to get me to pay my yearly dues"

JOHN THOMASON, 51-25, did a fine piece of investigative work to find many 51-24s and 51-25s, and hopefully they'll have a mini this year. They're just not writing to me and strangely, none but JOHN have joined our association by donating to the general cause. Did something unusual happen at Ellington during their stay there?

WESTON HODGKINS of 51-26 does his flying now in his own Cessna 150 and his 2nd career is with the Postal Service as a rural carrier in Maine. His wife ELIZABETH was recovering from recent heart surgery in Nov.,

1987. We hope you will convince HUFF and SLOCUM to join us and look for the rest of your classmates, WES.

CHARLES HINTON, 51-27 (of GR-K), wrote: "Nice gimmick trickin us into sending some money along with a get well note!" KEN will do almost anything to keep us solvent until 1999. JAMES STANLEY, 51-27, as did most of his class, went to Korea in B-26s. Was shot down, taken prisoner, and returned in Sept. 1953. He instructed at Ellington from 1954 to 1958. GENE YENNIE, 51-27, and his lovely wife KAY have had 5 family weddings and now have 8 grandchildren. Oh golly! Ruth and I now have 8 grandchildren too, as of Jan. GENE and I were in Ruislip, England in the late 50s. In fact, when they rotated we moved into their house in Rickmansworth, Herts. RALPH ASTRELLA and JOSEPH DALY, of 51-28, are the nucleus for a great mini of this class. Have to beat the bushes men!

CLASSES 52-01 THRU 57-22

DAVID MICHEL, 52-01, flew over 6,000 hours in B-52s. After his USAF retirement he completed an MBA, became a CPA and now plays golf and once in a while works as a CPA. ROBERT HARPSTER 52-06C, says they were the first AOB Officer Class (ROTC) triple threat, and then ended up in B-26s with the 13th BS in Korea. Good thinking, Uncle Sam!

HARRY BRISTOL, 52-13, has called several times and is very enthusiastic to locate all the navigators from the reserve outfit he was part of at EAFB. Those of you attended the Houston bash will remember HARRY from the desk in the hospitality room. Big smile and a helping hand. HERB GOODMAN, 52-13, writes a beautiful newsletter for USAF MARS REGION 6 from his home in San Diego. KEN & I would

love to have him editing our newsletter, but he's had his own bouts with heart problems and we don't want to push him. I hope to see him when we journey south later this month.

CLARK EVERETT, 52-19C, returned to Ellington as an instructor after a tour in Korea. We hope he is actively pursuing his classmates and will bring them to Orlando. JAMES COUNCILL, 52-20, sent a nice card, which clearly shows there is an identity for all us Ellington Alumni, even though we have never actually met. PAUL DONNER, 52-24, has been actively chasing down alumni and sent an article from the Houston Chronicle about Ellington from 1917 on. He's trying to obtain copies for the association. A short excerpt:

It was 1913. New Mexico and Arizona had become the 47th and 48th states the year before. War in Europe was still a year away. The 16th Amendment, giving the federal government the power to levy an income tax, became law. And ERIC L. ELLINGTON, a young Army second lieutenant, was killed on a training flight near San Diego, Calif., at the dawn of military aviation.....

JON ALLEN, 54-03, joined us with a roster of 11 of his classmates. (31 on his grad list). One classmate is still on active duty, M/Gen MAURICE "TIM" PADDEN, Commander of U.S. Space Command at Colorado Springs. I have sent info to JON's classmates and 4 have joined our quest. Hopefully he'll gather the rest for a mini this year and bring them all to Orlando. Harry MASSINGALE, also 54-03, stayed at EAFB as an instructor until April of 1958. Then, many SAC & MAC assignments until he retired in 1972. He's been a District Scout Executive since 1973. HARRY signed off "to all who remember how to do a double drift"! In 1952, doing

"duck butts" between Labrador and Greenland, that was just about all I had to remain on station, coupled with a shaky 1 L 4 bastard cut! THOMAS MAZUZAN 54-03, was 56 on 4-5 Sept., 1986 when he entered the Guinness Book of Records for one person canoe over a flat course for 24 hours! He powered his canoe 199.53 km, (123.98 mi.), on the Barge Canal in NY State! He's retired from the AF and is a nautilus instructor at the base gym near his home in Rome, NY. CONGRATULATIONS TOM!

