



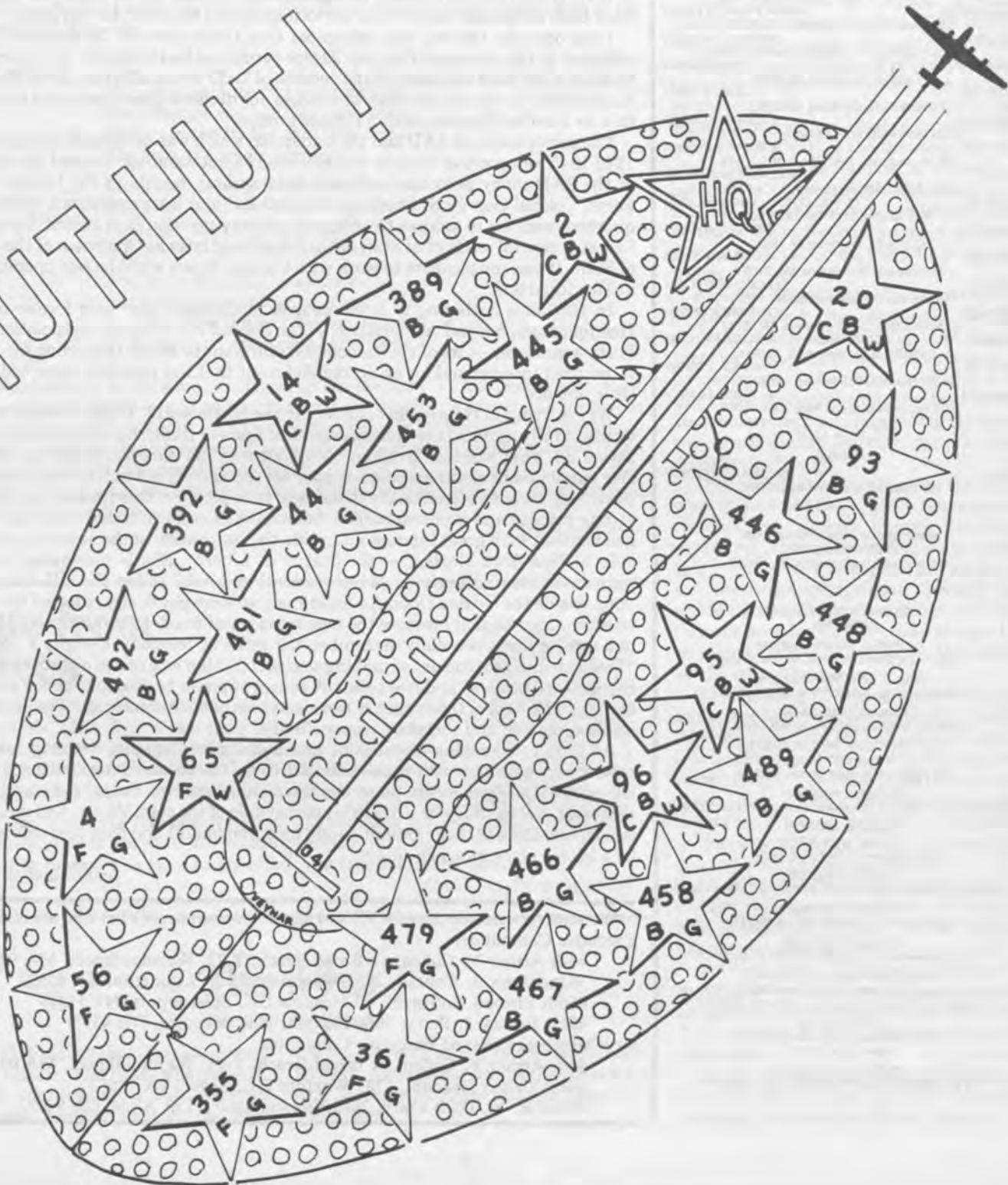
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President's Message

The 39th Convention of our Association held at Pheasant Run Resort is now history. It was a great convention. There was over 1000 in attendance at our Banquet. As I convey my thoughts to you as I begin my year as President, I wish to share with you excerpts from my acceptance speech given at our annual banquet on July 12th:

I want to thank you for the great honor you have bestowed upon me as President of this great association. As you have honored me, you have also honored my wife Edna and members of my family. With this office goes honor and responsibility. I gladly accept both. I am thankful, as I have been for these past 38 years for the camaraderie, fellowship and love that has existed and been so ably displayed by members of our great association. Today our membership stands at over 6300 strong. It was established with a purpose and recognized as one of America's outstanding Veterans Associations as an outgrowth of WWII. It may be said that our recognition as a Second Air Division Association could have been surpassed only by our performance as a Combat Air Division.

I am one who believes and advocates that the success of the present is certainly reflected by the success of the past. Please permit me for the benefit of our new members to share a few brief thoughts of the success of 2AD which affected the birth of the 2AD Association. It was my privilege to witness our division grow from a two bomber group to a 14 Bomber Division with 5 fighter groups.

The performance of 2AD and the leadership which was developed during the years of 1942-1945 was one that history has recorded as outstanding. Beyond the performance in the 2AD many personnel achieved outstanding records in the United States Air Force. Colonel George S. Brown of the 93rd BG and later operations officer at Headquarters went on to achieve the highest military position in America. He served as a four star general as Chief of Staff of the USAF and later as Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff. It was my pleasure to work with Colonel Brown while he was operations officer at Headquarters.

In 1956 at a gathering of seven people, in Chicago, who were former members of Headquarters, Second Air Division — the Second Air Division Association was born. Forty years later — we of the association still want to thank this group for their vision — for their interest and for an accomplishment that has possibly stretched far beyond their dreams.

We are living in the greatest country in the entire world. While it would take a lot of words to fully applaud the greatness of America — I think there is one word that sort of says it all. That word is "freedom." Without freedom America would not be America! Our membership of our association have served and served well to earn freedom of the past. May we have a keen desire in our hearts to preserve this freedom by supporting a strong defense and over two million Americans in uniform today. I am sure each of us has followed with great interest and pride the restoration of the statue of the beautiful lady in New York Harbor — the Statue of Liberty. She is recognized as the most compassionate and unifying of our national symbols. Today she still lifts her bright lamp beside the Golden Door. As Americans we have physically restored this symbol of freedom. May we daily restore the true meaning of freedom in our hearts. As we enjoy our freedom may we daily remember the price of freedom. Dwight L. Moody said "Freedom and Life consist of making decisions." Man as a moral agent is free — free to choose — to think — and free to act. A source of power to choose between good and evil is part and parcel of the primitive consciousness of the human race. The power of choice implies free will and therefore responsibility.

As proud Americans we must be aware and guard against defeatist attitude. The news media assail us with pessimistic attitudes toward the deteriorating conditions of the world. The news media point out the disillusionment, uncertainty and tragedy in the world. Let me tell you — there is another side of the coin. We can and must live up to the expectations of those gallant young men who fought and died that this world would be a better place in which to live.

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We want to welcome the new VP and also 3 new members (VPs) who are members of the Executive Committee.

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President's Message (continued)

I certainly count it an honor and privilege to be a member of the Second Air Division Association. Time and Spirit has been on our side and we have made great strides in growth and we will continue to grow. The push of the past and the pull of the future will continue to unite us in strength and purpose. The operation of this 6200 membership organization is big business. As your President I pledge to carry forth the high ideals and the sound practices so ably administered by Bud Koorndyk and other presidents preceding him. I am asking each member of our association to continue to enroll eligible veterans into our membership. Most important is our continued support of the Memorial Trust and the Central Library in Norwich. We must continue to memorialize those whom we left behind. The world may forget them . . . we cannot and we will not. To all officers, directors and the entire membership I ask that we all push forward with a positive attitude of peace and tranquillity of effort.

As we begin this new year it is my prayer that the God who has inspired us to begin will surely guide us to succeed in the end. Let us remember the words of the Psalmist . . . "I prayed to God for all things that I might enjoy life . . . he gave me life that I might enjoy all things." We appreciate so much our English friends sharing this convention with us. We look forward with great anticipation to our 40th Convention next May in the wonderful city of Norwich.

Remember this:

*Not what we have but what we use
Not what we see but what we choose
These are the things that mar or bless
The sum of human happiness*

*Not what seems fair but what is true
Not what we dream but the good we do
These are the things that shine like gems
Like stars in fortune's diadems*

*Not as we take but as we give
Not as we pray but as we live
These are the things that make for peace
Both now and after time shall cease.*

We are not feathers in the wind, or straws on the streams . . . but people with souls and wills and consciences — and as people we fix our destiny by our character by our actions. Let's remember our debt . . . let us take action with optimism . . . with enthusiasm . . . and choose this day whom we will serve. Our America will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.

Let's think about what we can do for our country and the world . . . in honor and memory of our fallen Eagles.

JIM REEVES

A Note from the Veep

The past reunion at Pheasant Run was as always, wonderful and memorable. This time it was especially so — since to my surprise and gratification I was nominated and subsequently elected to the position of Executive Vice President. This poses a challenge which I hope I am capable of meeting.

Many of my predecessors have graciously offered their help and guidance. I look forward to working closely with our President Jim Reeves who is — to my mind — a true Southern Gentleman.

CARL ALEXANDERSON



The 39th

Gene Hartley (389th)

July 9-13, Chicago, St. Charles, Pheasant Run, Illinois. Hot, somewhat humid, not totally comfortable, a July weekend like any other weekend except, *You Were*

There. You were a part of the Second Air Division Association 39th Annual Reunion held at Pheasant Run, Illinois. Yes, *You Were There*.

It was an early bird arrival. A room was actually available. Check in. Then, an exploratory walk — locating meeting rooms, eating rooms, drinking rooms, the New Orleans quarter, the golf course. It was watching the other early birders begin to arrive — to enjoy the first of the overpriced drinks in the Atrium.

And the first wave of remembrance washed over you — nostalgia if you will. Seldom used terminology, locked away in the recess of your mind, returned to the tongue tip — becoming a part of normal vocabulary put on annual display, this year at Pheasant Run. Our phenomenon that is the Second Air Division Association was again activating itself.

Some played golf on Thursday as other hundreds continued to arrive. Many merely sat, thankful to again be a part. Movies in the Ruby room, a time of poignancy. Our first view of nearly everyone in the Atrium at the cocktail party. An overwhelming sense of belonging, that you could approach ANYONE of the thousand plus in attendance and be received as a friend — being here in the midst of hundreds of friends — most of whom cannot be called by name. Then the smaller more intimate Group dinners. Could there be a warmer feeling?

And over the next two days, the renewal of the bond(s) that can only become stronger with each passing year. Simultaneously, the welcome for first timers — not really new — just been out of touch for too many years. How did you hear of us? How can we improve in spreading the word, the word of the Second Air Division Association?

The business of perpetuating the memories of those we lost, visibly remembered through our Norwich library. The business of approving new and expanded direction for our trust. The pleasure we feel in our increased recognition through the awarding of a Fulbright Librarian to further our work in Norwich. And always, the recurring bond of fellowship — the friends — the remembrance.

The lighting of the candles — as the various theaters are recognized — the terrible magnitude of that all consuming war is brought very close to us once more. And we remember. The band plays the music of those times — for a moment, they again come alive. Thanks, Bud, for your remarks — for staying on schedule. James, with you, we look to the year ahead.

NORWICH! On nearly everyone's lips. Evelyn, you seem to make it all work, to hold it together. We ask you to make it happen yet another time.

It's that time. We begin to disperse — moving toward our locations — traveling throughout our wonderful country. Still tied together by that gossamer thread of experience.

A great weekend in Chicago, Pheasant Run, Illinois. To many, a lot like any other weekend, except, *You Were There!*

The Seventh Annual 2nd ADA Golf Tournament

by Pete Henry (44th B.G.)

The Seventh Annual Golf Tournament of the Second Air Division Association was held at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Ill. on Thursday morning, 10 July '86. Forty-eight men and four ladies participated and eight won prizes as follows:

NAME AND GROUP	WINNER	AWARD
Vernon Key 492	Peoria Event	2ADA Plaque
Paul Homan 448	Men's Low Gross	2ADA Plaque
Laverne Graf 489	Men's Low Net	2ADA Plaque
Marilyn Lane 392	Ladies' Low Gross	3 Golf Balls
Dorothy Graf 489	Ladies' Low Net	3 Golf Balls
Ernie Haar 492	Closest to Pin	\$10 Gift Cert.
Tom Neilan 453	Longest Drive	\$10 Gift Cert.
Fred Fenske 445	Honest Golfer	Golf Tees



Open Letter To the 93rd

by Floyd H. Mabee

The group has honored me to be their VP for 1986-87. I must take time to tell you what an excellent job Charles J. Weiss has done for the 93rd. Charles has been VP, I believe, for seven years starting 1979. At that time our membership was around 200, and he has increased this to over 400. I congratulate him on a job well done, also to his lovely wife Peggy for helping him throughout this time. We aren't going to put him out to green pastures as yet.

While at dinner Friday night the 11th, a sum of money was found on the floor while in the food line for the Italian Buffet. Paul and Nora Harwood found and turned it over to me. This was announced at our general meeting and in case whoever lost it wasn't there, I'm giving you one more chance. Tell me how much and it's yours, otherwise you just made a donation to the Memorial Fund in Paul and Nora's name. Paul has for several years been attending our Saturday night banquets in full uniform — let's see some of you try that. Paul is retired so I don't think he can do it next year as the seams are beginning to stretch.

Our Monument Committee with Joe Beach (409th) Chairman, and myself were the only members of the Committee present. Joe asked Henry Betz of the 357th SD to sit in on our meetings. Joe drew up three designs and we hashed out the wording from all the suggestions, which I'm sure won't please all, but we hope the majority will like it. Those designs will be sent to England for estimates. We should have this finalized and finished in time for the dedication on May 25, 1987. I want to thank all the committee members for their input on this project. I also want to thank all that have donated for the memorial so far, but I'm sure we will need more. Please send your donations to Charles J. Weiss at 21 Moran Dr., Waldorf, MD 20601. Make checks payable to the 93rd Bomb Group Memorial Fund. Let's not have to go next year and not find the Monument there because we were short of funds. Dot and I have met so many new friends at these conventions and after several years of going, I now find a few of the original group that flew over in Sept. 42. There aren't many of my crew left and some of them won't either join or come. It does my old heart good to see so many of the same crew members attending. I envy them.

It was good to see the following first timers at our convention this year — Ray Bonfils, Mike Donahue, George and Louise Kelly, Rex and Fredalene Roberson, Fred and Lillian Wrablik and C.M. Trostle.

Just received a list of new members. Welcome aboard fellows.



(L-R) *Tom Neilan, 453; Don Fraser, 458; Jerry Allen, 458; Bill Case, 458



(L-R) Ed Alexander, 492; John Losee, 492; John Taylor, 492; *Laverne Graf, 489



(L-R) Jack Heuser, 446; Dick Neurer, 448; *Paul Homan, 448; Gaylord Graf, 448



(L-R) *Vernon Key, 492; Harry Orthman, 492; Jim Bowman, 492; *Ernie Haar, 492



(L-R) Gerry Vanderbeek, 458; Marge Dropek, 44; *Dorothy Graf, 489; *Marilyn Lane, 392



(L-R) Oscar McKeever, 445; *Fred Fenske, 445; Fred Dale, 445; Chuck Walker, 445

I would like to thank Rick Rokicki (458th B.G.) for the beautiful 2ADA plaques, Harry Orthman (492nd B.G.) for his help in getting the foursomes off on time, Art Cullen (44th B.G.) who photographed each foursome and Floyd Kingsley (467th B.G.) who volunteered to help collect some golf fees still owed.

There will be no tournament in 1987 because the convention next year will be in England but watch your *Journal* this time next year for details of a golf tournament in Colorado Springs in 1988. We hope to play the Air Force course.

The 39th — Unbelievable!

With over 1100 present — give or take five or ten — our 39th convention at Pheasant Run, Illinois was something nobody who was there will ever forget. They came in all shapes and sizes — the tall, the short, the wide, the thin, those with hair and those without. It mattered not, whatever the condition they came.

Those who were attending their first convention outnumbered by far those who have made attending the 2nd ADA annual conventions a 'must' when they plan their annual vacations.

These 'first timers' were a bit tentative at first but it wasn't long before they got into the swing of things. Many met who had not seen each other, or communicated with each other, since the day they walked out of their uniforms and put the war years behind them, eager to take up their responsibilities as civilians — albeit they were a bit jaded by their experiences. Now, 40 years later, the memories came flooding back.

only thing we *can* say, and this is the greatest tribute we can pay her, is that everything went like clockwork. Knotty problems became no problems. Not a hitch and not, within my hearing at least, a bitch which is very unusual.

Not everyone knows this but now it can be told. Just two weeks prior to the start of the convention, while Evelyn was in Norwich making preparations for the invasion next year, the hotel pulled over 100 rooms that Evelyn had already paid for, leaving about 150 conventioners without a place to lay their heads. Evelyn hot footed it back from England and immediately went into WWII with the hotel. How she solved and survived this one, I'll never know, but solve it she did. She is now known as the 2nd ADA Houdini.

The highlight of all our conventions, it goes without saying, is the candle lighting ceremony at the final night banquet when a



Cocktail time at the Atrium. Lots of people, but still lots of room.

"Remember that time..." became the opening sentence when friend met friend and buddy met buddy. Even those who never met during the war years were eager to share experiences with those who had similar experiences. It was a definite loss not to be able to record each and every experience. I'm convinced that if such were the case several large books could have been written and printed. The only sobering thought was remembering those 6200 plus who gave their lives that we, and future generations, might live in a better world.

