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### FROM THE PREZ

#### Changes to the POOP

Because of my son's work schedule and his commitment to the Home Page Web Site, he is now devoting full time to that and I will assume the responsibility for the newsletter. You will notice this change on the Masthead. All items regarding the newsletter should be sent to me and items involving the Web Page can be sent to either one of us. If it is pictures, I would like them first so I know what is available and then I can pas them on to Bob.

#### Presidential Unit Citation

Thanks to all of you that responded to our request for support to the VFW, American Legion and your Senator for the obtaining the Presidential Unit Citation. The VFW has responded to many of you that it requires a resolution through their National Convention. Last October I sent a resolution to Russell Cutright, Administrative Assistant for his action. I had not received word, to date; that it was insufficient, so I sent him a letter asking why all members supporting the issue was receiving the same response. To date, I have not received a response. The American Legion requested that I establish an effort through a local unit that will go forward through state and then national. I have initiated action to get that underway. Keep action underway, the more we request it, the better chance we have and now that Senator McCain has dropped out of the Presidential race, he should have more time to devote to our cause.

### Convention 2000

The official application is in this issue. If you sent one in, please fill this one out and send in again. I had 14 responses - 24 paid to interim form. Quite a surprised, but, thanks to all. The response to date, though meager, indicates that the majority wants 2 days at the AF Museum, but are also interested in a separate tour that would include a Dayton tour and stop over at the Carillon Park. Because of the poor response, only one bus, 50 people, is scheduled for the tour. It is a 3 1/2 - 4 hour supervised trip on Saturday starting at 1:30pm that will cover various area of interest. This includes the Korean War State memorial and other war memorials, the new Dayton Dragons Stadium, the Art Institute and Masonic Temple, Veterans' Bridge, the Wright Brothers Cycle Shop with a short stop. Then over Peace Bridge to the Engineers Club where the guide will cover the Engineers Club, Miami Conservancy, 1913 Flood and Riverscape. Then to Woodland Cemetery and finally, a 1 1/2-hour stop at the Carillon Park where the Wright Flyer III is housed, an old print shop, Dayton's oldest building, a new steam locomotive display and other items of interest. It's a large area, but has available benches for rest as needed. At present there is only one bus, which will accommodate fifty (50) individuals. If time permits on our return we'll go through the Oregon District, which is just East of the Hotel. To visit both the Museum and Dayton tour, a 12:50 bus from the Museum is scheduled to meet the tour bus.

### Convention 2001

The response from the 467<sup>th</sup> was exceptional. We have 56 signed up and no one on the waiting list. It appears that we have one of the larger groups attending. Evelyn says the attendance is good and representative of all groups and headquarters. There are always some that drop out, so those of you that are stand-by keep the faith and you may make it. The problem, according to Evelyn, is the banquet night. She is limited to the number they can feed. If the banquet is of little or no interest to you, perhaps you could attend, except for the banquet, until over there and then who knows about arrangements on the spot. Just a thought.

### Convention 2002

I am still working on a return to Savannah for this convention. We have added so many things to the Museum that are 467<sup>th</sup> sponsored that I believe that it would be of interest to the group to see them. I have some good help in getting things organized as Mary Weaver, Walt Weaver's widow, has agreed to help me out by steering me in the right direction to get things organized. She did an excellent job in 1996 even with the extreme circumstances that she faced. As information is available, I will keep all of you up to date.

### FROM THE 2ADA GROUP VICE PRESIDENT

At our last convention in Tucson I asked for a show of hands at the business meeting of those who would be interested in having a joint convention in Norwich, the first week of November 2001. I counted 55 members and was pleasantly surprised. Evelyn Cohen has reported that she now has 56 advance reservations from the 467<sup>th</sup> B.G. Evelyn also said that she is now fully booked for the Banquet since the facility will only accommodate 550. We can look forward to a great reunion at Rackheath.

I want to urge every member to complete the Electronic Database biological data and send it to Kevin Coolidge. We need every one's input. I have sent letter requests for grants and am waiting, for responses from two major foundations. In the meantime, time and our membership are passing away. I received letters and phone calls more and more frequently from sons, grandsons, nephews and friends that are looking for information about Veterans of the 467<sup>th</sup> B.G. Won't it be wonderful when anyone can access the information on their computer or use a library computer to find the true history of the Group. We need every one's story and only those who were there can tell it. A short reminder to complete your 2ADA Memorial Library Operation Bequest Pledge and Codicil while you still can. Even if you are not a member of the 2ADA you can support the Memorial to those who made the supreme sacrifice.

