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### FROM THE PREZ

In the last issue I started out by saying, "It is with deep regret that I must advise the members of the passing of one of our Past Presidents". It is with much greater regret that I read the Second Air Division article covering Geoff which was so meager, it was shameful, after all the work Geoff did for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ADA and have so few lines to remember him by. Walter Mundy expressed the same comments to me and he provided me with some additional information to be included. Geoff, so our members may know, joined the USAAF as a radio operator in 1942 on anti-sub patrol off the East Coast of the US. He joined the Aviation Cadet Program in 1943 and graduated as a Bombardier from Calsbad, New Mexico from the class of 44-2 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. Geoff flew 35 missions with the 467<sup>th</sup> Group. He was awarded the Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters. Once again Geoff was recalled and participated in the Korean

War and was discharged in 1953 Geoff was active in the 467<sup>th</sup> and served as Group Vice President to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ADA and was a Director in the 467<sup>th</sup> Group. Geoff was a major contributor to the Second Air Division Association and served as President from 1994 to 1996 and 2004 to 2005. He was a most enthused supporter of the Memorial Library. He created the 2<sup>nd</sup> ADA Bequest Program that resulted in multi-Dollars for the Memorial Library. Geoff was truly our Ambassador of Friendship to the Memorial Library and had many English Friends in and around Norwich. I believe that I can speak for all the members and friends of the 467<sup>th</sup> that Geoff will be deeply missed, but definitely remember for his many efforts throughout the years. To Terry and family, I'm sorry to bring this up again as I know your feelings, but I wanted some to know that they missed giving the proper account for such a great person. Please accept the condolences of the 467<sup>th</sup> members and friends.

## **CONVENTION 2008**

The following is the outline for the Convention in St. Louis from October 9 thru October 13. Breakfast is complimentary at the Hotel and so is the open bar each night. This was considered in the cost and allowed us to keep the Convention cost at our usual low rate. As of the date of this issue, we have only received 4 reservations; however, I assume that more will come in during the next month

**Thursday, Oct 9:** - Welcome Reception - 7:30-9:30 pm (meat/cheese/condiment trays with house salad and ice cream/sherbet)

### **Friday, Oct 10:**

10:00 – Depart Hotel for Arch

12:30 – Depart Arch for Cherokee Antique Row - six block area of antique shops – many categories (clothing, radio and related items, furniture, woodwind instruments, tools) and several places to eat lunch on your own.

2:30 – Bus ride back to hotel for those who wish to go.

3:00 – Depart Cherokee Antique Row for free tour of Anheuser-Busch Brewery – home of the famous Clydesdales!

4:30 – Depart Anheuser-Busch for hotel.

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### **Friday Oct 10:**

Dinner at the hotel – 7:30- 9:30

meat/cheese/condiment trays with house salad and chicken sandwiches and burgers and ice cream/sherbet.

### **Saturday, Oct 11:**

9:45 am - Depart hotel for The Lewis and Clark Lock and Dam Cruise. This is a five hour cruise aboard a paddlewheel boat that features a buffet lunch, entertainment by a Dixieland duo, passage through an actual Lock, and a Captain's narration. CASH BAR.

3:30 pm - Depart Riverboat for hotel

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### **Saturday, Oct 11:**

Dinner/Dance – 7:00 – 11:00 – music provided by DJ "Bobby D" (our own Bob Davis)!

Cash Bar – 7:00 – 11:00 pm

Dinner at 8:00 pm, a buffet consisting of Chicken Parmigianino and Roast Beef Au Jus with au gratin potatoes, carrots and brownies or cheesecake for dessert.

### **Sunday, Oct 12:**

Meetings and/or free time.

11:30 am – 1:00 pm - Lunch at hotel unless you are out on your own.

