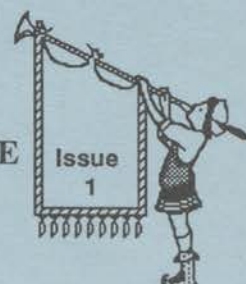


HERITAGE HERALD
of the
2nd AIR DIVISION HERITAGE LEAGUE
JUNE, 1990
President's Message



NORWICH HERE WE COME!

ON JULY 25, 1990 THE ANNUAL REUNION WILL BEGIN IN NORWICH

Over 800 people are expected to attend. THE HERITAGE LEAGUE members who are in Norwich have been invited to attend a social function with the Friends of the Second Air Division Memorial. Plans are being made in England now and we have been asked to provide an estimate of the number of HERITAGE LEAGUE members who will be in Norwich.

Many of you responded when paying your dues earlier this year; however, we are aware that many people have changed their plans. I am, therefore, asking all HERITAGE LEAGUE members who are attending the reunion in Norwich to send me a letter or postcard with the following information:

NAME:
ADDRESS:
GROUP NO: (e.g., 466th, etc.)
AGE GROUP: under or over 25 years of age

The social function will likely be during the first 2 to 3 days of the reunion. (Tentatively July 25). The annual meeting will be finalized shortly. As soon as we hear from those who will be going to Norwich, we will send each of you separate correspondence with specific details on HERITAGE LEAGUE activities.

This will be my last article as President of the HERITAGE LEAGUE. I will be turning over the gavel in July after two years as your President. It has been an exciting period of time and I have enjoyed it very much.

The other officers and directors have been helpful and most delightful to work with. They have all contributed much time and energy and for that I am most thankful. We always need volunteers to fill positions and anyone willing/wishing to contribute time and energy as an officer for the upcoming term should get in touch with Mrs. Ruth Berkeley. Her address can be found on page 2 of the newsletter. She is currently working on the slate of officers which will be elected at the annual meeting in Norwich in July.

My best wishes go to the new group of officers which will be elected in July. I will remain on as a Director and look forward to my continued association with the HERITAGE LEAGUE. My thanks to all of you who have contributed so much and have made my time in office a most memorable one.

SEE YOU IN NORWICH! ... Vicki Brooks Warning



We still need school classes for the "PEN PAL" exchange. If you have a group or know of a group, e.g., Cub/Boy Scouts, Brownie/Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, Church, etc. Please contact Vicki Warning for more information.

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Heritage Herald

of the
2nd AIR DIVISION HERITAGE LEAGUE

EASTWARD HO! - July 1990 - GET INVOLVED!

Time for departure is rapidly drawing near and several intrepid members of our Heritage League are seriously involved in early preparations for the wonderful trip to Norwich and the 2nd ADA 43rd Annual Reunion.

I don't know how many League members booking reservations for the July trip to England have visited Norwich and the bases previously. For those who have had the experience, I'm certain the anticipation of a return trip only heightens the urge to get underway. For those embarking on a first visit, let me assure you while in and around the bases, you'll be exposed to much the same emotional atmosphere our 2nd ADA members experienced in the 1940's.

The recent linkage with "The Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial" can surely provide our Heritage League members with an additional perspective regarding those times of peril and resolve. Take full advantage of your time in the area, absorb as much of that history as you can while you have present the people who lived those times so intensely. You'll quickly realize that our English friends are most knowledgeable with respect to those times involving the 2nd AD and its activities. Gathering with the returning veterans, you will find yourselves immersed in the most interesting conversations, the recounting of those times will prove invaluable to your understanding of what is becoming so necessary if we are to continue to record the Saga of the 2nd AD.

The 2nd ADA, The Heritage League, The Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial together can, and must, provide the texts and generate the interest in keeping alive the memory and accomplishments of our 2nd Air Division.

Enjoy yourselves in England, you'll have a grand time with as nice a group of people anyone could ever hope to assemble. Another thought, while you're at it learn as much as you can! It's a fascinating story. In your case, narrated by those who made it happen. Of course, a focal point will be your visit to the 2nd Air Division Memorial located in the Norwich Central Library. Take your time, breathe in the history that was created by the people who will accompany you on your visit. Ask those questions!!!

See you all in the U.K.