I am honored to be the Nominee for Executive Vice President of the 2ADA and I hope to follow the former

2ADA presidents from the 467<sup>th</sup> B. G. namely, Vince LaRussa and Geoff Gregory. I intend to continue the leadership that the 467 B.G. has contributed to the Second Air Division Association.

The 2ADA Convention in Tampa, Florida is shaping up to be a well attended and I hope to see more 467<sup>th</sup> folks this year. The regional 2ADA Southern California Reunion Dinner, Saturday, February 26th was held at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim California. This was a change of venue from the Officers Club at El Toro Marine Air Station, where it was held for many years.

### LETTERS, & NOTES FROM MEMBERS

Jill & Perry Watts (First, my apologies to them as they gave me this letter at the Convention and I did not have enough space to print it.) We would both like to say how much we enjoyed the honour and privilege of being with you at the Group reunion in Tucson this year and most certainly appreciate your great friendship. Also, we would add that we really enjoyed the programme, which Donna arranged for us all and therefore would like to mention we appreciate all the work undertaken by Donna in making the arrangements. Unfortunately our letter relating to the 1998 reunion in St. Louis failed to appear in "Poop from Group" last year - and we assumed we "over-shot" the publication copy date; delaying writing our letter until we arrived home in early part of November. Consequently we would like to inform you that at that reunion, and as always, we enjoyed being with you; but would like to mention in particular - "many thanks to you all for that most treasured 467<sup>th</sup> plaque which you presented to me (Perry) at the 1998 reunion. Our very best wishes to you all. (Perry, it is you and Jill that we appreciate and thanks for being a part of us.). Many thanks for the many news articles that you send regarding the memorial Library. The project is running about 3 weeks behind, but the Millennium Company Project Manager, Mr. Hall stated he could see no reason why the building could not be operational by March or early April, 2001.

Lynn D. Allen It was very interesting to visit the new 8<sup>th</sup> AF Museum and find a picture on display that I had taken on April 9<sup>th</sup> 1945 on the raid to Lichfeld. Lt. Evan Dastrup's crew on take-off had problems with the gear and returned to base and picked up another aircraft. There was a lot of chatter from the crew as to landing an aircraft with a full load of gas, but they did and did make the formation on one final turn. They did not get into briefed position, which was number 3 off the squadron lead, but from where they flew, Lynn got a very good picture of 598, 131 and 488. The picture is in our yearbook as "Bombs Away in Southern Germany". They also believe they have seen it before somewhere through the years. (He sent me a copy of the picture and I believe it is on our Home Page)



**Sandra Bailey** My father was Ellis Ross. He died 3 years ago, but my mother still enjoyed getting your newsletter. She just recently died. In the past few years my mother passed them on to my son David (Dad's first grandson) to read. He's a real World War II buff. My dad also served with the 492<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group. (I have added both you and David to our roster to receive the newsletter.)

**Jack Hallman** Thanks for your work on 467<sup>th</sup> and POOP. A donation for postage. Enjoy reunions. Crew 51 of 790<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron will attend in Dayton, - in full force.

**Bill McGovern** I enclose copy of our Annual Report, which has been duly filed. I just received the latest POOP and enjoyed your article on the Database. I never had understood it fully. Good luck on the Dayton reunion and I am looking forward to my "Last Hurrah" in England 2001.

**Tony North (Norwich)** I am most grateful to continue to receive regular copies of "Poop from Group". I find them most interesting and they bring me a great deal of enjoyment. My sincere best wishes to all my many friends in the 467<sup>th</sup> Association. Kind Regards.

**Larry Kurtz** Larry's note advised me that Roger Giblin's health has not been doing too good. He did mention that at our Tucson convention. Since that time he has received a card from Roger so sating he was having some problems and that he always enjoyed attending the conventions. Larry said he thought some letters from friends in the Group would help to cheer him up. Roger Giblin's address is 33096 Tradewind CT., San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. I'm sure letters or cards would be deeply appreciated.

**Henry Simon** Enclosed find my check to cover the cost of a current roster, a window decal and the balance for the mail fund. I enjoy reading the "POOP" very much! I hope to see you in Dayton this fall.

**Catherine Fagan - AW** I meant to send you this check in 1999, but ran out of time - or something. I enjoy Poop from Group and admire the work that goes into it.

