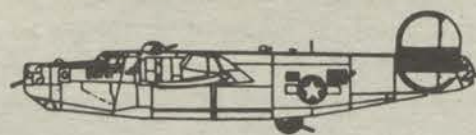


NEWS



392nd BG Memorial Association

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LAST CALL FOR AUSTIN STAND-ALONE

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE SALT LICK RESTAURANT, SO. OF AUSTIN

SOUTH ON LOOP 1/MOPAC

Head South on Loop 1 (Mopac) and take it all the way to the end at FM 1826. Turn left onto FM 1826 and go approximately 7.3 miles. We are located on the right side of the road.

TAKE IH 35 SOUTH

Exit right on Slaughter Lane.

Go West on Slaughter until it dead-ends into FM 1826.

Make a left and we are approximately 10 miles on right.

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FOR 392

FROM SAN ANTONIO/NEW BRAUNFELS/SAN MARCOS

Take IH 35 North.

After you pass through San Marcos, exit right on HWY 150. Turn left over the 135 overpass into Kyle.

At second stop sign, make a right onto FM 150.

Go about 9 miles & road forks to right.

Follow FM 150 to the right towards Driftwood.

Pass Driftwood and FM 1826 will be on right.

Turn right and we are 1-1/2 miles on left (past the bridge).

FROM "Y" AT OAK HILL

Go West on HWY 290.

At 2nd light (across from Circle K) turn left onto FM 1826.

The Salt Lick is approximately 13 miles on the right.

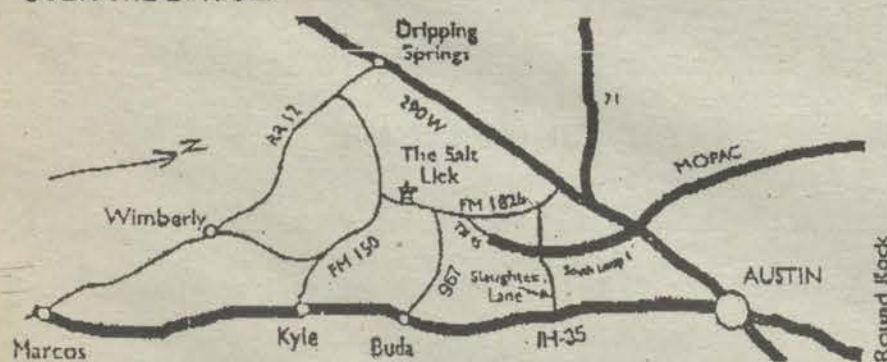
FROM WIMBERLY

Take 3237 to FM 150 & turn left onto FM 150.

Drive approximately 5 miles until you reach FM 1826.

Turn right & Salt Lick is 1-1/2 miles on left (past the bridge).

NOTE THAT THE PAVILION IS 200 YARDS PAST THE RESTAURANT JUST OVER THE BRIDGE.



VA OFFERS HEALTH ASSISTANCE FOR FORMER POW'S

A recent publication from a regional VA office was sent to the NEWS by Teddy Egan.

It described several health and

disability benefits that are available for ex-POW's. If this fits your situation, contact your nearest VA service officer.

STILL TIME TO ARRANGE TO COME TO 392ND'S STAND-ALONE, SCHEDULED FOR MAY 28, FIRST DAY OF 2AD MEET

As announced in an earlier edition of the 392BGMA NEWS, a mini-standalone reunion will be held as a piggy-back to the 2AD reunion at Austin, TX, over the Memorial Day holiday.

Col Lawrence Gilbert, CEO of the 392BGMA, said, "We are at the place where holding a 3 or 4 day stand-alone seems to require more effort and expense than we can muster."

He went on to say that by scheduling our reunion on the first day, or the "early bird day" of the regular 2AD meeting, we can enjoy the good hotel rates and the ready-made administrative set-up provided by the 2AD Association.

A dinner on Friday night has been planned at the Salt Lick, a widely known Texas barbecue restaurant about 25 miles out in the country from Austin. We will have a private dining room and a chartered bus for transportation. If you wish to drive there on your own, a map can be found elsewhere in this issue. BUT IF YOU DO COME ON YOUR OWN, TEDDY EGAN NEEDS TO KNOW IN ADVANCE ON ACCOUNT OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE RESTAURANT.

