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President's Message



by C.N. "Bud" Chamberlain

The 41st year of our Second Air Division Association has now past. In that time, 33 presidents have provided the leadership needed to bring us to our current state as a veterans' organization without peer. It is my privilege to be the 34th.

This is a major moment of transition for me. For the past three years I have been intimately involved in the birth and initial weaning of our Heritage League - the last year as its 2ADA representative. Now, our new Executive Vice President, Frank DiMola, assumes that role. I wish him all of the enjoyment I had in working with such a fine group. The League needs much nourishment, and I'm certain Frank can help provide it.

Now, as your President, I look forward to my responsibilities in the following frame of mind. First, this is an honorable Association in determined pursuit of its noble purposes and I am delighted to have the honor to lead for just a little while. Second, I pledge to do my level best to help fulfill our Association's purposes. Third, we have a good team in our Executive Committee and its ex officio members. They represent a diversity of skills and interests. They are all dedicated to serving you and they are essential to our success. I look forward to continuing as a member of that team.

With your support, together we will add another building year to the life of our exceptional 2nd Air Division Association.

The 2ADA Memorial - An Exciting Opportunity

by Bud Chamberlain

Ten days prior to our June 1988 annual convention in Colorado Springs, our living memorial in the Norwich Central Library became 25 years old. During much of that time, it has struggled to adulthood through the grace of your contributions and the skilled husbanding of those assets by our Memorial Trust Board of Governors in Britain.

Most recently, since 1986, Bertha Chandler, an American Fulbright Librarian, assisted by a Library Aide, has increased the Memorial's impact dramatically. A letter from Dr. Ronald D. Clifton, our new American Cultural Attache in London and U.S./U.K. Fulbright Commission Chairman, attests to this. He said of the Memorial that during his 20 years of working abroad with American libraries none have served the United States better as part of our public diplomacy.

Now Bertha is leaving. Her near unprecedented second scholarship will end September 30, 1988. Consistent with the momentum she has generated in raising our memorial's profile, Bertha has recommended that a full-time American professional and a full-time library aide be employed there to carry on. To add emphasis, Bertha attended the Colorado convention where she tirelessly and persuasively supported her recommendation at Executive Committee, Group and General Meetings. Those of us who heard her speak were most impressed with Bertha's enthusiasm and her love for the job which she must soon leave.

Bertha's important recommendation involves a new capital fund estimated at \$500,000.00. It would be maintained in the U.S. with proceeds allocated periodically for fixed contract terms. The matter was addressed by your Executive Committee in Pittsburgh at its April 1988 meeting. It was supported unanimously with pledges averaging \$1,350.00. It was again considered by your Executive Committee and delegates attending our June 1988 annual convention in Colorado Springs. Pledges resulting therefrom are still coming in.

Now, it is up to you who missed the convention to take advantage of an opportunity for us to sustain the vitality of our memorial and to add a brand new dimension to its growing impact upon generations to come. A pamphlet appearing elsewhere in the Journal tells the story. Please read it.

It is fitting in the Silver Anniversary year of our memorial room that we pledge to provide the means to assure perpetual American interpretation of the material visitors find there. We are optimistic concerning the eventual outcome. For example, if only 6% of us pledge at the level of \$1,350.00 or 20% at \$375.00, we will reach 100% of our goal. But, participate at whatever level you can afford with immediate settlement or payment over three years. Respond today. You will be glad that you did.



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Vice President's Message



by Frank DiMola

I wish to thank the Nominating Committee for selecting me as the next Executive Vice President of the 2nd Air Division Association, and to thank the membership of the 41st Reunion in accepting me.

I have held many positions in the past years with various organizations, such as

the Knights of Columbus #3814, the Serra Club of Bergen East and the Veterans of Foreign Wars #4290. But never have I held an office with such a large membership as the 2nd AD - which is close to 7,000.

My military career started right on my 21st birthday and on to Miami Beach, Florida for processing. After many months of training and schooling, I finally ended up with the rating of Instrument Specialist & Aircraft Mechanic. The 445th was activated in April 1943 and I was a cadre member.

The rest is history and I was proud to be a part of such a magnificent bunch of men serving in the Mighty Eighth Air Force.

I have served as Group Vice President for eight years and enjoyed the vast communication and corresponding that was involved. I figured I would rest the next few years and accept the higher-up positions (ha ha) and let the new Group Vice President E.O. (Buddy) Cross take over. Buddy has been a great help to the group and will continue to do so.

And so, I will pick up the reins and carry on the great work that has been done before me and work hand-in-hand with our new President Bud Chamberlain.

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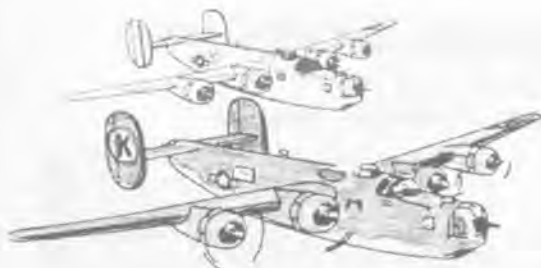
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458th Bomb Group

by Rick Rokicki

Every year it gets bigger and better. This Colorado Springs Reunion/Convention was the largest yet. Over 1400 attended and there were 147 to 154 of our 458th members in attendance, depending on whether you counted at the Banquet or Mini-Reunion. This, of course, included wives and was second only to our Memorial Dedication at Dayton last year.

458th BOMB GROUP HISTORY: The decision to go ahead with the publishing of another, more complete 458th Group history was reaffirmed at the Colorado Springs reunion. Again, as at the Dayton reunion, we had what seemed to be 100% approval. Although the response to this column (Summer 1988 issue) was not greatly overwhelming, those who wrote or called offered the sort of financial help that is needed. At the C.S. reunion, I received checks totaling over \$1,000. I've received several since, but we must have additional commitment from many of our 625 plus members.

George Reynolds has gathered additional data, information, photos, text, KIA list, etc. Make no mistake, he does very professional work and the entire Group membership can be thankful that we have him putting together this volume. However, all the talent in the world can't be appreciated without the necessary financial support. This has to come from you, the membership. If, after you read this column, you decide you'd like to be a part of this project, do the following: make your "loan check" payable to "458th B.G. History." Send it to me and I will mark it for deposit to an account opened for this purpose. Please do NOT make your check payable to either George Reynolds or me; that will only delay the process since it will be returned. Once we have sufficient funding available, the publishing process will start. We need approximately \$6,000 for this project. If we get less, fewer copies of the History will be made available. We hope to have this hardback volume priced at \$15 to \$17 per copy, even less if the required capital is collected. In any case, there is no profit connected with this History. All monies will be returned once the "458th B.G. History" goes on sale. In other words, if you sent a check towards the publication and it was for \$500, you can expect that same amount back again once the book sales get underway. Again, after everyone gets their "investment" back, George and I will be the last to receive our contribution. The book will be priced so that there should be no profit, but if by chance there is money left over, we have agreed to apply it to the Special Funding of the Memorial Library (see Jordan Uttal's article elsewhere in this Journal).

George assures me that if we act quickly, he can have this volume published THIS YEAR, before Christmas! If you do your part in making this happen, we shall succeed. This may very well be the last opportunity you will ever have of obtaining your copy or copies of the "458th B.G. History." It could be one of the best presents you might give to your children or grandchildren...ever!

If you feel you have photos or information George can use, please write or call him at: George A. Reynolds, 416 River Haven Circle, Birmingham, AL 35244; Tel. 205-988-8791.

If, for any reason, sufficient funds are not available to warrant pursuit of this book, no further attempt will be made at publishing a "458th B.G. History." Please, in this case, "LET GEORGE DO IT" with proper financial support, but don't wait or let another "George" do it by not supporting this publication. It is my hope that any further mention of the 458th B.G. History will be in the next Journal telling you how you can obtain your copy and how much it will cost, followed by an estimate of when you can expect to get your "investment" back. Again, many thanks to those who have already shown their financial support. Without this "starter," we couldn't have possibly gone this far.

TAILWINDS: Vitold Krushas (392nd) requested several dozen ex-P.O.W. lapel pins for fellow members in his Massachusetts Chapter of P.O.W.s. Another dozen were gone at the C.S. reunion. If you don't have yours yet, drop me a note and I will mail you one for \$6.00 p.p. As usual, all profits will go to the 2ADA. Request from Eugene Thurston (446th) as to whether the 2ADA, 8th AF logo is available in a 2 inch shoulder patch. At this time, only the 4 inch one is stocked. Write Evelyn Cohen; cost is \$5.00. Jackson Granholm is trying to find Elmer Motten, (Maj) who used

to be a Lead Navigator in the 458th. Couldn't find any info in my records. 1516 El Dorado Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 if you can help. Elmo Geppelt, 7117 S. Columbia, Tulsa, OK 74136 (458th) may have an answer for you if you have had a "computer crash" and lost info on a disk; it is possible to retrieve that info except where the oxide is scraped off. Received word from Tom Jeffers (458th) in response to Tony North's request for info on "Downwind Leg" and its loss. Tom was unable to attend the C.S. reunion because he was leaving for Berlin to attend the 40th Anniversary of the Airlift. Hope to see you at Hilton Head Island, SC next November ('89), Tom. Malcolm Shealy (458th) to the same request but regarding "Here I Go Again." I received a copy of his info to Tony. "Mac" was Navigator when the aircraft crashed on a RAF field after sustaining major damage on return from a Brunswick mission. Dale Allan (491st) wrote in response to Tony's request regarding "The Travelin' Bag." His crew had it painted in Bangor, Maine, flew it to Blackpool for combat modification and never saw the aircraft after being assigned to the 491st. The aircraft #42-50912 was sent to the 458th after modification. Dale Allan is another Amateur Radio "Ham," his call letters are KAOGAL. His address is: 1207 Brady, Wichita, KS 67204. Leonard E. Rose, 8103 E. 50th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226 writes he's trying to locate all ex-P.O.W.s of Stalag Luft IV and VI in Pomeranian Sector, Poland, while VI was in Hydekrug in East Prussia. Len says they have an annual reunion. Write him for details. Graham Savill, 55 Beechwood Dr. Thorpe St. Andrew, Norwich, NR7 0LN, Eng. attended the C.S. Reunion and had 458th members sign the large photos taken at the small but flourishing Air Museum which is on land at Horsham St. Faith, in the village of Horsham. The museum would like to hear from our members and seeks to erect a memorial in the near future. They wish to correspond with members who might have ideas as to what might be appropriate. I had some discussion with Graham and as Hon. Chairman, he has a sincere interest in making a contribution to our WWII presence at Horsham St. Faith. Karl Oesterle (466th) advised me of Bill Etheredge's passing in June. Have sent 458th sympathies to Arline, his wife. Karl also requested info as to who was the pilot on the crew which Bill was navigator on. If anyone can help, please drop a line to Karl at 7236 Las Casas Dr., Sarasota, FL 34243. Col. Fred O'Neill (458th) advised me of the passing of two long-time members, Rodney Freeman and Frank Wright. Sympathy of the 458th members was expressed to their families. The following are "new" members as of June: John Kafalas, NJ; Joseph Van Bibber, TX; George Snyder, PA; Santos Ortega, CA; Percy Goewey, IL; Richard Norris, MN; Don Pierce, CT; Gene Groll, OH; Gordon Morehead, CA; Veto Stasunas, NY; Ramo Riva, MA; and Sanford Cone, OH. For a new, updated 458th BG roster, please send \$3.50 for your copy (the cost covers printing and postage), to me at 365 Mae Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

REUNION INFO: The 1989 Second Air Division Association Annual Reunion will be held at Hilton Head Island, SC the first week of November. If you have any intention of being there, do the following as soon as possible. Send a check to Evelyn Cohen for \$50.00 per person, not refundable. This "non-refundable" notice is because too many of our Association members cancelled out their reservations on the slightest pretext and received their money back. This provision was made with the best intentions; however, the Executive Committee made the ruling that the non-refundable \$50.00 would go to the Special Funding of the Memorial Library. Please check this copy of the Journal for any further info on the Hilton Head Island reunion. There appears to be little doubt that it will be even bigger than our Colorado Springs one was. Remember, get your deposit in early if you plan to attend; otherwise, you may be disappointed. The 1990 Reunion will be held in Norwich, England, sometime in late July or early August. Look for further details in the Journal.



Front (l-r): Georgia Hebert, Evelyn & Lucien Albert, B.P. Hebert. Back: Pearl & Norman Lakey.

Second Air Division Memorial Special Librarian Fund Drive

to provide both a full time American Professional and Library Aide to staff our
2nd Air Division Memorial Room in Norwich Central Library, Norwich, England

What have we achieved?

To paraphrase the new Cultural Attache at our Embassy in London, "During my service in Tunisia and Belgium, I frequently paid personal and official visits to American cemeteries which serve as final resting places for thousands of Americans. As fitting, moving, and vast as they are, they do not offer the tangible dimension, the real touch, the reminder, that the books and displays of the 2nd Air Division Memorial Room do. For twenty years now, I have worked abroad with American libraries as part of our public diplomacy. **None have served the United States better than the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library in Norwich.**"

These comments reflect 25 years of devoted service to our memorial, attention which has been intensified in the past two years by the presence of an American Fulbright Librarian, assisted by a Library Aide. They also reflect the efforts of the staff of the Norwich Central Library, from the opening of our Memorial in 1963 to date. However, those efforts in recent years, prior to the appearance of our American librarian, diminished due to British budgetary cuts.

Let us look back in time.

The idea for the creation of a Memorial to the over 6,400 members of the 2nd Air Division killed in action was conceived by three senior officers of the Division, and the concept was endorsed by our Commanding General. An appeal for funds to all personnel just after V.E. Day raised the amazing sum of 20,916 pounds within three weeks. A Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division USAF was created under British Law, to be supervised, for all time, by the British Charities Commission, in June 1945. The monies were handed over to this Trust with the assurance that the Charities Commission would see to it that as long as there was income there would be materials purchased for the Memorial.

Eighteen years later the Library was finally built, and the Memorial Room opened on 13 June 1963. It contained the Roll of Honor, and a collection of American books covering every facet of American life. Outside the Room, a Memorial Fountain contains the 8th Air Force Insignia, and stones from each of the 50 States. Unfortunately, no plans were made then for the future funding of the Memorial Trust Capital Fund, the income from which was to provide the desired perpetuity of this tribute to the service and sacrifice of 2nd Air Division personnel. However, in 1948, the 2nd Air Division Association was formed, and since the early 1970s our personnel have contributed generously.

The Memorial today:

Our Memorial Trust Board of Governors, in close consultation with the Norwich County Council Libraries Committee, continues to administer the Memorial. The Council has provided Library staff to do the day to day work, but with budget cuts imposed on them, the number of personnel assigned and the hours allotted have been greatly reduced. Though we are grateful for the interest and the attention of the Principal Librarian and his staff, we are aware

of the fact that the quality of our collection, the appearance of the Room, and the significance of the Memorial in the community all had suffered.

At the same time the objectives of the Memorial have broadened to take account of modern library practice; i.e. the provision of audio and video cassettes and other materials in current use. It has also been envisioned that the 2nd Air Division Memorial should be the repository of Group Archives and Memorabilia.

A Monumental Task!!!

Financial Status:

Through your generosity, and especially the astute and proficient management of the funds by the Board of Governors, the Capital Asset Value as of April 1987 amounted to 287,000 pounds. Needless to say, the value declined with the events of October 1987 - but they have come back to almost that level as of April 1988. This fund generates only enough income to pay for new books, periodicals and current expenses, but inflation will come again and we must nurture this fund to provide for perpetuity.

Our Need For The Future:

Our Fulbright Librarian, coming into a rundown situation at the Memorial, has worked diligently with the assistance of her Aide and the Principal Librarian and his staff to improve the situation. And *that* she has. The collection has been refreshed (600 new books in the past year), programs have been installed for the Audio-Visual projects, contact with school, church, civic, fraternal and business groups has increased dramatically. In her words, "The vitality and the development of our unique, Living Memorial, which has such potential, can only be achieved through the presence of a trained, experienced professional American and a full time Aide. Materials must be selected by someone with first hand knowledge of America. New projects will be developed from publicizing the Memorial to a properly managed American archive. The presence of an American professional is essential."

How Can We Achieve This?

The Board of Governors has estimated that a separate fund of around \$500,000 can provide enough income to fund a full time American professional and a Library Aide for the foreseeable future. Your Association Executive Committee has considered this concept at great length. They have endorsed the idea subject to certain affirmations to be obtained from the Norfolk County Council. They feel, however, that an undertaking of this size should be submitted to the membership for an indication of the amount of financial support you will provide. A favorable response from you, who now number over 6,700 strong, will greatly enhance the possibility of additional funds being raised in Norwich.

We emphasize that this is a special fund drive, to establish a fund in the U.S. (Librarian Trust Fund) to support an American professional presence and a Library Aide in the 2nd Air Division Memorial in Norwich. At the same time the existence of the Memorial Trust Fund in Britain still needs your annual support to

continue its present activities. It would be very simplistic to say that we need 500 members to put up \$1,000 each or 100 members to put up \$500 each. Although we need these large contributors to succeed, **we most eagerly solicit any and all contributions, whatever the size.** These contributions may be given at the Colorado Springs Convention, or mailed in by 31 December 1988, or spaced out over three years.

For your information, we have at hand the possibility of providing close to \$90,000 as the first step towards that drive, plus another \$22,000 which has been individually, personally and voluntarily pledged by members of the Executive Committee. So *we ask for your support*, by filling out the "Pledge Commitment" portion of this leaflet, which will be distributed to all members of the Association. Our plan is to raise this special Librarian Trust Fund, maintain it in trust in the U.S. and contribute the income from it periodically to the Board of Governors to support the presence of an American professional and a Library Aide in such a way as to provide continuity in the years ahead, after we have all embarked on our next great adventure, and at the same time to protect our contributions and preserve our tax exempt status.

We earnestly solicit your favorable response and your support for the special Librarian Trust Fund Drive.

PLEDGE COMMITMENT

- ☐ I pledge \$1,000
- ☐ I pledge \$500
- ☐ I pledge \$_____
- ☐ I cannot pledge now but we should proceed
- ☐ To be given at once
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466th Bomb Group

by Elwood Nothstein

Prior to our convention at Colorado Springs, an offer of access to part of Attlebridge for a 466th memorial was received from the present owner, Sir Bernard Matthews. In discussing the matter with some of our members, it was brought to my attention that we had previously committed to constructing a memorial at Weston-Longville, All Saints Church, in the form of a remembrance window. An honor roll of each Attlebridge man who died in the line of duty would rest on a table at the foot of the window. Those assembled at the time of that commitment (approx. 1975/1976) raised 25 pounds and 125 U.S. dollars. I have no knowledge of this transaction and to date have been unable to locate any records pertaining to these funds.

On June 23rd, our mini-reunion of forty-three members and associates met for an evening of business and fellowship. Many war stories were swapped and questions about those who were not there were asked. Some were answered but many were not. Most of us are still looking for lost crew members but we had two reunited.

Our first order of business was about the memorial. It was agreed that we should honor our commitment to the window at All Saints Church in Weston-Longville. We shall attempt to put the airfield memorial

on hold for the present time. All efforts to obtain information about the window will be made. You will be kept aware of the developments as they progress. It was felt that this project should include all 466th people.

The question was raised as to the necessity of two 466th Bomb Group organizations. Present at the meeting was Mr. Lou Loevisky, a Director of the 466th Bomb Group Association; he was asked to respond and clarify their position. His statement reflected the letter by John Woolnough, published in the 1987-1988 Winter Journal. The 466th Bomb Group Association (BGA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to perpetuate the history of the 466th Bomb Group. Anyone who served in the unit of the 8th Air Force in World War II is a member. There are no dues and all those on the 466th BGA roster will receive a copy of Attlebridge Notes when published, at no charge. Eight of the nine directors are members of the 2nd ADA. This group (466 BGA) is not affiliated with the 2nd Air Division Association, 8th Air Force Historical Society or any other group.

As Vice President, I requested the establishment of the post of Assistant Vice President. His duties would include assisting with correspondence and becoming

familiar with the operation of the organization. A motion was approved to allow the appointment of an assistant by the Vice President.

The election of the Vice President resulted in my return to the post to serve another year. The appointment of Arthur Sessa as Assistant Vice President was made and he will serve for the same period. Artie can be reached by letter or phone: Arthur Sessa, 27 Autumn Circle, Yonkers, NY 10703, phone: 1-914-476-5607.

By the time this Journal reaches you, our Fulbright Librarian will no longer be with the library. Elsewhere in this Journal, you will find information about this position and pledges for a Memorial Librarian Trust Fund. I hope that all of you will read it and find that you can support the action approved by our Executive Committee.

The 466th gave \$600.00 to the Library last year. We presently have \$414.50 in our treasury. At our meeting, a cash donation was collected and given to the 466th BGA to help defray the cost of mailing the Attlebridge Notes.

Our next reunion will be held at Hilton Head Island, S.C., November 2-5, 1989. Evelyn Cohen is accepting deposits for reservations - \$50.00 per person refundable up to 90 days prior to the reunion. The same applies to the July 1990 reunion to be held in Norwich, England.

Missives from the 492nd

by Bill Clarey

In my opinion, the Colorado Springs 41st reunion of the 2nd ADA was a howling success - simply because of the efforts of Henry Gendreizig. He went out of his way to make sure that we felt welcome, both in his city and at the reunion. The table sign that he made for us was very welcome and it helped a lot in our identity. Also, the camaraderie felt by the whole group was something else.

At this time I wish to thank the members of the 467th Group for the time and effort that they gave us at the mini-reunion dinner.

At our business meeting, on Saturday afternoon, I was again elected to be your Vice President. I thank you.