Richard M. Kennedy
2nd ADA Representative

MEET TWO FRIENDS OF THE 2ND AIR DIVISION MEMORIAL TRUST

GRAHAM SAVILL is the Chairman of the "Friends". He has a life-long interest in aviation and its history covering World War II and up to and including the 1960s period. For the past six years he has been promoting the idea of an aviation museum run by volunteers and based at Horsham St. Faiths...once home in 1943-45 to the B24 Liberators of the 458th Bomb Group. He is currently Hon. Chairman of the City of Norwich Aviation Museum, Which actively displays the achievements of all groups within the 8th Air Force U.S.A.A.F. He has recently attended the convention in Hilton Head and is proud to have friends in both 458th and 453rd Bomb Groups.



KEITH THOMAS is Press officer of the "Friends". He was born just before World War II in Essex. He lived near an air base and remembers watching aircraft fly out and limp back, but most of all he has memories of chewing gum, sweets, Americans in the village pub and lorries and jeeps passing through. He did his National Service in the R.A.F. in Malta 1955-57 in the control tower at Luqa. He retained his interest in aircraft and then twelve years ago he converted it to World War II military vehicles. He bought and restored a World War II jeep, which he now takes to reunions at various bases. In 1987 Mr. Thomas and his wife Iris arranged the reunion visit to North Pickenham, and with the help of local people and the Parish Council a Memorial was erected and dedicated to the American war dead from that base.



FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

My term as liaison to the Heritage League has been most interesting. I was greatly impressed by its rapid growth which was done in a short space of time. After speaking to these officers of the League via phone, I finally got a chance to meet them at their Executive meeting.

My successor, Richard Kennedy, Executive Vice President of the Second Air Division Association, will continue to work with your league.

It was a great pleasure to have met Graham Savill at the Executive Meeting of the League. Mr. Savill is the Honorary Chairman of the "Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust" in Norwich. The Second Air Division Association has unanimously voted Graham Savill to place the 2nd ADA wreath during the Memorial Day ceremonies, 1990 at the American Cemetery, Madingley, Cambridge, England.

I wish the Heritage League continued success in the coming years in their endeavor to carry on the Memories of the Second Air Division Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis J. DiMola
President, Second Air Division Association



°GROWING PAINS????

The 2nd Air Division Memorial, USAAF celebrates its 45th birthday on June 25, 1990. This makes it about the same age as many of our children and Heritage League members. Like them, it has grown and progressed...albeit more slowly, at times, than we would choose. Like them, too, it has matured under the watchful care of its loving parents - The Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division, USAAF and the 2nd Air Division Association. As in the case of our individual families, the growth process has not always been easy, but it has been positive.

Now, overall support for our Memorial is growing by leaps and bounds and from many quarters. After nearly 45 years, it has been "Discovered" and thrust into the sunlight for all to see and enjoy. This is a decidedly healthy development. To assure its continued good health, requires a mutual awareness and broadening impact. Recognizing this, the 2nd ADA Executive Committee created the position of 2nd ADA Liaison Officer to the Friends of the 2nd AD, USAAF in Britain. I was honored to be appointed to that position at the 1990 convention on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Previously, it had assigned a similar role to its Executive Vice President to play with the Heritage League.

There are a number of vigorous bodies generating full heads of steam for the memorial's betterment. We must be sure that all are mutually supportive and not working at cross-purposes. Those involved in one way or another include the Memorial Room, itself, the Trust, the British Charity Commission, the 2nd ADA, The Heritage League, The Friends, the Norfolk County Council, the Norwich Central Library, the Fulbright Commission, the Villages, the American Cultural Attache and the University of East Anglia. This list, not intended to be exhaustive, is impressive. It will be unusual, then, if opportunities for misunderstanding fail to occur as each group plays its part. So, let's be sensitive to these opportunities and go out of our way to avoid them. Remember, we are all after the same thing - perpetuation of the Memorial, its meaning and its growth.

C. N. "Bud" Chamberlain



First Helicopter Mail Service Great Yarmouth, Norwich, King's Lynn, 1 June 1948.

