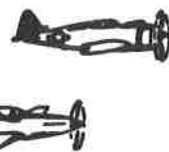




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## REUNION HUGE SUCCESS

Gettysburg, Pa. . . Fifty-seven Second Air Division Members and their seventy-two family members and guests rendezvoused here 20-22 June for what has been described as the best reunion ever held. Headquarters plus ten Groups and other supporting units were represented. After initial briefing and signing in at the Holiday Inn crews deployed to the swimming pool, bar and banquet rooms for the series of events carrying over the three day mission.

A special highlight arranged by Bill Cameron in conjunction with General Kepner was the combat film of the 44th Bombardment Group in action. So popular it had two showings, this film takes its place amongst the outstanding historical records of World War II. Those who said a B-24 Liberator can not be landed with one main gear up were convinced and many a perspiring brow was observed during the filming. Jake Jacobowitz, first on the sign-in roster, was the very capable projectionist.

The formal member meeting on Saturday, 21 June was a spirited, jovial gathering with much interesting comment and discussion about the Memorial Norwich together with plans for the 1970 convention in the Dayton-Cincinnati area. New officers were elected for the current year with Paul Trissell (389th) being tabbed as the President for this year. Other officers unanimously elected were Vice President Ken Darney (467th), VP-Membership Evelyn Cohen (Hq), VP-Newsletter Paul Burtner (392nd), VP-Publicity Howard Moore (Hq), Secretary Ray Strong (Hq) and Treasurer Dean Moyer (Hq).

Hathy and Milt Veynar will be having a "get-together" at their home in Annandale, Va. for Phillip Hepworth, City Librarian of the Norwich Library on Sunday 14, September from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. If you live in the Washington Area and can attend, please call Hathy at 256-6482 or drop her a line at 4915 Bristow Drive, Annandale, Va. (Note: She will be on vacation from 20 August until 6 September.

## REUNION ROSTER

### Headquarters

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	93rd
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FORD, John D.	TRISSELL, Paul E.
	392th
BURTNER, C. Paul	
	445th
DRUMMOND, Robert	POSNER, Stephen (38th)
LEVINE, Ralph	STINE, Charles O.
	446th
HALECKI, Paul	SWEENEY, David F.
	458th
BOOTH, Charles H., Jr.	HUFF, Edgar Jr. (56th)
BURMAN, Warren	VACEK, Fred
	466th
ARBAUGH, Joe	PARKER, George H.
CAMPBELL, Joseph N.	PELLICAN, Robert L.
CORRAR, George W.	ROBSON, Ronald
DELLEFEMINE, Marc	SOBIN, Peter
JACOBOWITZ, John M.	WOOLNOUGH, John H.
	467th
BEDNARIK, Chuck	MARTIN, James A.
BRADY, Robert	NODEN, J. Wilson
DARNEY, Kenneth A.	OLIVER, Albert
HAENN, Joseph W.	SOGGGLIO, Adam
KUCHINSKI, Paul J.	VIETS, Jack H.
	492nd
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## REUNION MINUTES

22nd Annual Meeting, 21 June 1969  
1030 hours, Holiday Inn, Gettysburg, Penna.

The meeting was called to order by President John Jacobowitz.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and were approved as read.

In the absence of the Treasurer, it was requested that a report of the Treasurer be obtained and published in the next newsletter.

Membership report by Evelyn Cohen indicated that the membership stays pretty stable at about 600. New ways of getting members was discussed. It was suggested by Charles Stine that more emphasis be placed on identifications with groups (the B-24 Liberator) since the rank and file were not even aware that they were in 2AD. Recommended that a listing of all bases (i.e. Hethel, etc.) be prepared, and indicated the group that occupied the base and the names of the commanders. No one seemed to have a list and several people will need to be contacted to get a complete list.

Reunion Committee Chairmen Stine and Baum reported on arrangements. They were pleased with Gettysburg and recommended smaller towns and historical sites for future meetings.

President Jacobowitz reviewed the correspondence between himself and Mr. Walter which led to the appointment of Jordan Uttal as Liason Officer with the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust and Chairman of the Library Book Committee. Since the Board is a self perpetuating board, and since no vacancies exist on the Board, Jordan could not be a member of the Board. It was suggested that we obtain a copy of the Trust agreement to see whether it could be changed to provide for representation from the Second Air Division Association.

