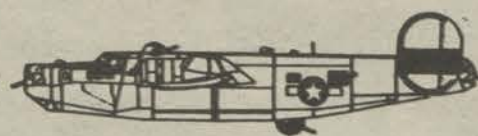


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QUEEN AWARDS PRESTIGIOUS OBE TO JILL SCOTT

Beeston resident Jill Scott was named an OBE on the New Year's Honours List, according to a story carried in the Norwich Eastern Daily Press.

Mrs. Scott and her husband Tom have been long-time Friends of the 392nd. They donated land for the Memorial, and have furnished management and labor for its reconstruction and maintenance.

She was honored for her service to the St. John Ambulance service, having started with the organization at the age of 14. She has since served in London as the Superintendent in Chief, and more recently was County Commander for Norfolk.

Her public service has not been limited to St. John Ambulance. She was the first female county commissioner and is also a Norfolk magistrate.

Col Lawrence Gilbert, CEO of the 392BGMA, commented "We are very proud that Jill Scott has received this high award, so richly deserved. She is one of our own."

For you Yank readers: OBE means Order of the British Empire. The Queen announces her awards in the Honours List which is published on New Year's Day or on the official royal birthday in June. Awards are made as a mark of royal favor or as a reward for public service.

Mrs. Scott will get a medal from the Queen at a ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

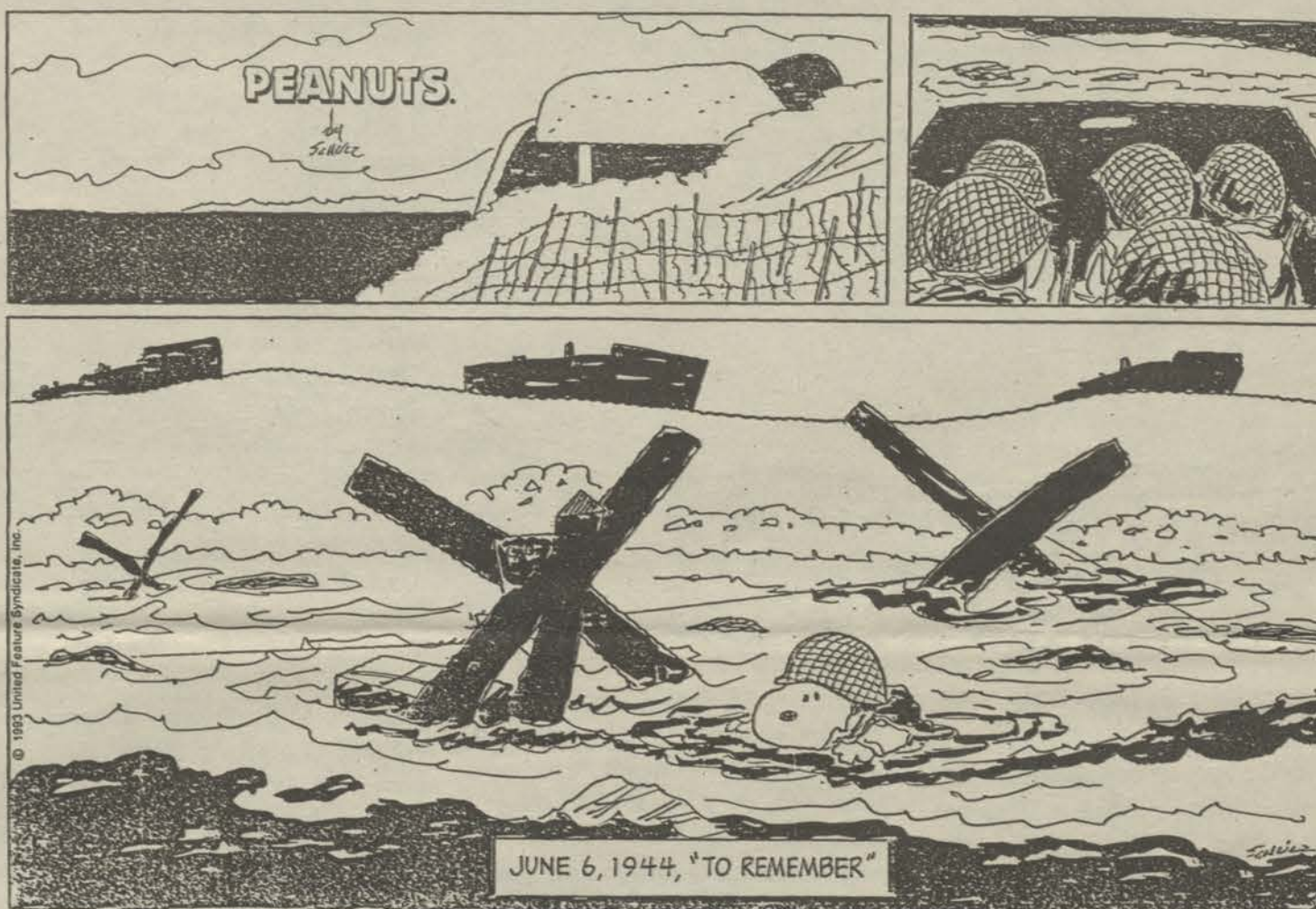
Mar. 18, 1945: 1,250 bombers escorted by 670 fighters give Berlin heaviest attack of war.

