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FROM THE PREZ

2AD VICE PRESIDENT ALTERNATE

I was advised earlier by Geoff Gregory that he can no longer support us as our 2AD VP as he has accepted the Executive VP position in the 2AD. Walter Mundy is the 2AD VP; however, he had to have an alternate to cover for him when he held the President and Vice President positions in the 2AD. Geoff Gregory very graciously accepted this role and has been covering for us in his expert manner. Walter Mundy has two more years of voting privilege as a former 2AD President, thus another appointee allows the 467th to have 2 votes in the EX-Com meetings of the 2AD. I would like someone within the Group to volunteer to accept this position. Please call if you are interested. This will be discussed at our business meeting in San Antonio and I hope I have volunteers before that time.

CONVENTION 2003

The registration forms are in this issue and the cost is \$270.00 per person and the hotel cost per night is \$79.00, single or double occupancy. A schedule of events is contained in this issue. The cost of \$270.00 includes all activities except for Lunch on Thursday and

Friday and for the Military Homecoming Tour on Friday, September 26, 2003. Because there is some walking associated with this tour, it was determined to leave this as an optional selection. The cost is **\$20.00** per person, but does not include lunch. Lunch will be at one of the Lackland Officer Club. The tour includes the weekly Airman graduation Parade at Lackland AF Base and possibly some retirements. The Base Public Affairs Officer will introduce our reunion group and make statements about the history of our unit (which I provided). Following the parade we will tour an aircraft display, including WWII aircraft, with time for picture taking. Next we will go to the Base Airforce heritage Museum, then on to lunch on your own at an Officer Club and return to the Hotel around 2:00 P.M. Other activities are the Best of San Antonio Tours, one at 9:00 A.M. and one at 11:30 A.M. Both tours include the Alamo, Long Barracks and gardens; Mission Conception, built in 1731; and the San Antonio Shoe Factory (SAS) General Store and Antique Auto Collection. The early tour has lunch on their own at either the Menger Hotel Buffet or the River Walk Food Court at the end of their tour. The later tour starts with lunch and then travels to the rest of the tour sites. If you

desire, you may spend time locally at the River Walk and return to the Hotel by trolley, a trolley brochure should be in your information package. Saturday is our normal business and meeting day and those who want to visit the River Walk can use the trolley to and from the Hotel. If additional time is desired in San Antonio, the Hotel has agreed to allow 2 or 3 days before and after at the same rate.

CONVENTION 2004

The best of plans some time never materialize. It appears now that the site of the 2004 convention will be known by the time of the 2003 convention. I will post it on our web site and e-mail those on our e-mail roster. It has been several years since we held a convention on the West Coast and we have a candidate this time for it. However, initial costs for the Sacramento area has not been resolved as the breakdown costs exceeded the initial package costs. This should be resolved soon. The other areas are Northern Kentucky, New Orleans and Sacramento. Of the three, the Northern Kentucky offers us the most for the money; however we were in Dayton in 2000 and should consider New Orleans or Sacramento even though the cost is higher. The Board will take all aspects in consideration and we will have the data in August. The Frankenmuth videos will be at the 2003 convention for those interested to view along with the Board.

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

Still no comment on Dave Swearingen's article that I forwarded to Representative Hobson. I will check with his Chief of Staff again to obtain the status.

DIRECT COMMUNICATION

The use of the toll free number is doing better as I had less postage forwards this time period. The number is **1-877-882-7235**. You can use this for news, last posts, address changes, comments, etc.

INTERNET - WEB PAGE OF THE 467th

The 467th now has its own domain name, **467bg.com**. Please visit the site and let me or Bob know your comments. We are updating it and want to get all of the latest information. If you have any picture of crews or individuals that you want on the web site, please send them to me and I will scan them and return the photos to you. You may also e-mail them to me if you do not want to send them through the mail.

INDIVIDUAL OBSERVATION

Further into this issue I am putting in a letter that I was asked to do so concerning the Second Air Division. I will try to explain it as I see it and I hope I make it clear. This, according to the information that I received was put into several other Bomb Group newsletters.

