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Dear Troops,

2nd AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF 19th ANNUAL MEETING
25 June 1966

It is with great humility and reservation that I have assumed the duties as your President. I am sure all of you will agree with me that our past President, Warren Alberts, has performed in an outstanding manner. Assuming his duties is a difficult test. Those of us who have had the pleasure of working closely with Warren, during his term of office, are all aware of the many hours he devoted to the Association. TO WARREN - I know all of the members join me in expressing our sincere appreciation for the loyal and dynamic leadership you displayed as our President.

As we move into the new year, we are again thinking of the wonderful reunion we had in Dayton last year and our desire to have another fine get-together here in Washington this coming June. There have been lots of changes in Washington since our last reunion in 1965 and I am sure you will find there are lots of things to see and do while you are here at Reunion time. It is also particularly fitting since this summer will be the 20th Anniversary of our United States Air Force as well as 2 AD. Since the 2nd Air Division Association has as its purpose "to advocate and support an adequate, effective, and efficient Army, Navy, and Air Force at all times" we can show our support both to the 2nd Air Division Association and the United States Air Force with our attendance at this year's reunion. The famous Air Force Singing Sergeants will be with us again this year for our banquet which should help make your visit an enjoyable one and one that you won't forget.

Again, this year, your new officers will be working towards increasing our membership. Last year, your President Warren Alberts reported that over 100 new members were added to the list. However, some of our old members have become "drop-outs". Let's all try and get our old members back in the fold as well as encourage other Ex-2nd Air Division members to join our association.

In closing, let me ask you to please start now to contact your old 2nd Air Division friends and ask them to join us this June in Washington. We will be sending out reservation cards and detailed information on this year's reunion plans in our Newsletter.

As ever,

Charles T. Merrill
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CHARLES T. MERRILL
President
2nd Air Division Association

The meeting was called to order by President Warren Alberts. A warm welcome was extended to all.

In the absence of Secretary Raymond E. Strong, Hathy Veynar read the Secretary's Report. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the Meeting as read.

In the absence of Treasurer Raymond A. Hess, Hathy Veynar read the Treasurer's Report. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report as read.

Evelyn Cohen, Membership Vice President report that one hundred (100) new members were added to the rolls this year.

The question was raised at the 1965 meeting whether or not membership should be extended to members of the 2nd Air Division serving in Vietnam. A committee met directly after the meeting in Washington, D. C. The report was that it was felt that we had so much yet to do to fulfill our obligation to our own wartime 2AD that we would not extend the membership at this time.

Publicity on the Memorial Trust was discussed and it was decided that it should be on a nationwide basis.

Motion was made and seconded that all those attending the Reunion were official delegates.

Percy Young made a report on the Internal Revenue Service as it pertains to the 2nd Air Division Association. He did not feel that the status of the organization should be changed at this time.

Jordan Uttal was appointed as chairman to explore the possibilities of a Charter Flight to England in 1968 on the anniversary date of the Dedication of the Memorial Room.

Paul Trissel was asked to explore the possibilities of "marrying" the film on the Dedication of the Memorial Room so that it could be available to members of the 2nd Air Division Association for showing to various local and community organizations.

Motion was made and seconded to extend and overwhelming vote of thanks to Paul Trissel for all his hard work as the Reunion Chairman.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the year 1966:

President - Colonel Charles T. Merrill
 Executive Vice President - Raymond A. Hess
 Executive Secretary - Raymond E. Strong
 Treasurer - Raymond A. Hess
 Membership Vice President - Evelyn Cohen
 Publicity Vice President - Hathy Veynar

Motion was made and seconded that a unanimous vote be cast for the slate of officers as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded that the 20th Annual Reunion be held in Washington, D. C. on 23, 24 & 25 June 1967.

A discussion on whether or not to have Group Vice Presidents. No definite conclusion was reached.

It was decided to mail 1st class cards before the next Reunion in order to get Zip Codes of each member.

Jordan Uttal made the motion that \$100.00 be given to Evelyn Cohen, Membership Vice President and Hathy Veynar, Publicity Vice President. Motion was made and seconded.

It was discussed to include in the Newsletter items of special interest like Scouts Out and Sad Sacks.

It was requested to have a roster made up by Group Designations and be published.

Motion was made and seconded that a special vote of thanks be extended to Adam Soccio who was responsible for the increase in membership by all his hard work in contacting members of the 467th Bomb Group.

It was decided that personal appeals by members of the Association should be sent out to increase our membership and attendance at the next year's reunion.

Percy Young made a motion and it was seconded that a debt of gratitude be extended to Warren Alberts for the wonderful job he has done as President of our Association. Warren Alberts was given a rising vote of thanks.

Motion was made and seconded that the Meeting be adjourned until June 1967 in Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted by

Hathy Veynar
 In absence of Raymond E. Strong

NOTES: Rather than send out cards to obtain the Zip Codes, my husband and I looked them up in the Postal Zip Code Directory.

The roster has been compiled and mailed to the members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand as of 31 December 1966 - -
 \$2,186.29. Raymond A. Hess, Treasurer

The 2nd Air Division Memorial
 Story of Dedication
 Norwich, Norfolk, England, - June 13, 1963

I have quite a number of copies of the Story of Dedication which I will be very happy to send to any new members who have joined the Association since the Dedication of the Memorial Room. Just send your request to me and I'll get it off to you.

