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## 2ND ADA HOLDS 'FAMILY' REUNION

Several times in his speech to the members and their relatives in attendance at the final night banquet our President, David G Patterson, spoke in terms of members being 'Family', and you know he's right., Look at it this way.

From the moment you were born until you entered the service you belonged to one family. Upon entering the service until you were discharged you belonged to another 'Family', one of close friends. From the day of discharge until today you acquired another 'Family' rich in sons, daughters, nieces and nephews. Like most families your 2nd ADA family gets together once each year to reminisce, greet old friends, make new ones and to relive those days when the 2nd AD family was fighting for its life. Add all this up and everyone of us has lived three lives. We are indeed lucky.

This year I'm not going to deal in 'numbers' other than to say we had our usual large turnout. Site selection, the Hyatt-Regency situated on the banks of the Charles River, simply proved what we've known all along — that Evelyn Cohen is a master at picking the ideal spot pertaining to accommodations for members who came from far and near.

This year we were honored to have some of our English friends sharing our family reunion. Tom Eaton, Miss Joan Benns, Tony North and Ken Fox and his wife. Tom, of course, is Chairman of our Board of Governors for the Memorial Trust. Miss Benns is the former assistant librarian of the Norwich



**Your leaders at work. Work????**

**(l to r) Dean Moyer, Evelyn Cohen, Jordan Uttal, Pete Henry and 'Choir boy' Dave Patterson.**

*Photo by Coleman*

Central Library now enjoying retirement. Tony North is a long time friend of the Association, and Ken Fox is a new found friend.

The first night we held a barbecue on the garage roof and even though it rained briefly not many headed for cover. Evelyn assured all present that it would stop shortly, and indeed it did. The 'Mini' reunion night saw the individual Groups get together in their own rooms to conduct Group business after enjoying what was supposed to be another fine dinner. It wasn't. It was the only bad situation during the entire reunion, but they haven't heard the last from Evelyn on that. The final night banquet was a joyous time for all with 'our' music and 'our' style of dancing.

It was during this period, the last day

and night, that I was able to meet with many sons and daughters, plus nieces and nephews. This represents a rich supply of people to carry on the ideals of the Association for many years to come should they all decide to join. They came, they saw and, I hope, they were conquered.

In any event everybody had a marvelous time and all left looking to next year where the convention site will be San Antonio, Texas. Due to the heat problem it will have to be held in October and we hope this will not inconvenience anybody who would otherwise attend if it were held in July, our usual time of year for our convention. So everybody start planning for next year, and with Evelyn at the controls it should be a humdinger.

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## President's Message

I thank those of you who attended the Boston Reunion, for honoring me with the opportunity to serve you as President for the coming year. I am proud to be privileged to serve in an Association which is so special to me.

It is special because of the closeness of membership ties. Our Association members and their wives are united by bonds which can best be described as family closeness: We all worked, suffered, and won, side by side, in the struggles of both the Great Depression and in the far-reaching World War II. We were further unified in our wartime service; B-24s; East Anglia; sameness of generation; our dedication together to improve the World. And our membership exemplifies yet another common tie: We have chosen together to remember those of us who died along side of us in the War. Our Association helped to establish, and is dedicated to preserving in perpetuity, a living memorial to our lost brethren — the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library Wing of the Central Library, Norwich, England. No more fitting remembrance could be conceived than this Memorial located in the center of our wartime activities — a library facility in use daily, available to all, to tell about America, about our democracy, our equality, our freedoms — those ideals we fought for to preserve for the World. No other veteran's organization boasts such a memorial.

Our Association is special in other ways, too. It is now over 33 years old (and as such, one of the oldest combat veteran's organizations in the U.S.), and has matured, prospered, and grown under good management, maintaining its independence from other organizations and from military overtones so that it may best concentrate on serving its "family"; by providing a focal point, a bridge, and a meeting ground, to revive and perpetuate comradeships among those who served in the 2nd Air Division during the War; — and by providing the organization and leadership required to en-

sure adequate preservation of the Memorial for evermore.

Our responsibilities — those of us who as members are enjoying the benefits of participating in the Association activities, and of supporting these worthwhile principles of the Association — are clear:

First, we must search for and reach out to all who served with us in the 2nd Air Division, 8th U.S. Air Force, in World War II, and encourage those who are not yet members to join with us and share in our activities and objectives. *This we owe to them.*

Second, we must continue to support the Memorial wholeheartedly in both spirit and materially, that it may most assuredly continue into perpetuity. *This we owe to those of us who gave the supreme sacrifice.*

This year, the Association is most fortunate in having as executive vice-president, Vincent La Russa, a very capable and devoted leader. You will hear from him often as he and I work together to coordinate the Association's activities. This year we are privileged to have a strong contingent of Group Vice-Presidents. These men are the true "backbone" of the organization; the dedication and hard work they put forth has been and will continue to be a key factor in the success of the Association.

We have the committed service of those people detailed above; we have in addition the competent, seasoned leadership of our "old timers": Evelyn Cohen, Bill Robertie, Dean Moyer, Hathy Veynar, Jordan Utall.

But none can function without one essential: *YOU.*

Only through *YOU* can we we have a living, vibrant Association. I count on each of you to unite with us in renewed and dedicated efforts to discharge the responsibilities outlined above: to bring into our "family" its lost or strayed members; to support our Memorial wholeheartedly so that its foundation shall never be shaken; and to participate to the utmost in Association activities, that our 2nd Air Division Association shall continue to be the finest in existence.

David G. Patterson (446th BG)

## Necrology

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## Notice

The Rosters have been mailed and I wish to take this opportunity to thank those who included a little something extra with their request to help with the mailing costs. It was greatly appreciated.

Bill Robertie

## 453rd REUNION REPORT

by Don Olds (453rd)

You folks who failed to make it to the convention missed having a great weekend. I know I say the same thing every year, but it's true. Just ask the first timers. They all told me they had a most enjoyable weekend.

Our mini reunion was held Friday evening in the Molly Pitcher Room of the Hyatt Regency. After a memorable dinner of corned beef and cabbage some of the crowd ducked out to watch the fireworks over the Charles River. Those staying behind were treated to some excellent stories laced with humor. We played a tape of Walter Matthau's tribute to James Stewart for those who had missed it on TV. Several of the guys spent hours looking through the photo albums and binders of old orders, base newspapers, etc. We were still there at 1 A.M. when the clean up crew arrived and started taking down the tables around us.

Friday afternoon we held our 453rd business meeting and a couple of major projects



(l to r) Del & Doris Wangsvick, Maxine & John Fiorillo, Jim Kotapish.

## WITH A LITTLE BIT OF HELP

by Hank Tevelin (466th BG)

Those in attendance at the mini-reunion held at the Hyatt Regency, Cambridge, this past Fourth of July weekend vowed to reactivate the coverage of our great fighting 446th Bomber Group in the Second Air Division Association Journal. Bill Robertie assured us of the space, but it's up to all of us to send in articles of interest. In an attempt to do my part — I received pre-publication editorial approval of this tale from Bill Robertie — my journalistic endeavor follows:

I flew as navigator with Joe Tikey in the 785th squadron. George Smith was co-pilot and F. J. Spigelmire was our bombardier. We were part of the original group, landing at Attlebridge in mid-February, 1944. Smitty shortly took over his own crew. Tikey's crew, a lead crew, eventually went into pathfinder, and we had our goodly share of thrills, heroism and good old comradeship. We permitted the brass, all the way up to Generals, to accompany us on the various missions that included leading the entire Second Division several times.

are going to be undertaken. The members voted to erect a memorial on the Old Buckenham village green honoring all those from the 453rd who died defending freedom. Milton Stokes will be handling this project. At a later date a separate mailing will be sent out soliciting funds. Your generosity will be thoroughly appreciated.

We're also hopeful we can publish some sort of pictorial history of the 453rd Bomb Group. I've got several photos that will get us started. But we're hoping for input from the rest of you people out there to truly make it a representative history. So, we're asking you to send me photos, of EVERYTHING. I'll copy them and get them back to you as soon as possible. Now, in the past years when I've asked people to send various things I've had response from one percent or less of our members. If that's the kind of support this endeavor will receive it won't get off the ground. Don't think someone else will probably send a bunch of stuff and you won't have to. That someone just might not be sending anything either. I know that your pictures are either up in the attic or buried in a closet. But please, dig them out and send them. We plan on putting captions on the photos and the book will also be interspersed with other bits of information. Right now it looks like it will be soft cover due to the cost of book binding.

Saturday evening we occupied several tables in one corner of the banquet room. After a nice dinner we did some dancing and one of the 453rd men, Bob Sage, won the ruby ring that had been raffled. Some had to say an early goodnight as they had early flights to catch out of Boston Sunday morning. As the years go by it seems that

We safely completed our tour of combat on November 29, 1944, the last of the original crews of the 466th Bomb Group to do so.

Over the years, Tikey, Smitty and I have kept in touch. Sometime ago we tried to trace down our bombardier, Spigelmire, and learned of his tragic death several years previous in a fire while on a business trip to California.

In this pursuit, I spoke with several members of the Spigelmire family in the Baltimore, Md. area and subsequently heard from a Sister Venarda, who in fact is the sister of our deceased bombardier. Spig had often spoken fondly of his sister, and deservedly so. At the time we were flying combat she was a teacher of a second grade class in a Catholic School and I had heard the story from Spig that there was a picture of our crew in that classroom and each day the youngsters said a prayer for all of us. Over the years, Sister Venarda has progressed in her chosen field and is currently the head administrator of a retirement home for elderly nuns located near Baltimore. In our telephone conversation, she confirmed the sad news concerning "Spig" and most generously asked me to be certain to visit with her if the opportunity ever pre-



(l to r) Seated: Lucille Stokes, Ginny Stokes, Ramona Myers & Ed Myers. Standing: Bob & Jean Ann Coggeshall, Phil Meistrich, Milt Stokes, Dorothy Bertrand, Mike Benarek and Bill Bertrand.

those of us who make it to the reunions every year have grown into a kind of family. What a great group of people we have. And, we have room for many more in San Antonio in '81.

Besides those registered whose names appear elsewhere we also had some visitors drop by. William Joyce and Ted Wiengard came over to the hotel. Ray Hunt called from his home on Long Island where he's recuperating from heart surgery to wish us well. My wife and I would also like to say thanks to Bill and Dottie Eagleson who met our plane, took us to their house and to dinner on our first night in Boston.

One non reunion item. I received a letter from Steve Birdsall, a prolific aviation writer from Australia. He said he's going to write a book featuring B-24 nose art. Some of the 453rd planes he'd like to show are, *My Babs*, *Rainbow Goddess*, *War Bride*, *Son of the Beach* and *Notre Dame*. If you have photos of any of these planes could you please allow us to make a copy? We want the 453rd to be well represented in Steve's new Book.

Sent itself. Sometime later my wife, Edie, and I had the occasion to accept her invitation and spent a couple of hours in the company of this very gracious lady. In the course of our conversation the story of the picture came up and Sister Venarda told me that she still had it in her possession and would be pleased to give it to me. Shortly afterwards, I received it in the mail and, needless to state, it is one of my most prized war mementos.

Now, along with occasionally keeping in touch with Tikey and Smitty, I also keep in touch with my friend Sister Venarda. We exchange notes at Christmas and sometimes in between. She was pleased to hear from the Memorial Library in Norwich a couple of years ago that Edie and I had made a donation to it in memory of her brother, Francis J. Spigelmire. And, in fact, on a recent trip to Europe, she made it a point of going out of her way to visit the library.