There will be a 392nd hospitality room up and running at the convention hotel, the Hyatt Regency, Friday the 28th. A snack lunch will be served Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Cost for the dinner, transportation, and hospitality room is \$50, and a sign-up form is also to be found elsewhere in this issue. Send it with your check immediately to Teddy Egan, 2619 Lafayette Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789-1372.

WE WILL HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM FOR YOU AT THE RESTAURANT ON MAY 28. HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH TO STAY AT THE CONVENTION HOTEL FRIDAY NIGHT, OR IF YOU WISH TO STAY ON FOR THE REST OF THE 2AD CONVENTION, YOU MUST CONTACT EVELYN COHEN AT 215 632 3992 TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS. DO NOT CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECT.

392ND BIG AT SO. CALIF 2AD CHAPTER MEETING

The 392nd, with 40, had the most members present at the So. Calif 2AD chapter meeting held at the El Toro Marine base on Feb. 27, 1999. Attending were: Anthony and Edna Albino; John and Bobbie Becker; Anna Mae Crane with David Laskey and Phil and LaVerne Las-

key; Thomas and Doris Edgington with Mike, Steven and Kayleen; Walter Hebron; Dick and Eleanor Hoover; Larry and Louise Bachman; Gary and Linda Glave; Ray and Harriet Johnson; Blanche Keilman; Willard and Anne Levin; Jerry and Amber Lindsay with Dalise; Willis and Dorothy Miller with Myl, Jim, and Delores; Harold and Betty Prouse; Keith and Patricia Roberts, Roland Sperry, and J. Fred and Elva Thomas.

PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR TO BE GUEST OF 392ND

Dr. Walt Rostow, who was as advisor on foreign policy to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, will be a guest at the 392nd's dinner at their stand-alone meeting in Austin, TX, on May 28.

He is a friend of Jim McLaughry, a first pilot in the 576th who forged a postwar career as a corporate pilot and director of aviation for several national corporations.

Dr. Rostow found his calling not only in the halls of government, but also in the halls of academia. He has taught history, economics, and political science at Columbia University, Oxford University in England, and the University of Texas. He is a Yale graduate (B. A. and Ph. D) and was a Rhodes scholar.

But his experience in WWII would be the most interesting part of his career to Crusaders. He was in the OSS as a member of a small and elite committee which, on the basis of economic impact on the German war economy, recommended the targeting of the 8AF.

Following is a quote from an essay

he presented in 1991 to an OSS symposium at the National Archives. The 392nd, being one of the earlier Groups committed to the strategic bombing of Germany, can attest to its accuracy.

"The members of the committee were mainly trained as economists, reflecting the assumption that the broad objective of the strategic bombing offensive was to weaken the German war economy. Our task was to develop and apply criteria for the selection of targets within one system versus another, and if the target were large enough and bombing precise enough, one aiming point versus another. When we arrived in London, the intellectual level of development of these criteria was quite primitive.

"To put no fine point upon it, the US had committed itself to a massive daylight precision bombing program without developing the doctrine and techniques of target selection or the intelligence required to underpin the exercise or without perceiving initially what it would require to conduct precision bombing operations against the opposition of the German single-engined fighter force."

RESERVATION FORM FOR 392ND STAND-ALONE

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Date and hour of expected arrival at Austin _____

