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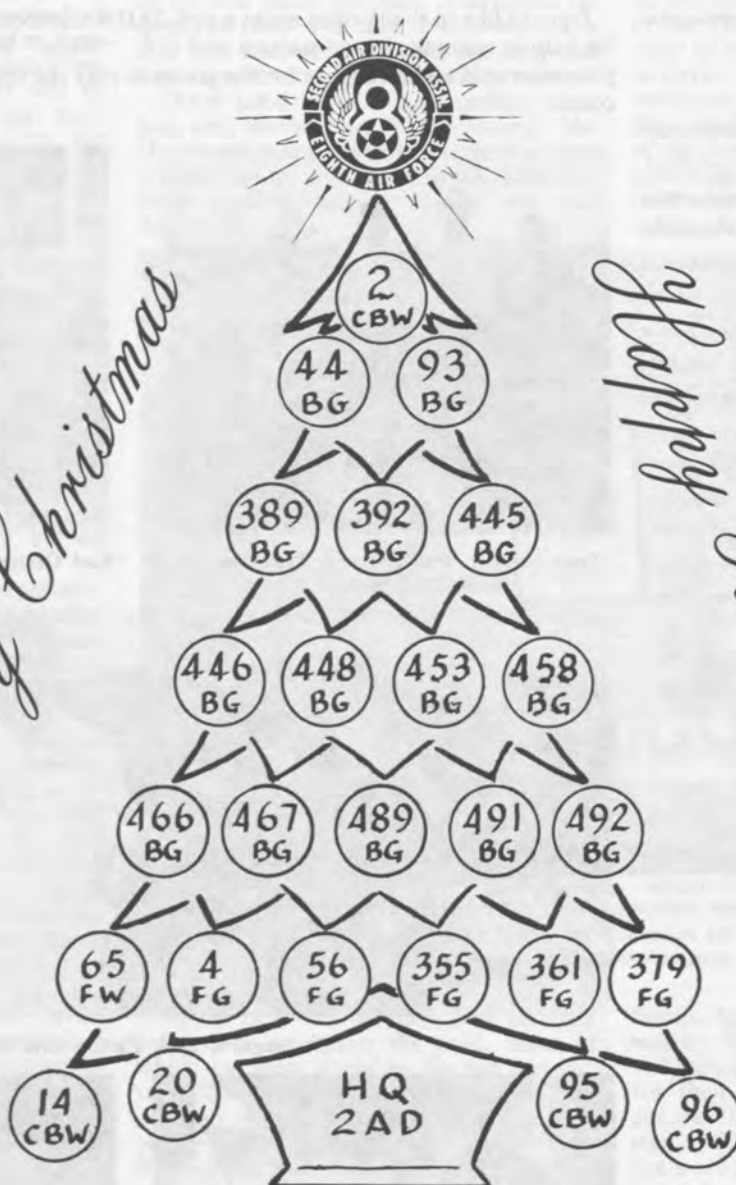
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Happy Hanukkah



Happy New Year

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The Third Annual San Antonio Golf Tournament

by Pete Henry (44th)

The Third Annual Second Air Division Association Golf Tournament in San Antonio was an unqualified success. We had 18 men and one lady (Mrs. John Abajian) participate and six won prizes, as follows:

NAME

William C. McGinley
J. Fred Thomas
Carl J. Valentine
Col. (Ret.) R.D. Butler
Col. (Ret.) Charles H. Hughes
John Abajian

EVENT

Low Gross
Low Net
Most Honest
Worst Hole
Birdie
Birdie

AWARD

2ADA Plaque
2ADA Plaque
Ball/Scotch
3 Golf Balls
3 Golf Balls
3 Golf Balls

I would like to thank once again a new 2ADA member, Lloyd K. "Tony" Stevens, for his help in running the tournament and C.E. "Wally" Wallace for obtaining the 2ADA plaque awards and arranging for the group to play the fine Lackland Air Force Base golf course.



Tony Stevens, Phil Parsons, Fred Thomas,
Dick Butler



Karl Oesterle, Kieth Newhouse, Pete Henry,
Charles Hughes



J.B. Maguire, Jack Parish, Eric Sherman



Ed Esposito, Carl Kleeman, Bill Anson,
Carl Valentine



John Abajian, Mrs. Abajian, Bill McGinley,
Tom Rogers

392nd BOMB GROUP REPORT

by J. Fred Thomas (392nd BG)

Another chapter in the saga of the travels, trials, tribulations, the comedy, and the elations of yours truly during the last months.

In July 23 went to N.C. for what was supposed to be a week. The good part: J.D. and Emily Long had me to their place for a delicious dinner. J.D. and I promptly drove Emily up the wall with combat tales and tales of the life at Wendling. Come to think of it, wives should be awarded battle stars for the missions they have to listen to over and over. Later in N.C., we met and golfed with Bill Wall (392nd). Bill retired at Sanford after a career with a Pittsburgh company that relocated in N.C. He was in Intelligence with the 392nd. He may have been one of the few who knew the big picture at the time. He is now sure that I had never seen a golf course before my disastrous round with him. The bad part: I tried to get home just as the air controllers went on strike. It hit as we were changing planes at Memphis. I ended up that night back in N.C. and my bag continued to Los Angeles. There I was with my razor and just what I was wearing. I made it home a week later.

The last of August we visited the Kansas - Missouri border area. While near Kansas City, we visited Howard and Helen Haywood. Howie was our Radio Operator in WWII. He and I drowned a thousand worms and minnows on Saturday, but we still won the war in our tales.

As the result of posters, newspaper articles, and radio announcements, it became panic city around here the last of August and during September. We became the clearing house in this whole area for our Division, the 15th Air Force, the B-17 outfits — you name it. They would see or hear of our Association and they were on the phone with, "Hey, how about us."

Speaking of posters, we have had good results from Col. Veynar's issue. The Queen Mary people framed and hung one in the military exhibition area of the ship. It is very conspicuous and gets a lot of attention. We were down to see it and had lunch with Bob Maguglin, the Projects Officer of the Queen Mary complex. They will have Howard Hughes' "Spruce Goose" in an alumni dome adjacent to the Queen Mary this fall. That should result in more tourists seeing our poster. We had a poster at the Los Angeles County Fair which received a good review. Also, we had one at the N.C. State Fair during October, we hope it will do as well for us.

Our most productive effort was through an article we managed to get printed in the American Association of Retired Persons Bulletin. We are indebted to them for giving us some space, but their editing left the article sounding as if we were having a 392nd reunion. We have had good response — mostly from 392nd people, but several other Groups as well, from all over the U.S. Had they printed what I wrote, we would have been deluged with mail from those of the whole Division. A guy has to be out of his gourd to throw his name and address out to 18,000,000 readers. However, at this

point I know there are thousands of ex-Second Air Division people out there who have never heard of us, and 99% of them want to join us; all we have to do is get them the word. Our article was submitted last February, but wasn't printed until September. The results were a lot of requests for reunion reservations long after the reunion was sold out. That put me in an embarrassing position, but few were upset, they plan to join us in Nashville next July. By my mail, Evelyn had better rent a convention center and everyone who wants to go had better get their reservation requests in early. I'm sure Evelyn will make that very clear after she sold out early and had to turn down so many this year.

Other good news, we are getting some help with combat tales for the *Journal*. Mel Henderson and Ross DeFrates have written articles that we will ration to Bill Robertie. After reading their tales, that war was dangerous!



Pictured above is tourist on Queen Mary checking Second Air Division Association poster for her Dad's WWII Air Group. Adjacent on left are plaques of 1st and 9th Armored Divisions and the 91st Bomb Group. On right is mural of Queen Mary as troop ship. Note table in foreground with GI mess gear.

As of Oct. 12, we have just returned from three weeks on the road, most of which was spent attending the San Antonio reunion and the Confederate Air Force Airshow. I'm sure the reunion will be duly reported in other sections of the *Journal*, but we add our convictions that the programs and the reunion in general were the most enjoyable and rewarding of any we have attended, and could well be the best of the 34 since the Association was formed. Clint Wallace, et al are to be commended for their efforts on our behalf.

From the stand-point of the 392nd, we were very pleased with the spirit, friendship, and camaraderie displayed at the reunion. We had 27 392nd people who attended all or part of the reunion — the majority with wives. Quite a number were attending their first reunion. We believe they enjoyed themselves, and we hope they will join us many more times.

Even though it was necessary to share a large room with another Group during our mini-reunion, we hope everyone enjoyed the occasion as much as we did. It was highly rewarding to have everyone take part in our program and make it a real 392nd family affair. We especially thank Myron Keilman and Joe Bush for their part in our program. Myron and Joe were with the 392nd from its inception to its disbandment, and we short-timers appreciated their presence.

After dinner, Myron's question and answer program included something for all and made everyone feel part of the family. As for Joe Bush, he was the Exec. Officer of the 392nd for the duration, and was as close to being the originator of the Group as anyone. He brought our program to its emotional high when he displayed the U.S. flag which flew over Wendling at the time of the closing of the base. I can't think of a greater honor ever being bestowed on me than when Joe passed the flag to me to be cared for and kept in the 392nd

family. We will certainly try our best to be worthy of the trust.

Again, we wish to thank all who attended for their cooperation, participation, and general friendship extended us during our stay at San Antonio. Your help made our years work worthwhile.

As for the Confederate Air Force Airshow, their program was very impressive and well worth the time and expense to attend. We recommend your attendance when you have the opportunity. We were warmly received as representatives of the Second Air Division Association. They will display our poster in their museum and they wish to have any group histories or other information we can give them. We plan to pursue this further as time permits.

Upon returning home, we found quite a number of letters from those wishing to join us and seeking other information about our Association.

453rd's EXTRAVAGANZA '81

by Don Olds (453rd)

Our attendance in San Antonio was the largest gathering of 453rd people in one place since the war ended. We really had an excellent turnout. We wished more of those people who live in San Antonio and the surrounding area would have come by the hotel and gotten acquainted. Those who did make it to San Antonio had a wonderful time. There are always a few individuals who run into some temporary inconvenience when a crowd that size gathers, but for the most part everything went quite smoothly.

Thursday evening we boarded busses for a trip to the Lone Star Brewery for a bar-b-que dinner and some dancing to a country western band. Lone Star Brewery kept our mugs full of suds and the banter among those at our picnic tables kept smiles on our faces. The brewery also had its fabulous Hall of Horns Museum open that evening which was enjoyed by most of us.

Friday was the highlight of the weekend. That morning we again boarded the busses for Lackland AFB to review their weekly graduation and awards ceremony. Sometimes we look at our young people and can't quite figure them out and wonder to ourselves what is in store for our country in the years ahead. But after seeing these young men and women execute their tribute to the individual bomb groups of the 2nd Air Division and the pride in which they did so . . . I feel we can rest easier knowing the high quality of people we still have in the US Air Force. After the parade a lot of pictures were taken around the B-24 on display at one end of the parade grounds. Then we strolled over to the Officers Club for lunch. Friday evening we gathered for our 'mini banquet'. After dinner a couple of door prizes were awarded. Then a piano was wheeled in and with a drink on one end of the keyboard and cigaret dangling jauntily from the corner of his mouth, Lou Ginsberg pounded out many of his old tunes reminiscent of those days at Old Buckenham. A nice night.

Saturday night's banquet brought things to a close. Many enjoyed dancing till 1 AM and at Sunday morning breakfast some tearful goodbye's were exchanged and vows were made to meet again next summer in Nashville.

