

NEWS



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HALF OF 392ND KIA BURIED IN EUROPE, HALF IN U. S.

GOVERNMENT LOCATED BODIES, GAVE NEXT OF KIN CHOICE OF BURIAL SITE

Scholarly 2nd generation member Annette Tison presents us with another look at 392nd history. She has labeled it "After The KIA Telegram".

During World War II, 825 airmen from the 392nd Bomb Group were killed. About half are buried or memorialized in Europe while the other half were eventually returned to the US for burial. Who decided? When? Why?

Even as the fighting in Europe went on, search teams from the Army's Graves Registration Service were at work. After the war ended, they labored diligently to locate all Americans, regardless of where they were buried: to disinter the bodies after the graves were discovered; and to positively identify the remains.

At the end of WWII, American war dead throughout Europe were re-buried in scores of temporary U.S. military cemeteries there. Many were initially buried as "unknowns" but were later identified as dental charts and fingerprint information were received from military bases in the US.

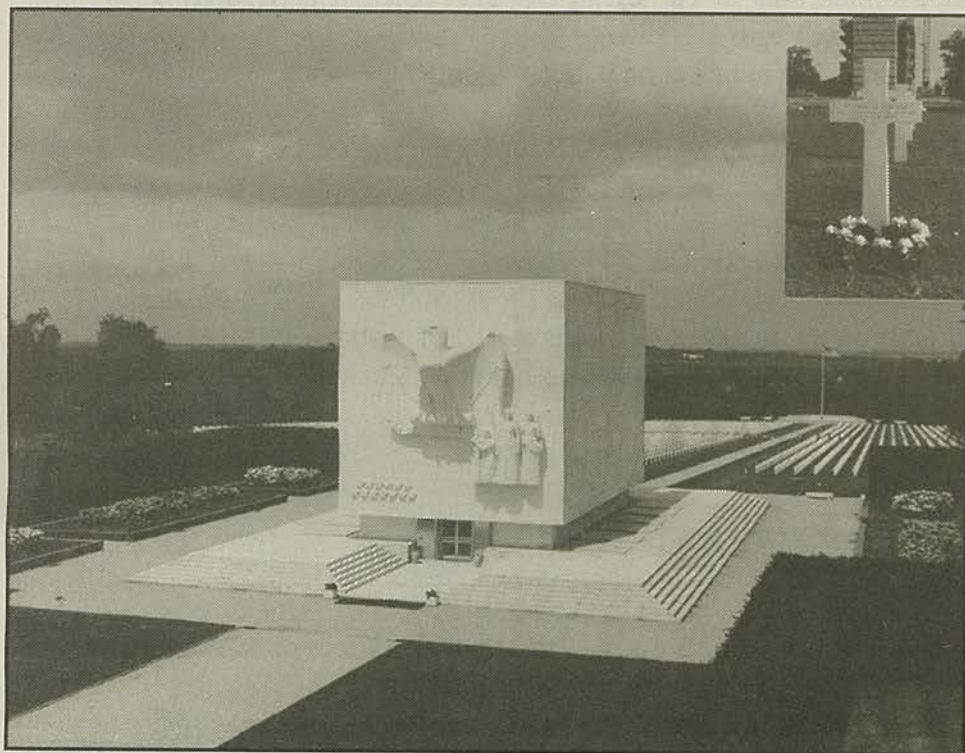
In 1947, the Secretary of the Army and the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) identified the sites for 14 permanent cemeteries in which to inter and memorialize Americans killed in WWII. Twelve of the sites were in

Europe (5 in France, 2 in Belgium, 2 in Italy, and 1 each in England, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg), with two more in Tunisia and the Philippines. Later that same year, American architects were chosen to design the cemeteries, with instructions that each one had to include a small devotional chapel, an inscription of the names of the missing in the region, and a graphic representation of military operation in that area during WWII.

In the late 1940's the next of kin (NOK) of each identified American dead was sent a letter requesting "disposition instructions" for their loved one's remains. There were four options, but regardless of choice made all costs of exhumation from the temporary cemetery, preparation of remains, casketing, and shipment to the city or town designed by the next of kin were borne by the U.S. government. The government also provided a U.S. flag to drape each casket during interment services.