Treasurer's Report



Revenue:

Dues:	\$1,270.00	
Donations	38.00	
Interest	<u>19.66</u>	\$1,327.66

Expenses for Current Year:

Registration	8.00	
Bank printing & return		
check fee	<u>7.52</u>	<u>15.52</u>

Revenue over Expenditures for 1989 1,312.14

Revenue over Expenditures for prior year 1,839.45

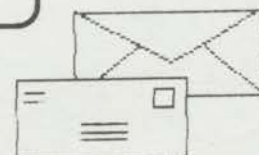
Cash on hand 3,151.59

HERITAGE LEAGUE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1990

Cash in bank 1 Jan. 1990	\$2,152.07	
Less reserve	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,152.07</u>
Dues: 416 members @ \$6.00	2,496.00	
56 members @ \$4.00	<u>224.00</u>	<u>2,720.00</u>

Expenditures	Actual 1989	Proposed 1990
Office Supplies	\$107.48	\$151.00
Telephone	9.95	70.00
Printing	359.15	1,134.00
Postage	455.23	854.00
Registration	5.00	8.00
Donation to Librarian		
Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>1,936.81</u>	<u>2,717.00</u>

Please check the mailing label for the date following your name to see when your dues were last paid. Example: (89), (90). Please help us get your membership payment record up-to-date.



Membership Report of The HERITAGE LEAGUE of the 2nd Air Division (USAAF)

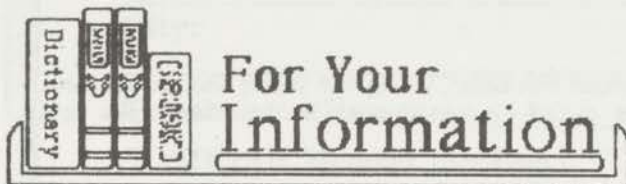
Dues payments were flooding in during last December and the first quarter of 1990. The flood has slowed to a trickle. Unfortunately, it slowed before filling our reservoir. We still have many members who have not paid 1990 dues. Some still need to bring 1989 dues up-to-date.

It is easy to forget. I know, because, in preparing this report, I discovered that I had not paid the 1990 dues for my family. This has been corrected.

Now, for the numbers. We have 520 members on the roll. Of these 243 are sponsored by parents who served with the 2nd Air Division. Eighty are sponsored by grandparents. Our numbers include 135 spouses and a small assortment of other relatives. We also have 54 associate members.

Those of you who need to bring your dues up-to-date, please send them to me as soon as possible so that we are current by the annual meeting in England.

Submitted by
C.N. "Rusty" Chamberlain
Vice President, Membership



B-24 Museum

A museum just for the B-24 Liberator and all its versions has been established on the Municipal Airport in Pueblo, Colorado. It will contain the many exhibits that were made for display during the B-24 50th Anniversary Celebration in Fort Worth. The museum will be open daily and everyone is invited to stop by and share a bit of history. If you have anything you would like to have displayed and safeguarded for future generations, send it to William Feder, Curator, Liberator Museum, 310301 Aldred Road, Pueblo, CO 81006. (courtesy of Joe Warth - 44th BG)

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MUSEUM

Near Dayton, Ohio, is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. The interesting and informative chronological layout tells the exciting story of aviation development from the days of the Wright brothers at Kittyhawk to the Space Age. Exhibits include approximately 200 aircraft and missiles, plus many family oriented and historically interesting aeronautical displays.

A research facility is located at the Museum, maintaining prints, technical manuals, aircraft drawings, photographs and other USAF - related documents. These reference materials are available to serious researchers on weekdays only 9a.m. to 4 p.m. by prior appointment. A document copy service is available in the building for a nominal fee.

Adjacent to the Museum is a Memorial Park of statuary, memorials, plaques, and trees dedicated to individuals, organizations and military units associated with the Air Force. These have been funded by families, friends, and members of various organizations or veterans associations. There are several plaques relative to the Bomb Groups of the 2nd Air Division.

For additional information: Write:

United States Air Force Museum
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
45433-6518



NOW HEAR THIS...!

By the time you read this message, those of you coming to England in July will have firm ideas of what you hope to see and do while in Norwich. At this time of writing, (April) it is believed that about 20 heritage League members will meet with us, the morning of 28 July 1990 and also during the 2ADA Convention.