In a previous *Journal* I inquired about the possibility of Crew 43 of the 734th SQ crashing on takeoff from West Palm Beach, FL Airfield as the group was departing for overseas. I heard from Ben Wessel, Hubert Cripe, Del Wangsvick and Luther Clark and they all confirmed the accident did indeed take place. Pilot was Samuel Dean and there were no survivors. Luther

SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION June 30, 1981

SAVINGS FUND ACCOUNT — Citizens National Bank			
Balance June 30, 1981		1,645.77	
Receipts: Interest 6/1/80 to 6/1/81		87.49	
Receipts and Balance as of June 30, 1981			1,733.26
MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND ACCOUNT			
Balance June 30, 1980		4,913.82	
Receipts to June 30, 1981 - Donations		12,988.76	
- Interest Earned		714.13	
Receipts and Balance		18,616.71	
Disbursements to Library Board July 1980		5,900.00	
Balance June 30, 1981			12,716.71
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT			
Balance June 30, 1980			17,013.58
Receipts: Membership Dues	38,023.77		
Interest Earned	2,334.53		
Sale Decals	55.00		
Donations to Genl. Fund	550.00	40,963.30	
Receipts and Balance		57,976.88	
Disbursements:			
Journal: Month Exp.	2,588.05		
Extra Help	414.70		
Addressing Labels	945.00		
Handling	1,086.00		
Envelopes (Journal)	2,153.27		
Printing Journal	7,978.32		
Postage Journal	7,000.00		
P.O. Box Rental	75.00	22,240.34	
Membership: Prtg. Mem. Cards & Env.	637.25		
Postage	1,200.00		
Help	400.00		
Typewriter	500.00		
Dep. w/Grand Old Opry	2,000.00	4,737.25	
General: Roster Postage	1,917.79		
Printing Roster	1,323.90		
Honorariums	1,400.00		
Photography, Cambridge	80.62		
11/80			
Exec. Mtg. San Antonio	397.42		
State of Ill. Filing Fee	5.00		
Gil Cinard, 2 A.D. Decals	628.88		
Exec. Bd. Mtg. Baltimore	786.87		
Treas. Bond	46.00		
Painting 2AD Posters	452.60		
Postage Distrib. Posters	42.45		
Purchase Memorial Books	100.00		
Mrs. Copeman & Guernsey)			
Prtg. Envelopes for VP's	1,141.09		
V.P. Postage	789.51		
Printing By-Laws	51.60	9,163.73	
Total Disbursements			3,6141.32
Balance General Fund Account			21,835.56
Balance of Cash on Hand, All Funds, as of June 30, 1981			\$36,285.53

2 AD Association
Dean E. Moyer, Treasurer

was in the base hospital and he had to give up his bed to the lone man they picked up from the ocean who expired later that night. The crew was carrying extra passengers and Del seems to remember that at least a temporary order went out eliminating the extra passengers as a result of that crash.

If the approaching holiday season brings

the deluge of Christmas cards that past years have, I'll just be unable to respond to them all personally. So I'm taking this opportunity to thank all of you who have remembered Mimi and I during the holiday season. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all next July in Nashville.

44th BOMB GROUP CODES

by Roger A. Freeman

Regarding Pete Henry's question about the squadron markings used by the 44th Bomb Group on its B-24 aircraft, the correct code letter combinations for the four squadrons were:— 66BS-QK, 67BS-NB, 68BS-WQ and 506BS-GJ. This differs from the listing given in *The Mighty Eighth* and the background to this subject may be of interest. These aircraft identification letters, officially known as squadron code letters, were issued to both the RAF and the USAAF in the ETO by the British Air Ministry. The idea was that the two letter squadron code, together with the individual aircraft call-letter, would together give every combat aircraft a simple three letter distinguishing marking. The squadron codes were issued in a secret document known as SD0110 with instructions that the document was to be destroyed when a revised issue was received. This happened periodically as code letters were changed or new combinations allocated, but the instruction to destroy the original document resulted in no known copies surviving World War II in British or American archives. During hostilities young Freeman, probably for want of something better to do, noted down the various combinations carried by 8th AF aircraft and from these sightings had, by the end of hostilities, amassed an almost complete listing. Although he was able to identify groups using respective code combinations, he was not able, except in a very few cases, to link the code letter combinations with their respective squadrons. Thus in post-war years began the laborious and difficult task of writing to veterans to ask if they could recall which letters were used by their particular squadron. Understandably this seemed a relatively unimportant matter and such details did not remain in the memories of many people. The result was that some of the information received was incorrect and at the time *The Mighty Eighth* was published it could not be verified. In addition to the 44th BG listing, the following 2AD squadron tie-ups were also incorrect. For the 445th BG the 700 BS carried the code IS and the 703 BS carried RN. In the 489th BG the 845th BS carried T4 and the 847th BS carried S4. Further confirmation of these code letter markings has recently been located in 2nd Air Division records in three operational instructions issued by HQ 2BD in 1944.

OPEN LETTER For 93rd BG Types

by Charlie Weiss

How about ye old Reunion 1981? I don't have to tell those who were present how great it was and that we missed all the other members who were not able to attend. Our mini-reunion dinner provided the personal touch, it gave us a fair chance to get to know each other. We had six members from one crew (T.C. Gibbs, Otis Hair, Glenn Tessmer, Dusty Worthen, J. Pace, J. Rosacker) that shows some fine work on their part. How about the rest of you making a stab at breaking that record?

I would like to pat Ellsworth Berlitz on the back for his effort in attending. He practically got up out of bed (receiving radiation treatment at Keesler Air Force Base Hospital) to attend. Actually he said the doctor noted "the x-ray machine was broken, so you might as well take this opportunity to go!" Ellsworth donated some of his military records. (Orders, Armament Bulletins (including his modifications to the A-2 Bomb release mechanism, and training schedules) I'll bet some of you didn't know we (93rd BG) received a bunch of recruits transferred from the 98th BG and the 44th BG (March 1942). I suppose now the 44th won't let us forget it! (Ed Note: We won't)

Atillio Verna (Group Photo Officer) was the guy responsible for those fine B-24

movies (England and North Africa) as well as our wall display in the Ball Room — thanks, Atillio, hope you are on the road to recovery!

Oh, yes, how many of you noted the tail markings on the B-24 at Lackland Air Force Base? Well it was of the first group of B-24s of 2nd Air Division to arrive in England — the old 93rd Bomb Group. Do you know that one of the other VPs (seems to me it was Pete Henry) accused me of going out to Lackland the night before the parade and painting the tail colors!! Actually, it was thusly painted to honor "Major" George S. Brown, the late Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was in the 93rd with many of us at the foundation of the group at Barksdale in 1942. (Even ye ole 329th Sqdn — "RE" on fuselage) The very moving memorial service was held in front of "our" aircraft.

By the way, Joe Thorley had a good idea. He brought a batch of 2nd Air Division Association (baseball) caps. They went like hot cakes. Anyone interested in obtaining one or finding out how to get one, just drop him a line.

In that same vein, Floyd Mabree has located a firm which will reproduce jacket insignias. (I bought a 329th Sqdn insignia from him) Here's a tidbit I picked up from Glen Tessmer (you know he is in the business, and should know) He said that an original patch, (offer by antique war buffs/collectors) is worth 50 bucks and that the A-2 (leather) jacket starts at \$250.00, and if it had been to Ploesti and back it would

BOARD OF GOVERNORS NEW VICE-CHAIRMAN

Paul King was elected to the Board of Governors in 1978, and on May 29th of this year succeeded Alfred Jenner as Vice-Chairman. Those of you who attended the 1979 Convention in Norwich had the opportunity to meet this person-



able, vigorous and effective supporter of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust.

Mr. King, 41 years of age, is a Chartered Surveyor, and is chairman of a Norwich based corporation with extensive property interests. His company owns and operates the Hotel Nelson and the Hotel Norwich in Norwich.

He is also involved in many local community interests including The Great Hospital, of which he is a trustee. The Hospital was founded in 1249 to care for old people and is the second oldest charity in Great Britain. Mr. King has recently chaired the Restoration and Development Appeal for the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, the fine parish church situated close to the Memorial Library in which we attended the stirring dedication services in 1963. The appeal has raised 350,000 pounds, some 50,000 pounds greater than the target.

Paul and his Dutch born wife, Hester, have three daughters, Nina (16), Annabel (14) and Polly (10). Paul was only six years old at the end of World War II. He feels that he lives because of the sacrifices made by those of the 2nd Air Division and by the American and Allied Forces who died so that he and those of his generation could live in freedom today. He strongly believes that younger people should be actively encouraged to participate in the affairs of the Memorial Library to ensure that it remains a Living Memorial to those who made the supreme sacrifice.

We welcome Paul's increased participation in the affairs of the Trust, just as we thank Alfred Jenner (who remains on the Board of Governors) for his fine support, past, present, and future.

probably be worth 1,000 bucks! I'm gonna take better care of mine from now on!

Some of you have been doing great work in trying to bring our comrades into the fold. Let everyone of us try to get at least one new member before the next reunion. And if there are any of you who haven't attended a reunion — man, you don't know what you're missing.

In closing, it was a real pleasure to have met some of you, ladies included, for the first time and always nice to renew contacts with old friends. Don't forget every member get a new member.

THE FREEDOM SHRINE

by Jordan R. Uttal

At our Convention in Cambridge, Mass. in July 1980, presentation was made by Jeff Gregory (467th BG) Tom Eaton of a plaque representing the donation by the Exchange Club of Garland, Texas of their Freedom Shrine.

The Freedom Shrine consists of 28 photostatic copies of many of our most cherished and revered historical documents, including the Mayflower Compact, the Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Monroe Doctrine, Gettysburg Address on up to the Japanese instrument of surrender given to MacArthur on the battleship, Missouri, in 1945.

After this shipment arrived in Norwich, the Board of Governors commissioned a leading Norwich architect to create a display that would do justice to these precious milestones in American History. The installation was made early this summer, and color photos of this magnificent display were shown at San Antonio.



The Freedom Shrine Documents installed on eight swivelling panels.

The documents are mounted on both sides of eight felt covered ply panels, each approximately 46" high by 30" wide, approximately six inches apart, mounted on the rear wall of the Library, adjacent to the Roll of Honor. The panels swivel left and right, each document in its own satin anodized aluminum frame, each frame hung on specially designed hooks on the felt covered panels.

The results are truly beautiful. One photo shows how these documents are available for inspection and study. The other photo demonstrates how the documents are viewed.

What a fitting addition to our American Memorial Room these historic documents make!!!!

ATTENTION JOGGERS

Interest has been growing regarding a Fun Run at the next reunion in Nashville. If you would like to participate, please contact Earl L. Zimmerman, 8922 Haverstick Rd., Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and give your age and distance you would like to run, 2 or 3 miles etc. Five persons have already signed up. T-Shirts for all and trophies to winners in each age group. Anyone under 55 out there? Only 9 months left to practice.

BUNGAY BULL

446th BOMB GROUP
by
Vere A. McCarty



Nearly 40 former Bungay-ites and nearly as many wives showed up at the San Antonio reunion. Several did not register but dropped by to visit. One was former bombardier Thomas L. Moore (707) who found his old co-pilot, Nathan Jacobson. We signed Tom up as a new member. Hank Kingsberry and Ed Hanna, co-pilot and navigator of Crew #45 and wives had a good visit after 37-years. One crew of pilot, co-pilot and flight engineer . . . Warren Welbourn, Sam McClung and J. W. Williams had the largest 446th crew this year. Co-pilot Dale Howard and bombardier (yours truly) were disappointed that a couple more of crew 70 did not come as expected.

Our mini-reunion honored former deputy group commander, Colonel Fred Knorre. Attention was called to his 50-years of flying . . . student's license at 15 to his commercial license and the 75 different makes and models of aircraft that are listed in his flight log.

Special thanks was extended to Fred Brueninger for his great assist in contacting prospective new members. Thanks to him, the 446th crew received the "Recruiter of the Year" award again this year. The wife of Gilbert Esteves was given a special introduction. Gil's wife was the former Miss Joyce Dyke, the pretty English secretary at Bungay. (We are working on a special story about Joyce for a future "Journal").