Date of departure _____ Staying at _____

Attending Second Air Division Convention: Yes _____ No _____

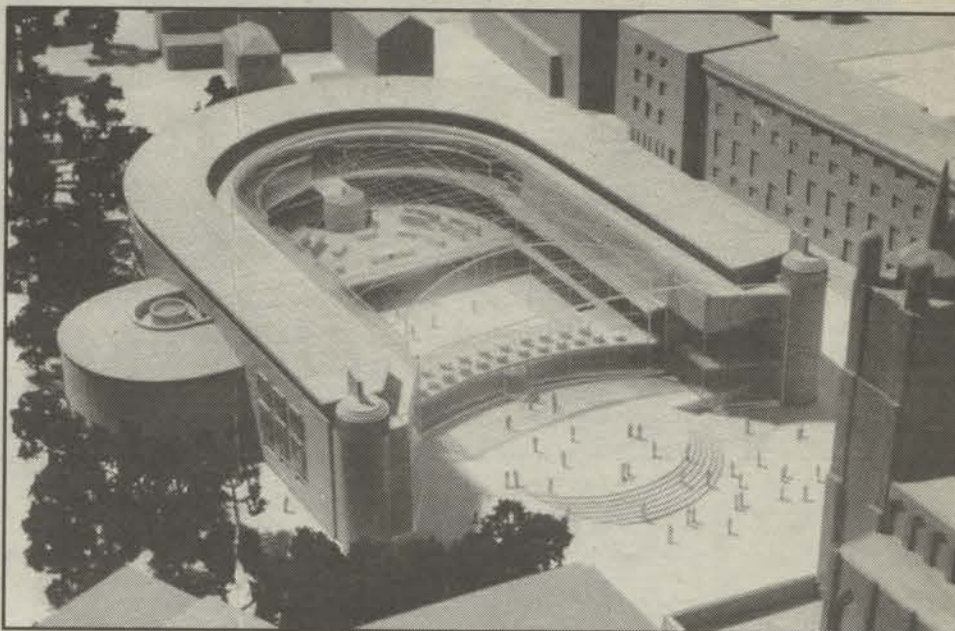
Please reserve _____ places for me at the 392nd Stand-alone dinner at the Salt Lick Restaurant for Friday evening, May 28. My check for

_____ (number of places times \$50) is enclosed.

Send with check, made to 392nd Reunion '99, to Teddy Egan, 2619 Lafayette Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789-1372, phone 407 644 5439. REMEMBER THAT HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND SIGNUP FOR 2AD MEETING MUST BE MADE SEPARATELY WITH EVELYN COHEN, 6410 DELAIRE LANDING ROAD, PHILADELPHIA PA 19144-4157, TELEPHONE 215 632 3992.

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FUNDS NEEDED TO FINISH REBUILDING 2AD MEMORIAL LIBRARY AT NORWICH



Pictured above is an artist's conception of the new Central Library at Norwich. Completion is scheduled for March 2001, and the new building will contain a Second Air Division Memorial room twice the size of the former one.

Most of us remember from our school days some coach telling us, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going". This saying describes the Brits; we all witnessed that trait during WWII. When the Norwich Central Library, which houses the 2AD Memorial Library, was destroyed by fire in 1994 the Brit response was as expected. Soon a new library will rise on the site of the one that was lost to the fire.

Funds for the completion of the Library are at hand. However, a sum of 125,000 pounds is needed to pay for the doubling of the size of the 2AD Memorial Library. Over half has been subscribed, and the Yanks on the Board of Governors told their Brit counterparts that we would pick up the slack. A good start has been made toward that pledge, but the people who were in the Second Air Division need to see to it that the goal is met. As J. Fred Thomas, the 392nd's Vice-president in charge of the 2AD (and sometimes that's literal) says, "If you flew or maintained B-24's in England during WWII, you're a part of this effort, whether or not you happen to be a member of the Second Air Division Association."

Jordan Uttal is the point man in charge of collecting the funds. Sit down now and fill out the form below and send along something, whatever you can afford, to him.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

392ND BOMB GROUP

Amount _____ Date _____

Please make check out to 2nd Air Division Ass'n and mail it with this form to:

Jordan R. Uttal
7824 Meadow Park Drive #101
Dallas, TX 75230-4939

AIR ANNIVERSARY
April 7, 1945: First fighter escorted mission made by B-29s against Japan.

AIR ANNIVERSARY
April 8, 1943: P-47s were first flown in combat over Western Europe.

LEROY MACTAVISH, STILL ALIVE AND KICKING, STILL A COLORFUL CHARACTER.



Leroy MacTavish, picture taken at 2AD Regional meeting in Orlando in January, 1999

Capt Leroy MacTavish was the 578th's Communications Officer. He is remembered as being bright, articulate, and a colorful character, maybe with emphasis on the word character.