In closing, a personal aside to Joe Tikey. Old buddy, without hesitation, I say you were the principle reason that we survived 30 missions together, but I'm convinced that we also owe a little debt of gratitude to that second grade class in a Catholic School somewhere in Baltimore in the year 1944.

## About the Memorial SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

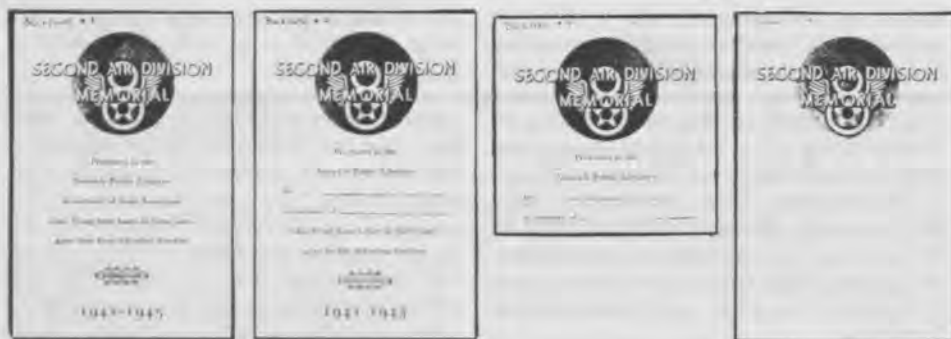
by Jordan Uttal

Last year following the 1979 Convention in Norwich, I reported to you in these pages that thanks to your continued generosity the Association had successfully completed our five year drive to raise \$50,000 to be added to the Capital Fund of the Memorial Trust. I take equal pleasure now to inform you that at our 1980 Convention in Cambridge, Mass., the donations from you which accompanied your annual dues remittances enabled our Treasurer, Dean Moyer, to hand over another \$5500 to Tom Eaton. This was very gratefully received and helps our Memorial Trust Fund in its battle to keep up with inflation.

We do most sincerely continue to solicit your annual donations with your annual dues. They are very much needed and you will be helping to keep the flame alive and flourishing with whatever you can spare for this worthy and unique cause.

There are, however, additional ways you may find it convenient and gratifying to help. We refer to "Special Contributions" to the Memorial Trust Fund that you may want to make at any time during the year in memory of someone special who has passed away, or to celebrate some special occasion in your lives.

Printed below are four Bookplates which will help to demonstrate these possibilities.



Bookplate #1 is placed in all books purchased with funds given to the Library by the Trust.

Bookplate #2 may be used in connection with a "Special Contribution" from you in memory of one of your buddies who was a war casualty.

Bookplate #3 is a modification of #2 and can be used in memory of anyone close to you who has passed away since the War. This applies not only to individuals with whom you served but also to any relative or friend.

Bookplate #4 may be used in books purchased with a "Special Contribution" from you in which you have the privilege or opportunity to commemorate any special event in the lives of anyone whom you wish

to honor — the birth of a grandchild, a wedding, graduation, confirmation, birthday, etc. In this type of Contribution you may write your own message of dedication. In all of them except #1 your name is used, and if you wish, your Group number.

All of the above applies to "Special Contributions" given by you for the specific purchase of books. You may instead make a "Special Contribution" to the Memorial Trust Capital Fund in your own name or in memory of, or dedicated to, a specific individual. In such cases, the contributions are acknowledged (just as book purchase donations are) to you or to the family of the person honored, and the contribution is listed in the Annual Report of the Trust. Whatever your wish, instructions from you should accompany the "Special Contribution".

So you see there are many ways you can help and many opportunities to memorialize someone to whom you feel close. Your "Special Contributions" will be very welcome, and they are very much needed. They will help accomplish the purpose of keeping the Trust alive, and at the same time expressing your feelings towards a loved one.

Please make out "Special Contribution" checks to the order of the Second Air Division Association and mail them to me in

Dallas. I am told by our past President, Pete Henry that checks made out to the Association are *tax deductible*. When I receive any such checks they will be deposited by our Treasurer who in turn will issue a check to the Trust which I will mail to England with your special instructions. We use this procedure so that the tax deductible feature will apply.

To clarify, only checks for the "Special Contributions" should be sent to me. All other funds for dues or your annual contributions to the Trust should continue to go to Evelyn Cohen who in turn forwards them to Dean.

Again you have our deep appreciation for your support.

Jordan R. Uttal

## 8-BALL NEWS

by Pete Henry (44th BG)

The 33rd Annual Reunion in Cambridge, Mass. was another huge success and 558 people attended the Gala Banquet on Saturday night, July 5, 1980. The 44th Bomb Group representation left something to be desired. We only had 28 people from the 44th at the Mini-Reunion on Friday night, July 4, and you can see elsewhere in this Journal just how many 44thers were registered. Yours truly was re-elected Group Vice-President by the majority of those 28 at the Mini-Reunion. Just think . . . if more of you had been there you might have elected a new Group V.P.!

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We were honored to have with us, at the Mini-Reunion, Lt. David H. Klaus who is on active duty with the 44th Strategic Missile Wing, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. The 44 SMW is carrying on the heritage and tradition of the 44th Bombardment Group since activation at Ellsworth in 1962. The 66th, 67th and 68th Squadrons are part of the wing and charged with maintaining 150 Minuteman II ICBM's. Lt. Klaus, representing Col. R.W. Schoonmaker, 44 SMW Commander, invited all former 44thers to a 40th anniversary reunion to be held at Ellsworth AFB 13-14 December 80. Commander Schoonmaker has established a heritage program and base museum and is looking for photographs, letters, books, flying clothing — memorabilia of all types, to place on display. Anyone interested in attending the reunion, or supplying memorabilia, should write to Commander, 44 SMW, Ellsworth AFB, So. 57706.

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In the December 1979 Journal, 8-Ball News, I mentioned that Group History Information could be obtained from Albert F. Simpson Historical Research Center at Maxwell AFB, Ala. They replied to my inquiry that this information is available on 16mm microfilm. C.W. "Will" Lundy has spent hours upon hours transcribing the 44th Official History from this microfilm. He is continuing with the project and anyone looking for specific information about their tour of duty with the 44th B.G. in WWII might drop him a line at 3295 North 'H' Street, San Bernardino, Calif. 29505.

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Also in that December 1979 Journal, I requested material for this column. If you want news about the 44th B.G. you've got to provide it. Let's hear from you.

## OUR 33rd MISSION

by Francis Di Mola (445th BG)

It was really a thrill to have attended the 33th Reunion of the 2nd Air Division for many reasons. The events started by attending the Executive Meeting held on July 3rd at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Cambridge, Mass. This was the first time that all the Group Vice Presidents and the Executive Committee met. It was here that I met all the Group VP's and all the leaders of our Association. Holding the reunion in Cambridge was indeed a great historical place because the neighboring city of Boston was celebrating its 350th anniversary. The fireworks display was a sight to see. A few of the folks attending have never seen such a display.

After the Executive Meeting, I greeted many of the people arriving at the hotel. There were many faces that I recognized from our previous reunion held in Norwich, England. Later that evening an outdoor barbecue with square dancing was held. Even with a FEW drops of rain we continued on with our get-together.

Our business meeting was held the following day and an even greater attendance was on hand. A short thank you speech was given by Thomas C. Eaton, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Norwich, England. Plans were made for the next reunion which is scheduled for San Antonio, Texas.

Our Mini-Reunion Dinner of the 445th

Bomb Group was attended by 38 people. We had a few fellows who just happened to drop by after reading about our 2nd AD notice in the local papers. Reporters were around the Hyatt Regency with hope of Jimmy Stewart attending, but no such luck. The first timers in attendance were: Beth & Pete Barnard, Mass.; Cyril N. Clarkson, New Hampshire; Theodore G. Cummings, Maine; Jennifer Di Mola, Newton, Mass.; Virginia & Louis Di Mola, Groton, Mass.; Russell Hainey, Pa.; James N. Kidder, Mass.; John Leary, Mass.; Dorothy & John Nortavage, Pa.; Donald Oakley, Mass.; J. Watson Smoot Jr., Maine; James Wagner, Mass.; and Loretta & Joseph Wilski, Pa.

Among our repeaters in attendance were: Evelyn & Charles Cooper, Florida; Betty & R.J. Campbell, Texas; Elizabeth & Frank Di Mola, New Jersey; Jean & Kenneth Fox, Norwich, England; Anita & Edward Goldsmith, Illinois; Betty & Carl Marino and daughter Diana, Colo.; Herbert Rudh, Minn.; and our special guest, Mildred (Billy) & Robert Terrill, Florida; and of course our newly elected President and his wife, Joan & David Patterson, Calif.

At the Group mini dinner reunion I had the honor to meet and talk to our first Group Commanding Officer, Robert Terrill. When I first saw Bob, I was a Private at Boise, Idaho and Bob was a Captain. As time went by, I received THREE STRIPES and Bob received THREE STARS. I approached Bob by saying "Hi, Bob," and

without a salute, "it isn't many times that a Sergeant can come up to a General and greet you the way that I did."

We continued into our final day with a boat ride around Boston harbor. I revealed much history and beautiful scenery. Accompanying us on the trip was Joan and Kenneth Fox from our colony across the ocean, England. We all showed them where their kin folk landed here in America. Isn't it funny how the English towns are named after so many here in America.

The Big Banquet — what a crowd — what an atmosphere — what a nite. Just wall-to-wall people, all jumping to the Miller, Dorsey music. It was a real honor for me to partake in the candle light ceremony in memory of all our air campaigns. But most impressive and honorable to me was that my daughter, Jennifer, daughter-in-law Ginny and my son, Louis were in attendance. We, the 2nd Air Division have left a great impression upon them. This is a way for us to get Associate Members into our association. It was also an honor for me to have been elected Vice President of the 445th BG. My immediate plans for the next re-union are in full swing. I have E.O. (Buddy) Cross, of Amarillo and Max Loya of New Mexico combing the area for an all out Texan reunion. I would like each member to try and bring in just ONE new member for the coming year. Let us find some of our long lost buddies and talk about the past.

## 458th COMMENTS

by George A. Reynolds (458th BG)

Congratulations to Rick Rokicki on being reelected Group veep for another year. We're really getting "our money's worth" in Rick. Not only does he work hard on regular activities, but he undertook a project of assembling custom plaques decorated with .50 caliber shells, and all profit goes to the 2nd ADA treasury. These plaques are outstanding, and if anyone wants a unique memento, now is the time to get a goodie for himself at a reasonable price while putting something in the Assoc. pot. At Cambridge, Rick presented Dean Moyer with a check for more than \$150.

Traced the command pilot who survived that lead ship fiasco over Hamburg in August, '44. Dr. John Chamberlain now resides in Idaho. Robert Schmidt, 755th Sq., reported in from Calif. Also, Lloyd Chapman in Fla. and Leo Smrz in Wisc. No luck yet on James Thomason in Birmingham, Ala. I had a short but enjoyable visit with Don Echols, one of the 458th twins, recently. Nothing like those personal wartime experiences to maintain interest and keep the pot boiling with Group history. Bob Armbruster also called, and naturally a rehash of Norwich '79 occurred first. And he tells me that Laurence C. Gram had died suddenly. Mr. Gram was the 96th CW his-

torian, and a few years ago he presented his personal papers to Norwich Central Library — it is likely the most complete and best account of operations in the 2nd AD on file there.