**Howard W. Dye, Jr.** Reference is made to page 11, Last Post, in the December 1, 1999 "Poop from Group", specifically Gerald Giebur and some information about him. He attended the 467<sup>th</sup> B.G. convention at Kissimmee, FL in 1993. His address at that time was P.O. Box 261F, Lewiston, MI 49756. He was a pilot on one of the original crews, as was myself, and his aircraft was "Miss July". His death was reported in Vol. 14, No. 4, Dec. 1, 1995 of "Poop from Group". I am of the opinion there should be a memorial for Phillip Day. He did so much work over a lot of years. I suggest as a minimum, a plaque in the 8<sup>th</sup> AF Heritage Museum memorial Garden wall. I am looking forward to seeing the AF Museum. Haven't been there since 1962? When I was flying out of Pittsburgh with the Air Force Reserve. (Thanks Howard for the suggestion, I

have considered a 12 X 24 gray stone plaque for Phillip and the Board of Directors has approved it.)

**Dave Patterson (2ndADA)** Thank you for continuing to send me the "Poop from the (467<sup>th</sup>) Group". It is a well-done Journal, and I appreciate receiving it. I was saddened to hear of Phillip Day's passing. He was a fine man, and a great guy. I will miss his articles each issue on the doings at their home. I never cease to be pleasantly delighted at Col. Shower's dedication to attending the functions of the 467<sup>th</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> ADA. He is always so very cordial at the 2<sup>nd</sup> ADA events, and always remembers to say "hi" to me. You had a great commander there! Enclosed is a donation to help with the "Ringmaster" expenses. (Thanks for the kind words and rest assured every one of us knows what a great commander we had and have and also appreciate Phillip.)

**Marvin W. Spencer** You are doing a wonderful job with Poop and hope it continues. That is the one thing I can not put down without reading it fully. Also enjoy hearing all the stories. I trained with the Ed Holum crew as a nose gunner and was reassigned as a replacement tail gunner and flew 31 missions on three different crews. I have a list of missions, bomb loads and time and date, but no crew names as I was on three different ones. My training crew went to 791<sup>st</sup> Sq. and I remained in 788<sup>th</sup>. I also have some pictures of bombs away and planes and country from the air and if interested. I really rely on the Poop. (Please send them, we can use them).

**Helen M. Uebele - AW** We were very sad to read that Phillip Day had left us. He was a very dear friend of my husband - he will be missed by all who knew him and his stories in the Poop. Would you correct my name in contributors in the last Poop issue? I like reading it and have always sent my checks in to help keep it printed and sent to me. (Helen, I do not know what happened, I had it correct in the roster, but when it was transferred to the page it came out wrong. My apologies and hope to get it right from now on.)

**Gene Hagene** I enjoy receiving all the issues of the Poop from Group 467. Therefore I am enclosing a check to help cover the costs. Keep up the good work. I was in the 790<sup>th</sup> Sq. from Wendover until we flew back to USA in June 1945. Wishing good health to all.

**Bob Edwards**

I appreciate the work you do for the 467<sup>th</sup> BG Association, and hope that the enclosed check will help cover the cost of sending Poop from Group



**Convention Registration Form - Dayton, OH., Sept 28-Oct 2, 2000**

**467th Bombardment Group Association (H) Ltd.**

(Complete this form and mail to Ralph Davis; 1143 Kenora Circle; Beavercreek, OH 45430)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I. Badge - Name

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone No. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanied By:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I. Badge - Name

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I. Badge - Name

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I. Badge - Name

Date/Arrival time \_\_\_\_\_ A.M.- P.M. First Timer Yes ( ) No ( )  
Date Time

Date/Departure time \_\_\_\_\_ A.M.- P.M.  
Date Time

Arriving via Car( ) / ( ) Airline \_\_\_\_\_ Flt # \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time \_\_\_\_\_ A.M.- P.M.

Car arrivals: From I-70, take I-75 South. East on US 35. Main St. Exit North to 5<sup>th</sup> Street then East to hotel.  
From I-75. Follow above directions with respect to I-75

Air arrivals: Crowne Plaza Hotel provides Courtesy transportation. Shuttles arrive at the airport on the hour starting at 7:00am and the last arrival is 10:00pm. Shuttle departs around 15 to 20 minutes after the hour. If arrival is before or after above times, call Crowne Plaza Hotel on 224-0800 for courtesy transportation.

RV and Motorhome: Parking lot at hotel. There are NO hookups available.

Do you require Handicap facilities required: ( ). Please indicate this to the hotel also.

