

NEWS LETTER

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SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Valley Forge 1976 — 700 Plus!

When we first started planning for Reunion 1976, and had picked Valley Forge as the site, we expected a 'larger than usual' turn-out of members. As reservations continued to come in our projection was that we would have 'around' 500 members and their families in attendance.

Checking in on Thursday promised to be an all day affair and it was. Checking in on Friday promised to be spotty. It was not. It was another all day affair. We figured that on Saturday we could remove the Registration Desk. It just shows how wrong we could be. Saturday was another 'all day' affair signing up a flock of new members and taking Reservations for the banquet that evening.

All this came about as the result of a three minute appearance of our affair on an evening TV news broadcast. The telephone was jumping with calls from people who had served in the 2nd AD and never knew we existed. Others came rushing over in their cars to join and sign up for whatever affairs they could. We had to cut off attendance at the banquet when we hit 640 because that was all the banquet hall could hold.

Thursday evening was 'Mini-Reunion' night and it was an Italian buffet complete with strolling violins. Our only regret was that some Groups could not have their separate room in which to eat, to tell stories and to hold their own Group busi-

ness meeting. The facilities of the hotel were taxed to the extreme and there were just not enough rooms to go around.

Friday was a tour into downtown Philly through the historical section followed in the Evening with a buffet on the circular driveway in front of the hotel. Entertainment was provided by the Polish-American string band of Mummies and it was a site to behold. Their uniforms were the most colorful many of us had ever seen and my only regret is that I cannot reproduce them in color on the photo page.

The Friday night affair was in doubt right up to the final minute. It had rained all morning, easing off at noon. The question was "should we set up outside as planned or should we set up inside and eliminate the String Band which had already been paid for?" At about 2 p.m., a call to the weather bureau resulted in the promise of a 50-50 chance of rain that evening. Our beautiful, energetic and gambling Evelyn Cohen with tongue-in-check, hands folded in a prayerful manner and with eyes cast skyward made the decision. "Outside" she said. She felt that these members had come here to be entertained and entertained they would be, even if it resulted in entertainment under flood conditions! In spite of rain filled clouds scudding across the sky during the entire evening not a drop of rain fell. Evelyn must have a 'hot line' to the man upstairs.

The banquet on Saturday evening proved to be the most Gala affair of all. Moving and humorous speeches were given by Judge Frederick vP Bryan (one of the original founders of the Trust), Alfred Jenner (member of the Board of Governors of the Trust) and Tom Eaton (Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Trust). As MC we were again fortunate in having our own Jordan Uttal who owns the quick quip and funny joke department.

Following the banquet there was the cutting of the beautiful, and huge, 2nd Air Division cake which Evelyn Cohen had made up, and after that dancing until the wee hours.

In these pages I can only give you a bird's eye view of what took place, but I hope I have said enough to convince you that Lake Geneva next July is a 'must'. Undoubtedly we can't (and didn't) please everybody, but with Evelyn Cohen at the helm running these reunions we certainly improve each year. Try us next year.

It would be criminal neglect if I did not mention those wonderful ladies who worked the Registration desk during those three days. Rhoda Bandler, Hathy Veynar, Vickie Brooks, Bobby Griffin, Evelyn Cohen, Lillian Cohen, Mae Wolf and my own Hazel. If I have missed anybody my apologies, but you all did a wonderful job keeping things moving.

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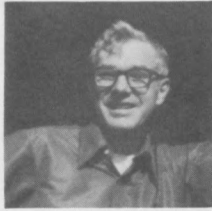
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



As I succeed Griff in the Presidency of the 2nd Air Division Association I am doubly honored in that this should occur during our Nation's Bicentennial year.

Our membership now stands at 2900 plus, and a few new Group Vice Presidents have been elected who promise to raise this total substantially. I would like to see a membership of 4000 when we meet at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin next year. One way to accomplish this is for every member to enroll his Wife as an Associate member. Sons and daughters are also important as they will be the ones who will keep the Association alive and vibrant after all of us are gone. They will also benefit by becoming friends with our English cousins thus promoting international good will and understanding. This is exactly what our Memorial Room is doing today. Let us not forget our Fighter Groups and when your group VPs look for members give a helping hand to our Little Friends.

Our new Executive Vice President is J.D. Long and if you need any information or advice do not hesitate to write to either him or myself. Do write to your Group Vice President and ask him how you can help. Don't let him do all the work. If each current member obtained one new member, or Associate, we could double our membership overnight. So do consider enrolling your wife as a starter.

Once again, I invite all of you to get in touch with me. Your ideas, suggestions and your continued support will greatly enhance the job I have in serving you.

Earl L. Zimmerman

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



To those of you who came to Valley Forge and were delegates at our business meeting of the 30th reunion, I wish to first express my appreciation of the honor paid me in my

election as Vice-President. Myron Keilman, also of the 392nd, may have been more right than he knew when he kept asking after the election "Who is J.D. Long?" It was certainly a surprise when I was approached concerning my willingness to be nominated and I felt I had done little to merit being thus singled out.

This Association is, as you all know, unique. Under the conception, organization and long-time guidance of Evelyn Cohen, Bill Robertie, Jordan Uttal, Dean Moyer, Ray Strong, my own Group VP Joe Whitaker and others of the Group VPs, the reunions have been more successful, memorable and moving each year. Beyond and above this our living Memorial is, to me, a singularly worthwhile undertaking, and continual association with our English friends, in particular Mr. Tom Eaton and Family, especially rewarding.

Therefore, with the history of the Association in mind, and remembering our endowment goals to insure the life in perpetuity of our Memorial, I am pleased to be given the chance to accept the challenge — to continue our growth and surpass our \$50,000 foundation goal.

To this end I am extending an invitation to all members to write whenever they may feel I can possibly be of help. In particular, I invite the Group Vice Presidents to call on me if I can share some of the load presently borne by Earl, Evelyn, Bill, Jordan and Dean.

I am certainly looking forward very much to the administration of our new President, Earl Zimmerman, and will do my best to help him continue our tradition of progress.

J.D. Long

FUND DRIVE FLYING ALONG

Two years ago we commenced a fund drive to bolster the Memorial Trust Fund against the ravages of inflation. Our goal was, and is, \$50,000 by the year 1980.

At the reunion this year our treasurer, Dean Moyer, handed Mr. Tom Eaton, Chairman of the Board of Governors Memorial Trust, a check in the amount of \$6,322 representing donations by our members for this year. This brings our total to \$16,000.

We still have a long way to go, but we have noticed an increase in donations each year since the fund drive commenced and we feel that this coming year will be no different. \$50,000 by 1980 is well within range. Those one and two dollar donations really add up when you consider that our membership is now almost 3000. It probably will be when this is printed.

Keep up the good work and send whatever amount you can afford. No donation is too small or too large.