There were two items of unfinished business; the Group History, and the Bungay Memorial Marker. Since the last "Journal", I have received word from *The Battery Press* that they have obtained a copy of the book and are doing a "project survey", presumably to test the market. Inasmuch as there seems to be progress, no further action was taken.

The proposal carried over from the Cambridge reunion to erect a memorial at or near the Bungay airbase was discussed. There appears to be a continuing interest, so Clarence Hooks was appointed as committee chairman and instructed to look into the cost of such a marker and to make recommendations as to an appropriate site. Clarence pledged a sizable amount to start a fund and it is suggested that those who would like to support the project might let Clarence know what he could expect in the way of a later contribution, as this will no doubt influence the quality of the Memorial Marker. Concern was expressed that the memorial should be located where it would be readily visible to tourists and to local residents alike. Perhaps in a central location in the town of Bungay, as any location near the airbase would be too remote. All pledges, questions and suggestions should be directed to Clarence Hooks, 7619 Clearwater Road, Hixson, TN 37343.

Under new business, the shoulder patch designed by Fred Brueninger was discussed as many were interested in obtaining one. Also the white military short-sleeved shirt with the "Bungay Buckaroos" on the back in silk screen. Fred agreed to serve as committee of one to look into the cost of the patch in quantity amounts and the cost of individual shirt orders.

Under "election of group vice-president" the train whistle blew, so the 446th Bomb Group is stuck with me again. All I can say is that I appreciate your confidence in me and will do all I can to keep the 446th active in the organization.

To carry on with 446th BG aircraft, their ID, original pilot and final disposition: (Please write to correct or give additional info).

42-50434	RT-V		CR (at Raydon) 25 Feb 4
42-50477	HN-G	Temptation	LC 26 Sep 44 (Hamm)
42-50491			LC 27 Dec 44, (Kaiserslautern)
42-50567	FL-T	Oklahoma Gal	CR (at Bungay) 25 Aug 44
42-50573	FL-S		
42-50681	FL-B		LC 19 Oct 44 (Cologne)
42-50713			CR (at Lieston) 2 Feb 45
42-50724	RT-G		
42-50734	JU-B	Patriotic Patty	
42-50735	FL-J		
42-50790			CR (at Wendham) 11 Apr 45
42-50814	RT-P		
42-50852		Peg o' San Antone	SALV (Bungay) 9 Mar 45
42-50882	HN-B	Wolf Patrol	
42-50919	HN-P	(pff)	

Does anyone know about a B-24J from the 704th Squadron, No. 44-48830, that crashed May 7, 1945 (after hostilities) at Owston, near Leicester? Pilot was Capt. Burkett Inslow. I have an inquiry from England.

34th REUNION REPORT

by Francis DiMola (445th)

As usual the corresponding was as great as ever. I tried to answer as many letters as possible. I have received mail from all parts of the world. Just to mention a few places, I have received mail from Alaska, Canada, Holland, England, West Germany, Belgium and even Australia. The people in my back yard (Brooklyn) just do not seem to know how to write.

Dr. Helmut Schnatz Koblenz, West Germany would like some information on a/c +42-50579 from the 701 BS which crashed landed near Niedermendig Air Field, Germany. Maz Loya sent me a 10 page letter telling me how busy he and his wife were picking fruit in their New Mexico orchard. If you pass the area around LasCruces you may hear all about the 2nd Air Division on station KRRR.

Photo's of the combat crews seem to be rare. Recently I received a photograph of Pilot Cecil Isom and his crew from Charles W. Bunting, 703 BS, Kansas. I do hope Bill Robertie finds some spot for it. As mentioned at the San Antonio reunion, the Norwich library is requesting that we send them some slides of our country. They are looking for slides about our large cities, country side, historical land marks, etc. I am sure that we can take on this request. Herbert Rudh, Minn., says "Hello" to all. He has many memories of the many air bases in Texas. I usually list the names of the new members who recently joined but the list is so great that I will skip it this time. I may have approached some of you a few

Maj. Gen. Spence Armstrong
Commander, A.F.M.T.C.
Lackland Air Force Base
San Antonio, Texas 78236

Dear Gen. Armstrong,

On behalf of the Second Air Division Association, I thank you for the most impressive and heart-warming program you presented for our Association members on October 2nd at Lackland Air Force Base.

The parade was magnificent, and the spirit-de-corps demonstrated by the personnel of your command, including the young Air Force people on parade, was an inspiration to all of us. Truly, the defense of our beloved United States is in good hands, and will continue to be so, as your Command prepares the new generation to take over the future defense of our Country.

The events following the parade, including the luncheon, were equally moving, and brought back nostalgic memories, and the feeling that we were "home again" for a fleeting moment in "our" Air Force.

Please extend our thanks and appreciation to your staff for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty to make our visit an event of great emotional significance and pride to every one of us.

Sincerely
DAVID G. PATTERSON
President

times for membership, so you see, I am quite busy. Sorry Henry C. McCray, Mass.

In the past few years there has been talk about placing a memorial in the towns in England that the 2nd Air Division has operated from. We had some different views on this. Let us take Tibenham for instance, we will have a plaque placed in the Norwich Library, England stating when we were there and any other formative information that would make it interesting. The funds will come from the group members. We can start now by mailing a check to me stating it is for the Tibenham Memorial Fund.

WOW — about the 34th Reunion — I wish I were a writer and used a tape recorder to capture all the beautiful things that were said. There were such emotional expressions at the Lakeland Air Force Base by General S. Armstrong, comments made by our orator Jordan Uttal, Dave Patterson and so many others. I need 10,000 words to really describe the EVENT. It brought me great joy to see members and crews reuniting after so many years: Karl Rausch and Joe Reuss, after 36 years, the Claude Palmer crew of 8, and John Edwards and a bunch of 4, and so many others, just too numerous to mention.

We were also honored to have the first pilot of the group who completed his 30th mission. Sam Miller was so happy to complete his tour that he buzzed the Tibenham Base and the control tower. He really scared alot of people. I told Sam that I was in touch with his crew chief, Gino Capadagli, Conn., known as "Cappy".

People arrived to the Reunion by various means of transportation. Some flew in, others flew their own planes, some drove in by car but the best of all was by John and Dotty Nortavage, Penn. They came via a 1971 International truck. I wonder how long it took? If anyone came via covered wagon, I am sorry I did not see you.

Just a count of how many 445ers attended the reunion. There were 40 members, 4 associate members, and 29 girl friends and wives. What an increase since Valley Forge in '78 when just 2 were there.

My wife Elizabeth and I wish to extend the seasons' greeting to everyone. May the New Year of '82 bring us peace and happiness and continued good health. May Nashville, Tenn. on July 1st - 4th have a million people at the 35th Reunion, just to keep Evelyn busy. Bless you all.

Our Visit to Lackland AFB

by Jordan Uttal

The sight of the 1400 plus male and female Air Force trainees assembling, parading in review, and honoring us in the reviewing stands was a thrill that few of us will forget. As each squadron passed and saluted, and announced its individual tribute to a specific unit of our 14 Bomb Groups, 5 Fighter Groups, and Headquarters Squadron, there wasn't a dry eye among the almost 800 of us who were fortunate enough to be there.

The Memorial service by Chaplain Tibus next to our 93rd Bomb Group B-24 was similarly moving and deeply appreciated by every one of us, as was every thoughtful and hospitable gesture extended to us by Maj. Gen. Armstrong and all his staff. We are deeply indebted to Lt. Col. Marvin Harris who had been working since Oct.

1980 with Clint Wallace (458th BG) to create this warm and moving tribute.

Gen. Armstrong made a particular point to emphasize that the strong reactions of the 2nd Air Division Association guests, demonstrated by their applause for each passing squadron, and our singing of our Anthem and the Air Force song further inspired his troops to outdo themselves, and that they did!!!

The flavor and the spirit of the events at Lackland are movingly and accurately described in the following poem which was written immediately following our return from Lackland by one of those present — an associate member who feels very close to the Association. It was read and very well received at the Banquet, and we have her permission to print it for you.

Reunion at Lackland

by Rhoda Uttal Bandler

*Young men and women are marching, are marching,
Shoes and belt buckles agleam in the sun,
Stepping in unison while they are marching,
Bringing new hope where we thought there was none.*

*Young men and women saluting, saluting,
Paying their homage to deeds long since done,
Eyes on the stands as they file by, saluting,
Totally sharing the visions we've spun.*

*Young men and women parading, parading,
Hoping for peace but prepared for the gun,
Bearing our standards aloft while parading,
Forging the future and past into one.*

ABOUT THE MEMORIAL

by Jordan Uttal

The presentation of the check in the amount of \$10,000 for the 2nd Air Division Memorial, at the banquet in San Antonio, by Dean Moyer, our treasurer, to Tom Eaton was greeted by enthusiastic applause from the audience, and accepted by Tom with grateful thanks. We in the audience were very proud of ourselves, of each other, and of each of you who sent in contributions with your dues this year. Your generosity made it possible for this substantial addition to our Capital Fund. It is our sincere hope that you will not only continue your support, but perhaps make it possible for us to exceed this gift next year in Nashville.

As your representative on the Board of Governors, I submitted my report for the Memorial Trust at the business meeting in San Antonio. Although these details may be reported in the official minutes of the meeting, I take this opportunity to give you the highlights of our financial status, and operating results.

Financial Status: As of 4 May 1980, the total assets of the Trust amounted to \$46813 pounds. In July 1980 we presented the Trust with close to \$6000 or approximately 3,000 pounds. As of 4 May 1981, the assets of the Trust had risen to 56,854 pounds, an increase in value of 21%.

The income of the Trust in 1980 was 5,248 pounds including a sizeable income tax refund. The income for 1981 increased to 5,635 pounds, including a much smaller income tax refund. (700 pounds less)

Our expenditures in 1981 increased over 1980, 4,460 pounds against 2,939 pounds due to first time expenses for the Freedom Shrine, and the acquisition of films and cassettes. The three films cover scenes at Shipdham, Bungay, and Rackheath, the Unit Citation of the 389th, and a 30 minute T.V. Documentary about the Ploesti Raid. The cassettes cover operational and statistical records of 2nd Air Division bases.

Operations: 290 new books were purchased this year as compared to 302 last year. The average cost per volume increased to 9.60 pounds as against 9.52 pounds. The stocks of our Memorial Room have grown to 5,752 books as against 5,388, and we now have 53 cassettes and three films as against none last year.

Most significant is the fact that the use of the room by the people of Norfolk increased by 40% this year, the borrowings increasing to 3,812 volumes as against 2,723 in 1980.

Board of Governors: At the annual meeting on 28 May, Tom Eaton was reelected Chairman. The Vice-Chairman, Alfred Jenner remained on the board, but stepped

down, and Paul King was elected as Vice Chairman. David Hastings attended his first meeting as a Governor, as did Prof. Howard Temperley, newly elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jane Thistlethwaite. Christopher Snow, the Cultural Attache at the American Embassy in London also attended his first meeting.

I am pleased to report that the Board has taken its first steps to the raising of funds in England to provide help towards hiring an American Librarian. They already have in hand their first pledge in the amount of 2,000 pounds, and they will be actively seeking other contributions in England.

Specific needs to be filled: (1) New Flags are needed for the Memorial Room. This will be solved at the Nashville Convention.

(2) The Librarian specifically requests 35mm color slides of the many cities and places of interest in our country.

(3) The library would also like to have 2nd Air Division members. (Ed. Note: So would I).

Such slides and cassette reminiscence recordings should be sent to Mr. Colin Sleath, Deputy Divisional Librarian, Norwich Central Library, Bethel Street, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 1NJ, England.

