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392nd BG Memorial Association

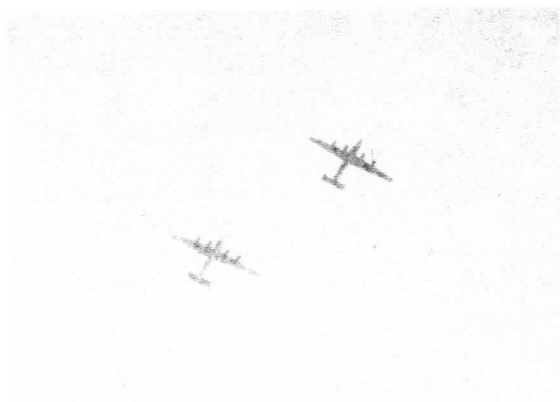
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FORT WORTH REUNION

By Birdie Schmidt Larrick, ARC

Wow! Stupendous! I saw people I hadn't seen for 45 years! And they still recognized me! What a joy it was to be once again with one's peers, to understand shared feelings, to appreciate those who gave all with their lives, to celebrate our accomplishments and to express our hopes for the future knowing our past is prologue.



B-24 Liberators Diamond Lil and Delectable Doris in formation over Fort Worth 21 May, 1989.

I was happy to meet the wives and family members of 392nders I had known so long ago. The hospitality room provided the opportunity for these get-acquainted sessions. The efforts of Jim Goar and his helper Virginia made this a very pleasant place. Many thanks are due to Ernie Barber and his son John for sharing their room to take care of the overflow in their adjoining bedroom.

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WENDLING MEMORIAL

By Lawrence G. Gilbert

Pres., 392nd BG Memorial Ass'n.

Carroll Cheek, vice-president, Memorial, and I will visit Wendling in mid August to review construction progress on the monument renovation with our contractor. Site preparation, drainage work, and the parking lot are virtually complete. Stone for the new base, from the same quarry in Scotland which supplied the stone used for the obelisk in 1945, is scheduled to arrive in early August.

During our visit, plans for an impressive program for the dedication ceremony will be given finishing touches. Wide ranging participation will include British and American military units and dignitaries plus our own 392nd delegation.

Keith and Patty Roberts have recently mailed to all members a slightly revised itinerary and a "last call" for reservation requests. It is emphasised that members are free to make all their own travel plans and accommodation arrangements if they desire; however the Roberts' should be kept advised for proper planning for events in the Kings Lynn area. Patty says feel free to call her collect, for this or any other information, at (714) 364 3937.

Lastly, to all members, contributions to the Memorial Fund are still needed and I appeal especially to those who have not yet responded. No finer tribute could be rendered to those we lost than 100% participation and the time is now.

FORT WORTH REUNION

Ernie has done a tremendous job in collecting pictures and memorabilia of the 392nd. His current videocassettes are providing animated history for the future. Without the help of son John and the truck to carry all that photographic equipment and those albums, he never would have made it to Ft. Worth. Ernie, you are appreciated.

Friday morning's (May 19) membership meeting was impressive. Not only did it show how well the group was organized under the leadership of the President, Colonel Lawrence G. Gilbert, but how flexible they could be in covering for unavoidable absences. I was awed by Carroll Cheek's report for restoring and upgrading the memorial at Wendling. What a tremendous amount of love and caring by Carroll and his committee has been given to this memorial project! Carroll's expertise in building shopping centers came into play here in getting the nuts and bolts of this memorial project put together for rededication through the American Battle Monuments Commission. I am looking forward to this rededication next October.

There were fun things to do in addition to reminiscing at this 50th Anniversary Celebration of the B-24. The Sundance Square Street Festival held on the restored brick paved streets of "Old Cow-Town" Ft. Worth started off my Thursday evening with "Sandy" Otto Sanders, former ball turret gunner on the crew of the "Birdie Schmidt." Unfortunately, Sandy's pretty blond wife, Marguerite, couldn't come to Ft. Worth with him but his neighbor, Joe Donahue, did. Joe and Sandy had lived beside each other for 20 years before each discovered they had flown Liberators. During WW II Joe had been stationed at Carswell AFB as a trainer of pilots for refresher courses. Also joining this party were Joe's family and Harold and Doris Schubert of Ft. Worth. They are remembered as the excellent jitterbug dancers on the square. In fact the girl singing with the "Mighty Eighth" Air Force Band from Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, said she wanted to dance with him! Harold also was stationed at

Carswell during WW II as a trainer of pilots for refresher courses on B-24's and then spent 28 years with General Dynamics before retiring. Doris was generous in sharing him with others. Even I was privileged to dance with him briefly. The evening was concluded with an epicurean dinner at the Spaghetti Factory.