Another enjoyable talk with Fred Slocum, who is pursuing (seriously) the existence of B-24s stashed away at Kingman, AZ. Rumor says there are some . . . or at least a building still houses many Lib parts. While stationed in Japan in the mid-50s, I read that the Indian AF was phasing out its '24s, and quite a number were simply wasting away on ramps for lack of maintenance and a few parts. He sent a letter off to the Indian Ambassador in Washington right away, but his reply was, "There are no more B-24s anywhere in India."

Steve Birdsall is working on a new book of nose art that appeared on '17s, '24s and '29s (sorry 'bout that "Boeing fans," but they did have it too) during wartime. The 458th will be well represented by some of the best looking ladies that flew with ANY Group. Thanks to Jake Krause, J.P. Johansen, Paul Dirker, Bob Vincent and others for a big assist on 458th artists. If anyone can identify the men who painted those dolls, I'm sure Steve will be grateful for this info — send it directly to him or I'll be happy to relay.

Archie MacIntyre's (492nd) article on "Silver Chief" in the last Journal was very interesting. And I'm sure that many Group

alumni remember this bird wearing 458th markings and flying their missions. No mixup or typo occurred. The 492nd suspended combat operations in Aug. '44, and some of their ships came to the 458th as early as June. Another well-known vet from that Group was "S.O.L." (it had the same girl on both sides, but blonde on one, brunette on the other. Guess wigs are not so new after all.) It was modified to carry Azon bombs in that project's latter stages. The "Chief" was salvaged 11 Jan. 45, according to Clyde Vetter of Naples, Fla, who hadn't heard of the 2nd ADA before.

There is an interesting story on one Capt. Sellers in the Group, and he was somewhat of a pioneer radar expert who accomplished quite a feat on instrument approaches after a very trying mission. Does anyone remember the captain's full name or other details? One account has it that he had been at Horsham so long the GIs thought he was an Englishman in American disguise.

Finally, I received a nice letter from Odell Dobson (392nd) in reference to a thank-you note on printing the new roster. He closed with a remark of gratitude for a letter to the editor telling about the 2nd ADA being around. We now have 4,000+ members, but in 1945 there were about 50,000 members known to have been in the 2nd Air Division. Gotta be some around somewhere, see if you can't find a couple of them.

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Thomas C. Eaton  
Chairman Board of Governors

The 33rd Annual Convention of the 2nd Air Division Association, which I attended, was held this year at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel, Cambridge, Mass. between the 3rd and 6th July. Approximately 556 members, including wives and other guests, attended what was a well organized and happy function.

From my point of view the occasion was made more pleasant by the fact that this year I did not have to make a long speech at the Banquet and, indeed, that occasion, in my opinion, was considerably improved by the Association ensuring that all remarks were kept short and there was no "set piece" speech.

Another improvement was that the Business Meeting was held at 10 a.m. on the first morning, Friday the 4th July, and this year ladies were allowed to attend. The President, Pete Henry, was an admirable chairman, the proceedings were thoroughly good humored and all business was completed, including talks by Jordan Uttal and myself on the Memorial Library and future policy, by 1145 hours.

The following details will be of interest to you:—

1. Membership of the Association increased from 3,080 in May 1979 to 3,894 in June 1980. An increase of over 800 in a year.
2. The new President is David G. Patterson of 28 Squire Court, Alamo, California 94507. It is probable he will be visiting England, with his wife, in May/June 1981 and will lay the wreath at the Memorial Day Service at Cambridge Cemetery. He intends coming to Norwich and I shall be writing him on that point and the matter of hospitality. Whether the Annual Meeting of the Governors should be arranged to coincide with Mr. Patterson's visit is a question he will discuss with Jordan Uttal.
3. Jordan Uttal intends to be present at the next Annual Meeting and after Christmas the Clerk will initiate the usual letters to agree on a date that is as convenient to as many Governors as is possible.
4. I returned to England with two checks from the Association. One for \$5,500 is to be used as an accretion to the Capital Fund of the Trust. The other for \$100 is to be used for the purchase of books in memory of Tom Copeman and Dick Gurney.

It will be for the Governors to decide what books are purchased to honor the memory of our two previous chairmen and the librarians have been asked to submit lists for consideration at our October meeting.

Possibly some of you may like to add to the gift or join in with supplementary gifts? I suggest no action be taken until we meet!

5. It is probable we shall receive a further check from the Association to cover over \$350 raised by a raffle at the Convention and other gifts made by individuals which had not been quantified when I left.
6. With regard to the raffle money, it has been agreed that can be used to defray expenses to be incurred in obtaining architects' drawings for the proper display of the Freedom Shrine.

# SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

June 30, 1980

SAVINGS FUND ACCOUNT — Citizens National Bank			
Balance May 28, 1979			\$ 1,543.79
Receipts: Interest for 15 months to 6/1/80			101.98
Receipts and Balance as of June 30, 1980			1,645.77
MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND ACCOUNT			
Balance May 28, 1979			11,226.82
Receipts to June 30, 1980 - Donations			6,687.00
Receipts and Balance			17,913.82
Disbursement to Library Board July 17, 1979			13,000.00
Balance June 30, 1980			4,913.82
GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT			
Balance May 28, 1979			14,064.93
Receipts: Membership Dues	24,409.75		
Decals & Memo Brochures	20.00		
Interest Earned	1,456.91		25,886.66
Receipts and Balance			39,951.59
Disbursements:			
Journal: Honorarium	200.00		
Monthly Exps. (13 mos.)	2,565.28		
Printing & Envelopes	850.01		
Typewriter Repairs	143.55		
PO Box Rental (2 yrs.)	60.00		
Film for Conventions	96.00		
Printing Journal (4 Iss)	6,425.70		
Postage - Mailing Journal	5,900.00		
Addr. Labels & Hauling	940.00		
Envelopes	569.45		
Extra Help	1,269.40	19,019.39	
Membership: Honorarium	200.00		
Printing	632.30		
Postage	1,200.00		
Extra Help	350.00	2,382.30	
Group V.P.s Postage	777.36		
Printing By-Laws	262.66		
Filing Fee for 2 Yrs (State of Ill)	17.00		
Exec. Board Mtg. in Phila. Nov. 1979	281.00		
Wreath for Cambridge, Eng. May 1980	41.00		
Printing Checks by Bank	10.50	1,389.52	
Total Disbursements			22,791.21
Balance June 30, 1980			17,160.38
Fund for Purchase of Books, San Diego 1978	1,110.00		
Books purchased for Library	1,256.80		-146.80
Balance General Fund Account June 30, 1980			17,013.58
			<u>\$23,573.17</u>
Capital Fund Payments to Library Board			
1973	\$ 1,293.00	Citizens Natl. Bank, Sav. Fund	\$ 1,645.77
1974	2,322.00	Dollar Sav. Bank, Sav. A/C	10,004.42
1975	8,000.00	Pgh. Natl. Bank, Cert. of Dep.	10,000.00
1976	6,000.00	Citz. Natl., Bal. Checking A/C	1,922.98
1977	5,215.00	Total Funds June 30, 1980	<u>\$23,573.17</u>
1978	14,170.00		
1979	13,000.00		
Total to June 30, 1980	\$50,000.00		

Dean E. Moyer, Treasurer  
2 AD Association

7. On the matter of the Freedom Shrine, I was presented at the Banquet with a substantial plaque for display in the Library and that I brought back with me from the U.S.A. Mr. David Mawson has been instructed to prepare plans, drawings and other information for consideration by the Governors at our October meeting. A

full report will be sent to you nearer the date of that meeting.

8. Those commemorated in the Roll of Honor now number 6,051.
9. In private conversation Bill Robertie raised with me two points:—
  - (a) The need to print a new and revised brochure

# Thirty-Third Annual Business Meeting

## 2ND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Cambridge, Mass. — Friday, 4 July 1980

- (b) Whether it would be possible to carve on the wooden screen, or otherwise display prominently, full details of all the Groups who formed the 2nd Air Division
10. It is for consideration whether we should suggest to the Imperial War Museum/Norfolk County Council that a well designed Notice should be erected commemorating each airfield.
  11. The 34th Annual Convention of the 2nd A.D.A. is to be held at San Antonio, Texas, in October 1981 on a date that has still to be fixed. Details may be available with the January Newsletter.  
I am considering, with my wife, whether we could attend by organizing our annual holiday in the Autumn of 1981.
  12. It is clear from what was said and done at the 1980 Convention that the 2nd A.D.A. are determined to continue, for as long as possible, to raise additional funds for the Memorial Trust. How much will be raised, or what form gifts and donations will take, remains to be seen. The Freedom Shrine is an illustration of the fascinating "surprise" element in the type of gift and it will be for us to use well and to make the best use of all the various gifts. As a matter of interest the Freedom Shrine cost the Exchange Club of Garland, Texas, approximately \$1,000. Future Newsletter will illustrate the variety of ideas the Executive Committee of the Association have in mind.

Among those present at the Convention were Brigadier-General Bob Terrill and his wife. He sent his best wishes to all who might remember him whilst he also asked particularly to be remembered to Geoffrey Holmes and Betty Jewson.

Hitherto we, as Governors, have been on the receiving end when it has been a matter of raising additional funds for the Trust. We have, over a period of thirty five years, provided expertise in many ways but to date we have taken no positive steps to add to the resources of the Trust by action in England.

There is no doubt that we have reached a point in the development of the Trust when to have an American as Keeper/Librarian would help considerably, but it seems to me unlikely that donations from America in the foreseeable future could amount to a sum which would generate enough income to pay the salary of a Librarian, and enable us to maintain the library as we would wish.

If I am right in that assessment it seems to me that we have a responsibility to try to raise here in England the money needed to guarantee the salary of an American Keeper/Librarian for a trial period of at least three years.

To act in that way will require careful and thorough preparation of our case and detailed consideration as to how and to whom it should be presented, and it is a matter of such importance that it ought not to be left to the Chairman, the Clerk and the Librarians.

At our May meeting we appointed a Working Party, under the chairmanship of Roger Freeman, to investigate, pursue and develop audio/visual aids. That will be a continuing task over a number of years before everything in that field is brought to fruition.

The meeting was called to order by President Pete Henry at 10:10 A.M. with approximately 300 members in attendance. A warm welcome was given to all. General and Mrs. Robert Terrill; Tom Eaton, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust; Tony North, Friends of the Eighth; Joan Bennis, Retired Librarian of the Norwich Library and the Executive Officers were introduced to the membership.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was made by Dean Moyer. Motion was made and seconded that the report be accepted.

Evelyn Cohen, Membership Chairman, reported that as of 1 July 1980, we now have 3,894 members. The 446th and 458th Bomb Groups led with the most new members. She thanked all Group Vice Presidents for a job well done.

Jordan Uttal, American Representative to the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust gave the following report:

"It is with great sadness that I must report the death of Tom Copeman and Richard Guerny both of whom were members of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust: A moment of silence was observed for two governors and our own members who have passed away during the past year.

"At the Board of Governors meeting in May, Tom Eaton was re-elected as the Chairman to the Board of Governors.

"Lt. Col. Bill Wuest (Retired) was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Governors. We are still trying to get representation from the Cultural Attache instead of the Air Attache.

During the past year we have gained £4,248, part from interest on investments and the rest as donations from the members. 320 books were purchased in addition to the 182 books which we brought with us to the meeting in Norwich. 2,723 books were borrowed from the library room last year.

We are adopting a special contributions project of four different bookplates which is explained fully elsewhere in this Journal. In addition to the bookplates in memory of deceased veterans, you can now have them in memory of whomever you please, such as birth of a grandchild, nephew, niece, etc. It is an opportunity for all to give support to our Living Memorial.