**BADGE INFORMATION**

Important - Complete data below for badge ID

Your Squadron/Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Your Rank and Duty \_\_\_\_\_

Your Pilot/CO \_\_\_\_\_ Arrived Rackheath \_\_\_\_\_ Departed \_\_\_\_\_

POW Yes ( ) No ( ) If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_ How Long \_\_\_\_\_

Widow? Yes ( ) Husband's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cite one memory (brief description) while at Rackheath that gives you a chuckle and/or of interest to the group and put it on a separate piece of paper. Thank you.

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**PLEASE return to RALPH DAVIS as soon as possible for PLANNING or return with deposit or PUT INFO on a POST CARD and mail today:**

Number of Days at the AF Museum  One  Two

Interested in Shopping Trip (Mostly Women?)  Yes  No

Prefer other trip  Prefer to spend time in Hospitality Room

**Tour Dayton with several stops including one of the below on 30 September. Saturday PM. 1300-1700**

**Interested in Art Institute**  Yes  No (Italian villa architecture on the National Register of Historic places. Has outstanding Asian collection, 17<sup>th</sup> century Baroque paintings, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century American art and an excellent contemporary art collection - an afternoon tour)

**Interested in Carillon Park**  Yes  No (Explore this 65-acre park with over 20 historical exhibits related to industrial development, transportation and settlement in the Miami Valley. The 1905 Wright Flyer III, a National Historic Landmark, is housed in Wright Hall. It is one of two existing planes built and flown by the Wright Brothers. Other exhibits include a 1930's print shop and Dayton's oldest building.

### CONVENTION COSTS

Per Person \$ 260.00

Times Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Due With Reservations, \$100.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance due August 30, 2000, \$ 160.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will pay by Check ( ) or Money Order ( )

The above cost is for the entire package as listed in the Schedule of Activities.  
 There will be a "Freebie" drawing for a one-person convention package cost of \$ 260.00. The drawing will be open to all that pay in full by August 10, 2000.  
 Make checks payable to: "467th Bombardment Group Convention 2000".  
 Fill in the above Convention Costs form and mail with your deposit of \$100.00 per person along with the Convention Registration Form to:

Ralph Davis  
 1143 Kenora Circle  
 Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101  
 (937) 426-2988/FAX 426-9955 (e-mail: BJMax@aol.com)

### HOTEL REGISTRATION

MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE CROWN PLAZA HOTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
 All rooms must be reserved by August 10, 2000 in order to guarantee space and to assure rates.

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
 33 East Fifth Street  
 Dayton, Ohio 45402

Mail, Fax or telephone request and requirements to the above address.  
 (937) 224-0800/ FAX 224-1231. Check-in time: 3:00 PM. Website: [www.crowneplazae.com](http://www.crowneplazae.com)

Room rates are as follows: Single or Double \$ 69.00 (\$8.28 in taxes)

When making reservations, please refer to the 467th Bomb Group Convention, Sept 28-Oct 2, 2000. A 48 hour cancellation policy is in effect. These rates will apply for three (3) days before and after the convention. All rooms have a choice of either a single king bed or two full size beds. In addition to the usual amenities included is a full size ironing board, iron, hair dryer, coffee maker and public areas are wheelchair accessible. Let your special requirements be known to the hotel.

Airlines servicing Dayton: TWA, American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, US Air, Air Tran and United.

**CONVENTION 2000 ACTIVITIES****Thursday, September 28, 2000**

Arrival & Registration Day, Memorabilia room set up

3:00 P.M. – Hotel check in

7:00 – 9:00 P.M. – Welcome reception Deli Buffet

**Friday, September 29, 2000**

7:00 – 9:00 A.M. – Country Morning Buffet

8:45, 9:00, 9:15 & 9:40 A.M. – Buses to AF Museum

1:00 P.M. – Depart Museum for Fairfield Mall

4:30 P.M. – Depart Fairfield Mall for Museum/Hotel

4:00, 4:30, 4:45 & 5:15 P.M. – Last Buses to Hotel

7:00 – 8:00 P. M. Host/Pay as you go Bar

8:00 P.M. – Barbecue Buffet at hotel

**Saturday, September 30, 2000**

7:00 – 9:00 A.M. – Sunrise Buffet

9:00, 9:15, & 10:00 & A.M. – Buses to Museum

10:15 A.M. – Bus to Museum & Fairfield Mall

1:30 P.M. – Depart Hotel for Dayton Tour

3:00 P.M. – Depart Fairfield Mall for Museum/Hotel

3:00, 3:30, 4:00 & 4:30 P.M. – Last Buses to Hotel

7:00 – 8:00 P.M. – Host/Pay as you go Bar

7:00 – 10:00 P.M. – DJ '40s Music

8:00 – Roast prime Rib of Beef Dinner

**Sunday, October 1, 2000**

7:00 – 9:00 A.M. – Country Morning Buffet

1030 A.M. Current Board of Directors Meeting

12:00 P.M. – The Trio Cold Lunch

2:00 P.M. – Membership Business Meeting

4:00 P.M. – New Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 – 8:00 P.M. – Host/Pay as you go Bar