2AD VP - GEOFF GREGORY

Well, the sun has risen & set on the 56th annual convention of the 2nd ADA, held at the Hyatt Regency in Oak Brook, Ill.- a suburb of Chicago. The weather was cool & damp, so the Mall across from the hotel received a workout, especially from the ladies.

The Executive Committee, which meets 2 days prior to the actual convention, carried out business pretty

much routinely. One exception was the nomination of Dick Butler (44 B G) to an additional term as President. Dick has proven to be an excellent president & brings much expertise to the table. This was presented to the membership at the regular business meeting Friday morning and accepted by acclamation. Also the office of Executive Vice-president was vacated. Nominations from the floor were requested. As a result, yours truly has agreed to serve in that capacity next year. I consider it an honor to do so, & will serve to the best of my ability. Since I can't hold 2 offices at the same time, this will most probably be my last Poop from Group. This will most likely be a relief to you, but I have enjoyed the opportunity to "talk" to all of you.

The run-a-way hit of the convention was the presentation of the Joe Dzenowegis family film of the dedication of our new Memorial Library November last. Titled "THE ROLL OF HONOR", this was the most outstanding film the family has produced-it is absolutely spectacular. The many 467th members who made that special trip will indeed be grateful for the memories. Several hundred of us watched a large screen performance that lasted 2 hours. Yet, I believe that no one left; I never heard a chair move. Our 467th was not too well represented at this convention. However, 7 members of the Dzenowegis family and our beloved Charlotte Shower attended, so our 467th table had a very happy time.

The hotel staff was uniformly helpful, friendly & most efficient. The food-always an important part of any gathering-was superior to the average hotel cuisine well presented and efficiently served.

In previous POOPS, I said I would offer a few suggestions for our visit to San Antonio. Ralph will have many pamphlets available, of course. I just want to mention a few of the less "tourist" places you may want to try.

If you plan to stay after the convention & wish to consider a different hotel, look into "HOMEWOOD SUITES" It is directly on the River, every room is a suite with kitchen, good breakfast included served in a room that is full-length glass overlooking the River & free cocktail hour in the evening. Reservations will be tight at that time of the year, but worth a "try". Don't settle for the first quote-tell them you have friends who pay \$79-\$99 depending on the day.

For transportation, there are Trolleys going all over Center City. Frequent user passes available. Of course you will want to see the Missions, River Center (a Mall with all the usual), Majestic Theatre-one of our favorites. The architecture transports you to a Mediterranean Village. You need to make a tour appointment-call 210-226-3333 for info. Of course, the MISSIONS are a MUST! Several to choose from, but if you will do just one, you probably want to see Mission San Jose-it WILL require some walking, but plenty of chances to rest.

FOOD! The important stuff. For a reasonable meal try SHILO'S, street level next to Casa Rio. It has been there for years & is consistently good at what they serve. It's a German Deli, with knockwurst, sauerkraut, great pea soup & ice cold homemade Root Beer. Of course,

for a hamburger, the only place is FUDRUCKERS! For Ribs, try Tony Roma's in the River Center. You will also find all the "usual" in the Food Court.

Mexican food can be found everywhere. It is usually not spicy because they cater to tourists. There are 2 acceptable ones close to our hotel in "El Mercado"-the Market Center. You will want to "do" El Mercado-very colorful Mexican items to "take home". Watch your PRICES! They know the tourists are in town. Pico de Gallo is another good restaurant very close to the hotel. If you like-or want to try- "CHICKEN FRIED STEAK", the TEXAS CAFE on the River, & the JAIL HOUSE near the hotel are good. The Jail House is a fun-type interesting place, near the hotel. The size of the servings is obscene, but the quality can vary. It's an interesting experience! Now, if your food tastes are different from mine, forget the whole thing & go it on your own! That's it for food!

The Riverboat rides are well advertised, but the lines can be very long. A hint—if you plan to ride that evening, buy your tickets during the day (there are several places along the River) . They are good all day & you can avoid the long buying line later. A group of you can reserve a Dinner Cruise down the River- great fun & no more expensive than a good restaurant in tourist cities. There is SO MUCH more to see & do! Just ENJOY SAN ANTONIO! All Texans have 2 homes- always one in SAN ANTONIO! Make it yours as well. COME ON DOWN! Hope to see a bunch of you there-till then, stay well. HAVE A GREAT CONVENTION!