It is a great personal honor to serve as your representative on the Board of Governors of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust. I offer my warm and sincere thanks to each of you for your efforts and support, so that we may continue to nurture this unique Living Memorial to our lost friends. The world's debt to them will never be repaid, but we are pledged to seeing to it that they never will be forgotten.

JORDAN R. UTTAL



EVELYN'S PERSONAL BULLETIN BOARD

As luck would have it the 1982 World's Fair is being held in Knoxville during our reunion period. As Knoxville is just a curve ball away from Nashville there is bound to be a severe shortage of hotel rooms during that period. Right now I have 250 rooms reserved at the Hyatt and 100 more at the Sheraton and it is doubtful that I will be able to reserve any more than that if required. If you plan to attend send me a \$25.00 per person deposit to be assured of a room.

Also, I was only able to obtain 500 seats at the Grand Old Opry and these seats will go to the first 500 who send in their deposit. So if you plan to attend act now.

NORWICH IN 1983

There was much talk at the San Antonio reunion about holding our reunion in Norwich in 1983. A unique plan was suggested to sail over on the Queen Elizabeth II, spend five days in Norwich, ten days on your own then fly back to your home city via British Airways. The plan is sketchy at the moment, but to start working out the details and the cost I will need a \$200 non-refundable (unless trip is cancelled) deposit from those who at this point in time would attend. The number of deposits I receive right away will determine if this plan will 'GO'. Send all deposits to me, Evelyn Cohen, at Apt. 06410 Delair Landing, 9301 State Road, Philadelphia, PA. 19114.

Excerpt from Lackland Tailspinner Straight Talk

Maj. Gen. Spence M. Armstrong
AFMTC Commander

I was really impressed with the folks from the Second Air Division Reunion last Friday at the BMT parade. The parade dedicated to them was intended to give them a little something for the heroic things they did in World War II. They gave us back a lot more than that last week. When they sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and "The Air Force Song," it got me right in the squadron patch and it made me proud to be of the same service. As far as I'm concerned, they can come back any time.





"Dean, handle that thing carefully. It may still be loaded."



Sir, this comes with only one guarantee — CRASH!



"And do I hear \$175,000 for this pre-Titan II missile? On this one we'll be happy to accept bids from the Saudis." J. D. Long as auctioneer.



Carroll Stewart (co-author of Ploesti) with Linda Loring, ARC 93rd BG.



Margaret & Mike Fagen (491st).



Dean gives us the good news on our financial condition. We are still solvent.



President Dave Patterson, Association photographer Bob Coleman and former President Pete Henry.



Col. A. J. Shower just won't give up. Ready, willing (and able?) to fly a 24. Problem is he can't find one.



Evelyn Cohen and Dave Patterson enjoy a quiet moment after a hectic year.



Just a small portion of the Officer's Mess where the Air Force entertained us. Would you believe 774 meals served in 4 and 1/2 minutes? True.



It won't fly anymore but it sure looks pretty.



Perennials Dave McCash, Emma and Al Franklin.



New President Vince LaRussa and a rare photo of Jordan sans glasses.



Hank Tevelin and unknown friend try to find their way back to Attlebridge. Unfortunately sign was pointing in the wrong direction.



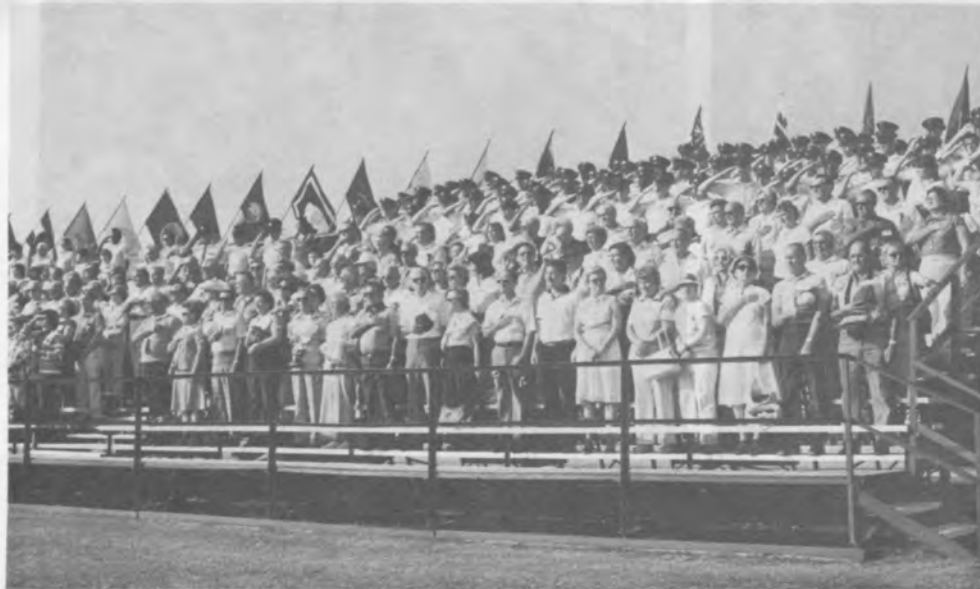
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They couldn't sing the National Anthem very good but they tried.



Platoons of the current graduating class pass in review, each one identifying themselves as a Group of the 2nd Air Division for that day.



Evelyn getting her licks in with Vere McCarty
Dean Moyer faints!



During cocktails before lunch, Art Cullen (44th) looks impatiently at watch. Art likes to eat early and often.



Unknown IRS aspirant collected \$1.00 from everybody present at the banquet as an additional donation to the Library fund. Dean Moyer our Tresurer accepts.



Outgoing President Dave Patterson has a right to grin. He did one hell of a job this past year.



General Armstrong and President Patterson receive salutes from the graduating class of the Airmen and Airwomen.



Dean Moyer presents check for \$10,000 for the capital fund donated by our members.



Commanding Officer Major General Spence M. Armstrong flanked by Robbin Eaton on his left and Joan Patterson on his right.



Board of Governor members Tom Eaton and Dave Hastings. J. E. Ewing, Tom is not.

8-BALL NEWS

by Pete Henry

The Second Air Division Association reunion for 1982 will be held in Nashville, Tennessee over the July fourth weekend. The 44th Bomb Group is a part of the Second Air Division Association as is the 93rd Bomb Group and all the other bomb groups and attached units of the Second Air Division.

If we are to maintain a strong Association, it is our responsibility to support it and to keep the 44th Bomb Group an integral part of the Second Air Division Association. The reason for this writing is that there are several "splinter" groups of 44th BG members and some concern that one or more of these assemblages may attempt to form the nucleus of a separate Association and try to pull the 44th B.G. completely away from the Second Air Division Association.

In this column, September 1980, I reported that Lt. (now Captain) David H. Klaus was at our mini-reunion in Cambridge. At the time, he was on active duty with the 44th Strategic Missile Wing, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota. Capt. Klaus, (now Chief of Protocol for the 15th Air Force) was the guest of Joe Warth at our mini-reunion in San Antonio and distributed some literature to the 44th's present describing a memorial plaque to be erected at the U.S. Air Force Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and soliciting contributions. The 44th SMW held a 40th anniversary reunion at Ellsworth 13-14 December 1980 and are planning another

reunion at Ellsworth 27-31 May 1982. If I can attend the 1982 reunion in Ellsworth, I intend to do so but it will not be at the expense of omitting the 2ADA reunion in Nashville. Likewise, my donation to the Memorial Plaque project at Wright-Patterson will not result in a reduction of my annual contribution to the Second Air Division Association Memorial Library in Norwich. I sincerely hope that the rest of you feel as I do.

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We had about 75-80 Eight-ballers at the mini-reunion and Ron Allen called to our attention the fact that 9 representatives of the original pilots to go over with the 44th BG were present. They were Bill Strong, Dave McCash, Ron Allen, Dick Butler, Ira McKee, Arthur Cullen, Bill Camerou, Howie Moore and Ted Scarlett, hope I didn't miss any!

Also present were three former crew members of "Southern Comfort". Joe Warth was on "Southern Comfort"; Bill



(l to r) Joe Warth, Bill Strong, Pat Colucci
Strong was on "Southern Comfort II"; and Pat Colucci was on "Southern Comfort III".

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Seven members of Frank Hurst's crew of 10 were present at the reunion plus their Crew Chief, Odie 'Curly' Nelson. They flew "The Iron Corset" with the 66th Sqdn.



(l to r) Curly Nelson, Chester Sinclair, Jack Snow, Ray Porter, Carl Appelin, Marvin Kite, Frank Hurst, Clarence Hines

We received the following telegram at the hotel in San Antonio. "Thinking of you this weekend. Sorry we can't be with you. The very best to all and especially the 44th." Signed: Bob and Irma Dubowsky, Satellite Beach, Fla.

The highlight of the whole reunion was our visit to Lackland Air Force Base and the parade held in honor of the Second Air Div. Assn. Here are 5 'stalwart' members



(l to r) Bill Aldridge, Frank Stegbauer, Dick Butler, Charles Hughes, Pete Henry
of the 44th standing in front of a familiar looking aircraft parked on the perimeter of the parade grounds.

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The aforementioned Capt. Klaus was kind enough to send me some answers to the questions posed in the September 81 Journal (8-Ball News). From the "2BD Instruction Nr. 55-37, Identification of Aircraft", dated 7 July 44, he reports the following Squadron markings:

44th B.G. Station 115

66th	QK
67th	NB
68th	WQ
506th	GJ

He also advised me that CHANNEL HOPPER is the full name for the B-24 that landed in Switzerland 21 July 44 and the correct serial number is 42-95226, not 42-05226.

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A letter, dated 10 August 81, was received from Mrs. Charles W. Albert whose brother-in-law, Frank L. Albert, was a B-24 pilot in the 506th Squadron killed in action 18 March 44 on a bombing mission to Friedrichshafen, Germany. The Fraternal Order of Police in Wyoming, Penn. held a memorial service for Frank on 9 October 65 and renamed the Lodge, The Frank Albert Memorial Lodge No. 43. Frank was a 21-year old recruit with Troop "B" in 1938 and was a member of Troop "B" High School's Horse Team until he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942. Mrs. Albert is trying to locate Lt. Edmund H. Donnelly, T/Sgt. James K. Warvel, T/Sgt. Beuford K. Walker and S/Sgt. Carl C. Bolick who survived the crash. If the whereabouts of any of these men are known, please let me know and I will pass the information on to her.

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Almost forgot. The reunion in San Antonio was GREAT! Those that were there, know it. Those that were not there, you missed it! And thanks (I think) to those who re-elected me your Group Vice-President.

AN OPEN LETTER TO CLINTON WALLACE

As President of our Association during our San Antonio Reunion, thank you for making possible the Lackland Air Force Base program on October 2nd. Those who were fortunate enough to see the events were presented with one of the most heartwarming and inspiring programs we have ever had the pleasure of attending. The Air Force parade dedicated to our Second Air Division, with over 1600 young Airmen passing in review, the memorial ceremony at the B-24 on the Base grounds, and the luncheon at the Base Club, filled us all with emotion, pride, and nostalgia. It was a deep and lasting experience that will be remembered by all for many years to come. The many wet eyes in the group demonstrated the depth of emotion we all experienced.

It was only through your personal efforts, hard work, and contacts with the Base, all done for the benefit of our Association, that it could have happened. On behalf of every member — Thanks, Wally!!!