Since we were invited by the 491st members to join their group and this was readily accepted by the 492nd members, all future reunions will be held in conjunction with them. This all results from the fact that both of our groups shared the same base, at a different time, and the monument at North Pickenham has been inscribed thusly. Consideration is being given, at this time, to have our group written up in the quarterly newsletter of the 491st. Hopefully, everyone will have a story to tell and then send it to me for forwarding to the editor of the 491st. A small donation will be asked for to cover supplies and mailing costs. I hope to have more information on this at a later date.

Frank Webb called from Kansas City and stated that he had talked to Dr. R.A. Raynor, North Pickenham Parish Council, and also to Tony Wallace, about the entry

sign. It seems that the women of the parish are having a contest as to the design of the sign. As soon as the contest is over, they will notify Frank, and, in turn, I'll get some information into the Journal.

A study is being made concerning a plastic badge, with group colors, for all of our members. The same goes for caps.

Those in attendance this year were: Bill & Norma Beasley, Bill & Maxine Clarey, Ed & Elizabeth Erickson, Gil Green, Henry Gendreizig, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Harris, Vernon & Bobbie Key, Harry & Katherine Rawls, and Elvern & Hazel Seitzinger. All members that were not there were sorely missed.

Next year the reunion will be held at Hilton Head, South Carolina. In 1990, we will again go to England. I tell you this because the Executive Committee has ruled that a \$50.00 deposit, per person, will be required to hold a reservation for you. So, get this in as soon as possible. This applies to both reunions.

Henry Gendreizig furnished me with a copy of the history of our group. I had planned to use it in the Winter issue of the Journal - if anyone wants one now, please let me know and I'll send it along.

Did anyone take a picture of the two plaques at the Air Force Academy? I need a copy of the 492nd-801/492 and the 2nd ADA.

On the July 1st news, it was announced that Axis Sally, age 87, died in the state of Ohio. It was my understanding that she welcomed Colonel Snively and his group to the turbulent skies over Germany. I wonder how responsible she was for our losses of 52

airplanes and crews in three months. And too, how she ever got to come back to the United States.

Those of you who missed General Robin Olds' speech at our luncheon under the tent really missed an opportunity of a lifetime. I would like to recommend him for any reunion.



Jim Mahoney sent me a picture of his two license plates of the state of New York. They look great and it was good to hear from him. I understand that he couldn't come to the reunion because of the illness of his wife.

Kudos to Evelyn Cohen and her "entourage" for a very fine reunion at Colorado Springs.

Financial Report

Second Air Division Association

June 30, 1988

General Fund Account:

Balance June 30, 1987		91,198.94
Receipts: Membership Dues	67,605.75	
Interest Earned	8,530.03	
2AD Sale Used Typewriter	35.00	
Computer Receipts & Plaques	100.63	
Norwich Convention	4,155.00	80,426.41
Receipts and Balance		171,625.35

Disbursements:

V.P. Journal: Postage	1,173.48	
Telephone	1,071.58	
Gasoline	559.39	
Office Supplies	53.05	
Printing	280.83	
Rent	7,200.00	
Subtotal	10,338.33	
Journal: Printing	16,978.85	
Composition	8,314.25	
Foreign Postage	1,618.98	
Postage	2,355.00	
Sort Jnl/6-87	214.95	
Pst-Corr Adrs JI	1,373.95	
Film & Develop	127.16	
Photo Copies	137.74	
P.O. Box Rent	72.00	
Subtotal	31,192.88	41,531.21
Membership Expenses: Postage	3,100.00	
Rent	4,800.00	
Printing	144.25	8,044.25

General Expenses:

41st Conv. Prog/Flyers	807.39	
VPs & Officers Postage	2,087.72	
VPs & Officers Printing	2,092.29	
Filing Fees, State of Illinois	5.00	
Uttal Trip to Bd. Gov. Mtg.	750.70	
Heritage League	500.00	
Ship Candlesticks	46.08	
Plaques	139.50	
5 Calligraphy Entries	13.00	
Exec Comm Exp/Pittsburgh	5,921.99	
Audit Committee Expenses	1,353.44	
Computer Expenses	1,516.25	
Audio/Visual Pstg./Purch.	354.45	15,587.81

Capital Expenditures:

Cohen - IBM Typewriter	808.30	
Rokicki - Royal Signet #20	173.25	981.55

Total Expenditures

Balance General Fund June 30, 1988		66,144.82	105,480.53
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Memorial Library Fund Account

Balance June 30, 1987		8,953.67	
Receipts: Donations	33,170.00		
Interest Income	829.60	33,999.60	
Receipts and Balance		42,953.27	
Disbursements: To 2AD Mem. Library USAAF		22,000.00	


Balance June 30, 1988

Library Plaque Fund - Balance as of June 30, 1988			20,953.27
American Library Fund			543.20

From Norwich Convention 1987

Interest to June 30, 1988	46,589.39		
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Balance Cash on Hand, All Funds as of June 30, 1988	2,427.80	49,017.19	175,994.19
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 Dean E. Moyer, Treasurer
 Second Air Division Association

41st Annual Business Meeting

Second Air Division Association, 8th USAF

Saturday, June 25, 1988

Clarion Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by President Carl Alexanderson. There were over 900 members present, constituting a quorum.

C.N. (Bud) Chamberlain was appointed parliamentarian.

H.C. (Pete) Henry, Chairman of the Delegate Committee, stated that this was an official business meeting of the Association, a not-for-profit Veterans organization. Mr. Henry moved that members in attendance be named official delegates to this 41st Annual Business Meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

B. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:

The Secretary read the minutes of the 40th Annual Business Meeting, held May 24, 1987, in Norwich, England, and moved to accept the minutes as read; motion was seconded and passed.

C. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

The Treasurer gave the Financial Report for the abbreviated year July 1, 1987 through June 20, 1988. He stated that the full fiscal year report would be published in the Fall issue of the Association's Journal. (See report in this issue).

The Executive Committee has recently reviewed the question of lifetime memberships, and voted not to add the burden and complications of administering such a program at this time.

It was moved and seconded, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

The acting Chairman of the Audit Committee, Mr. Floyd Mabey, presented the Audit Committee report. He stated that after careful and thorough review of the books and records of account of the Association, all such accounts and books were found to be in excellent order, thoroughness, and accuracy. The Treasurer was commended for maintaining such excellent records.

It was moved by Mr. Reeves, and seconded, to accept the Audit Committee report. Motion carried.

D. REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP & CHMN., CONVENTIONS:

The Vice-President reported:

1. The total Association membership now stands at 6871.

2. 1989 Convention will be in Hilton Head, S.C.; the 1990 Convention will be in Norwich, England. Details will be forthcoming in the Journal.

3. A member proposed that reservations for attendance at our Conventions after 1990 be accepted only by mail, and only after notice in our Journal. Motion did not pass.

4. The Executive Committee has approved a new procedure for acceptance of advance deposits for all future conventions: "In all future conventions, an advance deposit of \$50 per person attending will be required, which will be non-refundable if written cancellation request is not received before 90 days of the Convention starting

date. The non-refundable money will be donated to the 2nd Air Division Memorial Capital Fund. Exceptions to the non-refund rule will be made at the discretion of the Vice-President, Membership & Conventions, and will include such incidents as serious illness, etc."

It was moved and seconded to approve the report of the Vice-President, Membership & Conventions. Motion carried.

E. REPORT OF THE NEWSLETTER (JOURNAL) VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President thanked members for submitting articles, and asked that they continue to do so.

All reports submitted for the Journal by Group members about Conventions hereafter should deal with specific Group activities only. General Convention events will be reported each Convention by a designee of the Executive Committee. In this way, reporting of general convention events will not be duplicated.

The Executive Committee has ruled that the Journal carry no commercial advertising, in order to preserve the Association's tax-exempt status. So that members will be kept informed of new items, new books, etc., the Journal Editor will carry book and other reviews of interest to members, and indicate where further information may be obtained. Where members prepare plaques, histories, etc., and donate proceeds to the Memorial, theirs is a non-profit service, and Journal coverage will continue as in the past.

The report of the Vice-President, Journal, was approved.

F. REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MEMORIAL TRUST GOVERNOR

1. Refurbishment of the Memorial Library Room is on schedule and about 80% complete; the attractiveness is already greatly improved.

2. The Memorial Trust Campaign Fund continues to be financially healthy and well-managed by the Board of Governors: The total fund stands at approximately 287,000 pounds (about where it was before last October's stock market crash). 1988 income is well above last year's and will adequately support the library's needs (except for staffing).

3. The Memorial Library, under the supervision of our American Fulbright Librarian, Ms. Bertha Chandler, has had an outstanding year: the operations have been modernized, books and materials updated, and the Memorial has been widely publicized, leading to growing use of its facilities.

4. The future has taken on new brightness: the new County Library Chief is enthusiastic about the Memorial Room; the Board of Governors has laid firm plans for future progress; the Norfolk County Council has endorsed (by written declaration) support into the future; the U.S. Embassy in London describes our Memorial as an outstanding tribute to our veterans, and as a great contribution toward international diplomacy.

5. The term of our Fulbright Librarian ends this September; she, and all others in-

involved, urge that we maintain the full-time American presence in the Library, in conjunction with the British Library Aide, to maintain and build to its full potential. Our new "American Librarian" project is designed to fund this need. This coming year, meanwhile, current funds will permit a part-time American, plus a part-time Aide.

6. Governor Uttal at this time introduced Ms. Chandler; Mr. King, Vice-Chairman, Board of Governors; and Mr. Hastings, Board member. Each brought greetings, and urged the membership to go forward with the "American Librarian" project, presenting details and strong positive reasons for this great need. They also indicated their pleasure in having our Association visit Norwich in 1990, pointing out improvements that will make our visit more enjoyable, and promised full help and cooperation in our visit.

The report of the Memorial Trust Governor was accepted.

G. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

The President reported that the affairs of the Association are in excellent condition. He asked each member to fully support the Group Vice-Presidents, as they are the life blood of the organization. He stated that our "Living Memorial" library in Norwich is not equalled, nor exceeded, by any Armed Services memorial in the world. He thanked everyone for their help and support during his term of office, and pledged to continue working for the good of the Association.

H. REPORTS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEES:

1. Heritage League:

The Heritage League, established May 22, 1987, as an auxiliary of the 2nd Air Division Association, now has over 300 members, and is growing. The financial condition is excellent to carry forth the League's work.

Officers were elected for the new year, with Ms. Vicki Warning being elected President; Emily Long, Exec. VP; Gini Belward, Sec.; Helen Freudenthal, Treas.; Norma Beasley, VP, Comm.; Bettie Wayne, VP, membership.

2. Report of the Director of Public Relations:

The Association's visit to the Air Force Academy (6/24/88) was covered by the media.

Association members were reminded that when they submit stories for publication in their own local media, they should be sure they include references to the 2nd Air Division Association, and to its "Living Memorial."

Also, when stories are published, a copy should be sent to the Association's Director of Public Relations for the Association's file.

3. Report of the Nominating Committee:

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Reeves, reported that the Association is fortunate to have a fine reservoir of great talent and leadership. The Committee presented the following slate of officers in nomination: President, C.N. (Bud) Chamberlain; Exec. VP, Francis DiMola; Vice-Pres. Membership & Conventions, Evelyn Cohen; Vice-Pres. Journal, Bill Robertie; Treasurer, Dean Moyer; Secretary, David Patterson.

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Business Meeting (continued from page 7)

The following Group Vice-Presidents were appointed to serve a one-year term on the Executive Committee: John Conrad (392nd BG); Elwood Nothstein (466th BG); G. (Jeff) Gregory (467th BG).

Nominations were called for from the floor. There being none, it was moved by Mr. Reeves, and seconded, to close the nominations, and unanimously elect the above nominees. Motion passed unanimously.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Old Business: None was presented.

2. New Business:

a. The men's luncheon speaker would be General Robin Olds.

b. The Association's Representative on the Board of Governors, Memorial Trust, summarized the "American Librarian" project: Details were presented in the form of a leaflet, which is contained in this (Fall) issue of the Journal. The leaflet contains a pledge form, which the Memorial Governors, the Fulbright Librarian, and the Association's Executive Committee urge every member to fill it out and send it in to indicate support of this project.

In answer to a question, Mr. Uttal explained that the new project would have no effect on the existing Capital fund. Moneys will be added to that fund as donated, to

support the continued supply of books and supplies needed for the library to function.

He pointed out that the Association's prime Memorial is, and always has been, our unique, "living" Memorial library. The Association receives many requests to support other causes; however, the Executive Committee does not believe it wise to commit the Association to other projects, lest we then be bombarded with requests from all quarters, disappoint those we leave out, and splinter our efforts toward support of our own special Memorial.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

David G. Patterson
Secretary

About the Memorial

by Jordan Uttal



As I write these words in July for the September Convention Issue, without doubt the most important development about our Memorial is the decision to move forward with a determined effort to raise the funds to finance a permanent American Librarian and full-time Aide.

To avoid repetition I respectfully refer you to the very positive message from our new President, Bud Chamberlain, and the enclosed reprint of the leaflet given to all who attended the Colorado Springs Convention. All the details are contained in both, and I strongly seek the support of *each member* of the 2nd Air Division Association to make this effort successful.

I am happy to report that at the Convention we received a large number of checks and pledges, and they have been coming in practically everyday since my return on 30 June. It should be clearly understood that *any size donation* will be welcome. You may pledge for immediate payment, or by 31 December 1988, or over a three year period.

It is important to understand also, that until we raise the full amount, we will not be able to finance full-time staff. Until then we can try to make do with part-time

efforts. However, that will lose us the momentum we have achieved.

A new bank account for the American Librarian Fund has already been established by our Treasurer, and all the funds we collect for this purpose will be held separately in the United States under his supervision until we are able to form the new Trust. The income from the fund is what will be used to pay for our full-time staff.

ASSURANCES FOR THE FUTURE:

Even though we are respectfully aware of the British tradition of complete dedication to the continuity of formal Trusts (as well as traditions), I went to Norwich for the Annual Governors meeting charged by our Executive Committee with advising our colleagues there that our decision to take positive action on the Librarian project was contingent on receiving assurance from the Norfolk County Council of their continued support. The Norfolk County Council were unanimous in their acceptance of our request. I am happy to report that at the Convention, Bertha Chandler presented to Carl Alexanderson, on behalf of the Norfolk County Council and our Board of Governors, a vellum certificate, to which the seal

of the County of Norfolk was affixed and signed by the County Solicitor. It reads as follows: "Norfolk County Council is proud to have the honour of being host to the 2nd Air Division, USAAF, Memorial Room at Norwich Central Library as well as satellite Memorials in public libraries in the bombing areas in Norfolk. The County Libraries and Recreation Committee declare its intention to maintain the Memorial Room as a continuing living memorial to those airmen of the 2nd Air Division who gave their lives during World War Two."

THE STATE OF THE UNION: It is my understanding that the minutes of the business meeting, containing my report to the membership, will be printed in this issue. Again, to avoid repetition, I refer you to it for the details of our financial health of the Trust, and the favorable improvements that have resulted from Bertha's presence, Tony North's assistance, and, of course, the always valued cooperation of the Library staff. It cannot be emphasized strongly enough that the progress that has been made is due to the American presence we have had for the past two years.

Be assured that I would welcome any inquiries from any of you for more details in which you might be interested.

FINAL WORDS ABOUT THE AMERICAN LIBRARIAN FUND DRIVE: Last September after the Norwich Convention I wrote an article for the Journal titled "Can We Meet The Challenge?" In it I outlined the need for the full-time American Librarian and Aide, and I invited every member to write in his opinion.

Alas, the number of responses were all too few, but enough to analyze and compile. Here is the way the members' opinions broke down: 70% of you were definitely in favor, 6% were against, and 24% were "iffy" but not "anti."

That, plus the very careful consideration of your Executive Committee at three meetings, led to the decision to embark on this drive.

Your filling out the enclosed pledge form and mailing it in will be evidence of your support for this desirable project. We need it and will welcome it. You have our thanks in advance for your endorsement.

The Eighth Annual 2nd ADA Golf Tournament

by Pete Henry

The Eighth Annual Golf Tournament of the Second Air Division Association at Gleneagle Country Club in Colorado Springs, CO, Thursday morning, 23 June 88, was far and away the best one to date. We had eighty-five golfers in all, ten ladies, seventy-three members and two bus drivers. The Air Force Academy, in their infinite wisdom, refused us permission to play their course, but several golfers voiced the opinion that they really enjoyed Gleneagle and it may have been the better choice after all. The scenery was certainly more spectacular. This time, we had ten ladies participating so a separate tournament was scored for them. Ten prizes were awarded as follows: Curtis Callahan (389th) - Men's Low Gross, 2ADA Plaque. Eric Sherman (446th) - Men's Low Net, 2ADA Plaque. George Eifel, Jr. (458th) - Men's Peoria, 2ADA Plaque. Mildred Callahan (389th) - Ladies Peoria, 2ADA Plaque. Dolores Stevens (458th) - Ladies Low Gross, 3 Golf Balls. Floyd Pugh (467th) - Closest to pin-5, Gift Cert. Don Gowans

(491st) - Closest to pin-12, Gift Cert. Wyatt Porterfield (498th) - Longest Drive-9, Gift Cert. Gerry Allen* (458th) - Longest Drive-17, Gift Cert. Norbert Wick (392nd) - Honest Golfer, Snoopy Head Cover. *Gerry Allen had second longest drive. Curtis Callahan had the longest drive but was awarded Men's Low Gross. One prize per golfer.

I want to thank Marshall Loftus (467th) for his invaluable assistance in carrying on negotiations with Gleneagle C.C. and the caterer and for "hanging around" for five or six hours directing traffic while the rest of us were having a good time. Thanks also go to Rick Rokicki (458th) for the beautiful 2ADA plaques, and to Fred Meyer (489th) and Otey Berkeley (489th) for taking pictures of each foursome as well as collecting some golf fees still owed.

Next year, we will play one of the courses at Hilton Head, SC on Thursday, 2 Nov. 89. Details of the golf tournament will appear in the 1989 summer edition of the Journal.



(l-r): Harold Jefferson (389th), Curtis Callahan (389th), Darrell Latch (458th), Walt Cline (458th).



(l-r): Eric Sherman (446th), Jack Heuser (446th), "Ray" Malone (446th), Ted Nichols (446th).



(l-r): Gerry Allen (458th), Bill Case (458th), George Eifel, Jr. (458th), Don Fraser (458th).



(l-r): Ruth Jefferson (389th), Mildred Callahan (389th), Marilyn Lane (392nd), Mary Wipfler (HDQ).

Notes from the 389th

by Lloyd E. West

Having just returned from the 41st reunion of the 2nd Air Division Association, Eighth Air Force, where all V.P.s were reminded of the due date of their contributions for the fall issue of the Journal. Details of the reunion will not be forthcoming in my article; however, some comments relating to the 389th mini-reunion will be included. We are changing the way in which we will be presenting our material to the Journal.

MINI-REUNION: We are pleased to report that this year's 389th reunion was the largest ever with 130 members and spouses in attendance. It was estimated that approximately one-third of those attending were what we consider "first timers." The association had provided a hospitality room the first day for the group where tapes were available for viewing; also, maps, charts, pictures, numerous memorabilia and lots of greetings for new and old friends. It was my honor to introduce to the group Gen. & Mrs. Rockly Triantafellu (Ret.) of Honolulu, HI, also "first timers." Attending as guests of the 389th were Mr. & Mrs. Stuart W. Main of Norwich, England. Stuart is an employee of "Lotus," who now owns what was formerly Hethel Air Base. He serves as liaison between Lotus and the 389th BG and is also curator of the 389th memorial room in the former control tower on the base. Mr. Wm Martin, a survivor of Nov. 21, 1944 near the Carlton Rode church was recognized.

LOOKING AHEAD: Dates for future reunions are as follows: Hilton Head, S.C., and by popular demand and invitation of our English friends, the 43rd reunion of the 2nd ADA is returning to Norwich in July 1990, the exact date to be determined later. If you wish to attend either or both of these

events, Miss Cohen is accepting reservations with a \$50.00 deposit per person for each of the reunions; and if cancelling 90 days prior to the reunion your deposit will be returned.

MEMORIALS: Plans are underway by Mr. Main and the 389th to formerly dedicate the memorial room at Hethel and the memorial window of stained glass depicting the 2nd Air Division during WWII in memory of the seventeen airmen who lost their lives in the mid-air collision near the Carlton Rode church. This is in cooperation with the rector and members of the church. Mr. Earl Zimmerman is the developer and leader of the window memorial. Those attending in Norwich in 1987 know whereof I write.

MEMBERSHIP: It is the main concern of your vice president and assistant to get those who served with the 2nd Air Division during WWII to join the Association. Again we are asking you to send us the names and addresses of those who might be interested in joining the 389th and the 2nd ADA. Of those contacted, approximately 50% are joining the Association. The 389th, until recently, was the largest group in the Association with just over 600 members, but we have been replaced by the 458th by just a few members. SEND US NAMES.

NEWSLETTER: With some members volunteering their services and equipment, it was decided to put together for all paid members of the 389th a small newsletter which will contain letters, stories and notices which might interest someone in the 389th. Send any of the items mentioned to either myself or Gene Hartley, 4995 Cervato Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93111. We are open to suggestions as to a name or ti-

tle. We hope to get this to you between the next two Journals.

MATERIAL AVAILABLE: Interest to pilots and co-pilots, a story by Mr. Wm. Carigan, "The B-24 Liberator, A Man's Airplane," copies available for \$3.00 each. A two-hour VCR tape by Mr. Main about Hethel, Lotus and the surrounding area of Hethel available at \$15.00. A tape of about 30 minutes of the Memorial dedication at Wright Patterson Air Force Museum a couple of years ago for \$7.50 per copy. Also available to old and new members of the 389th is a copy of the current roster of paid members for \$5.00 per copy. To order, contact Lloyd E. West, Box 256, Rush Center, KS 67575.