Countless anecdotes surround his tour with the 392nd. The editor's favorite, which illustrates the colorful character part:

Father McDonough, the Catholic chaplain, was an onlooker at a poker game, sitting beside MacTavish. When Mac's hand was dealt to him, he turned and said, "Here, Father, say a few words over these cards".

MacTavish's section chief was M/Sgt Edward Dankert, a man somewhat older and wiser than most of us at that time. He composed the following:

70 Captain MacTavish

Who holds dominion over the use of the air waves at our base?

Who walks around at times with an extremely serious face?

Who gets the blame if the whips shoot off of aircraft 3-2-3?

It's the Communications Officer, the responsible guy is he!

His is the fault if the compass is out in "Tullarosa Tess."

The C. O. lets out a helluva roar and demands, "Who caused this mess?"

The wires get hot as the calls go out, he's on the carpet again.

Does this bother him? Oh yes, it don't. He passes it on to his men!

The crew chief gets the brunt of it, it's up to him to explain.

"Who cleared the form on 'P bar' and why didn't he use his brain!"

Did he think he was fixing a bicycle? It seemed a legitimate bitch.

But "murder will out," and soon they find out that no one had thrown the switch!

And so another crisis is passed there's one less worry to buck.

Of course we know it worried him so, like rainwater does a duck!

He takes his troubles quite easily and that is the thing to do.

So long may he wave, in the "land of the b. v." when this damned war is through.

M/Sgt. Edw. Dankert

AIR ANNIVERSARY

April 10, 1945: German jets shot down 10 American bombers near Berlin. The Germans lost 20 Me 262 jets.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

April 16, 1949: Berlin airlift delivered a record 12,940 tons in a 24 hour period.

BEN JONES OFF TO SUPPORT YUGO "WAR"

The NEWS reported last year that Ben Jones, "the kid from Litcham" who has been a part of the 392BGMA for a long time, is now an airman in the USAF.

Ben was posted in April to an air base in Germany. He is assigned to the Air Mobility Command, and his duties will be with the supply effort in the current operations in Yugoslavia.

Memory? What Memory?

The editor keeps a brake on jokes in the newsletter, thinking that the space might be better used.

However, this one from a recent issue of Arizona Highways Magazine maybe fits old duffers like us.

Two old cowboys were sitting on the front porch when the family dog appeared and flopped down on the lawn.

"What's the blue dog's name?", asked the visiting cowboy.

The other man said, "You're gonna

have to help me a little with this: what's that pretty red flower with all the thorns on the stem?"

"Why, them's roses," the visitor replied.

"That's it, that's it", the other man replied. Turning toward the house, he shouted, "Rosie, what's the blue dog's name?"

PROFILE

1/Lt William A. Damerst was the navigator on the Tennie Peterson crew in the 576th. He joined the 392nd at Wendling Aug. 30, 1944.

He held a reserve assignment in the AF until 1950.

He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1946, and was in the family retail business until 1955.

He then earned the M. A. degree in English at the University of Massachusetts and became a professor of English at Penn State. He taught there for 30 years, during which time he wrote four textbooks on business and technical writing. He retired in 1985 as Professor Emeritus of English.

He and wife Dorothy live at 705 Jerdon Circle, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

392ND INAUGURATES OWN WEB SITE



This site is the result of over 15 years of research on the 392nd Bomb Group, its POWs, the Wendling air base and the Books crew who were killed in action on March 18, 1944 on mission #53, target Friedrichshafen, Germany. The primary researchers are: the nephew of the Books crew flight engineer, Jim Marsteller; POW researcher, Greg Hatton; Wendling air base researcher, Ben Jones; and German site researcher, Carstan Kohlman.

Thanks to the above four second-generation Crusaders, the above website is up and running. It is in the early stages of development, so only a small amount of information has been posted.

Jim Marsteller reports that only after a few days an inquiry was received from the niece of Capt John Slowik, the 579th's Squadron Navigator who was killed on this mission. She said, among other things, "My daughter Laurie has waited her whole life for this moment."

