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LAST CALL FOR 392nd's STAND-ALONE

392ND'S STAND-ALONE TO BE HELD BACK-TO-BACK WITH FLORIDA CHAPTER 2AD REUNION FEB 22-24; CRUSADERS CAN ATTEND EITHER OR BOTH

In an all-out effort to reach every Crusader, the November issue of the Newsletter was sent to every name and address in our records. Now, in the hope that the February 392nd stand-alone Reunion will be a record-breaker, this February issue is being mailed early so that all Crusaders can consider joining the Group and making this Reunion a memorable occasion.

The date is Sunday and Monday, Feb. 23 and 24. The 392nd stand-alone follows the Florida chapter Second Air Division Reunion on Saturday Feb. 22. Crusaders may make arrangements to attend either or both.

The site is the Clarion Hotel in Orlando, which has successfully hosted several other 2AD reunions. Reunion officials have contracted for a very special and economical room rate of $67, plus tax, and that rate will be good for three days before and three days after the reunion dates. But to secure this special rate, reservations must be made before Jan. 31.

M/Sgt Ernie Barber will be there with the full complement of the Group's memorabilia, displayed in a roomy hospitality room.

There are no regimented schedule of tours to the many Orlando attractions. However, if enough Crusaders sign up, there will be a tour to the Cape Kennedy launch facilities, cost $30. A sign-up for that is included in the accompanying insert.

The Clarion Hotel guest services desk will make arrangements for other tours to the Orlando attractions on an individual basis.

See the accompany insert for all the details, and repeat, you may sign up for either the 2AD reunion or the 392nd, and you may also sign up for both.

If you have any questions, call:
Lawrence Gilbert, chm, 407 647 2623
Cliff Peterson, co-chm, 407 647 7741
Teddy Egan, treas, 407 644 25439.

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ALAMOGORDO ARMY AIR BASE ONE OF EARLY WWII AIR FIELDS;.CONSTRUCTION STARTED IN 1942

By Jim Goar

I remember, as do most Crusaders who joined the 392nd at Alamogordo, my first look at Alamogordo Army Air Base in April of 1943. The tar paper barracks and the desolate landscape were in sharp contrast to where I had just come from: the posh hotels of Miami Beach, where they were turning out 90-day wonders like me. I said to myself: "The realities of this war have finally come home to you, Jack."

Now, thanks to Alamogordo resident and 578th pilot Howard "Ebe" Ebersole, here is an account of how Alamogordo Army Air Base sprang to life in the New Mexico desert in 1942.

The story was written by Mose C. Cauthen, a WWI veteran and the chairman of the local Chamber of Commerce when war broke out Dec. 7, 1941. It appeared in the Nov. 10, 1996, issue of the Alamogordo Daily News.

Mose was what we would call today a "mover and shaker". He lost no time in contacting his Senator and the Army Corps of Engineers, volunteering the community's assistance to build an air base that would contribute to the nation's war effort.

Rallying the aid of local contractors and utility managers, they were able to convince the Engineers that their location was feasible. They found two sections of land that a rancher was willing to temporarily part with, (he thought) and soon construction was under way. The first military contingent to occupy the base arrived in April or May of 1942, commanded by a Col Anes Albro. The 392nd got there in March of 1943. They filled up the Group with personnel and equipment, completed final training, and left for the ETO in July.

The base in now a vital part of the Air Force, and is named Holloman Air Base. The are some tactical squadrons flying the F-117 Stealth based there, and they also train pilots in the NATO Tornado fighter-bomber.

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Ebersole photo

Alamogordo Army Air Base, now Holloman Air Force Base, was the last states side home of the 392nd before we deployed to the ETO.

392BGMA NEWS REVAMPS MAILING POLICY-NOW 1ST CLASS

For some time now, the NEWS has mailed under the Postal Service's bulk rate program, in order to save money.

But, alas, there ain't no free lunch. In return for the lower rate, the Post Office downgrades our delivery to a state that has become unacceptable: sometimes taking a month to get the newsletter delivered. Also, they recently imposed a complicated sorting requirement that takes hours to comply with.

The savings came to only about 75 cents per member per year, so your Executive Committee came to the conclusion that we should go back to first class mailing. The decision was made easier because the November mailing, containing important news about the stand-alone Reunion in February, was seriously delayed.

So it's back to the old-fashioned lick 'em and stick 'em stamps, which will take less time and effort than the complicated sorting procedures demanded for bulk mailing.

So we have every reason to believe that this mailing will reach you in a much more timely fashion than previous ones.