INFORMATION FOR THE JOURNAL: Send your letters, stories and pictures which might be of general interest to the 2nd ADA to Wm. G. Robertie, VP for the Journal. If you want them in the next or succeeding Journals, please don't send them to me. Thanks.

FUTURE DATES: The dedication of the Liberal Air Museum and reunion of graduates of the B-24 transition school at Liberal, KS will be held Sept. 23-25, 1988. The 50th anniversary of the B-24 will be held May 17-21 at Ft. Worth, TX. The 2nd Air Division will be participating in this event. For further information, contact chairman Bob Vickers, 6424 Torreon Dr., N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87109.

ELECTIONS: It was the wishes of those attending the mini-reunion of the 389th BG that Lloyd E. West continue to serve as your Vice President and Frank as your Assistant Vice President. It is our privilege to serve you any way that we can. Your confidence is greatly appreciated. Our addresses are listed in each of the Journals but our telephone numbers are: V.P. 913-372-4484 and the Ass't V.P. 215-433-3033. We welcome your letters and calls.

Heritage League Report

by Vicki Warning

The Heritage League of the Second Air Division (USAAF) completed its initial year and the support we have received has been overwhelming. We now have in excess of 340 regular and associate members. Our thanks to you all!

While in Colorado Springs, officers of the '88/'89 year were elected. As President, I shall have the enthusiastic support of the following individuals: Executive Vice President, Emily Long; Secretary, Gini Belward; Treasurer, Helen Freudenthal; Vice President/Membership, Bettie Wayne; and Vice President/Communications, Martha Beasley.

As Directors-at-Large, Helen Low has 1 year remaining; Mary Beth Barnard, 2 years and Milton Veynar as our past president begins a three year term.

Our representative from the Second Air Division is Frank DiMola. We welcome his support and direction as the Heritage League enters its second year.

We were pleased at Colorado Springs to have David Hastings, a member of the

Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust, attend one of our Executive Meetings. His interest in the League and insight from England was most welcome.

Our membership has grown thanks to the enthusiasm and support of the members of the 2nd Air Division Association. Many of you have signed your sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters as members. Now we want those members to become active in the Heritage League. We welcome their suggestions and participation, as this is the only way the League will grow.

Since many of the League members do not have access to the Journal, we are making arrangements to have the Journal available to them at a nominal cost to include postage and handling. We will be communicating this to our members in our inaugural newsletter in 1988.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how special the Second Air Division is to me. I attended my first 2nd Air Division Reunion in 1973 in Colorado Springs, CO, so this past convention became a sort of

"homecoming." Many of you knew my father, Bill Brooks, a past president of the 2nd Air Division. He so enjoyed the 2nd Air Division people he met and felt very strongly that growth was important if the 2nd Air Division was to reach their goals. I have continued to attend the reunions since 1973. My husband, Kurt, is now attending the reunions too. We have both enjoyed the friends we have made through the years. I have high hopes that the Heritage League will provide the same lasting friendships and that our goals will be met with the same success as those of the 2nd Air Division. With everyone's help, they will be met and exceeded.

Should any of you know someone that wants to join, please contact either myself, Vicki Warning, 2736A N. Dayton, Chicago, IL 60614; our Vice President of Membership, Bettie Wayne, 11612 Spy Glass Drive, Northridge, CA 91326 or any of the other officers and we shall be glad to send you a membership form. There was a form printed on page 14 of the Summer 1988 Journal. A photocopy (so as not to destroy the Journal) is acceptable.

We look forward to the coming year. Your support is appreciated.

A Salute

(The Memorial Address delivered by Jordan R. Uttal, 24 June 1988 in the Cadet Chapel, Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, during 2ADA 41st Annual Convention.)

My dear Friends: In our glorious English language we have many words that have various shades of meaning, some negative, some positive. I have chosen one word as the theme of this Memorial Address ... the word *salute*. For me every shade of meaning of this word is positive. To me ... *salute* denotes respect ... reverence ... appreciation ... admiration.

So this, dear friends, is a *salute* to our missing ones ... a *salute* to you here assembled ... and to all of our fellow 2nd Air Division Association members.

Our coming together for our 41st Convention/Reunion marks a further celebration of life ... of survival. It is evident of the respect and affection we have for each other, and above all for those who fell in action ... and those who have left us since our return from England after the war.

It is most certainly another *salute* to our missing, another celebration of their lives cut much too short ... another chapter in the love story that has been written by the 2nd Air Division Association.

From our very first reunion in 1948, we have always paused to remember those for whom our Memorial in England was created ... and more recently those who have left us since the end of hostilities. Each time we have so marked their absence ... *saluted* them with respect ... proclaimed

their affection. I have had a growing conviction, as one of our members said so well last May in Cambridge, that somehow or other ... those whom we *salute* know of our strong feelings for them ... and they are returning our *salute*.

It has been with a great feeling of awe, of wonderment, and of gratitude that I have witnessed the growth of 2nd Air Division Association from the 100 or so who were present in 1948 ... to the 6,700 members we now have in the Association. I have found many easy answers to account for the development of this unique story, but only very recently have I come across the words that most accurately ... in my mind ... explain my feelings for you, my fellow members, and for our departed friends. I share with you the words of Messrs. Phillip Kaplan and Rex Allen Smith from their great book "One Last Look." I quote:

"Human nature seems to prod a man into returning, later in life, to the scene of some meaningful event of his youth. That event may have been of such significance as to alter the course of his life, and while the imprint of the event is permanent, the experience itself remains in the backwater of his mind, receiving little consideration over the years. Then, in maturity, he begins to focus on the times of his life that were most influential, experiences that helped shape his

character, and a need in him surfaces to return to the scene of the event, to recall the experiences that really happened, to have one last look at the place where it happened."

For me, I would rather say instead of one last look, ONE MORE LOOK, and again another look, and again another look ... at that period in my life which I cherish ... at those people who are gone ... whose memory I cherish ... at those of you here ... and the other members of the 2nd Air Division whose friendship I cherish.

Without doubt those times in my life were most influential in shaping my character ... and those people with whom I served ... and the loss of some of them ... have altered the course of my life, and I dare say, yours too!!!

I will continue ... as long as I am able ... to offer another *salute* to the missing ... another embrace to you ... my extended family ... who share with me the celebration of our wartime experiences as the springboard into a company of mature friends who are not reluctant ... as we gather each year ... to admit our love for our country...and each other! And so, dear friends, with these words from deep within me ... and those of our author friends, I offer this *salute* to the missing, and I *salute* you all!!! God Bless...



392nd B.G.

by
John B. Conrad

The 392nd Group Dinner at the Colorado Springs Reunion was well-attended by 96 members and guests whose names are listed elsewhere in this issue. Of the 52 members attending, 18 had served in the 578th BS when based at Wendling plus 7 others who had served in both the 578th and 579th. Another 9 had served in the 579th. There were 5 from the 577th, 4 from the 576th, and 5 from Group Headquarters and support units. Following dinner, Lawrence G. Gilbert reported on the status of the plans for improvement of the Wendling Memorial and the need for additional funds to complete the project. Full details will be carried in the 392nd BGMA Newsletter.

J. Fred Thomas outlined the program approved by the 2nd ADA to raise \$500,000.00, the income from which would be used to employ a full-time American librarian in Norwich. It is believed to be essential to keep an American presence in the library to fully realize the value of this Memorial Library to British-American relations. A full report on this project is carried elsewhere in this issue.

Following the close of the reunion at Colorado Springs, the writer and two friends from other groups revisited the air base at Pueblo, Colorado where in 1943 they had been assigned for combat crew training in B-24s. The field is now a municipal airport, but there is an air museum directed by William Feder, Sr. Mr. Feder currently is engaged in preparing display panels

representing every group which flew B-24s. These display panels will be used at "Reunion '89," the fiftieth anniversary of the B-24 to be celebrated at Ft. Worth in May, 1989. This anniversary celebration is being organized by the 392nd's Bob Vickers, who is expecting many 392nd members to attend.

Bob Vicker's book *Liberators from Wendling*, originally published in 1977, has been reprinted and is available again. Also now available is *392nd War Stories*, a collection of articles written by Myron Keilman and published in the *2nd ADA Journal* between 1974 and 1985. These articles cover a wide range of subjects: certain missions, big formations, crew functions, pubbing, Wendling Obelisk and personalities.

Following is another of the "Lest We Forget Series" by Myron Keilman: *Kiel Was A Tough Target*. Mission H22 4 January 1944, Target - Kiel's Naval Port and docks including submarine pens. General Briefing for aircrews was held at 0330-0400 hours. The Command Pilot with Cassell's crew for this mission was Major Keilman, 579th CO. Takeoff for (25) aircraft began around 0800 hours with the 579th Squadron leading the mission. This raid was to be the most costly one for the 392nd in airmen and aircraft lost - more so than the first Bremen mission on 13 November 1943. Before the Group arrived, (6) B-24s would be lost in combat with (6) more badly damaged and (60) aircrew members killed or missing in action. A total of 1,090 100# bombs were released on the target, but results were believed to be poor. Enemy reaction was extremely heavy. Some (50) single and twin-engine enemy fighters intercepted the Group with the unit gunners claiming (13) kills. AA fire was intense.

Bombing had to be accomplished using PFF techniques because of poor visual target weather. The 578th Squadron lost 2nd Lieutenant C.W. Waugh, pilot of aircraft #214, and (3) other members of his crew in a crash landing near Cromer. Five (5) of his crew survived. The 577th lost (3) aircrews this mission, all MIA; First Lieutenant R.P. Lambert's crew in aircraft #482; First Lieutenant L. Page's crew in #637, and 2nd Lieutenant C.W. Rigby's crew in airplane #749. The 576th Squadron and the 579th each lost one aircrew on this raid. The 576th crew was 1st Lieutenant D.A. Miller's in aircraft #487, the 579th's loss as 1st Lieutenant R.L. Hall's aircrew in airplane #089. Six (6) Liberators were damaged - (3) due to enemy fighters and (3) to flak. Mission aircraft began returning at 1445 hours.

Mission #23, 5 January 1944, Target: Kiel.

For the second consecutive day, this heavily defended target was assigned to the Group. Because of the prior day's heavy losses, only a limited number of B-24s were operationally available. General Briefing for crews was held between 0330-0400 hours. The 578th was assigned Group lead with Lieutenant Ward as lead bombardier and (13) aircraft took off for this mission around 0800 hours. A total of (120) 500# GP bombs were released with (9) aircraft bombing the primary and (1) a Target of Opportunity (T/O). Bombing results were believed to be good as weapons were seen to hit the target area. Some (30) enemy fighters attacked the Group but attacks were more moderate than the previous day in the same target area. Group gunners claimed (9) enemy aircraft kills. No aircraft or crew member losses were suffered but (5) Liberators came home with flak damage.

It Was A Blast!

by Carl Alexanderson

The 41st annual convention/reunion of the 2nd ADA was convened on Wednesday, June 22 in Colorado Springs, situated at an altitude of 5980 feet. It boasts an inspiring backdrop framed by the front range of the Rocky Mountains and dominated by the hulking mass of Pikes Peak.

The Clarion Hotel was host to our group which was composed of the grand total of 1447 members, wives, children and grandchildren, friends and relatives, etc. The logistics, as you can well imagine, were staggering. However, it appears to have been one of our smoother conventions yet. Granted there were a number of problems and a few unhappy people which brought some unpleasant letters later. But for the most part it was wonderful.

One of the highlights was the Memorial Service at the Cadet Chapel of the USAF Academy. It opened with an organ prelude by Director Joseph M. Galenia, Jr. followed by the procession of participants. The invocation was then given by Father Paul Richart. The British and American National Anthems were rendered by the congregation with a mixed degree of success. Why? you might ask. Well, how many of you know the words to "God Save the Queen." It is not at all proper to use the words to "My Country 'Tis of Thee." If our English guests were not familiar with the lyrics of "The Star Spangled Banner" it was not so evident. They were badly outnumbered and drowned out.

The Welcome Address was given by 2ADA President Carl Alexanderson, followed by Jordan Uttal's Memorial Address. Paul King, Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors, Memorial Trust delivered his appreciation to us all. We then were treated to a violin interlude by Nancy Hartley of the Santa Barbara Symphony. She played "Meditation" from Thais by Massenet. Undoubtedly one of the most haunting and comforting melodies ever written.

Retired Major General Rocky Triantafellu shared with us some of his wonderful "Reflections" garnered over a lifetime in the Air Force. The service was concluded with the congregation's singing of "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies," the Benediction by Goodman G. Griffin, Col. U.S. Air Force retired and the organ Postlude. Our deepest appreciation to Andy Low who orchestrated the entire service.

Our next duty was to be at the "Wall of Remembrance" where we were to dedicate the bronze 2AD plaque. This turned out to be a personal disaster for me. The bus that delivered us to the Academy suffered a mechanical breakdown on the way out. Its replacement never arrived at the designated pickup point. We subsequently observed it careening along a block away jammed to the rafters with the wrong crew. Fortunately

ly my hypertension medication was performing heroically by now.

This - coupled with the fact that a gentleman of gentlemen, Jim Reeves - commandeered a bus, got us on our way and stayed off apoplexy. I thought the destination sign read "The Wayward Bus."

Here again Jim's mollifying nature came into effect. After a most comprehensive tour of the AFA sans commentary except my own (expletives deleted) we arrived at the site just as Fred Thomas' words concluded the ceremony. Fred has a propensity for picking up the slack and putting together the pieces for which I am truly grateful. Anyone care to read an unused speech?

This same bus then squired us out (up?) to Royal Gorge, the most memorable part of which was the big cool draught of Coors I shared with Vince LaRussa. On the way back to Colorado Springs this vehicle performed admirably. Its capabilities were severely tested even going downhill. Needless to say, "all is well that ends well."

On the evening of the 25th we gathered for our gala banquet. The hall was bursting at the seams. Jordan established a modicum of order with his tape recorded "Reveille." The wall behind the dais was draped with a flag that was flown over the United States Capital. It was done so at the request of the Honorable Tom Rantos, M.C. This was in recognition of the 41st annual 2ADA reunion.

During the course of our Executive Meeting and again at the Business Meeting we were treated to a most comprehensive and beguiling report by Bertha Chandler. This young lady has done wonders for our Memorial library. We have been fortunate her services had been extended by the Fulbright Commission for an additional year. We will be hard pressed to replace her. On behalf of the 2ADA, our heartfelt thanks to you, Bertha.

We enjoyed the company of David Hastings, our resident Briton and his wife Jean. Two couples from Norwich were recognized for their efforts on behalf of the 2ADA last year with scrolls. At the men's luncheon we were regaled by the inimitable Robin Olds. It's too bad there are not more like him, and us, around in this day and age. Then too, there were the Dzenowagis family. Our archives may yet be fulfilled because of them.

During the course of one of our Executive Committee sessions we had decided in our infinite wisdom to obviate redundant reports by fourteen Group VPs. They would only disseminate information peculiar to their respective Groups. We would then appoint or assign someone to present the overview from the Division standpoint. Guess what? Who said R.H.I.P.? Hopefully the minutes as presented in this volume of the 2nd ADA Journal will fill the gap.

Something fell through the cracks, so not being too well prepared for this assignment, I'm sure I will have overlooked or forgotten many important and german - not to men-

tion interesting things. You may very well take me to task for this. Please feel free!

I hope I have been more successful as a President than a reporter. I feel, for instance, that as it evolved on my watch we have at least come to grips with the problem of instituting the half million dollar capital fund to establish a permanent American Librarian and Asst. Librarian. It now falls on Bud Chamberlain's broad shoulders to implement the mechanics required to carry on.

It has been a long and tiring year but it has been an informative and educational period. One which I would not have missed for the world! Thank you all for the opportunity of having assumed it. I am grateful and you should be also, for the caliber of the Executive Committee, which in the final analysis holds the reins of this organization.

I enjoyed the title of "President." I shall enjoy the title of "Past President" even more.

"The Last Mission" Norwich 1987 Convention on Tape

Donations for the first 200 plus tapes have been received and orders filled. "The Last Mission" is a 1½ hour (VHS) video tape of the 5 days in Norwich, May 21-25, 1987. Portions of this tape were provided by NBC Atlanta, Kent Stokes of the 453rd BG, the NBC Today Show and others.

THIS TAPE MAY NOT BE SHOWN COMMERCIALY ANYWHERE. This is the agreement we made with NBC. It is only for use of the 2ADA members and their families.

We are now ordering this tape from the processor in five and ten lots to fill the reduced number of donations and must now request a \$25.00 donation to the Second Air Division Association (make checks payable to "The Second Air Division Association") from anyone who would like to have a copy.

Send your order to:
H.C. 'Pete' Henry
164B Portland Lane
Jamesburg, NJ 08831
(Tel.: 1-609-655-0982)

Please allow six to eight weeks for delivery.

Bunchered Buddies of Old Buck

by Frank Thomas (for Milton Stokes)

Jackie and I have just returned from the 41st convention of the 2nd ADA - and here it is the third of July already. One day prior to the big one, Independence Day, none more important in our nation's history. The promise and responsibilities the day holds are staggering. Hope the principles, promises and responsibilities become the property of all people of this earth some day.

You are probably questioning why I am writing "Uncle Milt's" report. Milt had the misfortune of being involved in a tractor accident on June 13, 1988 - one day prior to his birthday. Cracked ribs (3), fractured vertebra, etc., left him in no condition to venture to Colorado Springs and the 41st 2nd ADA convention. A disappointment to Milt and to the (178) 453rd's and wives attending. He is recovering; however, the accompanying soreness and pain prompted his asking help in doing this little task. Take care, Milt, we all love you and are praying for speedy and complete recovery.

Hopefully this brief report shall be organized and informative as to the happenings since last you read Bunchered Buddies.

A few 453rd members journeyed to Wilmington, DE in May at Milt's request, purpose being to draft a proposed organizational structure for the members to discuss, amend, butcher, accept or reject during the business portion of our 453rd session on Thursday evening in Colorado Springs. The purpose of the proposed structure was to spread the work load among many 453rd's in order to reduce the demands on Milt and his family. Attending this meeting were: Charles (Moose) Allen, Mike Benarcik, Bill Eagleson, Andy Low, Glen Tischer and Frank Thomas. Milt guided us toward achieving a structure designed to strengthen the 453rd and the 2nd ADA.

During the meeting in Colorado Springs, those attending voted to accept the following: an Executive Committee (policy committee) consisting of an elected Chairman, Milton Stokes; Assistant Chairman, Mike Benarcik; Secretary-Treasurer, Frank Thomas and the following appointed members: Historian, Donald Olds; Public Relations Director, Wilbur Stites; Special Projects Director, Andrew S. Low; and five Regional Chairmen (delegates) - Northwest (8 states), Frank Pickett, Orville Long (alternate); Southwest (7 states), Jay Jeffries, Dan Reading (alternate); Central (12 states), Glen Tischer, Odel Johnson (alternate); Southeast (13 states), Jim Elkins, John Kassab (alternate); Northeast (13 states), Bob Jordan, Bill Eagleson (alternate). Term of office for all elected and appointed members shall be for one year.

The Chairman will have the authority to appoint an Internal Auditing Director and a Nominating Committee. The By-Laws as presented will undergo amendments and shall be presented to the 453rd members at a later date.

We never seem to shy away from asking Andy Low to do many, many things for the group. Andy was assigned the task of drafting the By-Laws for our proposed 453rd organization and now is faced with the amending and re-writing of the same. We love you too, Andy.

The group business session held many pleasant surprises for those in attendance. Orville K. Long, Col./Ret. was presented the DFC by Andrew S. Low, Jr. MG/Ret. O.K. had waited forty-three years to be so honored and had asked that Andy make the presentation. Five of our members were presented their Ex POW medals. Again, Andy did the honors for four of the group. They were: Walter Conneely, Wallace Croxford, Abe Wilen and Dick Witton. Wilbur Clingan turned the tables on Andrew S. Low and called him to the front to receive his Ex POW medal. Andy was lead pilot on the May 8, 1944 Brunswick mission when Walter, Wallace, Abe and Dick's plane was rammed by an enemy fighter. Andy was downed on July 31, 1944. These five men spent the last few days together in a prison camp before being liberated. Seems fitting they should receive their medals together, at this time.

The presence of Jim Munsey's daughter, Carol Elliot, and her husband was a most welcoming surprise. (Munsey and his copilot gave their lives in order for the balance of the crew to bail out on return from the Hamm mission of April 22, 1944.) There were few dry eyes as Andy reported on Jim Munsey's actions and informed us of Carol's presence. I am certain that Carol is well aware that her father had the love and respect of all that knew him.

Sheldon Baker brought a copy of the June 19, 1988 Chicago Sun Times. There was an article by Sid Mooney pertaining to a few members of the University of North Carolina graduating class of 1938. One of the graduates was Ramsay Douglas Potts. The 453rd is proud of his reign as our C.O. - even though it was an interim assignment.

Friday, July 1, 1988, the Alton Telegraph (Illinois) carried an article by Bob Thomas, Associated Press, concerned with the plans of James Stewart, BG/Ret. The article is dealing with the General's plans to call a halt to any further commitments to movies, stages and studios. There was one quote of the General's that is distasteful... "I don't like my looks" as he refers to his aging. Mr. Thomas stated that he doubted that Stewart's fans would agree with him. I am sure that many 453rd's and 445th's would agree with Mr. Bob Thomas on this matter. General Stewart, we see the courage, gentle nature, commitment to duty and all the other fine and extraordinary traits you have displayed throughout the years. You still look great to us. We love you and your looks.