The four options were:

1. Inter the remains in a permanent U.S. military cemetery overseas.
2. Return the remains to the U.S. or any of its possessions or territories, for interment in a private cemetery.



Pictured above is one of the twelve American cemeteries located in Europe. This is Ardennes, near Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium. The individual grave shown is that of 2/Lt William W. Rogers of the 448th Bomb Group, KIA on April 29, 1944. There are 89 Crusaders buried here and one memorialized on the Wall of the Missing.

AIRPORT SECURITY

(Reprinted from 490BG's "Bombs Away" and reported by Charley Dye)

Almost 150 years ago President Lincoln found it necessary to hire a private investigator, Alan Pinkerton, for protection.

And that was the beginning of the Secret Service. Since that time Federal police authority has grown to include a large number of multi-letter agencies: FBI, CIA, INS, IRS, DEA, BATF, FEMA, etc.

Now we have the "Federal Air

Transport Airport Security Service". Can't you see them now, in their black outfits with the initials in large white letters across their backs: FATASS.

I feel safer already.

Bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers were all invented by women.

The only food that doesn't spoil is honey.

There are more collect calls on Father's Day than any other holiday.

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3. Inter the remains in a private cemetery overseas in the homeland of the deceased or next of kin.

4. Return the remains to the U.S. for final interment in a national cemetery selected by the next of kin.

There were also rare situations where the remains were never moved to a U.S. temporary facility and the next of kin chose to leave the remains in place. For example, the 578th Sqdn.'s S/Sgt John E. McCormick was actively working with the Dutch resistance when he was killed by German soldiers on April 29, 1945. He was initially buried nearby. On Oct. 31, 1945, he was reburied in Zoetermeer, Holland, with full military (resistance) honors, next to a Dutch resistance worker who had been killed with him. His parents elected to leave his remains there. (See the full story of this incident in 392BGMA NEWS of Sept. 1994, May 1988, and February 2003.)

Almost 87,000 identified service personnel killed in WWII were interred in a permanent US cemetery overseas at their next of kin's request. Why? A primary reason was so the fallen American would be with his/her comrades in arms, interred in the lands they fought to liberate. Sometimes this option was selected so the loved one would receive perpetual care. Additionally, some next of kin felt they could not face the emotional trauma of seeing their loved one's casket after spending years coming to grips with his/her death.

On the other hand, many families

felt like the mother of 579th Sqdn. ball turret gunner S/Sgt David Harbaugh. She wrote the Army in June 1946 that we "want our son brought home, I am proud he gave his life for his country, and want him to rest here, not on foreign soil".

In its pamphlet, *Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead*, the War Department reminded next of kin that "The re-internment of these honored dead is a tremendous undertaking. It will be carried out, area by area, from all over the world. It is an undertaking that will require many months, probably years to complete." This was certainly true. For example, S/Sgt Harbaugh was killed in action on April 29, 1944 but it wasn't until July 30, 1949 that his remains were returned to Corpus Christi, TX. S/Sgt Robert E Monroe, a member of the same crew, was buried overseas at his family's request. His interment in the Ardennes American Cemetery took place on April 13, 1950.

The War Department designated the persons authorized to determine the final disposition of their loved one's remains. They are listed below, in the order indicated: (a) if the deceased was unmarried: Father, Mother, Brothers over age 21, in descending age order, Sisters over age 21, in descending age order. (b) If the deceased was married, Widow or widower (if not divorced, separated, or remarried), Sons of the deceased over age 21, in descending age order, Daughters of the deceased over age 21, in descending age order.

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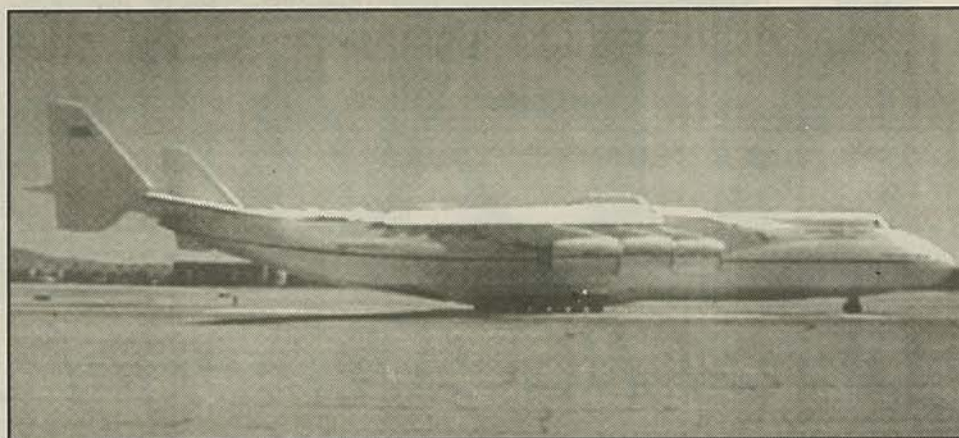
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MONSTER RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT VISITS U. S.; BILLED AS WORLD'S LARGEST