GREETINGS FROM STATION 145

Greetings from Rackheath and Salhouse. Just to say a very sincere "Thank You" for yet another really wonderful 2nd Air Division Association Annual Convention with as always Evelyn Cohen making superb arrangements at Chicago. Their kindness, friendship and the warmth of welcome deeply touched us both and we are so lucky to know the 2nd ADA family. We enjoyed every minute of our stay including the Early Bird Party, the various Group hospitality rooms, the Executive meetings, the Heritage League and the showing of that amazing film by the Dzenowagis family "The Roll of Honor". No other film has captured the true spirit of your Memorial Library as this one has.

Finally, how can we ever thank the 2ADA enough for that wonderful presented to us at the very moving Banquet - it has pride of place in our home and is a constant reminder of your friendship. This was our twenty-third Convention and it is now sixty years ago since we first met the 2nd Air Division USAA. You have truly been a wonderful part in our lives.

GREAT NEWS we have just heard that Messrs Aqua Fibre are hoping to purchase the Control Tower and restore as offices. My son Roger has talked with them and they hope to allocate a room as a 467th Memorial. I have written to Aqua Fibre to confirm our support and interest. God Bless.

Jean and David Hastings.

Letter received from Perry Watts - "A Talk on the History of the 467th Bombardment Group"

"A Presentation Talk on the history of the 467th Bombardment Group was given by Perry Watts to about 50 - 60 members of the Broadlands Probus (Retired Professional Businessmen) Club at Wroxham on 26th February 2003. The majority of the members have served in the Armed Forces, a few were career men, but most served during WWII, and quite a number of the members served in the R.A.F.

The presentation was well received and appreciated and it was good to know that many elderly local gentlemen retain an interest in the Group and its activities although nearly some sixty years have since passed by.

NEWS - RACKHEATH CONTROL TOWER

I write to inform you that ownership of the Control Tower has changed hands. On Thursday 17th April '03 I had a very interesting and informative meeting with two very pleasant gentlemen, Mr. Nick Hovey and Mr. Ben MacKintosh, directors of Aqua Fibre Ltd., the company that recently purchased the Control Tower and adjoining land. For the past few years I have wondered how much longer the Tower would be able to stand the damp and frost that we expect every Winter before severe deterioration would cause it to gradually collapse. So what really wonderful news to be told that there is no intention of demolishing the Tower, and even more wonderful to be informed that the Chairman of Aqua Fibre Ltd., Mr. Martin Broom, has decided to have the Tower restored externally to its original state and possibly fitted to have a radio shack erected on the roof (I should add that Mr Broom was a member of the Royal Air Force and served with Air Sea Rescue).

Externally the Tower gives the impression of being in a very dilapidated condition, but having been inside I was amazed to see that it is absolutely water-tight and the internal walls are in exceptionally good condition. I was given to understand that the Tower, when restoration is completed, will in all probability be used as Aqua Fibre's main office on the Rackheath Industrial Site; but it is understood that one room in the Tower will be dedicated to the 467th Group and used for the display of pictures, photographs and small artifacts that interested persons will be able to see.