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm - BANQUET:

Cash Bar – 7:00 – 11:00 pm

Dinner at 8:00 pm will be either an 8 ounce Filet Mignon or Chicken Florentine (boneless chicken breast stuffed with spinach, mozzarella cheese, grilled Portobello mushrooms and shallots & topped with tomato basil cream sauce with either Cheesecake with Strawberries or Chocolate Suicide Cake. The free bar in the hotel is open from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

Dinner both Thurs and Fri is at 7:30pm. As for Saturday and Sunday, the free bar closes at 7:00pm. That is when our bartender shows up in our banquet room. He will be there until 11 both nights. Dinner will be served at 8:00pm both nights.

## **DIRECT COMMUNICATION**

I changed telephone service and the toll free number has not been started up as yet... It should be up within the next two weeks. The toll free number is **1-877-882-7235**. This can be used for news, last posts, address changes, comments, etc. Thanks for your help.

## **INTERNET – WEB PAGE OF THE 467<sup>th</sup>**

The 467<sup>th</sup> has its own domain name, **467bg.com**. Please visit the site and let me or Bob know your comments. We are still updating it and want to get all of the latest information. When you e-mail Bob please use his e-mail address that is in the mast head which is [whataboutbob@woh.rr.com](mailto:whataboutbob@woh.rr.com).

## **2 ADA VP – WALTER J. MUNDY**

The Group reunion is scheduled to be held in St. Louis, MO October 9<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. The Group meetings will be held at the Drury Plaza Hotel, 2 South Fourth Street St. Louis MO 63102. The telephone number is 314-231-3003.

The 467<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group has voted to have the 2009 Reunion at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum and will most probably be the second week of October.

The Fightin' Sam project along with the new improved Second Air Division Exhibit in has suffered a delay, due to the unexpected loss of the project designer. The Museum Staff has taken on the task of reducing the schedule and is making progress. The interactive software has been completed and the integration with the Bomb Sight is progressing. The design of the Second Air Division exhibit will have new graphics and display material and will be a focal point in the Combat Gallery. I will be going to Savannah in August and will have a progress report prior to the Second Air Division Convention in Grapevine, (Dallas) Texas, October 16th to 20th, 2008.

The response to the survey for the Journal Forever has been disappointing. As of June first I have received only sixty five responses. Several members have sent checks and I have returned all of those. Please do not send checks or money at this time. I regret to report that the Journal Forever program will probably have to be one or two issues per year or as the Heritage League is able to do with diminishing membership and donations.

I hope to see you all in October. Meanwhile keep healthy wealthy and Active.

## **NEWS FROM STATION 145**

We are now well into the summer and all the 467th artifacts are looking good. The Marker has had the usual spring clean with two new flags hoisted and the new brickwall and red granite chippings look superb. My thanks to the small team who work so hard to keep everything clean and tidy. Jill Hollis-Graves from Tilia Properties has put in a request to the County Council to have double yellow lines placed on the road next to the Marker to try and stop this nuisance of people parking their cars in front of the Marker. Sadly we are told this could take eight weeks, but in the meantime Roger Hastings

keeps moving them on. Also glad to say that the electrician has been hard at work today and has found two faults. A vehicle had hit the electric supply mast near the old Lomax office severing the cable and also the small light in the front of the Marker has been damaged. He is replacing both these items and hopes to have the lights back in operation by this evening. Our thanks to Robert Lomax for arranging for this work to be carried. However I fear this will nearly exhaust our Marker Fund. We are delighted how many visitors we have already had this summer and the Marker, the restored Tower, the Private Miney Plaques, the original bronze plaque and the B.24 on the Village Sign have caused much interest. We are also always pleased to hear people remark on the 467th Road names in the village.

At the Church the new "Coffey Crew Gates" and the plaques are greatly admired and we cannot thank Andy DeBiasse, Albert Muller, the Coffey family and the Crew enough for all their efforts. The 467th room in the Church has received a large number of new photographs plus the two wonderful new plaques sent over by Andy DeBiasse and they make a fine display. Sadly this month our wonderful Priest Richard retires. We will miss him greatly as he has been such a wonderful supporter.