Bob Wolfe met two of his crew members at Colorado Springs - the first time in 43

years. Doug Levenworth met with three of his crew - first time in ?? years. (Bob and Doug, if my facts are faulted in this matter please forgive me.) John (Flip) Cowger attended the meeting for the first time in several years. He was the sole survivor of his crew, as was James Martin. Their planes suffered a mid-air collision. Both of the men were co-pilots. They met in West Memphis last year for lunch, their first meeting since prison camp. The crash was July 21, 1944, just ten days prior to Andy Low's 453rd career being "cut short."

Pat and Agnes Ram, Old Buckenham, were with us for the entire meeting. They flew in from England for a visit with the Stokes prior to coming to Colorado Springs. Understand they travelled on to Bolin, Texas to spend a few days with the Allens.

That's all for this time, 'til next time.



The 6 inch solid New England pewter B-24 Desk Model is once again available. Can be customized to your wishes as shown. The standard "out-of-the-box" unit with a 4 inch walnut stained, gum wood base is priced at \$44.95 plus UPS costs. Customizing done only on the larger 5" x 7" walnut base. Add the following costs for:

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- 5.50 for engraved plate with backing plate
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- 5.00 for 8th AF cloisonne (not shown)
- 1.75 for any service ribbon (newly issued POW available)

- .75 for each OLC or Battle Star

Any or all options can be had, your choice. Shipping costs (UPS) \$2.50 Chicago & East, \$3.50 West of Chicago.

Order from: **Rick Rokicki, 365 Mae Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21061.** [Phone: 301-766-1034.]

A check for \$200.00 has been sent to Dean Moyer, Treasurer of the Association, with the request that it be applied to the Memorial Special Funding as mentioned in this Journal. The total amount sent to the 2ADA treasury now stands at \$2,272.00 as profits made from the sale of Service Plaques, Altimeter Clocks, Pewter Desk Models, etc.

Headquarters

by Mary Frances "Willie" Elder

We had a marvelous reunion in Colorado Springs - those of you who missed it really missed a treat. The hotel was fine, the cooperation from the staff was excellent, and the Memorial Service at the Air Force Academy beyond compare. I only wish more of the Headquarters Group could have attended. Just for your information (those who didn't get there), here is a list of those who attended. Howie & Jo Baum, Rose Halloran Berwaldt, Warren & Norma Burman, Evelyn & Lillian Cohen, Virginia "Tommy" Davis, Willie & Delos Elder, Don & Babe Elgas, Earline (NMI) Embrey, Paul & Florence Fredritz, Bill & Mary Jenkins, Livingston & Tina Jones, Dottie & Ernie Krogmann, Vara "Chris" Kubly, Charlie & Madeline Mills, Lillian Meadows Moore and her son Harry Moore, Dean & Deannie Moyer, Maxine Moyer and Gary Zimmer, Sid Piper, Jim & Edna Reeves, John & Janice Saunders, Eleanor & Bill Storms, Lida B. Cowan Thompson, Jordan Uttal and Joe & June Whittaker. Winkie Van Dyke Nettleton was supposed to come, but for some reason didn't make it - Winkie, we missed you - maybe next year? In fact, for all of you who didn't make this one - maybe next year???

We also had some English visitors - David & Jean Hastings, Paul and Hester King, Peter & Eileen Buckingham, Bill & Shelagh Holmes and Edward & June Trafford. And, from 8th Air Force Headquarters, Mary Gill Rice. Mary has decided to join our group, and we are delighted.

At our mini-reunion we had a fine turnout - Bertha Chandler, our Norwich librarian, joined us for awhile, then had to go speak to some other groups, but we enjoyed her while we had her. You will read her report in this Journal, and it is very interesting, so don't miss it!

Now to some very important business. As you can see from the enclosed brochure, we are starting a SPECIAL LIBRARIAN FUND DRIVE. This is to provide both a

full time American professional and library aide to staff our 2nd Air Division Memorial Room in Norwich Central Library, Norwich, England. Those of you who were in England last year remember the impact Bertha Chandler has made on the Norwich area people, and the numbers and numbers of hours she put in telling the Norwich (and surrounding) areas about the 2nd Air Division Memorial Room. The need for an American professional is essential. Please read the brochure very carefully, and send your checks to Jordan Uttal, using the Pledge Commitment. This will extend over a three year period, and it is vital that we have this *American based fund* to keep our Memorial Room alive and well. Bertha has made a marvelous beginning, but unless we have an American presence to continue her work, we will either remain at status quo or will sink back into being just another room, and no one will really know what's in it. I wish you could have seen Bertha's pictures of the improvements already made - and, naturally I have to say this, the WAC Memorial is in a very prominent spot in front of the Memorial Room. It is a "key" - a beautiful stand with an inscription that it is the WAC Memorial, and the podium (?) contains a floating picture of the airfields, overlaid with Bomb Group identifications. I can't wait to see it in 1990 - WE'RE GOING AGAIN in 1990!!!

Here is another important item for you. We, the 2AD, will meet November 2-5, 1989, at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; then in 1990 we go back to Norwich. Our British friends at the Colorado Springs reunion assured us the entire city was looking forward to seeing us again, so we must have behaved fairly well last year...we will go in July or August this time, so it won't be so cold. Please send in your reservations to Evelyn - \$50.00 per person for each reunion. The Executive Committee decided that the \$50.00 deposit would be non-refundable 90 days before the convention. In other words, if you decide 90 days prior to the reunion that you want your money back, the Executive Committee says "no." The money will be donated to the Library Fund. This will be standard for all future conventions. Of course, in exceptional cases, exceptions will be made. So, MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW for the Hilton Head reunion in 1989 and for Norwich in 1990. By the way, since Hilton Head is my neck of the woods, I can tell you that it is a beautiful place, and ladies, the shopping in Charleston, SC and/or Savannah, GA is out of this world! Not to mention just fun to walk around and see the marvelous reconstruction job that has been done on the waterfronts there. One other thing, ladies, it gets cool at night at Hilton Head - it's an island, and the sea breeze is a little chilly.

Another item of interest: the theme for the reunion in Norwich is "To Thank the People from Small Towns Around Norwich who were so good to us while we were there." I know all of you had and possibly still have special friends and family you

want included with this group, so send these names to Jordan along with addresses and also let him know of anyone you would like to invite to our banquet on the last night of this reunion.

The Planning Committee for the Hilton Head and Norwich reunions would like to know what you want to do at these reunions. Do you want to spend more time with your groups, or more group activities? Do you want to visit historical or special places in the surrounding areas, or make your own plans with as much free time as possible? Please let Bud Chamberlain, our new President, know so he will have your input to present to the Executive Board when they meet to plan these reunions.

A little bit of personal stuff - Delos and I went up the cog railroad to Pike's Peak on June 24th, and it snowed, sleeted and hailed on us Southerners. Jim and Edna Reeves from Georgia and Sid Piper from Texas were with us, so nature really had fun with us! It is a marvelous trip and I recommend it to anybody. I got a little light-headed, but so did everybody else, so didn't feel bad. Went to the Broadmoor Hotel one day with Joe and June Whittaker and watched the young Olympic hopefuls on the ice skating rink. We really have some wonderful possibilities and I will be watching the Winter Olympics (whenever they are) and trying to spot some of the young, very dedicated people we saw practicing. Their leaps and turns were breathtaking!

The WACs got together and had a meeting - Jean Hastings, Hester King and Eileen Buckingham met with us and we had quite a time telling tall tales and remembering old friends, and wondering WHERE YOU WERE??? Eleanor Storms does an unbelievable job in keeping up with us girls. Her newsletter is crammed with information for us WACs. If you aren't getting it, drop her a line at 32766 N.E. Kelly Road, Yacolt, WA 98675 - believe me, it's a marvel!

After the convention, we went with some friends across the Continental Divide, down to Aspen, over to Vail, and then to Denver. We, Delos and I, then went on to the Grand Canyon, had a terrific time there - and then on to Las Vegas, and Hoover Dam, then HOME - and glad to be here!

This is my last article as your Vice President, so allow me to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed representing you all - haven't done the job I wanted to do in the past year due to various illnesses, etc., which is neither here nor there - but I do want you to know how much I appreciate you electing me for two years, and it is with some regret and (I have to admit) some joy, that I hand the job over to Raymond Strong, 326 Burlage Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Ray is very well versed in handling things in the 2AD having been President at one time, so I know he will do a marvelous job, and we will all do our very best to help him locate new members, revitalize old members, and do anything else we can to help Ray in this very honorable position.

Trivia

Q: Which was the safer bomber, the B-17 or the B-24 during WW-II? Which bomber was the "safest" based on sorties per loss?

A: The B-24. An analysis of sorties per loss in the 8th Air Force concludes that the safer heavy bomber units were those with B-24s in spite of the Lib's reputation for flying like a brick when it lost engines.

The 445th Reporting

by Buddy Cross

The return drive from Colorado Springs to Amarillo was done in continuous rain, sometimes a downpour, but was very pleasant other than slowing down my speed, which was probably for the best. The scenery in that part of the country was just beautiful. Amarillo is about five inches above their yearly rainfall average to date. It's unfortunate the Midwest States could not be in this good a shape.

For you who have not noticed so far, Frank DiMola is not bringing this report to you. Frank has been elected to the position of Executive V.P. of the 2nd ADA and will be assuming other duties for awhile. I have been made the 445th V.P. for the next term and will try to hang in there and do the best I can. Frank will be our Asst. Group V.P. and will give me a lot of help and support. He will still handle our 445th Memorial Fund. Those of you who still wish to contribute, please make a check out to the "445th Memorial Fund" and mail it to Frank or me.

It has been practically impossible for Frank and I to write all of you personally,

and we must rely on our report in the Journal to get information to you. However, if any of you want some specific information or question answered, please drop me a line and I will get back to you.

The convention in Colorado Springs was just great. Our 445th had 118 attending the night of our group banquet. Bernie Fishman had eight from his crew there and they had a ball. Bill and Phyllis Conley received the "King of the Road" award for having travelled the furthest distance to the convention. Our Group Historian, Mary Beth Barnard, brought with her to the convention her latest project, separate photo albums for each of our squadrons. Everyone who looked at these was impressed and expressed their appreciation. Keep up the good work, Mary Beth.

While looking through one of the albums, other than my 703rd Squadron, I noticed a photo of a crew that had the same insignia patch on their A-2 jackets as my crew had on ours. This insignia was of Bugs Bunny standing on a cloud aiming a bomb loaded slingshot downward. My left waist

gunner and I painted this insignia on our aircraft "Tennessee Dottie." Did any other crews wear this insignia patch and do they know its origin? I am told this was not the insignia of the 703rd Squadron.

Anybody know the whereabouts of Clifford M. Awalt? Also, does anyone have a photo of aircraft "Bullet Serenade," Ser. #42-64439 from 703rd Squadron shot down Feb. 20, 1944 with Lt. Kiser's crew aboard?

Our current 445th membership is just under five hundred. If we can just get those who forgot to mail their dues back on board, we can go over that number. Several of you who were at the convention offered to help in searching and locating unsigned members in your area. Thanks a lot, and I will be contacting you soon to take you up on the offer. I would hope that we could get a network of helpers from every state started.

One last thing, you ground crew fellows write down some of those good stories I heard at the conventions and send them in to Bill Robertie. Without you guys we wouldn't have been able to do anything. For now, good health and stay happy.

Total Membership as of June 14, 1988

44th	546	20th	1
93rd	528	96th	2
389th	597	4th	8
392nd	409	56th	10
445th	452	65th	8
446th	505	355th	5
448th	568	361st	14
453rd	499	479th	6
458th	614	3SD	6
466th	326	BAD2	2
467th	465	ARC	3
489th	367	HM	13
491st	262	BG	13
492nd	127	AM	257
HDQ	116	SM	138
2nd	1	TOTAL	6,871
14th	3		

Membership by Year

2/83	4557
2/84	4803
2/85	5418
2/86	6069
2/87	6458
6/88	6871

2nd ADA Goes Video!

by Joe Dzenowagis

Two documentaries from the Video Military History Project featuring 2nd ADA members were shown in a premier performance at the Colorado Springs reunion in June. *Faces of the Second Air Division* and *Eight Candles for Remembrance* were received with great enthusiasm by an audience of approximately a thousand members and their families.

Both videotapes capture the special spirit of the 2nd Air Division. *Faces* is based on interviews of 32 Second Air Division veterans and *Eight Candles* is the sensitive, touching story of the 2nd ADA reunion in Norwich, England last year. Both tapes are 60 minutes long. *Eight Candles* has an additional 15-minute "postscript" which shows every convention member who attended the RAF Coltishall air show debarking from the buses or attending the luncheon there.

These tapes are available to 2nd ADA members at the cost-effective price of \$39.50 for *Faces of the Second Air Division* and \$49.50 for *Eight Candles for Remembrance*. Proceeds from their sale will help make possible continuing video military history projects and their donation to the 2nd Air Division Memorial Room in the Norwich Library. The tapes (in VHS) may be purchased by check or money order made payable to J. Dzenowagis, P.O. Box 421, Okemos, Michigan 48864.

Attendees - Colorado Springs Convention

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Bob & Irma Dubowsky
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Bill & Shirley Glazer
Bud Glickman
Griff & Bobbie Griffin
Bill Hawkins
Pete & Mary Henry
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Mary & Doris Kite
Bob Lawson
Ray & Ola Porter
Bill & Hazel Robertie
Mike & Rose Yuspeh

93rd

Chas & Lois Agee
Joe Beach
Stan & Millie Berriman
Henry Betz
Joe & Peggy Bradley
Harold Burks
John Cadle & Marge Cadle Helwig
Art & Lillian Carpenter
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Bill & Joe Doerner
Sam & Gloria Delcambre
Mike Donahue
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Paul & Martha Hood
Bob & Nancy Jacobs
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Ed & Doreen Kromer
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Prentis & Kathryn Lewis
Paul London
Floyd & Dot Mabey
Prince & Jewel Martin
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Ray & Donna Michels
Mike & Dorothy Mikolajczyk
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Jack Parrish
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Harold & Erma Secor
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Ed Spencer
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John & Bee Sullivan
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389th

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Walt & Phyllis Bielanski
Glenn & Laura Binder
John & Leva Blackis
Marty & Cathy Borrok
Curtis & Mildred Callahan
Charles & JoAnne Campbell
Gaynell Clark
Jim & Ava Collins
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Marcus & Elizabeth DeCamp
Bill & Helene Denton
Bill & Jane Dowden
Barney, Emme & Jennifer Driscoll
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Dorothy Gibson
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Gene & Nancy Hartley
Russ & June Hayes
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Bill Helbing and Ann Burian
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Ted Katz
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Ken & Catherine Kleinshrot
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Bud & June Koorndyk
George & Evelyn LaPrath
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Ralph & Elizabeth Leslie
Harry Liquerman and Paul Kunz
George Makin
Bill Martin
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Don & Jeanne McClelland
Bill & Val McCracken & Family
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Bill & Betty Nelson
Bob & Shirley Nicely
Dorothy Adcock Norman
Leon & Mary Pirote
Orville & Laura Lynne Powers
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Ray & Deanna Shannon
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Jack & Ruth Spooner and
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Gurson & Renee Traub
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Chuck & O'Neilda Wells
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John & Lois Worhach
Earl & June Zimmerman

392nd

Laurin Austin
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Gil & Martha Bambauer
Vern & Hulda Baumgart
Luther Beddingfield
Ray & Lynn Berthiaume
Joe & Anne Bonanno
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Patrick Burns
Joe & Bena Bush
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Jim & June Conley
John & Wanda Conrad
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Allen & Elizabeth Duff
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445th

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Gene & Marge Buszta
Al Ciesliga
George & Florence Collar
Bill & Phyllis Conley
Charles & Evelyn Cooper
Buddy Cross
Al & Dot Cwiklinski
Fred & Marjorie Dale
Frank & Elizabeth DiMola
Dick & Thyra Dixon
Jim & Dot Dowling
Harold & Janet Eckelberry
Al & Irene Elwein
Bud & Dot Farnsworth
Fred & Agnes Fenske
Elmer & Jean Fischer
Bernie & Estelle Fishman
Seymour & Rose Grossman
Fon Johnson
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Duke & Martha Mazerov
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Manny & Clara Moreno
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Ode Odegard
Ron & Rita Parrott
Dave & Joan Patterson
Ray Pytel & Twyla Kietler
Al & Dot Querbach
Carl Rambo
Ralph & Mary Ray
Ed, Sue & Randy Roloff
Bob Russell
Terry & Mattie Sather
Marv & Mary Sawyer
Ben & Mary Schlosser
Jerry & Pat Steinhauer
Bob & Shirley Suckow
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Bill & Anne Tierney
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Don & Billie Whitefield
Elden Zink

446th

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Andy Hay
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Jack Tardieu

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Dick & Ruth Wann
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448th

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Joe & Aurora Autabee
Stuart Barr
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Al Bishop
Allen & Dot Cassidy
Aubrey & Ann Cates
Thaine & Lucille Clark
Hazel Dickinson
George DuPont
Paul & Dorothea Eggleston
George & Marguerite Elkins
Leroy Engdahl
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Gunsight Gilmore
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Dick & Bobbie Kennedy
Marshall & Alice Kisch
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Cater & Sara Lee
Bill & Sandy Martin
Tom Murphy
Milt & Ruth Nichols
Leo & Geri Nikola
Dick & Thelma Salmansohn
King & Paul Schults
Walt Smith
Ole & Lou Solberg
Walt & Eunice Tombari
George & Arlene Watkins
Bob & Marguerite Williams
John & Dorothy Zima

453rd

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Junior & Jackie Austin
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LeRoy & Gloria Berg
Mike Benarix
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Brian Bowers
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Ray & Eva Rogala
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Bill & Cindy Ross
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Bob Sage
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Paul & Donna Jeanne Stovey
John & Helen Talbot
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Frank & Jackie Thomas
Glen & Edith Tisher
John & Josephine Verrier
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Willie & Mary Jean Wilson
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Dick Witton
Bob & Helen Wolfe

458th

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Lucien & Evelyn Albert
Don & Doris Allen
Jerry Allen
Al & Mary Alvestad
Harold & Virginia Armstrong
Les & Gail Annsberger
Ray & Norma Ash
Walt & Anne Bagley
John Barillaro
Emil & Wanda Besten
Allen Blum
Harry & Nancy Brown
Birt & Heab Brumby
Dick & Edith Butler
Bill & Barbara Case
Bill & Jean Clark
Walt Cline
Frank Coleman
Gerald & Barbara Covey
Bill & Mickey Cunningham
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Harry & Eleanor Parker
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Herman & Bertie Peacher and
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Bob & Marty Renn
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456th

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Hank Heldtbrink
Harold & Jane Jordan
Perry, Joyce & Jay Kerr
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Art Lindsey
Lou & Molly Loevisky
Jim & Mary Lorenz
Gerry & Sammy Market
Bill & Lucille Nothstein
Bob & Sybil Pettersen
Jim & Elnor Russell
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Leonard & Joyce Smith
Bill Tracy
Kurt & Vicki Brooks Warning
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Ted & Phyllis Watson

467th

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Carl & Vicky Brasier

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Walt & Phyllis Colvin
George & Mary Condry
Doyle & Glada Courington
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Phil & Cille Day
Bill & Vernice Dillon
George Dong
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Dzenowagis
Paul & June Ehrlich
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Charles Finn
Joe Flynn
Hank Gendrelzig
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Joe & Florence Haenn
Dale & Eileen Hamilton
Duffy & Frances Hannalee
Lloyd & Carmen Haug
Al & Edna Herzberg
Joe & Evelyn Hodge
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Dennis & Margaret Hudson
Earl & Agnes Johnson
G.B. & Naomi Johnston
Jim & Audrey Johnston
Chuck & Norma Kagy
Andy & Anna Kapi
Kay Lanigan
Vince LaRossa
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Wilson & Cecily Noden
Earle & Aline Page
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Floyd & Anne Pugh
R.J. Rambosky
Don Reab
Vern & Joan Riggsbee
Rocky & Ida Rothchild
Bob & Alma Salzarulo
Lyle & Betty Schrader
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Jim & Pearl Sherrard

Al Shower
Jack & Lucille Stevens
Dave & Jackie Swearingen
Art & Ada Wicks

489th

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Ray & Lyn Blanchard
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Tom & Muriel Bouley
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Bud & Mike Chamberlain
Rusty, Kathy & Jennifer Chamberlain
Don & Betty Champagne
Hap & Margaret Chandler
Phil & Catherine Comerford
Jim & Jean Davis
John DeCani
Les Dahn
Dick & Josie Dietrick
Don & Shirley Engler
Charlie & Helen Freudenthal
David & Joan Godair
Bill Gulley
Homer & Geneva Haile
Chuck & Flo Harkins
Tom & Roberta Harkness
Morgan & Ella Deane Higham
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Ed Johnson
Jim & Sharon Vance Kiernan
Hedy & Pat Laniar
Joe & Germaine LaPierre
Dean & Mimi Leonard
Vernon & Ruth Long
John & Anne Mansfield
Fred & Loretta Meyer
Ted & Gladys Maruschak
John & Camille Moir
Bob & Betty Momberg
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George & Virginia Nokes
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Wyatt & JoAnne Porterfield
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Dwight & Enid Williams

491st

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Hugh Bennett
Ken & Jean Boyd
Bryon & Catherine Calomiris
Jim & Thelma Campbell
Harry Coleman
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Bob & Mary Dicken
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Carl & Isabelle Groshell
Bob & Pauline Hacker
Bernie & Clara Head
Ray & Lee Hershey
Ross & Vel Houston
Jerome & Lynne Ivce
Frank & Barbara Lewis
Guy & Mildred McElhany -
Mike & Kathi Tremaine
Bill & Billie Melaun
Harry Mellinger
John & Alice Mesarch
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Ted & Fanny Parker
Ted Paterek
Pat & Betty Perry
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Wally Roberts
Dick & Nell Rice
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John Taylor
Bill & Ruby Lee Trebing

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Joe & Frances Harris
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Harry & Katherine Rawls
Elvern & Hazel Seitzinger
Dean & Placida Sorell

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Warren & Norma Burman
Evelyn & Lillian Cohen
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Earline Embrey
Paul & Florence Fredritz
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Vera Christian Kubly
Charlie & Madeleine Mills
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Harry Moore
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8th A.F. Hdq

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D.J. Hastings at Business Meeting

Good friends of the Second Air Division Association, and what great friends you are, can Jean and I thank you all for your great kindness and friendship, and as always it is great to be back - just like coming home - and a special thanks to Evelyn for making it all possible.