According to an internet story sent to the NEWS by Hap Chandler, 2ADA past president, this Antonov 225 delivered a very large power transformer, built in Turkey, to Nevada Power. It is pictured at McCarran Airport, Las Vegas.

Here are some numbers on it, bearing in mind that a football field is 300 ft.

Wingspan..290 ft.

Height.. 59.4 ft.(Roughly the size of a six story building)

Length.. 276 ft.

Number of wheels..24

Maximum TO weight..1,322,750#

Maximum payload.. 551,150#

Engines.. Six Lotarev D-18T turbopfans

Maximum speed at altitude.. 530 MPH

Cruise speed.. 495 MPH

Range..8310 nautical miles

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Commemorative AF's B-24 "Diamond Lil"



Photo courtesy Ross Heaton

The CAF's (formerly known as the Confederate Air Force) "Diamond Lil" made a visit to the Terre Haute, Indiana airport this summer and the above photo was taken by Ross Heaton, Frankfort aviation enthusiast and a friend of the editor's.

"Diamond Lil" has an interesting history. It was built probably about 1941 for delivery to the RAF for anti-submarine patrol. It crashed on a test flight and was never delivered to the RAF. It was repaired and kept by the manufacturer, Consolidated, and later converted to a passenger ship for corporate use. It finally fell into the hands of the CAF and is one of the two B-24's still flying in the U. S.

It also made a trip to England about 1982 during a Second Air Division Reunion there and many Crusaders witnessed it flying over King's Lynn.

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COMPREHENSIVE B-24 EXHIBIT PLANNED AT SAVANNAH'S MIGHTY 8AF MUSEUM

The nose section of "Fightin' Sam", already on loan to the Museum from the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, England, will serve as a focal point in the exhibition prominently placed within the Museum's Combat Rotunda. Highlights of the proposed design include a simulated Type T2 hangar surrounding the nose section, a large format screen displaying original B-24 combat footage, and the placement of a human figure outfitted as a bombardier inside the nose. Casework located within the hangar will contain painted A-2 and B-15 jackets from B-24 crewmen and a patch from the "Witchcraft" crew. In keeping with the use of new technologies in museum design, interactive components include an educational touch screen program and a B-24 flight simulator that will educate and engage visitors of all ages. Photo enlargements and text panels will provide supplemental information and graphics in addition to those appearing on the touch screen. Together, these elements will present visitors with an interactive-based experience that enlivens the Combat Gallery with the complete story of the B-24.



A fund drive to raise the \$125,000 needed to complete the project has been initiated by the Mighty 8AF Museum.

The Executive Committee of the Second Air Division Association has been contacted by President Gregory regarding financial support of this project.

A "High Right Society" has been formed by several past presidents of the 2ADA to pursue this initiative. They take their name from the combat formations developed by the 8AF in WWII. Formations typically flew with three basic elements: High Right, Lead, and Low Left. The High Right usually took a position slightly above and behind the lead. From this vantage point the high right leader and his wing men were in a position to monitor the movement and activity of the lead and thereby always be in a position to render whatever services or assistance might be necessary or advisable to the successful completion of the mission. This concept worked extremely well in wartime, especially when the lead, for whatever reason, needed assistance.

High Right Society spokesmen say that by this method they propose to establish and maintain a reservoir of experience furnished by the living past presidents of the Association.