We have also recently lost two great friends of the 2nd Air Division USAAF. In May, Alfred Jenner, one of the Founding Governors of the Memorial Trust and an Ex-RAF Bomber Command aircrew who was shot down and captured, sadly died. He knew the true meaning of your Memorials, was a man of integrity and a great friend to many of us. Then on June 6th we lost David Neale. David has been a member of the Friends of the Memorial for many years and Chairman of the Friends for nine years. He and his wife Pearl have worked so hard to ensure that your Memorial and the old wartime bases survive and he, like Alfred, will be greatly missed.

All our love and we will never forget you.

Jean and David Hastings

467th Base Contact and Honorary Member.

### **LETTER FROM PERRY WATTS**

**Dear Ralph, Committee Officers, Group Veterans, Family Members and Friends.**

Following my previous letter in the April 2008 edition of 'The Poop' journal and in which I mentioned that Tom Johnson, son of 467th Group Veteran Dean Johnson would be visiting during latter part of March. It was great to have Tom visit us for a couple of days on March 23rd and 24th and also to have our good friend Andy Wilkinson here on those days as well. Although we have visited the sites of the remaining original buildings on several occasions over the past years another visit nevertheless was still interesting. New of course are the road name signs of 'Albert Shower Road' and 'Witchcraft Way' that Tom and Andy viewed for their first time. Unfortunately the former parachute rigging shop has recently been demolished - photo of interior can be seen on page 90 of the late Allan Healy's book on the 467th Group. Also Mr. Will Minns proprietor of the company that currently is leaser of the renewed Control Tower at Rackheath kindly permitted us to visit the rooms on both floors and have a

panoramic view of the former airfield from the roof of the Tower. The visit of course included lunch at Rackheath 'Green Man' pub.

On 23rd April Colonel Fred and Mrs. Jane Holdrege's son Mark along with his wife visited the area for that one day and it really was unfortunate that during that week Jill and I were attending a reunion of my former Army unit 'RMP Malaya Veterans' at Walsall in the Midlands and consequently were unable to meet up with them which we certainly would have liked to have done.

It was wonderful to have 467th Group Veterans Ray Betcher accompanied by his daughter Janice and son-in-law Jim, and Norman Felbinger accompanied by his daughter Norma and friend Molly visit the area for the three days 28th to 30 April. It was great to take former 788th Squadron pilot Norman, Norma and Molly around Norwich and visit the Second Air Division Memorial Library to be followed by a visit to the beautiful 900 year old Cathedral, the 800 year old Market Place, the City Hall, Elm Hill with its cobble surfaced road and the 'Muscle Palace'. Then out to the north Norfolk coast to nearby Cromer where the 467th Group B-24s flew over as they formed up over the North Sea way back in 1944/45. Former 'Witchcraft' mechanic Ray Betcher one of the famed 'Joe Ramirez's ground-crew team', daughter Janice and son-in-law Jim joined us at the Control Tower on the morning of Tuesday 29th April where Ray and Norman jointly presented a beautiful Mike Bailey painting of the famous B-24 'Witchcraft' to Mr Nick Hovey, Managing Director of Tilia Properties for permanent display in the Tower. Mr. Hovey expressed his appreciation on behalf of his company, which own and restored the Tower, and followed with an excellent address in which he mentioned how delightful it was to have two 467th Group veterans and some of their family members attending the function and how pleasing it is to eventually have the Tower finally restored to how it virtually appeared way back in 1944/45. He commented on the excellent job that his building contracts manager, namely Mr Keith Seabrook and his team had made of restoring the Tower which will be memorable landmark relating to the 467th Bombardment Group in a great many future years. The function was enjoyed by all in attendance and it was again great to have Andy Wilkinson with us and also the talented aviation artist Mike Bailey and his wife Maureen as well as the very enthusiastic and knowledgeable Second Air Division historian Tony North. The function received the local ITV News coverage and I am grateful to our local newspaper journalist Steve Snelling who through our acquaintance kindly compiled a wonderful two page spread about the B-24 'Witchcraft', the 467th Group, Ray and Norman that was published in our local newspaper week-end supplement. During the afternoon it was a great pleasure to show Ray, Norman and their family members around the interesting and remaining sites of the former airfield and also to meet up with some of the owners of the land that was part of the airfield way back in 1944/45 such as Tom and John Robinson, Roy and Graham Horne of Classic Car Restorations. A really wonderful day and enjoyed by all.