We, of the Friends are looking to continue forward-looking plans coordinating the activities of our respective groups, so that each achieves its aims, perpetuating the memory of the 2nd ADA fallen in the continued support of the 'living' 2AD Memorial, in Norwich, England.

Sadly, because of monetary and personal restraints, many League members are unable to come over this time; but there will be other occasions, and to a great extent it is down to our respective groups to 'make it happen' - and, it can!

THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD

Write to your excellent Heritage Herald, tell them of your requirements, whether you would like to have a British pen-friend. We in Britain, will encourage our Friend members to do likewise in the hope that a healthy exchange of correspondence will contra-flow betwixt our great nations.

A CHALLENGE...!

Let us jointly match Friend member with League member, American with Briton, young with young and, proud memory with proud memory. The gauntlet, once armour of the 'Knights of Old' - is tossed to you in friendship ... pick up not sword, but pen ... write now. The pen is mightier than the sword.....

Yours respectfully,

Graham Savill
Hon. Chairman
Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial



TIME FOR YOUNG TO STEP FORWARD

We must never forget those US Heroes...

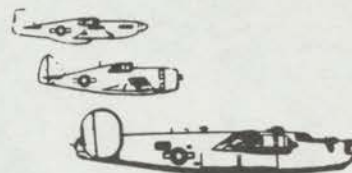
IT is time for the next generation to step forward and offer the hand of friendship to our pals from across the sea. An appeal has been launched for youngsters to join a new group known as The Friends of the Second Air Division Memorial. This is a golden opportunity for our young people to make new chums and even visit America. "The whole idea of this new organization is to maintain and develop the marvellous links that we already have" said spokesman Geoffrey Goreham. The Friends were formed at a meeting in Norwich Central Library recently and are now looking for members to come forward. Anyone interested in the Memorial Room itself and those who want to foster the links between the members of the Second Air Division will be given a very warm welcome. As Geoffrey points out there were well over 30,000 Americans stationed at the various airfields in Norfolk during the second world war. They were welcomed with open arms. We loved the gum-chewing Yanks. They were full of fun. Many were young men aged around 19 or 20 who are now in their mid-60's. The Second Air Division Association have already made plans for the future. They have formed a Heritage League for their young and already have 530 members. Many of them will be coming to Norwich for the association reunion in 1990. "We would like to have young members to greet them and show them around norwich and all the places of interest," said Geoffrey. "This is an exercise in friendship. We must never forget these brave young airmen. They were heroes. We took them to our hearts and now we want the youngsters to join us," he added. Anyone interested in joining - and that includes schools - should get in touch with membership secretary John Harvey at Church Lane, Postwick, Norwich. NR 123 5HN.

(Submitted by Milton Veynar - Source Flt Lt Geoffrey Parker, RAF Retired.)



Heritage League

Second Air Division
USAAF
Eighth Air Force



Membership Application

I wish to become a member of the Heritage League of the Second Air Division (USAAF) and to support its purpose. I certify that I am eligible for membership under one of the membership categories indicated.

NAME: _____

Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP Code: _____

Telephone: (Home) (____) _____ Telephone: (Work) (____) _____

WWII 2AD Member (Sponsor): _____

Unit Number: _____

Relationship: _____

Membership Category: Please Check

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Regular

☐

Associate

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New

☐

Renewal

Signature: _____

Annual Dues:

Regular.....\$6.00

Associate.....\$4.00

Send Remittance To:

Heritage League of the 2AD

C.N. "Rusty" Chamberlain, III

9635 West 73rd Avenue

Arvada, CO 80005

Regular Members: Spouses, grandparents, brothers, sisters, children, grand-children of former personnel, military and civilian, American and British, who, at any time served with the Headquarters organization of the 2nd Bomb Wing, 2nd Bomb Division or 2nd Air Division During WWII and any person who served with any bomb group or any other unit of the 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force, USAAF, either assigned or attached. These shall be voting members

Associate Member: Friends or associates of regular members who by their demonstrated interest in the League and who make literary artistic, historical or other valuable contributions to the 2nd Air Division Association, The Heritage League of the 2nd Air Division (USAAF) and/or The Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division. These shall be non-voting members.