AF PHOTOGRAPHER CAPTURES INCREDIBLE SHOT OF LOW-LEVEL EJECTION- PILOT AND CROWD SAFE



Capt Chirstopher Stricklin ejects from the USAF Thunderbirds number 6 aircraft less than a second before it impacted the ground at an air show at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, on Sept. 14, 2003. Stricklin, who was not injured, ejected after both guiding the jet away from the crowd of more than 60,000 people and ensuring that he couldn't save the aircraft. This was only the second crash since the Air Force began using F-16 Falcons for its demonstration team. The photographer was S/Sgt Bennie J. Davis III.

All you Crusaders who were forced to exit your B-24 at altitude, how's this for a neat way to do it?

The above was sent to the NEWS by Lt/Col Bruce Sooy, who as a 1/Lt pilot in the 578th was shot down on the infamous Friedrichshafen mission March 18, 1944. All in the crew survived and became POW.

He remained in the AF after the war and among his many assignments was that of the pilot of the B-29 that made the famous drop of the rocket-propelled X-1 with Chuck Yeager as pilot.

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase, "Goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could

drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, known today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England when customers got unruly the bartender would shout at them, "Mind your own pints and quarts and settle down." It's where we get "Mind your P's and Q's."

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Birdie Schmidt Larrick



Stan Zybert and caregiver Helen Przystupa



Gil Bambauer and Luther Beddingfield



Loraine Blackburn and Dorothy and Harris Albright



Dick Giesing and Harry Stockman



Stan Zybert, Mary Peterson, and Helen Giesing



Tom Perry and son Jay, M/Sgt USAF (Ret)

8AFHS MEET AT KANSAS CITY OCT 5-10 WAS WELL ATTENDED BY CRUSADERS

The 392nd was represented by some 39 members and guests at the Reunion held at the Westin Crown Center hotel.

Carroll Cheek, Vice-president for Memorials, reported to the Group meeting on Oct. 8 that he continues his efforts to have the American Battle Monuments Commission take the Wendling Memorial under its wing. To further that cause the following resolution was passed: Resolved, that the Board of Directors is granted authority to transfer funds to the American Battle Monuments Commission in amounts necessary to effect an agreement whereby American Battle Monuments Commission will assume full responsibility for perpetual care of the 392nd Memorial at Wendling, England. An affirmative vote by a majority of the Board of Directors has heretofore indicated approval of this action.

One of the highlights of 8AFHS reunions is the Group dinner on the evening preceding the closing banquet. As is our custom, we entertain the "blue suiters" of the present 8AF who are to be presented the 8AFHS' awards for excellence at the closing banquet.

The General Ira C. Eaker Award of Outstanding Airmanship went to a B-52 crew who executed a difficult and effective mission in support of IRAQI FREEDOM. They were: Lt/Col Robert Hyde, Maj Philip Hacker, Capt Mark Dmytryszyn (his fellow officers called him "Vanna"- he needed a vowel), Maj Alexander Wylie, and 1/Lt Joshua Holmes.

The Pursuit of Excellence Award was given to M/Sgt Rufino Gonzales, who distinguished himself by creating a forward maintenance facility in lieu of returning aircraft to home station, which saved over 140 flight hours and 4 million dollars in fuel costs.

Attendees were: Harris Albright and Dorothy; Gil Bambauer and Martha; Luther Beddingfield; Wally Blackburn and Loraine; Carroll Cheek and Mabel; Denton Winfield and Betty Jo; Charley Dye and Helen; Dick Giesing and Rita; Col Lawrence Gilbert and Marjorie; Jim Goar and Annabelle; Sarah Kauffman; Pete Kotofakis and Dorothy; Don Kratzer and Judith; Birdie Larrick; Perry Onstot; Tom Perry and son Jay; Mary Peterson; Guy Spinelli and Madeline; Harry Stockman and Matilda; Bob Vickers and Annell; Stan Zybert and Helen Przystupa; and David Rubin and Doris.



Much comradery is to be found around the breakfast tables at reunions. Here are: Col Lawrence Gilbert, Helen and Charley Dye, Mary Peterson, Luther Beddingfield, and Gil and Martha Bambauer.