With every convention there is always a 'hard core' of early birds who arrive a day or two early in order to get in their licks before anyone else. To meet somebody they hadn't seen since the war years and to stake out a sofa in a strategic location where they could see everybody as they registered. It was on these occasions, when some long, lost buddy marched up to the registration desk, that the din of conversation became overwhelming. It was also a joy to be able to sit there and see and hear all this happening. I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

Occasions such as this don't happen overnight. Months and months of planning go into every convention and this one was no exception.

Evelyn Cohen. What can we say about this lady? I think the

candle is lit for every campaign the 2nd AD participated in and including a single candle for those who are no longer with us.

Following the candle lighting ceremony Dean Moyer, our award winning treasurer, presented Tom Eaton, Chairman of the Board of Governors of our Memorial, with a check for \$2,200 for the Trust Fund. This sum of money came from all our members who elected to make a donation to the Trust when they sent in their membership dues. Those \$1, \$2 and \$5 checks really add up when over 6000 members add a dollar or two to go along with their dues. All we can say is "Please continue."

Another donation made at this time was a \$1,000 check from the Historical Society, and for this we extend our sincere thanks to another fine organization.

I could go on and on about the convention but there are others with much to say and we are limited in the amount of space available in this issue of the *Journal*. I want to give everybody a 'shot'.

I know I am joined by all the officers of the Association when I say "Thank you one and all for the help you gave us in conducting the business of the Association this past year. Please continue as you have done in the past so we will not fail those we left behind."

Thank you all.

BILL ROBERTIE

Bunchered Buddies of Old Buck

by Milt Stokes (453rd)

We saw those big fluffy clouds again — all flooded in sunlight. They reached from the ground to the blue of the high heavens. Great canyons in space. Here and there big black storm thunderheads poked menacingly into our flight path, causing sudden jolts and drops in altitude. My wife and I were on our way home from the reunion in St. Charles, Illinois.

It had rained some part of every day in the Chicago. The country was verdant green of crops well watered. It was a pleasure to see after months of no rain and burnt brown pastures of the East. We were hopeful that the storm system extended to the Atlantic Coast. In our area we have had a major drought. Corn only two feet high coming into tassel and drying up. Those living in the Southeast have had it worse, but the Midwest was beautiful. We had a good time and enjoyed the change.

At the Convention in Pheasant Run at St. Charles, Illinois, we had over 125 people in attendance. Some just dropped in to say hello. Some, we had not seen since 1944 in England. Those newcomers were as thrilled as we to shake hands and meet after all those years. Some who attended had read about the reunion in the local newspapers. They never even knew the Second Air Division existed. One man said, "Hey, I flew with that outfit". He came in all beaming, looking for old buddies. Well, he found them — and they talked long into the night on things he thought were forgotten. It is strange to some folks who try to understand the enthusiasm of such meetings. The wives of such men stand in awe and wonder if they really know their husbands; they hadn't seen them act so youthful in years. One man had left his wife in their room while he went down to the lobby looking for members of his group. Well, he found them, lots of them. He remembered them and they recalled things he would have like to have forgotten. They talked and talked with words gushing out like water from a broken dam. All this time, his wife and help mate was awaiting the return of the happy warrior. With each tick of the clock, she grew more impatient. After two and one half hours, she had had enough of the waiting. She went looking for the errant fly boy. She found him in a beer drinking crowd of old friends and only reluctantly simmered down to lukewarm. Things like this happen at every reunion. So wives, expect to have to stand and listen when attending a reunion. Please don't complain. You can help make his day a joyful one. Of course, after your second convention, you'll find all the wives make many friends and blend into the melee.

At this convention we had many newcomers in attendance. At least 25% were first timers, never having attended any post war meetings of the 453rd B.G. or the

Second Air Division Association. Evelyn Cohen may not agree with my numbers, so I must await the official count.

Next year we go back to England and Old Buckenham. There will be a bus to take us out to the old airbase for "One Last Look", at a field that once throbbed and roared with life. Now all is quiet. The wind blows softly over this lush meadow and if you listen closely, you may hear a lark singing. We will remember all of our old buddies who took flight from this strip; some to become P.O.W.'s, some to take the long journey from whence they came. We will have a memorial service to our dead. They will know we remember, that we care, that they will never be forgotten as long as one of us remains alive.

It is unfortunate that the quota for the 2ADA Convention in England was filled early in 1986. There are many who still wish to go and should. You can see England and meet with us at Old Buckenham for our ceremony there. We expect to have lunch there and will ask those wonderful people of Old Buckenham, who so happily welcomed us in 1983, to be our guests. If you plan to come and don't have reservations with Evelyn Cohen, let me know. I'm sure you can find bed and board there. You should see this country which means so much to us old fly boys.

This all seems very important to me because my son, his wife and two children wish to go to England with us. I know what the situation is with Evelyn Cohen, so I've told him what is written here. Time runs out quickly. One must do the things that cannot be done later. So, I hope that he will come. Perhaps you know of others in the same situation. I would like to know of them too.

The 453rd B.G. had a business meeting at St. Charles during the convention. We had a large room and most of our people were in attendance. This is what we accomplished.

1. Don Olds was appointed Official Historian.
2. Plans were made for the reunion at Old Buckenham in 1987. Plans not yet completed, pending the response from our friends at Old Buckenham. A memorial service and lunch is planned.
3. It was suggested that we have four or five people in as many sections of the country to spearhead a continuing drive for members of the 2ADA.
4. Results of "OUTREACH" Letter — approximately 20 new members.
5. Pictorial Book of the 453rd — Mike Benarcik to canvas the membership as to interest in this project in the next week or two.

At the 453rd banquet the previous night, all newcomers were asked to introduce themselves and tell something of them-

selves. There can be no doubt that we have an interesting and diverse cross section of people, opinions, and occupations.

I came in for some harsh criticism because there was no public address system in our meeting room. Believe me, I had asked for one month before. It won't happen again.

Would you please sit down now and tell me what you want in our meetings. Also, for those of you in attendance at St. Charles, would you please offer your suggestions specifically on the meeting there. Your criticism, constructive or otherwise, is welcome. We try to satisfy you and sometimes we miss the target. You can help us by cranking in some correctives to put us on course again.

Francis Kyle has done a lot of work on some pictures taken during the war. He has narrated, on tape, an explanation of the pictures. He tells me too, he had added music to the tape. In short, a lot of thought went into the presentation. Unfortunately, the tapes and slides didn't arrive at Pheasant Run in time to be shown. Francis will be in England in 1987. We will see his presentation there and also in Colorado Springs in 1988.

Lloyd Prang had made plans to have sound equipment and projectors on hand, as well as, his picture albums to show those in attendance. He didn't show them because the room couldn't be secured (locked). It was just too remote from the main lobby to take a chance. We couldn't comfortably utilize the room. Many had brought pictures and albums. Please plan on taking them to Colorado in 1988.

Charles (Moose) Allen was the featured attraction at the 2ADA men's luncheon. He is a natural speaker and does such a good job at what he does best (just being himself). Moose has gathered quite a following in the Second Air Division. People come up to him to shake his hand and thank him for his presentation. What does Charlie say of all this adulation? — "ah shucks ... Twarn't Nothin". Not so Charlie, it is something wonderful to hear and know a Real Texan like you.

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The 448th Speaks

by Leroy J. Engdahl (448th)

Fifty-three husbands and wives attended the Second Air Division reunion at Pheasant Run and a good time was had by most.

The hotel had overbooked its rooms and several from many groups were placed at other hotels causing inconvenience to say the least.



I want to thank those members of the 448th present at Pheasant Run for re-electing me to serve another year as your Vice President. I appreciate your confidence and the kind words of praise.

I can truthfully say I was never associated with a nicer group of people and although it is hard work, I find pleasure in receiving your cards and letters telling me about yourselves, your families, etc.

Our reunion-memorial at Dayton, Ohio experienced many changes from our planned schedule, but we rode the high tide and made adjustments and I believe most would agree we had a great reunion and memorial ceremony attended by some two hundred and seventy-three people.

As the capacity for banquets was only two hundred, the staff of the Holiday Inn North arranged tables in the atrium with temporary microphone and speakers at the head table serving quite satisfactorily.

Neither the hotel nor we wanted to turn anyone away who wished to attend. We had representatives from thirty-five states with Ohio, the host state leading.

Many were attending their first reunion ever, approximately forty, and a small few didn't know anyone and found difficulty in making an acquaintance. This is regretful and perhaps someone has a suggestion how to help these few get acquainted. First, they have to let us know these facts so that we can help them meet their fellow Seething buddies and better enjoy themselves.

I want to point out one gentleman from Baton Rouge, La. by the name J. Stanley Blouin who was attending his first reunion.

He came to the 448th registration desk, introduced himself and asked "May I help in some way?"

We gladly accepted his offer and not only did he help us immensely, but he met people. These kind of guys are what makes these reunions so successful.

Too often a few people do much work and don't seek, or get, much credit, but I want to point out a few who deserve special recognition for their help in making this a

great event. These names are not in any particular order: Paul Homan, Bob Harper, George DuPont, Charles McBride, Stan Blouin, Art "Whitey" Palmer, Gen. Charles D. Metcalf, John Grunow, Mae Judy and all the others of the "unveiling group". To all of you, I say "Thanks very much".

Anyone desiring a 448th cap, contact Ben Johnson at 3990 15th Street, Port Arthur, Texas 77642. Send \$6.00 to include packaging and postage. Send directly to him and not to me.

We discussed the England trip for next May 21-26 and I need from each of you who already have confirmation from Evelyn Cohen a note telling me so. I need this to pass it to our friends at Seething and the Waveny Flying Group so they can better plan for our joint reunion at our restored Seething Tower.

I also need as soon as possible the names of you who would like to go to England but do not have confirmation of a room. Several of us who have been to England a few times have contacts who can and are quite willing to help us get accommodations in smaller but very nice hotels. I already have an invitation from the Grange Hotel where many of us stayed during our 1984 memorial celebrating the 40th anniversary of D-Day. So please let me know ASAP if you would like to attend a two day affair following the completion of the Second Air Division reunion in Norwich.

We had a very successful and enthusiastic bidding on Ralph Whitehead's painting of the Seething Tower prior to the beginning of its restoration.

George DuPont used his charm, magnetism and magic and we raised \$619.00 from his "Chinese auction" of this lovely painting donated for this purpose. Dominic "Sonny" Maineiri of Kendall, Florida was the successful bidder.

In addition Paul Homan suggested and we all concurred that Pat Everson who has been working so hard and so enthusiastically on collecting data on 448th people to assemble a large scrap book and display should have some financial help to cover some of the cost involved in this endeavor for the benefit of the 448th. Three hundred and ninety-five dollars was collected and I mailed Pat a check for four hundred dollars just after returning home.

Also, as a result of your generosity I mailed Ralph Whitehead a check for \$1500.00 to help with the final touches of the control tower. We still will need contributions to purchase a few chairs and tables to display items you have sent Ralph Whitehead.

Some of you approached me about items you had in your possession and asked me if I thought they would be good to have in the "American Room" of the Seething Tower. I suggest that if you have an item or items you would like to give to Ralph Whitehead for the Tower to please write Ralph Whitehead, Echo Sierra, The Loke, Blundeston NR 32 5AR, Suffolk, England. This would prevent duplications, etc. as I don't know what Ralph has in his collection.

Also mentioned was a "special memorial" listing which will be on brown parchment paper, laminated for protection. This will be a scene of our Seething Tower by Bob Harper and will say "To Honor The Memory — Name — a donation has been made to the Seething Tower Restoration Fund". On the left hand side will list the name of the donor and on the right side "in memory of". The amount of the contribution will not be shown. The cut-off date will be about March, 1987 as the reunion is in May. So if you wish to make a special contribution in memory of a buddy, your parents, etc., please send a check to me made out to 448th Bomb Group Association and mark your check "In Memory of (name)". Please send a note explaining the name, etc. The parchment will be made in nearby Beaumont, Texas and taken to England.

I need real soon a list of names of all 448th members who plan on attending the 8th Air Force Historical Society Reunion in Hollywood, Fla. in October. I need to send them an approximate number of our group who will attend. We will plan a mini-reunion if we have enough. We have more than forty members residing in Florida. Please send me this info soon so I can send to the 8th AFHS.

Thanks to all for your support, financial and moral; I appreciate it very much. Please make all checks payable to "448th Bomb Group Assn." even if it's for stamps, etc.; just state what the check is for.

A Quick "How To" Guide for Members

Who to contact for the answer to your question or problem.

Lost Buddies & Group Historical Info:

Help in search for WW II acquaintances; information on those you now have located; info on any Group ("then" or now); rosters; etc.

Ask the Group VP

Journal Data:

Questions about articles, people, photos (already published in it, or ones you may want shown in a future issue); extra copies; lead time for submitting data; etc.

Ask Bill Robertie

Membership Policy & Dues:

Membership categories; Association membership policy; questions on dues (send dues payments to her); membership cards; etc.

Ask Evelyn Cohen

- Some notes:
- (1) Assn. has a policy to provide free dues coverage for those members unable to pay;
 - (2) dues paid by new members joining after July apply to the rest of that year and all of the next;
 - (3) dues are on a calendar year basis; statements are sent each year end; please send dues payment back with the statement;

Lending Library:

Pete is custodian for items to borrow for mini-reunions, etc. He has: Combat movie film and video cassettes, etc.

Ask H. C. (Pete) Henry

Second Air Division Memorial

Ask Jordan about any and all information regarding the Memorial Trust, the Library, the auxiliary Memorial programs (cassette tape program; endowment program, etc.), donations, etc.

Ask Jordan Uttal

- Donations:
- (1) ALWAYS make checks to "2nd Air Division Assn."
 - (2) Specify on lower left corner of check, or by separate note, designation: Capital fund; or other contribution (books; books in memory of . . .; etc.).
 - (3) to offer a specific book: write first to Colin Sleath of the Norwich Library (ask Jordan the procedure).
 - (4) Donations to Capital Fund: send with annual dues to Evelyn Cohen; otherwise, send to Dean Moyer (Treasurer).
 - (5) Other contributions: send to Jordan Uttal with note detailing purpose, honoree(s), etc.

Refer to *Journal* articles, or ask Jordan, for more details.

General Notes:

All addresses of those named above are published on page 2 of every 2nd Air Division Association *Journal*.

Always make all checks out to "2nd Air Division Assn." unless otherwise specified.

All Association Officers are eager to help you in any way they can regarding the Division and the Association. Feel free to contact any one of them. The above listing provides you with the *best sources* of information.

Special Notice:

To better serve the Association, three new staff positions have been established:

- (1) Director of Automatic Data-Processing Services:
Appointee: E. A. "Rick" Rokicki, 365 Mae Rd., Glen Burnie, MD 21061
For information:
ASK YOUR GROUP VICE PRESIDENT
- (2) Director of Audio-Visual Services:
Appointee: H. C. "Pete" Henry, 164 Portland Lane, Jamesburg, NJ 08831
SEE "LENDING LIBRARY" ABOVE
- (3) Director of Administrative Services:
Appointee: David Patterson, 28 Squire Ct., Alamo, CA 94507
Functions: On-going review for improvement of Association policies, procedures; assist officers in administrative functions; provide liaison, indoctrination.
For information: **ASK DAVID PATTERSON.**

Chow Hounds of the 389th at the 39th

by Earl L. Zimmerman (389th)

The following event took place at the 39th reunion at Pheasant Run Hotel. Thirty minutes prior to the opening of the doors to the dining room for the Italian Buffet, a group of five seedy looking characters, drinks in hand, were huddled together discussing the possibilities of standing in line behind 1000 others. A decision was reached to send out a scout to reconnoiter the east entrance. Ten minutes later the scout returned with a smile on his face. He reported that four of the serving lines for the buffet were located just inside the east entrance which had not been discovered by the troops. They all departed and were later seen, first in line, digging into the ravioli.

On the following night, prior to the Gala Banquet, the same group was seen in the crowded Atrium, drinks in hand, plotting strategy. Again, the scout was dispatched to advise on the situation. After reporting back it was decided not to depart early and use the east door as the free cocktail bars would not be accessible. So it was decided that if the group of five headed for the banquet room through the atrium en masse, it might start a stampede. With forty five minutes to go and one thousand troops to filter through, the following orders were issued.

"The flight leader would saunter toward the next bar which was in the flight path towards the banquet hall. The next Sky Scorpion would follow in thirty seconds, etc., until the entire flight arrived. Ten minutes were allowed at this I.P. as drinks were refreshed." The procedure would be repeated until the last oasis nearest the banquet room was reached. It was amazing to watch the group filter from bar to bar until they reached their goal.

They didn't hit all of the bars in the atrium, there were seven in all, but as they entered the banquet hall the band was playing the Air Force Song and all five joined in singing as they maneuvered for the best seats. Mission accomplished. Lots of flak encountered and a few fighters, but the main problem encountered was a bunch of Eight Ballers at the last oasis. No problem, they were given the secret of the east door and promptly departed the area. I think they got shot down rounding the theater as they were never seen again.

Be on the alert when you visit Norwich next year. Look for the group of five Sky Scorpions. I will not divulge their names but one of them is eighty years old and is bald.

Gift of Books for Norfolk School

(printed courtesy Eastern Daily Press)

(Submitted by Tom Eaton)

SEETHING — Primary School yesterday became the first Norfolk village school to receive a gift of books through the US Air Force's 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust.

Other schools may also benefit from similar gifts in the months to come.

After presenting several books on American people and topics at a ceremony of the school, Mr. Tom Eaton, chairman of the trust, said it was the first time it had given books to a local school, but he hoped the idea would also be established with other schools close to the airfields where American Air Force groups operated during the second world war.

He told parents that from September the 2nd Air Division's Memorial Library, based at Norwich Central Library, would have an American librarian for 12 months — a Fulbright Scholar, and he hoped the school would make use of her.

Books on Hiawatha and President Abraham Lincoln were among those given to Seething School in South Norfolk yesterday. They were chosen by an American librarian.

