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FROM YOUR VEEP

I do not know if other Groups in the 2nd ADA have honorary members; the 467th does: David J. Hastings. In my last article, I reported on the unanimous election of David, on motion of Jeff Gregory, at Palm Springs. Jeff subsequently provided a superb text which sums up the gratitude and affection all of us feel toward David. I commissioned our local calligrapher who prepared a 13 1/4" x 17" scroll in black italics with David's name in red and the 467th's coat of arms and tail feathers in full color. David wrote me:

Just where do I begin to thank you and the 467th for the wonderful certificate which arrived by post yesterday. I am completely overwhelmed, not only by the great privilege and honour of being the first Honorary Member of the Group, but with the truly superb certificate. I am deeply touched by the words and all your great kindness and please pass on to the Group my sincere thanks and gratitude. My efforts have been very small compared with yours in the Forties and it is a great pleasure to keep alive the memories of the "Rackheath Aggies". The certificate is already framed and will have a place of honour in our home. Bless you all once again.

I think a wonderful sign of the increasing links was on our Remembrance Sunday in November, before I could even ask, the village stated that they wished to place a wreath of poppies on the 467th plaque at the Village Sign, as well as at the War Memorial. This was done, and indeed, the glowing red wreath is still there today, tended carefully by an unnamed member of the community and it has moved many visitors, as well as "we locals".

I'm glad to say that the film is still in heavy demand, and I have shown "A Village Remembers" almost once a week since last October. We had a full house at Norwich Airport before Christmas with over 100 people in the audience, next week it goes to the Norwich Aviation Group, to Shipham in February and then back to Rackheath for a second showing in March. We will never be able to thank Jim Mahoney for making it all possible, and it is certainly helping the younger generation to understand what it is all about, and just why we feel so strongly.

I am still trying to see if we can ever obtain the Control Tower, odds seem against us, but I haven't given up yet, and in the Spring I will collect some pieces of the runway for you as promised.

With best wishes to you all for 1985, thank you once again for all your great kindness and the wonderful honour you have paid me. All being well we hope to meet up again at the 1985 Convention, but don't forget if ever any of the 467th are in our area, please give Jean and I a call on Norwich 720334. You are always welcome at "Westering".

Yours sincerely,

Here is what the scroll looks like, reduced:



Be it known by all members of the 467th Bomb Group, Second Air Division, Eighth Air Force, here assembled in convention at Palm Springs, California, October 4, 1984, that

David J. Hastings, Esq.
of Salhouse, Norwich, England, is hereby conferred the title of
Honorary Member
467th Bomb Group

This action, the first of its kind in the history of the Group was taken in recognition of the outstanding work done by David J. Hastings in the promulgation of the history of the 467th Bomb Group, while based at Rackheath, England, during World War II.

The love and affection displayed by David J. Hastings towards the 467th Bomb Group is returned in full measure by the members of the 467th Bomb Group here assembled and the above title is conferred with grateful affection.



James G. Coffey
2nd ADA Vice-President
for the 467th Bomb Group

All of us are proud of Witchcraft and her record, 130 consecutive missions, and of Joe Ramirez and George Dong and the others who kept her flying. Joe wrote me recently to thank me for publicity for the Witch. He also wrote "The record of the Witchcraft was accomplished by the gallant young men that flew her. They brought her back even when she was shot up pretty bad. The rest of my crew and myself did what we had to do to keep the Witchcraft in as good a shape as possible."

It is not too early to begin planning to attend the 2nd ADA reunion in McAfee, New Jersey. Because the location is considerably closer to most of our people than Palm Springs, we should have a good turnout. Planning is well underway for the reunion, including a Saturday trip to West Point. If you've never been there, you'll love it: "The Point has everything - history, tradition, the magnificent campus itself, and some of the most spectacular scenery anywhere."

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of Paul Torretti who gave me a copy of the 791st Squadron "Officers' Roster", I am able to send you a copy if you'd like to have one. Just write. If you were a) one of the ground crew passengers on the flight home in June, 1945, in b) a/c 943 which required three takeoffs and c) several days' repair time in Wales and d) finally made it via the Azores with a total of 32 hours 20 minutes in the air - and surely the last to land from our grand exodus, then you were the welcome guest of yours truly and our crew. Someone took a group picture of us in front of the plane in the Azores. I have a 3" x 4" print which I expect could be copied. If you're interested, let me know. (Speaking of pictures, my offer still stands on copies of the Palm Springs group pictures. I have been underwhelmed.)