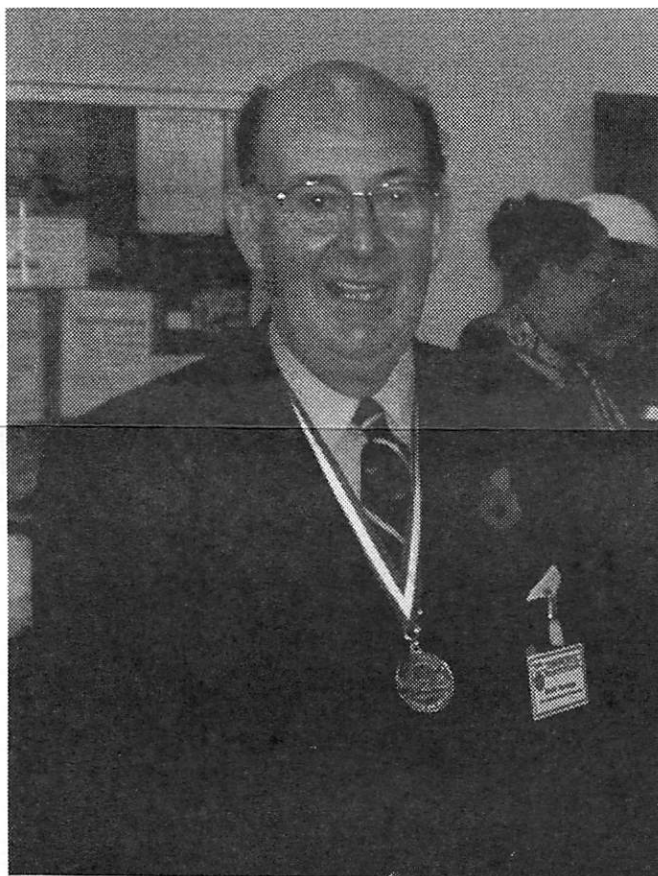
I should add I was informed during the course of discussion that Aqua Fibre also owns the former DeBriefing Buildings block, the restored #1 'T2' Hangar (renovated about three years ago) and sited near to the Control Tower, and also the site on where #2 'T2' Hangar originally stood - alongside the railroad track and close to Salhouse rail station.

Both of the directors I had the meeting with, Nick Hovey and Ben MacKintosh, expressed an interest in acquiring pictures, photographs or good laser prints taken off photos for display. In particular they are really interested in getting any pictures taken at the 100th and 200th Mission functions that were held in # 1 Hangar back in 1944 and 1945 - for display in their Boardroom

which is sited in the Hangar. I am able to help them out with a few photos but any copies of the Tower and the Hangar would be appreciated. If you are able to help out in any way with this request for photos, would you please mail them to me as follows: Perry Watts, "Savona", 22 Norwich Road, Salhouse, Norwich, Norfolk, NR13 6QF, England. e-mail address: : perry@watts1.fsnet.co.uk .

I will visit the Tower site about every 4 weeks and take photographs, and hopefully show the restoration progress. It will be a great pleasure to give an updated report at the next 467th Convention at San Antonio in September '03. Best wishes to all.
Perry Watts

DAVID HASTINGS HONORED



It was announced by the Prime Minister's Office in London on the Queen's Birthday that Davis Hastings of Salhouse, Norfolk has been awarded the MBE, Member, British Empire. Ceremony to take place at Buckingham Castle at a date to be announced. The queen gives out honors on her birthday. #1 is knighthood which very few receive. #2 is CBE commander, British Empire not many receive this. #3 OBE, Officer or Order, British Empire, of which there are more of these, but still exclusive. #4 MBE, Member of the British Empire, of which there are more of these, but still quite an honor. The members of the 467th Bomb Group extend our sincere congratulations to MBE David Hastings.

THOMAS H. EDWARDS - DECEASED

Tom passed away May 8, 2003 after a long battle with congestive heart failure. Tom was a nose gunner on Stan Kilar's crew. After the war Tom taught biology and advanced biology in high school for 28 years and was a cotton entomologist for 36 years during the summers. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Martha, three



sons, one daughter, two daughters-in-law, one son-in-law and eight grandchildren. Tom was a deacon in the First Baptist Church and a former Sunday School teacher.

POST EXCHANGE

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

(Alpha & Zip available) \$3.00 ea, including shipping.

ADDENDUM & ERRATA BOOK & GROUP ROSTER

Addendum & Errata Book: \$5.00 including shipping

Group Roster: \$7.00 including shipping

Both for \$10.00 including shipping

GROUP WINDOW DECAL (AVAILABLE)

\$3.00 ea + \$0.50 shipping = \$3.50

GROUP & SQUADRON PINS

Note: All pins are now available:

467th 789th

791st 788th

790th 470th Sub Depot (limited number)

\$ 5.00 ea. plus \$0.75 package and post.

All 6 pins set, \$24.00 plus \$1.00 package and post

All 5 pins set (less 470th), \$20.00 plus \$0.75 package and post

Package and post is \$0.75 for five pins or less.