RONALD QUIST, 51-03, also instructed at Ellington until 1957 and had a full career in SAC, retiring in 1973. He's been active in real estate in Bellevue, NE ever since. RONALD check your roster... there's a bunch of EAFB Alumni in your town. GEORGE VARTANIAN, 54-10, retired from the USAF and has been a Computer Programmer Analyst with Digital Equipment Corp., Cullinet Inc., and Harris Corp. Where are your classmates, GEORGE?

TOXEY HALL attended primary from August 1953 thru October 1954! He explains: Lest you wonder why so long, I believe I own the dubious distinction of being the most washed -back cadet in Ellington history. I was in classes 54-09, 13, 14, and finally graduated with 54-19. (let's see now, wind blows you from heading to track... east is least and west is best...) We hope you can round up your classmates from all four of your classes, TOXEY, and bring them all to Orlando next year.

BENJAMIN GILLIOTTE, M.D., 55-04, apparently decided to change career fields. He queried us as a Diplomate American Board of Family Practices from Zanesville, OH, but I haven't heard from him since. We are all in need of an association medic, BEN, so how about coming on down to Orlando and standing by....just in case.

RUSSELL TOMLINSON, 55-04, is a banking exec in Los Alamitos, CA. RUSSELL, you should get with BEN and find your classmates. RONALD JANOW, 55-09, sent a couple of year's donation from their home in San Antonio last June and said: just donate this to the cause. We are probably leaving for Spain before July. Selling a house over there. Must take care of the paper work (and money). Have a great time. We'll try the next one. Could someone in San Antonio check on their whereabouts and bring them up to date? I designated MORRIS BAXTER, 55-15, as class rep for the year 1955. You have some prime targets to gather into our fold, MORRIS. Just bringing those on our roster up to speed would be a great boon. BILL GIBSON, 56-02, really padded our account with a check for \$68. Bought a ballcap, video and paid two years worth of dues for he and his #\$\$&* brother JAMES of Destin, FL. ARE THESE TWO SIBLINGS THE ASSOCIATIONS ONLY NAVIGATOR BROTHER TEAM? I designated BILL as the class rep for the year 1956. JAMES EDDS & SHIRLEY, 56-03, met the BONWITS at a Navy Yacht Club and know the GUS CANNONS and the TOM MARTINS. Shirley promises to find all his classmates. That's the spirit and I pray that you are successful.

DAVID MARZ, 56-13C, wrote that his class was the first one made up totally of student officers at Ellington. He wrote a very interesting BIO which I'll pass along to you: Flew 10 years in SAC on KC-97s at Westover, Plattsburgh and Harmon. Rose to Instructor Standardization Navigator and attained Master Navigator status. Taught AFROTC at Ohio State from 65-69. Flew as a FAN (Forward Air Navigator) in Cessna O-2 for a year in Vietnam. Returned to Air University to complete Master's

in Education and then was assigned to Maxwell to teach at Academic Instructor School. Transferred to Gunter in 1973 to work for ECI and retired in 1975 as a Major with over 20 years. Took a job with Auburn Univ. administering HEW's programs for handicapped children in the southwest states. In 1980 was appointed Director of Staff Development for Auburn Univ. at Montgomery. Retired in toto in 1983. Pat and I have been busy traveling and enjoying our freedom. We have two grown children and two granddaughters to visit. I enjoy computing (c-64) and boating... How did they let this one get away at 20 years?