At Palm Springs, David Hastings presented me, for the Group, with a mounted piece of the one surviving runway at Rackheath. Would you be interested in having a scaled-down version for a desktop ornament? Cost should be around \$15 - \$20, with any profit going to our treasury. If interested, let me know soon. I will also need a volunteer to help with production.

I intend to step down as your "Veep" on completion of my second year of service. Our nominating Committee, composed of past VPs, will recommend a candidate to succeed me. If you would like to be considered, please let me know. Till next time, Jim

NECROLOGY

Matt Breletich (Brletich)
James J. Ciancitto
Frank F. Creager
Robert W. Doenges

May they go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in God's Heavenly Kingdom

LOST SOULS

Last POOP returned by USPS, see if you can find them and send me their new address so I will not have to delete them from the mailing list.

John Schmiedbauer - Bethany, CT.
Gerard T. Stevens - Columbia, OH.
Arnold Thompson - Bainbridge Island, WA.
B. J. Williamson - Malakoff, TX.

SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION

The 2 ADA will reunion at McAfee, NJ, September 5-9, 1985, at the Americana Great Gorge Resort. You must be a member of the 2 ADA to attend. Join the 2 ADA by sending \$10 to Evelyn Cohen, 06-410 Delaire Landing Road, Philadelphia, PA. 19114 and include a deposit of \$100 or more toward your reservation. The cost will be - Single Occupancy \$410, Double Occupancy \$310 each, Triple Occupancy \$280 ea. This is for your room for three nights, three cocktail parties, the mini-reunion dinner, the West Point trip (See Jim's From the Veep), including lunch, the Friday evening Bar-B-Que, two buffet breakfasts and the grand Banquet on Saturday night.

Written cancellations by August 1 will receive full refunds. If full payment not received by July 15, reservation will be cancelled and no refund of deposit will be made.

Make your reservations immediately, lets have the largest number of Group veterans there.

DALLAS-FT. WORTH MINI-REUNION

The Second Air Division Mini-Reunion held near the D-FW Airport on February 9, 1985, was a grand success. Over 140 from AR-LA-OK-TX were there for cocktails and banquet with a lot of visiting beforehand and afterward. G. C. Merket of the 446th, Jeff Gregory of the 467th and Jordan Uttal coordinated the affair. Merket told me the 467th had 14 veterans in attendance but I can't come up with but 13, my apologies.

These were:

Frank F. Brown, Phillip and Cille Day, Jeff and Terry Gregory, Jim and Jenny Kirkland, Brad Horner, John J. Logan, Tom and Esther Long, Losse and Ruth Piland, Bob Sheehan, Al Shower, Dore and Jerry Ann Stephensen and Mr./Mrs. Al Tamol.

It was Al Tamol's first reunion and he had with him a number of very interesting 1944-45 snapshots of Rackheath. Also Frank Brown and Brad Horner had their first reunion and visit with each other and with Tom Long since 1945. I know it was a special reunion for those three.

J. Fred Thomas, President of the 2 ADA, attended and gave us a state of the Association briefing. Jordan Uttal, unfortunately, could not attend due to having the flu, and we missed seeing Joyce and him.

David Hastings's, "A Village Remembers", was shown and there were nothing but great comments of this film featuring Jim Mahoney's color film taken at Rackheath in 1944-45 of the base, planes, formations, combat scenes and narrated by Jim.

I showed a slide carousel of Norwich and Rackheath, principally furnished to me by Peter Bond and it was well received, especially by an English war bride and her daughter, it was worthwhile if only for the pleasure they seemed to get from it, as expressed to me afterward.

A very enjoyable time, looking forward to the next one. Please take the opportunity to attend a mini-reunion in your area.

OTHER REUNION ACTIVITY

I have been working with LeRoy Engdahl, VP of the 448th BG, toward his Group's reunion here in Shreveport in June, 85. LeRoy is very enthusiastic of the reception he has received at 8th Air Force Headquarters at Barksdale Air Force Base and from the better motels in Bossier City.

Miss Cille and I have been invited to participate with him in the reunion activities and I will be able to give you a full report of it in the next POOP. We could/should consider another Group reunion, the memories of ours at Dayton just make me know that we would get four hundred or more to it. I will be looking for your feed back on this idea and, if favorable, we can discuss it at our mini-reunion at McAfee.