Even though I am not the mechanical or engineering type, I did enjoy the "hanger flying" - facts, opinions and historic recollections - of those taking part in Friday evening's symposium of "The B-24 at War." The finishing touches to this came on Saturday with the day at Carswell when once again, there was the real thing. To top it all was the 392nd Reunion Banquet that evening. Colonel Gilbert was the able Master of Ceremonies. He demonstrated his sensitivity for the occasion when he requested Bessie Mae Garner, Director Herman Garner's wife, to deliver the invocation. This southern lady beautifully proclaimed the humble and heart-warming patriotic tone for the evening. The special guests and singers whom the Colonel introduced lived up to expectations. The evening ended with a moving patriotic presentation authored by Bill Richards and recited by Bessie Garner.

Sunday morning's memorial ceremony stands out for its dignity and simplicity in honoring those who served our country and those who served with the ultimate sacrifice of their lives. The warbird flyover was a fitting and throat-lumping salute.

Sunday evening's conclusion with the commemorative banquet and show staged by Tex Beneke and his band effectively capped this 50th Anniversary of the B-24 Liberator. The food was delicious and with the dining areas for groups having been thoughtfully planned, there was no scramble for seating. The program was brief and in keeping with the occasion. The dancing to the big band sounds of the 40's with Tex Beneke was fun.

FORT WORTH REUNION

Looking back, how did this 50th Anniversary "Birthday" Reunion Chairman, the 392nd's own Bob Vickers do it? I am sure he'd say it was the help he had along the way during four years of preparation for this. That help would be the B-24 Central Planning Group and the On Site Support Staff. But I think he must have learned a few things about organization during his post World War II career years with the Air Force having served with SAC, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. European Command and NATO. His interest in history surfaces as he was one of the founders of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society and served as its president in 1980. Then he was its reunion manager for four years. Indeed, his experience shined brightly through in this B-24 50th Anniversary celebration. Oh, yes, he's the author of the 392nd's group history, *THE LIBERATORS FROM WENDLING*. Thank you, Bob.

I marveled at the efficiency and composure of Gil and Martha Bambauer in taking care of registrations for this event. I missed - all of us missed - Bill and Jerry Richards. But their presence was felt through their family members who were carrying on for them in the Vendor's Management and PX Operations. The remembrance deepens the realization of the tremendous contribution to the 392nd Memorial Association made by Bill and Jerry.

I enjoyed wandering through the exhibits and attractions in the Hub Convention Center. I know Keith and Patty Roberts had their hands in this success story as well as the golf tournament. One of the star attractions was the Link Trainer. If memory serves me correctly, Cecil Rothrock had a wonderful time playing in this. I especially appreciated the Honor Gallery of Legends. There Bill Feder and Herta Davis, the curators, had it all together in display panels which gave a good perspective on all the units associated with the Liberators and what they did. Naturally, I visited the Emergency Red Cross Aid Center and had a good time swapping stories with them about the Red Cross then in WW II and now.

Since I have returned home, I have experienced the promptness of the Thomasons in sending the 392nd windbreaker I ordered. They were assisting Treasurer Charlie Dye and his helper-wife Helen in the Hospitality Suite where such business could be transacted.