Nothing further remains other than to include best wishes to you all from both Jill and I. Looking forward to meeting up with many of you again in October at St. Louis. **With best wishes to you all from Jill, James and Perry.**

### **MEMORIAL FUND**

There were 29 contributions to the mail fund this period which totaled \$2,560.00, approximately \$88.28 per donation. Your generosity was outstanding and as always, is deeply appreciated but for this period, and greatly exceeded the cost of the newsletter publication. Still, 29 number is only 0.025% of the membership. If you enjoy the newsletter, please help support it. I saw some new contributions this time from members other than the usual that contribute all the time. Any amount is deeply appreciated. We welcome your support. Contributors for this issue were as follows:

Bickel, Ray	Moulder, John
Clarey, Douglas (Elmer)	Morris, Jr., Clarence
Davis, Marvin Ralph	Oken, Aaron
Ertz, Julian (44 <sup>th</sup> BG)	Parker, Paul
Fillebrown, Robin	Roy, Gloria
Frazier, Janice (Ed)	Scharrschmidt, Bill
Gair, Peggy Lou (Jack)	Shepherd, Max
Hass, Mary	Shower, Charlotte
Hamilton, Marilyn	Tanzer, Harry
Hartney, Charles (Blackburn)	Thompson, John
Hoffbauer, Dorothy (Max)	Watson, Frank
Holdrege, Fred	Weaver, Mary (Walt)
Leister, Roger	Wedaa, Henry
Lukeman, Bob	Williams, Betty
Macintyre, Malcolm	

### **Jay Shower Honored**

San Diego pilot Jay Shower, LCdr. USN (Ret.), was presented with the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award on June 29 in recognition of his lifetime achievement as a career pilot in the U.S. Navy and in civil aviation. The award was presented by an FAA representative at Shower's hangar at Gillespie Field in El Cajon, Calif. The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award recognizes pilots who have demonstrated professionalism, skill and aviation expertise by maintaining safe operations for 50 or more years. Shower will be added to the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award - Role of Honor located online, at [FAASafety.gov](http://FAASafety.gov). My deep passion for flight was inherited from my father, Col. Albert Joseph Shower, a career pilot and decorated officer in the United States Air Force, said Shower, who has passed the legacy of flying to his son, Brenden Shower, chief flight instructor for a flight training center under the United States Air Force in Tokyo. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1937, Shower has devoted his life to aviation, and has amassed nearly 18,000 hours of flight time in his career.

An active member of Earth-Rounders fellowship, Shower has circumnavigated the globe, crossing the equator on numerous occasions, and crossing the Geodetic North Pole in his single engine Bonanza. He is one of only a handful of aviators to have flown multiple cross-oceanic flights, delivering single engine planes to pilots located in Europe, New Zealand, Australia and

Hawaii, earning himself a reputation as the go-to guy for ferrying single engine aircraft to and from anywhere in the world. In my 30 years of flying, Jay Shower is the most experienced, knowledgeable and impressive pilot I have ever met, said civil aviator, George Shandel, who contacted Shower upon numerous recommendations from fellow pilots in his search for an experienced pilot to ferry Shandel's single engine plane from Honolulu to the U.S. Mainland in 2001. For 12 consecutive years, Shower has flown to the Oshkosh air show in Wisconsin, and is an active member of the Flying Eagles and Quiet Birdmen.