TREASURERS REPORT

One hundred seventeen responded to Jim's dues appeal in the last POOP with \$1115. The cash account stands at \$1393.55. Printing, postage and computer service for this POOP should be about \$350, leaving approximately \$1050 in the cash account after this mailing.

There were no major disbursements in the quarter, only \$36 for binding and postage of the books sent to Rackheath, discussed elsewhere in the POOP.

Still, a disproportionate few are carrying the burden of the Group's efforts in communication and memorials. If you haven't yet done so, send in your donations and/or dues so we can continue in the effort to reach all veterans of the 467th and properly honor the Group by our memorial efforts.

ROSTER INFORMATION

You know that our 467th roster is on computer. At this writing we have 807 on the roster, not all 467th veterans but including some wives, children, friends of the 467th and maybe just some joiners. From the last issue of POOP we added 26 names, had 35 changes in address and 4 deletions. The computer service produces the mailing labels for POOP and every other quarter I have them run a Zip Code print out to help me tell you who lives in your area and also so I can send you portions, by Zip Code area, if you will sponsor, arrange for a mini-reunion in your area. Contact me if you are looking for someone. If not on the current roster, possibly you can start locating him from our "Lost Soul's" Files or from Healy's 1945 addresses.

If you do nothing else after reading this POOP, send me the name(s) and address of a 467th veteran, a "penny" post card at 14¢ will do. Lets double our Group roster. Add to the names added in the first quarter 1985 listed below.

Les Anenson	Wilbur A. Lewis
Henry S. Bennett	James W. Littleford
Wayne G. Branscome	James V. McGinn
Sherman Brockett	Walt Mundy
Raymond A. Coty	Robert E. Murphy *
John Duma	Bernard Regan
May D. Engelmann	Warren J. Roseborough
Robert C. Flagg *	Elbert T. Sablofry
John Fornols	Robert S. Seiler *
Gene A. Franklin	Anthony R. Smoler
John R. Healy	Sam L. Taylor
Darrell B. Ivey	Robert B. Troy
Earl E. Kieffer *	Lindley A. Wing

* Returned to roster from "Lost Souls". Good work, four out of forty.

MEMBERSHIP

There are 807 names on the 467th roster, of these 395 are members of the 2ADA and we are ranked fourth in Association membership. JOIN THE SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION. Participate with us in the Association reunions, receive the Journal - twenty to twenty-four pages of 2AD articles, memorabilia, letters, current activities and support the Memorial Library through donations to the Trust. Send \$10 membership dues to Evelyn Cohen.

MEMORIALS

There is \$90 in the Adam Soccio Memorial Fund. Andrew Kapi, Jr. is chairing this effort and would be most appreciative of your suggestions as to a suitable memorial to Adam, you know Adam to have been one of the staunchist advocates of the 467th and 2 ADA Association. Tell Andy your ideas. Write him at 6 Deme Rd., Wallington, CT. 06492.

The compilation of the names of American Airmen and American Red Cross personnel, both American and British, who were assigned or attached to the 467th Bombardment Group (Heavy) from its departure from the United States to its return to the Zone of the Interior has been sent to David Hastings along with a reprint copy of Allen Healy's "The 467th Bombardment Group", courtesy of Tom Goodyear, for presentation to the Church Hall Committee of Holy Trinity Church, Rackheath. I have not heard from David as to how the book will be displayed, however I know that it will be entirely suitable, as Rackheath has and does want to maintain their ties with the 467th. The computer print out of the 3619 names with a foreword, reproduced following, was bound in black hard cover and titled in gold lettering, FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTY BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY)

Sta. 145, Rackheath, Norfolk, England

11 March 1944

6 July 1945

My thanks to each of you who sent names, orders, etc, that went to make up the 3619 names included in the listing. And again, my special thanks to Maryse and Bob Harwell for imputing over 5000 name entries to end up with that number and for the final print out on paper suitable for a bound book; and to Lt. Col. Larrie Moses, USAF (Ret.) for his work on the foreword; and especially to Miss Cille for her invaluable help in checking and rechecking with me the total of it to come down to the 3619 names.

Additional names, as received, will be sent to Rackheath to be hand lettered into the listing. Continue to send me source material so we can eventually have a complete listing.

I will write further of this when word is received from Rackheath.