I guess after all this rambling it isn't difficult to tell that I had a perfectly wonderful time. I was grateful for the opportunity to renew friendships including those made at the Eighth Air Force Historical Society's meeting last October in Des Moines. There the 392nd was proud of Cliff Peterson and the leadership he gave to the Society as its president. Cliff's wife Mary graciously gave her support to the 392nd in the Hospitality Room, a part of their suite. It was a joy in Ft. Worth to make new friends with wives and family members. I was sorry that Colonel Polking had to return home suddenly because of his wife's heart attack. I hear that she is well on the road to recovery. I don't believe that I ate a meal alone in the hotel as somebody either joined me or came by to talk to me. I appreciated that. I am hoping to see you all again and meet those who didn't make it to Ft. Worth at Wendling in October. I know I'll see John and Peg Malloy for they are returning to the scene of their meeting at The Rose Cottage in Wendling - very romantic! I am anxious to see the memorial to those who gave their lives from this group as I have not been back to England since 1945. Through the efforts of Carroll Cheek and the refurbishment committee, there is great satisfaction in knowing the memorial will be perpetually cared for through the American Battle Monuments Commission. I look forward to its rededication.

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OBITUARY

Bill Richards



Bill, Jerry, daughter Sally Holder and her daughter Leslie, under a tree at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, at the 1988 reunion.

Bill Richards, former vice-president, newsletter, died in Tulsa June 30, after a long and valiant bout with cancer. He was 64.

One of the founders of the Memorial Association, he labored long and hard with the newsletter to reach every former member of the 392nd. He and wife Jerry hosted the memorable first stand-alone reunion in Tulsa in 1987, with 228 attending, the largest 392nd gathering to that date.

He was one of the early members of the Group, joining it at Biggs Field in April 1943. He married Jerry at Alamogordo just before we went overseas.

He was a Sergeant in 578th tech supply, and Ray Berthiaume, his engineering officer; and Bob Lane, his squadron executive officer, remember his service as efficient and dedicated to keeping the squadron's aircraft combat ready.

In civilian life, Bill was in the oil business in Tulsa, becoming president of Whitney Supply Company, retiring in 1988.

Bob Vickers, representing the Memorial Association, gave the eulogy at Bill's memorial service July 3 at Tulsa. Vickers' closing words were "Bill Richards was a fine, warm, and caring man; and we are gifted indeed to have had him pass our way in love and friendship, never to be forgotten."

Also present and representing the

Association were Gil Bambauer and Keith Roberts.

Survivors are Jerry and sons Bill, Redondo Beach, CA; Gregg, Bella Vista, AR; and John of Tulsa; daughters Susan Rodebush and Sally Holder; and 8 grandchildren.

The family has indicated that a fitting memorial would be a donation to the Wendling Memorial Fund. Send to Charles E. Dye, Treasurer, 392nd BG Memorial Ass'n, Swan Lake Village #832, Portage, WI 53901.

NEW EDITORS

On account of the death of Bill Richards, the Board of Directors asked Birdie Larrick, our former Red Cross person, to be the editor of the newsletter, and she graciously accepted.

Jim Goar will continue to write the "Profiles", and will be in charge of production. He says "my word processor is old (like me) and sometimes balky (like me). But a new one is coming in a few months, and we can probably get a little better with succeeding issues".

If you have news, comments, or hell to raise, write to Birdie at 1928 Beverly Road, Columbus, OH 43221; or Jim at 5 N. Columbia St., Frankfort, IN 46041.

MEMORIAL STONE AND TREE SET FOR B-24 AT AIR FORCE MUSEUM

There will be a memorial tree and stone set at the Air Force Museum Park, Dayton, Ohio, in honor of all who flew and supported the B-24 in WW II, according to an announcement made by Bob Vickers, the leader of the 50th anniversary celebration of the B-24 which was held in Ft. Worth this May.

The event is scheduled for Dec. 7, 1989, at 11 a.m., Vickers said, adding that no highly structured program is planned.

The 392nd has its own tree and stone at the Memorial Park, dedicated in 1985, after a successful effort led by Bob Lane.

Second Air Division Association 42nd Annual Convention November 2-5, 1989 at Hilton Head Island, S.C.