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EVER HAD THIS FEELING, IN OR OUT OF THE SERVICE?

A quote heard in a busy lawyer's office: "When you're up to your hips in alligators, remember that your original intent was to drain the swamp."

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HISTORICAL BITS FROM THE WENDLING AREA

Heacham and Swanton Morley are villages not far from Wendling. Thanks to information sent to the NEWS by John Gilbert, 392BGMA Friend who lived and worked at the Wendling site after the war, here are some interesting items that link the two villages with U. S. history:

There is a monument to Princess Pocahontas in St. Mary's church, Heacham. She was the daughter of an Indian chief. In 1614 she married John Rolfe, a member of the ancient family to whom the village of Heacham belonged. Three years later she planned to return to America but died on board ship at Greenwich, England.

The family of Abraham Lincoln, Civil War President, came from Swanton Morley. Richard Lincoln was churchwarden of Swanton Morley from 1599 to 1620. He disinherited his eldest son Edward, and this caused such poverty that three of Edward's sons emigrated to America. One son, Samuel, was a weaver and he left England in 1637. He was a direct ancestor of Abraham Lincoln.

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PROFILE

1/Lt George G. Judd was the navigator on the Sommers crew in the 576th. He joined the Group at Wendling in June 1944.

He worked in the lime industry in Woodville, OH as a chemist until he retired in 1983.

He is married to Ruth, and their address is 750 Riverside Drive, Woodville, OH 43469. They have two children, four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

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PROFILE

S/Sgt James P. Rehill was the nose gunner on the Page crew in the 577th. He arrived at Wendling in May 1944 and flew his first mission on D-Day.

On June 20, 1944, the Page crew diverted to Sweden on the return leg of a mission. The a/c was too badly damaged to land, and the crew bailed out. Rehill was repatriated in November 1944 and returned to the States shortly thereafter.

He graduated from Rutgers University with an ROTC commission as 2/Lt. He was on active duty at a radar early warning station from 1951 to 1953.

He spent over thirty years in the insurance business with Prudential, Allstate, and Fireman's Fund, and is now retired.

He and wife Rosemarie live at 14103 Heathfield Court, Rockville, MD, 20853. They have a son and a daughter.

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AIR ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 28, 1945: 8th AF observed its third birthday with a 1,000 plane raid on Germany.

PROFILE

1/Lt Raymond Gajewski was a bombardier in the 578th on the Fogarty and Walker crews. He joined the Group in May 1944.

He has spent his entire civilian life in the leather business, holding supervisory positions in several Milwaukee leather processing companies.

His spouse is Gertrude, and they live at 1650 Glen Anna Drive, Grafton, WI 53024. They have two children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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AIR ANNIVERSARY

Jan 6, 1944: Maj Gen James Doolittle assumed command of 8th AF.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 15, 1950: General of the Air Force H. H. Arnold died of heart ailment.

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Book, "Remembrance of The Missing", by Col Bob Vickers, 578th, $35.00 postpaid	$_____
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Book, "The Liberators From Wendling", by Col Bob Vickers, 578th, $28.00 postpaid	$_____
Book, "Crew Dog", by Maj John Matt, 579th, $28.95 postpaid	$_____
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Cap, black, 392nd Bomb Group w/gold braid, winter, $10.50 postpaid	$_____
Cap, blue, 392nd Bomb Group w/B-24 and Crusader logo, $10.50 postpaid **DISCONTINUED**	$___X___
Directory, May 1996, $10 postpaid	$_____
Jacket, white nylon, w/392BG and Crusader patches, $26 postpaid (Circle size wanted) M L XL XXL	$_____
Patch, 392nd Bomb Group logo, $1.50 postpaid	$_____
Print, "The Flying Crusader", by Frederick T. Searle, signed, reduced to $16.50 postpaid	$_____
TOTAL	$_____

Send with check to Cecil Rothrock, Treas., 7334 26th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53143

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Video, Symposium above, "The Tough Missions, Pt 1: Bremen, Keil, Gotha, Freidrichshafen Both parts $27.50 pp
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392nd BOMB GROUP REUNION '97 REGISTRATION FORM

Name_____ Sqdn/Atchd Unit_____

Street Address_____ Phone_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Is spouse attending_____ Spouse'sname_____

Guests attending_____ Names_____

Staying at the Clarion Plaza?_____ Date and time of arrival_____

Registration fee $90, times number of attending $_____
(Registration fee includes breakfast and dinner, Sunday and Monday, plus hospitality and administrative expenses)
OPTIONAL TRIP TO CAPE KENNEDY: $30, TIMES NUMBER ATTENDING $_____