### **Blackwell "Blackie" Charles Dunnam**

Blackie, 85, passed away Nov. 3, 2007. He is survived by his wife Lois Whiffen Dunnam, daughter Nancy Dunnam Pierce and husband Matthew of Gunnison Colorado; son Curtis Dunnam of Ithaca New York; and two grandchildren, Ariel and Austin Dunnam.

Blackie was born in Paris France to the late Therese and Richard Dunnam on 31 August 1922. A U.S. citizen by birthright, at the age of seven his family relocated to Dayton Ohio. An Army Air Force B-24 lead crew heavy bomber pilot in World War II, Blackie flew a tour of 30 missions over France and Germany. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain. He continued on to Purdue University where he met and married Lois Whiffen. He graduated from Purdue with a B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Blackie served 31 years in government service, retiring on 1 January 1980 as a former Director of the Fuels and Lubricant Division of the Aero Propulsion Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton Ohio, a research and development facility. During this period he and his family resided in Troy Ohio.

Blackie was a frequent participant of the 467<sup>th</sup> BG functions as well as the 2ADA. He was a great friend and will be missed dearly by all. Our condolences go out to the family and especially his devoted wife, Lois

### **LETTERS FROM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

**C. W. Hartney** Please accept this donation for Thomas Blackburn, now deceased. I had been in contact with tom for many years, but lost contact. I had visited he and family when I flew in MATS and stationed in Mass. & NJ in the early 50's. Tom and I came over on the "Tangerine" with Bill Dillon. When they transferred to the night flying Black B-24s, I was transferred to the 789<sup>th</sup> and flew 34 missions till going down at Hamburg 6 August 44 on "The Flak Magnet" with a crew on its first mission. I was in contact with Bill Dillon for years, but lost contact about 8-10 years ago. If I'm not mistaken Arcade Boissele was lost with our 788 Commander after a Berlin mission, our last flight mission before being transferred to the "night flying group". I flew all my missions with the 789<sup>th</sup>, except my last one which was with Dick Grey.

**Fouglas W. Clay** Please accept this donation in honor of my father, Elmer William Clarey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., who died in September 1995. Your newsletter is still sent to my mother, Maxine Clarey; however she died in December of

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**Convention Registration Form – ST LOUIS, MISSOURI – OCTOBER 9-12, 2008**

**467<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group Association (H) Ltd.**

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

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Last First M.I. Badge - Name

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

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

First Timer Yes ( ) No ( )

Accompanied By;

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date of Arrival and time \_\_\_\_\_ A.M.- P.M. (Very Important)  
Date Time

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send your completed reservation forms and checks to:**

Bob Davis  
4908 Timberview Drive  
Dayton OH 45424

**TOTAL CONVENTION COST: \$260 per person**

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**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Reservation phone number: 1-800-325-0720. Please specify the Drury Plaza Downtown, St. Louis, and identify yourself as a member of the 467<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group to receive the reduced rate. All rooms must be **reserved** by September 22, 2008 in order to guarantee space and to assure rates. **After this deadline, the hotel will accept group reservations based on availability at the hotel's prevailing rate (\$135 + tax).**

Drury Plaza Hotel  
2 South Fourth Street  
St Louis MO 63102  
Phone: 314-231-3003  
Fax: 314-231-2952

Check-in time is 3:00 pm. Checkout time is 11:00 am. Guarantee with credit card to ensure reservation is not cancelled at 6:00 pm.

Room rates (single or double) are \$85 a night plus tax. Cancellation policy is 6:00 day of arrival. The \$85 plus tax room rate will apply for three days before and after the convention.

Parking at the hotel is \$10 per night. Tried to have this waived but the hotel rents the garage (downtown St Louis is quite congested) and has no control over the price. The lower price of the package will help to negate this charge, for those of you planning to drive.