We are also so delighted that you are coming "back home" to us in 1990. Norfolk can't wait to see you again and as you have heard, we are building a new sports-leisure complex, - the first in the United Kingdom, which opens this September and can seat over 2,000 people. Also, we have arranged to get those super special trains nearer to Heathrow to avoid the hassle of central London, so things are moving and we look forward to working with Evelyn to produce a good programme based on your great theme of "Remember the Villages."

Thank you also for giving Jean and I the great honour and privilege of laying your wreath at Cambridge this year, an experience that we will treasure for the rest of our lives, the very atmosphere, the blue sky, those rows of white crosses, the re-dedication to all those young men who made the supreme sacrifice and to you the survivors, to serve your Memorial to the best of our ability because we care and you mean so much to us. All these things emphasised yet again the task that we have to

complete before we in turn "fold our wings."

At that service in Cambridge the commanding officer of the Third United States Air Force summed it all up in his address when he said, "We who survived the war must ensure that future generations are told the story and understand what happened in those dark days."

I believe that your unique, living Memorial in Norwich - the only one of its kind in the world - can do just that.

Each year it grows in stature, reaching out not only into the local community, but also to the many visitors from all parts of the world - not only families and children who come to see where father and grandfather flew and fought, but also historians who use the unique archives to study the air war in Europe.

Your Memorial Room in Norwich is not only a library, a place of peace and understanding, but it is also a builder of friendship between our two countries - friendships that we forged in time of war, so firm that they have endured and grown stronger during the past 45 years. So your Memorial is unique in the world, in not only telling the story of what happened in the biggest air battle in history - something that will never be repeated, but it also promotes friendship and understanding in a free

world that those 6400 young men died to preserve.

Your Memorial now stands at the crossroads, or as a pilot can I put it another way; we are waiting at the hold prior to takeoff on the main runway.

With your support "this bird will fly" pointing the way to peace and freedom for future generations. Surely this *must* be right, we cannot turn around now and taxi back to the hangar to gather dust.

Bertha Chandler has written our "flight plan" and proved what can be achieved by an American presence in the Memorial Room. I and my fellow Governors pledge ourselves to work hard for your Memorial, not only in memory of those who died - not only as a small repayment of the debt we owe to you, the survivors - but also to ensure that the friendships we have enjoyed and which have enriched our lives, will be enjoyed by our children and generations after them.

Members of the Second Air Division Association, between us at this convention we hold the key to the long term future of your truly unique Memorial - with your support now "the bird will fly" and the Second Air Division will never be forgotten. How could we ever forget such wonderful people - God bless you all - Thank you.



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Robin Olds – America's greatest ace



Robin Olds, Bill Robertie & Jordan Uttal



Paul King & Carl Alexanderson



Gen. Andrew Low & Col. Paul Richart (Chaplain)



Bill Robertie, Jordan Uttal & Dave Patterson



Edna Reeves & Bobbie Griffin



Lillian Cohen & Evelyn Cohen – Deanie Moyer next to Evelyn



June and Russ Hayes & Vickie Warning



Jordan Uttal at Memorial Service – Air Force Chapel



Air Force Academy Memorial Wall of Plaques



Vickie Warning and friends



Bertha Chandler

The 448th Speaks

by Leroy Engdahl

The two-day 448th Bomb Group Association Reunion held June 21st and 22nd at the Holiday Inn North at Colorado Springs was a real success. The hotel did an outstanding job of taking care of our needs and was very friendly and efficient. Even the banquet tables had beautiful bouquets on them.

Our guest speaker was Brigadier General Sam W. Westbrook III, Commandant of Cadets at the Air Force Academy. Gen. Westbrook was Wing Commander of the 48th Tactical Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath, England, which successfully struck targets in Libya in April 1986.

As most will recall, France would not allow the U.S. to fly over their country on this attack and the F-111s and tankers were forced to take the long route around Spain and having to refuel first at night on the way to the targets. Almost as many tankers (22) were involved as F-111 fighters (28) because tankers had to refuel tankers for the refueling of the F-111s on their return flight back to England. The attack was judged a total success with the loss of only one plane and two crewmen.

Following our 448th reunion, some joined the 2nd A.D. Reunion at the Clarion. However, forty veterans went their separate ways. Thirteen 448th veterans who did not attend the 448th Group Reunion joined several who did for the 2nd A.D. Reunion. Of all those who attended either or both reunions, only fifteen 448th veterans will not be attending our Group Reunion at Harlingen, Texas, October 6-9 during the Annual Confederate Air Show featuring performances by WWII aircraft as well as modern planes. This shows without a doubt the choice to see these WWII planes in action is very clear. We expect between 250-275 to be in attendance for this great get-together.

Our 448th efforts will be to have a large delegation at Fort Worth, Texas, May 17-21, 1989, for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of our world famous B-24 Liberator. The 448th will have its 1989 Group Reunion in conjunction with this gala event. Our Group has been assigned the almost new Holiday Inn South on IH-45 about six miles from downtown. Shuttle transportation will be running continuously from all designated hotels to the various activities.

All participating groups have been requested to have a Group Flag for this occasion. The flags are to be 3 ft. by 5 ft. Our group artist, Bob Harper, is well on the way to the completion of its design. This was presented at our 448th Group Reunion at Colorado Springs and I think we will all be very proud of our flag featuring our yellow and black checkerboard assembly plane. If you wish to be on the list of contributors for the cost of our flag, please send a check to me made out to the "448th Bomb Group Association" and please note on your check "for 448th flag."

A suggested \$10.00 donation has been recommended. This donor list will be distributed at our Fort Worth reunion. Thanks for your assistance.

Some of you who were among our original group at Seething will recall a badly shot-up B-17 landing at our base on December 20, 1943. The plane had a few dead and wounded aboard. The pilot of that plane, Charles L. Brown, now lives in Miami, FL at 8801 S.W. 110 St., 33176. He urgently wants any photos any of our people may have taken and offers to play \$25.00 for each photograph deemed suitable for publication with a mission story. I believe most of you feel as I do. If I had a picture he (Charles Brown) would be welcome to have it for free. He did a fabulous job of getting that plane back to England. If any of you can help, it certainly would be most appreciated. By the way, his telephone number is (305) 251-2848.

Those of you who attended our Control Tower Restoration event at Seething last May 26, 1987 will recall a young man from Holland by the name of Jaap van der Kuylen who lives at Rietgorslaan 8, 3181 SN Rozenburg, Holland, who was in attendance and was and still is seeking information about two crews of the 448th who were shot down over Holland January 11, 1944. This gentleman has done a tremendous job researching for details. He even has a list of the pilots and squadron numbers and serial numbers of our planes on this mission. Jim Urban's plane was one of those lost and the Mayor of the Municipality of Odoorn and a committee is raising a fund to invite the relatives of the perished crewmen to come to Holland at their expense in May 1990. This will be the 45th anniversary of the Dutch liberation. Any help, photos, or other information will be greatly appreciated. Isn't it great to be appreciated!

As promised for the September issue, I will continue on profiles of our 448th members who flew more than one combat tour in England during WWII, plus a profile on our group officers.

Our profile in this issue for flying a second combat tour is Col. Jack Swaze (USAF-Ret.) of P.O. Box 2068, Wenatchee, WA 98801-0334.

Jack was born 5 December 1917. He graduated from the University of Washington and joined the Aviation Cadet Program in March 1942. He was a produce dealer in Washington State Yakima Valley before the war. He graduated from Cadets at Douglas, AZ. He took B-17 transition at Hobbs, N. Mexico but joined seven other crews being sent to Boise, Idaho for ultimate B-24 training. Jack was sent overseas with the original group flying the Southern Route via Puerto Rico, South America and Africa on to England.

Jack finished his first combat tour on 2nd June 1944 as the first crew to finish their tour. He flew his second tour with the 448th until Colonel Westover arranged for

them to stop as they had been shot down once but managed to make it back to a front line fighter base. Jack remained in service giving 30 years to Uncle Sam, retiring as Bird Colonel. The members of the 448th Bomb Group Association are proud to recognize and honor you, Col. Jack Swaze, for your patriotic service to our country.

George Dupont is very well known by our members who have attended our Group and Second Air Division Reunions but here are some facts many of you don't know. George was born at Paterson, N.J. on April 22, 1918. He attended his first grade in school at Warengen, Belgium, site of WWI American Cemetery. After high school, George worked as an engineering technician for Wright Aero Engine Corp. George entered the service in October 1942 and attended Aircraft & Powerplant School in Gulfport, Ms. and Propeller Specialist School at Chanute Field, Ill. George joined the 712th Sqdn. of the 448th BG at Wendover, Ut. in July 1943 and went over with the original group on the Queen Elizabeth and arrived at Seething on 1 December 1943. George served as a propeller specialist for the 448th until victory in Europe.

After his military service, George attended special schooling on the "G.I. Bill" and flew with National and Pan American Airlines as Flight Engineer for 32 years.

George is one of the most dedicated and helpful members of the 448th and he and his wife, now deceased, were among those 25 or so at our first reunion with 2nd A.D. in 1973 at Colorado Springs, CO. George is truly a great asset to our team of 448th Officers and it is a great pleasure to know and work with such a fine gentleman.

Over the past couple of years I have had requests for one of our 448th Group insignia patches but I had sold out. I bought 100 more recently about 3/5 the size of the original ones but with a nice plastic holder and spring loaded clip. You may have one for a \$5.00 check plus two postage stamps.

Also, I have entered a stock order to replenish my stock of pewter B-24 tie tacs, smaller silver plated B-24 lapel pins, same but as ladies charm, also same but ladies earrings and 8th A.F. lapel pins. I'll have a good supply at our Harlingen reunion. Check for prices in past issue.

Ben Johnson of 3990 15th St., Port Arthur, Texas 77642, has ordered another supply of 448th caps that sell for \$6.00. These are attractive high quality caps. I also now have a supply of 448th tail insignia patches donated by Ben and Charlotte Everett that sell for \$2.00 plus one stamp. For those who attended our Seething Tower dedication in May 1987, you may now purchase a VCR tape of all this (about 1 1/2 hours long) plus an additional 30 minute VCR tape, compliments of George Dupont, all for \$20.00 plus \$2.00 for packing and postage. Send orders to George at 9 Tropical Park Rd., Ocala, Florida 32675.

Thanks for reading and good health. See you in Harlingen October 6th.

Film Search

The American Memorial Room, in conjunction with the East Anglian Film Archive has launched a film search. The East Anglian Film Archive is a unique collection of film relating to all aspects of life in the region, however, they have very little film of the American presence in East Anglia; an important part of the region's history is missing. They want to track down any film made by USAAF servicemen of their work and leisure time spent in East Anglia during World War II. Footage of the '50s, '60s and '70s would be equally interesting. If any such footage exists, it would be a valuable historical document for the future and they need to hear about it. If you have any film, know where such film is, or can help in any other way, please contact: Juliet Thomson, East Anglian Film Archive, Centre of East Anglian Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich NR4 7TJ.



Robin Olds Brigadier General, USAF-Ret.

Many consider the P-51 to be the best fighter used in World War II, and Robin Olds to rank among the most able pilots to ever fly the aircraft. In the famed P-51 and in P-38s, Olds was credited with destroying 24½ enemy aircraft. More than two decades later, he would become a top MiG-killer in Vietnam.

Born in Honolulu in 1922, Gen. Olds entered West Point in 1940, was named All-American tackle in 1942, captained the football team and boxed as a heavyweight. He was inducted into the National Collegiate Football hall of fame.

In 1944, he went to England with the 479th Fighter Group, originally flying P-38s, but later converting to P-51s with the 8th Air Force. A captain at 22, he won his first Silver Star escorting a bomber group; he and his wingman broke up an attack of 55 to 60 Messerschmidts, allowing all aircraft to return safely. Gen. Olds' own aircraft sustained heavy damage, but he shot down three enemy fighters.

Ordered home for 30 days' rest, Olds went AWOL and shot down three more enemy aircraft. In all, he flew more than 100 combat missions.

In 1946, he co-founded the Air Force's first acrobatic team and, flying a P-80, placed second in the annual Thompson Trophy Race in Cleveland. Two years later, Gen. Olds became the first foreigner to command a regular Royal Air Force squadron, the famed Number One Squadron at Tangmere.

He commanded Air Force units in various assignments around the world, performed a four-year stint at the Pentagon and in 1966 became commander of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing at Ubon. He participated in a number of daring raids during the Vietnam fighting, and became a top MiG-killer (four victories at the age of 45). He later served as commandant of cadets at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Gen. Olds has received the Distinguished Flying Cross with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Cross and 39 oak leaf clusters to the Air Medal.



Folded Wings

44th

Eugene DeWaters

93rd

Ernest B. Henderson
Joseph C. Jones

389th

Raymond Favreau
Ralph E. Fowler

446th

James Chapman
David M. Cook

448th

Bernard E. Smith
George E. Franklin

458th

William Etheredge
Rodney Freeman
Frank H. White

467th

Harold Kelder
Joseph Sutton

489th

Arthur G. Cressler

491st

C. Dean Miller
Louis Aguilar

NOTICE

The Southern California
2nd AD Dinner
will be held

Saturday, February 25, 1989.

Complete details by letter
in January. Watch for it.



Open Letter To the 93rd

by Floyd H. Mabee (93rd)

INFORMATION FOR SOME OF YOU:

I will start my column by telling all you fellows that haven't yet attended one of our conventions, you are missing some of the best times of your lives. I normally combine the convention and vacation at the same time, can't afford each at different times. Don't forget, you aren't getting any younger, fellows. Stop feeling sorry for yourself, get out and meet some of the other fellows that had it just as rough over there as you did. They, and I, have found it to be the best therapy to talk over the old experiences. Now that will be \$100 for my two bits of common sense.

MEMBERSHIP: I encourage all of you to find members of your old crews and let me know their names and current address. Names alone just don't help. I realize some just aren't joiners. You must, I will try to convince them. Tell them the thrill of meeting a crew member or another 93rd member.

COLORADO SPRINGS CONVENTION: I have attended these conventions since 1972, and this in my estimation was by far the best yet for the 93rd. We had in excess of 57 members and 45 wives. My table count for the final banquet was 104 plus. There were some difficulties, but these can be expected with an attendance of 1400 plus. I do have some personal advice to help eliminate some of the problems to those that attend future conventions. First, read and carry with you the program that you receive at registration. That explains all functions, cocktail parties, buffets, dinners and locations of same. Second, if you expect to sit with friends or crew members, first thing you should do is get your seat or seats at tables and either tie napkins to the chairs or have someone stand by to hold seats. Then and only then, get in line for your food. They don't run out of food at these events. All the years that I have attended, I have yet to see them shortchange us on the food. Only once, in 1980 at our convention in Cambridge, MA. They tried to impress us with their traditional New England meal, but it was undercooked, yuk. I must admit and am very sorry, I passed on bum information about the location for 93rd members of our dining area for Friday evening. The program didn't specify any individual dining rooms. I had noted that Cotillion 1&2 was shared by two groups. I saw the long tables in those room and thought they would seat more than the round tables we had for our mini-reunion dinner meeting. Not so, they seated the same amount. The other group properly went in and reserved their 40 plus seats, then went to the food line; therefore they were seated together. Our 100 plus didn't

have room as other groups also used that room. There were only 108 seats, so let that be a lesson to us, follow instructions on the program. Don't always rely on your VP to have all the answers. Sorry about that.

Since returning home I noticed on my list of 93rd attendees that some of the names weren't checked. This was my way to tell if I had made contact with everyone. If I did miss anyone please forgive me, that is one thing I try very hard to do, at least welcome everyone and take a picture of any that are not in my scrapbook already. Please note, Dot and I have met so many wonderful members over the years at these conventions, I'm sorry to say that time just doesn't permit us to spend more time with each of you. I must say age must be creeping up on me, as I was completely exhausted at the end of each day. Just don't seem to have the pep I had when I drank martinis.

I would like very much to remind all of you that attended, a vote of thanks is in order to Evelyn Cohen, for the arranging of these conventions and handling the amount of complaints and unnecessary guff that she receives. You as individuals just don't realize how picky some people are. Or do you? Please take the time to let her know; that is her only pay for the wonderful job she does.

Please drop me a card if I said I would send you a copy of the 93rd attendees at the convention, or anything else that I said I would send you, except money. I just can't decipher my notes. Are there any gripes from any of our members? Lay them on me, so that I may better serve you. I have noticed that some members that used to attend our conventions regularly haven't attended recently. If you have any gripes let me know, we really miss you.

Dot and I stopped off at the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum at Dayton, Ohio on the way. I wanted to see the other Groups' Memorials, and I believe I have a better idea of what we want.

OUR MINI-REUNION DINNER MEETING: Before our dinner I acknowledged our fifteen 93rd members that had passed away in the last two years. John L. Sullivan, 330th Squadron Leader, gave a beautiful invocation, with a few moments of silence. We had a little problem of trying to seat the largest crew that has ever attended and their wives at a place setting for twelve. The head waitress graciously provided a small table so that they would rightfully all be together. A picture of this crew will be in the letter section of the Journal if there isn't room in my report.

After dinner, I started our annual meeting, by introducing and asking for comments from Asst. Vice President John O'Grady and Squadron Leaders Lt. William Neumann (Ret.), 328th; John L. Sullivan, 330th; and M/Sgt. Joseph Beach (Ret.), 409th and chairman for possible mini-reunion at Castle Air Force Base in CA; and Henry Betz, Joe's right-hand committee member. They visited Castle before coming to our reunion so that they could

report the progress of the B-24 being restored and assembled. They expect it to resemble by color and markings "Blasted Event" flown over Ploesti, 1 August '43 by Gen. G.S. Brown of the 93rd BG. They are interested in having the 93rd hold a mini-reunion to coincide with their Roll Out ceremony. We don't know just when this project will be finished, so we would like very much to be ready as notice of completion will be short. Anyone interested in attending this function, please notify M/Sgt. Joseph T. Beach (Ret.) at 4128 Galbrath Dr., N. Highland, CA 95660 or call 916-331-3331. We would like to know what kind of a turnout we can expect if we should go ahead with this.

I also introduced Fred & Inez Strombom, Chairman of our 93rd Roster. They are doing a wonderful job. For the benefit of our members, you can purchase an up-to-date 93rd roster from them at Box 646, Ogema, WI 54459. The cost is \$5.00 for roster plus geographical, or \$3.00 without the geographical listing. Sorry, but we have had to raise the cost of our roster; more pages and more postage.

I then introduced William Doerner, Chairman of our 93rd Memorial for the U.S. Air Force Museum at Dayton, Ohio. Bill passed around pamphlets and pictures showing some of the other Group Memorials. Bill has promised full speed ahead on this project now. Any donations will be greatly appreciated; send your checks made out to the "93rd Bomb Group Memorial Fund" to Charles J. Weiss, 21 Moean Dr., Woldorf, MD 20601. A separate donors list will be made up to put in a dedication pamphlet along with donors' names from our Hardwick dedication list, as there were funds left from that.

I then gave my report that was much like my membership report in the summer Journal. There were some changes in some of the figures. In that report I showed that as of 18 April we had (504) 93rd members; as of 15 July we have 542 and growing. 10 of the 20 that were dropped in February for non-payment of dues have now been reinstated.

My thanks go to Rick Rokicki, Vice President of the 458th BG. I am now following his procedure for gaining new members. He has the largest group in the 2nd ADA - well over 600.

I was very surprised to find that a very large number of my members do not attend the Saturday morning general meeting. Think about it, fellows. All members present are proclaimed as delegates by the Chairman of Delegates Committee.

Since I am allotted no more space in the Journal, I will end this report by thanking members present at our meeting for voting me to be their Vice President for another year. It will take me that long to answer all the letters that I have received.

B-24 Update

by Art Cullen

We have just passed another major milestone. The interior fuselage restoration is completed and the fuselage has been safely shipped to Kissimmee, where it will be assembled with the center wing section, tail, etc. We hope by the end of July to have completed the basic restoration of the center wing section, which has been a Herculean task. This 55 foot long structure has been almost totally disassembled and both front and rear spars have been removed and restored. Almost 8,000 man hours of effort have been expended during the past seven month period of time.

Two Q.E.C. units are totally restored and two engines are well underway. A third Q.E.C. will be done soon and we're negotiating for a couple of spare Q.E.C.s to complete this part of the project. Aviation Propeller of Opa Locka, Florida, has donated most of the cost of the propeller overhaul, which will be starting soon.

Previously we completed the outer wing panels, flaps, vertical stabilizers & rudders, horizontal stabilizers & all control surfaces. In addition, the nose, top and tail turrets are about 75% complete.