It appears that many second and third generation Crusaders, many of whom are computer literate, will find this website an entry into information about their relatives who served with the 392nd in WWII.

THE 392nd MEETS VERA LYNN -- AGAIN

Back in 1993, Keith Roberts, an articulate navigator in the 578th and a Director of the 392BGMA, penned an article about Vera Lynn, the Brit songstress that all Crusaders remember from their days at Wendling.

It was published in the Norwich Eastern Daily Press, and later in the 2AD JOURNAL.

Dame Vera Lynn saw it, and sent a gracious note to Roberts, saying, among other things, "It is very gratifying to know that my songs meant so much to many Americans who were serving here in this country."

Here are some excerpts from Keith's article:

"Perhaps England's most popular vocal artist during WWII, she was certainly the favorite of most of the American servicemen stationed in Great Britain during those times.

'To the Yanks, she personified the grit, the determination, the quiet wit, and the grace under pressure exhibited by the British people during WWII.

'In her full, rich, emotional voice, she sang songs that not only tickled our funny bones and made our fingers tap to the beat, but also songs that touched our hearts. We often listened to the radio in our huts and barracks and tuned in to the BBC just to listen to the voice of Vera Lynn. As airmen flying the big bombers, we especially liked her rendition of "There'll be Bluebirds Flying Over The White Cliffs of Dover" because we often flew over those white cliffs.



Dame Vera Lynn

'As we relaxed in our living quarters or worked around the airfield, the words of "We'll meet again" seemed to be all about our home in the U. S. and friends, family, and wives or special girls. We were young men, far from home.

'Now Vera Lynn's song no longer tells us about our homes in the States. "We'll Meet Again" now sings of our war-time home between two small villages, Beeston and Wendling. It sings of our friends the villagers, the now grown-up "gum chum" kids."

WE MEET AGAIN IN '98

At the 8AF reunion in Cherry Hill, NJ in October, 1998, the 392nd Group concluded their meeting with a rendition of "We'll Meet Again", led by our adopted Friend from London, Leonard Alsford.

Leonard reported that to Dame Vera Lynn, who responded with a gracious letter and an autographed picture and a song sheet of "We'll Meet Again".

Now the famous words take on yet another, more poignant, meaning as the aging Crusaders prepare to make that final approach.

*We'll meet again,
Don't know where, don't know
when,
But I know we'll meet again some
sunny day.*

WE'LL MEET AGAIN

WORDS AND MUSIC BY
ROSS PARKER AND HUGHIE CHARLES

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VERA LYNN'S 40'S WARTIME STUDIO



BLITZ SURVIVOR REMEMBERS HER GRITTY ACTIONS

Leonard Alsford was in London as a young man during the Blitz. He sent us the accompanying picture and Vera Lynn's story:

"As her broadcasts were always live, they had to go out whether there was an air raid going on or not. For a long time the only place they could use was the basement of a bombed out shop in Oxford Street.

' Dame Vera had an army camp bed brought in and she would sleep there amongst all the rubble and rain drops until she was woken at all different hours of the night to do a broadcast for the Overseas Forces. She was unstinting in her support for the service men and women of all Nations, and I adore her!"

PROFILE

1/Lt (later Capt) Weems E. Estelle was Group RCM (Radar Counter Measures) Officer, and as such was on flight status. His duty was highly secret and because of that he kept a low profile. Although on flight status, he was quartered with the 577th's ground officers.

He joined the 392nd April 1, 1944, having been with the 492nd at North Pickenham previously.

After the war he graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as an electrical engineer. He taught at the US Naval Academy, then joined the AF active reserve and served in the Korean War.

He left the service in 1953 and founded and sold several hi-tech companies. He is still active in start-up high-tech companies.

He is married to Hannelore, whom he met in Hannover, Germany, in 1962. Her family lost all their property in Magdeburg to the East Germans.

They live at 789 Harbor Road, Southport, CT 06490.

(See accompanying article on RCM).

AIR ANNIVERSARY

April 18, 1942: Lt Col James Doolittle led 16 B-25s on Tokyo raid.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

April 12, 1966: First SAC B-52 bombers struck targets in Vietnam.