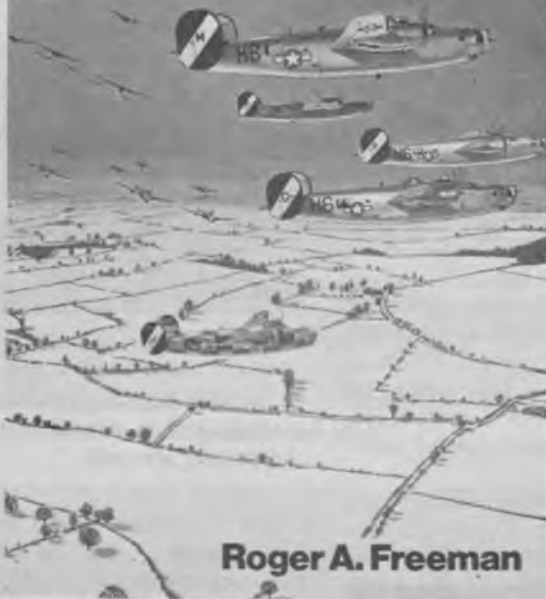
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Mighty Eighth War Diary



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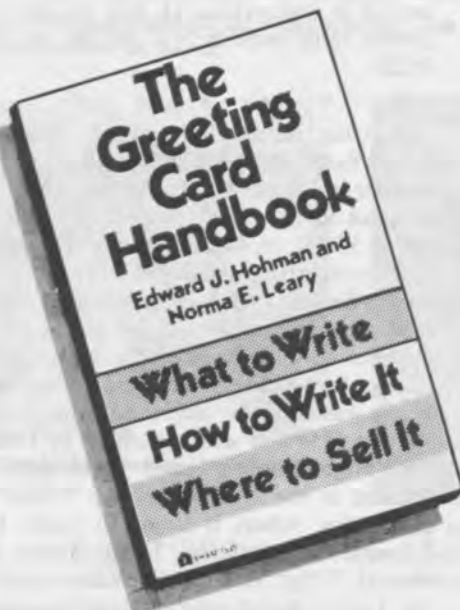
Roger Freeman is one of the leading authorities on US warplanes, the airmen who flew them and the Second World War operations in which they were involved. His books include *The Mighty Eighth*, *US strategic Bomber*, *Mustang At War*, *Fortress At War*, *Marauder At War*, and *Thunderbolt: A Documentary History*. He has also worked in radio and TV and written the script for a BBC documentary on airfields. His interest stems from war-time days when US airbases were built in the East Anglian countryside where he lived. He insists his writing is, with lecturing and other activities, simply an extension of his enthusiasm for perpetuating the memory of a unique piece of history. Respected for his original research, Roger Freeman inevitably brings to light information and illustrations that have not previously appeared in published works and such is the case in this book. The book consists of 520 pages and took over 6000 hours in the writing.

← John Rabbets' evocation of Liberator formations over East Anglia in January 1945. Aircraft of the 453rd Bomb Group are depicted in the foreground.

NOTE:- THE MIGHTY EIGHTH WAR DIARY is being printed in England and domestic supplies are limited. To all those who have ordered a copy — hang tough. We are being resupplied and copies will be mailed as soon as they arrive.

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(ED. NOTE: Ed Hohman was a tail gunner in the 491st).

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Griff & Bobbie Griffin
Arthur & Leona Grimes
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Walt Hazelton
Pete & Mary Henry
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93rd

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389th

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445th

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Lyman & Geneva Crumrin
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Rich Leonard
Gene Lipp
O.K. & Lovey Long
Andy Low
Dorothy Middleton
Ed & Ramona Myers
George & Dorothy Matecko
John & Clarinda Nortridge
Don & Mimi Olds
C.M. Parker
Phil & Nina Parsons
Dick & Mildred Rollo
Dan & Muriel Reading
John & Marie Roth
Ed & Ruby Smertelny
Irv Shuffler
Milt & Lucille Stokes
Glen & Edith Tisher
Frank & Jackie Thomas
Jack & Betty Tisch
Warren Vernier
Bob & Isabelle Victor
Del & Doris Wangsvick
Bob & Helen Wolfe
Harry & Letty Winslow

458th

Harold & Virginia Armstrong
Charlie & Lolly Booth
Birt & Jean Brumby
Bill & Barbara Case
Don & Carolyn Fraser
Newell & Ernestine Gibson
Bob & Jane Grahlmann
Jack Gibson
Elmo & Betty Goppelt
Erich & Dee Gagel
Arthur & Iola Hendrickson
Ernest Kelly/Eleanor Truitt
Tim & Annette Kinnally
Ed & Carm Larsen
Elmer & Rene Lanini
Glenn Matson
Pat & Margaret McCormick
Herman & Bertie Peacher
Charles & Skeet Pool
Rick & Ceil Rokicki
William & Odelle Routon
Ed Silver
Bill & Geraldine Sanders
Al & Lillian Shelton
Carl & Jessica Valentine
Clint Wallace
Tom & Alberta Walsh
Eurene Young

466th

Jim & Bernice Adams
Joe & Irene Arbaugh
Harold & Joy Berman
Frank & Louise Bostwick
Margaret Calderalo
Pappy & Roberta Daniels
Barkev & Pauline Hovsepian
Everett & Lois Jones
Perry & Joyce Kerr
John & Mary Leeds
Bill Leeds
Tom & Barbara McGee
Gerry & Sammy Merket
Charlie & Peggy Miller
Elwood & Lucille Nothstein
Karl & Jane Oesterle
Lee & Marilee Paynter
Bob & Sybil Pettersen
Jim & Elinor Russell
Don Shanklin
Art & Barbara Sessa
Harold & Charlotte Simms
Hank & Edie Tevelin
Joe & Catherine Tikiy

467th

Delores Beran
Arch & Helen Boisselle
Walt Bandlew
Ed & Bea Branaman
Eddie Bryson
Jim & Joan Coffey
George & Mary Condry
Bill & Bernice Dillon
Ken Darney, Jr.
Phil & Cille Day
Tony & JoAnn DeBiasse
Les & Josephine Dining
Ralph & Yvonne Elliott
Don & Theresa Faford
Joe Flynn
Ralph & Ann Giesecke
Paul Gourd
Jeff & Terry Gregory
Weldon & Helen Gruver
Joe & Florence Haenn
Paul & Frances Hannafey
Lloyd & Carmen Haug
Bill & Alice Hayes
Cyril Hinckley
Calvin & Ruth Horn
Jim & Audrey Johnston
Andrew Kapi
Bernie & Phyllis Kirschner
Frank Kohut
Henry Kubacek
John Logan
Vince & Gloria LaRussa
Bob Miller
Al & Teresa Muller
Jim & Jean Newhouse
L.T. & Ruth Pilan
Ed & Dorothy Parsons
Bob Perkins
Roy & Edith Rainwater
Carl Schaut
Al Shower
Harmon & Bertie Small
Bill & Shirley Smith
Bob & Irene Snyder
Adam Soccio
Jim Spence
Oliver & Dorothy Simmons
Fred & Marguerite Segalls
Jack & Anne Stratton
Charles & Veda Wagner
Robert Winger

489th

Jack Albright
Bill & Melba Anson
Fremont & Dell Betts
Jim & Fay Bixler
Chuck & Twyla Baker
Chuck & Mary Bouchard
Tom & Muriel Bouley
Loren & Betty Bryan
Bob & Teresa Cline
Bud & Mike Chamberlain
Jim & Jean Davis
John & Kathleen Dalglish
Don & Shirley Engler
Howard & Shirley Egge
Charlie, Helen & Don Freuden-
thal
Bob & Roena Gordon
Jim & Charlie Gililand
Charles & Florence Harkins
Carl & Joyce Hillstrom

John & Terry Leo
Dick & Evelyn Lingenberg
Vernon & Ruth Long
Bob & Evelyn Loughran
Ted & Gladys Maruschak
Elizabeth Napier
Dick Sanderford
Irv & Ruth Schildknecht
Lew Tanner
Dave & Ruth Tracy
Julius Vanerwegen
Lou & Irene Wagner
Joe & Virginia Woerner

491st

Carl & Louise Alexanderson
Dave & Edith Dougherty
Robert & Mary Dicken
Mike & Margaret Fagen
Dudley & Doris Friday
C.C. & Dolores Griffin
Jack Hauger
O.L. & Camille Hicks
David & Billie Hicks
Morris & Doris Jones
Wilbert Mishler
Will Munro
Lloyd & Elsie Murff
Ted & Fanny Parker
H.F. & Jeanne Patterson
Tom & Marion Rogers
Bill & Virginia Stracener
Ramon Waldrop
Don & Laura Whited

492nd

Bud & Margarette Beasley
Bill & Maxine Clarey
William & Violet Clarke
Joe & Fran Harris
Floyd & Eleanor Kingsley
Vernon Key
Jake & Helen Mink
A.G. & Betty Raisig

Hdq.

Joanne Afronte
Rhoda Bandler
Warren & Norma Burman
Evelyn & Lillian Cohen
Wendell & Evelyn Cook
Earline Embrey
Jackie Hanify
Livingston & Tina Jones
Dean Moyer
Hal McCormick
Sid Piper
John & Janice Sanders
Fritzie Snyder
Al & Eva Thibault
Lida B. Thompson
Jordan & Joyce Urtal
Hathy, Milt & Caron Veynar
Vance & Patsy Veynar

FOTE

John & Janet Page

Board of Governors

Tom & Robin Eaton
Dave & Jean Hastings

Folded Wings

John M. Paraniuk — 389th

Stanley E. Judson — 489th

Raymond Dalbey — 489th

J.B. Ramsey — 44th, 93rd, 491st

Charles B. Maupin — 466th

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Robertie:

Some 12 years ago I found an identity bracelet on the site of a crashed Liberator at Cranworth near Shipdham, Norfolk. The bracelet was returned to Randolph A.F.B. via the U.S.A.F. A brief note was returned giving details of the crash, date, etc. But 2 years ago I started doing some research, after a conversation with John Page (whom I believe you know) he suggested the information I was given was incorrect. All the information available over here suggested that 5 crew were on board but there was no mention of the name which was on the bracelet nor of any crew above the rank of S/Sgt, also I could find no mention of the name in any books or records.

However with the help of various centers in the States I have now obtained a copy of the original accident report for the crash and this shows that there were in fact 10 crew on board for a local test flight.

The point of my letter is this: 4 of the crew listed as killed are not on the roll of honor in Norwich Library and Mr. Sleath has suggested that I contact you to find the best way of getting these names entered on the roll. There are also other errors on the names that are on the roll. My second request is whether you could publish a request for anyone who can furnish further details on the crash or remembers the accident, for example the regular crew. If you can help me on either count (especially getting the names on the roll) I would be very grateful.

Julian A. Horn
10 Jubilee Road,
Watton, Norfolk, England

DETAILS DISCOVERED SO FAR

B24H. A.F. No. 42-7551
68B.S. 44 B.G.
Accident Report No. 44 115 513 (I think)
1420 Hrs., January 13, 1944 at Cranworth near Shipdham (2 miles southwest of the Aerodrome).
Crew:

1. Hovey, Glenn C.; 0676805; 2nd Lt. (P)
2. Peterson, Clifford C.; 0806699; 2nd Lt. (CP)
3. Weiner, Stanley C.; 0674819; 2nd Lt. (N)
4. Sewers, Richard J.; 06796-; 2nd Lt. (B)
5. Nelson, Arthur L.; 36378877; S/Sgt. (E)
6. Snow, Clarence W.; 37219104; Sgt. (AE)
7. Hoffman, Walter G.; 19176655; S/Sgt. (R)
8. Robbins, Robert E.; 35369184; Sgt. (AR)
9. Testa, Arthur F.; 35520803; Sgt. (RG)
10. Pollman, Edward C.; 35672481; Sgt. (G)

3, 4, 8, 9, these are the people whose names are not on the roll.

2, on the roll s/no shown as 0806899

6, on the roll rank shown as P.F.C.