Dorothy and Pete Kotsifakis



Betty Jo and Winfield Denton



Hospitalityroom hostesses Martha Bambauer and Mary Peterson



Tom Perry explaining to all to Annabelle Garoffolo



Mary Peterson and Charley and Helen Dye



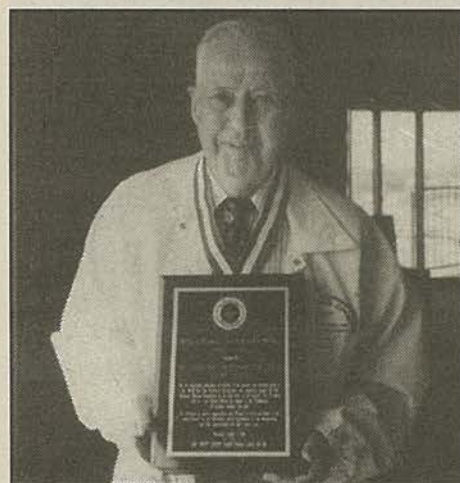
Mary Peterson, Annell Vickers and Helen Dye



Bob Vickers and Charley Dye

DYE AWARDED LEADERSHIP AWARD BY 8AFHS

At the 8AFHS Society meeting in Kansas City last October the Society presented Charley with a plaque which read:



Charley Dye

Meritorious Leadership Award, presented to Lt/Col Charles E. Dye, USAF (Ret) for his remarkable dedication of services to the mission and essential goals of this World War II historical organization and companion agency, the 8AF Memorial Museum Foundation, in the vital roles as the Society's past president and as a key officer-director in support of the Foundation's far reaching purpose and aims.

An extension of sincere apprecia-

tion and thanks is given on behalf of the entire Society for his outstanding vital contributions to this membership and both organizations over these many years.

Presented October 9, 2004 at the 30th Mighty Eighth Annual Reunion, Kansas City, MO.

FOOT IN THE MOUTH REMARKS

(The editor is indebted to his friend T/Sgt Buzz Hoehn, 20th AF AM, for picking this up off the internet.)

"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life," Brooke Shields, during and interview to become Spokesperson for Federal anti smoking campaign.

"I've never had major knee surgery of any other part of my body," Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky basketball forward.

"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country," Mayor William Barry, Washington, D. C.

"I'm not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the president," Hillary Clinton commenting on the release of subpoenaed documents.

"That lowdown scoundrel de-

serves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it," a congressional candidate in Texas.

"Half this game is ninety percent mental," Philadelphia Phillies manager Danny Ozark.

"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it," Al Gore.

"I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix," Dan Quayle.

"It's no exaggeration to say that the undecided could go one way or the other," George Bush.

"The word genius isn't applicable to football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein," Joe Theisman, NFL football quarterback and sports analyst.

"If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure," Bill Clinton.

"We are ready for an unforeseen event that may or may not occur," Al Gore.

"Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas," Keppel Enderbery.

"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we notice that you have passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in the circumstances," Department of Social Services, Greenville, SC.

"If somebody had a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. And the next morning, when they wake up dead, there'll be a record," Mark S. Fowler, FCC chairman.

GARNERED FROM THE INTERNET

(via Ebe Ebersole)

In 1941, Herman James, a Tennessee mountain man, was drafted by the Army.

On his first day the Army issued him a comb. That afternoon the Army barber sheared off all his hair.

On his second day the Army issued Herman a toothbrush. That afternoon the Army dentist yanked seven of his teeth.

On the third day the Army issued him a jock strap. The Army is still looking for him.

GAROFFOLO-GOAR



Annabelle Garoffolo and Jim Goar were united in marriage on Dec. 12, 2004 at the Otterbein United Methodist Church in Lebanon, Indiana.

Annabelle is the former mayor of Lebanon and Jim is the editor of the 392BGMA NEWS. They met as freshmen in college, and when WWII came along they went their separate ways. She is the widow of Joe Garoffolo, a good friend of Jim's. Lebanon is near Jim's home in Frankfort, and they met again a few years ago.

They will live in Wesley Manor Village, a retirement home in Frankfort.

IT'S TIME TO SEND IN DUES FOR 2005

The Board of Directors, faced with declining membership, increased the dues in 2003 by a modest \$3, to \$15. They remain the same for 2005. Also, if you feel that you are in a position to help the Treasury with an extra donation, there is a provision for it below. It is possible that Life Members might feel that the Lord has been good to them and that they have lived beyond their actuarial years and an extra payment might be in order. Your dues status can be found right after your name on the mailing list. If the number is 05 or higher, you're current. LM means Life Member, and Frnd means that you are our guest.