8:00 P.M. – Crown Duo (Filet Mignon & Salmon Filet)

8:00 P.M. – Sweet Adalines Singing Quartet

**Monday, October 2, 2000**

0700 – 900 A.M. – Sunrise Buffet

Farewell till we meet in England (2001) & Savannah in (2002).

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**Christine Armes** Well I am extremely happy to report that Bill (Bozy's son) and Diane (Bill's wife) have written to tell me that Bozy has received many cards, etc. from veterans – wonderful! Bozy was/is so very happy to hear from them and thanks each and every one, as does Bill. Perhaps Ralph, if you have the space, could you include in your column a very kind thank you to all the vets who so thoughtfully wrote to Bozy and if possible could they do so again sometime soon? Hope all goes well for you. Here things are fine, spring flowers beginning to show their beautiful colors, sure are a lovely welcomed sight. (Bill is getting a copy and I second her request, keep cards and letters coming.

**Roger Leister** Just a little help for our publication cost. Dottie and I are looking forward to the reunion this year. We have been to the museum several times since it is only a day trip from our home. (Your question on awards, if you were assigned to the group when the various battle

stars were authorized, you can have them for your ETO ribbon. The victory medal was awarded to all there. I just got mine.)

**JIM MAHONEY'S 467 VIDEO – Brian Mahoney**

The studio master was found and I re-established contact with the production firm and a re-issue is possible. My father narrates the 40 minute VHS of his 16mm color film. Scenes of Rackheath, aircraft maintenance, takeoff, formation, a daylight bombing mission, sweating it out, and return. In addition, it has B&W footage of Witchcraft 100<sup>th</sup> mission and a group dress parade. Send \$19.50 per tape, inc. S&H, prior to May 30<sup>th</sup>, payable to Brian R. Mahoney; 1817 T Street NW; Washington, DC 20009. Tapes are priced for single run, scheduled for June, shipped 1 August. East Anglia friends note I have not determined shipping cost, master is digital, so copies can be in various formats. Write me for details, or e-mail me at [BriCamera@MindSpring.com](mailto:BriCamera@MindSpring.com). Price represents cost only. I am not interested in recovering Dad's production costs, just want those who are interested to have it. My siblings and the Mahoney grandchildren have enjoyed this rich exposition of 2ADA/467<sup>th</sup> history and I'm sure you'll want to share it with yours. For production run in excess of 50, a \$2.50 savings/video will occur and rather than refund, I will send the amount to the mail fund. The work on my 'book-to-present-Dad's-book' goes well. I hope to be able to tell you where to get it in the next Poop, and look forward to seeing you in Dayton! What a meaningful and delightful experience it was for me to meet you and the other "boys" of the 467<sup>th</sup> in Tucson. Have also just joined 2<sup>nd</sup> ADA with my eye on Norwich 2001.

**DATABASE RESPONSE – Kevin Coolidge**

The response has not been what was expected. We need data from every current member as well as data available from family (associate) members. We have responses from widows and encourage all to do so and appreciate their input. The generations to come will lose a very important part of history if your story is not told. A list of names, as of March 1, 2000, of those responding is below. See that your name is part of the list. The form in the last Poop confused some, as the form did not say where to send it. The address to send was in the article regarding the data collection. This time it is on the form (Page 9).

Abernathy, Joe

Bell, Anthony

Cason, Ed

Colvin, Walt

Deutsch, Marshall

Fisk, Gordon

Frazier, Edward

Holdrege, Fred

Katz, Sidney

Maris, Anthony

Micko, Kenneth C.

Ball, Owen K.

Berner Sr., Jack

Catalfano, Anthony

Davis, Ralph

Deutsch, Morton

Fletcher, Richard

Hamilton, John J.

Ireland, Arthur K.

Koth, Lloyd

Matthes Jr., Albert J.

