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### TAPS FOR A FINE "OLE" LADY

Romanian Princess Catherine Caradja, 101, passed away May 26, 1993, in Bucharest, Romania. During World War II she came to the aid of more than a thousand American airman who were shot down over Romania. In 1955 she escaped to the United States and spent her time seeking out the former American Prisoners of War she had help. She recently returned to Romania and spent the last few months of her life at St. Catherine's Crib, an orphanage which she founded and sponsored during the majority of her lifetime. Her story and how she helped Allied flyers who were shot down over her country has been written by Dick Britt and is entitled, "Princess and the POW".

### BACK TO MANDURIA ? ? ?

Donald Jenkins of the 720th suggests the idea that many of us would like return to Manduria and celebrate our 50th anniversary where it all happened. Donald states that he is willing to help organize such a tour if enough members are interested. The tour could include a visit to Manduria, our old base, and surrounding towns. Isle of Capri, Naples and Rome could also be include in the itinerary. It would interesting to find out if the local Cognac has improved in these 50 years. Perhaps even "target" cities could be included. If you are interested in such a tour, contact Donald Jenkins, Jr., 19 Childs Road, Lexington, MA 02173. Telephone contact can be made by 617/862-5316.

### MORE ON "BOTTOMS UP"

The following is quoted from a letter written by Charles L. Brown, Lt Col, USAF Ret. "It is the aircraft that flew #10 in our box on Mission #241, 3-16-45 described on Page 116 of Book Three. The Co-Pilot was Lt. Kozenka flying as a sub. He lived in our tent and was a spare Co-Pilot. My record of mission agrees exactly with Book Three's description so I know it is confirmed." The following quoted from the S-2 Narratives, Book Three, Page 116, "One aircraft is missing: last seen at 1125 hours, (42.00N-17.00E) at 10,000' in heavy cloud bank in steep bank and climbing. Icing conditions present. It is probable that this aircraft crashed in Adriatic."



### INFORMATION WANTED:

The following are requests for information on personnel of the 450th Bomb Group. If you have any information regarding those listed, please write to the originator of the request.

1. 721st BS Feb 1945 Lt. Jim Crane, Bombardier; S/Sgt Heineker, Engineer; S/Sgt VanAntwerp, Radio Operator; S/Sgt Walters, Ball Gunner; Sgt Stout, Asst. Eng.; Sgt Wideneir, Tail Gunner. CONTACT: Charles L. Brown, Lt Col, USAF (Ret), 3018 Shadyt Knoll Lane, Bedford, TX 76021-4120, 817/498-7334.

2. Class 44-G (Marianna, FL) 50 Year Reunion, August 4, 5, & 6, 1944. CONTACT: Charles L. Brown, above paragraph.