Jordan Uttal reported on his activities as Chairman of the Library Book Committee.

Steve Posner volunteered to get out a feature story within the next ten days on the Memorial Service at the Library.

A motion was passed that a voluntary assessment of \$1.00 on each person at the banquet be collected and sent to the Library. (\$105 was collected)

Suggested by Paul Burtner that we contact Col. Mark H. Gilman, Hq. USAF (SAF 01) regarding group histories, films and film clips, and dispositions of films and photographs which we now have.

Suggested by Steve Posner that we investigate the possibility of sponsoring a squadron at the Air Force Academy.

It was moved by Pellican and seconded by Uttal that all members attending be declared official delegates. Passed.

## Report of Nominating Committee:

President	Paul Trissell
Vice President	Ken Darney
Vice President-Membership	Evelyn Cohen
Vice President & Newsletter E.	Paul Burtner
V. President for Outside	
Publicity	Howard Moore
Treasurer	Dean Moyer
Secretary	Ray Strong

Moved and seconded that each nominee be elected by unanimous vote. Passed.

Site for the 23rd Reunion was discussed. Suggestions included Dayton, Cincinnati, Atlanta City, Dearborn, Michigan, and the Finger Lakes area of New York State. The Cincinnati-Dayton area, the 3rd week-end in June was chosen.

Expression of thanks to Col. Cameron for sending us the film on the typical mission by the 44th. The two showings were enthusiastically received. Discussions of where to store the film and also the film clips and photographs given to the Association by LTC. Edwin Reed, Jr. Air Force to be contacted to see if they can suggest a museum or historical collection who would be interested in preserving them.

Motion passed directing the Treasurer to send Evelyn Cohen \$100 for hard work during the year.

Motion of thanks to Howard Baum and Charlie Stine and their wives for much hard work and a good job with local arrangements.

The meeting adjourned at 1230 hours.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

A short report from the treasurer as of August shows \$3,270.44 on hand in August 1968, Receipts of \$1,592.23, and expenses of \$698.48, and a balance on hand of \$4,164.19. Our treasury is in good shape. Now if we could just get some new members- - - -

### PROMINENT CITY SOLICITOR DIES

A leading Norwich lawyer, Mr. Frederick Russell Doggett Walter, who was a partner in the firm of Cozens-Hardy & Jewson for almost 50 years, died suddenly at his home, 10, Ipswich Road, Norwich, yesterday. He was 74.

As well as his work as a solicitor, Mr. Walter served a long period as Official Receiver, and was many times Under Sheriff of Norwich.

Mr. Walter was appointed to the post of Official Receiver, for the bankruptcy district of Norwich and Yarmouth County Courts in 1937, and when he retired in 1959 both courts paid tributes to his work.

In 1941 he was appointed Liabilities Adjustment Officer.

He was also Clerk to the Governors of the U.S. A. F. Second Air Division Memorial Trust for a lengthy period, and played his part in the negotiations which led to the building of the American Memorial Room in the new Norwich Public Library. For this cause he paid a visit to the United States a few years ago.

His contacts with the Americans led to him becoming a prominent member of the local branch of the English Speaking Union, an interest in which he was still active.

As a mason he served as provincial grand secretary for Norfolk and had the honour of being a member of the Grand Lodge of England, as well as a past master of the Social Lodge. He was also an honorary member of Union Lodge, the leading lodge in the Providence of Norfolk.

Mr. Walter was also a past president of the Norfolk and Norwich Law Society.

### A LIBERAL

In his earlier days he was a prominent Liberal in the city, and was associated with the Y. M. C. A. Despite his many professional and public activities, Mr. Walter enjoyed social life and had a wide circle of friends.

A keen supporter of Norwich City F. C., through good times and bad, he was a familiar figure at Carrow Road football ground and was seldom missing from his seat in the stand at home match, except when he stood up in exasperation at a missed chance, or to cheer.

He leaves a widow and three sons, one of whom, Nicholas, is at present with the firm of Cozens-Hardy and Jewson.

Died June 23, 1969.

### REUNION PICTURES



Doc Jacobowitz



Howard Baum, Evelyn Cohen, Jack Viets  
"I can pose, too!!"