My Everlovin Gal



No. 41-28829, 578th, transferred to 44BG before Apr. 9, 1944. The picture must have been taken before orders came down from higher headquarters to cover up nudity.

Star Swinger



No. 42-51205, 578th, returned to USA June, 1945. 91 sorties. The word "Polly" can just be made out under the cockpit window.

Rebel Gal



#No.42-94838, 578th, returned to USA June 1945.

Envy of 'em all



No. 42-50279, 579th, shot down Sept 13, 1944, over Bingen, Germany. 61 sorties.

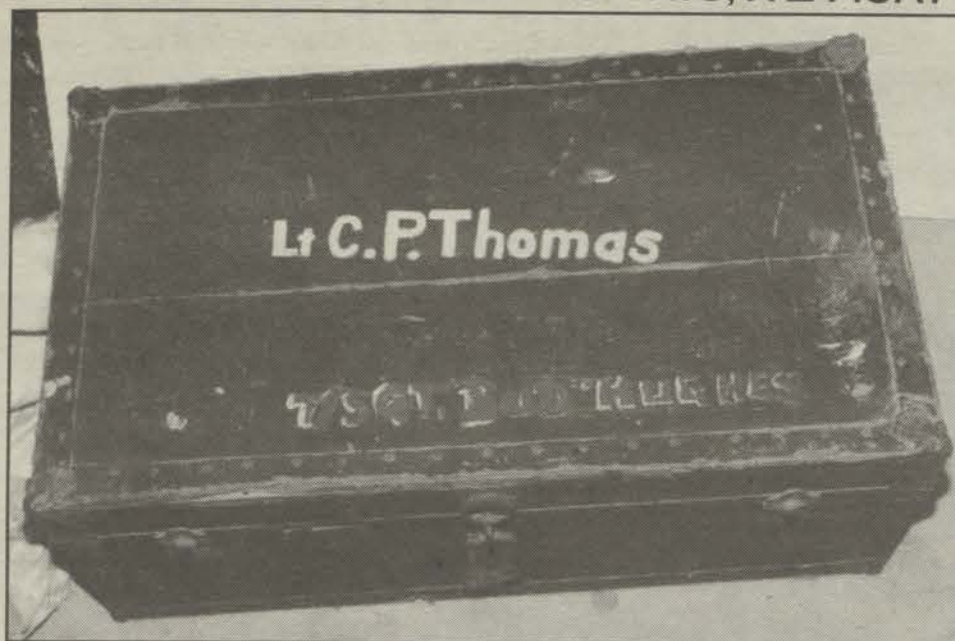
Vickers' "Remembrance Of The Missing" reports this crew on that mission:

P	2/Lt Joynt, Albert E.	KIA
CP	2/Lt Taylor, Edward J.	POW
N	2/Lt Phipps, Home H. Jr.	POW
B	2/Lt Forsberg, Bruce F.	KIA
RO	S/Sgt Apple, Odis L. Jr.	KIA
Eng	T/Sgt Smith, Roy A. Jr.	POW
WG	S/Sgt Floyd, L. G.	KIA
WG	S/Sgt Hoster, C. G.	POW
Obs	S/Sgt Propst, Earl J.	KIA
TG	S/Sgt Vavra, Charles E.	KIA

The 392BGMA's Directory does not list any of the survivors.

"Remembrance" has a very detailed account of the incident.

WHOSE FOOTLOCKER IS THIS, WE ASK?



John Gilbert photo

(The News thanks John Gilbert, a Norwich Friend who grew up in and around the Wendling base for assistance in preparing this story)

Keith and Edor Rowland live on what was Site 8 at Wendling, the 576th and 579th combat officers' quarters. They are long-time Friends of the 392nd, and always have the welcome mat out for returning Crusaders.

For years, since we left in 1945, they have been safeguarding the footlocker shown above, hoping that the true owner or owners would materialize. They thought that they had found the owner in Charles P. Thomas, the navigator of the Daley crew in the 577th, but Charles says he's not the one. And the 392nd Memorial Association has no record of a T/Sgt Bud Hughes.