The 2nd Air Division's 448th Bomber Group was based at Seething airfield during the war, and the book presentation resulted from a visit its members paid to the village two years ago to set up memorials in the village and at the airfield to those of their colleagues who died in missions mounted from there.



Amy Butler receiving American books, on behalf of Seething school, from Mr. Tom Eaton, chairman of UYSAF 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust. Behind them are Mrs. Norma Rowe, head teacher, and Mr. Adrian Gunson, Norfolk county councillor for the Loddon division.

Parish council chairman Major James Lecoq said there was an amount of money over from the fund the parish council set up to entertain their American visitors then, and the Memorial Trust had offered to match the amount to provide books for Seething school children.

Headmistress Mrs. Norma Rowe said that books were the stock in trade of a school and they were delighted to receive such a comprehensive selection.

Parents and governors are also hoping that the giving of the books for future use at the school will be further fuel for their campaign to retain a school at Seething — it is currently under threat of closure in a review of small village schools being conducted by Norfolk education committee.

Still More on the Dunenburg Raid

by Elwood A. Matter (44 B.G.)

I was flying left waist on this mission, 7 Apr. 45, as a replacement. I was wounded in action on the Holland low level supply mission 18 Sept 44 and was laid up in the hospital for a month. My crew (Capt. Hadedank) got ahead of me in missions so I volunteered for several to catch up to them. Therefore, I do not remember the names of the pilot or crew members I was flying with this day. I do remember this ME-109 coming in between us, the right wing of the element and the left wing plane, at 9 o'clock slightly low. I immediately fired several bursts at him; saw flames coming from the engine; and then he peeled off and we lost sight of him.

At debriefing after the mission, I reported this account but nothing was said to us about what had happened when it went down. I didn't know it had crashed into our bombers until I read about it in the Sept. *Journal*. Maybe this was another incident as all the other reports are from the 389th Gp. and mine is the only one from the 44th. My Individual Flight Record, Form 5, shows the mission to have lasted 7 hours 15 min.

By the way, this mission is included in the book 'Log Of The Liberators' by Steve Birdsall, and the target is *Dunenberg* (note the spelling). He states that these pilots were a suicide group formed to stop our bombers in any way possible. It is believed that 8 of the 18 bombers lost that day were by these pilots.

Several days after the mission, I went to Squadron Headquarters (506) to see if anyone received credit for a kill — no one did.

Norwich

I apologize for the error in the June *Journal*. It should have read "You should have received CONFIRMATION not Reservation Form.

Complete Costs and Schedules will be mailed to those with CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS Nov./Dec.

We have people on Standby and would appreciate your advising at once if you cannot go to Norwich. This will enable you to receive refund of deposit.

If you have not received confirmation this means you **ARE ON STANDBY.**

EVELYN COHEN

CUSTOM PLAQUES

Have acquired materials to again offer two models of plaques. However, the cost of the .50 cal. shells has now increased again and I must finally pass on that cost. So, while the basic cost of the large 8th AF Logo stays at \$45.00 (with one "identifier", either full size pewter Airman's wings OR B-24), the cost of the plaque using museum quality 1943-1944 brass shells has increased by \$4.00 to a new price of \$49.00 (also with one "identifier").

The Logo or shells are mounted on solid, polished walnut plaques. All are 6½ in. wide, but lengths vary from 10, 10½ to 11 inches. A new size, 11½ inches will be added to the inventory for those who have 4 rows of ribbons. Length of course is determined by which model you choose to have made. Necessary information should include:

- NAME — as you would like it engraved
- RANK — if desired
- DUTY — Gunner, Pilot, Navigator, Mechanic, Crew Chief, etc.
- LOCATION — of airfield
- BOMB GROUP — and SQUADRON (or attached unit)
- DATES — from/to (month and year of E.T.O. duty)
- IF FLIGHT CREW: 1) Missions Decorations. Any additional info you might want to add (plane "name", A/C number, etc.).

BASIC cost of 8th AF Logo and (1) "identifier" (B-24 or Full sized Wings), \$45.00. BASIC cost of .50 cal. shell model (1) "identifier" as above, \$49.00.

Add \$5.00 for additional identifiers (miniature airman's wings used in conjunction with the B-24, or 8th AF cloisonne as used with the shells). The B-24 will have your Bomb Group tail colors at no extra charge.

A full line of WWII ribbons is available. Normally stocked ribbons include: Silver Star, Bronze Star, D.F.C., Air Medal, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, American Defence, American Campaign, National Defence, E.T.O., WWII Victory, Pacific Theater (for those who went on to B-29's in the Pacific), German Occupation, Legion of Merit, French Croix de Guerre, Presidential Unit Citation. The last two cost an additional \$1.00 OVER the standard \$1.75 cost of all other ribbons.

All ribbons are secured on brass mounts. Battle Stars and Oak Leaf Clusters (BRONZE) are 75¢ each. Sterling Silver (denoting 5) either Battle Stars OR O.L.C., are \$2.50 each.

Shipping charges: Using Baltimore as the shipping center, any radius extending to Chicago, \$2.50. Outside that radius, \$3.50. Use your home address or give me a "deliverable" UPS address. I have had better success using United Parcel Service. Generally much quicker delivery.

Use any of the photos as a starting point. Any combination is possible, generally. If you design your own from these options and it "looks right", I will build it. If it doesn't, I will suggest a change or two before making it. Overpayments will have the balance returned while underpayments will be billed with the plaque. Don't forget to include your telephone number with your request to avoid possible delays. Do not hesitate to write or call (301-766-1034) if you have any questions.

Have mailed a check to Dean Moyer, 2ADA Treasurer, for \$100.00 as profits made from plaque sales. The total benefit, to date, has now reached \$1,722.00. Again, many thanks to all who have supported this program.

Send your order to: Rick Rokicki
365 Mae Road
Glen Burnie, MD 21061



Left: \$39.95 plus \$2.50 Right: \$55.45 plus \$2.50

B-24 solid pewter desk or display model available. On left, "Standard" out-of-the-box unit. On right, Customized to your request.

Large base	\$3.00
Full size wings	\$5.00
8th AF cloisonne (not shown)	\$5.00
Large engraved plate with up to 6 lines	\$4.50
Bomb Group colors on tail	\$3.00
Shipping charges	\$2.50



B-24 and B-17 heavy cast, vinyl covered 24K gold outlined aircraft \$5.00
Second Air Division key ring \$2.00
Postage and mailer 75¢

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Bereavement

In the past, I have noted with interest and sadness, the list published in each *Journal* under the heading of "Folded Wings". I have been intellectually aware of the grief felt by the survivors of those whose names appeared in those ever growing lists. Very recently, due to my own loss, the full emotional impact has struck with stunning force.

During the time of my wife's illness we had many messages of support and prayers from members of the 2nd Air Division Association family, all of which were very much appreciated. One, in particular, gave both of us great comfort. It came from a friend in Norwich who wishes to be identified only as a "Norfolk Vintage Pilot". It was a prayer written by a dying R.A.F. veteran.

Perhaps our editor will print this for the future comfort of any and all of you who face the loss of a loved one. May it give you the same comfort it gave us. Bless You All!!!!

Jordan Uttal

A Prayer

By Henry Scott Holland

*Death is nothing at all, I have only slipped
away into the next room.
I am I and you are you, whatever we
were to each other we are still.
Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me
in the easy way which we always used.
Put no difference into your tone, wear no
forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh, as we always laughed at the
little jokes together.
Pray, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name ever be the household word
that it always was, let it be spoken
without an effort, without trace of a
shadow in it.
Life means all that it ever meant, it is
the same as it ever was,
There is absolutely unbroken continuity.
What is death but a negligible accident?
Why should I be out of mind because
I am out of sight?
I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere
very near, just around the corner.
All is well.*

Folded Wings

Headquarters

Joyce C. Uttal
Bonnie Paulhamus

44th

George Federlin

93rd

H.B. Turner
Frederick W. Weissbrod, Jr.
Lovis P. Koch
Kirkwood G. Colvin

389th

John D. Ford
Earl W. Price

392nd

Vincent J. Cunningham
John Huba
Wilson M. Heuser
Thomas E. Benadum

445th

Russell E. Harvey
Emidio J. Galie
John F. Leary, Jr.

446th

O.W. Henderson
Edward F. Green
Col. Walter R. Taliaferro
Andrew L. Weiman

448th

Marshall L. Johnson
Elvon Coleman

453rd

Col. Donald W. Lorenzo
Gino Bartolino
Oliver J. Voss, Jr.

458th

Carl J. Valentine
Albert C. Cramlett

466th

Francis L. Bell, Jr.
E. Warren Hursh
Henry E. Hursh
Lee F. Paynter

467th

John H. Kelly

489th

Newton T. Fisher
Michael J. O'Connor

491st

Milton Kabcenel

492nd

John A. Evans, Jr.

BUNGAY BULL

446th BOMB GROUP
by
William F. Davenport



The leaves on the calendar go around as fast as the hands on the clock. Here we are, another Bungay Bull to write and a chance again to communicate with you on what has come our way in the past several months.

Probably the most outstanding event was the dedication of the Memorial plaque and tree in honor of the 446th Bombardment Group and its support units. This is the only plaque noted among the others at the Air Force Museum which recognized the contribution from the support organizations to the combat mission.

Our plaque represented the following organizations: 25th Station Complement; 1214th QM Co. Service Group; 885th Chemical Company; 378th Air Service Group Hq. and Hq. Sqdn.; 1248th MP Co.; 2967th Finance Det; 558th Army Postal Unit; 1821st Ordnance Supply and Maintenance Co.; 260th Medical Dispensary; 815th Air Engineering Sqdn.; 639th Material Sqdn.; 460th Sub Depot Class I; 2035th Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon; 559th Army Postal Unit and 212th Finance Section. I have repeated all the groups listed here in order that we all may realize that our efforts in the war were in no sense individual but a giant cooperative effort directed by our leadership toward the defeat of the enemy.

We had the largest turnout of 446th people ever at our Dayton reunion. Eighty-six were present plus family, giving a total of 156 present at our luncheon at the Officers Club. Our own Chaplain Gannon could be seen with his ever-present camera getting some more folks posed for another shot. Chaplain Gannon also attended the Second Air Division Reunion at St. Charles. He is getting a real kick out of attending these events. Apparently Malone convinced him to attend the 8th AFHS state reunion in Florida and he had such a good time he vowed to make his appearance at the Second Air Division Reunion and of course as he says, "He couldn't miss the first reunion of his boys" in Dayton. We were all happy to see him after all these years. Father Murphy has made several Second Air Division Reunions, most recently the Palm Springs meeting.

At the dedication ceremony our thanks were expressed to the following folks who were instrumental in causing the event to happen: Herb and Reba Gordon, our

Financial Custodians, Aud Risley for the initial contacts in getting the memorial underway, Paul Wermuth who got it going and together with Jim Longstreth literally planted the tree — cast the plaque — drove the busses and fixed lunch. Your efforts are appreciated.

Speaking of others who have done a great job on behalf of the 446th is as he calls himself, "the Chief Grunt". Frank Jones wrote me asking if he could help, which I guess he may recognize as a mistake now. However, I gave him the assignment of working with you fellows and the Mortuary Affairs and Casualty Support Division in getting our KIA's recognized so they could be placed on the Roll of Honor. Well, as you recall the original list I sent to you for checking contained 392 names. We now have a list consisting of 408 confirmed names with at least two more when Frank can get through the red tape. In fact we had placed on our plaque the number of KIA's as over 410.

Frank writes me in his own style from "down below in the Ball Turret" that this job that he has undertaken certainly makes him feel extremely fortunate and grateful to not be one of those names from the Roll of Honor with which he is dealing. It is as he says that each represented someone's hope for the future, but this was not to be. Yes, Frank, we were and are fortunate. This I believe is what drives us in carrying on our tasks in completing the Roll of Honor, providing for the memory of those who paid the sacrifice and promoting friendship and comradeship among the survivors.

The subject of a last man organization often comes up. Yes, we will be a last man organization if we do nothing to perpetuate the memory and sacrifices of our comrades. Most of our members have been generous in thought and monetary gifts to provide for the perpetuation of these memories.

As you know, one of our principal memorial projects has been the refurbishment of the gate at St. Marys Flixton. I am happy to report that the gate has been re-hung and is reported to be very attractive and has gotten many favorable comments from the parishioners and other local citizens. It is our intention to have a Memorial Rededication Service at St. Marys in May 1987 following the Second Air Divi-

sion Reunion in Norwich. At this time we will be placing the 446th Roll of Honor in the church as well as making a gift to provide for the perpetual upkeep of the Memorial gate and Roll of Honor. Again, we must thank some people for their generosity. We have received a check for \$200 to be used as seed money for our Perpetual fund and a volunteer who does calligraphy has agreed to produce the Roll of Honor in suitable script. We could also use a skilled cabinet maker to produce a suitable display cabinet for the Roll of Honor. Let me know of your skills and send along your gifts for the Memorial Fund to Herb Gordon, our Treasurer.

Among letters I have received is one from Bert A. Farrell, 707th Bomb Sqdn. who has in his possession a pilot's diary which he would like to return. Among the events listed are: 6/6/44 Flew the form ship, *Fearless Freddie* — 6/10 Boulogne, France, bombed coastal guns, cracked up on landing, none hurt. If this belongs to you let us know. If we don't hear from you, Bert will donate it to the 446th MAW at McChord.

A Thank You from Father Murphy regarding Christmas cards, and a note regarding successful eye surgery plus an invitation to visit him in Hemet, Calif., 714-654-7109.

I continue to get calls etc. regarding a John V. Colson who apparently was the lone survivor of a mission. Anyone know this fellow?

Also, at the Dayton affair Frank Jones, Ball Turret; Paul Boyer, Pilot; Howard Rader, Flight Engineer; and Paul Ott, Navigator got together for the first time since the big one.

I have a note regarding those who enjoyed or were subjected to the hospitality of Stalag Luft IV at Kiefherde or the railroad station of Gravstychow in Northern Germany or now Poland. Also those from Stalag Luft VI at Hydeking East Prussia. Leonard E. Rose, 8103 E. 50th St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46226 would like to hear from you regarding a reunion.

It is interesting the way the word gets around. Perc Watson has a son who plays handball with a former member of the 93rd, Rex Roberson. Rex knowing of his handball opponents father's former 446th background, brought him a copy of the Bungay Bull with a photo of me in front of the St. Marys gate. So Perc sent along a photo of him some 40 years ago in the same position at the former gate.

At the business meeting held in St. Charles for the 446th group organization of the Second Air Division Association, I was reelected as Group Leader and Aud Risley was elected as Deputy. So you guys can bug him as well as me. No kidding, thank you for the honor of representing you and I am sure Aud expresses the same thoughts.

Keep tuned to Beachbell.



NEWS

by Pete Henry
(44th BG)

A letter from Charles Cary (68 Sqdn.) arrived too late to make the June *Journal* and I am quoting portions of it below:

"I regret to advise that Lt. Col. Ben H. Gildart passed away April 11, 1986 in Greenville, MS. Ben had been quite ill for the past ten years having suffered a series of debilitating strokes that affected his left side and speech pattern. He was unable to participate in any organization activities and I have endeavored to keep him posted over the years. Ben would have been delighted to have been able to participate and would have been an outstanding member as he was in the service of his country. He joined the 44th in July 1943 and was assigned to the 68th Sqdn. seeing duty in both North Africa and the U.K. He remained in the service after V-E Day

craft commander and the plane they flew from Lincoln, Neb. was *Hag Mag the Moth Ball Queen* and was named after Ben's wife, Marguerite. I'm sure that all of our members join me in extending condolences to Ben's family and to Chuck Cary and George Temple in the loss of a good friend and comrade.

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Joe Warth wrote in May to advise that the Shipdham Control Tower restoration project has been scrapped because it would cost too much money and would be too much work to ask of volunteers. The group has undertaken another project to "Save the Eightball Insignia" that's on the wall in one of the buildings at Shipdham. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, send donations to C. Joseph Warth, 5709 Walkerton Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45238.

Joe also reported that the young American, Capt. Paul Lorence, killed in the raid on Tripoli in April, lived in Shipdham and helped Joe's group a great deal in 1983 when they dedicated the 44th B.G. Memorial there. Capt. Lorence arranged for an Honor Guard from Mildenhall. He had lived in Shipdham for four years and was due to return to the U.S.A. in May.

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Donald McKinney sent me a photograph of some men at Shipdham. He thinks they were 506th ordinance personnel. Does anyone recognize them?

and flew many missions on the Berlin Airlift. He also had a tour with the Strategic Air Command before retiring in Greenville. Ben was my Pilot and was respected by his fellow officers and men. He exemplified some of the best of the 'Fighting 68th'. I am sending this to you, Pete, so that Ben can be properly remembered and so honored at his passing."

George Temple also wrote to report Ben's passing. He was George's first air-

Charles Haislip Todd (67 Sqdn.) recently joined the 2ADA and sent a couple of notes to Evelyn Cohen which she passed on to me. Charles was on the same crew with Joe Kuklewicz and Ed Kazmirzak, a couple of Irishmen he says! He would like to know if anyone has an address for Joseph J. Jordan (Philadelphia) and Ralph Budde (Alton, IL.) or the only relative that bears his name, Major General Wade Haislip.

Charles also wonders after all these years

if they ever found out who threw the frozen peanut butter sandwich out the chaff chute that broke the plexiglass window in the Liberator following. He says they should have thrown out those d--- "Ping" candy bars. Remember them?