Tom Eaton reported that due to the fact that more and more people are visiting America, there is a great need for Audio Visual Aids and they are in the process of being prepared. He gave a short report on what the Board of Governors is doing for the Memorial Trust."

I therefore suggest, for your consideration, that at our October meeting we set up a working party with the sole object of investigating how best an American Librarian could be appointed and that having been decided, to pur-

### President's Report:

"The various groups are to elect or re-elect their Group Vice Presidents at the Mini Reunions.

"Movies and slides will be shown in the Ballroom at 1:00 P.M.

"Reported that Tom Eaton represented the 2nd Air Division Association by placing a wreath in Cambridge, England Cemetery on Memorial Day. We express our thanks to Tom for representing us.

"The new roster is available by sending a request to Bill Robertie and he will send it to you.

"We have now obtained our IRS Exemption and expenses as a delegate to the Convention may be deducted under contributions: 2nd Air Division Association Non-Profit Veterans Organization for members only. Donations may also be deducted."

Due to the high cost of printing and postage, it has been necessary to increase the dues effective 1 January 1981 from \$7.00 to \$10.00 per year. A motion was made and seconded that dues be increased. Motion carried.

A discussion on the site of the 1981 Reunion ended in San Antonio, Texas being chosen with the date to be sometime late in September or early October due to the intense heat during the month of July.

Jordan Uttal asked that a standing vote of thanks be given to Pete Henry for his outstanding job as President.

Dean Moyer made a motion that all those attending the Convention be declared a delegate. Motion seconded and passed.

The Nominating Committee chaired by Rick Rokicki with J.D. Long and Joe Whitaker presented the following slate of officers.  
President ..... David Patterson  
Exec. V.P. .... Vincent D. La Russa  
Secretary ..... Hathy Veynar  
Treasurer ..... Dean Moyer  
Membership V.P. .... Evelyn Cohen  
Journal V.P. .... Bill Robertie

Nominations were opened on the floor. None were forthcoming. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the above slate of officers be unanimously accepted.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that an honorarium in the amount of \$200 each be given to Evelyn Cohen and Bill Robertie.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Hathy Veynar  
Secretary  
2nd AD Association

sue ways in which money could be made available to the Trust, by way of grant or otherwise, for the purpose of paying that Librarian's salary.

**Photos by Barkev A. Hovsepian (466th)**



Waiting to board the Boston Harbor cruise ship. One of the "Tall Ships" in the background.



Barkev "Barky" Hovsepian (466th) and Pauline "Polly" Hovsepian.



Tom Eaton



Boys from the 458th (l to r) Rick Rokicki; Herman Mandel; Tom Walom; Tony North, F.O.T.E.



Hazel Robertie, ?, Vickie Warning, Dot Arbaugh.



Ted Parker, 491st; Joan Benz; Bill Robertie, 44th.

**Photos by Jim Auman (466th)**



The rains came and the women adopted Arab headgear while those FFFs (fearless fighters of the forties) hoisted chairs.



Husband and wife. Wrong. Dean Moyer and Snookie Auman. Fear not. Jim Auman took the picture.





## *In Memoriam*



### RICHARD QUINTIN GURNEY TOM COPEMAN

The people of Norwich, the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust and the 2nd Air Division Association have suffered two tragic losses in the last few months.

It was with deep regret that we reported, at the Cambridge Convention the passing of Dick Gurney, aged 65, and Tom Copeman, aged 84 on April 26th and June 16th respectively. Suitable respects were paid to these dear friends of our Memorial at our meetings, and a collection was taken to present funds to the Library to purchase books in memory of them both.

DICK GURNEY served our Board of Governors as a member, Vice-Chairman, and Chairman, for over 30 years, succeeding his Father who was one of the original founder Governors. He was killed in a riding accident, having been thrown from his horse and sustaining injuries that proved fatal within hours of the incident. Well do all of us who attended the 1972 Convention in Norwich remember the reception he and Mrs. Gurney gave for us at Baudeswell Hall on the evening we arrived, and we will miss him as will all of his friends and family in Norwich and Norfolk.

At the time of his death Dick was serving as Vice Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, and prior to his appointment in 1979, he had served as deputy Lieutenant for ten years. In 1956 he was the High Sheriff of Norfolk, the 7th of his family to hold that post. In 1961 and 1962 he was Lord Mayor of

Norwich, the 3rd of his family to be so honored.

Dick Gurney retired from Barclay's Bank in August 1979, although he remained a director of their main Board. The Gurney family have been in banking in Norfolk for over 200 years, and helped found Barclay's Bank in 1896. He was active in a multitude of Norwich and Norfolk civic, church and athletic activities. Educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge, he served in the Royal Artillery in France and North Africa. He was taken prisoner at Tobruk, escaped in 1943, and ultimately returned to Norwich to take up his long and illustrious career in business, and public service. All of us in the Association, and his Legion of friends and admirers in England join in sharing the sorrow experienced by Mrs. Gurney, their four children and family.

MR. TOM COPEMAN was an original founder Governor of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust in 1945 and served on the Board of Governors until he retired in 1972 when he was appointed an Honorary Life Governor. Apart from his enormous contribution to the care and development of our Memorial from the time of its inception, Mr. Copeman served for 58 years with the Eastern Counties Newspapers. He retired in 1971 from the Board of Directors after a distinguished career as a journalist, and will long be remembered as the man who shaped the character and presence of

the Norwich newspapers.

He started as a cub reporter at the age of 18, joined the Royal Flying Corps at the outbreak of World War I, served in France and Belgium, took part in the Somme offensive, in 1916 — the great retreat in 1918 and the final advance that preceded the Armistice.

On his return to Norwich in 1919, he took up his duties with the papers, becoming editor of the Eastern Evening News in 1923, editor of the Eastern Daily Press in 1937, and advanced to membership on the Board of Directors until his retirement. He was of the grand tradition of writing editors, contributing articles to the papers even after his retirement. During World War 2 he kept his papers going in spite of the raids, and the absence of half the staff on military service, and it was during those years that he became friendly with and attracted to the American Forces stationed in Norfolk. Attachments were formed which made him a logical choice, and a more than willing worker in the cause of our Memorial.

Tom Copeman and Dick Gurney join the ranks of those whom we will remember for their contribution to the victory of the democratic way of life when it was our very great privilege and honor to defend it.

Jordan Uttal

## The .50 Caliber Plaque Caper

When I started this venture late last summer, I had no idea that by July 15, 1980, I would have completed 67 units. Since then, I've received a number of "orchid" letters and no one took me up on the "100% money back guarantee". Also, in some cases, a few generous members added up to \$5.00 extra over the purchase price. All this helped a bit to cover the parcel post cost of \$143.13.

I was able to give Dean Moyer a check for \$152.75 at the Business Meeting, July 4th in Cambridge, for all profits made up until that time. As a result of the orders, I received at the Reunion, an additional check for \$50.25 will be mailed very shortly. The total of \$203.00 to the Association treasury will be used to supplement money that Evelyn would use to pay dues for those who

find that a fixed, retirement income, coupled with the increased inflation costs, made it a bit difficult to remain a member of the 2nd A.D.A.

I want to sincerely thank all those who participated in this effort. Not only was complete satisfaction expressed with the Plaque, but the added revenue to the treasury is a step in the right direction to keep our operating costs down. For those who intended to contact me about a plaque, but for some reason never managed to get around to it, here's your last opportunity. I still have materials left to make a number of units. If I can't fill your order, I will return your check.

Sincerely,

Rick Rokicki (458th)

# Bomb Groups by



44th



93rd



445th



389th



446th



392nd



448th

by Bob Coleman



467th



453rd



489th



458th



491st



466th



492nd



Two Past-Presidents, Pete Henry and Rick Rokicki, surround Dave Patterson, our new President and try to tell him how to run his job.



Dick Bottomley's three lovely daughters helped brighten the scene at breakfast one morning.



Henrys, Franklins, Washburns, Aumans, Laskowskis, and Phil Manson enjoy Bar-B-Que on Garage roof just before the rains came and forced the group to move downstairs to the ballroom for the Square Dancing.



This is for your own personal collection, Bill. A potty clock.



Jim Auman and George Dickinson scan the horizon for Nazi Subs during tour of Boston Harbor.



Ceil Rokicki, Mary Henry and Caron Veynar (standing) help out at the registration desk.



Charles, Helen and Don Freudenthal relaxing in Ballroom after we got rained out at the Bar-B-Que on the Garage roof.



Hazel Robertie, Art Cullen, Bill Robertie and Ceil Rokicki emptying glasses after Bar-B-Que.

# Pete Henry



Walt & Dottie Pojasek - friends of Hazel & Bill Robertie



Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Wick and Mr. & Mrs. George Dickinson at Bar-B-Que and Square Dance.



Dick Bottomley, Dick Comey and Al Franklin at 44th Mini-reunion. First time Al Franklin has seen his Pilot, Dick Comey in 35 years.



Eleanor and Floyd Kingsley welcome members to 33rd 2ADA Annual Reunion.



Al Franklin, Emma Franklin and Mary Henry get together in Hospitality Suite the first night in Cambridge.



The new and the old. Incoming President Dave Patterson and departing President Pete Henry at cocktail party before mini-reunions.



Dean Moyer, 2ADA Treasurer, and wife Deanie, and daughter, at cocktail party before Gala Banquet.



The Presidents wives. Mary Henry, Joan Patterson and Ceil Rokicki.

# BULLETIN BOARD

Regarding the making of the "389th Bomb Group Citation" film which was shown at the Cambridge, Mass. Reunion, General Miller, the owner of this film has given me his permission to have this War Department film reproduced for anyone who wishes to have a copy.

The film is 320 ft. long, 16mm sound black/white and pertains to the Ploesti air raid. I have just had a copy made to see how it would reproduce and the copy is excellent. The cost for same is \$55.00. The price includes reel-box and postage.

For those that have a super 8mm projector, the cost is the same but I have to make at least 15 copies in this size at one time in order to get this size reproduced.

I will be glad to accept all orders for this film for the next 60 days after the September Journal is mailed. If I do not receive enough orders to make 15 copies on the Super 8mm sound film, I will return the monies to those that have ordered same.

If anyone has any questions, they may write me direct to:

A. C. Schultz,  
P.O. Box 18  
High Point, N.C. 27261

Request latest information of Ham Radio activities for 8th Air Force net. Have been in the hospital for removal of tumors and this has now taken 3 months of my time. Have about one more month to go in the hospital and will then be on the air, working on 21330 frequency at 1700 G.M.T. (Greenwich Mean Time). Sure would like to work some old cronies on ham radio, having same interest of an 8th Air Force net.

Warmest regards from

Radio K3LGM

Operator John M. Paraniuk, 389th Group

## THE SAGA OF "BIG TIME OPERATOR"

by George DuPont (448th)

Allen Bowman was crew chief of 712th B.T.O. (Big Time Operator). a Disney cartoon of "Jose Carioca" was painted on the B24's nose. Allen was a Tennessee lad who was inherently a little lazy. Each engine change required endless hours removing carburetor, pumps, generator, magnetos, propeller and governor, priming system, plus cowling etc. and building up the bare new engine. Allen took to leaving parts off that he deemed unnecessary, such as priming system. He was the only one who could start all four engines, as he alone knew their secrets.

As the war progressed, B.T.O. kept going on missions and coming back. Slowly they accumulated, and proudly each one was to become a small yellow bomb symbol painted under the pilots window. The aircraft was in dull, dirty war brown paint and together with the grime, dirt and mud of

months of use, presented a woeful appearance.