FOR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS, CALL CLIFF PETERSON, 407 647 7741 OR LAWRENCE GILBERT, 407 647 2623

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2ND AIR DIVISION REGISTRATION FORM

If you are joining the 2nd Air Division on Saturday, please complete the following:

Name_____ Spouse's name_____

Guests_____

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner: $35.00 times number attending $_____

Dinner only, $20.00 times number attending $_____

TOTAL AMOUNT, 392ND PLUS 2AD $_____

Make check payable to Teddy Egan and mail to her before January 31, 1997 at 2619 Lafayette Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789.
Telephone: (407) 644 5439

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392ND'S STAND-ALONE IS TO BE HELD BACK-TO-BACK WITH THE FLORIDA CHAPTER SECOND AIR DIVISION REUNION, AND CRUSADERS CAN ATTEND EITHER OR BOTH. THE 2AD REUNION IS SATURDAY, FEB. 22, 1997; AND THE 392ND IS SUNDAY AND MONDAY, FEB. 23 AND 24. BOTH ARE AT THE CLARION HOTEL IN ORLANDO.

Detailed information on both reunions is below, and reservation forms are on the back of this sheet. Send Reunion forms with check to Teddy Egan, 2619 Lafayette Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789, and communicate direct with the hotel either with the form or by phone. Be sure to identify yourself as belonging to the Second Air Division, 392nd Bomb Group. Deadline for registration is Jan. 31, 1997.

392ND BOMB GROUP STAND-ALONE REUNION

The 392nd Bomb Group Stand-Alone Reunion will be held Sunday and Monday, February 23 and 24, 1997 at the Clarion Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive, Orlando, Florida, 32819. Telephone is 1 800 627 8258 or 407 354 1703. Room rate is $67.00 plus 12% tax. This rate is available three days before and three days after the reunion. Mail your check for first night's deposit, $75.04 directly to the hotel using the hotel reservation form at the bottom of the back of this page. OR, call the hotel giving your credit card information. Be sure to identify yourself with the 2nd Air Division, 392nd Bomb Group on the form or credit card call. Checks should reach the hotel not later than the deadline, which is January 31. Mail the REGISTRATION form with your check to Teddy Egan, 2619 Lafayette Road, Winter Park, FL 32789 by the same deadline. Hospitality room/rooms will be open from Saturday PM thru Monday with open bar; Ernie Barber's voluminous photo albums, video, and memorabilia. Sit-down breakfast and dinner both Sunday and Monday is included in the registration fee as well as hospitality and administrative expense. The excellent, optional trip to Cape Kennedy will require most of Monday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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SECOND AIR DIVISION FLORIDA REUNION

The 2nd Air Division Florida Reunion will be held Saturday, February 22, 1997 at the Clarion Plaza Hotel. Hotel rates and room reservation procedures are the same as those for the 392nd. Registration desk will be open 7:00 A.M., Feb. 22. A large Hospitality room will be open all day for gathering and mingling.

Continental breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 9:30 in the Hospitality room. Buffet lunch will be served from 11:30 to 1:30 in a reserved section in the Cafe Mattisse. There will be a cash bar reception at 6:00 followed by the banquet and program at 7:00 P. M.

GENERAL

For cancellations in the last 72 hours, full or partial refunds will be made if funds are available.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Lawrence Gilbert, chairman, (407) 647 2623
Cliff Peterson, co-chairman, (407) 647 7741
Teddy Egan, treasurer, (407) 644 5439

PROFILE

Sgt Bill Jensen was an aircraft mechanic in the 579th, joining the Group at Alamogordo. He later was transferred to the 390th, a B-17 outfit.

After the war, he was with Minneapolis Moline Farm Equipment Company in California, Colorado, and Nebraska. After the company was bought out, he was in the auto parts business.

Now retired, he lives with wife Anna at 8030 Chicago St., Omaha, NE 68114. They have five children and two grandchildren.

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PROFILE

Lt, later Col, Raymond D. Johnson was a pilot in the 576th. He joined the 392nd at Wendling in July, 1944.

He served in the Reserves from 1946 to 1949, and was in the California Air National Guard from 1949 to 1967.

In civilian life, he was with Travelers Insurance Company early in his career, but most of his life was spent as a County Administrative Officer. He retired in 1980 as Chief Adminstrative Officer.

He is married to Harriet, and they live at 21341 Westover Ave., Riverside, CA 92518. They have two children and five grandchildren.