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Subscribing Member Sid Cullington and wife, Marge, had the very good fortune to attend the Glenn Miller Festival June 13-14 in Clarinda, Iowa. While in the U.S.A., Sid planned to visit Don Maule in Mondamin, IA and Donald Stroh in Denver, CO, both 44thrs and 2ADA members. Sid, in addition to being an avid Glenn Miller fan (he is Chairman of Norfolk's Glenn Miller Appreciation Society), has launched a Fellowship Club for people interested in the 2ADA and the 8th Air Force. He reported to me in May that their club has been tidying up a path in the barracks buildings area where all the paintings are located and cut away some of the branches and bushes to make it easier for visitors to walk between the buildings. Sid would appreciate any memorabilia and photos of planes, bases, groups, and stories of your experiences in England in the 40's. The club would like to compile a History of the 44th B.G. Please send contributions to Sid A. Cullington, 42 Sun Lane Millers Lane, Norwich NR3 NF, England.

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Less than a year ago, some new people moved in next door to us here in Rossmoor. The license plate on his car indicated that he was a P.O.W. and I soon discovered that he was a B-17 navigator. They are a very nice couple in spite of his B-17 affiliation! Some months later, John Gunnell from Pittsburgh, PA joined the 2ADA and sent us quite a file covering his return to Stalag Luft I and III with a group of approximately 120 people for the 40th anniversary of P.O.W. Liberation in May 1985. I discovered that my neighbor met John on their trip and had a video tape of the Stalag visits prepared by another liberated P.O.W., Phil Gibbons. We had an opportunity to view the tape on my VCR shortly thereafter.

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I have been your Group Vice President for eight years and the pleasure has been all mine. At the mini-reunion in Pheasant Run 10 July, I decided that it was time for a change and chose not to run again. The members present elected Art Cullen and it certainly was a wise choice. I will continue to serve the Group as Assistant Group V.P. and will offer Art all the help that I can. I am sure that you will welcome him as your new V.P. and work with him to keep the 44th B.G. a viable part of the Second Air Division Association. Art's address is:

Lt.Col. Arthur V. Cullen, Ret.
51 Broad Reach T-71
Weymouthport, MA 02191

To the casual user of Norwich Central Library, the American Memorial Room is something that's very often taken for granted and many people wouldn't give it more than a second glance, thinking it to be of specialist military interest.

But it's much more than that and with new developments just announced, the American room is taking its message out into the community with professional skill and expertise, and it has gained funding from a prestigious international commission. . .

Uncle Sam Books In Expanded Role for American Library

(printed courtesy Eastern Evening News)

There's to be an expanded role for the American Memorial Library in the city, the county and the wider region.

News emerged this week of two major developments which should establish the Norwich-based institution as a major force in Anglo-American education and culture circles.

First, it was announced that the long-discussed idea of the Memorial Library having its own resident American librarian is to become a reality.

The new librarian, appointed initially for a year, is to be Bertha Chandler, currently the director of a public library in Massachusetts. She is expected to take up her appointment in Norwich on September 29, although the date has yet to be finalized.

The library greatly benefitted from having a temporary six month American librarian last year, so news of the new appointment, which I understand could become a permanent feature, is a cause for celebration.

A second development will be the establishment of American Memorial sections in selected branch libraries, made possible by the donation of a cheque for \$22,000, that's about £15,000, by the 2nd Air Division Association at their recent convention in Chicago.

It's not established which branch libraries, or how many, will get the American books. Much will depend on negotiations with the libraries authority, Norfolk County Council.

But Tom Eaton, the chairman of the Memorial Trust which administers the American library, who was in America with Trust governor David Hastings to receive the funding for the branch collections from the airmen's association, sees it as another important step in developing trans-Atlantic understanding.

Dedicated

To the uninitiated, the Memorial Library — which is inside Norwich Central Library — might seem like a specialist military history collection. It is, after all, dedicated to the 6332 American servicemen, of the 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force, operating out of East Anglia, who lost their lives fighting for our freedom in the Second World War.

But documenting that special period in history is only part of the library's function. Since it was dedicated in 1963, it has steadily added to the stock of books covering the wide span of US civilization, and books contributing to knowledge in general, written by Americans or published in America.

Tom believes that the hard work and

How They See City

Norwich was presented as a very attractive environment in the job description literature issued by the Fulbright Commission when it was recruiting a librarian for the Memorial Library...

"Socially and culturally Norwich has much to offer. Once the second city of England, it has a long and lively history and many historic buildings.

"There are theatres, cinemas, concert halls, museums, an arts centre and exhibition centres. Norfolk is noted for its wildlife and great natural beauty."

continued interest in the project over the years, by dedicated people in Norwich and America, has ensured its survival.

And after 1972, when the 2nd Air Division Association held its convention in Norwich, there was a great revival in interest on both sides of the Atlantic. It led to the redrawing of the Trust's terms and greatly improved funding by increased donations to buy new book stocks. Its fund now stands at nearly £250,000.

And, significantly, all this new activity attracted attention from the influential United States - United Kingdom Educational Commission, more popularly known as the Fulbright Commission, after the American Senator, William Fulbright, who set it up as an agency of educational and cultural exchange.

The Fulbright Commission is providing the funding — £14,000 in salary and additional payments including air travel — for the librarian. The official funding also has the side effect of adding to the educational clout of the Memorial Library.

Bertha Chandler, born in the State of Maine, and a graduate of Simmons School of Library and Information Science, will be more than a traditional index-shuffling, shelf-stocking librarian.

She will have outreach duties, involving public speaking in the community, mounting exhibitions and aiding research on matters American throughout Norfolk and the wider region.

Why the Ties Are So Important to Us

Tom Eaton believes that Norwich and the region have special potential for improving understanding and friendship between America and Britain, based on the expanding role of the American Memorial Library and on its developing relationship with the School of English and American Studies at the UEA.

He believes that Winston Churchill got it right when he summoned his cabinet in 1955, just after he resigned as Prime Minister and told them that the hope of peace for the world rested on the closest of ties between the United States and the UK.

One of Churchill's ministers at the time was John Boyd-Carpenter, who writes in his autobiography that the PM added: "That much of the effort and skill required to retain the alliance would have to come from the United Kingdom...and it was basically the most important thing in the world."

It is still crucially important for British people to fully understand the importance of America, Tom believes.

He told me: "The USA today ought to be in the minds and eyes and thoughts of all who seek improvements in all aspects of work and life.

"Unless people who are running our business schools have had an experience of what is being done in that vast English — speaking continent they are traveling through life half-blind."

466th BG Report

Gerry Merket (466th BG)

The 39th Reunion was a happy time, getting together with old friends and meeting a few new ones. The following 466ers attended the entire reunion: Harold Anderson, Joe and Irene Arbaugh, Frank and Louise Bostwick, Glenn and Halleen Hill, Gerry and Sammy Merket, Elwood and Lucille Nothstein, Bob and Sybil Petterson, Jim and Elinor Russell, Art and Barbara Sessa, John Jacobowitz, Robert and Mary Pellican and Vicki and Kurt Warning. Jerry Allpart visited with us one day. Bill and Mary Gallager attended the Mini-Reunion, and Jack Springer attended the banquet. Since for some reason we have very few ex-squadron commanders attend the reunions, we were happy to see John Jacobowitz (known as "Jake" overseas).

Elwood Nothstein was elected as our new Vice President. I hope all of you will help him in any way you can.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your V.P. for the last five years and I really appreciate the help and friendship you have given me. I hope to see all of you in Norwich next year.

Rescue Bid for Flying Eightball Memorials

Submitted by John Archer
(Printed courtesy Eastern Daily Press)

Moves to preserve crumbling memorials of the American 44th Bomb Group — including a cluster of small murals, and the old Shipdham airfield control tower — have been set in motion by Mr. Maurice Woods, of the Manor House, Shipdham.

Arrow Air Services, which uses part of the old airfield, has a "Flying Eightball" bar and occasionally shows off its hangar to American visitors.

The control tower is a shell with balcony, windows and part of the first floor gone. Forty years ago it overlooked the busy runways of the "Flying Eightballs," whose men and machines were involved in many exploits, including the raids on Kiel and Ploesti.

With help from the Friends of the Eighth organization, a building appeal fund has already been launched.

The murals are in a cluster of former military buildings on private land some distance from the airfield. Formerly part of the officers' quarters, the complex is now largely disused, overgrown, and in some cases open to the sky.

Mr. Woods has permission from the owner to weatherproof the buildings containing the murals. "What I need," he said, "are donations of suitable building materials, and someone to donate knowledge and skill to help cover them in."

From All This, Aviators Are Made?

Rick Rokicki, (458th)

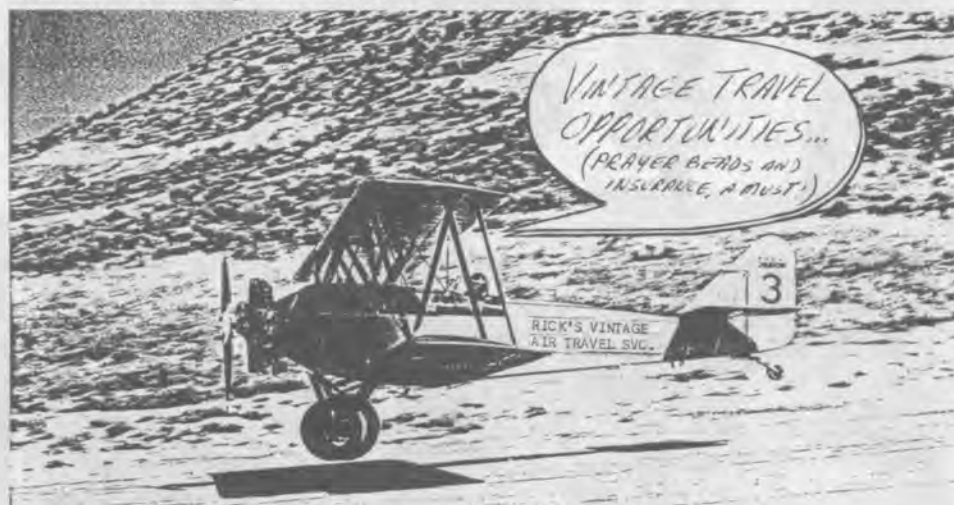
The following is excerpted from an article I wrote for a monthly magazine called "Pilots Preflight, The Washington Sectional" some ten years ago. It is repeated here with the kind permission of the publisher, Robert Goss. Hopefully, it may bring to mind those "fun" days when you were an Aviation Cadet, antique airplane pilot or just a plain ol' sport flyer. De Ja Vu, perhaps?

Conduct your pre-flight in a rapid but deliberate manner. Check fuel tanks to see that all air is removed therefrom. Be sure to vigorously kick all tires. When you come to a complicated part of the airplane, stare at it for several seconds before proceeding. This creates a favorable impression on the "watchers" and makes them think you know what you are doing.



Enter the cockpit in any manner you choose. If at all possible, avoid going in head first. Check stick and throttle positions. If stick is in your left hand and throttle is in your right hand, you are in the cockpit backwards. Do not panic. Smile at the bystanders — it also may help to wave. Slowly rotate your body 180 degrees. Rearrange all shiny, well used switches, levers and buttons in the cockpit in a pleasing and eye-catching manner. Don't bother with the dull or corroded ones. Prepare to start the engine. Keep in mind that a lot of throttle and heavy prime will bring a lot of attention from emergency equipment and is certain to bring the crowds.

When signal is given to taxi, immediately advance throttle enough to jump smoothly over the chocks. While taxiing, an effort should be made to avoid collisions with spectators or ramp personnel, as this causes damage to the propeller and creates an untidy condition on the ramp. If, after taxiing out of your parking spot, you see a large gray wall, stop quickly. Turn around and taxi back out of the hangar. You have committed a rather grievous error.



After arriving in the general vicinity of the runway, immediately begin calling the tower at frequent intervals in a loud and authoritative voice. Do not take "Negative" for an answer. This will accelerate the launching process. If you are on a downwind runway, take off anyway. This will demonstrate your self confidence. After leaving the ground, pull up the nose smartly, close your eyes and count to ten. If contact with the ground has not occurred by this time, continue on as normal. Note: you may open your eyes for the remainder of the flight if you wish, however, this is optional.

If you become surrounded by "lostness", land at the nearest airport. DO NOT ask where you are. Ask direction to the nearest restroom. Display confidence — smile at everyone. Read your location on the front of the hangar, then proceed. Repeat all steps and cautions previously mentioned. Now you can eagerly look forward to your first cross-country, providing you can find your way back to your original starting point. From such as this, all aviators are made . . . ?



Lois & Art Hand (44th)



Mrs. Anne Barne (original member of Board of Governors)



Memoria



Gen. Andy Low (453rd) Master of ceremonies



Loretta & Fred Meyer (489th)



Ceil Rokicki (458th), Edna Reeves (HQ), June Koorndyk (389th) & Mary Henry (44th)



George Dupont & Wife



Bertha Chandler — new Memorial Room Librarian.



Will Lundy & Ed Winer (44th)



Vicky (Brooks) Warning & Husband Kurt (466th)



Edna & Pres. Jim Reeves (HQ)



LeRoy Engdahl, (448th), Delas & Willie Elder (HQ) Ceil Rokicki (458th)



Dean Moyer (HQ), Floyd & Helen Mabee (93rd)

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Memorial Candles for each campaign



Jesse D. & Emily Long (392nd)



Reto Renfer—Swiss friend who came from Switzerland to attend.



Evelyn Cohen (HDQ)



David Hastings (Board of Gov.)



Joe & Ann Flaherty (44th)



Tom Eaton (BG), Jordan Uttal (HQ) & Robin Eaton



Delas & Willy Elder with Evelyn Reeves



Tom Eaton (Bd. of Gov.) receives check for Memorial Library from Treasurer Dean Moyer.



Bill Clary (492nd)



Jordan Uttal (HDQ) & Gen. Andy Low (453rd)



Dean Moyer (HDQ) & Bill Robertie



Evelyn Cohen & Hathy Veynar busy at the "problem" desk.

39th Annual Convention Attendees

44th

Richard Bottomley
Howard & Helen Brunner
Bert Carlberg
Art Cullen
Ivo & Ivy DiPiero
Ken & Margaret Dropek
Joe & Anne Flaherty
Art & Lois Hand
Pete & Mary Henry
Dave Jacobs
Erland Jacobson
Bob & Roberta Johnson
Norm Kiefer
Bob & Elizabeth Lehnhausen
Harry Lemond
Will & Irene Lundy
Ray & Mary McNamara
Charlie & Gladys Mercer
Bob Mountsier
Don O'Reilly
Marion & Nancy Paciorek
Howard Robb
Bill & Hazel Robertie
John & Mary Scholl
Jim Struthers

93rd

Sam Bain
Joe Beach
Henry Betz
Luther & Bernice Bird
Ray Bonfils
Harold Burks
Nick Caruso
Tony & Juanita DeCillis
Art & Nancy DeCoster
Mike Donahue
Bill & Anita Ferraro
T.C. & Dot Gibbs
Bob Harms
Paul & Nora Harwood
Pete Heller
Paul & Martha Hood
Ray & Millie Hunt
Bob & Nancy Jacobs
John & Gloria Julian
George & Louise Kelly
Charlie & Thelma McKee
Bob & Madeleine McKeever
Floyd & Dot Mabee
Rex & Fredalene Roberson
Harold & Erma Secor
John Sloan
Fred Strombon

389th

Charlie & JoAnne Campbell
Charlie Cavage
Gaynell Clark
Ernie & Helen Cox
Jack & Sammie Daniel
Charlie & June Dearing
Jules Domecq
Ed & Nan Essex
Geb & Betty Gebhard
Charlie & Arlene Halder
Allan & Jean Hallett
Gene & Nancy Hartley
Russ & June Hayes
Bruce Helmer
Roy Jonasson
John Klemp

John & Theodora Koepper
Bud & June Koorndyk
Elmer & Ella Landin
Felix & Marjorie Leeton
Walt & June Longhenrich
Bill & Val McCracken
Bob Mager
Buff Maguire
Cecil & Katherine Martin
Bob & Shirley Nicely
Dick & Florence Peterson
John & Evelyn Predari
Ira & Bette Simpson
Ken Smith
Dick Smith
Frank & Grace Vadas
Vern Wells
Lloyd & Clara West
Willard & Donna Wilkerson
John & Lois Worhach
Earl Zimmerman

392nd

Jim Anderson
Hank & Lil Allen
Charlie & Eleanor Bader
Don & Marlyce Bailey
Gil & Martha Bambauer
Vern & Hulda Baumgart
Luther Beddingfield
Ray & Hazel Berthiaume
Joe & Anne Bonanno
Floyd & Roberta Bull
Pat & Mary Burns
John & Margaret Buschman
Joe & Robena Bush
Carroll & Mabel Cheek
John & Wanda Conrad
Max & Muriel Desonne
Allen & Elizabeth Duff
Ray Dunphy
Charlie & Helen Dye
Art & Teddy Egan
Howard Ebersole
Frank & Genevieve Ferenc
Herm & Bessie Mae Garner
Lawrence & Marjorie Gilbert
Barney & Laura Glettler
Jim Goar
Art Jensen
Ray & Norma Jean Kopecky
Bob & Marilyn Lane
J.D. & Emily Long
Oak & Maxine Mackey
John & June Muka
Art & Lee Olson
Cliff Peterson
George & Anne Player
Warren & Dette Polking
Bob Powers
Bill & Jerry Richards
Keith Roberts
John & Gloria Rosenberg
Don & Ruth Scharf
Lou & Delores Stephens
J. Fred Thomas
Harry & Edythe Vasconcellos
Bob Vickers
Joe & Mary Westbrook
Stan White
Norbert & Marion Wick
Steve & Gert Wozniak
Stan & Mildred Zybort