467th LAPEL PIN - 3/4 inch size

\$3.00 ea plus \$0.75 package and post for 6 or less

467th LIBERAMUS INSIGNIA BALL CAP (RED)

\$8.00 plus \$1.00 package and post

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Convention Registration Form - San Antonio, TX., Sep 24 -28, 2003

467th Bombardment Group Association (H) Ltd.

(Complete this form and mail along with deposit to Ralph Davis)
(Please fill in all the requested blanks to assist Convention Records)

Name _____
Last First M.I. Badge - Name

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone No. () - e-mail address _____

First Timer Yes () No () Accompanied By;

Name _____
Last First M.I. Badge - First Name

Name _____
Last First M.I. Badge - First Name

Name _____
Last First M.I. Badge - First Name

Date of Arrival and time _____ A.M.- P.M. (Very Important)
Date Time

Date of Departure and time _____ A.M.- P.M. (Also Important)
Date Time

Arriving via Car()/ () Air line _____ Flt # _____

Car arrivals: From I - 35 take exit 155 at Durango/Frio, Hotel on right. From I-10 West, exit South Alamo, turn left and South Alamo becomes Frio Street. Hotel is on the corner of Frio and Durango. From I-10 East, merge into I-35 South. Stay on I-35 South, exit Durango/Frio. Hotel is on your right. From Airport, take 281 South, take 81 West (turns into I-35 South), exit Durango/Frio. Hotel is on your right. Address is 502 West Durango Blvd.

Air arrivals: The motel does not have a courtesy car. Taxi available for four persons for \$14 to 16.00.

SATRANS 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. from airport. \$9.00 one way - \$16.00 round trip

RV and Motorhome: Parking (3 spaces in rear) available at Hotel. There are NO hookups available.

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 _____

Cite one memory while at Rackheath that gives you a chuckle and/or of interest to the group:

CONVENTION COSTS

Per Person \$ 270.00

Times Number of Persons _____ ()

Basic Convention Total \$ _____

☐ Check here for Lackland Tour \$20.00/person \$ _____
Base tour on Friday - deposit due now

Total Cost \$ _____

Deposit Due now, \$100.00 or \$120.00 per person = \$ _____

Balance Due August 30, 2003, \$ 170.00 per person = \$ _____

Please 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 \$ 270.00. The drawing will be open to all who pay in full by August 1, 2003

Make checks payable to: "467th Bombardment Group Convention 2003".

Fill in the above Convention Costs form and mail with your deposit of \$100.00 or \$120.00 per person along with the Convention Registration Form to:

Ralph Davis
1143 Kenora circle
Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101
(937) 426-2988 (e-mail: mrdavis@ameritech.net)
1-877-882-7235

HOTEL REGISTRATION

MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH RADISSON HOTEL (SAN ANTONIO MARKET SUARE) EARLY

All rooms must be reserved by September 1, 2003 in order to guarantee space and to assure rates.

Reservation phone number: 1-210-224-7155. Check-in time: 3:00 PM.

Radisson Hotel

502 West Durango Blvd.

San Antonio, TX 78207

1-800-333-3333 (Reservation - National)(Let them know it's for the 467th Bomb Goup

(912) 748-6464 - FAX (912) 748-8163. (Local numbers)

Room rates are: Single or Double \$ 79.00 + tax

When making reservations, please refer to the 467th Bomb Group Convention, Sep 24 - 28, 2003. A 48-hour cancellation policy is in effect. These rates will apply for three or four days before and after the convention. All rooms are either a single king bed or two full size beds. In addition to the usual amenities included is a full size ironing board and iron; hair dryer, coffee maker and public areas are wheelchair accessible. Let your special requirements be known to the hotel if handicap or non-smoking access is required.

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LIBERAMUS CAR or REFRIGERATOR MAGNETS

Car Magnet ea \$3.00 plus \$0.75 package and post
Refrigerator Magnet ea \$1.50 plus \$0.75 package and post.
467TH TAIL & ROUND TUIT

\$0.65 for two plus \$0.75 package and post

All OF THE ABOVE AVAILABLE THROUGH:

Ralph Davis
1143 Kenora Circle
Beavercreek, Ohio 45430-1101
(937) 426-2988

GROUP & SQUADRON PATCHES:

467th
791st 790th
789th 788th

\$ 5.00 ea. plus \$0.75 package and post.