Elizabeth Harriet of "Glencor", 6 Eva Road, Rackheath, Norfolk, wrote us eight pages of news of Rackheath and I think, most importantly, of the Memorial Plaque and Bench at the Rackheath Village sign site in the Holy Trinity Church foreyard. This area is the community centre for Rackheath and we are, have been remembered, by individuals and corporately, on numerous occasions. Ms. Harriet also wrote of her daily walks across the old airfield and as she does, that she remembers us and our planes. That brings a lump to my throat.

The Group Endowment Fund of \$4000, administered by the Board of Governors, Memorial Trust, from our Dayton reunion, provided twenty-eight books to the Norfolk County Council Central Library in 1984. These books, identified as memorial gifts from the 467th BG, ranged from "Cary Grant, A Celebration" to "Lap Quilting" to "Selected Poems", each wanted and selected by the librarian. And this, gentlemen, will go on as long as there is an England.

Rackheath Industrial Park, administered by the Broadland District Council, occupies the principal part of what was the Technical Site of Rackheath, the T-2 hanger, prop shop, paint shop, machine shop, etc. An anticipated expansion of the Park occasioned the need for two new street names. A first choice was that one of the streets be named for Col. Albert J. Shower but this was not possible in that British law (custom) does not allow names of living persons to be used. The street was named Wendover Ave. to commemorate the initial training base at the Group. The other street was named for Jack Bunkell, a councilor on the Rackheath Parish Council for 4 years and Parish Clerk for 37 years. Jack was closely involved with the 467th during its stay at Rackheath. I remember him for being so courteous to me and my family in 1979. May he Rest In Peace.

Jim Mahoney sent me several pictures of the Memorial and a Lectern, now flower stand, dedicated to Sherril, Pontius, Lifschitz and Snyder in the Kirby Bedon church, who died in an aircraft crash near that Church on August 18, 1944. Impressive was the fact that fresh flowers were placed at the Memorial and on the Lectern in the pictures. Peter Bond wrote recently that on his visit flowers were also in place. Thanks Jim for your letter of information and the pictures.

MISCELLANEA

Martin W. Bowman, 3 Armes Crescent, Norwich, NR2 4EW England is still compiling his next book on POWs and evadees. Send him your stories, either written or on tape. He will be most appreciative.

"Rackheath Aggies" - On April 10, 1944, the first combat mission of the 467th, the Liberator "Shoo-Shoo Baby" returned badly shot up to the hard stand adjacent to the Curtis family home. The pilot, George Holliday, was suffering from severe frost bite and was taken into her home by Mrs. Agatha Curtis and cared for until he could be taken to the hospital. From that, the crewmen became "Aggies Boys" and so evolved "Rackheath Aggies".

Vince and Gloria LaRussa visited Miss Cille and I in mid-March and finally, after three trips to and through Louisiana, found it not raining. We enjoyed their overnight stay very much and got in a lot of talking of the past and of the future. We wish their stay could have been longer but Vince was hurrying to a 2 ADA Executive Committee meeting in Delaware and was not able to tarry. We look forward to seeing them again soon, at McAfee and at Tonawanda, NY.

MAIL CALL

You will see other places that 117 donations/dues were received, some envelopes contained just the check, the majority a note or letter. In addition, a number of other cards, notes and letters were received. I don't know how many Jim received and answered but I would guess we heard from something a little less than one-fourth of the roster. We answered all those requiring an answer and I have acknowledged all donations through the end of March. I hope that you are writing to each other as much.

I have published some letters in the past, will do so in the future. I'll edit, as necessary, your letters but I need to ask if you write for inclusion in POOP, or if I send it on to the 2 ADA Journal, that you try toward brevity and possibly only one incident, story or fact. A hand written 8 1/2" x 11" page takes about 3" of column in POOP, a type written page near to 5".

Ever faithful Al Walters writes quite regularly and from his most recent to Jim and I, some excerpts:

"Have always wished that I could have the name and possibly a photo of the pilot(s) and crew(s) of 'Wabbit' being as it was my favorite B-24. Well you know about two months ago I received a letter from Alford L. Robinson of Leesburg, TX, saying he was a pilot of 'Wabbit' and would like a photo of the plane if I had one. At that time Tony North had my photo but on its return I had a copy made to send to Robinson. He sent a good photo of himself and of his crew and my longtime wish has been answered. And its thanks to Phil for getting my name to Robinson, this wish could not have been fulfilled without him...