445th

Henry Backowski
Pete & Mary Beth Barnard
Ben & Helen Bodziak
Gene & Marjorie Buszta
Al Ciesliga
Henry & Billie Clayton
Fred & Marjorie Dale
Frank & Elizabeth DiMola
Henry & Mary Dobek
Leonard & Margaret Dubinski
Frank & Ida Federici
Fred & Aggie Fenske
Elmer & Jeanne Fischer
Seymour Grossman
George Harlow
Walt & Lillian Johnson
George & Millie Kesely
John & Meg Lynes
Bob & Nancy McCormack
Art & Margaret McDermott
Oscar & Betty McKeever
Carl & Betty Marino
Glen & Jean Marsteller
Sam & Joan Mastrogiacomio
Sam & Pate Miller
Merlin Odegaard
Floyd & Gwen Oglesby
Dave & Joan Patterson
Llye Platner
Ray Pytel
Ed Roloff
Ben & Mary Schlosser
Rene & Marie Jose Schneider
Alan Seyler
Joe & Catherine Swanick
John & Marie Vessels
Bill & Florence Vinton
Charlie Walker
Floyd & Virginia Walker
Ken & June Wander
Joe & Michaelene Wozniak
Ed & Greg Zobac

446th

Bob & Mary Alexander
Gordon & Joann Bishop
Jim & Jackie Campbell
Dave Cook
Bill & Jean Davenport
Lou Deutsch
Irv & Marin Day
Harold & Ruth Deverick
Mike Emrich
Marv & Mary Finger
Dick Ghere
Wally & Lois Goulet
John & Betty Greene
Jack & Norene Heuser
Charlie Hay
Jim Hey
Fred & Evelyn Knorre
John & Helen Kinney
Henry & Suzanne Kingsbery
John & Rita Kivlehan
Charlie & Helen LaMarca
Harold & Lillian Maslyn
Wally & Imogene Malone
Tom & Kay Mason
Bob Moore
Hal Minnick
Jim & Charlotte Marsh
Bill & Betty McMahan

Sam & Berta McClung
Harold & Ardy Meser
Todd & Pat Owens
Charlie & Zella Perry
Jesse & Mary Pearce
Howard & Verla Phillips
Jim Riedel
Jim & Jo Royer
Aud & Fern Risley
Mitch & Toni Reno
Dale & Vivian Story
Jim & Frankie Shannon
Walt & Donna Snedden
Larry Schwander
Floyd Seaman
Bill & Lela Mae Swartz
Marv & Margaret Speidel
Joe & Cass Soder
Charlie & Helen Smith
Eric & Ethel Sherman
John & Ruth Toljanic
Jack Tardieu
Budd & Helen Wilder
Paul & Ethel Wermuth
Jim Wylie
John & Mignon White

448th

Sid & Mary Allen
Ed & Lucy Anderson
Stu Barr
Ron & Gloria Berryhill
Julian Blake
Harold & Marion Conner
George & Laurie DuPont
Bob & Phyllis Ewing
George & Marguerite Elkins
Leroy Engdahl
Gaylord & Dorothy Graf
Paul & Mary Ellen Homan
Bob & Scotty Hooper
Bob & Zella Harper
Hugh & Joanne Harries
Harold & Helen Ingebrigtsen
Walt Johnson
Dick & Bobbie Kennedy
John & Grace Keller
Joe Longo
Warren Lutin
Tom Murphy
Milt & Ruth Nichols
Dick & Lorraine Neurer
A.C. & Anita Palmer
Charlie & Iris Wingo
Ed Wellestat
John & Dorothy Zima
Joe & Wanda Zonyk

453rd

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Eino & Edna Alve
Irv Appel
Mel & Rose Marie Baldus
Wes & June Bartelt
Ed & Evelyn Bebenroth
Pete Becker
Mike Benarcik
LeRoy & Gloria Berg
Nick Bordnick
Walt Connelly
Tony Corbo
Wally Croxford
Lyman & Geneva Crumrin

Frank Davidson
Russ & Juanita DeMary
Walt Edgeworth
John & Maxine Fiorillo
Ralph & Phyllis Ford
Bill & Carol Garrett
George & Dorothea Giovannoni
Jim Halligan
Russ Harriman
Ed & Ruth Jackson
Jay & Ann Jeffries
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Odell & Virginia Johnson
Bob & Betty Jordan
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Bill & Helen Joyce
John & Frances Kassab
Frank & Jean Kumor
Dick Leonard
O.K. & Lovey Long
Any Low
Denny & June McElhinny
John & Teresa McGough
John & Genevieve McSherry
Jim MacNew
Bob & Thelma Marx
Dot Middleton
Oliver & Ludie Morris
Ed & Ramona Myers
Tom Neilan
Don Nell
Lloyd & Nathalie Nelson
Charlie Parker
Phil Parsons
Jim & Eleanor Paulmann
Bob Pedigo
Paul Pfenninger
Lloyd & Irene Prang
Herb & Berenice Reinders
Will & Betty Riggs
John & Marie Roth
George & Evelyn Rundblad
Frank & Lee Russo
Harry Stien
Lou Stern
Milt & Lucille Stokes
Paul & Dona Jeanne Stovey
John & Helen Talbot
Gordon & Gert Tanner
Frank & Jackie Thomas
Glen & Edith Tisher
Del & Isabelle Victor
Bob & Doris Wangsvick
Orris & Jennie Warrington
Bill & Mary Wheeler
Abe Wilen
Willie & Mary Jean Wilson
Dick Witton

458th

Gerald Allen
Bob & Mary Aileen Armbruster
Birto & Jean Brumby
Lew Burtis
Bill & Barbara Case
Bill & Jean Clark
Harry Craft
Harold Dane
Dale & Virginia Dyer
Larry Everett
George & Dolores Eifel
Bill & Kathleen Edkins
Don & Carolyn Fraser

Virgil & Kay Fisher
 Duane & Mary Fair
 Dick & Lois Fairfield
 Elden & Gerta Gebaroff
 Stan & Dorothy Hammell
 Carl & Sarah Hein
 B.P. & Georgia Hebert
 Frank Josephson
 Oliver & Penny Johnson
 Bill Jameson
 Stan & Royna Johnson
 Tim & Annette Kinnally
 Norman & Pearl Lakey
 Joe & Lillian Linsk
 Russ Lower
 Charlie & Skeet Pool
 Bob & Marty Renn
 Rick & Ceil Rokicki
 Bill & Geraldine Sanders
 Stan & Helen Sievertson
 Leo & Melba Sparkman
 Art & Gerry Vanderbeek
 Ed & Helma Wilcox
 Ed & Amelia Wilds
 Ward Walhay
 Morell & Jean Whipple

466th

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 Harold Anderson
 Frank & Louise Bostwick
 Bill & Mary Gallagher
 Glenn & Halleen Hill
 John Jacobowitz
 Jerry & Sammy Merket
 Elwood & Lucille Nothstein
 George Pinzger
 Budd & Mary Margaret Pellican
 Bob & Sybil Pettersen
 Jim & Elinor Russell
 Art & Barbara Sessa
 Kurt & Vicki Warning

467th

Ed & Mary Alexander
 Lew & Beverly Blanich
 Arch & Helen Boisselle
 Carl & Vicky Brasier
 Forrest & Pat Brown
 Charlie & Eloyce Caldwell
 Bill & Emily Carrico
 George & Katherine Church
 Jim Coffey
 Mel Culross
 Ken & Dot Darney
 Roy Dettinger
 Frank Dudley
 Joe & Helen Dzenowagis
 B.C. & Lois Dunnam
 Bill & Helen Eastland
 Fred & Marie Enck
 Charlie & Alida Ercegovac
 Norman & Lucy Felbinger
 Charlie Finn
 Ken & Margurette Ford
 Gene & Mary Ann Garrett
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 Paul Gourd
 S.T. & Trudy Gray
 Jeff & Terry Gregory
 Craig & Susan Harrington
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 Joe & Evelyn Hodge
 Jim & Barbara Hogarth
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 Roger & Elizabeth Scherer
 Tom & Betty Lou Shaughnessy
 Bob & Rosemary Sheehan
 Al Shower
 Oliver Simmons
 Bob & Irene Snyder
 Tom Steranko
 Jack & Lucile Stevens
 Bill & Juanice Surface
 Dave & Jackie Swearingen
 Warren Wackford
 Walt & Mary Weaver
 Hank Wedaa
 A.P. & Clarisse Wheelock
 Dan & Betty Wright
 Chester & Dolores Zaleski

489th

Bob & Jean Afton
 Chuck & Twyla Baker
 Lee & Maxine Baker
 Ray & Jeanne Beights
 Ralph & Gini Belward
 Otey & Ruth Berkeley
 Stan & Joan Biskup
 Ray & Lyn Blanchard
 Ivan & Lillian Brown
 Bud & Mike Chamberlain
 Don & Betty Champagne
 Jim Chenault
 Ralph Cotton
 Art & Winifred Cressler
 Jim & Mary Curry
 John & Kathleen Dalgleish
 Jim & Jean Davis
 Charlie & Helen Freudenthal
 Matt & Grace Gasperich
 Dave & Joan Godair

LaVerne & Dorothy Graf
 Rudy & Anna Hoerr
 Dick & Evelyn Lingenberg
 Arvo & Alma Lohela
 Paul Menzenski
 Fred & Loretta Meyer
 John & Camille Moir
 Bill & Jeanette Nemchock
 Lew Palmer
 Ed & Barbara Phillips
 Frank Skeldon
 Neal & Pat Sorensen
 Dick & Beverly Stenger
 Paul & Bambi Surbaugh
 Bob & Miriam Thomas
 Glenn Walker
 Chester Weaks
 Bill & Polly Wilkinson
 Dwight & Enid Williams
 Jeff & Ina Wombacher

491st

Carl & Louise Alexanderson
 Frank & Lee Bachman
 Hugh & Gloria Bennett
 Ken & Jean Boyd
 Mike & Margaret Brienza
 Royce & Jeanette Colby
 Dave & Edith Dougherty
 George & Lucille Dumitras
 Don & Betty Ferguson
 Harold Fritzler
 Ray Gasperi
 Bob & Pauline Halker
 Ross & Vel Houston
 Frank & Barbara Lewis
 John & Alice Mesarch
 Wilbert Mishler
 Lloyd & Elsie Murff
 H.F. & Jeanne Patterson
 Pat & Betty Perry
 Dick & Neil Rice
 Dick & Kathy Rinto
 Ray & Betty Snook
 Jack Van Acker

492nd

Charlie & Loraine Bastien
 Ralph & Gloria Beaman
 Bud & Margarette Beasley
 W.H. & Norma Beasley

Jim & Toni Bowman
 Bill Clarey
 Edmund & Betty Erickson
 Gil Green
 Ernie & Emile Haar
 Charlie & Kathleen Joeckel
 Vern & Bobbie Key
 Floyd & Eleanor Kingsley
 John & Helen Losee
 Jim McCrory
 Harry Orthman
 Bob & Vernetta Schultz
 Stan & Dorothy Segar
 Elvern Seitzinger
 John Shope
 Jack Stover
 Lee & Billie Woods

Hdq.

Warren & Eleanor Alberts
 Warren & Norma Burman
 Evelyn & Lil Cohen
 Roy Crist
 Virginia Tomlin Davis
 Delos & Mary Francis Elder
 Earline Embrey
 Chris Collins Henderson
 Vivienne Reimer Hopper
 Livingston & Tina Jones
 Ernie & Dottie Krogmann
 Vara Christian Kubly
 Dean & Deannie Moyer
 Jim & Edna Reeves
 Mert & Helen Roberts
 John & Janice Sanders
 Bill & Eleanor Storms
 Ray & Ruth Strong
 Lida B. Cowan Thompson
 Jordan Uttal
 Milt, Hathy & Caron Veynar
 Joe & June Whittaker

4th & 56th F.G.

Ed Creeden

Board of Governors

Anne Barne & Tom & Robin Eaton
 David & Jean Hastings

SM

Reto Renfer



Pete and Mary Henry (44th) and Jordan Uttal (Hdq.)



The mob scene.



Registration Desk. Helen Freudenthal and Ceil Rokicki handle one "customer". Mary Henry is swamped!

489th Reunion Notes

by Chrls H. Freudenthal (489th)

So the 39th Reunion is over, and now the 40th isn't so very far away. Are you on the list? We had about 74 in the 489th contingent at Pheasant Run, and I tried to figure out which squadron had the most there, but there are too many of you who were in two — or even three — squadrons, so I gave up. No complete crews made it, but Jim Curry and Dave Godair did. They were on the Sidney Lewis crew of the 844th that was shot down on 6 October 1944, and met for the first time since they were liberated from POW status in 1945. Bud Chamberlain and his co-pilot Carl Clader also met for the first time in many moons. There were others too, I think, but I've lost count. Otey Berkeley, Bob Afton, Ralph Belward, LaVerne Graf and I entered the golf tournament. LaVerne won a plaque for low net (I think), and the rest of us enjoyed ourselves retrieving balls from the water. Except Otey, who must have played before, and he only splashed once.



Ralph Cotton, Carl Clader, and Bud Chamberlain. Ralph flew BTO, and Carl was Bud's Co-pilot.

Business Meeting

We had a long business meeting on mini-reunion night. With our membership now right around the 300 mark, I'm finding it not too easy to keep up with things at times. And to be honest about it, the cost of the newsletter, membership mailings, phone calls, etc., is getting a little hefty. It now runs \$124.92 per newsletter issue (300 cys). That breaks down to \$54.00 for printing and folding; \$66 for stamps; and \$4.92 for the envelopes, and totals \$749.52 for six issues a year. Then there's about \$35 for insurance on our Halesworth memorial and as near as I can figure it, an average of \$15-20 per month for telephone calls. That's one way I get new members. When they don't answer my letters, I call 'em! So the vote was to ask for \$4 per year as Group dues, which we feel would not be an imposition on anyone, and which would leave us a few dollars over to buy books for the Memorial Room at the Norwich library in memory of those who pass on. Ralph Belward offered to be the 489th Treasurer,

and as soon as he and I can get the necessary details worked out, we'll let you know. You'll get a reminder in the newsletter and that will be all. There'll be no "overdue" notices. If you don't send anything, nobody will remind you, and it won't affect our friendship a bit.

More on the Book

We also had a lot of discussion about the Group history. Neal Sorenson showed us samples of paper and bindings and gave us some price estimates. As nearly as we can compute it right now, planning on a hard linen cover binding, with about 192 pages of photos and copy, using coated (slick) paper, the price per book will be \$25-30. Since this will very probably be a one-time press run, I suggest that you consider whether or not you want to buy an extra copy or two for the family. We will, of course, insure that copies go to Norwich and Halesworth libraries. Whether or not places such as the AF Museum would sell it will have to be resolved later on.

We didn't elect him, but Glenn Walker volunteered to help with the search for more of the 489th's missing. There are several pages of names and addresses — some old, some older, of people we need to track down. Often the trail peters out, but every once in a while we find someone. It takes time and even ingenuity, and I'm sure grateful for Glenn's offer of help.



Bill Wilkinson and Bob Afton. Bill was a navigator on Carl Hillstrom's crew. Bob was the Mickey operator on Beardslee's crew in the 847th.

Eleven years ago, at my first reunion, Jack Albright and I were the only 489th people there. The next year, 1976, there were four, and in 1977, nine of us made it. Now we're up in the high 60s and 70s. Super!

Wakefield Memories

On a different course, I got hold of the War Diary of the USS Wakefield, but it didn't say much about the voyage, except that it "Embarked 7033 troops..." on

12 April 1944, and on the 13th "Departed Boston at 0504 enroute Liverpool, England, route as assigned, speed 19.5. Position 1200 (+4), 42-26 N, 68-28 W." Now you know where you were — sometime. Next step is to locate the ship's log, and if I do maybe we can tell whether the trip was "uneventful", or as Don Wayne recalls it, a period of storms and pitching and tossing, and wondering when the time to abandon ship would be coming. Will the Log tell all? Stay tuned.



Chuck Baker (844th pilot) and Fred Meyer, shot down in "Cover Girl" 6 August 1944.

One last note. There being no other candidates for the positions of Group VP and Ass't Group VP, Bud and I were re-elected. We'll do our best, and we'll be looking for help from time to time, so be ready! Next newsletter in August.

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POOP from GROUP 467

Wow! What a great reunion at the Pheasant Run Lodge at St. Charles, IL. Our Group had some 130 vets, family members and friends attending. Don't have exact numbers as of this writing, but with walked-ons, the above figure may increase.

Jackie and I checked in on Tuesday, July 8th. I met all day Wednesday on the Executive Committee. Much Association business was transacted. The Treasurer's Report by Dean Moyer revealed again the financial status is in good shape.

Evelyn Cohen revealed plans for the 1987 Reunion in Norwich are taking shape. Every effort is being made to accommodate all Vets and spouses who have sent in deposits for reservations. Only 900 people from state-side can be housed and fed.

All other officers and Committee Chairmen made reports. Please write me if you were unable to attend the reunion and the General Business session, but have questions about the happenings of the 2ADA.

Our Group Hospitality Room (The Hayloft) was a huge success. We had the largest of the rooms because I think we had the most attendees. The 492nd Bomb Group attendees were welcome to use our room. We had people coming and going all the three days it was open. We also were the only Group to have VCR and TV monitor equipment all day Thursday, Thursday night at our Mini-Reunion dinner and all day Friday. We played videotapes, "A Village Remembers", "Air War Over Europe" and others, as well as new recorded interviews being done by the Dzenowagis family at the Reunion. In fact, Friday night after the Italian Buffet dinner, we reopened our room and there were some 175 people who enjoyed more tapes and great fellowship. Many of our Vets displayed photo books and memorabilia.

The video-taping of war experiences and whatever by the Vets who elected to participate got off to an excellent start. Joe, Helen, Joe, Jr. and Joan Dzenowagis worked hard to use every available waking hour from about 3 p.m. Wednesday 'til Sunday at noon. It's strictly a professional job! I predict it will be one of the most important projects entered into by the 2ADA since its inception with the exception of the Memorial Trust. The video-taping project will continue at next year's reunion in Norwich and beyond. All of you who wish can participate.