Reading Left to Right: Dean Moyer, Hq. 2nd AD, Treasurer; Paul E. Trissel, 389th BG, President; Paul Burtner, 392nd BG, Publicity Vice President; Evelyn Cohen, Hq. 2AD, Membership Vice President; Raymond E. Strong, Hq. 2Ad, Executive Secretary and Kenneth A. Darney, 467th BG, Vice President.



Charles Stine, Greeting Guest Speaker  
Elmer Fisher



Joe Arbaugh, Adam Soccio



Jack Viets- checking hors-d'oeuvres



Milt Veynar, "Gus" Karoly,  
Laura Panella, Dean Moyer  
"Mitty" Panella



Paul Trissell, Irene Arbaugh,  
Rita Trissell.  
"After the Ball"



Warren Burman, "Mitty" Panella,  
Evelyn Cohen, Delos Elder, Mary  
Frances Williams Elder, Dean Moyer.  
Who Me??



Joe Arbaugh, Reta Trissell,  
Milt Veynar, Irene Arbaugh

## 1970 REUNION SITE SET

At the membership meeting in Gettysburg the Cincinnati-Dayton area was approved as the site of the Second Air Division reunion next year. A variety of sites were discussed including the "industrial heartland of the Nation" proposed by Jake JACOBOWITZ, Miami, Denver, Washington, Atlantic City, and Dearborn. The selected site will be close to the Air Force Museum which now houses a B-24 Liberator and has the additional advantages of many fine lodgings plus being away from the large metropolitan areas. A majority of members polled on previous sites and the experiences in Chicago both indicate generally more favorable support for such locations. Not the least factor was the great response and attendance at Gettysburg. With the site picked and arrangements committee appointed sufficient time will now be available to plan and program for the best reunion ever, though G-burg will be hard to surpass. The great success of the combat films shown at the reunion has led to contacts having been made recently with the Air Force Film Library for a listing of any films on the Second Air Division during WW II and with the USAF Office of Information for other historical data.



Did you say the Original Pickhandlers?

### BEDNARIK APPOINTED

The Pennsylvania State Senate has unanimously confirmed the appointment of Charles P. "Chuck" BEDNARIK (467th) former Philadelphia Eagles football star, as a member of the State Athletic Commission. Chuck was appointed last January 6 for a two year period or until his successor is named. He and wife Emma attended the reunion and Chuck's few words to the banquet gathering were a highlight of the evening.

### INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Ken UNDERWOOD's (466th) son Peter recently received his appointment to the Air Force Academy. . . Lt. Col. (Ret.) J. H. "Big John" BLUMENSTOCK (466th) was

visiting his daughter in Germany at the time of the reunion. . . Leo MCBRIAN couldn't make the reunion at Gettysburg but sent word he plans to visit Norwich next year. . . J. L. BRUNER (466th) returned to college for a refresher course. . . Along with regrets at not being able to attend the reunion Gertrude Pregizer ERIKSEN (Hq) advised she is now a teacher in Special Education for children in Allentown, Pa., . . . Dr. Lynn D. ALLEN (467th) was recently elected county Clerk-Register of Deeds for Oakland County, Michigan, appointed by Governor of Michigan to Aeronautics Committee. . . Henry P. LEMMEM (467th) has retired from the Air Force Reserve after twenty-six years of service including WW II, Korea and Reserve duty. . . Walt RUPP (389) retired as a Lt. Col. and is now a PGA golf professional. . . John WOOLNOUGH (466th) since his retirement as Lt. Col. in 1965 has been a technical representative for DuPont in the Washington, D.C. area. . . Al SHEARD (389th/466th) tells us Ted GUZIK (93rd) was married in May. . . We all hope for the speedy recovery of John BARRY'S (466th) son who was wounded in Viet Nam. . . Bill COBURN (Hq) was unable to get to the reunion because of family illness but invites anyone in the neighborhood of 304 William Street, Narrows, Virginia to stop in and visit him and wife Ginny in their newly built home where they are planning to retire in 1972. . . Gordon DOUGLAS (14th CBW) sends best wishes to all and advises he is pretty busy with three of the family in college. . . C. C. REINECKE (44th), P. O. Box 346, Wyoming, Minnesota 55092 suffered a severe heart attack in April. Son Kris is a Regular Army Captain recently transferred from Germany to Viet Nam. . . Frank BATURA (Hq) has revisited England twice, the Norwich Library, the old air bases and is planning another trip soon. . . M. J. ROBERTS (Hq) has two more years to go before retirement from the public schools system in Hicksville, New York. . . Harold McCORMICK (Hq) is still active in the Air Force Reserve as a liaison officer for the Air Force Academy; recently got his Colonel eagles. . . Bob CALKINS (93rd) started last December a four year term as State's Attorney of Peoria County, Illinois. . . Ed GRIFFIN (389th) sends along a big hello to all the old Group gang. . . John BEHRMANN and Bill CAMERON retiring this year. Bill plans to locate in California after December. John H. DAVIS (458th) sent regrets at being unable to attend the reunion but he and several other Group members had one of their own. . . in Alaska! John wrote that former Group CO, retired General James H. ISBELL, is now Director of Civil Defense for the State of Alaska located in Anchorage. John said the flight plan for the Alaska jaunt included 458th Flight Surgeon W. M. ROUNTON flying by private airplane from Kilgore, Texas to pick up John in Gainesville, Georgia then to Pittsburgh to be joined by Chuck BOOTH, Assistant Group Operations Officer and then on to final destination for a visit with the ISBELLS. As John said, there was probably a lot of time spent "winning the war all over again." And how those B-24 Liberators flew around Gettysburg!! To Bill CAMERON, Commander, 306th Combat Support Group (SAC), McCoy Air Force Base, Florida 32812, goes the credit for making those combat films available to the reunion. They were so popular they were shown twice! Despite seeing it on film there are some reunion attendees who still say you can't land a B-24 with one main gear UP! Bill and General KEPNER reviewed the film before sending it along for reunion showing. It was a tremendous success and many thanks to all who compiled and presented this memo of that most interesting period of our lives.