HOTELS

Hyatt Regency, Oceanfront at Palmetto Dunes, 803-785-1234
Mariner's Inn, Oceanfront at Palmetto Dunes, 803-842-8000
Radisson Suite Resort, 12 Park Lane, 803-686-5700

Wednesday, November 1

Registration

Early Bird Informal Get-Together - Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar

Thursday, November 2

Registration

Group Hospitality Rooms Open

Group Cocktail Parties

Group Dinners

Friday, November 3

Buffet Breakfast

Group Hospitality Rooms Open

Ladies Sightseeing Trips (see below)

Cocktail Party

Buffet Dinner

Saturday, November 4

Buffet Breakfast

Business Meeting

Men's Luncheon

Ladies Free Afternoon

Cocktail Party

Banquet

Dance

Sunday, November 5

Buffet Breakfast

The costs listed below are for entire packages as shown above, including hotel room for 3 nights. For special arrangements, let me know your requirements and I will advise costs.

COST PER PERSON	HYATT	MARINER'S INN	RADISSON
Single Occupancy	\$455.00 ea.	\$455.00 ea.	\$415.00 ea.
Double Occupancy	340.00 ea.	340.00 ea.	316.00 ea.
Triple Occupancy	300.00 ea.	300.00 ea.	285.00 ea.

If you wish to share a room, please advise and I will try to arrange same.

DEPOSIT WITH RESERVATION - \$50.00 PER PERSON - FULL PAYMENT BY AUGUST 15th.

LADIES SIGHTSEEING TRIP AND LUNCHEON

Savannah - \$38.00 per person - maximum to go - 200

Beaufort - \$38.00 per person - maximum to go - 100

Hilton Head - \$30.00 per person - unlimited

- Reservations in advance a must - tickets will be issued, so there can be no last minute changes or cancellations.
- All acknowledgements have been sent and indicate if you are at the Mariner's or the Radisson; all others will be at the Hyatt. Any changes, please advise at once.
- All extra nights and incidental charges must be paid directly to the hotel upon check-out.

Convention Information

CAMP GROUND SITES: Robert's Bull, Box 30, Circleville, NY 10919, (914) 361-2632. You must have advance reservations for meals, etc.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Contact Pete Henry, 164B Portland Lane, Jamesburg, NJ 08831, (609) 655-0982 for reservations and costs. The date is Thursday, November 2.

CONFIRMATIONS: Will be mailed upon receipt of payment in full.

TRANSPORTATION: We will van service between all hotels, all day. Limo Service from Savannah: Low Country Adventures, Inc., P.O. Box 4942, Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29936, (803) 681-8212. If you need this service, please advise and I will send reservation form with confirmation. Cost: \$18 per person 1 way, \$28 per person round trip.

HYATT HOTEL: 48 Non Smoking Rooms Available - advise if you wish same. Check-In Time: 4:00 p.m.; departure Noon. Parking: Free. Wheelchairs: To order at Hyatt. Handicapped Rooms: To order at Hyatt.

MARINER'S INN: Those staying at this hotel will have breakfast there.

DEPOSITS: Please check and make sure you have deducted your deposits before making final payments.

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____ GROUP _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____ ARRIVAL _____ DEPARTURE _____

SINGLE _____ DOUBLE _____ TRIPLE _____ WILL SHARE _____

FIRST CONVENTION _____ DEPOSIT _____ PAID IN FULL _____

NICK NAMES _____ 3rd Party In Room _____

LADIES Sightseeing Trip and Luncheon

Please reserve _____ reservations for trip to _____ Enclosed payment in full \$ _____

If you served with more than one Group, please advise which group you would want to be seated with for the Thursday Group Dinner and Saturday Banquet. Rooms must be assigned for Thursday with count and tables assigned for Saturday. Do not call hotels direct as they will not accept reservations, changes or cancellations. All of these must be sent to Evelyn Cohen.

Evelyn Cohen
06-410 Delaire Landing Road
Philadelphina, PA 19114
(215) 632-3992

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 monies will be donated by the Association to the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library 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, death, etc.



392nd BG WENDLING MEMORIAL REUNION

October 3 - 11, 1989

Day 1 Tuesday, October 3 - DEPART U.S. FOR LONDON
We fly British Airways 747's from gateway cities to Heathrow.