A new crew fresh from the states looked searchingly for some vital signs of life under her dirt encrusted hide and finally in hopeless dejection turned to Allen and in sheer horror exclaimed, "My god! This ship is long, long overdue for the graveyard."

Allen looked at this young, clean shaven wild eyed Lieutenant and replied, "I'll tell you what, Sir. You and your crew take her upstairs and if you don't like the way she flies, Bail Out! She *knows* her way home!"

B.T.O. had more than 119 missions at the end of the war, although not all were painted on for fear of frightening the crews. Allen Bowman and B.T.O. led the 448th back to the states — the only ship to last the war from our group.



# Letters

Dear Bill:

My wife and I enjoyed the 33rd Annual Reunion so much we describe it to everyone who listens. Please accept our sincere thanks to all for those who did a marvelous job. It was inspirational and fun, too.

I have enclosed some pictures you might want to keep for your scrapbook. Also, enclosed is a cloth set of original (vintage) wings to sew on your running suit. (If you recall I promised to send them.) Perhaps the wings might enable you to cut down your running time to the Ipswich post office.

It was exciting to meet so many first timers as well as the old timers. I plan to correspond with those we met and send them pictures, too.

Let me take this opportunity to thank Odell Dobson (392nd) for riding to the rescue regarding the 2AD Roster. May I please have a copy of the Roster.

Tony North of F.O.T.E. wrote to thank us for our hospitality and tell us that he won't forget his Boston visit for a long time. We showed him all the historic and interesting sights we could squeeze in.

Up, up and away the 2ADA. We are looking forward to Texas next year.

"Barky" Hoysepian  
(466 B.G., 787 B.S.)

Dear Ms. Cohen:

The other day a neighbor, Charlie Logue, here in Manchester, Mass., loaned me a couple of Second Air Division Association Journals. What a wonderful thrill after all these years. The memories came pouring back: Bungay, Flixton Castle, Norwich. The "White Swan" and the day Major Crawford was mistaken for an ME262 in his Mosquito and his own gunners shot him down over Germany.

Enclosed is a check for membership patches, stickers, etc. Please apply the balance to the Library Fund in Norwich.

I was nose gunner aboard Lt. Lynn Moats' Shady Ladie. 446th BG, 705 BS.

Gregory P. Connolly III

Dear Ms. Cohen:

Please find enclosed check for \$10.00 for one years dues, plus 2nd Division Blazer Patch. I was transferred from Training command and joined the 389th Group, 564th SQ under command of Col. Ardery at Bigs Field, El Paso, Texas in January of 1943 and remained with the group until it was deactivated in June of 1945. I was transferred from SQ to Group Hq. between the two African trips (I remained at Hethel) as a clerk in S-2 I worked in the section just across the hall in Hq while Col. Ardery was our Operations officer. I would like to get a copy of his book. Where do I order it?

John W. Pettey  
715 Kirkwood Dr.  
Dallas, Texas 75218

Formerly Sgt. John W. (Cactus) (Cac) Pettey, Hq. 389th Bomb Gp., Hethel Air Base, England. (as a Texan serving shortly after John Nance Garner (Cactus Jack) 2 terms as VP, I picked up part of the nickname.



Dear John (Brown):

Upon noticing your letter to Evelyn in the June 80 2AD Journal re absence of article or photo on the 466th bomb group since Dec 78, which was the first thing on my mind when I picked up this edition, just wanted you to know that we aren't all too old or flak-happy yet to respond. In case memories are weak, I was the 786th operations officer from Sept. to Dec. 44, and squadron commander of the 785th from Nov. 44 to July 45. Lets hope the enclosed photo — which I hope gets printed — will bring back a thought or two. Would be glad to see you or hear from you, or any other 466th member any time.

Lt. Col. Eugene C. Roberson

Dear Bill:

Please send a copy of the new roster to this retired 458th BG airplane driver. I have been in and out of a few WWII aviation oriented organizations, but 2ADA has made the greatest progress and has the best publication of any. The current Journal is a thing of beauty.

Odell Dobson's company has made an outstanding contribution to 2ADA. I intend to let him know my personal feelings shortly.

G.F. Gabriel (458 BG)

Dear Evelyn:

Congratulations for a terrific reunion and banquet!

We thoroughly enjoyed everyone's company and wish to thank you for the invitation.

We were greeted at the door by Dave Sweeney, then Dean Moyer. Everyone was just so friendly. Thanks for the excellent meal and wine.

Wishing you the best of luck and continued success for a great group.

Don & Ann Kent

Gentlemen:

I would like to apply for membership in the Second Air Division Association.

I served in the Second Air Division in the 785th Bomb Squadron of the 466th Bomb Group from late March to 30 August 1944.

I was navigator on the crew commanded by Robert Johnson of Toledo, Ohio. The other crew members were: co-pilot Herman O. (Steve) Graf, bombardier William Thompson, engineer Steve Fecho, radio operator Red Tasker, nose turret Jim Lewis, ball turret Tony Molorni, waist gun Russ Knight and tail turret Dick Wooten. The crew flew 30 missions and finished up together.

Until last week, I had never heard of the organization but now I hope to become an active part of it.

I enclose a check in the amount of thirty dollars in payment of dues, for two Blazer Patches and "whatever."

If something more is require dof me, please let me know.

Edward S. Stiteler

Dear Evelyn:

I just recently joined the Second Air Division Association.

I found out about it through a notice in the VFW magazine for the 446th BG reunion. I wrote to the vice president of the group, Mac McCarty, and along with information on the reunion, he sent me an invitation to join.

I joined since my father was with the 2nd Air Division during the war, and thus have an interest in flight jacket art.

My father, Angelo John Indre was with the 446th BG 706 BS from May to mid September 1944, and his B-24 was called "Do-Jin-Don". He also flew a number of missions in a plane called "Kill Joy" and completed his 35 missions.

I hope to get my father to write a short story for the Journal about his crew.

About my interest in flight jacket art, I am attempting to write a book on the subject and I am having a tough time locating painted jackets to photograph or even getting original photos to copy. If there is any way you can help with this, I would appreciate it greatly.

I have received two Journals so far and I'll tell you its hard to put them down. Those who put it together do a great job.

I would like an application for membership for my father.

Also you will find a check enclosed for \$15.00 for two Second Air Division blazer patches and one window decal and the balance I would like to donate to the American Memorial Room, Central Library.

Will keep in touch.

Gary A. Indre  
3329 Elm Terrace  
Falls Church, Virginia 22042



Dear Bill:

The June issue of the Journal contained a shot of Jim Tollefson's wife with a background view of Delectable Doris of the 389th Bomb Group.

To narrow it down a little further, the plane belonged to the 566th Bomb Squadron and was known also as R-plus.

Enclosed is a close-up of the front portion of the plane. It would appear that the plane Delectable Doris is that in name only nowadays since the picture in the Journal is missing the portrait of Doris. The print enclosed was taken by myself and developed in the Squadron Photo Lab some 37 years ago and the print seems to have faded a bit. At any rate, Delectable Doris was done in flesh-colored tones and really was delectable. Credit for the picture on the plane goes, if I'm not mistaken, to M/Sgt. Paschal F. Quackenbush, the Squadron painter par excellence and also Aircraft Inspector.

I have other photos of Delectable, so you need not return the print.

Gordon M. Baker  
(389th BG, 566th Sq.)



Dear Ms. Cohen:

Enclosed is a picture of some of the men that kept them flying for the 579th Squadron, 392nd Bomb Group. From left to right: Sgt. Gene McFarland, Sgt. Shinn, M.Sgt. Beau, Cpl. John Kjelshus, M.Sgt. Tom Zuber, Sgt. Woder, Cpl. Long, T.Sgt. Heausser, Sgt. Gaynor, Sgt. Predl, T.Sgt. Tanner, and M.Sgt. Hopkins. It was taken at Wendling Air Base on May 12, 1944. I would appreciate it if you would print this picture in a future issue for the benefit of those men in the picture. We arrived in England in August, 1943 and departed in May, 1945.

I am also enclosing a check for \$15.00 to cover my 1980 dues. The balance can be used for postage or whatever.

I would also appreciate an up to date roster so I can get in touch with my former comrades.

Gene McFarland

Dear Evelyn:

Like many other times, I have let other pressures be the excuse for not writing or responding in time to do something I'm very much interested in doing. When I received your Newsletter No. 5, I pegged it to my personal bulletin board for later response. Today, I "found" it again, three weeks too late, after the July Reunion.

My name is Bill (W.B.) Hall. I was with the 446th (704th Squadron) at Bungay from September '44 to June '45. Those nine months of history have left me with many fond memories that have remained over the intervening 35 years.

I am enclosing \$7.00 for the 2nd Air Division Association dues and wish I had known before of the Association. There are many people that I can still see in my mind that I would love to see in person. Could you please send a copy of the current membership roster so that I may see if any former close friends are available for contact.

Just a few facts are enclosed for info. Still married to my high school sweetie after 35 years (July 1945): Charlotte Holden Hall from Findlay, Ohio.

My plane was "RED ASS" (Walt Disney Red Donkey).

My flight crew included:  
John T. Biltgen — CoPilot (Chicago)  
Wm. J. Rybicki — Navigator (Mass.)  
Robert H. Holbeck — Radio Operator (Midwest)  
Ralph Dean — Engineer (Texas)  
Frank Trevarthen — Waist Gunner (Midwest)  
Albert J. Koury — Nose Gunner (Mass.)  
Alfred A. Gissi — Belly Turret (N.J.)  
Elmer F. Mackey — Tail Turret (Calif.)

The Ground Crew names are not recorded in my notes but I remember the Ground Crew Chief and the hot stove in his hut on the line. I also remember the scare I gave the Ground Crew and myself as we "surveyed" the German scene on "VE" day along the Rhine and the Lorelie bend in the Rhine; also, the view of the Cologne cathedral tower holes from "street level."

Wm. B. Hall

P.S. I'm also interested in the "446 BG History" if copy can be obtained.

Dear Bill:

Let me first identify myself. I am a member of the Second Air Division Association. Was a first pilot with the 448th, flew thirty five missions and got home April 1st, 1945. Didn't make a bit of difference what they called the day, that old Statue of Liberty looked mighty good that morning!

I just saw your "urgent notice" in the March issue relative to mission information on the 93rd group. The information I give you may be old news to you however, if it is not, write:

HQ Albert F. Simpson  
Historical Research Center, USAF  
Maxwell AFB, Alabama 36112

I did this relative to group information on the 448th and was advised of available microfilm on mission data and group history. I was able to obtain an extremely interesting roll of microfilm covering missions during the period I flew, at a nominal cost of \$12.00. Since our small town library has two microfilm viewers, I would guess that viewers are available at all libraries.

It was quite a thrill to read of a mission I was on and see my name on the formation sheet, in the position I flew that day. The report further listed mission destination, group commanders critique, who aborted and why, and on and on. I even found a report of an abort that I made, which the powers that be determined to be pilot error and, in their judgment I should not have aborted. I can only conclude that it is much easier to make an after the fact determination, in the comfort of an easy chair, with the help of three other officers discussing your decision. It is entirely another matter when you are lumbering down the runway with 2700 gallons of gas and 5000# of bombs, in a recognized ground lover, on a runway that is 5500' long and you know you need 7500' to be comfortable! The aircraft is pulling to the left and you are trying to decide whether it is the wind — or the ice on the runway — or whether the gear was twisted yesterday when the ship was taxied off the strip and had to be pulled out of the mud with a tractor, — and you have three seconds to decide whether or not you can get this behemoth off the ground before you smash through the caravan off the end of the runway!