PAUL McLAUGHLIN, 56-20, also sent a fine BIO: Active Duty 1956-1960. Civilian-Educational Administration-Asst. Jr. High Principal, Middle School Principal 1961-1973. Reserves 1961-1973 included: Navigator, Air Traffic Control Officer, Instructor Nav., Ground Safety Off. Returned to active duty 1973: Reserve Affairs Advisor to Commandant, HQ AFROTC, Maxwell 73-76. Asst. for Reserve Affairs to Commandant, HQ Air Force Data Automation Agency 76-79, Gunter. Director, Reserve Forces Personnel Management, HQ MAC, Scott 79-85. Retired July 1985. Owner and general manager St. Clair Tennis Club...ENTREPRENEUR! Go PAUL!

JOHN T. BALL, 57-22 (UP), attended Navigator Upgrading School at EAFB from Jan. 10, 1957 until Nov. 17, 1957. Assigned to 3606 NAVTRARON. He was a rated Aircraft Observer (Flight Engineer). Subsequently he flew on a B-47 crew as Radar Navigator Bombardier with the 19th BW, Homestead AFB, FL and retired as a Major and lives in Charlotte, NC with his wife KATHRYN. Any more like you in that class, JOHN? He's now in construction activities as project manager. Among many

other things, JOHN was a B-29 Flight Engineer in WW II.

CLASSES NOT KNOWN

JOSEPH MANNINA received his wings at Mather in 1942, was in the Pacific Theater all during WW II, was recalled to Ellington in Oct. of 51 and after graduation went to Langley and you guessed it, on to Korea in Apr. '52. Probably should have had JOSEPH in the WW II section, but my filing system is bulging out of 5 Kenney shoe boxes right now. OWEN ARMBRUSTER "went thru" Ellington in late 1951 and early 1952. Anyone got him on their class orders? He flew in soft nosed B-26s at K-8 with the 13th Bomb Squadron for 38 missions. OWEN comes to us thru the good auspices of the GRIM REAPERS ASSN. (KOREA) and quite a few more on our roster are owing to the help of GRIFFIS DeNEEN & CHARLES HINTON OF THAT FINE ORGANIZATION! FRED MALOY, upon proper research, found his grad ceremony program and lo and behold, he was not in 51-04 but 51-16N. I'm amazed, as I'm sure is FRED, that not one of the other 12 cadets in his class have been found as yet. Have to do your homework, FRED.

My last entry for this letter is FRANKLIN D. HALL who graduated in 1957 AND IS STILL ON ACTIVE DUTY! FRANK is Director of Logistics, AFTAC, Patrick AFB. He started his climb thru AFROTC at the Univ. of South Carolina. Upon completion of Navigator Training he was sent to Electronic Warfare School at Keesler and upon completion was assigned to Walker AFB, NM. From 1958 until his separation from the AF in 1959 he was a B-52 ECM Operator. Recalled in 1962, he spiraled upward thru EMC and Radar assignments from Keesler to Vandenberg, to Shemya to HQ ADC as Chief of the Space and Missile Warning Branch. From 1972-1974 Colonel HALL was

assigned to Ismir, Turkey. Then followed two Commands of Radar Squadrons in NJ and MA. After four years in Command Positions, he was selected for assignment with the 1035th Tech Operations Group (AFTAC) where he is now the Director of Logistics. He is dual rated, Navigator/ECM Operator. He and BEVERLY have a daughter, DEBORAH, currently making a career with the Air Force and a son SCOTT. Welcome to our quest, FRANK. As our most recent graduate you may be designated Mr. Vice for our toasts in Orlando.

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

MAJOR GENERAL VINCENT P. LUCKSINGER was until his retirement April 5, 1987, Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, MD. He was born in 1929, enlisted in Co. A of the 168th Infantry Reg, 34th Div. of the Iowa National Guard in 1947 and rose to platoon leader. He entered the USAF as an aviation cadet and upon graduating from navigator training in Jan. 1951, received a regular commission. Prior to that enlistment he graduated with honors from Loras College in 1949. He was assigned to Westover as a transport navigator. In Sept., 1951, he received a Far East assignment where he flew on cargo and reconnaissance missions and compiled 34 combat missions in B-29s while also serving as adjutant and personnel officer.