Twenty Ninth Annual Business Meeting

SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

1. The 29th Annual Meeting was called to order by President Goodman Griffin at the Sheraton Valley Forge Hotel with about 300 members present. A welcome to all.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, Ray Strong. Approved.
3. Treasurers Report (copy attached) was given by Dean Moyer. Motion to accept the report was made and passed.
4. Announcements by various groups — Suggested that a bulletin board be set up for this purpose at each reunion.
5. A moment of silence was observed in memory of our departed comrades.
6. A contribution of \$200 from George E. Church in memory of William L. Keller was presented.
7. Greetings were read from Sam Mortlock, Joan Benz and the staff at the Norwich Library.
8. Letters from General Kepner read - Also, greetings from the ROA Philadelphia Chapter. Also, from Tom Thompson.
9. Membership Report by Evelyn Cohen. Now have 2803 members. Several groups have increased their membership substantially during the last year.
10. Report of the election of new Vice Presidents by each Group.
11. Jordan Uttal made a report on the Memorial Trust. Reviewed the history of the Library Trust Fund and the Library. Noted that we have now given \$10,200 previously plus \$6,000 this year for a total of \$16,200 toward our goal of \$50,000. Need is to increase the capital of the trust. Members were urged to increase their contributions to the Library Trust Fund when they send in their dues.
12. Motion passed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Philip Hepworth for his long service, upon his retirement.
13. Report on the Newsletter by Bill Robertie. Plan to publish four times a year. Requested that each group appoint one person to write something for the Newsletter for each issue.
14. President Goodman Griffin reported on activities for the year. Letters of appreciation sent to the Mayor and other officials in Norwich for the 1975 hospitality in England.
15. Motion by Jordan Uttal that each member present be appointed a delegate from the Group or Unit with which they served. Also, that a list be published in the Newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed.
16. Report from Evelyn Cohen on the Convention next year. The Playboy Club at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, during the week of July 25th was selected. Probably a package deal. Reported that over 600 expected for the banquet tonight.

17. Revisions of the By-Laws. Draft of the proposed revisions was read by Mr. Uttal to the members present. It was decided that those who wished to suggest changes do so in writing within 30 days and not from the floor today. Suggested that comments be given or sent to Hathy Veynar for distribution to the Executive Committee. The draft is to be sent to Mr. Henry Dietch for finalizing.
18. Report of Nominating Committee and accepted by acclamation.
President — Earl Zimmerman

Executive Vice President — J.D. Long
 Membership Vice President — Evelyn Cohen
 Newsletter Vice President — Bill Robertie
 Secretary — Hathy Veynar
 Treasurer — Dean Moyer

19. Motion of appreciation to the current officers for the work of the year was passed unanimously.

Raymond E. Strong
 Secretary
 Second Air Division

SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION July 21, 1976

SAVINGS FUND ACCOUNT:

Balance as of May 31, 1975	1,265.50	
Receipts: Interest (15 months)	<u>81.11</u>	
No Disbursements		
Receipts and Balance		1,346.61

MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND ACCOUNT:

Balance May 31, 1975	8,352.39	
Receipts to July 21, 1976	<u>6,057.36</u>	
Receipts and Balance	14,409.75	
Disbursements to Library Board, June 3, 1975	<u>8,000.00</u>	
Balance July 21, 1976		6,409.75

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Balance May 31, 1975		3,907.89
Receipts:		
Dues	11,841.00	
Sale - Memorial Brochures	21.00	
Interest - Cert. of Deposit	<u>135.62</u>	
Total Receipts:	11,997.62	
Receipts and Balance		<u>15,905.51</u>

Disbursements:

Newsletter:		
Expenses	1,599.84	
Postage	3,464.00	
Printing	<u>4,684.90</u>	
		9,748.74
Membership:		
Honorarium	200.00	
Printing	94.21	
Postage	<u>700.00</u>	
		994.21
Postage Exp.		
V.P.s of Groups	163.00	
Executive Secy Exps.	50.00	
Filing Fee - State of Illinois for 2 AD Assoc. Charter	2.00	
Postage on Memorial Brochures	108.90	
Books for Library - To honor Mr. R. O. Gurney	140.00	
Printing Rosters	<u>823.20</u>	

Total Disbursements	12,038.77	
Balance July 21, 1976		<u>3,866.74</u>
Balance of Cash on Hand, All Funds, as of July 21, 1976		<u>11,623.10</u>

DEAN E. MOYER, Treasurer
 2 AD Association

Speech by Judge Frederick vanPelt Bryan



Dear Friends.

I say friends because I know there are others here I know from intimate association over the years. I want to tell all of you that as far as I'm concerned

this has been a very moving occasion indeed. I think the way the 2nd Air Division has grown from a very small group, and the way it continues to grow, is completely extraordinary.

I remember what a great enterprise the old 2nd Air Division was and I also want to say before I go any further how delighted I am to meet the members of the present Board of Governors. Tom Eaton, his wife and family, and Alfred Jenner and his wife. We are pleased to have them here and this again illustrates the extraordinary complexity of this 2nd Air Division thing. It was comprised not only of a great military effort, but also the extraordinary thing in bringing together all of the inhabitants of Norfolk, and Suffolk to the south, and this great body of Americans in pulling together a combination that exists at the present time and will continue to exist as long as any of us know.

On August 17, 1942 a mission took off from the station of Grafton-Underwood. It consisted of 12 B-17s to carry out the first bombing mission against the continent. It happened to be there and assisted at the briefing of that mission. In fact I expected to go on it myself but was taken off by the arrival of some very important brass from headquarters at Roundtree.

You might ask why I'm talking about a B-17 mission from Grafton-Underwood. Well the fact is that within a month after that event took place I was transferred from the 97th Bombardment Group and put in charge of a convoy of 20 vehicles headed for Horsham St. Faith where we were to form the 2nd Air Division. There were twenty Officers and fifty enlisted men and that was just prior to late August 1942. Shortly thereafter the first B-24 Groups arrived. First we got the 93rd, then the 44th, and later the 389th.

General Hodges and his staff worked very hard in getting the three Groups that were there organized, the 44th, the 93rd and the 389th. In the midst of this there was a delegation which arrived from Washington and they presented us, in the huts right outside of Horsham St. Faith, the complete plans for a daring Air operation. They then informed General Hodges, I'm sure to his great disgust, that they were going to pull the three Groups, the first three Groups, out of the 2nd Air Division for the Ploesti operation. And so indeed they did. I don't have to remind you about the Ploesti operation. It was one of the most extraordinary operations of the entire war. In many ways it was a most successful operation and yet in terms of casualties it was a fantastic, pitiful operation. Low level, on the Ploesti oilfields.

By that time we were beginning to get other Groups and were proceeding to

build. By that time the three Groups had come back from North Africa. Then we started operations. It may interest you to know that in the early stages we had expected to be a Division of both B-24s and B-17s, and I may say without denigrating the B-24, because it was one of the greatest airplanes in the world, but above 25,000 feet I think all of you, if you had to choose, would choose a B-17, or would have then.