"It has been most difficult because of my job to attend reunions but I did arrange for May and I to attend Dayton and it was worth the effort many times over. Had we not attended we would not have had the enjoyment of seeing and talking to Charles Engleman and May and quite a number more that were all great to see again after 38 years ...

"Some of you 467th troopers can assist me in finding the following friends of mine. I would like us to have a 'hut' reunion as the air crews reunion. If the towns are close by you, call information or the library in the town and see if you can get me a lead on:

Francis J. Keene - 60 Ledgwood Rd - West Hartford, CN.
Ralph W. Widman - 48 Vanewater Ave. - Floral Park, NY,
Micheal Kozak - Villanova, PA. (Possibly now in Washington, DC.)

Richard W. Smith - 572 N. Crockett, San Benito, TX.

"Through the new pastor of our church, who had been an Air Force Chaplain, I have found that Cornelious Sharbaugh Group Chaplain, made the Air Force his career and retired about 3 years ago to live with his Mother in Pennsylvania. Would you Pennsylvanians please try and locate him for me. (His 1945 address was C/o St. Francis Monastery, Loretto, PA.)

"Several months ago a driver backed a semi-load of materials up to our warehouse dock. While waiting to be unloaded, we struck up a conversation and he turned out to be Charles Reynolds, who was a gunner in the 788th BS, was shot down but made it back to the 467th (Charles, Martin Bowman is looking for your Story-Editor). Another driver brought in a load of materials from Idaho. In talking to him, found out he lived in Colorado. When I went through school at Chanute Field, IL, I had a friend, Stanley Smearslicker, from Colorado, so I asked do you know a fellow by the name of Smearslicker. Turned out he not only knew him but Stan was his brother-in-law and he still lives in Grand Junction. It is a small world

"Does anyone remember a pilot names Solarz? Flew with him one time on a test hop and had to RON at another base when Rackheath got fogged in. Nearly my last flight as after Solarz landed the plane, a great mound of concrete on the end of the run way would have wiped out the B-24 if he had not been an excellent pilot. Did he survive the war? (No Solarz in any names I have - Editor). Does anyone know his full name or where he came from?. I'd like to find him....

"Virgil Reinders, enjoyed your letter in one of the 2 ADA Journals. It reminds me of some time ago Phil Day gave me some names, addresses and numbers to call and one I called turned out to be Richard L. Beeker, 1800 Koloff Road, New Port, MN 55055, a mechanic on your crew. He said he was the "nose artist" in the 790th Sqdn. Have you ever heard from him? Also heard from Walter J. Laughlin, 16 Weston Road, Westport CN., 06880. He was in 790th BS and worked in Hanger 2 and he would like to hear from 790th people

"Well that racks up all the 'Nuts and Bolts', so will close - hoping to receive information from somebody out there in regards to the friends I would like to get in touch with.

"And like the English folk used to say to us, I say 'All the BEST' to all of you.

Sincerely, In comradeship"
Al Walters
1418 70th St. E.
Inver Grove Hts, MN 55075

Francis Blackwell of Barker, TX. a professional photographer now, an avid amateur then, has sent me a number of 1944-45 photos. I have reproduced one of the Palace Hotel, Southport, north of Liverpool, for you who had your "flak" leave there. Also reproduced is Knight Hayes Estate in Southwest England where a number of us had our "flak shack". Run by the American Red Cross, I remember mine as being a delightful seven days of rest and NO ARMY, but that it was worse going back to start the last of the combat tour than the first start.

PX

I still have 467th patches for \$5 and Group Plaques for \$10. Tell me if you wish either when you send in dues/donations.

Tony North's "Liberator Album - Volume 3", featuring the 96th Combat Wing, the 458th, the 466th and 467th Groups is now available. Jack Stevens, 3526 Larga Circle, San Diego, CA, 92110, is acting as Tony's US agent. Send Jack \$10 for the volume. I have it and it is a worth while addition to my collection of 8th AF oriented military book collection.

FLYING PETE-THE-POM

By Charles C. Russell

Pete-the-POM was the brightly colored B-24 D used to aid crews in locating the 467th BG during assembly for a mission. It carried a skeleton crew and many flares that were fired by the crew when on station so that the Group's crews could identify the 467th among all the other groups that were assembling at the same time, as each group had a combination of flare colors assigned to it for identification. (Charles and I couldn't come up with the 467th colors, What were they? - Editor)

Pete-the-POM was the first ship airborne for a mission and would climb to the assembly altitude and on arrival of the Group lead, would fly wing to the lead while on the "race track" course flown for Group assembly, generally at Splasher 5 radio beacon at Cromer. When most of the ships were in formation, Pete was flown outside the formation, still firing flares, until all the Group's aircraft were assembled. When the Group turned to join the Wing formation, Pete usually left the formation and returned to Rackheath.