#### MEMBERSHIP NOTES

NEW MEMBERS: Arthur E. EVANS (448th)  
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Annandale, Virginia 22003

Georg W. CORRAR (466th)  
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#### NECROLOGY

A. Louis KLEY  
Claremont, California



Mary Frances Williams Elder, Gus Karoly and Ray Strong looking over old photographs.

#### ATTENTION 448th

Mrs. Helen Aucker Drinan (address), sister of Sergeant Harold L. AUCKER (448th), requests correspondence from anyone who knew her brother in England, particularly members of the 712th Squadron. Harold was killed February 10, 1944 and is buried in Cambridge, England.

Dear Miss Veynar,

Very many thanks for your kind invitation to visit you at Annandale on the afternoon of Sunday, September 14th, and for your offer to pick me up. I see we have a sight-seeing tour on the morning of that day but this should surely end in time for your engagement. When I know the name of the hotel we are staying at in Washington I will give you the address. There are still a good many details to be filled in but the number of librarians going to the East Coast libraries will now only be nine, and I have to be in charge of the party as a member of the Library Association Council. This is a case of the blind leading the blind as I understand none of the other eight have been to the U.S. A. before, though apart from the set visits most of them are making their own leisure arrangements.

I will bring along a few slides of the Memorial Room. I do not suppose you will want to set up a screen and projector but you and your friends might like to look at these through a hand-held viewer.

I enclose a report of the Libraries Committee of a few years ago which happens to have my portrait in it. Apart from that I hope you may find the contents interesting, particularly page 6. Of those mentioned there Brigadier-General Milton Arnold has kindly invited me to his summer home at Cape Cod while I am in Boston, and I hope very much I shall be able to accept his invitation to call on him there. My Deputy and I are in frequent touch with General Arnold and Colonel Walker.

I think you and your members will already have copies of the Memorial Book that I did some years ago, but if you would like a few more copies sent on ahead please let me know.

You will be sorry to read the enclosed announcement about Mr. F. R. D. Walter; the Chairman and I will be attending the funeral service later today. I had no idea Mr. Walter was in his 70s he was so active. I expect some of your members met him in the United States a few years ago. I do not know who will succeed him but suggest that Mr. Uttal copies this information for the next number of the Newsletter, and states that the Memorial Trust was represented at the funeral.

I shall forward very much to meeting you all on Sunday, September 14th. I have an address to contact in Arlington, Virginia, which I see is between Annandale and Washington, and as I am afraid I shall have to be in your hands for transport I may ask to be dropped off there when I leave you. Of course the distances may not seem so great as they appear to be on the map.

With all good wishes and very many thanks for most kind invitation,

Yours sincerely,

P. Hepworth  
City Librarian