Upon returning from the Far East in Jan., 1954, he entered pilot training at Marianna Air Base, FL and later Vance AFB at Enid, OK. After receiving his pilot wings he began C-119 training at Randolph. He then served as Base Operations Officer at Osan Air Base, Korea. He later served at Seoul as aide

and pilot for the 8th Army Commanding General and Korean President Syngman Rhee. In 1956 he returned to Reese as flight instructor and flight commander in B-25s and T-33s and later as staff transportation officer. In 1959 he earned a Master of Arts degree and resigned his commission in 1960. In 1962 he earned a Doctor of Philosophy from Texas Tech at Lubbock. Also in 1960 he assumed a Reserve Commission and was assigned to a mobilization augmentee position as a research behavioral scientist at the Aeromedical Research Lab, Wright Patterson AFB.

From 1967-1972 he served in a mobilization asst. position as operations research scientist in the USAF Office of Operations Analysis. Several other mobilization assistant assignments culminated as Commander Space Division, AFSC, Los Angeles AF Station, CA. and in 1982 to mobilization assistant to the Commander of AFSC where he served to retirement.

The General is a rated pilot, navigator and observer with more than 3,600 hours. His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal with one OLC, Army of Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with 5 stars and many others. He also wears the missile badge and has a commercial pilot license with instrument rating.

In his civilian capacity he is a management consultant and industrial psychologist and serves the Univ. of Baltimore Robert Merrick School of Business as Dean and as a Black and Decker Professor of Management. He is also the author of four books and numerous articles on management topics and serves as editor in chief of the American Journal of

Small Business. (His many civic affiliations, besides Who's Who in America, did not show TENA, so I'm omitting that list-ed)

VINCE is married to the former DR. M. LOU TYNER and they have six children. Did you ever just sit around and day dream, VINCE? Congratulations on a very productive bunch of careers. The amazing part of this amazing man's life is that he's so likeable!

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WHERE IS OUR SEXTANT?

It's last known position was Sweetwater, TX on Nov. 9, 1987, in the possession of BENNET & HARRIET MONDE. Your Waco mini will be a good chance to get it moving again, BENNET, if you don't manage to do so sooner.

HOW ABOUT THEM APPLES?

Now that should provoke a bunch of you to write, either to me or your class rep, or elect a new class rep. I received no claims but the one from our canoeathonic THOMAS MAZUZAN. I know that many of you should be featured in future newsletters (how about it, BILL POLHEMUS?) What do you not like... besides my always asking for money? What did you like? This edition is fatter to beat the postal hike in April, I hope.

MATTERS FINANCIAL AND OTHER SALES PITCHES!

1988 Dues, Donations and/or Subscriptions are definitely in order and will be happily accepted. Please check your mailing label for the two digit number. If it is not 88 or higher, please use at least \$10 of that big Income Tax Refund you just got to get current with TENA. (The biggest bargain in the USA today).

Many of you sent your '88 dues

with your cards and notes, in response to Ken's post card hint. I don't intend to pull this stunt again next year, so unless Ken does, (And he doesn't -kj), please heed our reminders in the DR AHEAD NEWSLETTER and help keep us solvent!!

I'll put in one more pitch for the VIDEO tape I can dub for you. It starts with 1950 movies of cadet days at Ellington, then Bob Schlegel's video of the Las Vegas Reunion in 1986, and the last half covers the 1987 Houston Reunion. I think everyone who attended Houston is on the tape. I'll admit I'm working on your sympathetic chords when I tell you I bought 100 Poloroid T-120 blanks, expecting to have to buy more when the landslide of orders came in. Well, we all know I was never in sales because I still have 70 of them left. Either you aren't that interested in seeing this before and after academy reject or you don't waste time watching a VCR. I'll dub you a copy and mail it to you for \$20. (Hell, very few of you bit for \$18!). Maybe I can sell the blanks at a flea market...