S/SGT SCHULZ, 20TH ARMD DIV, PACKS IT IN

Charles Schulz, the famed creator of the *Peanuts* comic strip, has announced his retirement. The last daily cartoon ran in newspapers Jan. 3 and the last Sunday cartoon appeared Feb. 13.

Struck with colon cancer in November, he decided that he was no longer able to maintain the schedule demanded by a daily comic strip. Schulz's beloved cast of characters appeared in 2,600 newspapers, reaching an estimated 355 million readers daily in 75 countries. The cartoon below ran nationally on D-Day, 1993 and the *News* received permission to run it in our D-Day issue of June, 1994.

The famous cartoonist was in WWII S/Sgt Charles Schulz, the commander of a half-track in the 20th Armored Division. (Note the silhouettes of the half-tracks in the background of the cartoon.) The 20th Armored was in action in Germany, so the creator of Charlie Brown is indeed One of Us.



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REPORT FROM THE MEMORIAL TRUST LIBRARIAN

The 392nd BGMA has established an endowment fund at the 2AD Memorial Library at Norwich. The income from the fund is dedicated for the purchase of books for the library.

A report from Derek Hills, the Trust Librarian, to J. Fred Thomas,

the Group's VP of the 2AD, said that two new books have been added to the collection.

They are: Mails, Thomas E., *Dog Soldier Societies of the Plains*; and Haynes, John E. and Klehr, Harvey-Verona; *Decoding Soviet Espionage*.

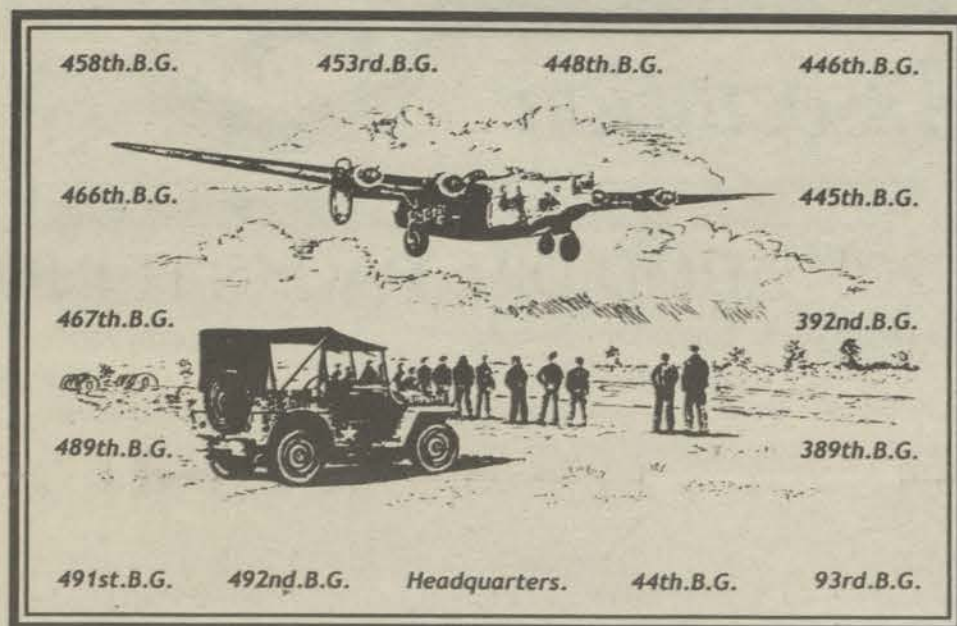
Mr. Hills added that the library's policy on title selection places emphasis on these subject areas: America, land and people; American culture; the 8AF with particular reference to the 2AD; and major reference works.