Day 2 Wednesday, October 4 - LONDON TO KING'S LYNN

Chartered coaches meet us at the British Airways terminal in Heathrow. On to King's Lynn for our stay at The Duke's Head Hotel on Tuesday Market Square where our "liberty runs" used to take us. One of Norfolk's classic buildings, this is a well-run Trust House forte hotel. Cocktail reception at 7:00 PM (cash bar). Welcome dinner at 8:00 PM. (Dinner incl)

Day 3 Thursday, October 5 - KING'S LYNN

The Mayor and Mayoress of King's Lynn welcome us back to the City with a reception at the historic Town Hall. Lunch at the Duke's Head. Then we take a leisurely tour of our old air base with plenty of time for photos. (Brkfst, lunch incl)

Day 4 Friday, October 6 - KING'S LYNN & NORFOLK

This morning the market sets up in Market Square as it has for centuries. We'll have time to enjoy it. Coaches depart at 12:30 PM for a locally guided tour of historic sites including Blackling Hall, where Anne Boleyn lived. The reunion banquet at 7:30 PM preceded by a no-host cocktail hour. (Brkt, din incl)

Day 5 Saturday, October 7 - WENDLING MEMORIAL DAY

Coaches depart at 9:00 AM for Wendling where we join the villagers in a ceremony re-dedicating the Memorial Obelisk which we built in 1945 and which they have cared for ever since. Next, the villagers hold a "homecoming" reception for us. Late lunch at our former local pub - The Ploughshare. (Brkfst, lunch incl)

Day 6 Sunday, October 8 - KING'S LYNN, CAMBRIDGE, LONDON

Today we end in London so bags must be packed. Coaches depart at 8:30 AM for the American Cemetery at Madingley, near Cambridge, where so many of our 392nd men remain. A memorial service will be held in their honor. Lunch at the University Arms Hotel in Cambridge. On to London for our stay at the Park Court Hotel, one that is used by many of the best tour companies. (Brkfst, lunch incl)

Day 7 Monday, October 9 - LONDON

Your day at leisure to revisit this wonderful, old city. (Cont. brkfst incl)

Day 8 Tuesday, October 10 - LONDON

One more leisure day to relax and have fun. (Cont. brkfst incl)

Day 9 Wednesday, October 11 - TOUR'S END

Enjoy continental breakfast. Farewell and safe journeys until we meet again.

WENDLING MEMORIAL REUNION 1989

RESERVATION FORM

To avoid any delay in processing your reservation, please complete in full. Then mail this form together with your deposit (\$300 per person by check or money order made payable to College Center Travel) and address as follows:

Mail to: College Center Travel, 28231 Marguerite Parkway #5,
Mission Viejo, CA 92692-3720

Telephone number: (714) 364-3937 Ask for Patty Roberts
(call collect)

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) _____
(Include first and last name of each person)

Address (include zip) _____

Telephone (include area code) _____

TOTAL TOUR PRICES

These prices include the land tour as detailed on the itinerary and round trip air transportation from the following gateway cities:

from LOS ANGELES - \$1,441.00	per person double occupancy
from CHICAGO - 1,335.00	
from MIAMI - 1,386.00	
from NEW YORK - 1,377.00	single occupancy-add \$100.00

We can help you with transportation from your hometown to your gateway city, but we've discovered that most people prefer to do their own local scheduling.

Your return air ticket is good for 180 days, so you will have time for London tours, shows, Thames dinner cruises, or tours of England, Ireland, Scotland, or tours of the continent. We can arrange great prices on all of that for you - just call or write Patty or Keith at College Center Travel.

If you have "Space A" or other transportation to England, let us know and we'll tailor the land portion of this reunion to your needs. We are proud to be a part of this truly memorable event.

Your family and friends are welcome. Space is limited. We recommend that you reserve early in order to avoid disappointment. All reservations will be acknowledged as promptly as possible. Additional pertinent information will be forthcoming such as travel memos, baggage tags, name badges, air tickets, last minute reminders, and other necessary data.

REUNIONS

8TH AIR FORCE, DENVER

The Eighth Air Force Historical Society will hold its annual reunion at Denver, Colorado Oct.4-9. Unfortunately, this conflicts with the 392nd's Wendling Memorial dedication, and a great number of the Group's officers will be unable to attend the Denver gathering. But Cliff Peterson, former 8th AF Historical Society president and the 392nd's liason will be there.