This hotel is spotless and lovely – it was refurbished as the Drury Inn in 1999 in what was once the largest fur trading auction floor in the world, built in 1919. Amenities include microwaves & refrigerators, free long distance for one hour each night, ironing boards, hairdryers, indoor pool and whirlpool. High speed internet in every room.

**Free** hot breakfast in the lobby each morning from 6:00 – 9:30 am weekdays and 7:00 – 10:00 am weekends. Includes scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, hot & cold cereals, toast, pastries, fruit, coffee, tea, juice, milk, etc.

**Free** happy hour in the lobby each evening from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Includes hot snacks and three free drinks – soft drinks, beer, wine, liquor – including top shelf. That's right – FREE! ☺

## **EVENTS:**

Thursday, Oct 9 - Welcome Reception - 7:30-9:30 pm

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Friday, Oct 10: There will only be one departure time as fuel prices have increased so much in the past year.

10:00 – Depart Hotel for Arch, Cherokee Antique Row and lunch on your own.

2:30 – Bus ride back to hotel for those who wish to go.

3:00 – Depart Cherokee Antique Row for tour of Anheuser-Busch Brewery then back to the Hotel.

4:30 – Depart Anheuser-Busch for hotel.

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Friday Oct 10:

Dinner at the hotel – 7:30- 9:30

Saturday, Oct 11:

9:45 am - Depart hotel for The Lewis and Clark Lock and Dam Cruise. This is a five hour cruise aboard a paddlewheel boat that features a buffet lunch, entertainment by a Dixieland duo, passage through an actual Lock, and a Captain's narration.  
CASH BAR.

3:30 pm - Depart Riverboat for hotel

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Saturday, Oct 11:

Dinner/Dance – 7:00 – 11:00 – music provided by DJ "Bobby D" (our own Bob Davis)!

Cash Bar – 7:00 – 11:00 pm

Dinner at 8:00 pm

Sunday, Oct 12:

Meetings and/or free time.

11:30 am – 1:00 pm - Lunch at hotel unless you are out on your own.

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Sunday, Oct 12:

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm - BANQUET:

Cash Bar – 7:00 – 11:00 pm

Dinner at 8:00 pm

Please select one of the following:

8 ounce Filet Mignon

- or -

Chicken Florentine (boneless chicken breast stuffed with spinach, mozzarella cheese, grilled Portobello mushrooms and shallots & topped with tomato basil cream sauce)

Also, please select a dessert:

Cheesecake with strawberries

- or -

Chocolate Suicide Cake

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2006. Please continue sending the newsletter to me, Douglas Clarey, son, at the same address. May God bless all the heroes that served our country in WWII.

**Mrs. Mary Jane Lackens** Thanks for sending the newsletter. My husband Edwin, Ned, died of cancer in 1999. Ned flew the B-24 during the war and was stationed at Rackheath. I'm enclosing some pictures which may be of interest to you, also a check for the B-24 painting. I would appreciate your adding his name to the list of donors attached to the painting.

**Henry H. Klipper** Have always enjoyed reading "Poop from Group" many years and am sending my check in support of the publication. I served the Squadrons from the Communications Section, loading tons of Chaff and other maintenance.

**Harry Tanzer** Mrs. Shower sent me a check to help with the cost of all the pictures I take at our mini reunion. So, I am going to practice what I preach and please accept one half for Harry Tanzer and the other half for Mrs. Shower as donation to the "Poop from Group" I really enjoy the newsletter. Keep the good work up. Not sure I will make St Louis. Regards – Harry

**Mary E. Weaver** Please put this in the mail Fund. The cost is getting terrible. I'm doing well, but miss Savannah. It sounds good for reunions. It was rough for Walt and me, but we enjoyed the planning. Take care and a hug for Doris. Ernie. (Mary is the wife of my Navigator Walter, who both planned for our reunion in Savannah in 1996. Mary, maybe you can make the 2009 convention which will be in Savannah)