The worst thing that could happen to the critiquing officer is, he could fall off his chair. My decision had a little more serious consequence.

Pardon the reminiscing. I guess I qualify for the old soldiers home however, it seems strange to me that memories such as the above, are so vivid, even after all these years, but when my wife asks me to stop by the grocery on the way home, I have to write down anything over two articles.

I do hope the information will help you. If it does not, it doesn't matter since I have already done enough productive work today and am entitled to waste a little time.

I do appreciate all the effort and time you have put into the publication. I thoroughly enjoy it and read it from front to rear.

Harold Soldan (448th)

Dear Ms. Cohen:

Having been out of touch with my crew since 1945, I would love to know their whereabouts - addresses etc. Our names and pictures were in the 389th as a lead crew. However before that we were in the 445th and a few reminders, such as, our favorite dog was "E.T.O." — three legged and angry with the natives. Aircraft by the name of Patches - Wing Ding - Hitlers Hearsie. Come on some of you should recall and reunite thru such a wonderful organization as the Second Air Division Association. It was the worst and best part of my life (8th AF). Complete military career - 30 years (24 active, 6 inactive). Write to Evelyn Cohen — Speak up.

C. B. Cloninger

Dear Bill:

This was my FIRST reunion of the 33 you've had already. It was memorable to say the least. The mini-reunion banquet brought back "shades" of the RAF mess — unforgettable shades! And that candle lighting service literally brought tears. I'm for keeping up with the 2nd Air Div. from this point on. Please send me a roster. Thanks to the staff!

Richard E. Bottomley  
Lead Pilot, China Clipper  
(66th BS - 44th BG)

P.S. Will you give my best to the printer-man who sat by me at the banquet. He left early and I didn't get the chance to say "good-bye" to him. He's quite the man - even for a guy who puts things into mothballs for the government. Don't let him do that to the 2nd AD. Cherio.

Dear Mr. Kent (Don Kent, printer of the Journal)

Now you sees them — now you don't!  
As master of ceremonies at our 2nd Air Division banquet on July 5th, I was prepared and eager to introduce to our 558 attendees two friends of the Association, you and your wife. Bill Robertie has spoken of you so often and told us all how cooperative and considerate you are in your tender care of our Journal that we wanted to thank you publicly and have our members convey their warm thanks to you.

Unfortunately, when the program started after dinner, your seats were vacant, and primed and eager as I was, we missed you both. We particularly missed the opportunity to extend a warm message of thanks for your efforts in our behalf.

Will you please, then, let this serve as notice of the fact that we are very much aware of you, and appreciate the fine job you are doing with Bill for a bunch of us who shared a very strong emotional experience together in the service of our country and who feel that it is very worthwhile to keep alive, as long as we can, the friendships we made then, and nothing contributes more to that than the Journal which you print for us.

This is what I would have said to you in front of an audience if I had the chance. Please accept it in this fashion. I hope that one of us has the chance to do it more publicly the next time Bill persuades you to visit with us.

Most respectfully,

Jordan Uttal

Evelyn:

I just received my latest Journal having just been put on the 2 AD list this year. I would very much like to have two 2AD Blazer Patches and another decal if possible. Its great to read about our Bomb Groups and the guys that flew them.

Robert L. Luchtman

Dear Bill:

This note is a reminder to include me in your mailing for a copy of the roster of the Second Air Division. I am almost sure I paid you for this at Cambridge in cash, but say so if you do not concur. I bought so many things there, I'm somewhat hazy on details.

While on the Mass. Turnpike, en route to the hotel, I had a flashback of a guy named Robertie going up in the air to catch a football at Craddock Field on the Fellsway about a thousand years ago. When I got to the hotel, there was the same face that I recalled. It had a few years on it, but we all do. I'm sure you would say the same about that person whom you met.

The meeting was great. I can only regret it took so many years for me to learn of the existence of the Second Air Division Association.

Phil Manson (466th)  
(ed: What you didn't say Phil was that I MISSED most of those passes. Thank you.)



Editor:

I am sending you the enclosed photograph at the request of one of the 2nd AD governors. I hope you will publish it in a forthcoming newsletter. I was told that our crew's turnout — eight out of ten — was an alltime record.



The picture was taken immediately after an impromptu meeting with our 467th's Group Commander. I asked a complete stranger to take the picture; in the excitement of the moment, I failed to take down his name. My impression is that he was taking pictures for the 2nd AD. He was a member, but he was not the curly haired older man, with white hair, I saw also taking pictures. Perhaps you can identify him.

Identifying detail is as follows:

Standing: (l to r) Bob Miller, nose gunner; Jim Coffey, pilot; Al Muller, navigator; "Hymie" Small, co-pilot; Col. Albert J. Shower, Group Commander, 467th BG.  
Seated: (l to r) Bob Snyder, bombardier; Bill Smith, waist gunner; Don Faford, radio operator; "Andy" DeBiasse, engineer.

Jim Coffey

Dear Evelyn:

Thought I would drop you a line and tell you how much my husband enjoys the Journal! He reads it from cover to cover, even before our local newspaper. I enjoy reading it too.

I wanted to inform you that his name is spelled wrong on the mailing label, his last name Duryea. In the June (1980) issue of the Journal, on page 3, "446th BG Notes" by Vere A. McCarty, his last name was printed wrong. Another new member, Howard C. should be "D" not C. I'm sure this was just an oversight.

I dropped a postcard off to Bill Robertie for a Roster and I know Howard will be anxious to see if he can find the names and addresses of any of his former buddies.

I'm curious to know what Bill is going to do with the postcards he gets? Perhaps he is going to keep them on file but if not, as a collector, I would be interested in only the picture postcards. Some arrangement could be worked out. I would pay the postage plus so much per card. Anyway Evelyn, if I don't hear anything on this, I will just figure that Bill isn't going to dispose of the cards.

We will be waiting for the Roster and the next Journal.

Elvene & Howard Duryea

Friend Bill:

Will you mark me down for one of your rosters. I am a dues paying member of the 'Association' and, you may recall, the guy who tangled with Earl 'Mad Bomber' Zimmerman, in the issue before last of the Journal. We traded casual insults by post but I can't cope too well on the mail scene, admitting as I do to seventy-three years. Hell, I still look at the prettier girls, but only in the Spring.

Five of the prettiest are grandchildren along with two machos.

Benedict Corsiglia (448th)

Dear Bill:

My part on the Roster is behind me. While I thought it would never end I must admit I enjoyed the activity and am now suffering from that let down feeling one often gets when a project is completed.

The article in the Journal resulted in some 90 letters being received. They were read by all who worked on the Roster with interest and appreciation. Perhaps another reason for the let down feeling is the fact that the letters are becoming fewer and fewer each day.

Some of the comments were delightful:

"As an old flyboy I am very impressed with Vicki Hutton".

Aud Risley wrote "I've been a 2ADAer from the start. Its great to see whose new and whose still around."

From a nose turret gunner of the 492nd — "Lucky enough to make it back — Roger and out".

A 467th member wrote "May you always have a tailwind".

The transportation officer of the 392nd said "Can't recall you except there is a slight memory you were an A/C commander. (I was left waist gunner on Dick Rudd's crew).

W. S. Noble, secretary of the 3rd SAD Association wrote "Those 4,800 men contributed greatly to the success of the 2ADA, yet so few combat members were aware of our value to them". (I was one of those who was not aware of the specific 3rd SAD organization but I was always thankful when everything worked well and for the myriads of people who made it so).

Two letters enclosed checks "for coffee fund or whatever". Another member wrote to say he was forwarding a small donation to Robertie for the Memorial Fund. (Letters of thanks were written to the donors of the two checks which were forwarded to the Association. It sure would be nice if other members would forward donations to Bill or Evelyn for the Memorial Fund or whatever).

Col. Dwight Covel wrote "... A special thanks to those people who work with you for contributing their time and effort. I nominate them for honorary membership in the 2nd Air Division". (I talked with Bill Robertie about this possibility and he asked for the names and addresses and said he would take it up with the officers of the Association).

Henry X. Deitch, a Circuit Court Judge in Chicago, asked that his appreciation be conveyed to the officers and employes of the Company. (It might be good if we would all remember that we have a friend in a high place should anything untoward ever happen to us in Chicago).

Barron Caulfield of Water Valley, Mississippi was an officer in the Bank of Water Valley until his recent retirement. He reminded me his bank is a customer of our insurance company and uses us to insure his borrowers.

But the real kicker was the correspondence from 467th member, H. Harding Isaacson, a man with the most impressive credentials I have ever seen. He had special ties to the late King Peter of Yugoslavia by whom he was personally decorated. Harding has sent me a Yugoslavia War Cross and a Certificate from King Peter which he was empowered to award. I invited George Ferrell of the 458th from nearby Huntsville, Alabama to come to dinner and bring his fountain pen. George writes the most beautiful script you have ever seen. While he is a guest in my home I intend to ask him to engrave my King Peter certificate. I'll try to think of something properly heroic for him to write!

This is but a small sample of the many letters. The membership of our unique organization is made up of some very remarkable people with whom I am proud to be associated.

Odell F. Dobson

Dear Evelyn:

The Cambridge reunion was a great success and most enjoyable. You are a super arranger, Evelyn. Nostalgia seems to increase each year. This time I was enabled to "shoot the breeze" with two 453rd members whom I had not seen for 35 years.

You might be interested in the enclosed clipping from the "Key West Citizen". They finally printed my letter — after sitting on it for two weeks. As you will see by referring to the enclosed copy of my original letter, it was severely edited before printing. Some important parts were printed, however, notably the listing of units and also your address. I hope it will bring you some mail. (If any locals want to contact me, they will find me listed in the telephone directory.)

My former AC, Walt Cullen of the 453rd, had a massive coronary and died at his home in Danvers, Mass., on July 5, without ever getting to a reunion. For years, I had urged him to join up and come. Don Olds had also written to him.

I asked Bill Robertie for some extra copies of the June "Journal", and he advised me that you now have them. Would you please send me seven copies of the June issue and one copy of the March, 1979, issue. These two issues contain articles I wrote concerning experiences together with Walt Cullen. I want to send a copy of each issue to Kay Cullen (Walt's widow); the other copies of the June issue are for scattered members of my family.

Thank you for your accommodation, Evelyn. We are already looking forward to San Antonio.

Del Wangsvick (453rd)

Dear Bill:

I have just received word of the death of Mrs. Larry Thomas, wife of group commander of the 453rd at Old Buckenham.

I don't know what association policy is on matters like this but it might be in order to print a small memorial notice in the next issue of the newsletter, expressing the regrets of all of us.

Sol Greenberg



Dear Evelyn:

I know this is hard to believe, but I've been trying to find time to write a lengthy letter in which I can pour out my feelings and frustrations concerning my association and experiences with the 93rd Bomb Group and with the Second Air Division Association. For over a year now I have felt a calling to return to England and one of these days I must make the trip.

As you can see from my cancelled check, I started to write to you on December 28, 1979, but somehow I could not get to completing the job. I have taken the liberty of sending you a picture of the B24 I compiled my missions in with the 328th Bomb Squadron of the 93rd Bomb Group. Her official number was 456J and I must add the crew never had the time to give her a name.

I have what must be presumed a "typical" scrapbook which you may find interesting sometime. If you will let me know your telephone number and when I might call you, perhaps we can arrange to get together. In any event, here is my fresh check and my apologies for not getting in touch sooner.