Morris, Clarence

Newhauser, James	Patnesky, Charles
Perryman, James	Peters, James
Pierre, Robert M.	Porter, Frederick
Prichard, Arthur	Reinders, Virgil J.
Scharrschmidt, Wm. P.	Smedvig, Magne
Stevens, Jack	Thompson, John
Upp, John	Wood, Donald E.
Zimble, Irving	

#### MISCELLANEA FROM PHILLIP G. DAY

Since I received the first and only effort of Phillip to write on his new computer, I thought I'd pass along his few comments for all to read. He started out ----

Dear Marvin,

This is my first effort to write on my new COMPAQ Internet PC with COMPAQ 17-inch monitor and Hewlett Packard Combination Printer, Fax, Copier and Scanner. It is different from my Word Processor in many ways and I am having to do a great deal of back and forth correcting. My eldest two eldest sons descended on me Friday evening with the idea that they would buy and set up the computer on Saturday which they did this along with a desk extension and a cabinet to store a great deal of his miscellaneous junk in. Now I just have to clear off a bed that is covered with things to send away, put away or junk. John, middle son, with the most expertise did the selection of components, bought at Sam's Club where he found the best prices, I was to have ordered a Gateway to have been delivered on the 6th, Gateway they me it would be the 9th or 10th before it could be delivered so I canceled because the boys were coming on the 6th. So I don't know if I ended up better or worse, but was \$300.00 less expensive at Sam's. I am enclosing some gleanings from donations and a letter from Vince LaRussa re: Fredrick Lykes manifest. Also a note from John W. Upp that Robert L. Schy had passed as we say in the south. Put his name in last post, please. Also in a note from Malcolm B. MacIntyre he wrote his pilot, Gerry Giebaur, had died several years ago. Giebaur is not on the Master Roster, guess he is one who fell through the cracks. Will write Malcolm for his full crew names. He mentioned two other crew names that are along with his on the roster. I am going to close this and see if I can get it to print out. It is now five o'clock, think I'll have a drink first. I have been sitting here since three getting this far. Further affiant sayeth naught. Phillip

(In writing on the bottom he wrote) It worked, I don't know what I did - Had document on screen. Now 6pm, but I opened mail, made out deposit slip for seven checks received, but got print out. Have to remember to date letters, memos, etc. (In pen he dated the letter 08-09-99). I had been encouraging Phillip to get a computer system for over a year. I am very sorry that he did not have more time to enjoy the nice system his sons set up and hope that

Ms Cille will take over. Ms Cille said on 9 March that she was digging in the dirt and would advise later what she was planting. She is accomplishing one thing at a time, like income tax and garden work. She says she will try to make Dayton this fall and was wondering how many other widows were going to attend. To our widows, drop her a note and join her in Dayton. **Ralph Davis**

#### ADDITIONS

**David Bailey** – AF (Ross); 116 NW 101<sup>st</sup> Pl.; Kansas City, MO 64155  
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**Chris Stout** – AH; 251 Burnside Pl.; Ridgewood, NJ 07450  
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**Keven Wright** – AF; 1130 Tupelo Drive; Loveland, CO 80538  
**Tim Wright** – AF; 1919 Alta Court; Loveland, CO 80537  
**Warren Wright** – AF; 105 Janie Street; Centreville, MD 21617  
**B-24 Liberator Club**; 1672 Main St., Ste. E PMB-124; Remona, CA 92065

#### LAST POST

Roger C. Giblin	San Juan Capistrano, CA
Charles E. Hudson	Big Sandy, TN
John W. Macklem	Pueblo, CO
Ralph A. Morrow	Fort Lupton, CO
Ellis W. Ross (1996)	Kansas City, MO

#### LOST SOULS

Jennie G. Allen – AW	Rome, GA
Ignatius L. Gandara	El Paso, TX
John H. Kelly	La Verne, CA
Harold J. Peek	Helena, MT

Dominic P. Reali  
 Robert Rothchild  
REQUEST REMOVAL  
 Jane Mornard – AW (Joe)  
 George Welch

Pekin, IL  
 Chicago, IL

Green Bay, WI  
 San Diego, CA

### WIDOW'S COMMENTS

There are three additions to the roster this period. They are as follows: Madge Hudson (Charley) 5373 Sulphur Creek Rd. Big Sandy, TN 38221-4366; Muriel B. Morris (Lewis A. Wright), 203 West Eisenhower Blvd., Loveland, CO 80537; and Mary B. Pyfrom, 2255 Wilson St., #78, Menominee, WI 54751-1271. Jane Mornard (Joe) 820 Liebman Ct., #6, Green Bay, WI 54302 requested to be removed. Let's have a good turn out at Dayton.