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KEN TAKES OVER AGAIN

Good job, Clarke! I didn't have any idea you knew so much about us.

That's a great job Ken!! Don't you all agree that two columns look better than one? I do want to let you know that ASSOCIATION BALL CAPS are still cluttering up our spare bedroom. Please buy a dozen or so and give them to your classmates who can't afford our yearly donations--yeh I'll send you a dozen for \$100. What a bargain--otherwise \$10. each!!

281 of you are card carrying members (donating to our QUEST!) If you've donated \$10./ year and have not received your membership card, just drop me a card. I've made a few mistakes in the past 90 days!!

CLARKE

AND

TENA?



I know Clarke is in constant dread of TENA going broke and having to shut down, but actually, we are in pretty good shape. As our roster grows and printing and mailing costs go up, our expenses also rise. But, with your continued support, we will survive. (If the checks stop coming in Clarke will kill me for that statement, so my life is in your hands).

The following page was written for Clarke as a demo of a possible 2 column format. The contents are pure fantasy, but Clarke says "Print It" If you begin to find yourself believing it, check the header date.

While we do expect to have an excellent turnout at Orlando, and more things to see and do than time will permit, "NOTHING" could be as good as this page depicts.

OK, Clarke, you have a whole quarter page left for your rebuttal, caustic comments and remarks. Remember though, good clerk typists are hard to find, so be gentle.

DR AHEAD.....c.s.l.

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- The TENA News -

Lakeport, CA

April 1, 1988

ORLANDO '89 IS GO !

BEST EVER REUNION IN THE MILL!!

Plans have been completed for what will be the best ever of any reunion, anywhere. Due to the excellent response to our latest plea for donations, we can go all out at Orlando. Four hundred and sixty eight of the five hundred members have sent one hundred thousand dollars each, so we can go for broke!

The entire Disney World and Epcot Complex, including all hotels, has been leased for our exclusive use. All costs will be paid by TENA. Your travel by air or private vehicle will be paid, the hotel of your choice is free, all meals and beverages are free, and a private, chauffeured limo will be furnished each member, on call 24 hours per day.

A five day program has been arranged that will include everything you could possibly want to do. The highlight of the occasion will be the banquet and dance on Saturday night. A meal of 32 ounce T-Bones, Pheasant Under Glass, or your choice of 26 other gourmet dishes will be followed by a dance in the Grand Ballroom featuring Tex Beneke and the original Glenn Miller band. The vocals will be by the Andrews Sisters and Dinah Shore. Frank Sinatra has agreed to make an appearance if he is not in jail at the time.

For those of you who can sneak away from your wives, Miss Lonnie Anderson, Charro, and Raquel Welch will perform in the nude in the back room. Not recommended for members over 65.

There will be a door prize of a 1989 Lear Jet, complete with 150 hours of fuel, maintenance, and flight lessons if the winner is not licensed to fly. Second thru twenty fifth places will be 1989 Corvettes.

MANY MORE EVENTS YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE

During the entire five days, the Goodyear Blimp will circle the complex displaying the TENA logo. Each hour, on the hour, a bushel basket of one-hundred dollar bills will be dropped from the blimp. The Queen Elizabeth II will be at the local pier for use by anyone who wishes to take a cruise of the East Coast. NASA has agreed to launch not one, but all four Space Shuttles simultaneously at dawn on Sunday morning for your viewing pleasure.

COME ONE, COME ALL BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Each member may bring as many as 100 guests. Bring your in laws, out laws, and all of your friends. We would like to see at least five hundred thousand good people attend.

A FINAL NOTE

We wish to thank the reunion committee for their excellent job in arranging this event. Never have so few done so much for so many. Any monies left in the TENA treasury will be used to purchase tickets to the 1990 Super Bowl for our members. You will have to furnish your own transportation to that event.

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