I was scheduled to fly Pete one morning, one of those foggy days we got on occasion. The mission looked doubtful because of the weather but we were told to go ahead and take off. We had climbed out above the fog and were headed toward Splasher 5 when I received a radio call that the mission had been scrubbed and that I was to stay in the air until the fog lifted or burned off.

Not wishing to sit above the fog and tool around for a few hours, I decided to go back to the field. The Group's low visibility approach procedure was to let down over the Wash and fly back to Splasher 5, then pick up the railroad to follow to the field. I knew the Cromer-Rackheath-Norwich railroad line from Splasher 5 to the field and every road and farm house over it or near it, so I figured we could make it. On this day, after the let down, we found that forward visibility was very limited but from 500 feet you could see straight down to the ground. So, following the railroad, with a little skill and a lot of luck we hit the end of the runway and landed. I thought it was fairly routine.

It was reported to me that Colonel Shower called the tower and asked "Who the hell was that idiot that just landed?" The tower replied "That was Russell in Pete." I assume the Colonel figured no one else would be nutty enough to try and land in that fog and must have been glad that the ship was in one piece, besides, he knew I was incorrigible, and I never heard any more about it.

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FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY)

COLONEL ALBERT JOSEPH SHOWER, USAAF, COMMANDING
STATION 145, RACKHEATH, NORFOLK, ENGLAND
11 March 1944 6 July 1945

CONSTITUTED	1 AUG 1943
ACTIVATED	9 SEP 1943
PREOPERATIONAL TRAINING	9 SEP 1943 to 20 JAN 1944
DEPARTURE OVERSEAS BEGAN	12 FEB 1944
ARRIVAL, STATION 145, RACKHEATH	11 MAR 1944
FIRST COMBAT MISSION	10 APR 1944
100TH COMBAT MISSION	15 AUG 1944
200TH COMBAT MISSION	22 MAR 1945
212TH COMBAT MISSION	25 APR 1945
DEPARTURE, STATION 145, FOR U.S.	12 JUN 1945 to 6 JUL 1945
INACTIVATED	4 AUG 1945

ASSIGNED OR ATTACHED TO THE GROUP WERE THE FOLLOWING:

788TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)	1 AUG 1943 - 10 MAY 1944
788TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)	10 AUG 1944 - 4 AUG 1945
789TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)	1 AUG 1943 - 4 AUG 1945
790TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)	1 AUG 1943 - 4 AUG 1945
791ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (HEAVY)	1 AUG 1943 - 4 AUG 1945
1229TH QUARTERMASTER COMPANY SERVICE GROUP (AVN)	10 SEP 1943
862ND CHEMICAL COMPANY (AO), DETACHMENT "A"	11 NOV 1943
1451ST ORDNANCE SUPPLY MAINTENANCE COMPANY (AVN)	25 NOV 1943
2105TH ENGINEER (AVN) FIRE FIGHTING PLATOON	8 DEC 1943
470TH SUBDEPOT	7 JAN 1944
287TH FINANCE SECTION	14 JAN 1944
1286TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (AVN)	3 FEB 1944
74TH STATION COMPLEMENT SQUADRON*	22 NOV 1944

*ALL ANCILLARY UNITS, EXCEPT 862ND CHEMICAL COMPANY, FORMED INTO 74TH STATION COMPLEMENT SQUADRON AND REMAINED ASSIGNED UNTIL 4 AUGUST 1945.

Following are listed 3619 names of American Airmen and American Red Cross personnel, both American and British, who were assigned or attached to the 467th BG(H) from its departure from the United States to its return to the Zone of Interior for inactivation. This listing is believed to be incomplete by from 900 to 1400 names as no master record exists. Many sources and records were examined to produce the number compiled.

The Group suffered losses of 137 men killed, all aircrew save one ground crewman killed in line of duty (KILOD) in a German intruder attack on the station on 22 April 1944. Thirteen aircrew were KILOD in two accidents at Dakar, Africa enroute from the United States to Rackheath.