### DAVID'S COMMENTS

Have just come back from the airfield and we have a great guy who has bought the old black T.4 Hangar on the Tech Site near the tower. He asked to see me as he is deeply interested in the history and wants to have a plaque inside the new office describing the Hangar and its history. I took him a selection of the photos I have and he loved "Witchcraft". However could you put out an appeal as we need a photograph of the T4 Hangar with preferably a B.24 outside. Any photos of the Hangar would be deeply appreciated. Please send to me. So nice to get a new owner on the Airfield who is interested in the history. He is in the garden furniture business and is renting the entire hangar. He has already repainted the building and built a very modern office block. Hope to see you all at Tampa God willing.

Yours, Aye, David.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Fund 11-08-99 to 03-15-00  
 Operating Fund Balance 11-08-99 \$ 10,799.04

### INCOME

Mail Memorial Fund	2,321.83
Interest	160.89
Tucson Convention Return	8,272.82
ETO Memories Book Sale	35.00
Database Donation	70.00
<b>Sub-Total Income</b>	<b>\$21,659.58</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

March AF Base Museum Donation	500.00
2ADA Xcom Mtg. Coverage	375.00
Poop 18-3 Expense	1,678.08
Stamps & Mail Items (Foreign & return)	145.72
<b>Sub-Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 2,619.93</b>
<b>OPERATING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$19,039.65</b>

### MAIL MEMORIAL FUND

There were 63 contributors to the fund in the period 11-08-99 through 03-15-00 who gave \$2,321.83 approximately \$36.85 per donation. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Funds will be used to cover the Poop mailings as well as other projects determined by the group. I need your change of address as well as a summer and/or winter if you maintain that type residency. As you well know by now, we do not have dues, but rely solely on contributions from the membership to cover the cost of the newsletter and other projects. Contributors in this period were:

Christine Armes	Bob Barclay
Wesley Bartelt	Charles Bednarik
Earl Belisle	Tony Bell
Paul Bridges	Edgar Cason
Edgar Collins	V. R. Corvino (Valerie) (2)
Marvin Ralph Davis	Marshall Deutsch
Bernnard Driscoll	Bob Edwards
William Elkewicz	Catherine Fagan
Richard Fletcher	Bill Galchick
Ed Gore	Harold Greenman
Gene Hagene	Jack Hallman
Ed Halpin	Joseph Huben
Madge Hudson	Arthur Ireland
D. L. Isaacson	James B. Johnson
Loren Kannenberg	Ed King
Joe Kobel	Ed Lanski
Roger Leister	Henry Lemmen
John Logan	Malcolm MacIntire
Brian Mahoney	Ken May
Fred Miller	Wayne Montford
Tony North	Dave Patterson (2ADA)
Vince Re (2)	Roland L. Renaud
Bill Scharrschmidt	William Scott
Milan Sefca	Joe Severance, Jr.
Max Shepherd	Henry Simon
Magne Smedvig	Marvin Speiser
Jeff Stevens	Rosemary Theodore
John Thompson	Perry Watts
Henry Wedaa	Arthur Wicks
Les Willis (2)	R. M. Winger

### SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

PATCHES: Negotiating for additional patches.

GI MEMORIES OF THE ETO: The 5-1/4" by 8" , 25 page booklet of cartoon like scenes of enlisted personnel activities is available for \$5.00 from Allen J. Welters, 1418 70<sup>th</sup> St. E., Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077.

SQUADRON PINS: There are five (1) 788<sup>th</sup>, two (5) 789<sup>th</sup> and nine (9) 470<sup>th</sup> Sub-Depot pins available at \$5.00 each plus \$0.75 for mailing. (Efforts underway to obtain additional pins.) Send requests to Ralph Davis, 1143 Kenora Circle, Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101.

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**467th Military Heritage Database  
Personal Biographical Questionnaire**

Please print, type or write legibly all answers to this questionnaire. Attach and identify all photos, clippings and additional information that you want returned to you. Please forward personal memories, experiences and stories on separate pages. Your stories are one of the most important parts of the 467th B.G. historical records. Send Original copy to Kevin Coolidge -AF; 760 Laloma Ln.; Corona, CA 91719. Note: All 790<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron members also please send a duplicate copy of your response to Fred Holdrege, 2901 Friendship Rd., Durham, NC 27705. Send donations for Database to Ralph Davis; 1143 Kenora Circle; Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101.