At our dinner Thursday night, we recognized Ed Holum and his crew. There were 8 of them attending. There were

several other crews who had 2 to 6 of their crew members present.

We were happy to have all Vets and their families and friends of the 492nd Bomb Group with us at our Thursday night dinner. Bill Clarey had a guest, a young man from Switzerland, who was introduced and spoke briefly. He is quite interested in WWII, especially the Air War over Europe.

Important action taken at our 467th BG business meeting on Friday included approving the incorporation of the 467th BG proposed by our own Bill McGovern.

The group also voted to proceed with

plans submitted by Phillip Day to have a 467th Group Reunion in Shreveport, LA and Barksdale Air Force Base (now 8th Air Force Headquarters) on Sept. 24th to 27th, 1987.

We urge you all to send at least \$5.00 per year to Phillip Day to help defray the cost of writing and mailing of the Poop From Group 467. A hat was passed at our business session at Pheasant Run and \$360.00 was contributed by those present.

Please continue to locate "lost souls". We want to increase our membership in the 2ADA by at least 50 in the next 12 months.

Again Jackie and I thank you for the opportunity to meet and know so many of you. At the reunion, I regret not having more time to visit with each of you. We were pretty busy keeping the room open and scheduling for the video-tape interviews. Please write!



Dave Butler, Dick Boucher, Harry Orthman, and George Slentz on first tee at Los Alamitos.

2nd ADA AUXILIARY

At the July 12, 1986 2nd ADA annual business meeting in Illinois, the Association membership approved a resolution calling for the establishment of a 2nd ADA Auxiliary.

Membership eligibility would include spouses, brothers, sisters, children and grandchildren of 2nd ADA members.

Much organizational work must be done before receiving membership applications. However, your 2nd ADA Auxiliary Organizing Committee wants to hear from anyone interested. Please address your interest to the Committee chairman as follows:

C. N. "Bud" Chamberlain
769 Via Somonte
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Missives from the 492nd

by Bill Clarey (492nd)

Reto Renfer, my Swiss "emissary" friend, stole the whole show, in so many words, by his seemingly untiring interest in obtaining all the information he could from all the delegates at Pheasant Run — What a great place it is and what a fine reunion we had. Thanks to Evelyn and the people who helped her.

We had more attendees this year than ever before, thanks to Jim Mahoney for all of his efforts in that respect. We were sorry to hear that his wife was ill and that they could not attend. Believe me, they were sorely missed.

Attendees this year were: Charles and Lorraine Bastien, Ralph and Gloria Beaman, Bud and Marg Beasley, Bill and Norma Beasley, Jim and Toni Bowman, Ed and Betty Erickson, Paul Gourd, Gil Green, Ernie and Emile Haar, Charlie and Kathleen Joeckel, Vern and Bobbie Key, John and Helen Losee, Harry Orthman, Reto Renfer, Bob and Vernetta Schultz, Stan and Dorothy Seger, Elvern and Hazel Seitzinger, John Shope, Jack Stover, Lee and Billie Woods, Jim McCrory, Ed and May Alexander and John and Elsie Taylor. All of these people signed a get-well card for Maxine. She thanks every one for the thought. She will be able to see better after this week.

I wish to thank the voting members present for my re-election as VP of the group. Hopefully, I'll be able to meet all my "dead lines". Also, I wish to thank the nominating committee for my re-election to the Executive Committee. I assure you that I'll do my best for the organization.

On July 14, the 492nd had their memorial ceremony at the Air Force Museum at Dayton, Ohio. I wish to thank Al Mohny and all those that were responsible for the prestigious manner in which it was carried out. Believe me, there were some tears shed. Colonel R.L. Uppstrom, Director of the

Domecq (389th B.G.) Wins Drawing

One hundred and five of our members flew to the St. Charles, IL reunion via our official carrier, United Airlines. The airline donated two free tickets for travel to any place in the continental United States and Pat Burns name was drawn from George Dupont's (448th B.G.) cap at the Men's Luncheon 11 July as the winner. Pat was in the 392nd B.G.

However, Pat advised us that he flew to the reunion via Western Airlines and was not eligible for the drawing. Another drawing was held at the Executive Committee meeting Sunday, 13 July, and Jules L. Domecq's name was drawn. The two free tickets have been mailed to him. Congratulations Jules.

Museum, gave us enough time to inspect the B24 that is on display. I think that some of us were amazed at just how different it was, getting through the airplane now, and how it was 42 years ago. I got

the design of the B24 when he worked at Consolidated. He helped in the design of the P38 at Lockheed. Hopefully, we can get him to attend the 50th anniversary of the B24 in 1989 to be held in Fort Worth,



(left to right): Col. A. Shower (467th BG); Reto Renfer (Switzerland); Jim Hogarth (467th BG); Jim McCrory (492nd BG).

We wish to thank Lorraine and her Air Force Capt. husband, Williford, for all the work that they did in seeing to it that the complete ceremony went off as planned. They will be hearing more from us.

Recently, I met a neighbor, John McKellar, an aero-engineer, who helped in reacquainted with the section of the catwalk that I stood on just prior to bailing out into the North Sea.

Our thanks to John Page for sending Don and Shirley Prytulak a box that contained stones from the runway at North Pickenham. That was a very nice and unexpected surprise.

Texas. Bob Vickers of the 392nd BG has all the information.

Thanks again to all those responsible for the new roster. It's a great help.

Our group patch, "Umbrigo", has been re-discovered. Charlie Barrett has this particular patch and will try to have it duplicated for us. More on this later. You will remember him as our "debriefing" officer after each mission. Thanks again Charlie.

All in all, I think that our group has really gotten it all together now and each succeeding reunion will see more members and be better than ever. It was like "old home week" to see every one.

389th Notes

by Lloyd E. West (389th)

I have just returned from the 39th annual reunion at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Ill. After renewing friendships, and the many good times we had at the reunion, I return determined to do a better job as your Vice President in securing new members. So they too may have the experiences of attending a reunion.

At the Mini-Reunion we had 16 first timers as we like to call them out of a total of 37 members attending. We had 65 in attendance at the Mini-Reunion.

The high point of the Mini-Reunion for the 389th was that pilot Willard Wilkerson of Linden, Iowa had seven of his crew with him. This was the first time some had seen each other in about 42 years. Maybe some of you can recall as follows Jack David, Hattisburg, Miss.; Ed Essex, Seattle, Wa.; Elmer Landin, Kennewick, Wa.; Walt Longhenrick, St. Louis, Mo.; John Predari, Salt Lake City, Utah; John Worbach, Calif.; and Wm Myers address missing. They were applauded by the group and recognized by some local press. It was a moving experience to witness this joyful and tearful reunion of this crew. There are still three of his crew living who were not able to attend. I congratulate Willard Wilkerson for the job he did in bringing

his crew together.

A new feature at the reunion this year was a meeting room assigned each group. It was available each day and provided a place for memorabilia, photo albums and numerous items of interest to the group. It also provided a place to visit. I wish to take this opportunity to thank those attending for their cooperation in making the group room a success.

I am hoping the *Journal* arrives in time to serve as a reminder for you and that you will plan to be in Dayton, Ohio on Oct. 3 and 4 for the dedication of the 389th Group Memorial at the Air Museum. Reservations will be accepted until Sept. 10, 1986. For further information contact those listed in notice elsewhere in the *Journal*.

As your V.P. I regret that some of your reservations were put on a standby list for the trip to Norwich. Due to the overwhelming response and limited facilities in Norwich, it was the only choice the association had.

On behalf of the 389th Group I'd like to say Thank You to Mr. Bud Koorndyk, our president this past year, for a job well done. And Welcome, Mr. James Reeves, our new president for the coming year. Much luck and success in your endeavor.



392nd B.G.

by
John B. Conrad

Those of you who read the June issue or attended the 39th Annual Reunion in July at Pheasant Run know that James Fred Thomas resigned as 392nd Group Vice President after six years of dedicated service. During these years as Group VP, Fred also served as 2nd ADA Executive Vice President in 1983-84 and as 2nd ADA President 1984-85. Under Fred's administration both the 392nd and the 2nd ADA experienced solid growth. Fred will continue to seek out those who served during WWII and tell them about our organization. Helping old friends to meet again is

what it's all about, and everyone's help is needed. As you come across others who served in the 392nd or in any other group, send his name and address to either Fred or me. We will send a copy of the *Journal* and membership information along with an invitation to join.

Spouses, guests and members attending the 392nd's mini-reunion at Pheasant Run spent a pleasant evening reviewing experiences at Wendling. Among those present were 15 of the original cadre assigned to the 392nd prior to its departure for England in July 1943, including: Lawrence G. Gilbert, Group Operations (and last 392nd Commanding Officer); Joseph Bush, Group Executive Officer; Warren A. Polking, Squadron Commander; Charles E. Dye, Armament; T. Daniels, Pilot; Joe W. Westbrook, Jr., Bombardier; Robert E. Lane, Squadron Executive; Raymond F. Berthiaume, Engineering; Gilbert R.

Bambauer, Group Personnel; William H. Richards, Tech Supply; Jim Goar, Transportation; Bernard Glettler, Flying Control; Harry C. Kruse, A&E Mechanic; Stephen A. Wozniak, Airplane Mechanic; and Patrick J. Burns, Radio. The names of all attendees will be published elsewhere in the *Journal*.

This year each group had its own assigned meeting room throughout the entire reunion period in which to display memorabilia brought to the reunion by its members. Among the more extensive displays were Ray Dunphy's photos taken at Wendling and at past reunions, which were of interest to many members. Bill Richards and Bob Vickers displayed "blowups" of many pages and pictures taken from Bob Vickers' book, *The Liberators From Wendling*, published in 1977. Fred Thomas brought the last American flag to fly over
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Gift From Wartime Comrades

Submitted by Tom Eaton

(printed courtesy Beccles and Bungay Journal)

St. Mary's Church, Flixton, near Bungay, has a new pair of oak gates, thanks to the generosity of an earlier generation of Americans who flew from British bases on bombing missions.



Churchwardens Mrs. Lilian Hinsley and Mrs. Dorothy Wyburn admire the new gate at Flixton Church with Mr. John Archer.

During the second world war Flixton was the base for the 446th Bombardment Group.

Before they went home after hostilities ceased in 1945, the Americans gave the village church a pair of gates as a memorial to the men who did not return from their missions over Europe.

Veterans

Three years ago some of the veterans returned to their old base and found that almost four decades of British weather had taken its toll on the memorial gates which were looking the worse for wear.



The memorial plaque on the new gates at St. Mary's Church, Flixton.

They decided that something should be done to replace them. So they approached Mr. John Archer, of Earsham, who has acted as local historian for the 446th Bomb Group and has kept in touch with the veterans since the war.

While Mr. Archer launched the project on this side of the Atlantic, things were happening on the other side.

Funds

Veterans of the old Flixton unit were located throughout the USA and funds were raised in a short time.

Carpenter Mr. Keith Baldry, of Loddon, secured special seasoned oak and made the new gates to the same pattern as the original set, including the sturdy posts.

"He has done a remarkably good job," said Mr. Archer.

Bomb Group

Within the past week the new gates have been hung, and in May next year the 446th Bomb Group veterans plan to be back at Flixton to rededicate their memorial.

At the same time, a roll of honor of the 446th will be placed in the church.

Said Mr. Archer: "A trust fund is being set up, and well into the distant future the gates will be cared for through the generosity of the men who once served at the nearby airfield."

Wendling before it was returned to the British after the end of the war. Herman Garner had prepared handsome enameled circular pin-on badges carrying "The Crusaders" emblem of the 392nd, which he distributed to every member and guest present.

Everyone in the 392nd has probably received a mailing from the newly organized 392nd BG Memorial Association. The organizational meeting was held in October 1985, and the first annual membership meeting was held at Pheasant Run on July 11. This organization is devoted to perpetuating the history of the 392nd, to maintaining the obelisk at Wendling, and carrying out other projects pertaining only to the 392nd. The president is Lawrence W. Gilbert and secretary-treasurer is Gilbert R. Bambauer. William H. Richards is vice president. In addition to the three officers, the board of directors is also composed of Stephen A. Wozniak, Carroll W. Cheek, Howard Ebersole, and Luther Beddingfield. Anyone who has not already joined this organization is certainly urged to consider joining.

At the 38th annual reunion held last year at McAfee, New Jersey, Bob Lane reported that members had generously contributed to the memorial to be dedicated at the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. He predicted that, after all memorial expenses were paid, as much as \$1,000 may be available for other uses. It was decided at that time that half of the surplus would be contributed to the memorial library at Norwich, and that the other half would be earmarked to either maintain the obelisk at Wendling or support any other worthwhile project in the interest of the 392nd. Accordingly, \$500 was contributed to the Memorial Library in July, with the request that it be used to help defray the cost of establishing a proposed branch library near Wendling. The remaining balance was given to the 392nd BG Memorial Association for the purpose of maintaining or restoring the obelisk at Wendling.

It will be helpful to have some additional information on the service of each member at Wendling. We would like to have (1) the month and year you were transferred into the 392nd, (2) the month and year you were separated from the 392nd, (3) your squadron or support unit, and (4) your specialty in the 392nd BG. Those attending the reunion at Pheasant Run have already provided this information. All other members are requested to send this information to me at 2933 Montavesta Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502.

Some advice and indication of preferences as to subject and content that you would like to have appear in this column will also be helpful. Please send me any items you may have which will be of interest to the 392nd and its support units.

Library Role Grows Trust Backs Bertha

Six years ago the need for an American librarian based at the American Memorial Library in Norwich was recognized by the trustees. At the time it was not possible to fund such a project.

Last year, however, the library gained from six months work by Mrs. Sue Vision, who returned to the States after emphasizing, once again, the importance of having an American working regularly in the library.

On September 29, therefore, one of the main hopes of the trustees becomes reality. Thanks to the Fulbright Commission, which is providing the funding, the Memorial Library will have a resident American librarian, initially for a year.

She is Bertha Chandler, currently director of the Sharon public library, in Massachusetts.



Bertha Chandler

A short time ago she was a guest at the 2nd Air Division Association's convention at Pheasant Run near Chicago, attended by more than 1000 members. Also present was Mr. Tom Eaton, chairman of the Memorial Trust, who told me: "She's absolutely first class. They sat her at the top table, and it was very moving to see elderly veterans coming up and shaking her by the hand."

coming. "I think I am the first working librarian to receive a Fulbright Scholarship, but I am still trying to check that," she said.

Her only previous experience of England was a holiday in the London area about 10 years ago. Now she is looking forward to coming to Norwich in September.

Contacts

"I do have ideas about the museum, but I am conscious of the need to meet people first," she said.

She is in contact with the American Library Association and is hoping to establish new links. She would also like to build a network of "contacts" in different States, and arrange information exchanges between Norfolk and American schools.

She is conscious of the many close links between East Anglia and the East Coast. "I hope to bring some New England background to the job," she said.

The 39th 2nd ADA convention was also notable for the fact that Mr. Eaton returned with a cheque for about £15,000. It is to be used for the establishment of American sections in selected Norfolk and North Suffolk branch libraries.

The award of a Fulbright Scholarship and the establishment of American sections in branches marks a new stage in the development of Norwich's Memorial Library. It was always intended to make it a "living memorial" rather than a simple reminder of the last war.

Membership of the 2nd ADA now stands at over 6000 and for the first time exceeds the number of American war casualties in East Anglia. A further indication of its



This plaque, erected in Bethel Street, Norwich in 1948, records the original American cash contribution and the intention to open a memorial library.

Speaking from the public library at Sharon, near Boston, Miss Chandler told me she was "thrilled and delighted" to be

growth is that a record 900 members are planning to attend next year's convention in Norwich.

SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

June 30, 1986

General Fund Account:

Balance June 30, 1985		66,989.71	
Receipts: Membership Dues	60,359.88		
Interest Earned	4,547.29		
McAfee Convention 1985	5,945.52		
Computer Receipts	37.58		
Micro Film Reader	924.00		
2AD Plate Emblems Receipts	425.00		
		<u>72,239.27</u>	
Receipts and Balance			139,228.98

Disbursements:

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Telephone	798.15		
Gasoline	254.54		
Office Supplies	257.66		
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Rent	5,200.00		
Journal: Printing	12,075.40		
Postage	2,399.25		
Extra Postage	1,123.96		
Stuff. env. 2 iss.	453.48		
Envelopes	1,771.25		
Paste Up	5,240.00	31,115.42	
Membership: Postage	2,900.00		
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75,266.49

Memorial Library Fund Account:

Balance June 30, 1985		21,365.66	
Receipts: Donations	27,738.33		
Interest	399.96		
Receipts and Balance		<u>28,138.29</u>	
Disbursement to Memorial Library Sept. 1985		49,503.95	
		<u>27,500.00</u>	

22,003.95

Balance June 30, 1986

543.20

Library Plaque Fund — Balance as of June 30, 1986

Balance Cash on Hand, All Funds as of June 30, 1986

\$97,813.64

Where the Cash is — as of June 30, 1986

Checking Fund A/C, Citizens Natl. Bank, Lyndora	979.47
Ins. Money Market, Citizens Natl. Bank, Lyndora	23,885.67
C.D. 30 Mons. (P1205), Citizens Natl. Bank, Lyndora	30,000.00
Dollar Bank, Butler, PA, Money Fund	12,083.50
Dollar Bank, Butler, PA, 3 C.D.s (\$10,000.00 Each)	30,000.00
Overpayment of Postage to Robertie, Dec. 1985	865.00
Total Cash Available	<u>\$97,813.64</u>

Dean E. Moyer, Treasurer — Second Air Division Association

458th Bomb Group Report

by Rick Rokicki (458th)

Our 39th Reunion/Convention is history. It's my guess that there were a thousand or more attending. It was hot and humid with more rain falling in one hour than the whole state of Maryland had in the last 3 months. However, it appeared that everyone in attendance had a great time (even the golfers who really caught the down-pour). We showed at least 74 attending, although the "count" may have been different at the Mini-Reunion.

