

JAMES SCHOMBURG
43K

Sept 18, 1992

Dear Paul,

I received a letter from Oliver C. Perry informing me of the 43rd A. G. - F. T. D. Association's reunion at Jekyll Island, Ga. in October.

I was one of O. C. Thompson's students in Class of 43K. The other three were Oliver Perry, Robert Winstead, and Jessie Wyatt.

After Douglas I went to Basic Flight Training at Cochran Field, Macon, Ga.; then to Turbine engine Advanced training at Moody Field, Valdosta, Ga.; where I received my wings and commission as a 2nd Lt. on Dec 5, 1943.

I was married to Jean North on Dec. 10, 1943.

I was assigned to Air Force Replacement Center at Salt Lake

Utah where I joined the crew as a co-pilot with Jack McGregor as pilot of a B-17.

Our crew spent three and a half months in phase training at Rapid City, S.D., prior to our assignment to the 532nd Sqd, 381st Bomb Grp, 1st Wing, 1st Div, of 8th Air Force in England.

After eighteen missions as a co-pilot, I was promoted to 1st Lt and pilot of a make-up crew which completed sixteen missions (34 total).

On returning to the states, I attended B-17 instructor's school at Lockbourne Air Base, Columbus, O.

Prior to my first class I was assigned to the 7th Ferry Grp in Great Falls, Montana, as

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Ferrying pilot. In addition to B-17's I was checked out in C-47's, B-24's, and B-29's.

After eight months at Great Falls I was discharged and resumed my life as a civilian.

I attended N.C. State Univer. in Raleigh, N.C. where I received a B.S. degree in ceramic engineering.

I retired in 1990, after 41 yrs as manager of Bickerstaff ^{CLAY} Products in Phenix City Ala.

Jean and I have five children
Two boys and three girls.
We will celebrate our forty
ninth wedding anniversary
this Dec.

We will see you at Sebyll.

Jean Schomburg
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