THE NEWS ALWAYS HEARS FROM ITS MANY FRIENDS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Cards, letters, E-mails, and phone calls arrived at the editorial office of the 392BGMA NEWS, tucked away in what is supposed to be the dining room of the editor's bachelor home in Frankfort, Ind.

There were many of them, and following are a few messages and cards that might be of interest to Crusaders. The cards have a B-24 motif and the messages are from our friends in England.

From Evelyn and Lillian Cohen, 2AD Association



From Phyllis DuBois, retired 2AD Memorial Librarian at Norwich and staunch friend of the 392nd



SMALL WORLD

T/Sgt Vance Sibert, after finishing his missions, stayed on at Wendling as the briefing officer for radio operators. He relieved M/Sgt Bill Braddock when he rotated home.

After the war, Sibert was involved in an agricultural enterprise in Iowa and suspected a competitor of copying one of his company's patents. The company sent to Minneapolis for a patent attorney.

A few days later, he walked Bill Braddock, now a patent attorney.

Bob Tuchel and Wade Sewell, both pilots in the 579th, ran into each other in a classroom at the University of Illinois shortly after the war.

PROFILE

T/Sgt Vance L. Sibert was a lead radio operator, completing his missions Oct. 14, 1944. Instead of rotating home, Vance stayed at Wendling as briefing officer for radio operators. He flew with, among others, Capt Holloman and Capt Barnes. He served in three squadrons: 576, 577, and 579.

He was flying with 1/Lt R. V. Par-due on Aug. 2, 1944, when they had to abandon their a/c over southern England.

He is a public accountant and lives with Mrs. Ruth L. at 1637 E. Military, Apt. 2, Fremont, NE 68025.

(See story, November 1999 issue, "Keilman papers")

From Denis and Hilary Duffield:

Denis said that now that he's reached 70, he seems to be making more visits to the doctor. Welcome to the club, Denis.

He reported that the new Library was taking shape in Norwich. He hopes to meet many of us when the 2AD returns in November 2001 to celebrate the opening.

Among the year's Wendling visitors were: John Rosenberg, George Michel and his daughter Pat, and Col Gilbert and Carroll Cheek, there for Remembrance Day.

Also John Holzinger, navigator on the 578th's Bob Tays crew, whose home is Bethlehem, PA. He married a King's Lynn girl after a wartime courtship and she passed away in 1999. He brought her ashes back to scatter in the King's Lynn area, as this was her dying wish.

Also from John Gilbert, Norwich and Ian Blackmore, Boston, Lincolnshire and Peter Wood, Giltbrook, Nottinghamshire. John lived on the Base after the war when it was being used for housing. Ian and Peter are members of the Lincolnshire Aircraft Recovery Group. The Group has investigated 392nd crashes at Silk Willoughby and Wrangle and they also help maintain a museum at the former RAF base at East Kirkby.

392BGMA ELECTRONIC DIRECTORY

The Electronic Directory will be a regular feature in the NEWS; if you want to be listed please contact the editor by mail at 2201 Redbud Blvd., Frankfort, IN 46041, or at the E-mail or Fax addresses listed below.

E-MAIL

8AF Museum, Savannah
Barger, George
Barber, Ernie
Barnard, Mary Beth
Barry, Bill
Bartsch, Arlo
Books, Bob
Braddock, Bill
Dewez, Luc
DuBois, Phyllis
Ebersole, Howard ("Ebe")
Ehrlich, Lee D.
Garrett, Howard
Goar, Jim
Greene, David
Jones, Ben
Jones, Mervyn
Long, William
Marsteller, Jim
Michel, George
Peterson, Cliff and Mary (Change)
Polking, Warren and Dette
Rothrock, Mary
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Weed, Oscar and Toni
Westbrook, Joe
Zyborst, Stanley

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www.mighty8thmuseum.com

SCRAPS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Here's a quote that has relevance for about all stages in life, but may have more significance to those of us who are beginning to view events in a more finite manner:

It's from Horace, the Roman poet, 65-8 B.C.

"Seize the day, put no trust in the morrow".

For you scholars out there: "Carpe diem, quam minimum credula post-stero".

A comic strip author has put it a little more tersely, if not as elegantly: "Time's a'wastin'".