Sincerely appreciate your confidence by reelecting me to another term as your Group V.P. I would welcome all letters from those who might be willing to run for this office at the next Convention. I would be happy to advise anyone so interested in how to take over these responsibilities with a minimum of effort.

I believe we now have 462 458th members. Goal by next Reunion in May '87, is to reach 500 in our Group. Must have help from you fellows, please. We are seeing more and more Crew Reunions every year. If you have someone still "holding out" from your crew, give me a chance to get him back in "formation".

Regarding the bronze plate for Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum, it appears that we must raise somewhere near \$2,000.00. Fred Vacek, from Riverside, IL sent me a check for \$100.00 (see Letters) and another \$250.00 was received at our mini-reunion dinner. Hopefully, there will be further contributions in order that we have sufficient funds to accomplish this goal. Please make your check out to: 458th BG Memorial Trust Fund. You can either send it to:

William S. Jameson
9715 Springtree Lane,
Dallas, Texas 75243

or

Rick Rokicki
365 Mae Road,
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

If we fall short of our projected costs, all monies will be returned to senders. I

sincerely hope that whatever you may wish to contribute for this Memorial to the 275 who didn't make it back to Horsham St. Faith, you will do soon. Please write to either Bill or me and get your contribution into the Fund. No check is too small, since it will be the total effort of all that is needed. I hope to report success in the next *Journal* column.



Banquet (left): Don & Carolyn Fraser, Birt Brumby, Lou Burtis, Bill Sanders. (right): Bill & Kathy Eddins, Dot & Stan Hammell, Ceil Rokicki

Received a letter from Tony North advising that his latest *Liberator* Album, Volume 3, the 96th Combat Wing is down to the last 100 issues. Would suggest to anyone who is interested that you write to: Jack Stevens, 3526 Larga Circle, San Diego, CA 92110 for a copy. Price is \$10.00 and includes surface mail from U.K. (allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery). If you wish to write Tony, his address is: 62 Turner Road, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 4HB, England. Price here is 5.25 Pounds Sterling and includes postage. The Album is compiled

by Tony North and illustrated by Mike Bailey. Many photos from the 458th, 466th and 467th, some of which I had never seen before. I personally have all volumes and prize them highly, certainly a very necessary album for your library. Also, while on the subject, those of you who previously wrote asking where to obtain a copy of Roger Freeman's book "The Mighty Eighth" can now order this classic book of 312 pages, from William G. Robertie, P.O. Drawer "B", Ipswich, Massachusetts 01938. Cost is \$22.00 which is \$2.95 LESS

than anywhere else that this book is sold. I'm told that the New Edition contains more than 200 photographs. Again, if you wait too long, you may miss this one again. By the way, the \$22.00 includes the postage and packing!

It looks like the 1987 Reunion/Convention in Norwich is "fully subscribed". Hope the 458th will have a good showing here, but if you can't make it, keep in mind that the following year (1988) will have us at Colorado Springs, CO. My suggestion is that you plan for it. . . .

West Coast Activities

by Fred Thomas (392nd BG)

While many were preparing for the Pheasant Run convention and reunion in July, California members continued their satellite activities by staging two events which, as usual, were filled with good fun and camaraderie.

On June 1, a large number of couples of the Sacramento area colony of 392nd BG members met for their annual "Backyard Barbeque" in the lovely backyard of Tom and Edna Gartner in Woodland, CA. To

reacquaint you, Tom was chief of the motor pool at Wendling. Among other vehicles, he supplied the GI trucks used to transport combat crews to and from their planes, as well as trucks used on liberty runs. Edna is English from near Wendling.

In a setting of beautiful flowers and a neatly cultivated vegetable garden, the gracious hosts made the event one to be remembered. The food and drink, as is always the case at these 392nd BG affairs, were delicious and in plentiful supply. Under such conditions, you may be sure many friendships were renewed, missions reflowed, and days of Wendling relived.

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June 6 saw 41 men and five lady golfers

turn out at the Los Alamitos Navy Golf Course for the 1st Annual So. California Second Air Division Golf Tournament. Chaired and directed by Harry Orthman (492nd/44th BGs), and ably assisted by Charles L. "Chuck" Walker (445th BG), posters, artwork, and barbeque details; Charles McBride (448th BG), reservations and financial details; R. C. "Dick" Boucher (445th BG), adviser and roving coordinator, and Fred Thomas (392nd BG) and Jim and Yula Tollefson (491st BG), scoring and awards determination, a most successful event was produced.

Tee offs began at 10:00 by golfers who ranged from the low handicaps to the occa-
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West Coast Activities (continued)

sional golfer who used the Calloway system for score adjustments. However, when the dust had settled about five hours later, prizes were awarded to entrants from all levels of play. From the handicap players, the low gross was scored by Dave Butler (son of Dick Butler). Four players, Dave Butler, Chuck Walker, Bob Weinstein, and John Muelchi tied for low net. In a putting



Dave Butler, Dick Boucher, Harry Orthman, and George Slentz on first tee at Los Alamitos.

contest to determine the winner, Chuck Walker took the trophy. In the Calloway bracket, Todd Powell scored low gross and low net, but under the rule that only one trophy would be given to any one player, low net was awarded to Don Leavenworth who scored second lowest net. For the ladies, Yula Tollefson scored low gross and low net went to Jane Leavenworth. Also, prizes were given for longest drive and closest to the pin. Dave Butler hit the longest drive, but under awards rules, the trophy went to Stan Bietler who hit the second longest drive. Closest to the pin award went to George Slentz, a visiting Fighter Pilot. Mens high gross award went to Art McDermott, and ladies high gross was shot by Violet Libby.

The golf awards program was followed by a very tasty Santa Maria barbeque which was enjoyed by the golfers who were joined by a number of members and wives who came just to enjoy the food and take part in the general camaraderie which always prevails at Second Air Division events. To top off the day, ten dozen golf balls donated by friends and clients of Chuck Walker were given to those lucky enough to have their door prize tickets drawn from the bowl.

While all players didn't win a prize, and several were heard muttering, "if I hadda, coulda, woulda, etc." it was the unanimous opinion of all who attended that it was an event that should be repeated. It was certainly a far better day than June 6, forty two years ago. A bigger and better tourney is on the drawing board for 1987.

What a Library Loan!

Houstonian checks out NASA films for England

(printed courtesy Houston Chronicle)

It has to be one of the more inventive library loans on record.

Houstonian Howard Morton, a consultant for the Delano Bradford Corp., arranged it with the help of NASA and British Caledonian Airways.

Thanks to their efforts, patrons of the Norfolk County Library in Norwich, England, will soon be able to view the history of the U.S. manned space flight program, from Alan Shepherd and John Glenn through the latest flight of the space shuttle, on copies of 30 NASA films.

Morton, who was stationed near Norwich during his service as a second lieutenant with the Air Force in World War II, has a special relationship with the library there. He and the other 6,000 members of the Second Air Division Association maintain a wing of the library. Over the years they have provided 9,000 books for it, many of which detail life in the United States.

In addition to the pictures and memorabilia from the war and the many books, Morton felt it would be a great benefit to the library to have access to material about the space program. Since NASA could not let the films out of the country permanently, Morton checked them out personally.

British Caledonian Airways donated the air freight for transporting the films to England and will ship them back in time for the October due date. The Norwich Library, in cooperation with another nearby library, is in the process of copying the films and adapting them to the different British electrical current.

Complicated? Maybe. But Morton and the Norwich library are pleased. When the project is complete, British schoolchildren whose teachers bring the films to science class no doubt will appreciate the effort.

Leslie Sowers



Shown at left on May 16, 1986 are Miss Sue Edens, Cargo Manager for British Caledonian Airways in Houston, Texas and Howard Morton, former lead navigator for the 448 Bomb Group at Seething. Mr. Morton secured, on a loan basis, from the National Aeronautical & Space Administration, 30 color sound films and tapes, amounting to over 12 hours of viewing. With the cooperation of Miss Edens and B-Cal these films and tapes were flown to England where they will be copied to conform to the British electrical system by Mr. Colin Sleath and then the copies will become a permanent part of the WWII 2nd Air Division Association maintained wing of the Norfolk County Library in Norwich England. These tapes and films cover a representative section of Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and Shuttle flights plus scientific subjects about space which are of interest to students.

Without the cooperation of NASA, Miss Edens and B-Cal this project would not have been possible.

Video Tape Donated to 2ADA Library in Memory of Adam Soccia

Your 2ADA film library is the recipient of the following video tape donated by Phillip Day and the 467th Bomb Group in memory of Adam Soccia:

"The Story of Willow Run"

"Preflight Inspection of the B-24"

"How to Fly the B-24"

This tape will replace the one now listed as tape #XII including "Medal of Honor — The Burning of Ploesti" and will be available in the near future as tape #XII. The "Medal of Honor — Burning of Ploesti" portion will be added to another tape as soon as possible.

Pete Henry (44th B.G.)

Letters



Dear Companions in the war to stop Hitler:

Monday, the 7th of July, was a great day for flying. Between Jacksonville and Atlanta we flew over a vast sea of puff-ball clouds. Occasionally, through the cracks between the puffs we caught a vision of homes, on a mystic ocean floor, thirty thousand feet below. Then as we lifted our gaze, there in the near distance, the Grand Himalayas.

Our rendezvous was Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, at Dayton, Ohio, where warriors of the air of the 446 Bombardment Group came together to dedicate a plaque to the memory of the men who didn't come back, but who are still flying the skies on some great mission with the Master Pilot of us all. We were sorry that only a few of the "ground personnel" were there, but the few did represent the many fine men who made it possible for others to fly.

Our Catholic Chaplain, Father Joseph Murphy (whose present address is 20075 Sublette Road, Gilman Hot Springs, California, 92340) was not able to make the reunion, but he wrote me, saying, "Please give my very fond greetings to all those fine young men — they will always be young in my memory."

Well, they are a bit older now — with charming wives, children, grandchildren, and some with great-grand-children. Someone remarked, "What a lot of wonderful women are here." The only response I could make was, "Well, these air-men spent so much time in the heavens it was easy for them to spot an angel when they saw one."

Many who came to the reunions in Dayton, and later in Chicago, saw their crew members for the first time in forty-three years. They met, hugged, and some cried. They remembered the days when each man held the lives of nine others in his hand.

As we dedicated the memorial plaque we realized that the whole world is a better place because some men did not come back.

On 10 July, our Group joined the 39th Annual Reunion of the Eighth Air Force in St. Charles, near Chicago.

In our private conversations we talked a lot about the war, but also a lot about the "Forty Years" since. After completing a great job in defeating Hitler our men came back to do a great job at home. Some men remained in the service, but most went back to their engineering, commercial, or industrial careers. Some went into real-estate, building homes and organizing communities. Some returned to the universities and became doctors, lawyers, teachers, dentists or became involved in the new technologies. One went into the ministry. Many have had serious health problems. Some have had financial successes or failures. Many are deeply concerned about a world that seems to be falling apart. But all are facing the problems of life with good humor, with dogged determination, and with gallantry of spirit. Now — retired — with more time, more wisdom, more expertise, and even more money, they are going to do even greater things in the next 20 years than ever before.

Because these people are winners, the world is a better place because they came back.

Gram and Gramps
J. E. Gannon
Box 364
Penney Farms, Fl. 32079

Dear Jim (Reeves):

This June 6, 1986 was somewhat different then 42 years ago. I was in the 44th Bomb Gp. B-24 over the beaches observing all the surface vessels approaching the shore. We dropped our bombs — returned to Shipham. After debriefing at the hardstand, our aircraft were refueled, new bomb loads, and we took off in six ship formations for individual sorties.

This June 6th, I was in a hospital having a new lens replacement installed in my right eye. No problems — I expect to see 20/20 again.

Mary Elder informs me that you are to be installed as President of the 2nd Air Division Assn. I am very pleased that you have accepted this responsibility. You will do us all proud. Good luck.

I would love to be in St. Charles, Ill. for your installation. My brother is deceased. I have been asked to give my niece away in marriage — which I will do. Conflicting dates old boy.

Hope all of you have a glorious get together — say 'hi to all' —

Jack Gibson

(Brig. Gen'l. John H. Gibson, Ret. was Commanding Officer of the 44th Bomb Group from 29 Mar. 44 until 15 Aug. 44.)



Dear Pete & Mary (Henry):

I have been really slow with my letter writing this year, seems almost always something else that needs to be taken care of. Maxine hasn't been feeling well and have been spending lots of time in Clinics and Doctors office.

Pete, I really didn't have any idea about how good or bad the tapes were for I hadn't looked at any others. I just assumed that they were not the best because they were so old.

I did locate one 506 man from the list of names that Will Lundy sent me. He said their crew was shot down on their 2nd Mission. Would like for you to send him some of the literature and he may join up.

Gayle J. Dunkerly
2825 Linwood Avenue
Royal Oak, Mi. 48073

Dunkerly said he had not kept in contact with his old crew mates and had not heard of any of the groups or reunions.

Maxine and I are not sure about going to the reunion in Colorado, just depends how she feels and what her tests reveal.

Thanks so much for sending the tapes.

Ellis C. Lebo
P.O. Box 4244
Auburn Mills, Mi. 48057



Dear Bill:

My wife and I recently visited Seething in Norfolk where we were welcomed warmly by people of the Waveney Flying Group where I obtained my application for the 2nd Air Division Association. Since joining and receiving copies of the *Journal*, I can appreciate the job you have been doing which keeps the organization growing.



(1st Row): Ross West, Harvey Nachman, Bill Holden, Harold Bishop
(2nd Row): Waldon Walls, Ed Sherman, David Webster, Patrick Raspaute, Horace Gardner, Clair Rowe



Edward S. Sherman
12600 Major Ave.
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Dear Dave (Swearing):

At the meeting of the 467th Bomb Group during the 2nd Air Division Association reunion at MacAfee last summer, I proposed the undertaking of a television/video project for our group. The idea was well received at the meeting and by other 467th members during subsequent discussions and, while this project may not generate income for our Bomb Group, that is not its goal. My goals for this project are, through the use of videotape, to contribute to the preservation of history, to focus attention on the contributions of the 2nd Air Division to the World War II effort, and to help 2nd Air Division individuals bring that period of war involvement into focus.

I want to videotape the remembrances of the WWII experiences by 467th men and women and their observations, feelings and evaluations of those experiences from the perspective of over 40 years after the events of those turbulent years. Times change, people change and sometimes the further we get from an object, the sharper the image. The added dimension of maturity can bring new insights into past events. We've all taken our war memories out of storage at one time or other over the years to share with family, friends, or colleagues; in these unsettled times there needs to be a backward look once again, to focus the attention of a wider world on the role the 2nd Air Division men and women played in the history of that time. And, while this project will have great personal value for the men and women of the 2nd Air Division, it will also contribute immeasurably to the fund of WWII historic records. The unique capabilities of videotape can bring us into contact with more people who will hear us and see us and, hopefully, generate new understandings and appreciations of our efforts.

I propose to conduct this project in several phases. Phase I Chicago includes videotaping interviews with 467th men and women who choose to participate, at the Chicago conference and the activities and events of the conference itself. These interview tapes will become part of a master tape for donating to the Norwich Memorial Library by either the 467th or the Association. These interviews, which will be 15 minutes in length, will be recorded on standard one-half inch videotape, the format currently most popular for home use. Along with narrating, a member may also wish to show and talk about photos or mementoes. Except for the time factor, there won't be any constraints on what an individual may wish to talk about; however, I will strongly advise the interviewee to be taped in an interview format (with the interviewer off camera), to jog fading memories and to help prevent camera freeze. Individual interview tapes will be available to the participating 467th men and women on a cost-effective basis.

Phase II Norwich will include the continuation of individual interviews of Association members at the 1987 Reunion, interviews with Norwich and Rackheath residents, and the videotaping of the events and activities of the reunion. All of the video footage obtained, together with other video material, will be used to develop at a later date one or more television documentaries for broadcast.

I feel that this project has great potential for focusing long overdue attention on the men and women of the 2nd Air Division. There are many, many stories to be told and eventually I would like to include members of other Bomb Groups at other reunions. I would appreciate your support in publicizing this project in the 467th newsletter, *Poop from the Group*, and I welcome your observations and any suggestions you wish to make. Joseph G. Dzenowagis (467th BG)

Dear Bill:

After all these years, I just recently joined the Second Air Div. Assoc. Let me say now, I don't know why I waited so long. My wife, Dolores, and I attended the reunion in Pheasant Run and had a fabulous time. Meeting old friends from the 753rd Bomb Sq., of the 458th Bomb Grp, was the most exhilarating enjoyment I've had in many a year. It's a great feeling to roll back the clock after 42 years and reminisce.

Our crew was one of the original 10 crews that used the Azon bomb. (The Buck Rogers Squad). I have enclosed a photo taken in early June of 1944 at Horsham St. Faith, Norwich. As it turned out, we were the only crew of the original ten that did not complete its tour. On July 11th, 1944 (7/11), we were sent out on a mission to Munich, Germany. This would be our 6th mission. Unfortunately, we were not assigned to our own aircraft, Shack Time. We were assigned to a spare that had apparently seen its better days, Satan's Mate. We also had a substitute bombardier with us that day, can't remember his name. After dropping our load on Munich, we ran into stiff headwinds on the way back. Our gas supply did not last and we were forced to bail out over Neuzen, the Netherlands. Only five of us survived the ordeal, with our engineer, Jake Lucero, escaping through the help of the underground. Johnny Jones, Bill Joyce, Phil Cole and I were captured and spent the next 10 months in prison camps. That's another story in itself.