Noted in the compilations are the following:

106 Killed in Action (KIA)

13 Killed in Line of Duty at Dakar, Africa (KILOD,Dakar)

17 Killed in Line of Duty in United Kingdom in training flight accidents (KILOD,UK)

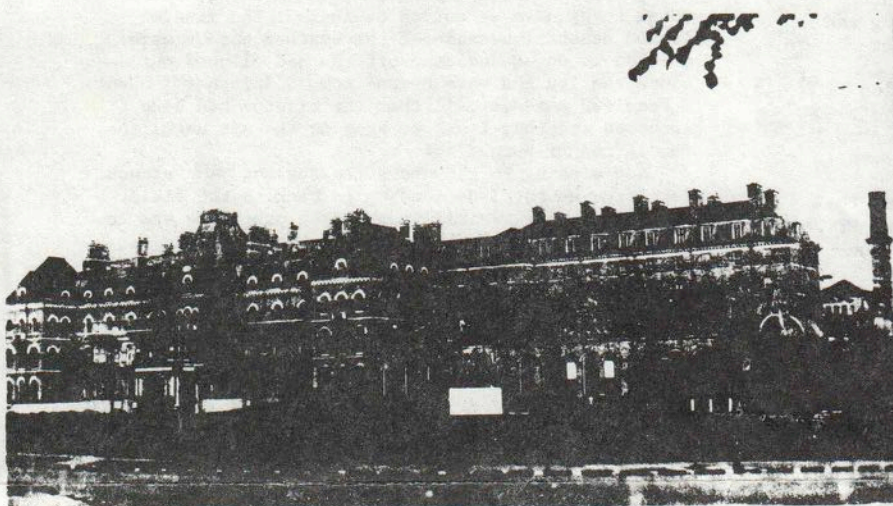
1 Killed in Line of Duty in United Kingdom during German intruder raid (KILOD,UK), Pvt Daniel E. Minsey

102 Missing in Action (MIA). On 1 June 1945, there were 128 names in this category. Those known to have been declared KIA or to have returned to the United States reduced this to the 102 shown, and further clarification of those in this status has not been found.

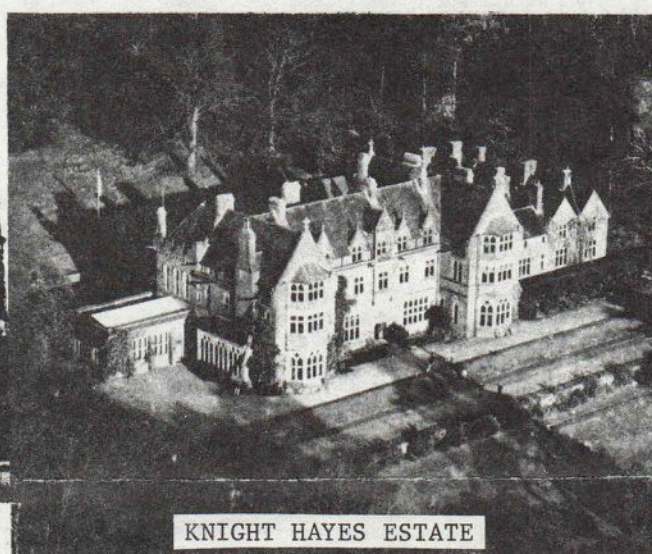
Not categorized are the 84 aircrew who were Prisoners of War or the 27 Internees in Sweden and Switzerland, all assumed to have been subsequently returned to United States control.

Additional personnel names, as acquired, will be periodically forwarded for inclusion in the roster.

PHILLIP G. DAY
Historian
467th BG(H) Association

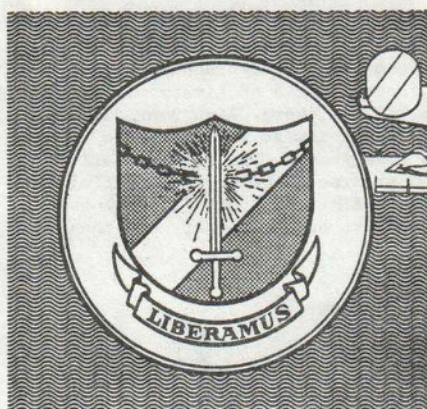


A.R.C. THE PALACE HOTEL U.S.A.F.



KNIGHT HAYES ESTATE

Doyle Courington of Albuquerque, NM furnished a new mast head and I have included it for your perusal and comments. I am sending to the 2 ADA Journal as the heading for our Veeps Journal contribution. Thanks very much Doyle.



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