As you can tell, much progress has been accomplished, but the task is larger than we had originally estimated, particularly the amount of sheet metal work necessary. To date, over \$400,000 has been expended on the restoration vs. a budget of \$600,000, and we estimate that we're about 60% of the way done. Virtually all of the financial support has come from individuals. The major corporations who were key in the development and production of the B-24 (General Dynamics, Ford, Pratt & Whitney, etc.) have not contributed one red cent. But we will succeed, if every B-24 crewman gives a little and the few who can, give a lot. We'd like to recognize four such major contributors who have donated \$5,000 each and have become members of our Distinguished Flying Crew: Dick Grecco, Jim Althoff, Rusty Restuccia and Steve Onysko.

Many B-24 crewmen have come up with unique contribution schemes. One donates \$10 per month towards his \$100 pledge. Several others have donated \$240 or \$24 for each of their crew (We'll be recognizing each crew which has 100% supported the project) and others have donated stock and items of appreciated value.

We wish to thank all of you who have sent donations. You can help by spreading the word to your friends and reunion group members, ensuring they support the project as well.

All contributors will: (1) Receive a Contribution Share Certificate; (2) Become a permanent member of the Form 1 (crew listing) which always travels with the plane; and (3) Receive a thank you letter (which can be used for a tax deduction).

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by H.C. 'Pete' Henry (44th)

Art Cullen was unable to attend the 44th BG mini-reunion in Colorado Springs and asked me to fill in for him. He also decided to resign as Group Vice President and the members present elected me as your representative again. We only had 33 people including members, spouses, my number two son, his wife, and my adorable 10-month-old granddaughter. (Would you believe I didn't take a single color picture of her? If any of you have one you could spare, we'd love to have it.) I appreciate the vote of confidence but wish there had been a lot more 44thers present to help them make their decision. We attribute the small turnout to the fact that the 44th Heritage Memorial Group reunion was held in Riverside, CA just one month earlier.



Adorable granddaughter, Cathleen Elizabeth Henry.

And while we're on the subject, it's never too early to announce the next 2ADA Convention and 44th BG mini-reunion. In 1989, we'll meet at Hilton Head, SC, November 2-5. The 44th Heritage Memorial Group will hold their reunion next May in the Dallas/Fort Worth area in conjunction with the B-24 50-year anniversary bash. That should allow you all plenty of time to recuperate and join us in Hilton Head in November. We were sold out (over 1400) in Colorado Springs and anticipate the same large turnout in the Southland. Evelyn Cohen will accept your \$50.00 per person non-refundable deposit *now* if you want to make certain of a reservation.

Also, if any of you tried to go to Norwich with the 2ADA last May '87 and learned that there was no more space available, *now* is the time to make reservations for the last week in July 1990. Evelyn is also taking \$50.00 per person non-refundable deposits for that convention. Jim Struthers and crew, please note! Ditto Harry Orthman.

Al Jones, my bombardier, and wife Peggy planned to be with us in Colorado Springs, but Al had major surgery the first week in June and was unable to make the trip. Some of you may recall that Al had a hole-in-one during our 1984 2ADA Golf Tournament in Palm Springs. We all wish you the best, Al, and hope you will be back with us again real soon.

Word also reached me that the wife of my co-pilot, Al Winter (deceased some 40 years), Eleanor Winter Ayer, passed away June 10. I was very fortunate to have visited her in Florida last winter when some of us were touring the area in search of a spot for the 1989 2ADA Convention.

Last February, I received a letter from Wallace 'Wally' J. Balla advising me that he has a limited edition 20 x 22 print of "Corky" (B-24 obviously) flying over Ely Cathedral which he purchased from Bader Associates. The print is signed by General Johnson and two others. If anyone is interested in buying it, write to Wally at 189 Taconic Rd., Greenwich, CT 06831. (No, I do not know if he still has it.)

Harry Orthman (492nd/44th BGs) wrote in April to advise that he just located Ray Menard, his co-pilot in the 44th, and Cas Ozar, his 'Mickey' operator. He had not seen or heard from either one since 1945 but they were able to get together at the 44th reunion in Riverside. They wanted to attend the Colorado Springs Convention but there was "no more room in the inn." The accompanying photograph shows six of the crew at Shipdham in the 67th Squadron area, Oct.-Nov. 1944. Another member of Harry's crew, Ed Murphy, passed away in January. Harry and Ed were very close, lived near each other, and played golf together. Ed's passing was quite a blow to Harry.

In June, my good friend from Lincolnshire, England, former Flight Officer Geoffrey Smith, sent me an article from the Daily Mail of 19 December 1987. It details John Timpson's efforts at ghost hunting in Norfolk's haunted village. It seems that the chairman of the Shipdham parish council did some research and came up with a pamphlet headed Haunted Shipdham, full of tales of a phantom horse-rider, a ghostly fiddler, a vanishing lady in black and many more. The church is about the only place in Shipdham where no ghost has been reported. The article is much too lengthy to be quoted here. If anyone is interested in reading the whole thing, drop me a line and I'll send you a Xerox copy.

Chas. Landells had to cancel his reservations for both the 44th reunion in Riverside and the 2ADA Convention in Colorado Springs due to major surgery early in May. I talked to him the first week in July and am

happy to report that he is doing well and hopes to get back out on the golf course in a week or two.

Each Group V.P. was asked to refrain from using his column to describe what went on at the convention. It will be covered in complete detail elsewhere in the Journal. In case it is omitted, the total membership was 6841 as of June 1988 and 546 are 44thers.



Harry Orthman's crew - front row, l-r: Cas Ozar, Mickey operator; Ray Maynard, co-pilot; Charlie Hiest, nose turret navigator. Back row, l-r: Jack Lyons, bombardier; Harry Orthman, pilot; Darell Zink, navigator.

Jim Struthers wrote in April regarding the Winter edition of the 2ADA Journal, page 18, including a very interesting account by a Luftwaffe pilot of the 445th BG's mission to Kassel, 27 Sept. 1944. Jim remembers that he was in the 44th BG just in front of the 445th. Later, in Norwich, he talked with one of the few men from the 445th and he told Jim that some of the guys were jumping without waiting to be shot at.

Will Lundy wrote in June to say that he has finally made contact with the widow of Jack Ketchum, the 66th pilot and crew that crashed in Scotland on the way home 13 June '45. Will asked me if I have a listing for Alfred J. Cohn from the 392nd, and I do not. Jack and Cohn were from Topeka, KS and met unexpectedly at Coomes House Hotel while on R&R during their combat tour. They were good friends before the war. Jack's widow still lives in Topeka and sent a lot of information to Will and Ian Shuttleworth for their histories. Jack's father was Mayor of Topeka in the early '30s and served in Washington, DC during the war. Will also found a brother of one of the passengers on the ill-fated flight, Emil Einarsen, who was killed. That poor guy was most unlucky as he had served in WW I. He was called back in 1943 just two months before Congress made him too old to serve, and by that time he was in North Africa. He served in a Troop Carrier Group taking parachutists into drop zones and was wounded once, had two presidential, several medals and ran out of luck on Ketchum's plane.

That's all there is. Need some more stories from you fellows for the next 8-Ball column. Drop me a line.

Yellow Tailed Ripper

(Excerpts from the diary of Bill Campbell, tail turret gunner and armorer of Lt. John Van Winkle's crew in the 846th Squadron of the 489th Bomb Group)



Front, (l-r): S/Sgt. Kenneth Raisch, gunner; S/Sgt. Bill Campbell, tail turret gunner; Cpl. Olphert McNichol, nose turret; S/Sgt. Gordon Cave, engineer; S/Sgt. Homer Smith, radio operator. Back, (l-r): Lt. John Van Winkle, pilot; Lt. Ralph Belward, co-pilot; Lt. Melvin Anderson, bombardier; Lt. Walter Davis, navigator.

June 18 - Left the States via Mitchell Field to Dow Field, Bangor, Maine. ...Arrived next at Goose Bay, Labrador; very pretty but lonesome as hell for the poor guys stationed there...Next stop BW-1, Greenland, Beautiful place, landing strip at foot of runway; went fishing with a baseball bat for cod. Left next day for Iceland...a hell of a barren place; food OK. Went to Reykjavik in flying clothes and got caught by the Provost Marshal...

July 21 - Second day here (at Halesworth) and went to school some more. God! One more school and I think I'll go nuts.

July 23 - Slept late today and got up in time to eat dinner. Pork chops - really good. First good food since we hit this theatre. Went to school this afternoon and listened to some guy tell me how to adjust a solenoid. I was working on a cal. 50 when he was in high school!

July 30 - Well, tonight should be the big night. All of our crew are trying to sleep, but to no avail. We're alerted and expect to fly tomorrow, I hope! Everyone is nervous as hell but trying not to show it. I don't know whether I'm afraid or not. I don't think so, although I imagine I'll know more about it in a few hours. They say when you see flak you can always find room to pray. It will be hard to pray in a tail turret.

July 31 - Well, today was the day, and if I live to be 1000 years old, I'll never forget it. I still can't see how we got back. The Infantry must have it rough, but I can see the Air Forces having their troubles too. I never knew I could make myself so small. I'd tuck my legs under me and pull my flak helmet down to my shoulders...One crew (Bertanzetti, ED) had 31 missions and I saw it get a direct hit between number 3 and 4 engines. The wing fell off and it went into a flat spin...I can't understand how I can possibly make 35 missions without going

nuts, even if I don't go down. The sky was black as far as the eye could see; little black puffs that look harmless but creep up as silent as the wind...

August 7 - Got up today at 10:00. Boy, did I sleep last night...Had a hot bath today; first hot water we've had and the first bath since we started flying.

August 12 - Got back from London today sometime. Saw all the bomb damage and all the famous sights. Couldn't find anything to eat for any money. Spent most of my time in Piccadilly Circus; the place was thick with "Commando" - women. The whole crew went down together. I had a swell room, with a bed two feet thick...Our crew got two bottles of liquor...drank the first in 22 minutes and the second in 7 minutes. Got drunk...

August 15 - Sold my bike for 11 pounds to Lt. Davis and won 5 pounds playing poker. Made out a money order to Mom for 15 pounds. Writing this late, about 10 o'clock. Can't sleep, everyone is nervous as hell - smoking cigs all night...Had a big argument on religion tonight, and I guess I'm the only atheist in the bunch. The guys on the other crew are nearly all devout and go to church; swell kids, especially Steffen - doesn't drink or smoke. I don't know whether or not I'm right in believing the way I do. It's not that I want to act smart; actually that would be stupid. It's just that I haven't got the faith and can't acquire it in any way. I was told when I came over that I'd get religion when I saw flak, but I haven't. I guess I've been scared, then again, come to think of it, I haven't caught myself in that condition. I think I was more amazed than afraid. Although once on my first mission I was resigned to my fate, for I didn't expect to ever see England again. Whenever it gets rough I always think of home and how happy we all were together with our petty troubles and a happiness that

only Americans can know, or maybe a free people...Well, I'm tired. All lights are out and I'm sitting up writing with my flashlight for light. I can see cigarettes glowing in the dark but no one utters a sound.

September 24 - They called us at 0530 this morning. Cold and damp outside, a light drizzle which makes it miserable as the devil. Lovely breakfast this A.M. - corn flakes, canned milk, and powdered eggs. C---t, what a breakfast to fly on!

October 5 - ...Target Hamburg, which didn't make any of us happy...Over the (target) one of our ships was hit in No. 1 engine and burned like a torch (Lewis, Ed.). It got out of control and headed for us, just missing our tail by about 50 feet. It crossed over to our left as men started bailing out. I counted four, when we took some hits. One hit my ammunition, exploding it with a tremendous blast...The blast blew hell out of the tail and stopped the breath out of me - passed out like a light at this point. Thought I was hit bad, but just got creased across (my rear end) and some vertebrae knocked out. This makes the second time it's happened...Left the formation and landed first and they hauled me to the hospital.

October 12 - Raining like hell. All operations stood down. More buzz bombs. More mud, more cards, more sleep.

November 1 - Another day goes by, or rather a month goes by. Time really flies here; time wasted and more times wasted - the best years of my life. One consolation, I guess I'm not alone. Played cards all day again. Read a little, but mostly just loafed - as time goes quietly by. It seems my only thoughts are of home, for there is happiness, like nothing I've ever known...

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by Jeff Gregory

Well, the 41st Annual 2nd Air Division Association Reunion has come and gone. I suppose like all reunions it will get mixed reviews. But I was glad I made it. We have been asked by our editor to limit our remarks to our own group activities, so here goes.

First, let me thank all of you who expressed concern about my health. I really felt OK, but I found out that heart attacks and high altitude don't mix very well. As a result, I seemed to tire easily. I know there were some loose ends which were not tied as they should have been, but as the day wore on I found myself out of gas. For all of that, we did make some strides forward. I think all who attended the laugh and scratch session were pleased with the camaraderie and conversation with each other. It was especially gratifying to spend some personal time with first-timers. Some found time to make side trips of their own into the beautiful Colorado countryside.

The presentation of the Witchcraft painting at the Air Force Academy went especially well in spite of climbing over two mountains and a valley (puff puff). The program was highlighted by the actual presentation of the painting by Colonel Shower, and the acceptance on behalf of the Air Force Academy by Chief of Staff Colonel Blazedale. It is an absolutely beautiful painting and we are indebted to Mrs. Fred Jansen and family for the donation. We are also indebted to the Air Force Academy, and Colonel Blazedale, Chief of Staff; Lt. Colonel Gerald Wyngaard, Director of Development and Alumni Programs; and Bill Hanchey, Chief of Gifts and Memorials Section, who helped me get the whole thing started. At this writing I don't know where on campus the painting will be displayed, but I will pass that info on to you as soon as possible, so that on future visits to the Academy you can see the "Witch" in all her glory. Also present at the proceedings were our own George Dong and Ray Betcher. Walt Elliott attended the laugh & scratch session but had to leave prior to the presentation. Joe Ramirez couldn't make it this time and we all missed him. Two members of the original air crew of the Witch were also in attendance, Vern Bundrock and Jack Kraemer.

Your Board met on June 23 and made a few decisions which affect the group activities. Pending approval by the membership, it was voted to hold our next 467th BG reunion in Fort Worth, Texas, in conjunction with the giant B-24 birthday party to be held May 21-27, 1989. Approval by the membership was given unanimously the following night. In fact, there was so much enthusiasm displayed that we are increasing our room allotment to 200 rooms. More on this later!

The Board also undertook to establish the Albert J. Shower Endowment Fund, with an initial funding of \$5,000. This fund will be used for future worthy projects and may be added to periodically at the discretion of the Board as well as by direct donations.

The nominations committee nominated Bob Salzarulo to replace Vince LaRussa on the Board of Directors. Vince's term expired this year. Bob's election by the membership the following evening was unanimous. We welcome Bob to the Board and look forward to his contributions in the future. While we're on the subject, let's thank Vince LaRussa for a job well done. Vince has served your group long and well in many capacities. I dare say he will continue to serve us all in the future.

At the mini reunion dinner on the 24th of June, we were pleased to have as our guest Lt. Colonel Gerald Wyngaard and his wife Candy. You will remember Colonel Wyngaard was so helpful in arranging for the Witchcraft painting presentation at the Air Force Academy.

Bill Clarey, VP of the 492nd, presented Colonel Shower with a model P-47 "Little Pete." We're betting the Colonel will have the tail feathers painted on before he's home in California.

It was time also to say "thanks" to two others who have done so much for our group. A beautiful Shaeffer desk set was presented to our past president, Dave Swearingen, for all his efforts during his 2 year tenure of office.

Also, a long overdue tribute was paid to Phil Day, who was also presented with a beautiful desk set by Cross, and a supply of appropriate 467th stationery. Miss Cille, also known as Mrs. Philip Day, was also slated to get her own stationery, but a printer's goof precluded presentation at this time. Hang on, Miss Cille, your day will come!

At our mini-reunion dinner, each place was adorned by a beautiful greeting from David & Jean Hastings on behalf of Rackheath. Also a two-color printed program which was donated to the group. We hope you enjoyed them.

For the record, members of the Board donated with pleasure the above gifts for Dave and Phil and it occurred to me that others of you may also wish to make a contribution. (It was very difficult to approach the treasurer [Phil] and ask him for the money for *his* gift). If you'd like to make a contribution, please put a dollar or two in an envelope and send it on to me. I'll take it from there. (No, Phil & Dave, you don't have to send anything!) We hope you will enjoy those tokens of appreciation for many years to come.

David Hastings brought us greetings from Rackheath and Salhouse. David, as you know, is an honorary member of the 467th and also a member of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust. Efforts are now underway to raise the necessary capital to provide our Memorial Room with a permanent American librarian. David brought us a keen insight into the future needs of the Memorial Room and his remarks were much appreciated.

It is interesting to note that already donations have ranged from \$10 to \$10,000 for this worthy cause. Not everyone can donate \$10,000, but almost all of us can give something. Why not sit down now and send Jordan Uttal a pledge or a check now. Any amount is appreciated, and it's tax deductible.

The evening was capped off by the film presentation of the Dzenowagis family which included excerpts from tapes done at the 1987 Norwich reunion and also a tape of the 467th at play at our reunion in Shreveport, LA. Both of these tapes highlighted activities of the 467th. Both were received with enthusiastic applause. For those of you not in attendance, you should be aware that two (2) of the Dzenowagis tapes are now available for purchase. "Faces of the Second Air Division" is available from Joe for \$39.50 per tape. The Norwich reunion tape is entitled "Eight Candles for Remembrance" and is available for \$49.50 per tape. These are the two tapes which were shown after dinner on Friday, June 25. Please do not confuse them with the tapes shown after the mini-reunion dinner on Thursday night. Joe's address is: Joseph Dzenowagis, 4397 S. Okemos Rd., Okemos, Michigan 48864. Thank you, Joe, Helen, Joe Jr. and Joan for your wonderful contribution, not only to our reunions, but to our Memorial Room and our history. We are proud to have you in the 467th Bomb Group and the 2nd Air Division Association.

Now, I must mention a distasteful subject. At the banquet, which was indeed crowded, each seat was assigned and paid for by a member. It has been determined that over 200 people, utilizing old badges, crashed the banquet and displaced many paid members, including some 467th people. Yes, steps will be taken to prevent this practice in the future, but how unfortunate that such steps are necessary. It seems sad that at our stage in life there are those who feel perfectly comfortable and are able to justify to themselves - cheating. This may not be their intent, but that's the only word that comes to my mind.

Having just returned from Canada, I know I'll be lucky to make our editor's deadline. I'm sure further information will be forthcoming both in this issue and in the 467th Poop from Group. *Please, please*, start planning now for Fort Worth in May of 1989 (467th reunion), Hilton Head in November 1989 (2nd A.D. Assoc.) and England in the summer of 1990 (2nd AD Assoc.) Get your deposits in to Evelyn NOW. Fifty dollars each for Hilton Head and fifty dollars each for Norwich in 1990 will cover it. Let's not have any 467th people turned down because they didn't act in time for their reservations. (Does that sound familiar?) Please get your deposits in NOW. England will have a 1000 person limit.

Thanks again for your many expressions of concern. Your cards, phone calls and letters meant so much to me and Terry. Don't let anyone tell you this group and the 2nd Air Division Association is not an important part of our lives. I *know* it is.

Liberator Bunnie

This poem was written in 1945 by Floyd H. Bradley, a prominent lawyer in Camden, New Jersey. Mr. Bradley was the father of Floyd H. "Pete" Bradley, Jr., who was the navigator on the "Bunnie." Pete and his pilot, Chuck Walker, and the rest of the crew completed their 35 missions on the "Bunnie" early in January 1945. Their last mission was the "Bunnie's" 100th mission for the 445th Bomb Group.

The Bunnie, what a mighty ship!

With graceful wings spread far and wide,
She safely flew on every trip

And brought back her brave crew inside.

Her complement did number ten,

All trained and eager for the fray.

Four officers and six skilled men,

A matchless crew, none could gainsay.

The ground crew did prepare her well,

Their tedious duties never shirk,

So on her flights, she never fell

From unsafe parts or careless work.

Her missions from the Eighth Air Base

Were dangerous flights both out and back,

For German targets she would face,

While Nazi guns kept firing flak.

Through shot and flak she'd deftly weave,

'Til targets clear were in bomb-sight,

Then wait for "Bombs Away" to leave

And swiftly fly with all her might.

Above the clouds with throttle wide

She opened up with lightning speed,

Until no danger she espied,

For safety always was her creed.

The Bunnie then would soar through space,

Her crew relaxed from such long flight.

How proudly would she change her pace

And eager watch for our base light.

When control tower she did find,

She'd signal for safe landing sound,

Then circle round to face the wind

And gently descend to the ground.

She never tired of war's ordeal

But seemed each day more youthful still,

To relish flights with conflicts real,

From which she always got a thrill.

With missions numbered full five score,

Old Bunnie's bombing days were done,

Though she would gladly fly some more

Until the global war is won.

Vale

Farewell fond Bunnie though we part,

I won't forget you, come what may.

While you must stay and I depart

For loved ones home in U.S.A.

On Standby for Kassel

by Edmund A. Wanner

There are usually several highlights in the memories of those who flew combat missions in a B-24. Whether they flew in the CBI theater, the Pacific, the 8th, the 15th, usually there is one flight that may stand out above all others. But this isn't about a mission that we flew – but rather one that we didn't fly! And I guess the Goddess of War smiled on us that day.

My crew was frequently "stood down" for training as we were being trained as a lead crew. The crew wasn't really happy about that, although they knew it was a honor of sorts. We had been flying some missions as Deputy Lead of the 700th Squadron, usually of the High Right Squadron of the Group.

Everyone was anxious to get our 35 missions finished and to get orders cut to rotate us home. After we started flying as squadron leader, the number of missions required was reduced from 35 to 30, but some of the crews that we had arrived with were flying missions more frequently than we did and were already heading back to the States.