The 392nd's rendezvous dinner is set for 18:30-20:00 Friday Oct.6 at the Holiday Inn Downtown, according to the 8AF flimsy on the subject. If in doubt, contact Cliff Peterson at the Holiday. And Cliff says that if you don't have the 8thAF application form, contact him at 2120 Woodcrest Dr., Winter Park, FL 32792. He urges early registration and reminds us that the 392nd gets \$5 from every registration.

2ND AIR DIVISION, HILTON HEAD, S.C.

The Second Air Division Association's annual reunion is scheduled for Nov.2-5 at Hilton Head Island, S. C. See the information sheet and application form in this issue, or contact Evelyn Cohen at 06-410 Delaire Landing Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114, or John Conrad, 2AD vice-president, 2981 Four Pines Dr. #1, Lexington, KY 40502.

MIDWEST 2ND AIR DIVISION, DEARBORN, MI

The Midwest area Second Air Division reunion, covering the states Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin, will be at Dearborn, Michigan Sept. 15-17. Deadline is August 15. If interested, contact George J. Rundblad at 765 Stoney Point Road, Suttons Bay, WI 49682, phone (616) 271-6894.

If you happen to be one of us who has never been to one of these reunions, we guarantee that you'll find it to be a mountain-top experience. Go to the Wendling Memorial dedication if you can (see related story this edition), but if you can't and are reasonably close to Denver, Hilton Head, or Dearborn, try to

make one of them. The key is to find the 392nd's rendezvous point; then you won't get lost with all those jokers from the other Groups.

EASIER FOR YOU - EASIER FOR (THE) 392nd "LIFE MEMBERSHIP"

One of the ways you can really help this organization, which is run by unpaid volunteers, is to buy a life membership. With a life membership, the secretary does not have to make a dues entry every year for you. You automatically receive the newsletter and the other benefits of membership, and Charley Dye is saved a lot of extra work.

Rates are as follows: Age 61-65, \$100; 66-70, \$80; and 71 and over, \$65. If you have already paid your 1989 dues, you may deduct \$10. Send to Charles E. Dye, 392 BG Memorial Ass'n, Swan Lake Village #832, Portage, WI 53901.

FEATHERED PROP ALMOST ABORTS B-24 MISSION TO FORT WORTH

Delectable Doris, the B-24J flown at the Fort Worth celebration, almost didn't keep her date.

Flown by Dave Tallichet, noted WWII aircraft fancier, she was en route from Riverside, California, when, in mountainous terrain, no. 3 engine suddenly feathered without warning.

A precautionary landing was made at Palm Springs and the bad news telephoned to Bob Vickers that the Fort Worth visit would have to be scrubbed. Vickers, no stranger to the B-24's flight characteristics, advised Tallichet to disconnect the #3 prop feathering circuit, give the engine and prop a good ground check and get back into the air.

A little later Tallichet phoned to say the aircraft was flyable and that they were on their way.

PROFILE

The 392nd has its legendary fliers, but the legend of legends is Lt. (now Dr.) C. G. "Pat" McCarthy.

Joining the 578th at Wendling in November 1943, he flew his first mission on Christmas Eve, which seemed to him to be a hell of a note.

Pat had been brought up across the street from the famous Col. Hubert Zemke, commander of the 56th and later the 479th Fighter Group. Pat visited his friend Col. Zemke, borrowed his P-47, and buzzed Wendling, picking a flight path along the road past the combat officers mess. The record doesn't show if there was any disciplinary action for this.

Then in the Spring of '44, coming back from a mission, Pat and his crew had to bail out over occupied France. Pat and four of the crew, after 90 days, made it back to the allied lines, which at that time were just a few miles inside the coast.

From these friendly precincts, he came back to Wendling, and allowed as how he ought to go see his friend, Col. Zemke, borrow his plane, and wring it out a little - over Wendling. Only this time, the Zempke outfit had changed over to P-38's.

So following his former flight path down the street, past the combat officers mess at about 10 feet, he suddenly encountered a telephone wire that had been strung across the street while he was "away" on the Continent.

He hit the wire, and only had enough time to get the P-38 high enough for him to hit the silk.

This all happened about noon, and there were many people heading for the mess. After pulling themselves up off the ground, they saw the nose-up and the eject. Many Crusaders alive today were eyewitnesses.