All 5 patch set (less 470th), \$20.00 plus \$0.75 package and post

Package and post is \$0.75 for up to five patches.

PATCHES AVAILABLE THROUGH:

Paul V. Hatten
4209 Ormston Circle,
Rock Hill, SC 29732
(803) 980-6529

GI MEMORIES OF THE ETO:

A 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 70th St. E.
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077
(651) 457-0018

CONVENTION EVENTS

Wednesday, September 24 2003

Arrival & Registration Day, memorabilia room set up

3:00 P.M. – Hotel check in

7:00 – 9:00 P.M. – Evening Buffet – Soup & Salad Bar

Thursday, September 25, 2003

7:00 – 9:00 A.M. – Breakfast Buffet – The All American

9:00 A.M. – Hospitality Room Open

9:00 A.M. – Morning Mission Tour – Group 1

11:30 A.M. – Afternoon Mission Tour – Group 2

12:00 P.M. – Lunch for Group 1 & 2 (On your Own)

1:00 P.M. – Group 2 starts tour

2:00 P.M. – Group 1 arrives at Hotel

4:30 P.M. – Group 2 arrives at Hotel

7:00 – 8:00 P.M. – Host/Pay Bar

8:00 P.M. – Texas BBQ Buffet

11:00 P.M. – Hospitality Room closes

Friday, September 26, 2003

6:30 – 9:00 A.M. – Breakfast Buffet – South of the Border

8:00 A.M. – Free Day or elective tour

Military Homecoming Tour (Elective)

Lackland AFB- Airman graduation

parade

Base Public Affairs announce group and

Short history – WWII aircraft display – visit

Base AF Heritage Museum

12:00 P.M. – Lunch at one of AF Base Clubs (on your own)

2:00 P.M. – Military Tour returns to Hotel

7:00 – 8:00 P.M. – Host/Pay Bar

7:00 – 11:00 P.M. – Music for dining & dancing

8:00 P.M. – Texas BBQ Buffet

11:00 P.M. – Hospitality Room closes

Saturday, September 27, 2003

7:00 – 9:00 A.M. – Breakfast Buffet – The All American

1030 A.M. Current Board of Directors Meeting

12:00 P.M. – Lunch – Soup & Salad Bar

2:00 P.M. – Membership Business Meeting

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

6:30 – 7:30 P.M. – Host/Pay Bar

7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Roast Prime Rib of Beef

7:30 – 8:30 P.M. – Mariachi Trio

8:30 – 9:30 P.M. – Group/Member Recognition

Sunday, September 28, 2003

0630 – 900 A.M. – The River Walk Breakfast

Farewell till we meet in 2004 (not selected yet)

AIRPORT SHUTTLE (SATRANS)

Service between Airport and Downtown Hotels 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily. Round-trip fares available. \$9.00 One-way or \$16.00 Round-trip. Two normal size bags per person and \$1.00 per extra bag. Phone Number 210-281-9900.

CAROLYN RE PASSES AWAY



Carolyn Re the lovely wife of Vincent Re passed away this Spring after a fight with cancer. She was most visible at the 467th and 2nd ADA Conventions. Her pleasant smile and friendly approach will be deeply missed by all. Doris and her became close friends at the conventions and such that we met them for dinner at a restaurant to our homes.

You never know for sure what God has in mind for each of us or when he will call you home. Vincent, on behalf of the Officers, Directors and the Members of the 467th Bomb Group, we express to you our sincere sympathy. To Doris and I her passing was a sudden surprise. As such, I ran across the following poem that I believe says a lot for all of us.

IF I KNEW

If I knew it would be the last time
That I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly
and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time
that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss
and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time
I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would video tape each action and word,
so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time,
I could spare an extra minute
to stop and say "I love you,"
instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time
I would be there to share your day,
Well I'm sure you'll have so many more,
so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow
to make up for an oversight,
and we always get a second chance
to make everything just right.

There will always be another day
to say "I love you,"
And certainly there's another chance
to say our "Anything I can do?"