Last Name: WATSON First: FRANK Initial/Middle Name SULLIVAN  
Address: 7208 AZTEC Rd. NE City ALBUQUERQUE State NM Zip 87110-2252  
Phones 505-884-9324 Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail FEWATSON@JUNO.COM

World War II Addresses: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth OCT. 27, 1918 City HILLSBORD State TX Nickname \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Enlisted OCT. 25, 1940 City DALLAS State TX Spouses Name ETOILE R.  
Date Deceased (if Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Other Relatives \_\_\_\_\_  
Military Training AVIATION Cadet/STUDENT

Schools Attended \_\_\_\_\_  
8th AF Group(s) 467<sup>th</sup> Squadron(s) 789, 791  
Serial Number (En) 20816364 (Off) 711100 Date Assigned 467th AUGUST, 1944  
Military Rank(s) with the 467th B.G. 2NDLT, 1STLT, CAPT Duties PILOT, AIRCRAFT COMMANDER  
Arrived at ETO base AUGUST, 1944 Arrived from NY, NY  
Details of Transport US KUNGSSTOLM  
Assignments while at Rackheath, names of people served with or under \_\_\_\_\_

Ground Crew: Chief \_\_\_\_\_ Assist \_\_\_\_\_ A&E Mechanic \_\_\_\_\_ Armorer \_\_\_\_\_ Radio \_\_\_\_\_ Radar \_\_\_\_\_  
Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Sheetmetal \_\_\_\_\_ Bombsight \_\_\_\_\_ Hydraulics \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Flight Crew: Number & Names (pos) of Crew Members CREW #54, FRANK S. WATSON, PILOT, CHARLES H. SHINN, C.P., DENNIS JOHNSON, NAVIGATOR; ERNEST SORRENTINO, NAVIGATOR; KENNETH BABIN, BOMBARDIER, Aircraft you crewed: Names & Number CARL DOTTARE, GUNNER; HUGH DUNTON, CREW CHIEF; LEONARD MAHARREY, TAIL G.

Please attach a list of specific missions that you flew on and describe your experiences for each, including such detail as; Shot Down, POW, Bailed Out, Wounded, KIA, MIA, Evaded, Ditched, Crashed or other details as you remember them. All will be of interest to the formulation of these data. Completed Tour of 30 missions as Lead Crew

Base Operations: Administration \_\_\_\_\_ Clerical \_\_\_\_\_ Communications \_\_\_\_\_ Security \_\_\_\_\_ Supply \_\_\_\_\_ Photo Lab  
Engineering \_\_\_\_\_ Intelligence \_\_\_\_\_ Medical \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation \_\_\_\_\_ Mess \_\_\_\_\_ Hall \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Departed ETO MAY 1945 Transportation \_\_\_\_\_ Destination NY, NY

Military Honors, Decoration & Commendations: List all including Battle Stars and Clusters and Theater Ribbons  
GIA medal with 4 Clusters, DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS, EUROPEAN, AFRICAN, MIDDLE EAST Campaign medal, WHITE VICTORY medal

Please provide a short narrative of your activities after leaving the 467th B.G., including Civilian, Military Service, Schools, Business, Family, Political and Social Offices held or other achievements: FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, AIR TRAFFIC

CONTROLLER, TRAINING OFFICER, SECURITY OFFICER, MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER. FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSN (EMCA) CHAPTER VICE-PRESIDENT & PRESIDENT.

Flight Crew (CONT'D) GARDEN WAGONER, GUNNER; GERALD A. SODANO, RADIO OPERATOR

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### **MARCH FIELD MUSEUM FOUNDATION**

The 467<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group (H) donated \$500.00 to help support the area where Perry Watts had his pictures hung. A letter of appreciation was sent by the President of the Foundation and it read as follows: "Thank you for the generous donation. We are most gratified by the generous support we have received to date. Your gift of \$500 will serve as an inspiration to the over 75,000 visitors annually of just how important preserving our history means to people of all ages. Our country would not be where it is today were it not for the personnel and professional commitment of so many through their support of aviation and the armed forces. Very Truly Yours, Hal Austin, President".

### **BITS AND PIECES - Bob Davis**

I guess it's that time again, to harp on all of you to send in the pictures and stories to be put on the webpage. We sure could use some stories from the ground crews that were at Rackheath. I would like to build a page that

deals only with stories of your days at Rackheath. I would like for everyone to be able to read just what you went through during those times. So send me your stories and we'll tell the world. This is not just for ground crews, but all that were there. There are many of us that would like to learn of the things that you did, bombing runs, turret gunners, waist gunners, bombardiers, radio operators, ordnance personnel, mechanics, etc. Send them now, time is running out. I'll write again as to the progress of this in the August issue. Don't forget to mail in your reservations for the upcoming convention. Hope to see everyone here in Dayton.