These details obtained from the accident report received from: Vincent P. Munroe; Chief, Reports Branch; Directorate of Aerospace Safety; Norton A.F.B.; California 92409.

Dear Evelyn:

I enjoyed talking with you and I enjoyed the June issue of the Journal you so kindly enclosed. I am looking forward to meeting you in San Antonio.

Enclosed please find my application with dues and reunion fee.

I read Mac's "Bungay Bull" with great interest and will write him right away about it. I have the glossy print of Charles Coates' mural he wanted and some other things he mentioned in the article. I will bring them to San Antonio with me for him. Also, I will bring some pictures of the other "murals" referred to as having been painted over. You see, I was Charles Coates Assistant for construction at the club (between missions) and so had more than a passing interest in the club.

I am looking forward to seeing some of the 446th and hope one or 2 others of our original crew of the Worry Bird will be there.

Nathan M. Jacobson

To: William and Hazel Robertie and

The Second Air Division Reunion

This will be the first reunion I have missed in 10 years. Wish Kurt and I could be there. We will be thinking of everyone. Say hi to all for us and especially the other "Ole Fools" Jackie and Evelyn.

Love Vicki & Kurt Warning

(Ed Note: Missed you.)

Dear Evelyn:

How can I express my feelings after attending my first 2nd ADA convention? I guess by just saying that I surely have missed alot in my life by not having attended any of the previous 33 conventions!

I had anticipated a good time at San Antonio, but I had no idea that the occasion would be as marvelous as it was. The results of your efforts surely lived up — and more — to all I had read about previous conventions. Thank you, Evelyn, for myself, and the other 800 plus, for providing us with such a wonderful convention.

Unless providentially hindered, there will be only one thing that will keep me from Nashville next July, my first grandson's FIRST visit from Costa Rica. My daughter and her family are planning their next visit home next summer and I'm going to start, right away, to try to get them to arrange their schedule so that I'll have July 1-4 free.

I must pass on a compliment to the 2nd Air Division Association that I heard, Evelyn. As I was checking out of the La Mansion del Norte Sunday, several of the girls behind the desk commented on what a nice group our association were. In particular, Mary Helen Ortego, PBX Supervisor, stated that the 2nd ADA group conducted themselves nicer than any she had ever seen at a convention and that she wished all conventions that they hosted would be as nice as ours had been. Everyone of the girls agreed with her!

Again, thanks, Evelyn. The 34th Convention will surely be an occasion I'll never forget.

Lyndon Crane Allen

Dear Ms. Cohen:

I was so interested to read the article in last Sunday's edition of the L.A. Times entitled "A Tribute to America in East Anglia."

A native of East Anglia, I was born in Diss, and Diss, although in those days had a population of approximately 6,000 people, was a mecca for all the Americans who were stationed in the surrounding airfields - e.g. Thorpe Abbotts, Shelton, etc. As a child in 1942, I well remember counting the Liberator bombers as they returned to the bases, often missing several planes that had started out that day, and some, it was obvious, were severely damaged and limped home.

I remember too, the Americans giving we children chewing gum, a commodity seldom seen in those days, and going to parties at Christmas time they held for us.

After the war I worked in Norwich, although still living in Diss, and commuting by train each day. In 1952 I met my husband who was stationed with the 91st Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Shepherds Grove. In those days he used to bicycle down to Diss nearly every evening to see me. We had no car and that was the era of the Korean War. We have lived in Southern California ever since and, of course, both of us hold fond memories of East Anglia.

Today, I am a successful Real Estate agent in Newport Beach and, from time to time, run into people who were stationed in East Anglia during one or another of the wars.

I wish your Association the best success.

Joyce M. Dabolt

Dear Evelyn:

As a member of Bulletin 1939-1945, a group of people interested in the Air-War 1939-1945, and as a citizen of Enschede (Holland) I have a request:

I would like to get in touch with many former crew-members of the Second Air Division. The historical facts are as follows:

On the day of February 22, 1944, B24's of 448th BG attacked Enschede, a town 4 miles from the border of Germany. As a result forty people were killed and many houses were destroyed or damaged. On the same day B24's of the 446th BG attacked Nijmegen and Arnhem. Twelve bombers attacked Nijmegen and twelve bombers from the same BG attacked Arnhem. Two bombers from the 453rd BG threw out 71 fragmentation bombs upon Nijmegen. The attack on Nijmegen killed 600-800 people, and brought considerable damage. I know nothing about the events in Arnhem on the ground during this attack.

It is my intention to get the whole story of these attacks. That is the reason that I sent letters to the Unit-contact man from 448th and 446th BG. I received an answer from J.T. Michalczyk, 448th BG and the next step was to send this letter to the Second Air Division Association. In the past I wrote a letter to James Hoseason and from him I received the address of Colonel Ron V. Kramer and further with R.L. Harper (Bob) Crescent City. I have good contact with both. I know James Hoseason's book "The 1000 Day Battle" very well.

So, I am trying to make a complete story of all these attacks, mixed up from official reports and personal witnesses, with pictures from crew-members and their planes. I hope very much that former crew-members flying these missions will respond on my announcement. Pictures taken during these missions by crew-members are most welcome, even pictures taken on the Airbases Seething and Bungay. Response from former Fighter-Pilots from the 65th. Fighter Wing are also most welcome. I know something about the attack on Enschede from Ron V. Kramer and Bob Harper, but until now I have no contact with one of the former crew-member from 446th BG or 453th BG or any Fighter Group involved in this mission. And now my questions:

1. Why was Arnhem and Nijmegen attacked because there are many other targets within a short range in Germany. For example: Kleve, Emmerich and Goch. Eye-witnesses told me that the bombers were flying in a eastern direction to Germany. But the formation turned about 180 degrees at 13.15 pm and came back and attacked Nijmegen and Arnhem.

2. Are the towns of Nijmegen and Arnhem in the Fieldorder mentioned as a target or opportunity?

3. When and where was the turning point and I.P. by the attack on Nijmegen and Arnhem?

4. What was the flight-level and course before and during the attack from the two formations?

5. Which official has taken the decision for bombing Nijmegen and Arnhem. The Commander or the Lead-navigator? I know from Col. Ron V. Kramer that the responsible Officers became a reprimand next day for bombing Enschede. But what happens with the responsible Officers from 446th and 453rd BG?

6. What kind of bombs, and how many were thrown out by these two attacks?

7. Is it possible, when you are so kind, for placing my letter, that I receive one copy of this Newsletter?

Then my last request: Are you able to give me the address of the First Air Division, because two BG namely the 305th and 379th BG attacked Enschede on the day of October 10, 1943. I'm trying to make contact with former crew-members from these two groups.

For all clearness, it is not my intention to condemn the USAF for bombing Dutch cities, but I am only interested in the historical aspects.

Edo van der Laan
Piksenbrink 197
7544 BL Enschede, Holland

Dear Evelyn:

While visiting my brother in Orange County recently, I saw a poster in the window of an insurance office with the 8th A.F. Groups of the 2nd Air Wing on it and a short message about former members of those groups. I was very happy to talk to Mr. J.F. Thomas in Huntington Beach about the association and he told me all about your activities. He also sent me a nice letter with an application that I am sending you. Needless to say I was very happy to hear about this after all these years. I only wish I had known much sooner but was completely unaware of it. Better late than never!

Mr. Thomas said that you could send a copy of the latest *Journal* and any other information or brochures about the association, decals, patches, etc.

I'm not aware of where or how my former crew members are after all these years but maybe now I'll be able to find out some info about any who are also members of the association.

I wish to thank you for your help and maybe we will meet some day at a reunion.

Robert E. Mead

Dear General Armstrong:

Below is a letter I wrote to the editor of the *SAN ANTONIO LIGHT*.

I have to say that the B-24 displayed on the parade grounds there at Lackland is proof that something other than a broken bottle of Chevas Regal will make a grown man cry.

With every good wish.

Everett R. Jones, Jr.

Dear Sir:

This is a follow up to my being in your fine city last week to attend the 34th Annual Reunion of the WWII Second Air Division.

Supplementing my thanks for the cordiality of the people of San Antonio, I wanted your people to know how refreshing it was to visit Lackland Air Force Base and observe the good work being done by General Armstrong and his command for the present day young people who avail themselves of the Air Force Service.

Then too, having been a member of Aviation Cadet Class 43J Pilot Training, it was a joy to have the opportunity to "kick the tires" of the aircraft on display there; all symbols of those which we flew during that period past.

My thanks again for the most pleasing day we spent as a guest of General Armstrong's command at Lackland.

Everett R. Jones, Jr.

Dear Ms. Cohen:

Thank you for sending me the copy of *Second Air Divisions' Journal*. On reading it from cover to cover I discovered a few answers to questions which have been with me for many years.

Also I find personal experiences during the war are requested. I am enclosing a check of \$10 for my membership and am happy to share a bit of tragic humor which may be of interest.

One of the 466th planes had just crash landed and if I remember correctly was on fire. As the plane was slowing to a halt some of the crew jumped out and ran from the ship.

One of the crew came running by me and stopped short. Turning and pointing to the B24, he said "You know, a guy could get killed in one of those darned things."

Being in the Service Group tool supply trailer I had an opportunity to get acquainted with a number of the flying crews as they would stop in to borrow tools for making things in their free hours.

James F. Murta
1304 N. Maryland Ave.
Glendale, Calif. 91207

Dear Sir:

During our stay in Norwich I have got your address from Tony North.

I find your Second Air Division Association a very fine matter. I would ask you, if it's possible to become a member in your club. Please let me know what the price for a membership in Switzerland including postage and packing.

My special interests are the "Flying Fortress" and the "Liberator" down in Switzerland in WWII. 186 of them came down in my country. If it's possible I want to exchange photos and information about "Liberators".

I would be very glad about an answer from you.

Hans-Heiri Stapfer
Bergstrasse 35
CH-8810 Horgen/ZH
Switzerland

Dear Ms. Cohen:

Enclosed is a check for membership in the Association.

I was in Jacksonville, Fla. recently and met Johnnie Fridall. He lives at 5640 Floral Ave., Jax 32211. He told me about joining the association. I have already told T.L. Dowdy of 4141 Danforth Rd, S.W. Atlanta 30331. I was also talking to Gayle Young of P.O. Box 728, Crayne, TX 79731.

I don't know the addresses of any of the other guys at this time, but would like to hear from any of them. They can call me at (404) 876-9076. I would like to see this in the next newsletter if possible.

Robert W. Lee

Dear Bill:

This letter is in reply to Fred Breuninger's letter published in the Sept. '81 issue of the *Journal*. He asks for some clarification concerning a letter I wrote about Mr. Hoseason.

I do not believe that Fred and I are too far apart in our respective viewpoints as he seems to think. We are in complete agreement on the following:

- The 446th Bomb Group led the 8th A.F. on the first "D" day strike.
- Col. Brogger was in the lead aircraft of his group.

The quote from Steve Birdsall's book, "Log of the Liberators", is absolutely correct. However, the point that is not clear from the text is the relative position of the PFF aircraft and Red Ass, Col. Brogger's aircraft. I can clarify this point. Col. Brogger flew deputy lead in the first element. He followed the PFF aircraft to the target, dropped his bombs on its smoke markers, and followed it back to Bungay. I believe that puts the matter in the proper perspective.

Since I have no knowledge about Gen. Doolittle's selection of Charlie Ryan's crew to lead the 2nd A.D. on "D" day and the publicity inferred by the presence of an Air Force photo team, I can't comment on those points. I am unaware of any publicity accorded to any PFF crew that flew on "D" day. I do recall that the 564th Squadron, parent unit of 2AD PFF crews, was named the finest squadron in the ETO. This is documented in a photograph contained in the pictorial history of the 389th Bomb Group that shows Maj. Gen. Hodges presenting the award to the 564th Squadron C.O., Major Dale Sisson.