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PROFILE

S/Sgt Lonard (Shorty) Neel was a gunner on the Charles Warner crew in the 578th. He joined the Group at Wendling in December 1944.

Now retired, he was a pipe fitter and air conditioning and refrigeration mechanic.

He and spouse Arvie (Sally) reside at 2694 Poinsettia Ave., Middleburg, FL 32068. They have four children and five grandchildren.

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PROFILE

S/Sgt Methodius (Ted) Pawlyshyn was a gunner on the Nugent crew in the 579th. He arrived at Wendling in December of 1943.

After finishing 30 missions, he was assigned to the 1287 MP Detachment at Wendling as acting 1st Sgt. He was NCO in charge of the security detail that was formed for extra base security prior to D-Day.

After that, he was a gunnery instructor at the 4th Training Command in Ireland.

After the war, he entered the elevator business and worked as an inspector and mechanic for 43 1/2 years in and around New York City.

He and wife Anne live at 24 Anita Road, Bronxville, NY 10708. They have two sons, one of whom is a major in the US Medical Corps. They have four grandchildren.

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PROFILE

S/Sgt Charles A. Piper was a gunner on the Higgins crew in the 579th. He arrived at Wendling in September 1943.

After the war and until 1951 he was in the Air Force, as flight engineer on C-119's. He spent 18 months in Japan and Korea.

He was in the Reserves until health forced his retirement in 1968. He retired as T/Sgt.

His wife is Jennie, and they live at 195 Saint Thomas Circle N., Apollo Beach, FL 33572. They have four children, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

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PROFILE

1/Lt David J. Purner was the navigator on the Ofenstein crew in the 576th. He joined the Group at Wendling in March 1944, and was shot down April 29 on a raid to Berlin.

Most of his civilian life was spent as a Penney store manager; he managed stores in Battle Creek, Gary, St. Louis, Phoenix, Peoria, and Waukon, Iowa. After retiring from Penney's he was with the Postal Service and retired as superintendent of postal operations at Johnson City, TN.

Both he and wife Louise are active as volunteers in community organizations.

Their address is 5 Beechwood Circle, Johnson City, TN 37604. They have two sons, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

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PROFILE

S/Sgt Raymond D. "Barney" Ross was the tail gunner on the Harold Dawson crew in the 579th. He arrived at Wendling in June 1944.

He received the bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University, and was a teacher and school administrator.

He retired in 1981 with multiple sclerosis, but reports that he is in remission and doing well.

His wife is Joyce, and they live at 4798 Gierke Road, Grayling, MI 49738. They have four daughters and one son, and seven grandchildren.

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PROFILE

T/Sgt Philip Sacher was a flight engineer in the 577th. He joined the Group at Wendling in November 1944.

He graduated from NYU and was a stock broker in New York City. Later, he was president and owner of Medical Transportation Corporation of America. He is now retired.

A widower, he lives at 56 Church Lane, Scarsdale, NY 10583. He has one son and two grandchildren.

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PROFILE

F/O George Richner was the navigator on the John Ross crew in the 576th and 579th. He joined the Group at Wendling in September 1944 and finished his 35 missions in March 1945.

In civilian life, he was self-employed in the hardware and service business, retiring in 1988.

He is married to Marjorie, and they live at 8428 Ravenna, Twinsburg, OH 44087. They have two children and three grandchildren.

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AIR ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 1, 1944: US Strategic Air Forces in Europe (USSTAF) formed.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 2, 1942: General H. H. Arnold directed establishment of new Air Force later designated 8th AF.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 5, 1943: Allied Air Forces in Africa activated under Maj Gen Carl Spaatz.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By George Barger, Chaplain

1997, a new year and one year further away from the events we shared in the 392nd. What will be remembered of that intense time? Most of our memories are personal, involving us and our comrades. Each year separates us from some of these. Candor would have us reply, "Not much will be remembered." In that we do not differ from the Greeks at Marathon, or our fathers in World War One. Yet, because we believe "history is going somewhere," we can also believe the things we did made a difference, and will continue to ripple through time. In the ambiguities of history, our cause was right and we did our duty. It's enough to remember that, and that it be remembered.

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Date of death_____ Survivors:(Send copy of obit from newspaper if possible)_____

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[ ] Record a memorial contribution to 392nd BGMA in my name, check made out to 392nd Bomb Group Memorial Ass'n., enclosed. Send this report to Jim Goar, 5 N. Columbia St., Frankfort, IN 46041.

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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...