Meanwhile, the 1st and 3rd Divisions got all B-17s and we got all B-24s. Again General Hodges began to build and there were missions against the continent. I'm not going to try to describe them as all of you know about them better than I. Then what happened was that the three original Groups were again pulled out and sent back to North Africa, in Tunisia, to support the invasion of Italy. At that point the whole organization that had been so carefully put together was impaired.

The Groups in Tunisia eventually flew that horrible mission to the Weiner Neustadt airplane factory. That was again a mission with enormous casualties. Again those three Groups came back to the 2nd Air Division and we began all kinds of operations. Again there is no need for me to talk about them here because you are all familiar with the great operations against the continent. The operations during the invasion and the operations thereafter.

There was one mission I should mention. On this mission the crews were briefed to seek targets of opportunity in the event the cloud cover was so bad they could not locate the original target. I remember this very well and I'm sure Jordan Uttal remembers if for when there was a return from that mission we at headquarters began to analyze the photos taken and were trying to determine what had been accomplished and what had been hit. Shortly thereafter there came out of Supreme Allied Headquarters an inquiry as to why a Group of B-24s had picked out a pimple of land on the north part of Switzerland and bombed it, absolutely creamed it. Now that wasn't very good for a number of reasons. Not that it was the fault of the people on the mission. It was just one of those unfortunate things that happened. But who was the victim? The victim was General Hodges who was the Commander of the Division and at some point some sacrifice had to be made to the Swiss Government because we had made an error. That came at a time when the Division was really ready to operate at full strength. General Hodges was relieved of Command.

I'm not going on with this much longer, but I want to say to you that despite the deficiencies there might have been in the B-24, the 2nd Air Division led the 8th Air Force in bombing accuracy for the rest of the war. If that doesn't prove we were damn good then I don't know what does. Thank you.

(note; Because of space limitations this speech has been condensed.)

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When the ignorant rule the ignorant, dictatorships spring up like mushrooms. When the ignorant rule the wise, revolution is inevitable. When the wise rule the ignorant, seeds of tyranny are sown. When the wise rule the wise, both thrive under democracy. Think about that.

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453rd BG Reunion News

by Don Olds

In the beginning I had hoped for 25 to 30 and was slightly overwhelmed when I arrived at Valley Forge on Wednesday to learn we had 46 signed up. But that was only the beginning. Ex-453'ers just kept coming. The turnout exceeded my fondest dreams. I want to personally thank each of you who came to Valley Forge and helped make our reunion a success.

Nothing comes to mind when we speak of 'ups' and 'downs'. I think everyone will agree everthing was mostly 'up'. We gathered in the Mirror Foyer Room of the hotel to enjoy our Italian Buffet — longest show line I ever stood in. After dinner much merriment took over and Colonel Larry Thomas, ex-group CO, gave us a short talk. There were some early departures but many of us were still in the room at 1:30 A.M. looking through old scrapbooks and phot albums. And you wouldn't believe some of the stories!!

Some special recognition should go to Harry Godes who journeyed all the way from Vancouver, Washington to be with us. We were also pleased to see General (Ret.) Andy Low. Two crews tied with four members each on hand, the Jim Reidy and Robert Catlin crews. Several from the original cadre that formed at Boise, Idaho were there and all I can say to you who didn't come . . . you sure missed something.

We also want to thank Bob & Harriet Atkins, Van & Jessie Dowda and Larry Thomas for allowing us to use your rooms as offical 'watering holes' the entire weekend. They were indeed hospitality rooms!

About the only business the 453rd managed to conduct was to reappoint yours truly as coordinator of the group for the coming year. Now . . . nearly everyone I talked with at Valley Forge told me they knew where this guy and that guy was from, etc. I wish you'd all sit right down and put these on paper and send them to me so I can get busy tracking them down and get them headed for Lake Geneva, Wis. We can't rest on our laurels. If we want to lead the division in attendance again next year we have to to get to work . . . NOW.

Speech by Mr. Thomas C. Eaton



I am this evening quite at a loss for words. So much has been said by Judge Bryan and Al Jenner it's like having the rug pulled out from under my feet. I can only begin by saying that the only capacity in which I'm accustomed to receiving so much money (the \$6,322 donation to the Trust Fund) is in my professional capacity as a Solicitor. This word has caused much confusion among your countrymen who have asked me what I am, and I told them that the definition in England of a Solicitor is a person to whom people go when they have been induced by someone they don't know to sign a contract they don't understand to purchase a house they don't want with money they haven't got!

It is kind of analogous in this particular case because you knew exactly what you were doing when you created the Trust and there has been no breach of contract on either side. It has been an experience we have shared together and it is something that has come out of an experience we shared together. Why are we all here tonight? Because, I think, we have all had a common experience. This is one of the reasons I brought my wife and family over here this year. To gain something by being with you in this Bicentennial year. An experience they shared which they will be able to pass on to their friends of the next generation, and this is what the Library is all about. It is an attempt by those of us, and by you in particular, who had an experience you will never forget to remind this and succeeding generations of what was so precious in the freedom that you preserved so that they might live.

I have now attended five conventions. Norwich in 1972, Colorado Springs, Wilmington and Norwich again last year and now Valley Forge. Each year I seem to be greeted by more and more people and I know more and more people. It's easier for us to work together. There is a feeling of comradeship between your Executive Committee and the Governors. We understand what it is all about and work unceasingly to achieve it. This has come from an experience which we have shared.

The airplane was one of the means of preserving our freedom, and after the war years it has become the means of our getting to know each other better. Just think of the charter flights, the air transport across the Atlantic. I couldn't have contemplated taking my family to America without the advanced aircraft we have today and neither could Al Jenner. Ten years ago it wouldn't have been on. Out of the war, and because of the airplane, we have the means of improving the dialogue and communication between ourselves. You've left behind you in Britain part of America, but also an inspiration to us and to ours.

I often wonder in this Bicentennial year how many of you who flew from bases in E. Anglia in those years of war realize the significance of where you were. Look at the map of Massachusetts. Ipswich, Norwich in Connecticut, Plymouth, Boston. You name them, names from East Anglia given to name places in your country by men and women 300 years previously who left England in search of religious and political freedom. And yet 300 years later you, the successors of the founders, were going back to the home of their predecessors to bases near those places to defend the freedom which your founders had come to America to change and develop. I

wonder sometimes how significant is the pride during this Bicentennial year that the new world came back to bases near the homes of the old and went out in defense of that freedom of which it was founded.

I am not surprised that you of the 2nd Air Division found it as friendly in Norwich and Suffolk because in a sense you were back with kindred spirits of those who defended their own freedom so many years ago. This, I think, is one of the messages of the Memorial Library.