Hathy Veynar
 Publicity Vice President
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Tail Fin of B-24 - 42-52115 - 448th Bomb Group at spot where it fell 21 years before.

The above photo was sent to me along with excerpts from his letter by Roger A. Freeman, May's Barn, Dedham, Nr. Colchester, Essex, England, UK.

"Two years ago I was talking to a farmer neighbour at Framlingham, Suffolk county about the days of "Ports and Libs". He mentioned a B-24 crash he witnessed and said that "the whole tail" still lay in a corner of a nearby field. While this part of Suffolk is still very rural I could not believe such a large item of aeroplane had escaped the scrap metal merchants for so long. However, such was the case for when taken to the spot sure enough there lay a whole B-24 tail fin and in remarkably good condition. It fell at this spot on 10th February 1944 and as the authorities never collected it the farmer concerned propped it up with an oil drum to give shelter to pheasants - the popular British game bird much encouraged for sport in these parts. This is probably the largest relic of an Eighth Air Force B-24 to survive and I have since acquired the fin and have it stored safely in a shed. Eventually I hope to find a good home in some worthy place for this and intend to sound out the 2nd Air Division Memorial's English Trustees to see if they have any suggestions.

The serial number of the aircraft and other markings are still clear and from these it has been established that the aircraft was a B-24H of the 448th Bomb Group based at Seething. She is believed to have collided with another B-24 above cloud for this fin floated down two miles away from where the main part of the Lib' came to earth. Unhappily, only a few crew members managed to escape. Liberator 42-52115 was built by Fords and still to be seen scratched on part of the fin is the name "Amy Adrodenie" which I feel must be that of one of the girl's at Willow Run who helped build her.

For many years I have been writing about the Eighth Air Force in books and magazines and my detailed history of the men, units and planes of this famous force is due to be published here and in the States in the near future. Some space is given to the exploits of Witchcraft, one of the most famous of 2nd AD Liberators, and it was with some interest that I noticed the two photos of her and her crews in the January Newsletter. I was particularly taken with the smaller view showing her crew chief Joe Ramirez in front of Witchcraft, and would like to run the same picture in my book.

My artist is preparing accurate colour plates of the bizarre Assembly Ships each 2nd AD group possessed. We have three outstanding requirements to finish this work and wonder if you can be so kind as to run the following in your newsletter:-

The 93rd Group's original Assembly Ship "Ball of Fire" was painted with stripes on all surfaces. Can any former member of the group recall the three colours used for these stripes?

Can any former member of the 446th and 448th Bomb Groups loan photographs of the Assembly Ships used by these two groups? We know colours but have been unable to locate photos that show these markings in detail."

(If any one has the above information, would you contact Roger Freeman at the above address).

MEMORIAL TRUST of the SECOND AIR DIVISION

There is a need for American books and periodicals for the American Room of the Norwich Library. This will be one of the topics at our annual business meeting in June.

The American Memorial books fall into two categories:

(1) books specifically about the United States, e.g. history, biography, geography and travel, politics, education, art, literature, natural history, etc. These books dealing with various aspects of American life are normally shelved in the American Memorial Room;

(2) books published in the United States, but not dealing with a specifically American subject, e.g. general engineering, science, technology, world history, etc. These books are shelved in the appropriate department of the library, together with other books on similar subjects.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to keep our Living Memorial up-to-date may send a check to Colonel Charles T. Merrill, President, 2nd Air Division Association, 7529 Windsor Drive, Washington, D. C. 20031 made payable to 2nd Air Division Association with a notation on the check that it is for books along with a slip giving your name and that of any person in whose memory you have given the book so that it may be placed on an inscribed bookplate and placed in the book.

If you have a specific title in mind, please so state and if it has not been purchased or is in the process of being donated, it will be purchased.

You may, if you wish, give a sum of money for investment in the funds of the Trust in commemoration of one of the Fallen. This will help to augment the annual sum spent on the purchase of American books and periodicals.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would send your donations to Colonel Merrill before our business meeting on 24 June 1967 so that we will have a better idea of how to proceed with this project.

After the purchase of the book, you will be notified as to its title.

Let's keep our "Living Memorial", the only one of its kind, truly "LIVING".

If there are any questions pertaining to the above, I'll be happy to answer them and if I don't have the answers, I'll find them for you.

Change of Address



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44th BOMB GROUP

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489th BOMB GROUP

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Klinghoffer, Leon, 76 E 175th Street, Bronx, New York

Brunner, Neil	467th Bomb Gp
Buchanan Jr, William H.	467th Bomb Gp
Cravens, Joseph W., Flsk, Mo.	467th Bomb Gp
Hawkins, Virgil, Attica, N. Y.	445th Bomb Gp
Noecker, Lester C, Livingston, N. J.	44th Bomb Gp
Sabala, Mitchell S, Chicago, Ill.	56th Fighter
Schall, John, Aberdeen, Washington	Hq 2AD
Steinacker, Charles A, St. Paul, Minn.	446th Bomb Gp

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Jones, John H., 419 East Street, Westwood, Mass. 02090

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446th BOMB GROUP

Bits AND Chips

(Next Issue)

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See you then!

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