Murray D. Friedman

Dear Bill:

As you know, while we were out watching the fireworks over the Charles River in Cambridge, July 4th, J.D. Long and the rest of the 392nd B.G. contingent elected me Vice President of the Group for the coming year. While I'm sure there were better candidates available, we will give the job a go and hope for a successful result. If this works out, perhaps we can get the political parties to use such a method of nomination and election — it would save us a lot of wear and tear on our ear drums.

We have been promised help from all quarters, and it will be appreciated. Should any member have any suggestions as to how the job might be done so as to serve the Division Ass'n. better, we will be highly receptive. We hope that many of our present members, whether 392nd or not, will forward names and addresses of potential new members. It is evident what the results would be should each present member of our Ass'n. come up with just one new member during the coming year. We promise to promptly forward an application blank and information to any names sent us. Speaking of information, I would hope that you could run off a sufficient number of copies of your "The Second Air Division Ass'n — The How and The Why" as printed on the front of the March 1980 Journal, so that they might be mailed out with membership application forms to prospective new members. I know I would like to have a number of copies to use in such manner.

We are about back to our normal everyday life style after the thoroughly enjoyable reunion in Cambridge. As ever, you, Evelyn Cohen, and all the other people who do so much to make those wonderful meetings possible deserve our undying gratitude.

We, Donald Whitford, Jacksonville, Fla.; Robert Powers, Escondido, Calif.; Patrick McEvoy, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Melvin Eller, Harrisburg, Pa.; and Howard Haywood, Parkville, Mo. and our wives attended the reunion. We men were all members of the same crew of the 579th Squadron. It was a great reunion — some had not seen the others since 1944. Hopefully, we will be able to meet again at the 1981 reunion.

In closing, we request a copy of the recently printed Roster of the 2nd Air Division.

J. Fred Thomas (392nd BG)

Dear Miss. Cohen:

Thank you for the Newsletter and the application for membership. I have completed it and am enclosing it with my check for \$7.00 in payment of the annual dues.

In answer to your question about the 65th Fighter Wing, yes the 65th FW was part of the 2nd Air Division. It was the command and administrative control center for the 4th, 56th and 355th Fighter Groups. The "infallible" Eighth Air Force Historical Society also lists our squadron as part of the 2nd.

However, on a serious note, I am writing a history of the 5th Emergency Rescue Squadron and recently came across the following data on the microfilm records of the squadron:

*2nd Air Division - 496th Fighter Training Group, 5th Emergency Rescue Squadron. Squadron activated under T/O and E I-987 dated November 28, 1944 per secret order 38-HQ 2nd Air Division dated January 26, 1945. Halesworth Field (station No. 365 APO 558).*

I would like to know if the Association has lapel pins for sale to the members. Could you please tell me the cost of the "Blazer Insignia" referred to in the Newsletter? Is it possible to obtain the backcopies of the Newsletters published earlier this year?

James F. Aicardi

Dear Evelyn:

It is with deep sorrow that I must write to you and inform you of my husband's death on June 9th due to congestive heart failure.

He was so proud of his membership in the Second Air Division Association. His co-pilot during World War II is also a member, Landon Robinson of Cincinnati, Ohio.

I never told Bill that we overlooked paying his membership dues for this year until you kindly reminded me, and I sent in the check May 23 while he was hospitalized following a heart attack.

I can't remember how he learned of the Second Air Division Association, but he thoroughly enjoyed the communications.

Best wishes for a happy reunion in Boston.

Mrs. Wilmer H. (Bill) Carpenter

Dear Evelyn:

I actually don't remember whether my dues are current, but assume they are as I have my 2nd AD membership card showing an expiration date of 12/31/80.

If so, fine. If not, the enclosed check should suffice. I should also like one 2nd AD Blazer patch. If any credit remains please use it as you see fit for furtherance of the Memorial Library.

May I also request a roster at this time and add my thanks to the "Dobson Gang". What a wonderful action!

I won't be at the 33rd Annual Reunion physically, but my thoughts and best wishes will. May it prove to be the best yet.

Wilbur Lee Clingan

Dear Evelyn:

I just received my copy of the June Journal. I got to thinking about my dues and sure enough I hadn't paid my 1980's. So here they are. "LATE" but here, the extra can be used as you see fit.

I really enjoy the Journal — read and re-read it. This one took my fancy more for the article on Gen. Johnson. It was all so true. He was a friend of the G.I.

Keep up the good job, and will try and get my dues in on time from now on.

Donald W. McKenney

Dear Evelyn:

You can relay messages to all the 8th Air Force Gang, 93rd Bomb Group, 329 Bomb Squadron that of Sgt. Raymond W. Harris, Jr. is still very much alive. Age 71. Have two children (girl and son). Have two grandchildren and a third due first week in July (in Atlanta, Ga.). This event makes it impossible for me to attend.

Evelyn, I am especially interested in the whereabouts of my First Sergeant Robert W. "Red" Woolen. Have had a Xmas card every year until '78 or '79.

I'm interested in any printed matter or pictures (regardless of cost) concerning this event.

If convenient — please advise lost my roster, but I believe I'll remember almost every one.

Raymond W. Harris, Jr.

Dear Bill:

Enclosed are photos taken recently at Barksdale AFB of progress of restoration of B-24 and a couple of others with explanations on backs of each. From distance you can see the B-24 is presentable, so so up close. Still pretty rough, but Buck Rigg is certain that eventually it will be a first class non-flying example of a B-24.

Have information that a 23 acre site, non-sensitive to BAFB use, is to SAC Installation Engineering for approval and also that a 8th AF Museum presentation will be made to Commanding General at AF in a short time.

Buck has one tail turret, needs another or nose turret, has located an upper turret for delivery in fall, needs someone to go to Tulsa, Okla. and get his fourth and last engine mount. If you ask Buck what he needs, it is any and everything. If he doesn't use it, he can trade it to others.

Tail color is 466th BG, should have been 967th, but now he is going to make "slip overs" for tail surfaces with each groups colors, recently did so for 92nd BG (not 8th AF) who had a reunion at BAFB and it was well received.

He will accept memorabilia at

8th AF Museum

2nd BW Public Affairs

Barksdale AFB, La 71110

Each would have to be acknowledged by him, and released to museum by card which he will furnish to donor. These will eventually be displayed in Quonset huts on the museum site, one Quonset per combat wing divided into three sections for each group in wing, into squadrons per group.

Will keep you informed and publicity in Journal will be most appreciated.

Phillip G. Day

237 Pennsylvania

Shreveport, La. 71105



Dear Bill:

I would be very pleased if you would send me a copy of the membership roster.

Driving back from Washington, D.C., last month, we stopped at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. One of the attractions that draws us there is a beautiful B-24D, in its pink desert tan camouflage, with the un-called-for name of "Strawberry Bitch."

Late in 1944, our 44th Bomb Group crew was struggling behind and below the bomber stream because of engine problems. George Weidig, the tail gunner sighted an unusual airplane behind ours and announced over the intercom that a B-26 was at 6 o'clock. I asked him to look again because B-26's were not flying in central Germany at that time. George next announced that we had flak at 6 o'clock, and almost immediately, "Jesus Christ, we're being attacked by an enemy fighter at 6 o'clock." This strange aircraft, one that we had never seen or been briefed on, made one pass at us and was chased away by two of those beloved little friends, two P-51's. We returned to Ship-dham without further incident.

Much later we discovered that the odd airplane had been an ME 262, one of the first jet fighters.

Now back to the Air Force museum. During our visit there we found a beautifully rehabilitated ME-262 cuddled under the wing of the B-24 "Strawberry Bitch"!

And directly across the aisle were parked a B-26 and a P-51!

What a coincidence that all four of the airplanes that had figured in this fast breaking sequence of events would be clustered together in a tableau at the Air Force museum.

You know, in a front view an ME 262 does resemble a B-26, even if much smaller. At a distance the two could easily be confused, especially if a gunner did not know the ME 262 existed.

Hal Tyree

Dear Bill:

I must write and say how much I enjoyed my first memorable visit to your country and especially to the Reunion at Cambridge.

It has often been said to me by 2nd A.D.A. members how warmly they have been received when they have returned to East Anglia. That warmth and friendship can certainly be no greater than that which I received during my all-to-brief stay. I was delighted to be greeted by many old friends from past reunions held in Norwich, to meet people I had corresponded with but never met, and to make many new friends.

I was not a member of the 2nd A.D., I am not even an American, yet I have been accepted into the 2nd A.D.A. "family" as one of you. I count it as an honor and privilege to be a member of that family, it is something I value very highly,

Tony North  
Norfolk, England

Dear Evelyn:

Just a note to tell you the Cambridge reunion was great and enjoyed by all. Has anyone ever NOT enjoyed one?? Anyway — Thanks again for all your hard work. What would we do without you?

At last — Texas!! San Antonio is the best choice by far. A really beautiful and interesting city. One of the "5 Different" cities in the U.S. Needless to say everyone down here wants to have the best reunion ever. We EXPECT to be asked to help anyway you can use us.

Jeff Gregory

Dear Bill:

This is about a lovely lady, Mrs. Daisy Elmar, 80 years young, operator of the "Three Nags" pub in the village of Fritton near the old Hardwick airdrome. I had the pleasure of meeting her during a recent visit to England. Chuck Weiss (93 B.G.) suggested that I look her up and I did just that.

Daisy and her husband ran the "Three Nags" during the war and many of the 93 Bomb Group personnel used to drop in for a bitter or two. I myself had never been there before but when I called on her in the afternoon, Daisy unlocked the place and invited my wife Nancy and me inside. We spent a fascinating two hours with her while she showed us letters and photographs from "my boys," as she refers to her American friends. The only picture I recognized was that of Floyd Mabee. When the Americans first came to the "Three Nags," Daisy spelled out the ground rules — "they would be welcome as long as they treated me with respect." She said that she never had to ask any of them to leave.

She gave me the enclosed newspaper clipping telling of her 80th birthday and a photo of herself at the time she was tending bar during the war. The other picture was taken by my wife as I kissed Daisy good-bye. Daisy's husband died 14 years ago and one of her younger relatives, a nephew I believe, now tends the bar and generally helps her run the pub. She is quite a lady and I think that it would give her much pleasure to see these pictures in the 2nd Air Division Journal. Her address is as follows:

Mrs. Daisy Elmar  
The Three Nags  
Fritton, Nr Norwich  
Norfolk, England

If you like, you can send her copy of the Journal to me and I'll be glad to mail it to her.

Apart from meeting Daisy, I thoroughly enjoyed the cool weather 55°-65°F after the 90 plus temperatures here in Virginia. The price of petrol at \$3.40/gal. and cigarettes at \$1.50/pack are indicative of the high prices that prevail in the U.K. now. Expensive is the word!

If it is possible, Daisy would like to have the pictures enclosed back. If you can manage it, send them to me and I'll forward them on.

Keep up the excellent work on the Journal. I can assure you that it is read thoroughly by each recipient.

Robert A. Jacobs (93 BG)

Dear Bill:

The purpose of this letter is 3-fold:

1. On behalf of the many Second Air Division Association members who will not take the time to write, let me say "thank you" to both you and Evelyn for the countless hours each of you must spend on the "labor of love". Surely it must be that because no other explanation is feasible. You are truly rare and devoted people.