Mail Call

Dear Vicki:

The North Central Region of the Second Air Division will hold its 7th Annual Reunion October 10-11-12, 1990 at the French Lick Springs Resort, French Lick, Indiana. The Region includes the States of Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Since there will be no nationwide Second Air Division Reunion this year in the continental USA, the committee extends an invitation to members from other states outside their Region to attend the French Lick Meeting. Heritage League Members are welcome and encouraged to attend. If interested in attending contact:

Paul Steichen, 93rd
1659 Cloister Drive
Indianapolis, Indiana 46260

Dear Norma:

I'd like to offer my compliments to you and for the fine job you are doing of editing and publishing the Heritage Herald.

The style, tone, and layout of the Herald is highly professional in quality and the contents contain the information members need to keep them apprised of news and activities of the Heritage League.

The Heritage League is our hope for the future in carrying out the objectives established by the Second Air Division Association. Good communications is the vital link needed to generate and sustain the necessary enthusiasm among those on whom we must depend to fulfill this hope. Your Heritage Herald is doing a fine job of providing this link.

Sincerely,

Wilbur Stites
Public Relations Chairman, 453rd Bomb Group
Member, 2ADA Long Range Planning Committee

Mrs. W. F. Davies
57 Church Lane
Eaton, Norwich, England
NR 6N7

Dear Mrs. Davies:

Enclosed please find twenty-one pen pal letters from my fourth grade students of Sugartown Elementary School. We are writing these letters in conjunction with the pen pal exchange sponsored by the Heritage League. One of my students, Seneca Beaver, has arranged this exchange through family members belonging to the organization.

We are a suburban school district located approximately thirty miles from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The children, most of whom are age nine and ten, come to us with numerous and varied interests and talents, and were delighted to learn of this endeavor. Enthusiasm regarding this project abounds, and we anxiously await your responses. I have included a class list for your perusal should you wish to match interests and gender.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to engage in a cultural exchange of this scope and best wishes for continued success with your program.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Karen G. Gill



Mail Call

Dear Mrs. Beasley

MADINGLEY ROSE FUND

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that David Saltzer, the Hon. Chairman of the Fund died suddenly on 26th April 1990.

I know that David would wish the Ceremony to proceed on 20th May. Myself and David Saltzer's family will endeavour to make sure that the Ceremony will take place for this year.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Ford (Mrs)
Hon. Treasure/Secretary
(pp M. Gannon, Acting Chairman)

Madingley Rose Fund
U.S. Eighth Air Force
66a Shawbridge
Harlow. Essex

We would like to inform you that Madingley Rose Fund ties and ladies' square will soon be available at the cost of £4.50 per tie and £5.50 per square, inclusive of postage and packing. Available in Royal Blue only.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 1990/1991

OFFICERS

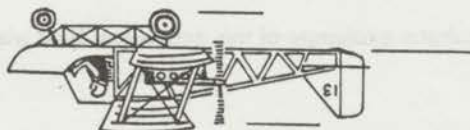
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Vice President, Communications	Norma M. Beasley	492nd BG

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Vicki Brooks Warning - Past President - 3 years	466th BG
Milton Y. Veynar - 2 years	H.Q.
Mary Beth Barnard - 1 year	445th BG



Learn from the mistakes of others ...



There won't be enough time to make them all yourself.

Gayle Kwist Hays



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOVING?

In order to keep our membership roster up-to-date, PLEASE SEND ALL NAME AND ADDRESS CHANGES TO ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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9635 West 73rd Avenue
Denver, CO 80005

Virginia V. Belward, Secretary
2888 Walter Road
Wantagh, NY 11793



DUES

Just a reminder, membership dues run from January, 1 through December, 31 and not reunion to reunion. When the dues notices were sent out for 1990 many of you did not renew your memberships. I am sure it was an oversight, however, we very much need you to send in your dues so we can continue to grow and reach our objectives. If you did not renew your membership for 1990, please send in your dues to Rusty Chamberlain. Dues are payable on a calendar year basis. **PLEASE RENEW NOW. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.** Check to date on your mailing label. This is the last renewal date on our records.

A two-day Glenn Miller Festival in Clarinda, Iowa takes place every June (8-9 June 1990). They offer a special GM Calendar each year, crammed with pictures and facts. These calendars fund two annual music scholarships. You can get one for yourself by sending \$7.00 to GMBS Calendars, P.O. Box 61, Clarinda, IA 51632.