The Rowlands' children have used the footlocker as a toy repository over the years, but the some 55-year old footlocker is still in good shape.

The numbers of Crusaders who make it back to Wendling are dwindling as the years take their toll, but Keith and Edor still hope that either Thomas or Hughes will show up some day.

RCM, ELECTRONIC SUCCESSOR TO DROPPING CHAFF

We all knew what chaff was all about; the a/c dropped clouds of the aluminum ribbons, which interrupted the ability of the German gun-laying radar.

Now a letter from Weems Estelle, the Group RCM officer (see accompanying Profile), explains RCM, or Radar Counter Measures. It read:

"Very few veterans know or knew of RCM (now called ECM, Electronic Counter Measures). This was a secret technology to electronically locate, jam, and/or destroy German gun-laying radar. This was used as a supplement and a more precise method to chaff for defeating the accuracy of German AA guns. Each bomb group in the 8AF had 6 to 8 a/c equipped with RCM electronics, mounted on the flight deck behind the pilot and manned by an operator during the mission. Each group flew, with operators, three RCM equipped a/c on each mission, except milk runs. There seems to be very little written his-

tory on this electronic warfare during WWII."



Col Lorin Johnson, Group commander, pins the Air Medal on Weems Estelle. Estelle went on to say:

"Group RCM personnel included four ground technicians, fifteen enlisted flight operators, and one officer on flying status. To become an RCM officer required twelve months of training in communications, radar, flight"

AIR ANNIVERSARY

April 20, 1943: 7th AF B-24s made first attack on Tarawa.

YANK The Army Weekly • JULY 16 1944



Courtesy the late Capt Charles Taylor, 576/78 Ass's Eng O

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.

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BILL BRADDOCK WRITES A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bill Braddock was the radio operator on the Cliff Edwards crew, the 578th's #1 crew. He did 25 missions, starting with number 1 to Abbeyville on Sept. 9, 1943.

Post war he was a patent attorney, and lately with wife Marge was the guiding light behind the 392nd Anthology.

He recently wrote the following to the editors of TIME magazine:

"Modern history tells us that NATO and the United States must continue to pound the Yugoslav military until Milosevic is brought down. Those of us who fought World War II were mostly in our twenties at that time. Those of us who survived are now in our seventies and eighties. We are the living representatives of the thousands and thousands who died as a result of that war.

'Now, as oldsters, we salute the leaders of the free world whenever and wherever they take the decisive early steps that are needed to prevent the fear and hate mongers of whatever ilk from gaining the power or position to seriously threaten freedom anywhere.

'Let not a worldwide generation of men and women in their twenties be relegated to killing each other because of the greed, fear, hate and power-seeking of the world's bullies, and because of the failure of the leaders of the free world to act promptly together to isolate these bullies until they prove they are ready to become a part of the free world.

'NATO and USA, keep up the good work until Milosevic is brought down and the genocide ends.

'We can pay now; or the world will have to pay much more later.'

PROFILE

Sgt Shirley F. Field joined the Group at Biggs Field in March, '43. He was in the 576th, an armorer.

After the war he worked for Pacific Gas and Electric for 41 years, retiring as service supervisor. He is a life member of the VFW.

He had three children, one of whom is deceased; and has five grandchildren.

He lives at 7021 Lincoln Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608.

PROFILE

2/Lt (later Lt/Col) Eugene T. Morrow was co-pilot on the Warren Harding crew in the 577th. He joined the Group in January, 1945.

He was recalled to active duty in 1951 and served as pilot in troop carriers, crew training, instructor

and examiner. He was stationed at various stateside bases and was in Germany 1951-54. He retired in 1970 as Lt/Col.

In civilian life he was with Flight Safety International at Houston, TX as pilot and instructor, retiring in 1987.

He is married to Mary E., and they live at 3915 Salvador, Pasadena, TX 77504-2529.

In the progeny department, he emerges as a blue-ribbon sire, with seven children and twenty-one grand-children.

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The Board of Directors has ruled that no Crusader will be denied membership because of financial difficulty, so if you are in straitened circumstances check the Hardship Waiver box. Fill out the form and send it now!