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A HEARTFELT LETTER FROM ENGLAND

David Hastings is a past Governor of the Memorial Trust of the 2ADA and one of our staunchest Friends in Norfolk. He has sent the NEWS a long letter which unfortunately for want of space we must condense. Too bad, and also a tough job for the editor, because David knows very well how to put words together.

As the generation of Norfolk people who knew the 2nd Air Division age, it is an opportune time to give thanks for the great legacy that the 2AD and their Association have left on both sides of the At-

lantic. Here are just some of the items to be thankful for.

Without the arrival of the 8AF and the 2AD to join us in our fight, I doubt if we would be here today and living in freedom.

Without the 2AD being with us in the dark days from 1943 to 1945 we would never have made the friendships that are now being passed on to the next generation. Your arrival was like a bright light at the end of a dark tunnel after we had endured three years of war, from the Fall of France, Dunkirk and the threat of invasion, the Battle of Britain and then the Blitz.

The vision of the 2AD in 1945 to leave a "Living Memorial" gave us the Memorial Library which is the

only one of its kind in the world and is appreciated by people from all parts of the world. The Memorial Library has over the years strengthened the links between the United Kingdom and the United States. The massive financial support of the 2ADA has made for the success and much admired position that the Library holds today.

The 2ADA founded and encourages the Heritage League which involves the next generation.

The 2ADA Annual Conventions, held both in the USA and in Norwich have done so much to strengthen the unique ties of friendship made in the war years.

In 1992 there was the return of a B-24 to Great Britain. (Editor's

note: that same B-24 is alive and well and is pictured in this issue)

In 1995 Norwich had the finest 50th Anniversary VE Day Parade outside of London. Norwich and Norfolk will never forget the Parade, the Cathedral Service, the Fanfare, and the Theatre Royal show in the evening.

The Memorial Library is the only one in Europe that enjoys a full time Fulbright Scholar each year in perpetuity.

There are many B-24 Liberator paintings hanging on the RAF and USAF bases, the City Hall, the County Hall, the Forum, Norwich Airport, Wymondham College, and the Village Halls.

The Memorial in Norwich forges the close links that the airmen and airwomen of today enjoy with the Norfolk community. As has been seen at USAF Mildenhall, the U.S. armed forces of today now understand why there is such a special friendship in East Anglia.

In 2001 there was the memorable occasion when the new Memorial Library opened. In spite of the the events of 9/11, the Association came over undeterred to see the Roll of Honor return home. The Association was awarded the Freedom of the City of Norwich, the only non-British organization to receive our highest honor.

Now in 2004, as we sit in your beautiful library or stand on the runways of your old bases we realise even more that we can never thank the 2AD enough for joining us in 1943 and for your vision in 1945 to leave a "living memorial" to your friends who died and those who survived during the heroic fight for world freedom. In the years of peace we must also thank the 2AD Association for carrying on the support for the Memorial and strengthening still further those unique ties of friendship between our two Countries.

Signed,
A NORFOLKMAN

David J. Hastings

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PX ITEMS

Anthology, "20 th Century Crusaders.(Hard cover book)	\$36.50 postpaid	\$
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Book, "After The Liberators, A Father's Last Mission, A Son's Lifelong Journey", by Bill McGuire, son of 579th navigator Bill McGuire Sr., KIA Friedrichshafen mission.

Order direct from publisher, Parkway Publishers: PO Box 3678, Boone, NC 28607, \$20.95 postpaid (Mention 392BGMA newsletter in your letter and you can take 10% off the total bill)

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Book, "Stalag 17B, Prisoner of War", by L/C (USAF, Ret) Richard H. Hoffman, ball turret gunner, 579th.

Order from publisher, Xlibris Corp, phone 888 795 4274, or on line at www.xlibris.com/html/bookstores. Also at Amazon.com. No cost figures furnished.

Book, "Don't Call Me A Hero", by Jim McGregor, pilot, 579th.

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Order videos direct from Dan McGovern productions, 5307 Cantante, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

THE INTERNET LAMPOONS ITSELF

The NEWS could fill its pages with material gleaned from the internet and sent to it by readers. Here's something from Stan Zybort, maybe funny enough to warrant its space.

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she has been called Amazon Dot Com.