I have a vision of this Library. Not as it is but as it could be in the years to come. As the hub of a wheel or, using one of the terms in your own Air Force, the leader charting the way for the remainder of the flight. There are many ways in which the Library can be developed to send out the message which it was created to send out. We could send, circulate and collect material to be sent to branch libraries throughout East Anglia and Norwich. We could send America in bound editions, Collections of records, tapes and slides for the people of Norwich and in our Schools as a means of making the next generation very aware of why you are what you are and how much they owe to what you have done. This is all possible given the money, given the vision and given the enthusiasm, and this is my vision of what the Memorial will mean to succeeding generations.

So, ladies and gentlemen, may I conclude my speech this evening not only by thanking you one and all for what you have done for the Memorial Library but also for the sacrifices made by Americans on our behalf. Thank you.

(NOTE: Because of space limitations this speech has been condensed.)

"The Ringmasters"

by Ted Parker
(491st BG)

I would like to extend my warmest thanks to all of you who attended the reunion this year. I know you had a wonderful time and it was the largest turn-out for a reunion that the 2nd Air Division has ever experienced. We could have used a few more 491st types, but I expect to see more and more attend future reunions. Once you attend a reunion it becomes habit forming, I can assure you.

The entire reunion was a huge success and my hat is off to all of those who made it so. Each year it gets better (I don't know how it's possible but it happens) and we are all looking forward to ext year.

The photo shows all who I could hold still long enough for our editor, Bill Robertie, to snap it. All were a bit tired by this time since it was taken on the last night just before the banquet, but they could still manage a smile. I hope to see more of you at Lake Geneva next year.



L to R - Kneeling: Stan Zak, Ted Parker
L to R - 2nd Row: Mildred McElhany, Patrick McElhany, Fanny Parker.
L to R - 3rd Row: Suzanne Winston, Lillian Kabcenel, Phyllis Cinelli, Kitty Le Noir.
L to R - Rear Row: Dan Winston, Milt Kabcenel, Guy McElhany, Vic Cinelli, Al Oliveira, Jim Le Noir.

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Breathing through the nose is nature's first-aid to safety. It keeps the mouth shut.

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NOTICE REUNION 1977

The Playboy Club at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin has been selected as the 1977 reunion site. The facilities have already been checked out and they are magnificent. Full details (with photos) will be in the December Newsletter to enable you to make your vacation plans early. Negotiations are under way to obtain the services of George Gobel (a former B-24 pilot believe it or not) for the banquet. Now that should be something!



Col. Griff & Joe Warth. That is Warth's natural look!
(photo by Pete Henry)



Al and Peggy Jones. Sign made by Milt Veynar.
(photo by Pete Henry)



Your newly elected President Earl Zimmerman.
(photo by Pete Henry)

1976



Ethel Randall from Norwich starts the dancing in the parking lot.
(photo by Pete Henry)



(l to r) Joe Aiello, Bomb.; William Moore, TG; Jackson Tisch, Nv.; Pete Catlin, Pilot.
(photo by Don Olds)



Emma Franklin made this Eightball skirt.
(photo by Pete Henry)



The Chief 'Honcho' Mummer. (l to r) Fanny Marker, Hazel Robertie & Vickie Brooks
(photo by Ted Marker)

Reunion Photos



Polish American string band.
(photo by Pete Henry)



Wanda & Tom Lankowski. He claims he is the best Polka dancer in the Division. Any challenges?
(Photo by Pete Henry)



Some could still fit into their flight jackets.

(photo by Pete Henry)



The beautiful and huge 2nd AD cake provided by Evelyn Cohen.

(photo by Pete Henry)



Dancing in front of the hotel.

(photo by Ted Parker)



Vickie Brooks lighting candle No. 7 for departed comrades.

(photo by Pete Henry)



(l to r) Ethel Randall, Lawrence Green, Fanny Parker, Ted Parker.

(photo by Ted Parker)



Lois Hand, Art (Red) Hand; Al and Peggy Jones.

(photo by Pete Henry)



(l to r) Van Dowda, O.K. Long, Don Olds, Harry Godges, Pat Parker, Bob Zakaitis.

(photo by Walt Edgeworth)



(Seated l to r) John Hildebran, Harriet & Bob Atkins. (Standing l to r) Marc Terziev, Ray Hunt, Walte Edgeworth, Jim Kotapish.

(photo by Walt Edgeworth)

Speech by Mr. Alfred Jenner



When I met my very first American I had no idea that it would eventually lead to my having to stand on my feet and speak to such a large gathering of American men and women at, of all places, Valley Forge in bicentenary year. Valley Forge is the symbol of American resistance to the British crown. In fact, this is where you plotted the defeat of the British. So, that first American has much to answer for.

Let me tell you a little more about him. He was 22 and so was I. Until I met him I was sure that all Americans were either Chicago gangsters, or baseball players. I knew from my history books that they all descended from an impossible gang of vandals who were so depraved as to throw vast quantities of British tea into the harbour just up the road at Boston. Bear in mind I was only 22. By that age I had become a rather average small-town English newspaper reporter and my first lesson about America learned from your young countryman was to find that, at 22, he was already well on the way towards becoming a concert pianist. In fact, this is how I first came to know him through his performance of Mozart's Turkish March which, to this day, I cannot hear without remembering that I was once 22 and still not even on the threshold of the wonderful world of music. He opened that door for me.

Nearer the point of this reunion is the fact that my first American and I met, not in England which at the time was crowded with American troops and airmen, but in a prison camp in Germany into which we had both been precipitated by our respective air forces — with some assistance from the Luftwaffe! He was one of the first American prisoners and thousands more were to follow during the next three years, some of whom are here tonight. Thus it was that many young Englishmen of a certain standard of education — required to understand how to cope with fairly complicated machinery in rather difficult circumstances — and their exact American counterparts were thrown together in a way which gave them a unique opportunity of understanding one another. My first impression was of the difference in outlooks, but this was rapidly replaced by the realization that those young Americans were much the same as ourselves though more ready to express their thoughts and emotions. The courage of your young men was expressed in deeds now written into history, but not the nonchalant dedication they displayed towards the idea of duty. We British pretended that we were only doing it because we had to, whereas you Americans were not ashamed to say that you were doing it because you wanted to.

Above all I remember the courage and generosity of your young men and would like to bear witness to these two qualities.

I have waited a long time to say this to an American audience and in so doing I am bringing you greetings from R.A.F. Bomber Command. First, your courage. As a prisoner in a camp on the direct route to Berlin in 1944-45 I often watched great groups of American bombers flying in formation to their targets in broad daylight. This is something the R.A.F. started doing at the beginning of the war, but rapidly turned over to night bombing. As I watched these missions, German fighters would rip into the formation and sometimes a bomber would keel over in flames, sometimes with parachutes emerging, sometimes not. If a crippled bomber dropped out of the formation one of your fighters would shepherd it away on its lonely attempt to get back to England. Meanwhile, the main formation would close the gap and fly on without deviation towards their target. This could always be seen because of the volume of flack going up, and here again your formations would fly steadily, straight and level, into the holocaust to drop their bombs. For cold courage I have never seen the equal.