Fred, if you have any further questions about the "D" day operation, please feel free to contact me directly. My address is in the 2AD directory. My comments in the letter about Hoseason were not intended as a slight of any kind toward Col. Brogger or any other member of the 446th Bomb Group. I was proud to have flown with them and I have far too much respect for my fellow combat crew members to detract from their accomplishments in any way.

Robert A. Jacobs
203 Cannister Court
Hampton, VA 23669

P.S. Can't make the reunion but hope you have a great time!

Evelyn:

My apologies, I wanted to introduce myself at the Reunion, but it seemed everytime I spotted you, you were busy.

Congratulations and a hip, hip, for a job well done, by you and your staff. It made the effort, time and expense, of attending well worth while.

I'm returning the endorsed check, donate it to the Norwich Memorial.

Hopeing to see you at a later Reunion.

Jim Spence

(Ed Note: Evelyn is NEVER too busy to say Hello.)

Dear Evelyn:

Another super job and we want you to know we appreciate your efforts. We have promised ourselves and Muriel and Tom that we'll get our money in on time. Thanks for helping the late ones, too.

Thursday was a neat sight seeing day on our own, Friday's ceremony was very, very touching, the women's activity is always nice. It was all something to watch.

Thanks much.

Kay & John Faulds

Dear Evelyn:

Just a note to thank you for the refund check on our room.

I got my licks in on four of the culprits in the elevator. They were bemoaning their long 100 mile drive home and were so glad they had stayed the extra day. After nicely inquiring if they were with the D.A.'s convention, told them as only a Yankee can do, they and several others had put us out of our rooms and I was from upstate New York. Thank heaven the doors opened and I hastily left.

I also had the opportunity of getting to know Mary Henry. She is a lovely person as are most of the ladies I have had the pleasure of meeting.

We are looking forward to Nashville and know we will have a great time.

If I can be of any assistance to you please feel free to call upon me.

Lorraine Boos

Dear Evelyn:

Just got back from San Antonio where my niece was good enough to take me.

She took me to see all the events and was very much impressed by it all. I thought it would be nice for me to send in \$10 so she would get the *Journal*.

Here is her name and address:

Dolores Beran
80 Lyerly + 8
Houston Texas 77022

Thank you for all you have done.

Cyril J. Hinckley (467th)

Hi Evelyn:

Don't know if you heard it or not, but you were given a new title in San Antonio. It is Sgt. ROCK!!! Hot damn, I really like that one.

Enclosed find my check for \$100.00. Take out the dues and send the rest to the library fund.

I was very impressed with the meeting this year. Don't worry about the hotel thing. Remember, we were in a foreign country. At least that's what San Antonio was known as in the 1940's.

John E. Kirby

(Ed Note: Hot Damn, wait until you hear from Evelyn!)

Dear Bill:

I finally received an advertising sheet through for Vol. 2 which I enclose so I would be most grateful for some space on the next available "P.X." page of the *Journal*. As you will no doubt notice I am moving home to the other side of Norwich in about 4 weeks time as I have gone into partnership running a home for the retired and elderly and have bought a large house with a self-contained apartment so I am busy getting that all organized; therefore no U.S. visit this year unfortunately. I would like to come over next summer if at all possible but it depends where it is; the Reunion that is.

Vol. 2 itself is at the printers so should be available some time early October. I managed to sell most of the 750 copies of Vol. 1 so I am having the same number printed as before and hope for a similar result. Keep your fingers crossed for me that my new venture goes O.K. If you know any ex-2nd A.D. folk that want to retire to Norwich; you know where to send them! I could even arrange for Lib paintings on the walls!

Please don't forget to change my address for the *Journal*. I do enjoy receiving them and would hate to miss any.

Hope your reunion goes O.K. and I shall be thinking of you all.

Tony North
"Larchwood", 133 Yarmouth Road
Thorpe St., Andrew,
Norwich NR7 0RF, England

Dear Sir:

I am currently preparing a book on American and British military aviation during the last war. I should very much like to contact airmen who were shot down over the region of Brittany in western France. This would make it easier for me to correlate their adventures with those given by witnesses and by people who helped them after landing in Brittany.

Here are the names and addresses of airmen who were flying on a Liberator shot down on 12th June 1944 north of Rennes. They had come from Norwich in England:

—Harry F. Mecker, Sgt. (escaped) ASN: 3941143 Rasing gunner A.P.O. 588. Last known address: 2800 Centre St., Oroville, CA.

—John L. Borowski ASN: 36346674 Rank - Sgt. Gnew: 287922.

—Leslie E. Fischer (machine gunner) Last known address: 431 Gift St., Marlin Texas 76661.

For another plane shot down 29th May 1943 north of Rennes, based at Andrews-Fields; piloted by J.S. MacMath:

—Sgt. Harry Boegoholz ASN: 15062633. Last known address: 316 Sycamore St., Columbus, Indiana.

Would it also be possible to contact the family of an American airmen who was killed when his plane crashed on June 10th 1944. His name was 1st Lt. W.S. Marchant. 0.800009 Virginia, 352 fighter Squadron, 353 fighter Group.

There was also a Lieutenant Blaine H. Barritt in the first plane from the Air Corps of the U.S. who managed to escape, and who left an address - 303 Hyde Park, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness and co-operation.

Monsieur Pierre MAHE
12 boulevard Leon Grimaud
35000 RENNES.
France.

Dear Evelyn:

Words of uttermost praise for a tremendous job exceedingly well done!

Admire your patience, fortitude and managerial ability. The Second Air Division is most fortunate in having a person of your capabilities handle their affairs.

With the greatest of thanks for making our stay at San Antonio so comfortable and enjoyable.

Bill and Helen Joyce (453rd)

Dear Evelyn:

Thank you for the refund check for the night when the LaMansion del Norte did not have room for us. You take good care of us, Evelyn, and you deserve the gratitude of all of us for your infinitely detailed and painstaking work in organizing another tremendous convention, probably the best one yet. You may recall that in years past I have suggested having a convention in Texas and having it in October — so as to avoid the hot season and so as to give us a chance to attend the Air Show of the Confederate Air Force. Now it happened, and we really enjoyed it! (I dropped a note to General Armstrong and thanked him for his contributions to our day at Lackland) The convention and the Air Show were outstanding! Seeing a B24 in the air for the first time since 1945 really put a lump in my throat!

Last night, at our monthly dinner and meeting of the local chapter of the M.O.W.W. (Military Order of the World Wars), I asked for the floor and the mike to drop a plug for the 2nd AD and for the Confederate Air Force. I mentioned my joy at having fraternized with 800 other B24 types and at having again seen a B24 bomber which won the War in Europe. I found that my audience (mostly Navy types but with a sprinkling of Army and very few Air Force) was still listening.

Del Wangsvick

Dear Evelyn:

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to enjoy another Reunion. Your hard work and dedication is sincerely appreciated.

We had a wonderful time in San Antonio and were happy to see everyone, again.

Please find enclosed \$25.00 as an advance deposit for the "Nashville" Reunion 1982.

Gil and Joyce Esteves

Dear Francis:

While going through my Military Records recently, I came across the enclosed photograph of my crew in England. I am sending this to you in hopes it may fill out the record of our group and squadron. I have one more spare photograph if it will fit into the records of our museum/memorial at Norwich, England. Let me know if I should pass it on and to whom.

Charles Bunting



445 B.G. 703rd Bomb Squadron
Front row (l to r) Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Charles Bunting; Navigator, F.O. Arthur Shay; Co-Pilot, F.O. Lonnie Justus; Pilot, F.O. Cecil Isom
Back row (l to r) Tail Turret, Sgt. Raymond Phillips; Ball Turret, Sgt. William Wagner; Engineer, S. Sgt. Edward Barnes; Radio Op., S. Sgt. John Rienman; Top Turret, Sgt. Kyle Bailey; Nose Turret, Sgt. Paul Dickerson

Dear Ms. Cohen:

I just want to say how much I enjoyed working with you and your people when the Second Air Division Association visited Lackland last Friday. Lacklanders are still talking about what a nice group you were and how great it was for you to sing the National Anthem at our parade. You were a refreshing treat for all of us.

I know that you can relax a little now that this year's reunion is over. You did a super job from what I saw, and I enjoyed working with you.

Marvin J. Harris

Evelyn:

Sorry I overlooked my membership dues.

Can not make San Antonio, as I had to spend about \$6,000 on repairs and renovations of my apartments.

Last month at the San Diego Aero-Space Museum, they had a meeting of "Old War Birds" there was about 350 people there.

Everyone took their turn introducing themselves. When my turn came around, I said I was in the 8th Air Force, 467th B.G. & flew home in the "Witchcraft". One row behind me and five seats over, someone said my name, is Fred Jansen and I am the pilot that flew "Witchcraft" and Dong home. I also flew the last three Mission's on "Witchcraft" which makes it a total of 133 missions.

I last saw Lt. Fred Jansen when we landed at Bradley Field, Conn. He was from Wyoming, so I never thought I would see him again.

He and his wife have moved to Hemet, Calif. They have a very charming home and Fred has a large painting of "Witchcraft" hanging on his study room. We showed pictures & rehased the trip on "Witchcraft" to home.

George Dong

Dear Bill:

Sorry for being so late in replying your letter July 6, 1981; as always letters take a lot of time to reach Italy, but this has been coupled with my being out of Como in late July followed by my summer holidays in August.

Thank you for trying to help me in finding Lewis M. Sarkovitch in the hope that he is still alive.

However, I'm glad to announce that the September 1981 issue of the Journal has just reached me. Please extend my thanks to Pete Henry who on page 5 published my request for info on planes and crews of the 68th Squadron. WQ-C was serialised 42-95226, not 42-05226 as printed. . . . Another typographical error is in the code letter key for the 44th BG. Will Lundy and Tony North are right, sadly WQ has been printed as 66 BS which is the non-correct key used by Freeman and Bowman, whereas it should have been 68 BS. . . . I hope not to have offended anybody for pointing out this little inaccuracy!!!

I liked very much the story of "Bag o' Bolts" and would like to know how Bob Harper managed to put it together. . . . The story shows that the B-24 TOO could absorb much battle damage and manage to keep airborne. . . . I also have a question about the meaning of number 477, as some Liberator planes had such a number, which was not the last three digits of the serial. . . . (I saw them on 448th BG, mostly, but also on one 392 BG and one 491 BG aircraft depicted in Switzerland. . . .)

With my very best regards.

Gino Künzle
c/o Sarfati, Via Zezio 33,
2210 COMO - Italy

Dear Evelyn:

We thought you did a super job arranging for the 2nd Air Division Reunion in San Antonio, TX. Getting a refund for Friday night's meal rates you as super-super! This was our 1st reunion - hopefully it will not be the last one. By Christmas time, we will be wishing for some of the 90 degree weather from San Antonio.

May you and your sister have a wonderful Christmas and a very-very happy New Year.
Lennie and Bill Vinery

Dear Evelyn:

I am sorry that the Motel caused the inconvenience also and that it was in my home state when it happened.

Thank you for your prompt action in the matter. Let me express to you how very much I appreciate the fine job you do for the Second Air Division and that I am quite aware of how many details are left to you to handle.

I am enclosing a check and ask that one years dues be deducted and the balance be given to the Second Air Division Memorial Library Fund.
Orville Powers

Dear Mr. Robertie:

I have gotten some leads and started to research all Kassel, Germany bomber missions and hope to have the following add put in the Journal.
Attention 2nd Air Division vets. I am researching the Kassel, Germany missions flown by the 8th A.F. I am anxious to hear from any 2nd A.D.'ers who flew a mission to Kassel, Germany. Send me your squadron and group number and I will send you a questionnaire. Chris McDougal, 3921 67th St., Urbandale, IA 50322.