IN REMEMBRANCE

NORMA JEAN KNISELY
Charter Member
Wife of Homer Knisely, 458th BG
24 February 1990

DAVID D. SALTZER
36 Brockles Mead Harlow
Essex CM19 4PT England
26 April 1990

Editor's Note: Mr. Saltzer died unexpectedly on 26 April 1990. (See Mail Call)

July

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 25 - Luncheon with the Friends
28 - Heritage League/Board and General Meeting
Friends Meeting

GLENN MILLER by Steven D. Miller

Glenn MILLER was born in Clarinda, Iowa, the second oldest boy of 4 children (3 boys, 1 girl). The family moved around while he was young, eventually settling in Fort Morgan, Colorado where he grew up. He attended the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado where he met Helen Burger, a Boulder girl and an only child. They eventually married and had two children, Steven D. Miller and Jonnie D. Miller. Glenn's wife, Helen died June, 1966. Glenn's sister, Irene Woolfe lives in Colorado. Glenn Miller died in a military plane crash over the English Channel in 1944.

Between August of 1941 through September of 1942, he gave away in excess of 11,200 records and at least 69 radio-phonograph consoles - the cost of the "Sunset Serenades", the records, and the consoles were personally paid for by Glenn MILLER out of his own pocket. Admission to the programs was purchase of at least one Defense Savings Stamp, and he figured out a way to make "homesick" guys in the service a little more comfortable. On the programs he would bring a G.I. to the microphone for a few words to let their families hear them (and incidentally sneak in a 'Hi, mom' or two). The radio network didn't like this at all, but he did it anyway, and they never stopped him.

When Glenn Miller broke up his civilian band in September of 1942 and entered the AAF in October of 1942, it was not a result of the draft. On the contrary, he was 38 years of age, married, and in excellent health, although wore glasses. He'd already been rejected by the Navy, but still felt he could make a contribution to the war effort, preferably in uniform, but barring that, putting his talents to work for the Red Cross, Army Relief or some other organization along those lines. He felt he knew what the men (and women) in the military wanted to hear in the way of music (not necessarily along the lines that were currently being played by military bands), and hoped to get the chance to do so. The powers that be in Washington thought so also, and he was appointed a Captain, initially in the Specialists Corps, and in November, 1942 to the same rank in the Army Air Force.

His main goal was to play for the men overseas. Eventually this goal was realized. Glenn arrived in London on 22 June 1944 and the band arrived on 29 June 1944. The band was quartered at 25 Sloane Court, Chelsea. Because of the threat of Buzz Bombs, with the help of Colonel David Niven, Captain Miller was able to have the band transferred to Co-Partner's Hall in Bedford. They moved on 2 July. On 3 July a Buzz Bomb landed 75 feet in front of their original quarters killing most of the people who were there. On 8 July 1944, the band gave their first concert.

The band gave personal appearances/concerts for a relatively short period of time in England, from 8 July through 3 October of 1944, and these were in addition to their radio programs. In that brief period of time the band appeared at over 43 different AAF units (in addition to other U.S. military units, RAF, and service clubs). From the 2ADA these units were (not in order of appearance/group type): Fighter groups: 56, 355, 479; Bomber groups: 93, 392, 445, 466, 489 (note - these are the only groups on record), not to mention those men that "snuck" over to another unit to hear the band.

Steven D. MILLER is married and lives in Sierra Madre, California and has 3 grown children. After a tour in the Marine Corps and spending 14 years as a police officer, he is involved in real estate investments and continues to work with GLENN MILLER projects and the music.

Editors Note: Bill and I were privileged to attend the 2nd ADA Southern California Reunion Dinner at the El Toro Marine Base on February 24, 1990. At this dinner and business meeting, Steven Miller presented the two volume book *THE GLENN MILLER ARMY AIR FORCE BAND; SUSTINEO ALAS...I SUSTAIN THE WINGS* by Edward F. Polic, Scarecrow Press (Rutgers University) 52 Liberty Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840, 1989, 1,314 pages (two volumes), illus. to C.N. "Bud" Chamberlain as his gift to the Memorial Library in Norwich, England.