William Shakespeare
Henry V

FOLDED WINGS

Edward H. Nehring, 577, July 14, 1996
DeWitt A. Miller, 576, 1996
Stanley J. Stupski, 579, Oct. 25, 1996
Don Whitford, 579, Oct. 27, 1996
Melford Butts, 1990
Robert L. Gvegold, 1990
Homer F. Roland, Dec. 8, 1987
Michael P. Santoro, Dec. 2, 1994
James A. Ziccarelli, 578
Albert J. Riley, 576, 1996
Robena Bush, Summer 1996
widow of
Col Joseph Bush, Hq.
Frank D. Dodd, 576, Nov. 5, 1996
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Joseph "Pat" McAtee, 576, 9/18, 1996
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HAVEN'T SENT YOUR ANTHOLOGY ORDER IN YET? REPORT TO THE ORDERLY ROOM FOR EXTRA DUTY!

The 392nd Anthology, the book we all have been waiting for, went to the printer this summer.

The book contains accounts written by over 100 Crusaders in their own words of the events that shaped our lives. Authors are pilots, gunners, and other air crew members, as well as Ground personnel.

Bill Braddock, the radio operator on the Cliff Edwards crew, 578th's first lead crew, with the help of wife Marge, has put Ian Hawkins' work into context.They have counted and indexed 1038 Crusader names; assembled pictures of over 40 of our aircraft; and in many other ways made this a book that, as Colonel Gilbert has said, no Crusader family should be without.

Col Gilbert, CEO of the 392 Bomb Group Memorial Association and former Group Commander, went on to say, "We will soon be gone, and our children and grandchildren deserve to know first-hand from our own mouths our contributions to the long and hard-fought struggle in the ETO in 1943-45".

"The time has come for Crusaders to step up and place their orders. We need at least 500 pre-publication orders, and the number 825, the count of our people lost, would be a much more significant number", Braddock said.

It is expected that the book will be ready for delivery early in 1997. They cost $52.50 plus shipping and handling, and the order blank below is ready for you to fill out and send in to Turner Publishing.

Don't delay- Send in your order NOW

392nd Bomb Group (H) Anthology:
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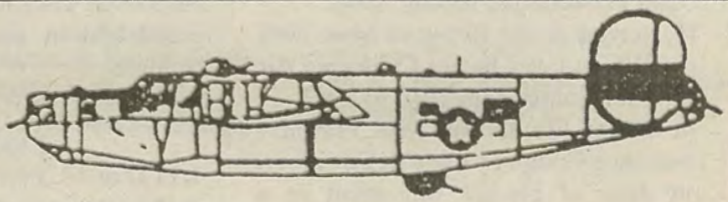

Over 100 authors, including Ian Hawkins and Ernie Barber, have contributed to this new anthology, edited by Bill and Marge Braddock of Blaine, MN. There are personal stories of bombing missions, aerial dogfights, air-sea rescues, aircraft crashes, life-saving parachute bail-outs, captures by the enemy,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

Many rare photographs also will be featured, as well as many maps and charts of the 392nd's areas of operation. This 9x12-inch hardbound edition is slated to feature a full-color cover of the exciting print, "Liberators from Wendling." To keep this collector's item in perfect shape, it will be printed on high-quality, glossy acid-free paper for superior photo reproduction and longevity, and will have a smyth-sewn library-quality binding for durability.

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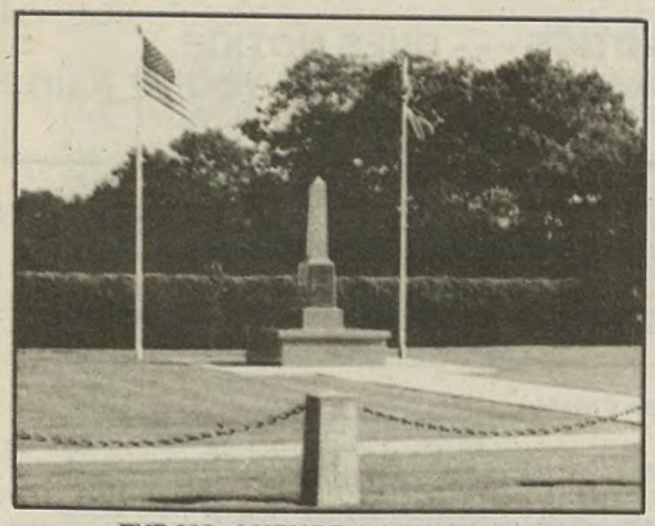

THE 392nd MEMORIAL AT WENDLING

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 578th pilot the Very Reverend Robert C. Martin, retired Dean of the Cathedral at Erie, Pa.

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