Top Row (l to r): Glenn Hargis, bombardier; Phil Cole, navigator; Wm. Joyce, co-pilot (now deceased); Johnny Jones, pilot; Jake Lucero, engineer.
Bottom Row (l to r): gunner, name unknown; George Eifel, radio operator; next three gunners, names unknown.

If you'll notice, I have forgotten the names of the four gunners that were assigned to our crew when we arrived in England. We were together only a short time and my mind does happen to forget details now. I'm hoping it's possible that someone reading this article will refresh my memory.

Again, Bill, let me say that, thus far, I have been enjoying immensely my recent reacquaintances and hope to continue to do so. I am the only member of our crew who has joined the 2ADA, but I'm in the process of "working on" some of the others. I wonder if anybody out there knows whatever happened to Glenn Hargis or Jake Lucero? Help...

You are to be commended on the fine job you're doing on the *Journal*. It's the greatest little periodical I've ever seen. Congratulations on a job "well done".

George L. Eifel, Jr. (458th B.G., 753rd B.S.)
6441 So. Komensky, Chicago, IL 60629

Dear Bill:

In the June 1986 Letters, Pete Henry lists a couple of sources for reproducing tapes. I too am equipped to reproduce VHS tapes. I have made several for the Second Air Division tape library.

My usual charge is \$10 plus postage. This covers the cost of the tape and my expenses.

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Dear Evelyn:

Thank you for sending the membership application and the December 1985 *Journal*. I am enclosing my check for membership in the Association.

As I related in my phone conversation, we were having breakfast at home on July 12 when we heard a reporter on Chicago Radio station WBBM interviewing someone at the 39th Annual Convention at Pheasant Run. I could hardly believe my ears. Here was the

organization I flew with during WWII having a convention just ten miles from our home. What's more I didn't even know the organization existed!

We were committed to a wedding on Saturday, but Jean and I did stop by briefly to try to learn more about the Association. You were involved in the business meeting at the time, so we didn't get a chance to meet you.

From the *Journal* you sent, we discovered that Frank DiMola, 445th Group Vice President, lives in New Jersey not too far from our old home town. He was also in the same squadron that I was, the 700th. Too bad we didn't know about the Convention at MacAfee, since we visit relatives back in New Jersey just about every year.

Jack Condon
429 Parkway Drive, Wheaton, Ill. 60187

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Dear Bill:

Just returned from, "Reunion 86," Pheasant Run, St. Charles, Ill. The afterglow has yet to dim while it's still bright. I want to thank you, all my family.

The seedlings that were planted in the 453rd might recall, Major Coggeshall's unbounded and unauthorized Buzz job of the "Tower". Major Sir: You lost your distinctive rank and reputation when the 2nd ADA 900 odd strong were "Buzzing" their "Tower," E for "Evelyn" Sat. nite, 7/12/86. At St. Charles Ill. Evelyn you got "Buzzed" by seedlings that have flowered to the peak of perfection.

Jim Halligan (453rd)



Dear Bill:

I knew I'd locate the name of that 93rd man who completed so many combat missions. Captain Kenneth L. Gilbert (Pilot in the 409th Bomb. Sqd.). Completed 75th combat mission on 9 October 1944 to Koblenz Marshalling Yards A/C 'Missouri Sue.'

That man was a real glutton for punishment. Wonder if he is still alive today.

Nadine Vasquez (93rd)

Dear Bill:

O.W. "Pappy" Henderson died Tuesday, March 25th. Marie and I started early the next morning for San Diego. The long trip gave me time to ponder on this man whom I loved as a brother and whom I respected as a leader...our B-24 airplane commander, flight leader and gentleman. I add the latter term because he was just that, a kind and gentle man, although gregarious and fun loving.

Jack Henderson joined the 446th Bomb Group at Lowry Field, Denver, on July 1, 1943. I was assigned to his crew as bombardier a month later. On September 16th, Marie and I and our daughter Kathleen watched as Chaplain John Gannon married him to a lovely Texas gal, Sappho Ward, at the Lowry Field Chapel. Then shortly after, our new B-24-H took us to England as part of a combat bombardment unit stationed at Flixton (Bungay).

Jack was B-Flight leader, 706th Squadron, and soon came to be referred to as "Pappy". He was the spark of his flight crew that made it a great crew. Each man in the crew was respected for his contributions and not because of rank or grade. If someone goofed, "Pappy" would say quietly, "Now, let's forget it. We'll do it right next time." That was all. But it was enough.

In August, last year, five of the crew got together in Denver for a short reunion which included a banquet at the Lowry AFB Officers Club, 42-years after we got together first as a B-24 crew. It was fitting that this was where we last visited with "Pappy".



(left to right) E. Dale Howard, Co-Pilot; Robert L. Tannahill, Navigator; O. W. "Pappy" Henderson, Pilot; Clarence Lien, Tail Turret Gunner; Vere A. McCarty, Bombardier

This year, on Good Friday, three crew members served as pall bearers for their pilot. E. Dale Howard (co-pilot) from Texas. Scott Hilliard (engineer) from California, and myself. Other 2nd ADA members attending the funeral were Bill Davenport and Fred Breuninger.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sappho, daughter Katie Groode and son Ned and their families. O.W. "Pappy" Henderson was one of a kind. He will not be forgotten by those fortunate enough to have known him.

Vere A. McCarty
740 Ventura N.
Salem, OR 97303

Dear Bill:

Can we please take up a few of your valuable lines to express our very sincere thanks to the 2nd Air Division Association for all your wonderful kindness, friendship and hospitality which Jean and I received at Pheasant Run. As always we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves being back home with "the family" and everyone made us so welcome. Once again we realized what a great privilege it is to be a Governor of your unique Memorial Trust and to have the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people. Like the rest of Norfolk we cannot wait until next May to see you all again.

Our thanks once again, god bless you all and see you in '87.

Jean and David Hastings



Dear Rick:

Enclosed check for \$100 is for the 458th B.G. bronze plaque planned for the Museum at Wright-Patterson in Dayton.

Had to cancel out on the coming Reunion which is practically in our back yard. Reason: Having a total left hip replacement on July 8th.

Fred J. Vacek (458th B.G.)

Dear Bill:

As is the case in many other states, for a slight additional cost, Virginia will allow its drivers to request and use specific combinations of numbers and/or letters for their license plates as long as the grouping requested has not been previously assigned. The statement on the cover of the June 1986 *Journal*, "We Are Proud of Our Part in History," is one that most certainly applies to members of the 2nd Air Division Association. In that light, I recently requested and received the plates shown on the enclosed photo. It is a simple way to demonstrate our pride. I'm rather curious to know if any other members have gone that route. Oh yes, there is a bonus — whatever unit may be designated is very easy to remember.



On another subject, full marks to you Bill for the superb job you have been doing with the *Journal* over the years. This is not a wish for bad luck but one that I'm sure has the unanimous support of the membership — may you continue to maintain the good health and will to put out the *Journal* for many years to come.

Robert A. Jacobs
203 Cannister Court
Hampton, VA 23669



Dear Bill:

I found out about the 2AD Association early this year, fired off a note to Evelyn, got an application in return and now I'm a member. The December *Journal* — an excellent piece of work, by the way — came but not the Directory. When the March issue came, I assumed, when I read all the references to the directory that the reason I hadn't received one was that they had all been distributed before I joined (I hope not). Then the June issue came and the letters to the Editor seem to indicate there may still be hope that I can get one. Like most everyone else, one of my motives in joining was to maybe make contact with some of my old mates, which I had planned to use the Directory for. I'd sure appreciate it if you could send me one. And keep up the good work on the *Journal*.

Two more items: I got a note from Will Lundy, the 44th Group historian and struck up a correspondence. He has sent me some very interesting early history of the Group (actually of the 66th Squadron, which I was in) and has offered to send more if I want it. That was more than I had expected to get out of my membership, and so soon — serendipity. Also, I want to say that I agree with Earl Zimmerman's assessment of the trailing wire antenna situation — it was too dangerous for formation use and the frequencies didn't require it. Still, it made a good story.

Art Harney
33 Devon Road
Malvern, Pa 19355

Dear Bill:

In June 1985, part of the B-24 Bomber crew of the Liberator "Reddy Teddy" (448th Bomb Group, 715th Squadron, 2nd Air Division, US Eighth Air Force) revisited our wartime field at Seething AFB, Norwich, England, for a 40th reunion.

We were met by a local gentleman, Mr. Sid Cullington, who was our guide for several days. We learned that he has single-handedly maintained the memory of Glenn Miller, the Air Force officer who gave a concert at the Seething Air Base, just days before his disappearance in 1944. We learned that Mr. Cullington stages a concert of Miller's music annually on the date of his disappearance, and that he has had a lifelong desire to visit Glenn Miller's hometown, Clarinda, Iowa. This would be impossible for a man of his means.

We returned to California, hoping that in the spirit of comrades-in-arms (even after 42 years), this humble dream might be realized. Two round-trip tickets for Mr. and Mrs. Cullington, plus surface transportation (New York/Iowa), hotel bills, meals, and incidentals would be extremely modest. If you would care to contribute to this endeavor, a check can be made payable to: "The Sid Cullington Trust Fund," Bank of America Branch #0015, mailed to the undersigned.



The trio on the left are from America but once Norfolk was their war-time home as they flew in Liberators from Seething. Paying a nostalgic return visit, they called at Norwich City Hall where they were being entertained when this picture was taken. Left to right: John Osborn, of Lockwood, California; Paul Beyerl, of Lombard, Illinois, and Bob Paeschke, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Lord Mayor, Mrs. Barbara Stevenson, the Sheriff, Mr. Geoffrey Goreham (both showing badges of the Liberators Club given them by the visitors), and Mr. Sid Cullington, guide to Americans in Norfolk.

Mrs. Welby Wolfe, Glenn Miller's sister, has informed us that she met "Sid" when she visited England in 1985; she further stated that an annual "Glenn Miller Festival" would be staged in Clarinda, Iowa on June 13-14, 1986.

We sincerely hope that this may be worthy of your consideration. Thank you.

John & Gayle Osborn
Quail Peak Ranch
PO Box 6
Lockwood, CA 93932

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for the publication of my letter and our first mission story in the June *Journal*. I will send copies to my crew members and urge them again to join the 2nd Air Division Association.

I would like to hear from any pilots or other crew, who were members of Pilot Class 43-D. We also have an association and just held our third reunion in Las Vegas which was a great success.

All former 43-D classmates, graduates or not, are welcome and can contact me or Don Conner, PO Box 14572, North Palm Beach, Fla. 33408-0572, for membership information.

Next May we will be meeting at the Air Force Academy for a long weekend of reminiscing and sightseeing. Come on along, you'll enjoy it.
Sincerely,

Henry Orzechowski
333 Mendon Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02861



Dear Bill:

Just a reminder, that we didn't get our roster so if we could please get one. We both had a wonderful time at the reunion. I think by not having a bus tour people talked to each other more and got to know people from other groups, it was very relaxing.

June and Joe Arbaugh



Dear Bill:

I need some help. When our crew finished about half our missions we were treated to a week of R & R at a beautiful place called Keythorpe Hall. I have forgotten the town or village it was near.

After the reunion we plan to see a little more of England and maybe Keythorpe Hall.

Incidentally the two young Red Cross ladies in charge were Betty Weed of Oakland, California and Sis Hermon of Williamsport, Penn. Does anyone know where they are now?

John G. Koepper (389 B.G., 566 B.S.)
45A Leonard Way
Chatham, MA 02633

Dear Bill:

Mr. F. DiMola has suggested that I contact you with regard to my research into the social history of the Yanks in Britain during the war. I am looking at the interaction of the Yanks with the British and also the psychological aspects of living and fighting abroad.

I have had much help from Mr. Tony North and have used the library of the 2nd Air Division a great deal. However, my needs are of a primary source. I am looking for personal memories from people who are willing to share them with me. I work well from tapes or letters.

If you felt that you could put in a plea for help in your paper, I would be grateful. As far as I know no-one else is working on this particular aspect of the Yanks and it is sometimes difficult to inspire people to see it as a serious project.

Any help or suggestions would be appreciated.

Jackie Stuart
52 Silverwood Close
Cambridge CB1 3HA England



Dear Bill:

I am trying to locate all ex-prisoners of war, WWII, Germany. Stalag Luft IV, a camp for air crews, at the town of Kiefheide or the railroad station of Grosstychow in Northern Germany, the Pomerania sector, which is now part of Poland. The camp was south of the Baltic Sea and where the meridians cross on the globe 54° and 16'.

Before the Germans walked us out in Feb. 1945, there were 10,000+. I have a mailing list of 2000+.

Could you drop a line in your newsletter or at your Reunion that I'm trying to locate them.

Also all exPOWs from Stalag Luft VI at Hydekrug in East Prussia.

We are planning a reunion.

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About the Memorial

by Jordan Uttal

In accordance with our by-laws, I reported, at our recent Convention on the status of our Memorial. For the many members who were not present, here is a summary of my remarks:

The fraternity of the 2nd Air Division Association is a huge one — the survivors of aerial combat, and those on the ground who supported them and helped make their valiant efforts successful. There is a strong, pervasive bond among us, and there is no better evidence of the strength of that bond than our Memorial Trust of 2nd Air Division, USAAF, our Memorial Room, and the other activities in which the Trust is involved.

Our Memorial, created in 1945, before the Association existed, has risen to such a degree of prominence and prestige as to prove sufficient to warrant, for the first time as far as we know, the awarding of a full time Fulbright Commission Scholarship for an American Librarian exclusively for our 2nd Air Division (USAAF) Memorial Room.

We had the pleasure of meeting the young lady selected by the Fulbright Commission with the active cooperation of the Board of Governors, Miss Bertha Chandler of Sharon, Mass.

Financial Status: Is very healthy. As of 4 April 1986:

1. The 9 securities comprising our Capital Fund Investments had a market value of 180,000 pounds. (Up from 1985 figure of 140,000)
2. The income from these nine securities came close to 10,000 pounds, as compared to 8,482 in 1985.
3. Eight of the nine showed appreciation, the ninth a minor loss at 4%.
4. In addition, the eight personal endowments showed a market value of 14,000 pounds, as compared to 11,000 in 1985.
5. The income from these endowments rose to 650 pounds as compared to 540 pounds in 1985.
6. Additionally the separate librarian endowment given last year at McAfee worth at the time 20,432 pounds has risen to a market value of 23,264 pounds. We realized 1,000 pounds income on this separate fund since last September.
7. Total market value of all three groups of assets is now 217,000 pounds.
8. Total income was 13,942 against 10,572 in 1985.
9. Total expenses 13,190 pounds against 10,654 in 1985.
10. Surplus this year 752 pounds as compared to loss in 1985 of 82 pounds.

Library Book Stocks and Usage: Our total book stock has risen to 7,500, of which 2,500 are actually in the Memorial Room, and the balance in the Norwich Central Library shelves, all appropriately

bookplated as part of the 2AD Memorial stocks.

Borrowings from the Memorial Room alone has risen from 3,439 in 1984 to 3,928 in 1985, to 4,316 in 1986 — indicative of the growing interest on the part of the local population.

Where Do We Go From Here?: We have advised the Board of Governors and we believe we have their concurrence that book stocks are adequate for the time being, and following the Librarian's formula of replacing 10% of the stock per year will provide the necessary freshness. Now it is fitting and necessary to turn attention to the other activities required to assure perpetuation of our Living Memorial, as follows:

1. Increasing the video tape collection, made feasible by the donation from one of our members of a VCR and the necessary TV monitor.
2. Resumed activity in the audio cassette tape collection. Hathy Veynar took 30 new tapes from some of you to England this June. All are now in possession of the Library rather than the University of East Anglia, and will be transcribed as circumstances permit.
3. An audio recorder and player, an audio tape copier, and the cabinets needed for proper storage will be purchased with funds from British and American friends and family of a recently deceased Associate Member.



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4. We are continuing the outreach program to attract the attention of all age levels of Norfolk and Suffolk residents, from school children to those of our generation.
5. We are now in position to start reaching

out to the areas around five of our bases (to start with) in the form of 2nd Air Division Memorial Book Collections for the branch libraries around those bases. This arises from the contribution this year of \$22,000.00 which you have provided.

6. Most important, starting in late September we will have the presence of our full time Fulbright Scholar Librarian at the Library and out in the community talking to all age groups about American culture, American values and ideals, and our American desire for a lasting peace in the world. This will continue to strengthen the bonds of friendship between our two peoples which is and was a major part of the mission of the Memorial as originally stated by our Founder Governors.

Obviously, we are nowhere near the point when we can dare to think that we have made our Memorial self sufficient. Because we wanted it to be a Living Memorial, the need for funds will not cease, even with the death of the last survivor of the 2nd Air Division. There will always be changes to be made, improvements and developments to carry out thru the succeeding generations.

We therefore need your continued support, and you can be sure that we will use it well. At the Dallas Mini Reunion last March one of our members advanced an interesting thought — that if only one sixth of our over 6,000 current members were to give now, or bequeath in a will, just \$1,000.00 we would be able to fund the memorial for all time.

Roll of Honor: Additional authenticated names will be presented to the Librarian in October for addition to the Master Roll of Honor and the respective Group Rolls of Honor.

Archive Memorabilia Needs: The appeal made for such material in this column in the June *Journal* has resulted in a growing flow of material being sent to the Library. Please review the article, and the leaflet which Bill Robertie printed in that same issue, and increase the flow to flood proportions. If in doubt as to what is acceptable, contact your group V.P. or write to me direct. It is our desire to make the 2nd Air Division Memorial and the Norwich Central Library the key archive center in England for and about the history and the accomplishments of all of the units of the Division. Your material is needed and wanted whatever your job may have been. It will save your heirs a problem of disposal if you take care of this now!

Thanks, as always to all of you who have helped the Association and the Memorial Trust grow. It is a pleasure to serve you.