Certainly we weren't flying as often as most other crews. It seemed like every day we were assigned practice missions over England and were often sent to a bombing range so that Joe Weitz, our bombardier, could drop sand-filled practice bombs. Sometimes to lessen the boredom of the crew, I'd promise to do some buzzing on the way home from the practice bomb runs – the crew loved low level flying – but that's another story.

Once in a while I wouldn't be able to keep my promise because of deteriorating weather. We'd have to get back to Tibenham as soon as we could before it got "socked-in." Anyway, on the 26th of September, the crew was restless since we hadn't gotten a mission for quite a few days. A couple of our enlisted men stopped over to our hut to see if we were going to be on the next day's flight plan.

My co-pilot, Bob MacAnelly, had already checked at Squadron Headquarters and found that we weren't scheduled to fly the next day. The crew was impatient to get their missions in, and couldn't resist putting a little bit of pressure on me to see if I couldn't get us in on the flight plan. I wanted to get them over with too, so I borrowed "Mickey's" (radar navigator, Lt. Doyle) bicycle and rode down to Flight Ops. After some bitching, growling and complaining about not having been on a mission for over a week, the Operations Officer finally weakened and put us on standby status for the next day's mission.

We were number two on the list, so if two crews weren't able to fly, we'd be in on the mission. The other crew in our hut was number one on standby. At about 4:30 the next morning I heard the jeep stop beside

our Nissen hut and the driver came in to rouse Farr's crew – but not ours. We didn't have to face the cold damp dawn that morning, and as I snuggled down deeper under four layers of blankets, we were thinking that the mission we were missing was probably a "milk run."

Much later that morning, near lunch, from somewhere I heard a rumor that we'd lost a lot of ships on this mission – we still didn't know what the day's target had been. A little later, Farr's ship returned to base. They hadn't gone on the mission to Kassel after all, but only acted as a radio-relay out over the North Sea. The worst part for their crew was that they wouldn't get credit for the mission. When their radio operator started getting messages about the waves of fighters that were attacking the 445th, they were all thankful that they were just circling high above the North Sea.

Many of the combat crews that hadn't flown that day gathered down by the runway for our ships to come home. I believe we only saw three of our Liberators land, out of about 37. Some made it to the emergency strip along the east coast of England and others landed or crash landed in France, but most went down in flames.

One thing that I resolved on that day: "Don't volunteer for missions!" My crew never again asked me to get us placed on any flight plan. The shock was great for all of us. Empty huts next to ours. The guys were gone that some of us had played cards with, and joked around with, on the night before. The next morning there were trucks backing up to many of the huts, to load the personal belongings of those shot down. The 445th couldn't put a mission in the air for several days. No planes! No crews! But soon there were brand new silvery B-24Js being ferried in – the only good thing that came out of the disastrous Kassel raid. Somehow, having new planes gave us more confidence to continue the aerial attacks on the 3rd Reich.

The nearby B-24 Groups called us "the Bloody 445th." The Luftwaffe's change of tactics was not lost on us or on any of the 8th Air Force. The German waves of fighters with 20mm canon coming head-on and then peeling off before they were within range of our 50 caliber machine guns were countered by more and better of our own fighter escorts.

With hindsight we knew that our Group's straying south of the planned course on the way to the target left us with little or no protection from our "little friends." The P-38s, P-51s and P-47s who were obligated to stay with the main stream of bombers couldn't leave them to protect the 445th.

The fortunes of war! No, we weren't on that fateful mission, but it is one we'll never forget.

A Chaplain Remembers

by John W. Archer

I have been working with Air Force chaplains for almost 30 years at a nearby USAF base. One special chaplain was on the scene here during WWII, but I didn't meet him until last year. We had corresponded over the years. During hostilities he was friendly with a Bungay rector and his daughter. The daughter taught me at school at the time.

I learned many stories from this kindly gentleman. I would like to share some of the experiences of a chaplain during his time at Flixton airfield, the home of the 446th Bombardment Group.

Chaplain John E. Gannon arrived at Flixton airfield in October 1943. Chaplain John had already become a familiar member of the 446th back in the States, first at Davis-Monthan, then on to Lowry Field, Colorado.

Upon arrival at Flixton, Chaplain John set up shop in one of the two police picket posts - Father Murphy moved into the other. Each had rooms about 7 x 12 which were used as quarters and offices.

The police, who had previously used his office, had 'The Mad House' painted on the outside door. Some people who came into the small building were a little 'mad,' some felt a little better when they left! Before each mission Father Murphy had a small room set aside for confession and communion.

Chaplain John always gave benediction after the gunners briefing, never stressing the idea of victory over an enemy, but simply affirming the fact that God was with them, always, on the ground or in the air.

Some men made a point of it to come in for a moment of prayer during dressing period. One man frequently remarked to John, "Chaplain, I don't go to church, but it sure is good to see you up there with your crosses on at every briefing."

Another had his special ritual. At every briefing he would say, "Chaplain, I'll see you this afternoon. Tell those Red Cross girls to keep that coffee hot!" John always answered, "O.K. I'll eat a sandwich with you later." So he went off with the confident expectation of coming home.

John spoke of the different rituals men carried out before a mission.

One crewman, the night before a mission would carefully lay out his clothes, placing them on the back of his chair. When he was not scheduled to fly, he just dropped his clothes anywhere. Another pilot wore the same sweatshirt on every mission - never washed it. It was never known if he threw it away when he finished his tour, or if it fell apart, or if it walked away by itself!

One crew always paused outside their aircraft, stood in a circle, stacked their hands in a heap on the center, and so stood for a moment of silence.

While chaplains were not expected to go on combat missions, nobody had said they couldn't. The crews seemed glad to have a chaplain on board. Chaplain John wanted



Chaplain John E. Gannon outside the "Mad House," Flixton airfield 1944.

to go on the first mission on D-Day over the Normandy beaches. It seemed everyone wanted to go on that one. He did get to fly on the second mission that day but the cloud cover was so bad the crew didn't drop. No sightseeing trip on that one!

Chaplain Gannon was on the mission to Eindhoven, Holland when the group dropped supplies to the paratroopers. The 446th had two casualties on that trip. The Germans were shooting up at them with pistols and rifles. Colonel Brogger, on the lead plane, got a bullet wound in the leg. The engineer on the ship Chaplain Gannon was on got a cut over the eye. A bullet knocked a piece of aluminum strut off the top turret and it cut him above the eyebrow.

The mission to Wesel was a most uncomfortable experience. They couldn't take any extras on the trip so John went as a member of the crew. His job was to pull the rip-cord on a panier of ammunition so it would drop through the ball turret opening. Flying at 200 ft it was very bumpy. The 446th lost three aircraft that day. Two shot down, the other pin-wheeled while turning. An early returnee said that they thought the chaplain was on that plane.

The operations officer in the control tower was in a terrible mess, trying to figure out how to explain a missing chaplain on a combat mission. When he saw John he heard a sigh of relief and said, "Chaplain, if you want to go on a training flight, O.K., but don't you ever go on a combat mission again." And so he didn't. But he did make it on a grocery run to Orleans, France with Lt. Bibbs in the "Weiser Witch."

Talking of "Weiser Witch," John spoke of another episode concerning that name. It relates to a time when Al Cook and his crew forgot the "Weiser Witch!" Some little girl in Weiser, Idaho, made a doll for them as a mascot. So they called it the "Weiser Witch." The engineer was responsible for carrying it on every mission. In something of a panic the crew scrambled into a truck and drove down to site 5 to find their mascot. There she was hanging on her

hook. With relief and confidence they proceeded on their mission. On a subsequent mission the crew had to bail out. The engineer tied the "Weiser Witch" around his neck and they bailed out in faith.

The only casualty was Al Cook. One foot hit the turf while the other hit the cement runway and he broke his ankle. But he continued to fly his missions with a cast on.

Each Monday evening the 446th ran a truck to the hospital, located outside Diss. Usually there were at least 20 passengers, visiting buddies. Lots of men would leave candy bars and cigarettes at the Mad House, and the goodies would be distributed by John and the visitors.

The saddest parts of the war were the trips to the American Military Cemetery at Cambridge. On one occasion John recalled 56 airmen interred from the 2nd Air Division.

Chaplain John recalled the day when two B-24s from the group sideswiped each other just west of the Flixton field while returning from a mission. 20 men were lost. Identification of bits and pieces was hard on the mind, on the stomach, but worst of all on the heart.



Chaplain John E. Gannon (now 85 years old) and John W. Archer with members of the 446th BG in May 1987 during the 2nd AD reunion, Flixton airfield. Two Johns exchange stories of long ago!

Another incident recalled was the day a B-24 couldn't get off the runway. It ran into the radar shack, killing all on board and also killing two English airmen. One of those RAF men played the organ in the chapel, so to John, it was a double loss.

Chaplain John Gannon was greatly respected by the men around him during his duty with the 446th. When I met him during the 2nd AD Association's return to Norwich in 1987 I could see why he was so well loved by his men. He still had the wisdom and strength, which must have encouraged many an airman during those anxious times throughout hostilities. I have felt honored, and proud, to have known such a man.

Address of Appreciation

by Paul R. King

(Address given at the Memorial Service of the 2nd Air Division Association, USAAF, held in the Chapel of the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.)

Dear Friends, I feel most honoured to have been invited by General Andy Low to address you today in this magnificent chapel designed by Walter Netsch.

On all great occasions, and today is indeed a very special one, I wear a tie on which the motifs are winged hearts. This is the Old Boys tie of my school, Haileybury & Imperial Service College, which I attended. Its Latin motto is *Sursum corda*, lift up your hearts. Today we all lift up our hearts and rejoice for the many blessings and for the fellowship which we share through the Second Air Division Association.

I spent five years at the school, where our youngest daughter Polly is now in her final term before going on to university. Each day I used to walk through the cloisters at Haileybury to the chapel for the daily service of worship. In those cloisters one passes row upon row of memorial tablets commemorating the 600 former pupils who gave their lives in the carnage of the 1914-1918 Great War and the 300 who were killed in World War Two, as well as a further 200 who were lost in other conflicts including the Korean War. The waste of those young lives I think had a deep effect upon those of us who spent a period of our most formative years at this college, making us feel that war must never happen again.

I give thanks frequently that my wife and I and our three daughters have been spared the horrors of war and that we now have a nine-month-old grandson, Benjamin, born in an era of "glasnost" and "perestroika." Thank God, that the final nail now seems to have been hammered in the coffin of the cold war, although we must of course remain ever vigilant.

I was born in December 1939 and have few memories of the war years. I can distinctly remember days when the skies of Norfolk were filled with as many of 2000 of your bombers and planes of the RAF leaving on missions over Germany. Although I was only 4 or 5 years old at the time, I can hear now the mighty drone of all those engines up above.

Living in the comparative safety of the country some 20 miles north of Norwich, I recall the noise of the German Doodlebug rockets as they exploded upon impact with the ground. I remember my dear mother roaring with laughter as my twin brother, Michael, rudely awakened by the noise said, "Oh, Mummy, doesn't Mr. Hitler ever want to sleep?"

A pleasant memory I have to this day is the taste of the delicious hams which my father luckily managed to obtain from the local butcher at Christmas time, these having apparently fallen off some PX truck.

My wife, Hester, has vivid memories of living in occupied Holland, of her father, a member of the Resistance, being taken off by Gestapo, happily being later returned to his family, and of the liberation of her country by Allied Forces. She remembers to

this day the taste of the first bread eaten for months which was dropped from some RAF planes over Rotterdam. It was in the latter part of the war when thousands died of starvation in Holland.

So today those of my generation lift up our hearts and rejoice that because the enormous sacrifices you and the Allies made, we have lived in peace for 43 years. We have been spared the hardship and deprivation you endured with the result that we live our lives to the full today, in freedom. I and my contemporaries in England salute you and thank you for all you did for us.

It is 25 years ago this year that the Memorial Library in Norwich, this wonderfully conceived living Memorial, opened. It was in June 1972 that the 2nd ADA held in our city the first of what was to become a series of five Annual Conventions there culminating in the 40th Anniversary Convention last year. The effect of these reunions in Norwich has been to stimulate interest in the administration and development of the Memorial Trust. I, and I know my fellow Governors value particularly the close friendships we have made with members of the 2nd ADA over the years. Friendship, based on an understanding of each other, is at the heart of the Memorial Library. You are all most marvelous people and we look forward with eager anticipation to your return to Norwich in 1990.

Through the magnificently generous and continuing support of your remarkable and unique Association, we now have a Library endowed to the extent of some half a million dollars. We are most appreciative of generosity on such a scale. In addition, your representative on the Board of Governors, Jordan Uttal, has served our Trust with distinction for nearly 16 years.

Bertha Chandler has been our outstanding Fulbright Librarian for the past two years. She is a very able librarian and has been a first class ambassador for her country in England. Because of her professional expertise and her knowledge and understanding of the United States, and you, her countrymen, she has shown us clearly the way ahead for the 2nd Air Division Memorial. If its immense potential is to be realised, this necessitates our having a full-time American Librarian in post.

There is such scope for the Library to reach out to local communities, particularly in areas from which you flew. Bertha's presence has led to much greater awareness of the Memorial in the community, to more use of the materials and has therefore further honored all those whom the Memorial represents.

We feel most privileged to serve our Trust in whatever way we can and I bring with me today the warm greetings of our Chairman, Tom Eaton, who is missing your Convention for the first time in many years. He and his wife Robin are attending the

graduation ceremony of their daughter Mary from the University of Bath. I am glad to be supported by my wife Hester, by my fellow Governor and friend David Hastings, his wife Jean, as well as honorary members of the Association who have travelled from Norfolk to be here today.

Tom Eaton has been an outstanding Chairman of our Trust. He rightly emphasized in a paper which he prepared for our Annual General Meeting in May that it is inevitable that during the next 5 years the patterns of life will change.

Whilst I have every sympathy for your desire in your great Association to nurture nostalgic thoughts, we, as Trustees on the Board of Governors, must now look to the future and succeeding generations who are to be responsible for caring for the Memorial.

At present, only 5 of our 13 Governors knew the war years. As Tom Eaton has stated, the Trust will, in the not too distant future, become the responsibility of those who knew not war and never enjoyed the comradeship of 2nd Air Division reunions.

The new generation of Governors will be concerned overwhelmingly in the field of education, leisure, travel and in furthering Anglo-American relations. We and our successors will be administering an established charity where the guidelines have evolved out of the experiences of fifty years of war, peace, discussion and comradeship.

It is England's proud boast to have thwarted all threats of invasion since 1066. At home this year we are commemorating the 400th anniversary of the Spanish Armada setting sail against England to be repelled by Sir Francis Drake, once he had finished playing his game of bowls.

Drake wrote at the time: "There must be a beginning of any great matter, but the continuing until the end until it be thoroughly finished yields the true glory."

The Memorial Library has now reached an important phase in its development. A bold new future lies ahead but it will be succeeding generations, not yours or mine, who will witness your Memorial yielding its true glory. Its ongoing development will lead to even better understanding and stronger links being forged between our two great nations.

So today we have good cause to lift up our hearts to the Lord and to rejoice at all we have achieved together in establishing and developing the Memorial. At the same time we look forward to the exciting future which has been given to us, because in the words of your Commander in 1945, General Kepner, "those 6300 men, truly amongst the greatest Americans of all, paid the supreme price in order that we might live in freedom's happy future."

Lift up your hearts today and every day and rejoice. *Sursum Corda* - Amen.

Letters



Dear Bill:

After seeing Ed Hohman's picture with his Pennsylvania license plate B24 WW2 in the winter issue 1987-88, I rushed down to our local Dept. of Motor Vehicles office to see if anything was available. B24 WW2 was already taken; however, WW2 B24 was open. I shelled out my \$36.00 and five minutes later the computer said OK, you've got it. Since I had a little time, I looked through the books to see what other WWII plates were here in the land of fruits and nuts. All kinds of combinations for B-17, P-51, P-47, P-38, B-25, B-26 and several others have been used. I want to thank Ed for giving me the idea. Good luck Ed from a fellow, but transplanted, Pennsylvanian.

TJM "Scotty" Cardwell
4202 Swain Court
Riverside, CA 92507

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Dear Evelyn,

I saw you in the hall at the reunion last week and understandably you did not wish to take my deposit at the time. I agreed to mail it to you so here it is. Please accept my two enclosed checks in the amount of \$100.00 each as a deposit for my wife Virginia and me at the 1989 2ADA Reunion at Hilton Head, and as a deposit for both of us at the 1990 2ADA Reunion at Norwich, England.

The Colorado reunion was my first one and it truly was a delight. May I add my thanks for your many contributions towards the tremendous success that it was. We're looking forward to seeing you again next year, and the year after, and on, and on, until!!!

Harry & Virginia Wagon
517 SW 80th Drive
Gainesville, FL 32607

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Dear Bill,

I trust you had a pleasant enough time at the reunion convention! The trip for us was a great pleasure; we went on to California to visit our daughter and just returned home.

I believe you asked me if I had some pictures for you and I replied I did not, but now that I have had my film developed, I suppose I do have something for you.



I don't think anyone else made the enclosed picture of the dedication of the memorial plaque at the Wall of Remembrance. It was such a tough job to clear the area so that I could photograph Mike and Fred. Fred, as you know, was the Master of Ceremonies at the dedication and Mike (who designed or helped design the plaque) did the unveiling. Fred of course made all the arrangements for the installation.

I have included another picture that you might like to run on the reunion. At each convention I make a group picture of the members of the 489th who are in attendance and we use it as a recruiting gimmick. So if you can use it, here is a picture of the 489th. It was the largest number of members from that group ever to attend a reunion.

Fred Meyer

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Dear Evelyn,

Even as we are thanking you for making these gatherings possible, we are already imposing on your good will to start lining us up for 1989, '90, etc. I thank you even as I apologize for taking up your time.

But - we want to go, so enclosed is our check for \$200.00 for Hilton Head and Norwich.

Gene & Nancy Hartley
4995 Cervato Way
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Dear Bill,

Now that we have returned home, can Jean and I express our sincere thanks to all the members of the Second Air Division Association for all your great kindness, friendship and hospitality at Colorado Springs, and especially to Evelyn Cohen for making it such a great event. We have returned with so many happy memories and it was wonderful to be with you again. Thank you all also for your truly great support for your unique Memorial Room in Norwich and it is indeed a great privilege to serve as a Governor of the Memorial Trust.

Our thanks also to the 467th for having us at the mini-reunion as their "Honorary Members," another privilege that means so much to us. Also what a joy it was to sit in on the Heritage League meeting and to see the Dzenowagis films.

Finally, of course, our special thanks to Dave and Joan Patterson for the way they looked after us and the chance to fly that great Cessna 337 once more. You have all left us with memories that will last forever.

David & Jean Hastings
Westering,
Salhouse,
Norfolk NR13 6RQ,
Tel: Norwich 720334

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Dear Bill,

A few years ago at the reunion in Palm Springs (I think) one of the 2nd ADA members asked me if I knew or had the address for an old friend of his, a 44th BG man named Waino W. Hannuksela. I made a note of the name and that of the person who asked, but I seem to have lost the note.

At the 44th BG reunion in Riverside last month Mr. Waino Hannuksela suddenly appeared and now I have his address. Not having that note, I have no idea who it was that made the inquiry, so I am now hoping that he can be found via the Journal. If you could place a note in the next Journal telling about our man being located, perhaps we could get these two men together. Waino's current address is: Waino W. Hannuksela, 619 4th Street South, Great Falls, Montana 59405. Thank you!

Will Lundy
P.O. Box 315
Bridgeport, CA 93517
(summer address)

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Dear Evelyn,

We are just back from the Colorado Springs reunion and want to share with you some of our impressions. It was a wonderfully located and orchestrated event on your part, and the food was superlative in all instances. If it had not been for the reservation foul-up that consumed several hours of the day of our arrival, we would say that the Clarion had turned in a near-perfect performance.

However, we were among those (total number unknown) who spent half the day travelling and the balance in the lobby campaigning for accommodations which had been confirmed. After countless denials of available space (and offers of unacceptable alternatives) we suddenly discovered our luggage had been taken to Room 364, which was so far from the lobby we weren't sure we were still in Colorado! We did secure three consecutive nights of accommodation within the hotel. However, we are convinced that this space was made available to us to get me away from the front desk where I was taking down names of people who continued arriving to find themselves in the same situation - no space in spite of advance reservations. I am enclosing a copy of my list of names which I know is far from complete. Some registrants meekly accepted the Clarion's alternatives, and one very elderly and rather feeble gentleman simply gave up because he had a tired elderly wife waiting. A bright young bell-hop encouraged his departure by telling him that cabs were available outside. I did not get this gentleman's name because of the flurry of agitation going on at that moment, although I did tell the bell-hop I thought he was overly helpful in a negative way.

I recognize some of the problems were resolved through your influence and effort, but the Clarion manager was a disgrace. Obviously, the desk personnel had not been properly briefed on the number of reservations confirmed which should have been given first consideration.

We have further observations on the conduct of this reunion. We were annoyed to see an enthusiastic and very vocal minority manipulating the smoking/non-smoking policy for the entire group. There is a near-fanatical demeanor in these non-smoking crusaders who seek to impose their will on others. Their infantile glee in attempting to relegate smokers to second class status is repugnant. If this policy is set in concrete, I would suggest in the future that a choice of smoking or non-smoking facilities be offered to respect the preference of all members. This could be included on the advance reservation form mailed to members.

In our case, my husband is a non-smoker (reformed) and he would prefer that I not smoke. However, he equally resents the imposition of will by individual or group pressure in this connection. If health be the underlying concern, rather than the pure spite in evidence at Colorado Springs, let's eliminate alcoholic beverages from these conventions. Thus, we might have avoided

an encounter with an obnoxious 2ADA member who was loaded to the eyebrows! Further, the menus should be screened to eliminate cholesterol ingestion! I am sure you can appreciate the extremes to which convention dictates could be carried.