But just in case I might be wrong,
and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you
and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone,
young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance
you get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow,
why not do it today?

For if tomorrow never comes,
you'll surely regret the day,

That you didn't take that extra time
for a smile, a hug, or a kiss
and you were too busy to grant someone,
what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today,
and whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them
and that you'll always hold them dear

Take time to say "I'm sorry,"
"Please forgive me," "Thank you," or "It's okay."
And if tomorrow never comes,
you'll have no regrets about today.

MAIL MEMORIAL FUND

There were 28 contributions to the mail fund this period that gave \$1,429.65, approximately \$51.06 per donation. Your generosity, as always, is deeply appreciated. **As you can see, we just barely made the cost of the newsletter for this**

issue. The cost of preparation and mailing the newsletter averages around \$1,500 per issue. We have used 1st class mail as it gets there much earlier for most; however, with this amount of mail fund response, I am again going to consider using Non-Profit mailing. If you enjoy the newsletter, please help support it. If I missed anyone, let me know. Contributors this period were:

B-24 Liberator Club	McLarty, John
Bell, Tony	Meyer, Warren
Brown, Elenor	Morris, Clarence (Calolyn
Cox, Charles (2)	Re Memory)
Davis, Ralph	Mundy, Walter
Edwards, Mrs. T. H.	Patterson, David (2AD)
Fillebrown, Robin	Porter, Frederick
Gore, Ed	Rainwater, Lynn
Gregory, Geoff	Spencer, Lowrey
Johnson, Frank	Sprague, Bob
Kenagy, Glenn	Stafford, Kirby
Lanski, Edmund	Tanzer, Harry
Logan, John	Williams, Betty
Lukeman, Bob	Willis, Les

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Fund 3-18-03 to 7-21-03

Operating Fund Balance 3-18-03	\$	16,113.91
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INCOME

Mail- Memorial Fund Contributions	\$	1,429.65
Patch Sales		5.75
Pins, Rosters, Errata Books, etc. sales		47.00
Checking Account Interest		54.35
Sub-Total Income		1,536.75
Sub-Total	\$	17,650.66

DISBURSEMENTS

POOP FROM GROUP 21-1	\$	1,425.53
Visa Charges (121.88)		76.28
Convention Charge (Visa)		876.95
Web Master Fee		150.00
Sub-Total	\$	2,528.76

OPERATING FUND BALANCE	\$	15,121.90
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OBITUARY FOR ARTHUR ANDREW CORN

Art Corn died suddenly at his home on September 19, 2002. Art was born on December 6, 1921 in New Athens, IL. He graduated from Westminster College in Fulton, MO and served with the 467th Bombardment group (H) from 1944 until 1945. Art was a flight engineer. After the war he retired from a long career as Chief of Systems Analysts of Data Processing at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He left specific instructions for his burial and his ashes were interned on his favorite hilltop in Acorn Woods. Art is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, daughter Johanna, son John and five grandchildren. (Editor's Note: You might also like the IF I Knew poem above).

WALTER HENRY GRAY - DECEASED

Walter Henry Gray, 82, of Arnold CA died Wednesday, April 16, 2003, in Modesto. He was born Nov. 19, 1920, in San Francisco and moved to Arnold in 1977. Gray was employed by Metropolitan Life for more than 40 years. He served in various positions, including management. Gray served in the Army Air Corps with

the 467th Bombardment Group during World War II. He was a member of the Photographic Section based at the Headquarters in Rackheath, England. Walt was especially proud of his contributions after one mission. An officer was interpreting the photos after a particular bombing mission. He seemed satisfied that the mission objectives had been achieved, when Corporal Gray pointed out some anomalies in the photos. After close examination it was determined that a German mechanized unit was being concealed beneath trees and underbrush. The officer thanked him for his expert analysis. The next day he noted that a mission was scheduled and took out the hidden armor. He was a member of Pinebrook Homeowners Association and Sons in Retirement Branch 140 and served on the Pinebrook Water Board. He is survived by his children, Stan Gray of San Jose, Penny Henning of Coarsegold and Gale Brown of Red Bluff, eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