When I read about the sexual peccadillos going on nowadays: sex in the Oval Office, in speeding cars, in airliner lavatories, I am reminded of a quote from Capt Leroy MacTavish, the 578's Communications Officer and the author of many pithy sayings: "I remember when safe sex was setting the parking brake."

PROFILE

S/Sgt Edward G. Lanning was a gunner on the Pardue crew in the 579th. He was an original crewman, joining the 392nd in April 1943 before we left for overseas.

After the war, he returned to his home state of Minnesota and farmed there for 30 years.

He is married to Anna May and they live at 104 Shady Lane, Jackson, MN 56143-1149. They have three daughters and two grandchildren.

(See story, November 1999 issue, "Keilman papers")

PROFILE

1/Lt Wade P. Sewell was a pilot in the 579th, arriving at Wendling in June 1944.

After the war, he earned the degrees of B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. He served as an economist with various corporate and government entities, including Rand Corporation, Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Institute for Defense Analysis, Econometric Analyses, Inc., and the U. S. Dept. of Energy. He retired in 1986.

He lives at 9234 Three Oaks

Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20901. He has two daughters.

(See story, November 1999 issue, "Keilman papers")

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Feb. 29, 1944: 5th AF bombers destroyed both Japanese air bases at Alexishofen, New Guinea.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Mar. 1, 1946: Gen Carl Spaatz designated Commander, AAF.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Mar. 6, 1944: 600 heavy bombers dropped 1,600 tons of bombs in first major attack on Berlin.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Mar. 9, 1945: 300 B-29s made incendiary night raid on Tokyo destroying about 1/4 of city.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Mar. 10, 1943: 14th AF activated under command of Maj Gen Claire Chennault.

392nd Bomb Group Leather Patches



Ben Jones has undertaken the task of supplying the 392BGMA with the leather Crusader patches that started appearing on the Group's A-2 jackets in 1944.

Ben says: these patches are handpainted on genuine fine leather to meet the same specifications of WWII. As the war progressed various hand painted Group patches started appearing on A-2 jackets. As there was no standard size among the various Groups, Hq. USAAF authorized the use of a 5" circular leather patch on which the unit logo could be painted.

The Crusader is drawn on a USAAF approved 5" circular leather patch. Each patch is unique with no two being identical, as with mass produced copies. You can choose between a distressed look or a freshly painted look.

The logo is painted on the leather, then coated with a sealant that protects it. Like any leather, it is suggested that it not get wet.

The cost is \$20 plus shipping and handling.

Ben says also that there will be available soon polo shirts with the Crusader emblem.

So if you're interested, contact Ben Jones at 1000F Circle Drive, Dover, DE 19901, or e-mail him at Ben@24.net. Let him know if you want the "distressed" or "freshly painted" look.

**Now Available at 392nd PX
At Reduced Price**



The publisher has reduced his price to \$47.50, post paid. Over 100 authors, including Ian Hawkins and Ernie Barber, have contributed to this new 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.

\$47.50 postpaid, order from PX order blank contained in this paper.

Also, a new video containing all of 392nd's memorabilia photos. \$17.50 postpaid, order from PX order blank in this paper.

PX ITEMS

Anthology, "20 th Century Crusaders, \$47.50 postpaid.	\$
Book, "Remembrance of the Missing", by Col. Bob Vickers, \$35.00 postpaid	\$
Book, "392 nd War Stories", by Col. Myron Keilman, \$21.50 postpaid.	\$
Book, "The Liberators From Wendling", by Col. Bob Vickers, \$28.00 postpaid	\$
Book, "Crew Dog", by Maj. John Matt, 579 th , \$28.95 postpaid.	\$
Book, "Country Boy Combat Bomber Pilot", by Col. Bob Tays, \$13.50 postpaid	\$
Book, "My Combat Diary", by Walt Cranson, \$13.50 postpaid	\$
Cap, black, 392 nd Bomb Group w/gold braid, summer, \$10.50 postpaid.	\$
Cap, black, 392 nd Bomb Group w/gold braid, winter, \$10.50 postpaid.	\$
Directory, October 1999, \$10.00 postpaid	\$
Jacket, white nylon, w/ 392 Bomb Group and Crusader patches, \$26.00 postpaid	\$
(Circle size wanted) M L XL XXL	\$
Patch, 392 nd Bomb Group logo, \$1.50 postpaid.	\$
Print, "The Flying Crusader", reduced to \$16.50 postpaid	\$
Video, 392nd's memorabilia photos, \$17.50 postpaid	\$
TOTAL	\$