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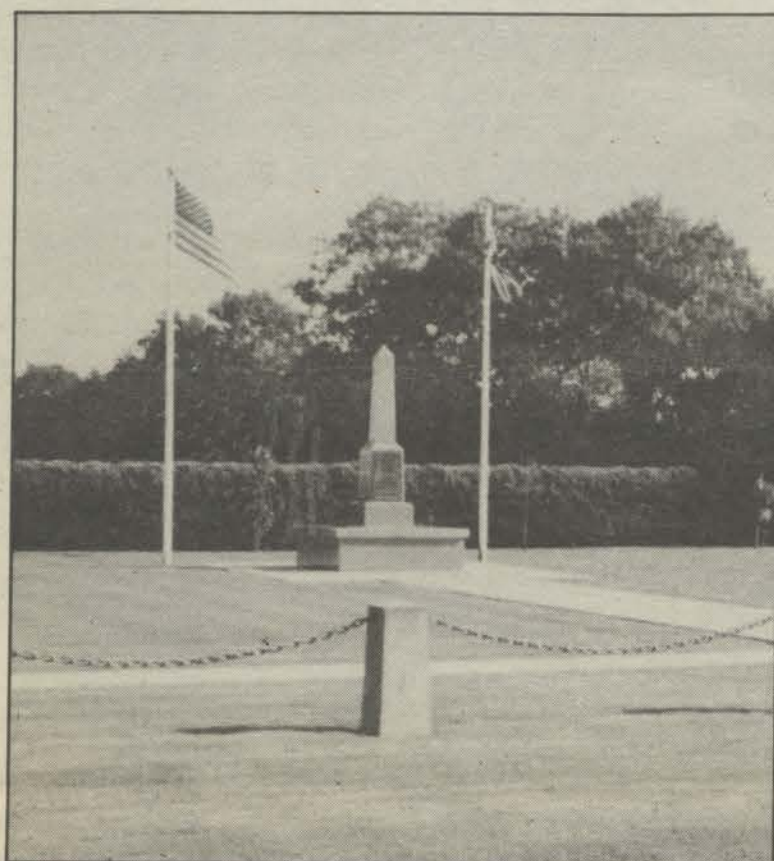
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THE 392nd MEMORIAL AT WENDLING

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 Dean of the Cathedral at Erie, Pa.

Chaplain's Corner

By George Barger

How often do you reminisce about your experiences in WWII- cadet training, combat, the general "over-seas experience"? And do you have the sense that slowly but certainly those memories are slipping away? I don't refer to forgetfulness or the ravages of aging. Instead, a kind of vague shadow clouds the remembrances. "Joe and I did..." only to realize that Joe is no longer around to confirm what I vaguely recall. We are necessary to one another to sustain our past as well as our present. And we need God to sustain past, present- - and future. There is a continuity in all this.

AIR ANNIVERSARY

Apr. 3, 1944: 372 B-17s and B-24s made first heavy air attack on Budapest.

Folded Wings

Mary Lou Henning, wife of John Henning, 578, Dec. 5, 1998
Merlyn Norby, 578, Feb. 9, 1999
Richard O'Rourke, 579, Feb. 13, 1999
John Beder, 579, Dec. 27, 1998
Dean L. Wakelee, July 20, 1998
Michael Stepanovic, 577, Sept. 5, 1998
Herman Garner, 577, Mar. 20, 1999
Frank R. Dugger, 576, Feb. 26, 1995
Leonard A. Wipfler, 578/Hq. 4/5, 1999
James F. Davey, 579, Apr. 4, 1999
Howard "Bill" Asch, Feb. 17, 1998
James S. Whalen, Jan. 25, 1997
Les Tribbet, 579, April, 1999

HERMAN GARNER

Herman S. Garner, long-time Director of the 392BGMA, died March 29, 1999, after a short illness.

T/Sgt Garner was an armorer-gunner on the 577th's Lady Eve. He was the retired owner and operator of Garner Commercial Disposal in Lexington, NC.

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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

AIR ANNIVERSARY

April 21, 1911: Lts T. D. Milling and H. H. Arnold ordered to Dayton for flying instructions.