Let us end on a positive note - our personal expression of appreciation for your dedication and efforts over these many years to the welfare the Second Air Division Association.

Roy W. Carlson
Priscilla E. Carlson
6628 Nightwind Circle
Orlando, FL 32818

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Dear Ms. Cohen:

Enclosed are some photos taken at your dedication ceremony. I want to thank you and your unit for the support given to the Academy memorial wall program. It was a pleasure to work with you on your ceremony.

If there is anything further I can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact me. Once again, thank you for placing a plaque on the memorial wall.

Phillip R. Lewis
Gifts & Memorials Division
DCS, Plans and Programs
U.S. Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, CO

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Dear Bill,

Earlier in the year, I sent Frank DiMola a copy of a letter sent to me by the widow of Roland A. Giroux (445th BG, 700th BS).

Roland died on October 23, 1987 of cancer, at the age of 67. He was a member of Col. Sam Miller's crew (1st to finish 25 missions in our bomb group).

By the time I'd gotten in touch with him after many years of silence, he was already ill and never got around to joining our fine organization. I believe it only fitting that his name be included in the "Folded Wings" section of the Journal and a copy of the Journal be sent to his wife, Jeannette L. Giroux, 90 Harris St., Granby, MA 01033.

Seymour T. Grossman
9151 N. Kenneth
Skokie, IL 60076

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Dear Pete (Henry):

Enjoy your stuff on the 44th even though I took in a new crew and a new B-24 (via Brazil and Africa) for a short 10 missions in 21 days of combat. Got it April 29, 1944, on the Big B raid described by Dale R. VanBlair on page 10 of the Summer, 1988 issue of the Journal.

More to the point: I am the author of *Elusive Horizons*, the "44th man" (whose name he couldn't recall) that Jake Elias said he was using (among other books) in a novel that he is writing about World War II. *Elusive Horizons* came out in 1969, later went paperback, and sold out. No, I don't have any extra copies; would like to find some.

Set something of a record (27 months) as a 2nd Lt. when the 44th apparently cancelled promotions for all my crew, for which I had signed after our 7th mission, when we were shot down on our 10th. Didn't know it until a year later when I was released from prison camp. It was the longest job I ever held without a raise.

Please pass my name and address on to Will Lundy; I'd like to hear more about his book on the 67th Squadron.

Keith C. Schuyler
Cedar Lane
Box 3094 - R.D. #3
Berwick, PA 18603

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Dear Bill:

I am seeking information about the Pocatello Army Air Base. It is now the Pocatello Municipal Airport and details concerning the Air Base (1942-45) and the Operational Training Unit are very scarce. Perhaps some of your members could be of assistance. A request for information in your organization's newsletter would be greatly appreciated.

It is hoped that enough can be obtained to prepare a permanent display in the airport terminal. Anyone with information, anecdotes, memorabilia, photographs, unit insignias, etc. that they would consider contributing are urged to contact me.

Lenard Nelson, Manager
Pocatello Municipal Airport
P.O. Box 4169
Pocatello, Idaho 83201

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Dear Pete (Henry):

In a few days you will receive by United Parcel Service the following tapes from the CBS video library. The films are narrated by Walter Cronkite: *The Seeds of War*; *The Pacific War Begins*; *The War Against Japan*; *The Pacific Campaign*; *Air War Over Europe*; *Battleground: Italy*; *The Eastern Front*; *Invasion: The Allied Attack*; *Europe: The Allies Close In*; *The German High Command*.

Mildred and I want to give these films to the Second Air Division Association. We feel sure other members would enjoy them.

Roy Jonasson
P.O. Box 1475
Santa Maria, CA 93456



Back row (L-R): Lt. John R. Cadel, Jr. (Ret.), pilot; Arthur J. DeCoster, gunner; Robert G. Faulkner, gunner; and Charles Youree, gunner. Front row (L-R): Hearol R. Veteo, bombardier; William B. Ferraro, radio; Frederick Kidd, gunner; and Prentis A. Lewis, engineer.

Dear Bill,

This picture is of eight of a ten-member crew that I reported in the winter Journal that expected to have a full crew attend the Colorado convention. I received a letter in September 1987 telling me that due to the efforts of Art DeCoster, Eric Ericson and Bill Ferraro, they had found all of their crew members and hadn't seen each other since February 1945 when they were shot down. They are now all members of the 2nd Air Division Ass'n, 93rd BG, 328th BS. Sam J. Kesler, co-pilot, was unable to attend and 1st Lt. Eric E. Ericson (Ret.), navigator; they were not in picture. Instead of attending the Saturday night banquet, they held a mini-reunion at Ericson's home in Longmont, CO. Congratulations, fellows, this was the largest crew from the 93rd to ever attend a reunion.

Floyd H. Mabee

Dear Evelyn,

Pete Henry just advised me that plans are again underway for another 2nd ADA reunion in England! They must have caught you in a weak moment for that to happen. One doesn't appreciate just how much work that entails until he gets into the position of having to plan and organize such an endeavor. I got a taste of it this year, much smaller of course, as only the 44th BG was involved, but they worked my tail off. So I take my hat off to you for your fortitude and energy to take on another of those super affairs in England.

A friend of mine told me that he never plans ahead any more - he doesn't even buy green bananas - but Irene and I haven't quite got to that stage, so we are sending you a check for \$200. \$100 for the reunion next year and another \$100 for the 1990 bash in Norwich. We will do our best to make both of them!

Thank you for helping make it all happen.

Will Lundy
P.O. Box 315
Bridgeport, CA 93517
(summer address)

Dear Pete (Henry):

I have not had the experience of going back to Norfolk so I don't know what I expected to see on ["The Last Mission"] tape.

The subject content and the quality of the filming was interesting and excellent up to the filming at Cambridge Cemetery. Even though there was a change of pace at the cemetery it still held my interest, but the attention of my family was lessened at this point as there was considerable background noise on the tape.

I attended one wartime funeral at Cambridge and was not aware that the names of people who were not recovered had their names on the wall.

The low point of interest during the tape was the banquet under canvas and there is a very loud, distracting, hissing noise during the entire section of the tape.

My final impression is that the tape is unfinished. It leaves me hanging in mid-air. There is no mention or filming of the 2nd Air Division Memorial in Norwich, and that is an important omission.

Even without film of the Memorial there should have been a conclusion or ending. Something like a restatement of the purpose of the journey to England, the meaning of freedom and/or a final salute to those gallant young men who made the supreme sacrifice.

It is easy for those of us who didn't have to put the tape together to be a critic. Overall, I think it is a good tape. I indulged in the sin of pride and shed uncontrollable tears for lost friends.

Kenneth D. Jones
1013 Thomas Street
Janesville, WI 53545

P.S. Throttle Jockey comment: In one sequence, propellers were being pulled through by hand on B-24s and the following sequence shows the starting of engines with No. 3. The engines coughing and roaring to life were Curtis-Wright engines on a B-17 and not Pratt-Whitney engines on B-24s. I blame that error on innocent ignorance of NBC personnel.

Dear Evelyn,

I have only been able to attend one 2nd AD Reunion and that was at Palm Springs in 1984. This was a memorable occasion as my crew was formed here and we took our phase training at March Field.

Upon returning home, I sent a letter of thanks to the base commander. He posted my letter around the field and Ret. Col. Butler sent me some 5 x 7 photos of the B-24 Liberator. This, of course, fed my hungry ego.

In recent correspondence with Earl Zimmerman, who attended the reunion in Colorado Springs, he stated the 1989 reunion would be at Hilton Head, SC and it would be back to England in 1990.

I have a desperate longing to go back to Norwich, England just once with old buddies and to pay my respects to a lost pilot in Cambridge Cemetery. The 389th BG will also dedicate a stained glass window at the Carleton Rode Church.

Enclosed is a \$100.00 check for a reservation for one person to go to England in 1990.

Kenneth D. Jones
1013 Thomas Street
Janesville, WI 53545

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Dear Bill,

At the reunion, during breakfast, a woman told us she was trying to locate Podporri who was a member of her husband's crew. She was asking us how to hunt for him. I cannot recall her name, nor the Bomb Group, but believe it was Wood...something. We want to tell her that Podporri is deceased. This is the only way I have of notifying her.

Roy Jonasson

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Dear Evelyn,

Recently, I had the pleasure of talking with Fred Thomas about my joining your group. He forwarded an application and the enclosed letter of introduction, so I am sending them both to you, along with a check for \$10.00.

As Fred states, I am aware that 8th Air Force Liberators were scrapped at Kingman after the War, but just how many and which specific ones is a problem I will need a little help with. I'm sure it's going to be of great interest to 2nd Air Division members when they learn the final disposition of their beloved aircraft.

Hoping we can be of mutual assistance, I look forward to becoming a member.

John Szabo
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Researcher of Kingman
Army Air Field & WWII
Aircraft Scrapping
Operation
Kingman, Arizona

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Dear Bill,

Sorry we weren't able to say goodbye to you and many of our other friends before we left Colorado Springs, but when we called United Airlines Saturday night, they said seats were available on United Express to Denver Sunday at 0735. So, Elva and I were up at 0500 for the 0615 van to the airport. Things went well and we were at Denver at 0810 and on our way to LAX at 0841. Were home and unpacked by noon PDT. A pleasant way to end what I believe was one of our most successful and enjoyable reunions since I have been a member of the 2ADA. I hope our members think the same.

We trust you and Hazel were able to return home without all the unneeded hassle and consternation you had on your way to Colorado. It's hard enough on us old folks to travel without extra problems.



I know you will have hundreds of photos sent to you and you will have to choose, but we enclose one made when Evelyn Cohen was trying to arrest the double agent, Joan Patterson, while Dave was waiting to face the hearing "Board." If you can't print it, maybe you will put it in your album.

When I was making my farewell speech to the Executive Committee, I had meant to refer to how fairly you had always treated me and the 392nd BG in printing our column and stories. In my heated remarks when I was "winging it," I didn't manage to say all I had intended to say. Be assured that I do appreciate your treatment of us, as well as your friendship. Perhaps now that I have returned to the ranks of the indians, I will find time to write a story you can use when you have less than you need to fill your pages.

You and Hazel take care and stay well. Try not to overdo.

Fred Thomas
8932 Biscayne Ct. 1318-E
Huntington Bch, CA 92646

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Dear Pete (Henry):

This is a copy of the letter that I sent to the C.O. of the Air Force Academy. I hope that it meets with your approval. I don't think I said anything to hurt the 2nd ADA:

Dear Sir:

I have just returned home from Colorado Springs where I attended the 41st reunion of the 2nd Air Division Association, 8th Air Force. I had been waiting many years for the reunion to be held there so that I could

see the Academy before I died. When it was announced that we would have our golf tournament at the Academy course, that was really the icing on the cake. It sure came as a disappointment when I later found out that we were being denied use of the course.

'Pete' Henry, our Tournament Chairman, informed us that one course was being worked on and it was felt, by your people, that they could not inconvenience the regulars by letting us hold our tournament. I do not know who made this decision but it seems to me that the few hours that it would have taken for our tournament would have placed little inconvenience on those who have the use of the course on a regular basis.

We in the 2nd Air Division Association are all veterans of WWII and are getting to the age where we will probably never get to the Academy again and, speaking for myself, I really looked forward to playing your course. We were fortunate to obtain the use of Gleneagle C.C., so we did have a tournament.

I know that we in the 2nd Air Div. Assn. fought the war as members of the Army Air Corps but many served time in the U.S. Air Force and consider ourselves Air Force people. So I think that we should have been given a little more consideration as to the use of the course for our tournament. So much for the complaints.

The rest of our reunion was just great. The Memorial Service in your magnificent Chapel was wonderful. The dedication of the plaque at the Wall of Remembrance went well and the presentation of the painting of our famous B-24 "Witchcraft" seemed to be greatly appreciated. This presentation was of particular significance to me as it was presented to the Academy by the family of my co-pilot who died in March of this year. He had planned to make the presentation himself but he didn't make it.

This letter is strictly my own remarks and in no way should reflect on the 2nd Air Division Association.

George W. Condry
Lt. Col. - Retired
34 Elm Street
Rehoboth, MA 02769

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Dear Evelyn,

Again, many thanks for another enjoyable 2nd AD "conclave" and now we anticipate the next one, God willing.

Puff asked that I get a check off to you post haste in order to get our names "in the pot" for Hilton Head; please find same enclosed.

We are truly grateful for your untiring efforts and do hope that the remainder of your summer is most pleasant.

Mrs. Floyd J. Pugh
2004 South Kentucky Ave.
Sedalia, Missouri 65301

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Deputy Director Don S. Lopez
National Air & Space Museum,
Smithsonian Institute
Washington, DC 20560

Dear Mr. Lopez:

During this past April I visited the Smithsonian several times because it is, in general, one of my favorite places. The Air & Space section was of special interest to me because, since roughly the age of 11 when every airplane that flew over our neighborhood was greeted with kids screaming "Lindburgh Lindburgh." Considering where we lived in upper Manhattan across the river from the Lindburgh home, we were probably right a substantial number of times.

From the age of 11 or earlier I was hooked on airplanes. For this reason I spent several days in the Air & Space Museum.

When WWII fell on us, I guess it was inevitable that one way or another I would find myself in an airplane, living out my boyhood fantasies of flying a Spad in the Lafayette Escadrille. Well, I didn't quite make it to a Spad or anything resembling a Spad. I found myself in the 8th Air Force flying a B-24 Liberator Bomber as a Lead Flight Navigator (D.F.C., Air Medal - 4 OLCs, Caterpillar Club, etc.) with twenty-seven combat missions on the record, plus four or five off the record.

During my April visit to the museum I was shocked and dismayed to find that the B-24 Liberator Bomber, which was 1/3 of the 8th Air Force (the entire 2nd Air Division) did not exist, either on display nor was it listed in your computer index at the information desk. Truly, I must protest that the museum could totally ignore this noble aircraft. I will not bother with such trivia as superior bomb load, range, speed, etc. statistics. I'm sure you have better access to production figures than I, to know that more B-24s were produced during WWII than any other bomber in its class. The B-24 flew nobly and effectively in every theater of combat during WWII. How can the museum ignore it, as if it doesn't exist? It is an affront to the tens of thousands of men who flew B-24s and the many thousands that died in them serving their country.

I do believe it would be appropriate for the museum management to take some corrective action.

Harold H. Dorfman
31-31 138 St. Apt. 1D
Flushing, NY 11354

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Dear Evelyn,

Just a note to say thank you for that great reunion in Colorado Springs. My wife and I have attended seven reunions and have thoroughly enjoyed every one, but each one seems to be better than the previous one. I don't know how you keep giving a better reunion every year.

Also, I want to thank you for all that you do for 2nd AD throughout the year. I think you do a great job, and I want to tell you that you are really appreciated.

Ed & Helen Weir

Dear Miss Cohen,

I was given your name and address by Bertha Chandler, the librarian of the Memorial Room at the Central Library Norwich; she came to Lakenheath to give the members of the "Friends of the 8th" a talk about it, and mentioned the Association.

The reason for this letter is to find out if it is at all possible to become a member.

I shall give you a short rundown on myself.

I served in the R.A.F. as a fighter pilot for six years, in England, Burma and Java.

The main reason is that I would like to show my thanks to all that came over to help us when we really needed it, and for the way that myself and family were treated, for we really had some good times.

As I have told my grandchildren, if the Yanks didn't come you may now be all speaking German, but with you all being Jewish, you may not be here at all.

Hope to hear from you in the very near future.

D. Saltzer
36 Brockles Mead
Harlow
Essex CM19 4PT
England

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Dear Bill:

As a member of the 2nd Air Division from the 389th Bomb Group, my wife and I had the opportunity and arranged to visit the Memorial in Norwich on May 23, 1988.

It would be a total truism to say that we were impressed, awed, saddened and exhilarated by the visit. Tony North, the Library Aide at the Memorial, was both thorough and gracious in hosting our tour and observations at the library, and arranging for our trip and "look/see" at Hethel, the former home of the 389th.

To maintain a permanent collection of both American fiction and non-fiction volumes as well as many of the weekly and monthly publications, and to constantly add to it from current contributions, is something we can all be proud of - a Living Memorial.

Before departing for Hethel, we had the good fortune to briefly meet Mr. T.C. Eaton, Chairman of the Board and Mr. Jordan Uttal, a member of the Trustees Board.

The visit to Hethel, conducted by Stuart Main of the Lotus Corporation whose headquarters and manufacturing are based there, was revealing and brought back many vivid memories.

For those of the Second Air Division who haven't gone back to Norwich and your air-drome bases, we highly recommend your doing so if you have the opportunity. You can't beat the proud feeling you will get at the Memorial. It's all first class.

Bernard S. Pomerantz
155 North Harbor Drive
#3610
Chicago, IL 60601

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Dear Bill:

The purpose of this letter is to comment on part of William F. Davenport's article about the 446th Bomb Group on "D" day that was published in the Summer 1988 issue of the Journal. I refer to the paragraph that contains the sentence, "In the right seat sat Colonel Jacob Brogger, who was destined to be in command of the first ship over the continent on D-Day." That statement is incorrect!

It is true that the 446th Bomb Group did lead the 8th Air Force on the first "D" day strike and that Col. Brogger was indeed the Air Commander. However, on that first mission, the 446th was led by a PFF crew from the 564th Squadron of the 389th Bomb Group piloted by Lt. L.J. Litwiller. I was his D.R. navigator.

At that time, the 564th Squadron was composed of selected lead crews from 2nd Air Division units who were given additional training in PFF techniques which included bombing through undercasts using the H2X radar. Please note that in the cited message from M. Gen. Hodges contained in Davenport's article, there is specific mention of "...the precision with which the H2X ships dropped their smoke markers..." The term HEX used in the article is an error.

During the assembly for the first mission, Col. Brogger's aircraft formed on us, followed our ship to the Normandy coast, released its bombs on our smoke markers, and followed us back to Bungay. This may be verified by any crew member who was aboard Col. Brogger's plane as well as by others who flew in the same element. I have no knowledge of the historical data pertaining to the 446th Bomb Group but I do know that on the first "D" day strike, the 446th was led by a crew from the 93rd Bomb Group which was assigned to the PFF squadron at Hethel.

Personnel of the 446th justifiably take pride in the fact that their group led the 8th Air Force on that momentous historical event that we refer to as "D" day. Our crew shares that pride!

On another subject, I don't know how you manage, Bill, but you do a tremendous job with every issue. Saying "well done" hardly seems to hit the mark, but it does convey that your efforts continue to be greatly appreciated.

Robert A. Jacobs
203 Cannister Court
Hampton, VA 23669

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Dear Bill:

A story in aid of Bob Collings' B-24 restoration efforts.

The 80th Annual Portland [Oregon] Rose Festival is just ending. The new highlight was an air show at Hillsboro Airport featuring the Navy's Blue Angels and other attractions, including the Confederate Air Force. Among the aircraft the Confederates were bringing was a B-24. My wife has never seen one and for over a week she badgered officials, up to U.S. Senators, as

to how we could see that B-24 without standing all day at an air show - a problem of deteriorating hips and other evidence of advancing maturity. She finally arranged it and we drove out on a practice day, got caught in the traffic jam, but finally arrived.

The Confederates' aircraft were lined upon in two rows in front of the terminal. At the far end of one row was a box with Davis wings and twin tails. It had no tail turret, no ball turret, no top turret, no side hatches for waist guns, and no nose turret. Out of a greenhouse poked its only armament - what looked like a cal. 30 mounted inside on a pipe and sticking through greenhouse. The fuselage was painted baby-puke yellow.

We did not even go out to look. The B-17 was the best of the group. It was 1944 combat ready as far as I could tell. After my 2AD tour I volunteered for B-29s. The B-29 was short some gun mounts as far as I could tell. The P-51 looked great. But there was our emasculated flying box looking like junk. We left in disgust. The next day on television the B-24 pilot said he'd flown it in the 15th USAAF. Those boys in Italy must have had an easy time of it if all they needed was a pipe-mounted cal. 30 in the nose.

I hope some 2nd ADA trial lawyer in Texas wants to take on the noble cause of seeking a court injunction to stop that gross misrepresentation from appearing in public as a combat B-24.

Let's help hurry up Collings' efforts to have a real, honest-to-goodness B-24 for people around the country to see and explore.

My check is on its way across the country today to the Collings Foundation (Trust), River Hill Farm, Stow, Massachusetts 01775.

Keep up the good work.

Peter M. Gunnar

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Dear Evelyn:

Congratulations again for managing another great 2nd A.D. reunion at Colorado Springs. Everything was great. I was especially impressed with the A.F. Academy and the memorial services.

I attended solo as my wife could not make it because of health problems. I met up with crew member Charlie Perry & wife and barracks buddy "Hank" Kingsberry & wife and we had a great time together, still trying to recall all that happened back in '43 & '44. (Charlie was a PW in Germany & Hank was hospitalized after a crash landing not far from Bungay (446). I came home after 28 missions.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of a \$50.00 deposit for a reservation for the 1989 reunion at Hilton Head.

Dick Ghre

P.S. On the plane home I sat next to a young pilot in training at the Academy who was just as determined and dedicated as our speaker in the tent, Col. Robin Olds. Gave me faith in some of the youth of today.

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Conventions

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— PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY —

Executive Committee Decision

At all future conventions, an advance deposit of **\$50.00 per person** attending will be required, which will be non-refundable if written cancellation request is not received before 90 days of the convention starting date. The non-refundable moneys will be donated by the Association to the 2nd Air Division Memorial Capital Fund. Exceptions to the non-refund rule will be made at the discretion of the Vice President, Membership and Conventions, and will include such incidents as serious illness, death, etc.

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