She said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why doth thou travel far

from town to town with thy goods when thou can trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, Dear?" And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale and they will reply telling you which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. The drums rang out and were an immediate

success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever moving from his tent.

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secret himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading.

And the young man did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to horse flesh, and before very long there were many others and they were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Siderites, or NERDS for short.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums, that no one noticed that the real riches were

going to the drum maker, one Brother William of Gates, who bought up every drum company in the land. And indeed did insist on making drums that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And as Abraham looked out over the bay of Ezekiel, (or as it came to be known as eBay) he said, "we need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO", said Abraham. And that is how it all began. It wasn't Al Gore after all.

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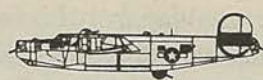


All copies will be autographed by Col. Lawrence G. Gilbert, our final Commander.

Order from the PX order blank contained in this newsletter.

Over 100 authors, including Ian Hawkins and Ernie Barber, have contributed to this anthology, edited by Bill and Marge Braddock. There are personal stories of bombing missions, aerial dogfights, air-sea rescues, aircraft crashes, life-saving parachute bail-outs, captures by the enemy, evasions, escapes, resistance-fighters assistance to downed airmen and airmen returning to England.

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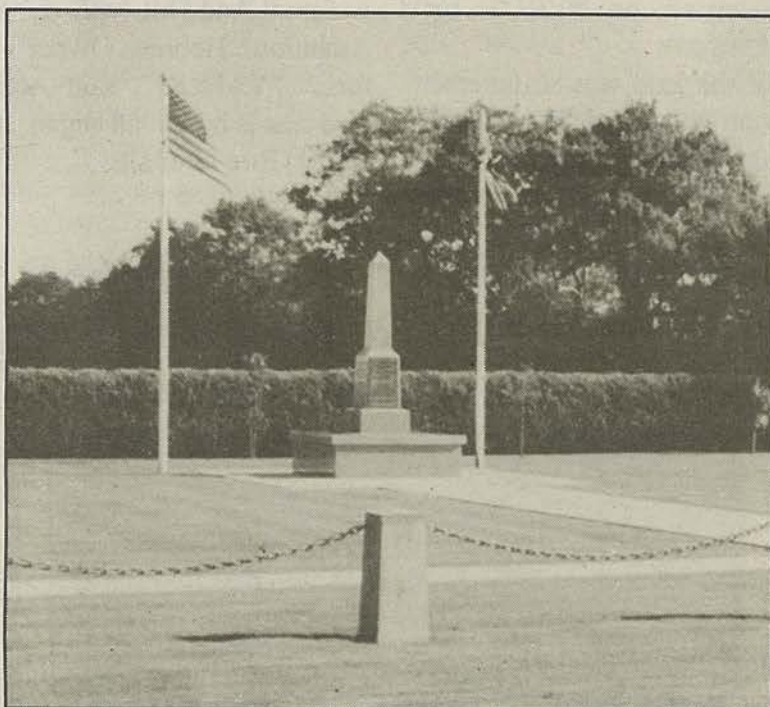
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Almighty God, Who has blessed us with the will and courage to do our duty, we praise You for our comrades whose death kept freedom living. We praise You also for giving us the years we have lived since their departure. We pray that You will strengthen and sustain our devotion to truth and justice, so that we may be faithful beneficiaries of their sacrifice. Continue Your mercy to our comrades; keep them in Your care; and bring us all at last into Your presence there to rejoice eternally. Amen.
-Prayer composed by 576th pilot the Very Reverend Robert C. Martin, retired Dean of the Cathedral at Erie, Pa.

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But we..shall be remembered;

**We few,
we happy few,
we band of
brothers;**

**For he to-day
that sheds his
blood with me**

**Shall be
my brother...**

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Chaplain's Corner

By George Barger, Ph. D.
(aka Bombardier, 576/7)

World War 2 veterans are dying at such a rate that within a decade or so there'll be none of us left except for a few centenarians. Our generation will be reduced to a paragraph in World History, and a few pages in the History of the XX Century. Perhaps that's a reason we are so busy building memorials to what we did. Who will remember us? God will! That's our confidence; He knows us by name; He numbers the hairs on our heads; He loves each as if one were all; and all as if they were but one. (Augustine)