2. You will find enclosed a check for \$14.00 covering two first-year subscriptions for the following members of my crew:

W.E. Tatters  
1223 S. Main Street  
Du Bois, Penn. 15801

and

Ted A. Micek  
Route 1, Box 122  
Fullerton, Neb. 68638

If this is not correct, please let me know.

I am in the process of trying to locate each member of the "Rubber Check", 705 Squadron, 446 Group. As I do I will enlist each in the Association.

3. Please send me a copy of the new Roster as outlined in the June issue of the Journal.

Thanks again to all you wonderful people.

J. W. Williams



Dear Howard (Henry):

Just received and returned a membership application for your Second Air Division Association. Noticed that there is a dearth of members from my 492nd Bomb Group. Perhaps that can be remedied by reference to the book, "The Fortunes of War — The 492nd Bomb Group in Daylight Operations", by Alan G. Blue (Aero Publishers, Fallbrook, Calif. 92028). It lists the 72 original aircraft and 55 replacements, plus an incomplete officer's roster. It also shows a picture of the remaining 25 officers of the staff as they were transferred from North Pickenham on 6 Aug. 55, just less than three months after our first mission — 11 May 44.

Another book that may be of interest is my own, "To Rule the Sky", -Louis Jaques, Jr. and William D. Leet (Palomar Publications Division, P.O. Box 1086, Vista, Calif., 92083) \$7 paperback, \$12 hard cover. Stories about 2AD include "Instant Ace" — Sid Woods, 4th FG; "The Five Wars of Johnny D." — John Diehl, original 44th, then 2AD Hqs.; and "Sitting Duck" — Lou Jaques, 492nd. (All stories are about pilots from Flying Class 41-G; foreword by B/G Robert L. Scott, Jr.)

Good luck with your convention — maybe I can make it next year.

Louis Jaques, Jr. (492nd)

**Hdq.**

Warren & Norma Burman  
Rhoda Bandler  
Evelyn & Lillian Cohen  
Jackie Hanify  
J. Livingston & Tina Jones  
Dean, Deanie & Macine Moyer  
Jordan & Joyce Uttal  
Hathy, Milt & Caron Veynar  
Joe & June Whittaker

**44th**

Dick Bottomley  
Bert Carlberg  
Dick & Charlotte Comey  
Art Cullen  
Al & Emma Franklin  
Mike & Kaye Fusano  
Bill Hawkins  
Pete & Mary Henry  
Bob & Roberta Johnson  
Tom & Wanda Laskowski  
Will & Irene Lundy  
Phil & Elinor Mancoff  
Ray & Mary McNamarra  
Brother Roxie Marotta  
Keith Nutter  
Bill & Hazel Robertie  
John & Marion Stewart  
George & Ruth Washburn  
Joe Warth  
Forrest & Mary Welling

**93rd**

Jim & Amber Atkison  
Joe & Margaret Bradley  
Asil Borghesi  
Lou & Marjorie Bargout  
Bill Creedmore  
Mike & Sandy Corcoran  
Bob Coleman  
Leigh & Mary Claffin  
Paul & Rachel Dillon  
Mike & Mary DeBrino  
Al D'Apuzzo  
Joe Forti  
Vern & Jane Harriman  
Paul & Nora Harwood  
J. Porter & Mary Henry  
Bob & Pat Hill  
Harry & Louise Kelleher  
Earl, Frances & Molly Long/  
Minna Alitalo  
Floyd & Dot Mabree  
Bill & Dolores Neumann  
Tom O'Grady  
Bill & Phyllis Orient  
John & Bee Sullivan  
Joe Thorley  
Glenn Tessmer  
Charlie & Peg Weiss

**389th**

Vern & Flossie Brown  
Harry & Lorraine Boos  
Bob & Georgette Bousquet  
Les & Mary Comer  
Gaynell Clark  
Jim & Ava Collins  
Erroll & Clara Drinkwater  
Bill & Helene Denton  
Bernie & Nancy Dispenza  
Ralph & Helen Fowler  
John & Louise Gillotte  
Russ & June Hayes  
Allan & Jean Hallett  
Roy Jonasson  
George & Bette Johnson  
Leon & Lani Klinghoffer  
Julius, Jean & Michele Klinkbeil  
Bud & June Koorndyk  
Ted & Natalie Katz  
Al & Pat Leighton  
Paul & Dolores Lewis  
Bob Levine  
Vince Murphy  
Dorothy Adcock Norman  
& Faye Bishop  
Vic & Val Nemetz  
Dick & Lois Reedy  
Aaron & Sally Schultz  
Dick & Marian Smith  
Bob Stone  
Lloyd & Clara West  
Ben Walsh

**IN ATTENDANCE AT THE  
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**392nd**

Floyd & Roberta Bull  
Carmelo, Marilyn &  
Diane Cosentino  
LeeRoy & Anna DeHoff  
Mel & Barbara Eller  
Howard & Helen Haywood  
Henry Hearn  
John & Catherine Jones  
Frank & Helen Koza  
J.D., Emily, Alex &  
Scott Long  
Bob & Marilyn Lane  
Oak & Maxine Mackey  
Pat & Sarah McEvoy  
Bob & Margaret Powers  
Dick & Louise Sheppard  
Fred & Elva Thomas  
Norbert & Marian Wick  
Don & Emily Whitford

**445th**

Pete & Beth Barnard  
Ted Cummings  
Charlie & Evelyn Cooper  
Bob & Betty Campbell  
Frank & Betti DiMola  
John Edwards  
Ed & Anita Goldsmith  
Russ & Dorothy Harvey  
Phil Heald  
Tony & Rose Hmura  
Jim & Priscilla Kidder  
John & Marie Leary  
Carl, Betty & Diane Marino  
John & Dorothy Nortavage  
Dave & Joan Patterson  
Herb Rudh  
Jim Smoot  
Bob & Mildred Terrill  
Joe & Loretta Wilski  
Jim & Rita Wagner

**446th**

Russ Clements  
Bud & Mickey Cather  
Irv & Marin Day  
Julian Dixon  
John & Kathleen Faulds  
Herb & Reba Gordon  
Clarence Hooks  
John & Marie Hanchard  
Dale & Virginia Howard  
Jack & Sappho Henderson  
Bob Moore  
Mac & Marie McCarty  
Dave Sweeney  
Ed & Art Sayian  
Joe & Dorothy Zamorski

**448th**

Al & Jeanette Bishop  
Stu & Gladys Barr  
Glenn & Louise Bolling  
George DuPont  
George & Hazel Dickinson  
Doug & Eulah Dann  
John & Helen Gallo  
Dick Harrington  
Walt Johnson  
Bob & Wilma Klein  
Bob & Gretchen Krieger  
Joe & Kathleen Kasacjak  
Henry & Florence Kunstler  
Charlie & Margaret Logue  
Joe Michalezyk  
Tom Murphy  
Joe Meyer  
Chesty & Ginny Mainieri  
Charlie & Agnes McBride

**Milt & Ruth Nichols**

Jack & Helen Parker  
Howard Pruitt  
Clyde Randall  
Harold & Betty Smith  
G.S. & Lil Sansburn  
John & Rhoda Shaw  
H.S. & Betty Sale  
Alex & Margaret Wiltse  
Charlie & Betty Yant

**453rd**

Will & Marion Adler  
Bob & Evelyn Anderson  
Bob & Harriett Atkins  
LeRoy & Gloria Berg  
Bill & Dorothy Bertrand  
Mike Benarcik  
Bob & Jean Ann Coggeshall  
Luther Clark  
Tony Corbo  
Al & June Dallmeyer  
Bill & Dorothea Eagleson  
Walt Edgeworth  
John & Maxine Fiorillo  
Russ Harriman  
Ray & Evelyn Jones  
Jim Kotapish  
Andy Low  
Ed & Evelyn Limstron  
Jim MacNew  
Roy & Ramona Myers  
Don Nell  
Don & Mimi Olds  
Phil & Nina Parsons  
John & Marie Roth  
Dan & Muriel Reading  
Harold & Myra Rohmer  
Bob Sage  
Milt, Lucille & Ginger Stokes  
Larry Thomas  
John & Helen Tangorra  
Glen & Edith Tisher  
Frank & Jackie Thomas  
Bob & Isabelle Victor  
Del & Doris Wangsvick

**458th**

Birto & Jean Brumby  
Bill & Jean Clark  
Bill & Mickey Cunningham  
Francis Coleman  
Dick & Lois Fairfield  
Don & Carolyn Fraser  
Bob & Jane Grahmann  
Elmo & Betty Geppelt  
Howard & Brad Hill  
Stan & Roynaz Johnson  
Ernest Kelly  
Frank & Gert Limbert  
Herman & Renee Mandel  
Jim Needham  
Rick & Ceil Rokicki  
Tom Walsh  
Ed & Helma Wilcox

**466th**

Joe & Irene Arbaugh  
Jim & Bernice Adams  
Jim & Snooky Auman  
Hoytt & Katherine Childress  
Margaret Calderalo  
Antonio Manrique de Lara  
Pappy & Roberta Daniels  
Marc & Muriel Dellefemine  
Bob & Frances Eisenhaure  
Bob Flannery  
Barkev & Polly Hovsepian  
Herb & Rhoda Leopold  
Leo & Mildred Mower  
Ed & Lillian Mello

Phil Manson  
Gerard Messier  
Elwood & Lucille Nothstein  
Jim Russell  
Art & Barbara Sessa  
Pete Sobin  
Hank & Edie Tevelin  
Fred Venables  
Vicki & Kurt Warning  
John & Mary Woolnough  
Ted & Phyllis Watson

**467th**

Ray & Lucy Bickel  
Roy & Dona Beane  
Arch & Helen Boisselle  
Ed & Bea Branaman  
George & Katherine Church  
Jim & Joan Coffey  
George & Mary Condry  
Jim & Rose Ciancitto  
Roy Davis  
Bill & Vernice Dillon  
Tony & JoAnn DeBiaise  
Lloyd & Rae Davies  
Ken & Dot Darney  
Don & Theresa Faford  
Joe Flynn  
Jeff & Terry Gregory  
Weldon & Helen Gruver  
John & Ada Hoyle  
Duffy & Frances Hannafey  
Joe & Florence Haenn  
Jim & Audrey Johnston  
Floyd & Eleanor Kingsley  
Andy Kapi  
Vince, Gloria & Diane LaRussa  
Roger & Dorothy Leister  
John Logan  
Al & Josephine Muller  
Jim & Helen Martin  
Bob Miller  
Ed & Arline Mahoney  
Will & Cecily Noden  
Ed Parsons  
Lyle Schrader  
Al Shower  
Fred & Marguerite Segalla  
Bill & Shirley Smith  
Bob & Irene Snyder  
Harmon Small  
Adam & Jean Soccio/Kathryn Ricci  
Bob Satter

**489th**

Dan Blumenthal  
Bob & Alice Boyle  
Tom & Muriel Bouley  
Chuck & Twyla Baker  
Al Buslovich  
Bud & Mike Chamberlain  
Jim & Jean Davis  
Charlie, Helen & Don Freudenthal  
George & Judy Goodman  
Joe Lapierre  
Frank & Gerry Morris  
Andy Stevens  
Lou & Irene Wagner

**491st**

Carl & Louise Alexanderson  
Mike & Margaret Fagen  
John & Gloria Golden  
Bob & Dorothy Harvey  
Guy, Mildred & Patrick McElhany  
Marc & Margaret McSheehey  
Al Oliveira  
Ted & Fanny Parker

**492nd**

Bud & Margarette Beasley  
Bill & Maxine Clarey  
Karl & Marian Fasick

**ARC**

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Linda Loring — 93rd

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