ADDITIONS

Brian T. Brown- Waterloo, IA
Mildred Deal-AW (Keith)- Titusville, PA
Marilyn Deyermond - AW (Calvin)-Salem, NH
Ray Edwards- Moore, SC
Martha T. Edwards-AW (Tom) -Water Valley, MS
Jason Esquinaldo- Gulfport, FL
James P. Flynn- Bethany Beach, DE
James House- Newton, NC
Dave Pitchell -Norwich,Norfolk England
William G. Simpson- Seqim, WA
Betty Williams - AW (Bill)- Laguna Hills, CA

DELETIONS

LAST POST

Charles H. Clawson- Sacramento, CA
Keith W. Deal- Titusville, PA
Thomas H. Edwards- Water Valley, MS
Al Gerads- Elk River, MN
Walter Gray- Arnold, CA
Harold C. Greenman- Lakeside Park, KY
Joseph Imburgia- Pittsburgh, PA
Bernard C. Logdson- Leon, IA
Harold C. Rubendall- Baldwin City, KS
Charles A. Shamburg- Corry, PA
William Washburn- N. Andover, MA

LOST SOULS

Orley B. Jordan- Lakeside, CA
George W. Eggett- Fort Lauderdale, FL
Blanche Slocum - AW- Norwich England

EDITOR'S NOTE

There have been several members who have asked to have their name removed from the active roster, thus canceling their newsletter. I have a problem with that as it eliminates the association knowledge of the member. The association has a "Roll of Honor" listed in the Chapel of Fallen Eagles at the 8th Air Force heritage Museum. This is updated annually. If you drop from our records, we have no knowledge of when to enter your name on our Roll of Honor. This is something very dear

to most of us and we want to be recognized by such remembrance. This should be an item of discussion at the next Business Meeting. My suggestion is to enter them on the Roll of Honor if they insist on being removed from the active roster. Otherwise, their status will not be known.

HISTORY OF 859TH & 788TH BOMB SQUADRONS

After 9 years of compiling witness information, this story of the 859th and 788th Bomb Squadrons is now in publication. Much of the history of the 492nd and the 467th Bomb Groups is covered here with personal remembrances, diaries, photos and detail information from more than 200 of those "that were there". Including official government document information. The book is over 560 pages and has more than 250 before unblemished photographs. The book is large and trade size, with easy to read print. I'm offering copies to members of the association at the cost per volume price of \$70.00 each, postpaid. Every copy is numbered and will be personalized. Please send orders, **NO MONEY**, to "Robin Janton, Editor; 23573 Pole Ridge Rd.; Laurelville, OH 43135. This production is limited. To avoid disappointment, order now.

NOTES FROM MEMBERS

ELEANOR BROWN - AW (CLEMENT)

Enclosed is my annual donation to the postage fund. I still enjoy the POOP from GROUP even though Clem has been gone for 5 years! It gives me found memories of our reunions and trips to Rackheath and the original library. Wish I had been able to see the new library. I'm 85 now and travelling is difficult. Best wishes to all.

TONY BELL

Just a short line to let you know I am still alive and kicking. It has been a while since I communicated with you or sent you any \$\$ for expenses. Enclosed is a check for stamp fund. I was saddened to hear about Vince Re's wife passing away. At the time he was experiencing his loss I was experiencing a potential loss of my own. In early February Connie felt some pain in her chest and we sent her to a hospital where she had a triple by-pass operation. About the third day she was there my youngest daughter, who is a cardiac nurse, noticed my breathing was not all it should be and had me go to the Doctors office for a check-up. I didn't make it back home. I was rushed to the Hospital and had a double by-pass. Now Connie and I were in two separate hospitals having heart surgery. Well the short and long of it turns out that I recovered fine, but Connie having diabetes did not. She spent over 6 weeks in the hospital, and 10 days in a recovery facility, and has been home for about 5 or 6 weeks, and is still on the mend. She has some wounds from the operation that are healing very slowly, and require attention every day. She is over the hill now and everything seems to be turning out just fine. But for a while.....! I am looking forward to going to San Antonio, but that depends on how Connie is doing at the time. I think she will be able to make it, but she has her doubts. We'll see.

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