**Dorothy Hoffbauer** Max truly enjoyed his visit with you when he went to the previous reunion at St. Louis. He especially liked it that you came and sat with the group, and he often bragged about you as one of the best pilots. This picture of Max was taken when he got out of rehab

after his first bout with the infections, the first of the year. It's the last one taken of him we have. Our first Granddaughter and her 1 ½ month old son and I are the others in it. Jim thought you would enjoy the one of them on the motorcycle ride they had together before Max had the stroke. So sorry to hear you are having health problems, I'll keep you in my prayers,

**Ediutors Note** Max Hoffbauer was my waist gunner and a very dear friend. He passed away this Spring and leaves me with only one crewman left and that is Paul Bridges. One of us will get the last bottle of wine.

**Paul A. Parker** I want to thank you and everyone involved in publishing and distributing "Poop from Group". I have been on the mailing list for many years and enjoy reading it. My father was 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Walter L. Parker. He was a navigator and member of Roger M. Winger's replacement crew #31. After the war he graduated from the University of Richmond and then joined the FBI where he worked as a Special Agent for thirty one years. Following his retirement from the Bureau he worked for fifteen years at the Virginia Electric and Power Company. He died on 4/29/02 at the age of 80. he always felt honored and privileged to have been a part of the 467<sup>th</sup>. I would like to make a donation to the Group's publication in his name and thank every member of the 467<sup>th</sup> for their service and courage.

**LAST POST**

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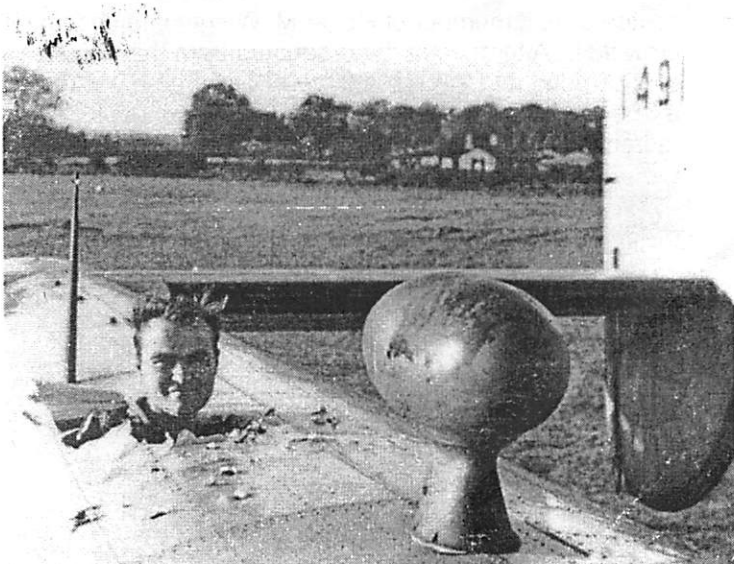
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**A MOST INTERESTING PHOTO**

It seems that one of our aircraft had a hole large enough for Fred to get his head through it. I wonder if Fred remembers this instant. I do not know the name or number of the aircraft, but I bet Fred does. Interesting photos like this one are hard to find. Anyone out there with shots such as this one, please send them to me to be included in the newsletter. Hope you enjoy this one Fred!



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Currently, the balance is \$16,879.98 and there are no checks outstanding. The cost of the Witchcraft painting for the Control Tower will come out of this and once the new version book of Healy is in production, the \$2,700.00 will be replaced plus any additional revenue received. Mr. Stephen W. Brown, Duane's son, who donated funds to cover our new book publication advised me that the \$10,000.00 he donated should be given to 8<sup>th</sup> AF Museum.

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Robin Janton and Ken Weber with the oil painting Kevin, Ken's son did of M/Sgt Robert C. Janton.



The oil painting of M/Sgt Robert C. Janton and his three Bronze Stars.