Higher headquarters were so anxious to get him court-martialed that they forgot that he had been behind enemy lines, and he flew 37 missions before someone realized that he could be shot if he happened to go down behind enemy lines again.

So back to the States he went, in time for Christmas 1944. In 1945, he was again in a combat crew, this time B-29,

and was ready to head for the Pacific when Japan surrendered.

Putting the same energy into his education that he had put into flying Col. Zemke's P-38, he gathered a B.S., a Master's, and an M. D.; and became a teaching fellow at Boston City Hospital. Then he returned to his roots, the West, and joined a group practice, in Internal Medicine, retiring in 1987.

He and wife now live at 211 Beverly, Missoula, Montana (and like all good doctors, the zip code he gave was undecipherable). They have one daughter.

(Author's note: Pat didn't do all this single-seat flying without a wingman. His name was Otis, and about a year after the war he crashed into a hillside while hunting coyotes.)

Lt. Col. (then Capt.) Kenneth Q. "Paddy" Paddock was Group Navigator, joining the 392nd at Biggs Field in Feb. 1943.

Post-war, his tours of duty included Air Transport Command; ROTC instructor at Purdue university; and SAC. Among overseas assignments were Cairo and Tripoli. Retiring from the AF in 1961, Paddy then busied himself as a high school math and science teacher in Somersworth, N. H. Wanderlust struck him again, and he became Grounds Superintendent at the University of Alaska at Anchorage, leaving there in 1982.

Now he and wife Bridget live at Spruce Head, Maine, P. O. Box 167, 04859. They have four daughters and four grandchildren.

Stanley C. Zybort, in 1944 a S/Sgt. and flight engineer, is always the last one to have his name called. But on Aug. 6, 1944 he heard his name called loud and clear when he parachuted from his damaged aircraft over southern Germany.

His leg was injured so badly that it was amputated by a German doctor while Stan was a POW. He was repatriated in 1945, coming home on the Gripsolm.

He worked for the Department of Defense for 25 years, retiring in 1977.

At the Group meeting at Ft. Worth, Stan was elected a Director of the Memorial Association.

He and wife Mildred live at 168 Winding Way, Little Silver, N. J. 07739.

PX Items

_____	Membership Directory, 2.00 post paid	
_____	Black 392nd BG Cap w/Gold Braid	\$9.00
_____	White Nylon Jacket w/392nd BG &	
_____	Crusader Patches	\$20.00
_____	Book, "Liberators From Wendling"	
_____	by Col. Bob Vickers	\$25.00
_____	Book, "392nd War Stories"	
_____	by Col. Myron Keilman	\$20.00

(Add \$1.50 per item for shipping.)

Mail To:
Charles Dye
Saddle Ridge #832
Portage, WI 53901

392nd BG Memorial Association Membership Application

Name: _____
 First Middle Last
Address: _____
 Street Apt. No.

 City State Zip Code

Unit or Squadron _____ ☐ Associate
Dues are \$10.00 each calendar year (January - December)
Send check or money order to 392nd BG Memorial Assoc.,
C/O Charles Dye, Saddle Ridge #832, Portage, WI 53901
☐ Check if this is a gift membership.

PHOTOS WANTED FOR ARCHIVES

Ernie Barber, the keeper of the 392nd's archives, wants to remind the members that if they have photos that they would like to be put into the archives, send them to him and he will mount them in one of his many albums, which are on display every time the Association meets.

If you just can't give them up yet, tell your executor to send them to Ernie.

Ernie's address is Rt #1, Box 371-2,
Lincolnton, GA 30817

FOLDED WINGS

William S. Hamilton, 576
Alton Kramer, 576
Russell J. Morr
Narcis Radkiewicz, 579
William H. Richards, 578

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE DEDICATION OF
 THE 392nd BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL AT WENDLING/BEESTON,
 NORFOLK, ENGLAND ON OCTOBER 7, 1989 AT 10 O'CLOCK
 IN THE MORNING.

392nd BG Memorial Association
 Saddle Ridge #832
 Portage, WI 53901

Address Correction Requested
 Forwarding & Return Postage Guaranteed

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Vice President - Memorial
 Carroll W. Cheek

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