As for your generosity, let me give one example. In February of 1945 I was in a camp in central Germany, with 4,000 British and about 1,000 Americans. Thanks to the efforts of the R.A.F. and the American Air Force Germany was in such a mess that nothing could get through to the camps and we were literally starving. Then one truck arrived at the local station containing cigarette parcels individually addressed to the Americans. We thought "lucky chaps," but in fact we were all going to be lucky. Without any discussion the Americans calmly shared out these life saving cigarettes to everyone in the camp. Life saving not because we were dying for a smoke, but because cigarettes meant food as the Germans would sell us some for that commodity.

I could go on, but those two examples will serve to illustrate why there is such a deep understanding between the English and the Americans. It is based on a shared experience and there must be a lesson in it all somewhere.

I am no philosopher but as a professional observer of life I would make one observation which might have significance for an organization like the 2nd Air Division Association. It lies in the fact that our friendship was forged at a time when most of us were so very young. Through associations like yours that understanding has been maintained, but we are all getting older.

How are we to continue to foster the understanding we have enjoyed without the great catalyst of war which threw us all together at such a young age? That is something to which we should now give energetic thought otherwise a great deal of what we have achieved in terms of understanding and affection may fade away as we of our generation will surely fade away.

I have just completed a 2,000 mile tour of part of your country which took me through small town after small town. During that tour I saw many of your lovely young people and I can assure you that we can match such youngsters on our side of the Atlantic. It follows, therefore, that the cultivation of young minds is the best hope we have of ensuring the continuance of the understanding of which we are all aware. In that respect, as your memorial library's newest governor, a position I am proud to hold, I am happy to say that I am sure that your Association is right to concentrate on the library which, after all, is no less than an American shrine in the heart of Norfolk, England.

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Just how important are the people in Washington who in one way or another have their hands on the business of government? Says one of them: "We are like ants caught on a log floating down a river. Every one of those ants likes to fancy that he is steering the log."

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News from the "44th"

by Charles J. Warth

At the Valley Forge Reunion in July it was easy to spot the members of the 44th as all were wearing their name-tags with the "Eightball" in proud display. Room 1404 was the hangar for the days and nights we were there, and it was much used by all. Special thanks are offered to all who chipped into the pot for the initial supply of liquid refreshment and to those who kept the kitty growing. There will be a refund (sorry that it will only be a partial one) coming soon to those who started the pot. Very special thanks are also offered to Lee Lowenthal for his extra generous gift of liquid potables which were enjoyed by all.

The membership of the 44th in the Second ADA is now at the 300 mark. Now to keep it growing. The only way we can is with your help. Please, send me some names and addresses to write to, you drop them a note too. I am at the bottom of the bucket now and getting ready to start a search of old telephone books and city directories to try and find some correct addresses of our old squadron mates. Lets make 76-77 the year we hit 500. It can be done IF YOU HELP.

The Playboy Hotel, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin has been selected as the site for the reunion in "77". Why don't you plan to be with us. Maybe, by chance, you can catch a bunny by the tail. Who knows? Stranger things than that were done in Shipdham and Norwich, and even down in London town.

Nuff for now, send me some names and addresses.

Memory of U.S. War Dead Survives In English Village

(Reprinted from Greensboro Daily News, Greensboro, N.C.)

By Brent Hackney

Because of their geographical proximity to the European continent, the English cities of Norwich and Norfolk were ideal locations for American air bases during World War II.

Daily, American fighters and bombers took off from those bases on missions over Germany and other strategic points on the continent. By the war's end in 1945, 6,032 Americans who manned those aircraft had died.

Two of those who died were Greensboro's Preddy brothers — George and Bill. The former was this country's first flying "ace" of World War II.

Neither the surviving members of the 2nd Air Division nor the people of Norwich (pronounced "Norrich") and Norfolk have forgotten those days. Before leaving England at the end of the war, the American servicemen decided it would be appropriate to leave behind a living memorial to those who lost their lives.

Each member of the 2nd contributed a small amount of money toward the establishment of the American Memorial Trust, and it was later decided that a fitting memorial would be an "American Room" in the new Norwich Public Library.

Because of building restrictions in post-war Britain, the library wasn't built until 1963. But when it was built, the American Room was made a part of it. In it are numerous volumes on America and its way of life.

Tom Eaton, who was lord mayor of Norwich in the late 1950's and now chairman of the American Memorial Trust, was in Greensboro this week and brought a glowing report on the status of the American Room.

"It is a unique contribution to the people of Norwich and Norfolk," he said. "It is entirely composed of Americana — books by and about America and Americans that normally aren't readily available in England."

Eaton and his wife were visiting in the home of J.D. Long, who is a member of the 2nd Air Division Association.

In a hushed, almost reverent tone, Eaton described the bookplates put into each volume added to the American collection: "In memory of those Americans who, flying from bases in these parts, gave their lives defending freedom — 1939-1945."

The American Memorial Trust is now sustained by an endowment overseen by an English board of governors. The 2nd Air Division Association recently committed to raise \$50,000 to add to the endowment for the purchase of more volumes. About \$16,000 has been raised.

The room, according to Eaton, a lawyer whose family has lived in Norwich for 200 years, is "in constant use. The people who come there are interested in a variety of topics about America, such as the space program, the history of American movies, books about American presidents and tour guides of the various states."



J. D. Long watches Tom Eaton sample barbecue.

Reunion 1976 44th Bomb Group "The Flying Eightballs"

by Jim O'Brien



Approximately 25 (?) 44th Bomb Group types and their family members gathered where George Washington lost a lot of sleep some 199 years before. It might be said that these 44th types lost a lot of sleep, too, but for different reasons. For one reason it was July 1976 for us and we liked the hospitality of Joe Warth's "pub" at Room 1404. George Washington was at Valley Forge in December of 1777, and his troops were complaining about the lack of rum, as well as, clothing, shoes, food and pay.

Just as the 44th gained glory in the events of 1942-1945, the 2nd Air Division Reunion of 1976 gave added recognition to our boys (and girls). With President Goodman Griffin guiding the 2AD during the past year we can feel proud of his accomplishments, especially those mellow humorous tales of Barksdale, Will Rogers and Shipdham. Goodman's story of how we got the Flying Eightball emblem deserves a repeat at every reunion. Another 44th regular, Bill Robertie, was honored for his contribution to the 2AD organization. On the final day we were treated with another technical masterpiece on film by that ageless Group Photo Officer, Ursel P Harvell. That film, taken March 24, 1945, on a low-level Mission to Wesel, Germany is a good documentary of a so-called "milk run" which turned out to be another Schweinfurt with the loss of 22 aircraft for

Eaton, who from 1942 until 1945 was a prisoner of war in Singapore, feels the American room symbolizes a very special affection that exists between the British and American peoples.

