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There were no additional members of Air Group 27 located during the past month.

Bill Janes has moved. His new address is 4313 Rolling Stone Way Alexandria VA 22306. His phone number is (703) 768-4057.

The following members have paid their dues of \$20 during the past two months: Bill Janes and Tom Browne.

From Swede Nelson; (July/August newsletter)

Was particularly interested in the 10 August 1945 War Diary item. George flew wing on Red Shirley and Les Blythe and I made up the 2nd section. As I recall there was an overcast at about 8000 feet. a fog bank lay about a mile or so off the beach. We were able to get in and attack a train and some other targets.

I think we were on a 2nd or 3rd run when George pulled up and was streaming white smoke. I thought he had been hit. We closed in on him as he headed out to sea. However he reached the fog bank which extended up to about 300 feet. He had his tail hook down, had dropped his belly tank, flaps down and canopy open as he disappeared into the fog bank. We circled the area until relieved by another 4 plane division. It is my understanding that the Sub that picked him up backed through about 20 miles of a minefield to get to him and he was the last they could pick up. They then headed for Pearl Harbor."

Betty Quick writes; "Know this is a bit late, but I happened to see your May 2002 edition just recently and noticed the comments regarding Ensign Condon's receiving his dismembered tail hook. My husband, Jim is the gentleman seated in the picture. He was the LSO on the "I", but was NOT the person who landed that plane that day. He had sent me a copy of that picture also. He's not much on writing letters, but we have lived in Davis CA now for over 42 years. Jim worked for the University of CA and is now busier than ever in retirement."

I received the following from a Robert Martin; " I'm afraid my father is not the Mr. Martin you are looking for. Good luck in your search and thank you for your service to our country."