Send with check to Charles Dye, 4949 San Pedro NE, #87, Albuquerque, NM 87109

Book, "After The Liberators, A Father's Last Mission, A Son's Lifelong Journey", by Bill McGuire II, 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)

Video, from Albuquerque Reunion Symposium, "The Early Days", \$17.50 postpaid

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Video, Symposium above, general scenes from the reunion, 2 parts, \$27.50 postpaid

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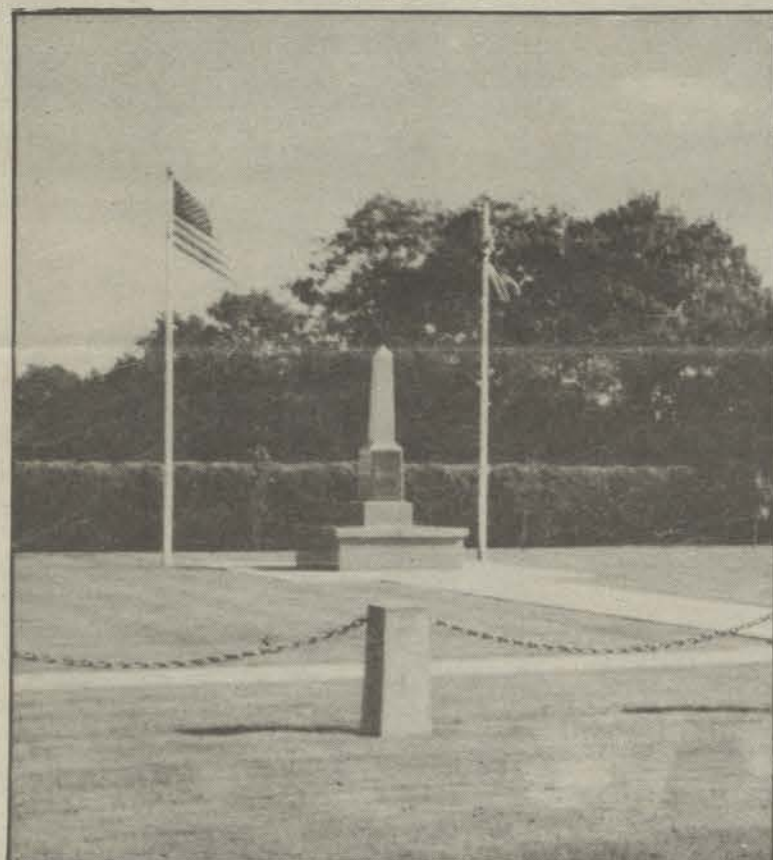
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THE 392nd MEMORIAL AT WENDLING

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 576th pilot the Very Reverend Robert C. Martin, retired I the Cathedral at Erie, Pa.

Chaplain's Corner

By George Barger

Were you surprised on awakening January 1, 2000, to find everything still in place: While there were indeed some potential problems associated with Y2K, most of the anxieties were PR generated. Y2K, restoration of the Kingdom of Israel, the coming of the Kingdom of God, the Parousia: religious folk have had to deal with these questions for millenia. And the answer remains, 'Have faith in God'. We don't know what the future holds, but we do know Who holds the future. He created time; in His good time, He will bring it to its fulfillment. Meanwhile faithfulness remains for us.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Mar. 30, 1945: 26 B-29s flew final mission from Indian bases.

Folded Wings

Louis Baccari, 578, Nov. 25, 1999

Fred Hollien, 578, Dec. 6, 1999

Harlan B. Jackson, 576, 1986

Ilene Wright, Dec. 19, 1999

Wife of Paul Wright, Hq.

Lawrence P. Myers, 578, Oct. 13, 1999

C. C. Porter, 578, 1983

Robert W. Marcus, 576, Sept., 1998

Jackson B. Crane, 577/9, Jan. 15, 2000

James W. Hammond, 579, Nov. 21, 1995

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Feb. 20, 1944: 8th and 15th AFs began six-day strikes against Germany. (Big Week)

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Feb. 21, 1945: P-47 Thunderbolts attack Berchtesgaden, Germany for the first time.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Feb. 22, 1942: First American Air Headquarters in Europe during WWII established.

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we band of
brothers;

For he to-day
that sheds his
blood with me

Shall be
my brother...

William Shakespeare
Henry V