"You've got to understand that, in the main, the original founders of America left England in search of political and religious freedom. And 300 years later, their successors returned there to fight for freedom once again.

"That is why the American Memorial Trust and the men of the 2nd Air Division Association hold such a special place in the hearts of the people of Norwich and Norfolk."

the Division. By the way, this film is now available in Super 8 Color for \$49.50 from Harvell at P.O. Box 655, Ellenton, Florida 33532.

Some other 44th notes on the Reunion. Four members of one crew from the 506th Squadron were there — Kady Hill, pilot of K-Bar from Garrison, Iowa; Bill Hahn, Gunner from Lancaster, PA; Dwen Warren, engineer from Cromwell, Conn. and Walt Yost, gunner from Cranford, N.J.

After 33 years, two 68th Squadron roommates were reunited: Jim O'Brien (Sq. Commander) and Tom Landrum (Engineering Officer) were roomies back in Will Rogers, Oklahoma when the original 44th prepared for "someplace special". Jim was shot down May 14, 1943 and had not seen Tom since that time. Mike Neri, 68th Communications, also made it to his first reunion and shared his complete photo and news story collection with the boys.

Ted Scarlett found that flight engineer, Al Franklin, was shot down on the same mission to Weiner Newstadt in 1944. Al's ship crash landed and he made it back to England by walking and hitch-hiking plane rides to North Africa. Ted took the hard way and ended up in German POW Camps for over a year.

Charley Pig, crew chief for good ole "Lemmon Drop" breezed in and out of Valley Forge like a strong wind from Amarillo.

To sum it up, we are thankful to the 2AD Reunion Committee for bringing us together to share our common experiences of yesteryear.

Letters

To the Officers of Second Air Division:

On July 22, 1976 at 9 P.M. a meeting of the 448th B.G. was held with all members present.

Following a short discussion the following were elected unanimously:

Vice President — Joe Michalzyck
Chairman - Membership — Ken Englebrecht
Chairman - Historian — Walter Rude.

Respectfully Submitted,
George L. DuPont

Dear Evelyn,

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the Reunion program. I don't know how you managed to remember this small detail with all you had to cope with.

The Reunion was a smashing success due in large measure to your dedication to the cause and your flair for organization. We are all most grateful to you.

I enclose my check for \$50 to the order of the Memorial Trust as a small contribution.

My best to you

Very Sincerely,
Frederick vP. Bryan

Dear Evelyn:

Please forgive my belated thanks (and typing) for a most delightful and extremely professional planned 2AD Reunion. You are just simply outstanding! I, along with the many, many others just don't know how you managed such an enjoyable, memorable affair! For whatever it may be worth and I know it can not be enough, my warm personal thank-you for your efforts.

We of the 392nd had a terrifically SUPER time for, as you know, we had more folks there this time than ever before at our 'mini'. You can rest assured that I'll work at my VP end of things to get the 392nd membership well up over this next year. By my last count (and we picked up a few on-scene at VF!), we should have just over 100 392nd-ers aboard 2AD now. I have over 325 on my Group directory, and soon all will be getting a 2AD form along with tentative '77 reunion poop encouraging all to join-up. I'm shooting for well over the 200 mark in 2AD by this time next year as we now have 'Regional' contact guys for the 392nd membership effort through the U.S.

It was indeed a pleasure to meet you finally and your charming family. Many thanks again for a delightfully enjoyable time and I know Lake Geneva will be equally nice if you have a hand in it.

Warmest Regards,

Bob Vickers

P.S. Old Joe Whittaker is just one super guy! I really appreciated his support as well as that of the Board.

Dear Bill:

I must mention that Tom and his family came by Greensboro and spent two nights in our home while we showed them some of the local attractions, including some of old Salem over in Winston-Salem and the manufacture of cigarettes.

We were also lucky enough to arrange rooms for them at a South Carolina beach. One of our retired Air Force friends there gave them a boat ride past some of the old rice plantations and I believe they had an outstanding time.

Good luck on your next Newsletter and as for the \$50,000 we are trying to raise don't worry. I'm sure we will surpass it.

Sincerely,
J. D. Long

Dear Evelyn:

I know you will be receiving more mail than you care to read, but I have to say what a wonderful job you and the others did in handling the reunion at Valley Forge.

I gave a check for \$25.00 to the Memorial Library Fund from my profits on the sale of paper weights. I sold about 75. Thanks again for all your splendid work.

Sincerely,
Leroy Engdahl

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your notice in the Air Force Times of April 12, 1976, regarding the 30th reunion of 491st Bombardment Group caught my attention.

I am presently engaged in research for a book covering the bombing of Frankfurt in WWII. While I have quite a bit of local material, I have very little giving the American side of events. I assume 2nd Air Division units participated in missions against Frankfurt.

The purpose of my letter, therefore, is to contact former members of 8th USAAF that participated in missions against Frankfurt to obtain first hand action reports, debriefing reports, or other background material suitable for my book. This will of course be an excellent opportunity to present the American account of events.

I would therefore appreciate very much if you would make the content of my letter known at the reunion or provide me with a list of members of 2nd Air Division for direct contact.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely,
G. K. Lerch
Melemstr. 20
6 Frankfurt/Main 1
Germany

P.S. I am a native of Frankfurt and experienced the bombings in basements and shelters. In 1943 when 8th USAAF first attacked Frankfurt, I was 14 years old.

Dear Ms. Cohen:

I enclose herewith my application for membership in the Second Air Division Association, together with check in the amount of \$5.00 in payment of the annual dues.

My crew, which flew together out of Hethel, England, had its first reunion last month which was actually attended by seven of the ten members. The radio operator, A. B. Hamberg, and the tail gunner, Bernard J. Popyer, were unable to attend by reason of serious illness in their respective families. The waist gunner, John W. Rutherford, has not been heard from since approximately 1950.

I hope to make one of the association's annual reunions in the near future.

Yours very truly,
J. B. Maguire, Jr.

Dear Ms. Cohen:

I recently met a gentleman who was formerly with the 2nd Air Div. based in England in 1944. After we had determined that we had served in the same general area at approximately the same time, he briefed me on the fact that your organization not only existed but was actually celebrating its 30th Anniversary.

I have not been particularly active in veterans' affairs over the years but I've always felt a closeness to the officers and men with whom I shared the months of combat experience in 1944. I would like to join your organization, even at this late date, if that is possible.

For identification purposes, I submit the following:

Name: Robert E. Victor
Rank: Staff Sergeant - ROM Gunner
Unit: Crew No. 41, 734th Bomb Squadron,
453rd Bomb Group (H)
Pilot: 1st Lt. Nicholas Radocevic
Station: No. 144, Old Buckenham, Norfolk,
England

I joined the 453rd at its outset in Gowen Field, Idaho in June, 1943 and was part of the original cadre under Col. Miller.