Also I have some pictures which I can send later which are either taken from or of 2nd A.D. Lils. I had gotten them from a man in my own town who was stationed at High Wycombe with a photography unit and copied some of the mission pictures and kept them.
Hope to hear from you soon.

Chris McDougal



Dear Bill:

I felt 2nd Air Division members would appreciate viewing the Confederate Air Force LB-30, B-24 "Diamond Lil's" new "greenhouse" installation. "Diamond Lil" was the 18th B-24 off Consolidated's assembly line and she's still flying for capacity crowds at CAF Air Shows around the country! This print was taken at the CAF - American Heritage Air Power Demonstration at Columbus, Indiana on July 11-12th.

Did you ever receive the B-24 lithograph I sent of the Ploesti 8/1/43 raid?

See you in San Antonio!

Hugh McLaren

Dear Bill:

The "BAG O' BOLTS" article and its accompanying sketches, represent an outstanding article, one of the best I've seen in a long time.

May I have your permission to copy it in a future 3D SAD Newsletter, and give 2D AD association full credit for such?

I've been looking for a photograph of BAG O' BOLTS, but I do not have one. Surely one of our members will have one, and I'll canvas them thru the newsletter for it. Am sure Bob Harper would appreciate having a copy.

I recall that aircraft very well when it was in 3D SAD for maintenance, as nose art on all the aircraft was a subject of great interest to us in the Depot.

I understand that my Watton buddy, John Page, may attend the San Antonio reunion.

Our Nashville reunion was great with 249 persons in attendance. Yours there next year will be the best one yet, as far as attractions go. Our members really did enjoy Opryland and the Grand Ole Opry very much, in spite of the pre-conceived ideas that such was for juveniles by many members! Were they ever surprised!

Here's wishing you a most successful affair in San Antonio!

Wiley Noble
3D SADA
7266 Goodwood Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

(Ed Note: Permission Granted. The "Bag O' Bolts" story was enjoyed by all 2nd ADA members and we are proud to have such a fine artist as Bob Harper in our midst.

Dear Mr. Robertie:

I have been conducting extensive research of various units of the 8th and 15th Air Forces which were involved in Special Operations during the war. This material will be published as a comprehensive combat history of these operations. The units of interest were involved in aerial resupply to the Resistance groups, agent drops, and other missions in support of the OSS. Units of primary interest are the 801st/492nd BG CARPET-BAGGERS and any of the several squadrons associated with it, the 422nd/406th BS "Night Leaflet Squadron", the U.K. to Sweden B-24/C-87 SONNIE and BALL project, and the Italy-based 885th and 859th Bomb Squadrons. Most of these units operated black B-24s. I would greatly appreciate it if any former unit members or anyone else with information on these operations or aircraft would contact me. Thanks so much.

CAPT. Bernard V. Moore II, USAF
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APO New York 09057

Dear Evelyn:

Received my Journal and decal on the 21st or 22nd. That's not bad from Philly to northern California. (2 or 3 days) I am very proud to be an associate member of the 2nd ADA. I've had a 33 year love affair with the B-24. My Dad & I built Strom Becker's 1/72 scale pine wood solid kit in 1948-49 and I still have it. I was 9 yrs. old at the time. I'm a member of the Superior California Chapter (Red Bluff, Chico & Willows) of International Plastic Modellers Society. My collection includes 2 B-24J's, 2 'D's and a PB44-1. The research for the 445 BG assembly ship brought me in contact with Dave Patterson and Frank DiMola.

My collection numbers 100-105 models and includes American Combat Planes of the last 47 years (or since 1934) plus RAF, Germany, Russia, Australia & Japan in 1/72 scale.

The young gunner to whom you referred was one DeSales Glover who enlisted in 1942 at the age of 14! He was assigned to the 458BG/753BS and flew 6 missions, including the March 6, '44 Berlin raid, before he was discovered at age 16 and sent home. His picture appears on pg 139 of Freeman's "The Mighty Eighth" in full flying gear holding a .50, ammo belts slung over both shoulders and standing beside "Big-Time Operator". (with a big grin)

Frank DiMola mentioned the 702 MALS at McGuire AFB, NJ. The 445BG was deactivated September 12, 1945 at Ft. Dix, NJ., was allotted to USAF Reserve and reactivated as a fighter-bomber group in 1952, and later, as a troop carrier wing flying C-123's. Converted to C-124's and served under MAC. Sounds like they're still going.

Some info on myself. I'm 42 yrs. old, married 14 yrs. have 2 sons, 11 and 8 and a daughter 4. Interests and hobbies include singing (opera, Broadway, top 40 & sacred) modelling and military history from WWII, on. I've lectured (with models) in Willows HS history classes on Battle of Britain and 8AF ETO 1942-45. From 1952 to '62 I played Sousaphone & Tuba including time with the Chico Symphony, & Chico State marching band, symphonic wind ensemble and brass ensemble. Since 1963 I've been carrying mail for Uncle Sam. Oh yes! Played football & baseball in school and currently live & die with the Giants & 49'ers.

Again, I'm grateful & proud to be a member.
Earl Edwards

Dear Pete:

Read the fine article in the Star Ledger and was quite pleased to learn that the 2nd Air Div. was still alive after all these years.

Just a few weeks ago I was looking at the pamphlet given to us in England to build a memorial to those that did not come home and wondered if it was ever accomplished.

I would very much like to rejoin the 2nd Air Div. once again. It was a very proud and memorable time of my young life those 2 years I spent in England.

I was one of the first to arrive at Horsham St Faith just outside of Norwich and remembered playing football waiting for the 458th BG to arrive several months later.

I was one of the last to leave and still have the American flag that flew over the base which I took down the day the R.A.F. took back the air field. I even took the ordinance map off the wall.

I also still have most all the Yank Magazines and Stars and Stripes which I sent home to be saved.

Still have my Army PX card, pay book, drivers lic., pictures, Quen Mary Boat ticket and one Army blanket which I guess I stole - 8th A.F. Army Talks.

Would like to join you in Texas, but I'm just back from Deborak Hospital after a 4 by pass operation and the trip thru Fort Dix returned some old memories of Atlantic City's Basic Training Center - my heart was ok then.

Cpl. Bill Waldy

Your Donations to our Memorial

(Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask.)

by Jordan R. Uttal

At the business meeting in San Antonio, it was learned that there was some confusion as to how to make out the checks and where to send them. We agreed to clear up these doubts.

First of all we appreciate every donation no matter the amount. Most of your contributions are made annually with your dues. As you know there is a line on the dues statement for you to indicate the amount you are contributing to the Memorial. These checks for dues and Memorial contributions should be made out to Second Air Division Association and should be mailed to Evelyn Cohen in Philadelphia.

Next, during the year, when the spirit moves you, or when you strike it rich, you may want to make a contribution to the Capital Fund of the Memorial Trust. These checks should also be made out to Second Air Division Association, with a notation in the lower left hand corner "For Memorial Capital Fund"-and these checks should be mailed to Dean Moyer in Evans City, Pa.

Next, during the year, an occasion may present itself where you would like to make a "Special Contribution" for a book or books, or cassettes to be purchased in specific memory of an individual who has passed on, either a war casualty or someone close to you who has left us- or in honor of a special event in your lives or in the lives of someone close to you, (a special birthday,

anniversary, graduation, wedding, confirmation, promotion, retirement). These checks also should be made out in the same way to Second Air Division Association and mailed to Jordan Uttal in Dallas, Texas, along with the details of your dedication. These checks should be noted in lower left hand corner, "For Books". These "Special Contributions" are individually acknowledged to the donor and to the person who is being honored or his family. Please note that for special dedication a minimum contribution of \$15.00 is required.

Our Association is a non-profit organization registered with Internal Revenue Service. We are told that dues for and contributions to such registered non-profit organizations are tax deductible.

Finally, if any of you want to send a specific book in memory of a special person, direct to the Library we urge you not to do so without first writing to Mr. Colin Sleath, Deputy Divisional Librarian, Norwich Central Library, Bethel Street, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 1NJ England, advising him of your intentions. He will reply confirming the need for such a book or advising you that it is already in stock and suggesting an alternate choice.

Whatever the case your support is deeply appreciated, and your continued support is equally strongly needed. We know that you join us in our determination to build our Trust to fulfill our pledge that the Memorial will exist in Perpetuity.

To the "Editor Extraordinaire", To the 2nd Air Division:

How can we ever thank you all enough for the tremendous Re-union in San Antonio, and Jean and I were so delighted that we could attend and meet members of the Second Air Division once again after all those years. I am only sorry that I let you all down by going AWOL on the last day, not a good way for a new Governor to start his tour. Can we both take this opportunity to say a very sincere thank you for all your kindness to us, and I am glad to say that we made it safely home, and I am well on the way to getting over that "virus". Our misfortune proved that the Second Air Division has not changed one little bit, you were so kind to us in the 1940's, and once again in the 1980's. We were so pleased to meet so many wonderful people, and I feel even more proud to be one of your new Governors of the Trust.

The weekend was deeply moving for both of us, and on the way home we drove past Shipdham, Hethel, and Rackheath just to say a private "thank you" once again. My only regret is that I did not have the chance to personally say how much this convention meant to us, for it seems a long time ago now when I was given the "quarter" at the gates of Horsham St. Faith from one of the first aircrews to appear after your arrival. I suppose that my generation was a lucky one, in that we were still in Norfolk at home, and therefore had the chance to meet you, and make so many friends. You came to us when we had our backs to the wall, after the Battle of Britain and the Blitz, and I feel that it is the duty of my generation to ensure that we, and our children, and their children, never forget the great debt we owe to you.

Thank you again for all your tremendous kindness and friendship, and we now look forward to seeing you again in 1983, if not before.

Yours sincerely,

JEAN AND DAVID HASTINGS

NEWEST MEMBER OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

by Jordan R. Uttal

At the annual meeting of the Board on 28 May 1981 we accepted with regret the resignation of Jane Thistlethwaite who has moved from Norwich following retirement of her husband Frank from his duties as Vice Chancellor of the Univ. of East Anglia. At the same time we were fortunate to find and elect a suitable successor, a man closely associated with the U.S. and ideally situated, by virtue of his occupation and background to participate in the further development of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust.

He is Professor Howard Temperley, Dean of the School of English and American studies at the University of East Anglia in Norwich. Howard was born in 1932 and so is old enough to remember the "Yanks" of the war years, although where he grew up in the North of England they tended to be members of the ground forces rather than airmen. He recalls that they kept him and his friends well supplied with candy and chewing gum until the spring of 1944 when they suddenly disappeared rather mysteriously.

After serving in the British Armoured Corps (1951-1953) Professor Temperley went to Oxford where he studied, among other things, the American Civil War. This captured his imagination and led him to apply to American graduate schools which in turn led him to Yale on a fellowship, in 1956. He found life enormously attractive as compared to the austerity of the English scene, and he also was more highly stimulated by the Yale historians than he was by their Oxford counterparts. In 1960 he earned his Doctorate from Yale for a study comparing British and American anti-slavery movements.

Following his reluctant return to England in the fall of 1960 Howard taught American history at University College of Wales, moving on to the University of Manchester, and finally in 1967 to the newly founded University of East Anglia which now has the strongest American Studies program in Britain, and conceivably the strongest in any University outside the United States.

Professor Temperley is married and he and his wife, Rachel, have three children. In addition to his duties as Professor of American Studies, and Dean of the School of English and American Studies, he edits the *Journal of American Studies* published by Cambridge University Press. He plans on making an extended tour of the United States in 1982 when the current term of his Deanship ends. We will look forward to greeting him during his visit, and to his knowledgeable contributions to the future of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Trust. (Ed Note: Sorry. No photo was available at time of printing.)