Kindly consider this as a letter of application for membership and please advise me of your requirements and fees.

Yours very truly,
Robert E. Victor
3863 N. 98th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53222

(ed. note: It's never too late Bob and welcome aboard.)

Dear Bill:

Received your letter of August 7 and thank you for the additional information given us to help in our reunion of the 358th Fighter Squadron, 355th Fighter Group.

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$5.00 to cover dues for one year, joining again your outfit which I was a member of many years ago, and should have never dropped.

Anything you can do to help us will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,
Gordon H. Hunsberger
75 Congo Road,
Gilbertsville, Pa. 19525

(ed. note: If there are any 355th FG types out there please give Gordon a hand. I know he will appreciate it.)

Dear Evelyn:

Much to my regret, I was forced to leave the Second Air Division reunion early last week and wasn't able to stay for the Saturday program and banquet. Fortunately the thing of most interest to me was the 453rd get-together which took place on Thursday night and I got to renew acquaintances with several people I hadn't seen since 1944. After reading over a lot of the old 453rd records which Don Olds and Larry Thomas brought along, I realized how lucky I am to be alive.

Incidentally, my grandfather, with about 4 or 5 'greats' in front of his name, was one of Washington's soldiers at Valley Forge. I went over there on Friday and went through the old records and sure enough, his Connecticut regiment was one of those that went through the winter there in 1777-78. According to the records something like a third of Washington's army of about 11,000 men died there that winter from cold, exposure, hunger, etc. So I also guess I am lucky that my grandfather made it through that winter or I wouldn't be here either.

You and all the other people who worked on this reunion certainly did a tremendous job and are to be congratulated. I enjoyed very much meeting you and Don in person and he has also done a great job with the 453rd.

Sincerely,
Marc G. Terziev

Dear Evelyn:

After over thirty years, I am looking forward to meeting with some other members, in particular, of the Ordnance Section of the 735th Squadron of the 453rd Bomb Group or any other 8th Air Force personnel who may have been stationed at "Old Buckenham", Norwich, England during my stay there from December, 1943 to May, 1945. I will attempt to encourage other eligible Altoona area people to become members of what appears to me to be a very worthwhile and interesting organization. Congratulations and thank you, Evelyn Cohen, for the News Letter, Membership application and reunion data. A special thanks also to Don Olds for making contact, after all these years, and for the fine letter, News Letter and post card sent.

John E. McGough
322 Bell Ave.
Altoona, Pa. 16602

Dear Evelyn Cohen,

I have to tell you our first time to the reunion was an experience — a most enjoyable experience.

Letters

You made us feel welcome the first night — and after that I met the friendliest and nicest group of 'gals' I've met in many moons.

Right now we're trying to put the right names with the right faces — but already talking about going next year.

I know you won't mind hearing one more time — you did a fantastic job.

Sincerely,
Louise Gillotte

Dear Evelyn:

On a three week trip to England, while visiting the graves of my original crew at the American Cemetery at Cambridge, the man in charge called my attention to the fact that there was a "Second Air Division Association". So, now having joined, I have enjoyed the news letters and will definitely make the next reunion.

I was with the 93rd Bomb Group — 329th Squadron — from January 1944 through September 1944.

I was tremendously impressed by the Memorial Room at the Norwich Library. Anyone who served in the Second would be very proud when they see it.

It was almost unbelievable to find that the three runways at Hardwicke Air Base were still

there, and that our old Nisson Huts were still standing even though in a dilapidated condition.

Would appreciate hearing from anyone in the 93rd during the period January through September 1944.

Sincerely,
Bob Shaffer
719 Third St.
Oceanside, Calif. 92054

Dear Evelyn:

The Reunion was great

The Friday night Buffet was sumptuous

The surprise Band Friday night was fantastic

The Philadelphia tour was enchanting

The Tall Ships were interesting

The Saturday Night Banquet was fantastic

The Program and speeches were most enjoyable

The band and hotel service were excellent

We had a good time, you did a swell job.

Best wishes, I am,

Dick Dugger, Jr.
(Richamond Henre Dugger, Jr.)
Broadnax, Virginia 23920

(ed. note: Dick believes in coming right to the point!)

Dear Ms. Cohen:

Recently my husband, Richard, discovered through Delbert Mann that your organization existed. During their conversation he saw the Newsletter and found old friends. He also saw two publications "The Mighty Eighth" and "The Log of the Liberators". Do you still have them available?

He was stationed at Norwich, and flew 35 missions as 1st Lt., navigator with the 44th Bombardment Group, 1944-1945.

Enclosed is a check for \$5 for membership.

Sincerely,
Betty A. Haft
Richard A. Haft
301 North Maple Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

(ed. note: Sorry Betty, but the books are no longer available.)

About the 2nd Air Division Memorial

by
Jordan R. Uttal



As your representative on the Board of Governors of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust, I have been asked by our Editor, Bill Robertie, to keep you up to date on the

status of our current activities to continue the mission — to help every way we can to keep our promise which can be stated this way:

The 6,032 men of the 2nd Air Division (8th Air Force) who gave their lives flying from airbases in England during World War 2 will be remembered! When their immediate close ones finally pass on — their parents, their wives, their children, and their friends — the names of these 6,032 American Airmen will still be on daily view in Norwich, England — in the Book of Remembrance enshrined in the American Memorial Room at the Norwich City Library."

At the same time, Bill has reminded me that it would be well to review the history of our Memorial activities. So, in this and forthcoming issues we will try to do both — tell you how we are doing — give you current news of our activities — and look backward to bring all of us up to date — the new members as well as those of you who have been members for most of our 30 years.

Back in 1969, we were made aware that the interest from the Trust Fund (about which you will hear more later) was av-

eraging about 750 pounds per year. For several years, to supplement that income we made contributions out of our Treasury for the purchase of additional books. By 1973, we had to face the fact that inflation, worse in England than here, was cutting into our ability to maintain the American Memorial as we and the Board of Governors wanted.

The need was crystal clear — Increase the income!!! — and at our Reunion Convention in 1974 we undertook to raise \$50,000 over the next five years to add to the capital fund of the Trust. We made provisions for you to contribute to this project by adding whatever sum you could to your annual dues. We are happy to report that at the 30th reunion several weeks ago in Valley Forge we presented \$6,000 to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Tom Eaton — bringing our total contributions to the \$50,000 Capital Fund Target — approximately \$16,000. In short, we have achieved 32% of the target.

Another way of saying it is that we need \$34,000 for 1977, 78, and 79!

Now, with these additional funds in the capital account, the annual interest income is up above 1,000 pounds per year, but much more is needed.

To each of you who has supported our efforts, we extend our warm thanks. We ask you to keep up the good work and if possible, give more next year than last. Incidentally, you don't have to wait until next year's dues statement. Your contributions will be gratefully accepted at any time. When you wish to add directly

to the Capital Fund, just make out your check to 2nd Air Division Association and mark in the lower left hand corner, "For Capital Fund". The checks can be mailed to Dean Moyer, Evelyn Cohen, or me.

So, if you've hit it rich lately, and want to help us "continue the mission", open up your hearts and your check books.

Enough for the current picture — let's now look back a bit — for as much space as Bill can squeeze in.

Immediately after V.E. Day, in 1945, all of the Bomber and Fighter groups of the 2nd Air Division took up a voluntary collection for a suitable living memorial to their buddies who were lost in action. The sum of 20,000 pounds was raised and finally in 1963, the construction was completed and dedicated in the presence of a plane load of members of the 2nd Air Division Association who flew to England for the ceremony.

The American Memorial Room of the Norwich City Library is a beautiful room fifty feet wide passing thru two floors of the library to a height of seventeen feet. The room is specially lighted and has an Oregon Pine acoustic ceiling. It is furnished with writing tables, settees, and patterned Wilton carpeting.

The Book of Remembrance is kept in a specially designed cabinet of black bean timber lined with black leather, and each day a page of the book is turned, so that different names of the 6,032 members of the Division who gave their lives are constantly on view.

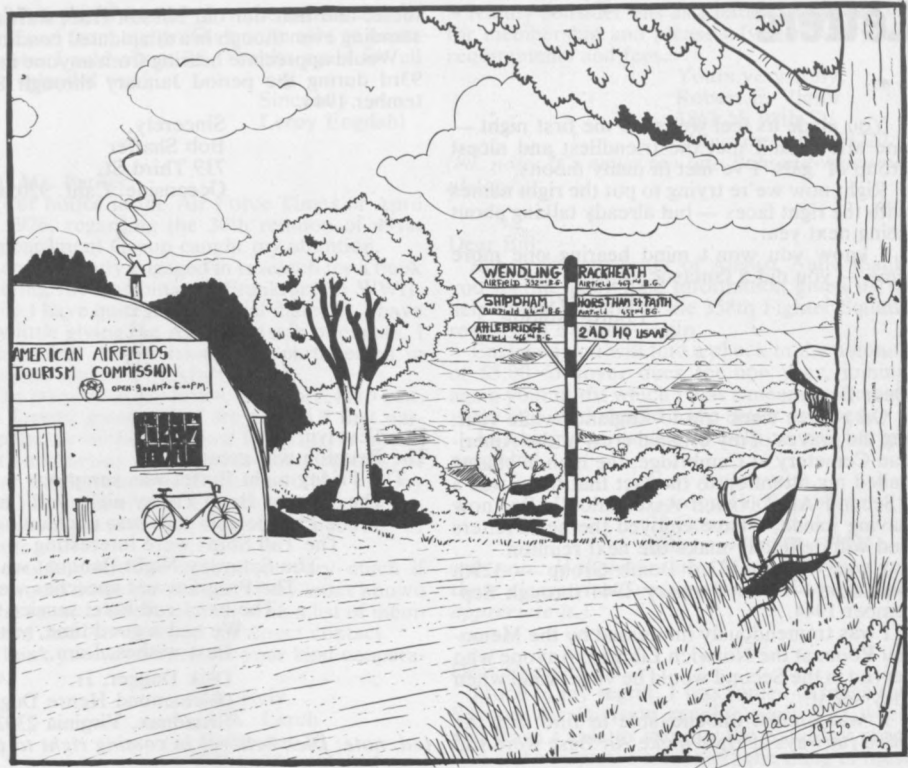
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CONFUSION REIGNS

Dean Moyer, our Treasurer, has advised me that members are causing him to lose sleep trying to figure out what goes where with their donations for the Memorial Library. It works this way: If you wish to make a cash contribution for a book you send a check direct to Miss Joan Benns, Central Library, Norwich NOR57E, England. Make the check payable to The Second Air Division Memorial Library. If you wish to make a donation to the capital fund of the Trust you can either send a check direct to Dean made out to the Second Air Division Association OR you can make your donation when you send in your dues statement which will be out in December.

Dean has figured out that if every member made a donation of \$12.00 spread over the next three year we would reach our goal of \$50,000 by 1980. Of course we realize this is not possible for many of our members on fixed and short incomes and all that we ask is to just do the best you can.

Now Dean, go to sleep.



MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOOKLET STILL AVAILABLE

SECOND AIR DIVISION
MEMORIAL
8th U.S.A.A.F.



The Memorial Library booklet was first printed in 1963 and was available for the opening of 'The American Room'. We had a second printing in 1975 in the belief that many, if not all, of the new members would enjoy reading about how the Memorial took the form it did and how the idea came about. The 1975 edition was expanded to cover all activities from 1964. It is very interesting reading and sells for \$2.00 plus fifty cents postage for first class mail. Send checks to William G. Robertie (made out to the Second Air Division Association), P.O. Drawer B, Ipswich, Mass. 01938.

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Work hard and save your money, and your altruistic friends will help you divide it with those who do neither.

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AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME

Earlier this year, long time member Aaron Schultz retired from a very successful business career. Now Aaron is not one to look at a rocking chair and consider it inviting. Action was what he wanted.

In Valley Forge he approached us with a plan. We would send some of our movie film to him and he in turn would arrange to show these at Civic functions, Private Clubs and to Professional organizations for the sole purpose of seeing how much money he can raise for the Memorial Trust Fund. He feels that when our story is told donations will be forthcoming.

Aaron will start this in High Point, N.C. where he lives and then join forces with our Vice President, J. D. Long, for showings in Greensboro, N.C. where J. D. lives.

This has never been tried before and we have no idea how it will come out, but whatever happens we know it is going to be a magnificent effort. Should they succeed we will then be looking for volunteers in other parts of the Country to do the same thing. With members like Aaron and J.D. coming up with ideas such as this we could very well hit our \$50,000 goal well before the 1980 deadline. We wish both of them every success.

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Through the windows of this room can be seen the Memorial Fountain and Garden. The Fountain is set in a pool twenty feet long and ten feet wide with rocks and stones collected from our fifty states arranged as a rock garden. In the bottom of the pool is a mosaic pattern based on the five pointed star in which are imbedded the stones of the fifty states with the 8th Air Force emblem and commemorative inscription cut into the stone coping slab.

During the eighteen years which elapsed from the collection of the fund to the actual construction, the money was held by the Board of Governors of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust and invested so that there was almost as much in the fund after construction as was originally collected. This Fund, and its income, is designed to pay for a continuous flow of American periodicals and books selected by the Library Committee, and for the maintenance of the comfortable, intimate and gracious appearance of the American Memorial Room.

The American people can be proud of this living memorial which represents a bit of American Soil in England in the area in which so many hundreds of thousands of American Soldiers and Airmen participated in World War 2.

The thought and care given to this project by the American Memorial Board of Governors, the 2nd Air Division Association, and our English cousins who have supervised and administered this Trust Fund are a great testimony to man's humanity to man.