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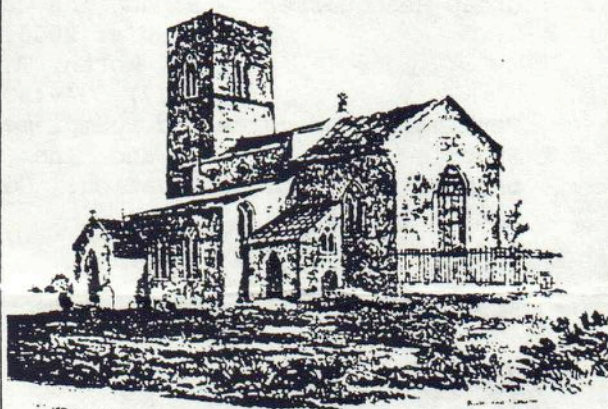
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Season's Greetings

ALL SAINTS CHURCH RACKHEATH



RACKHEATH CHURCH

The sound of Christmas never grows old, does it? And I guess it's because the meaning of Christmas endures. To say it as Henry Van Dyke said it, "I'm thinking of you today because it's Christmas, and I wish you joy. And tomorrow, because it's the day after Christmas, I shall wish you joy. Perhaps I can't tell you about it from day to day, for you may be far away, or we may be entangled with the things of life, but it makes no difference. My thoughts and my wish will be with you. Whatever of joy or success comes to you I shall be glad, clear through the year. Without pretense, I wish you the spirit of Christmas.

A HAPPY AND JOYFUL HOLIDAY WISH TO EACH OF YOU
AND OUR MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
(HEAVY) ASSOCIATION, LTD. CONVENTION 1989

This edition of POOP is purposely sent to you two weeks early to provide that additional time to make your reservations.

The Group Convention will coincide with "A Gathering of Liberators", the B-24/50th (Golden) Anniversary Celebration in Ft. Worth, Texas. There has been expressed, via mail and telephone calls, some confusion about these two functions. Following is what you need to know and what you need to do.

1. THE GROUP CONVENTION will be, officially, from Noon-Friday, May 19, 1989 to Noon-Monday, May 22, 1989. We expect some early 467th arrivals, on May 17 and May 18, and will provide Group Registration and Day Room for their use those two days as well as for all on the official days.

There will be certain costs for strictly Group Convention functions, separate and distinct from the costs of attending the "Gathering" functions. The Group costs are not completely set at this time but are estimated to be \$100 per person. This will cover cost of printing, postage, badges, distinctive nylon windbreaker for each participant, an Association 4'x 6' flag, buffet style meal on Friday evening, buffet breakfasts Saturday, Sunday and Monday (possibly optional for Friday), Group Banquet Saturday evening, Day Room with complementary coffee and tea, video/ TV rentals, etc. We have taken cognizance of suggestions that Friday and Saturday evening drinks be cash, not "hosted", as a package cost reduction. The \$25 per person requested to be sent with return of the GROUP PRE-REGISTRATION FORM is, in essence, a down payment toward Group activities costs. On or about March 1, 1989 you will be sent a statement of Group costs per person, credited with your Registration Deposit(s). Cancellations prior to March 1 will be 100%, after March 1 you will be sent the windbreaker and badge for each \$25 deposit, and of additional costs paid, nearly/practically 100%.

Why are costs so high? Well, costs are higher in the D/FW area, motel will not negotiate published prices and a 24.7% gratuity and tax add on, principally. Also, we do not want to underestimate costs, we intend this convention to be self-sufficient and not drawn on our Mail-Memorial funds, but possibly contribute some to the fund.

To attend the Group Convention functions, to receive the Group souvenirs, etc., fill out the GROUP PRE-REGISTRATION FORM found printed in this POOP and return as soon as possible, but no later than March 1, 1989, with the \$25 per person deposit, which money will be/is placed at interest for the benefit of the Group Mail-Memorial Fund.

2. THE GATHERING OF LIBERATORS is a commercial venture commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the B-24 Liberator. The Project Office of the GATHERING has retained unto itself the assignment of the rooms (or RV space) to the participants and certain daily functions included in the GATHERING fee schedule.

A. To reserve a room at the Ramada Inn-Central, the Group's assigned reunion motel, you must make your reservation to the GATHERING Project Office on the form contained in the Project Office package or on the REUNION REGISTRATION FORM reproduced in this POOP. The room reservation cut-off date is March 31, 1989. A room deposit of \$65.00, to be credited to the room cost of \$52.00 per night, tax included, must accompany the reservation. If at all possible, please make your room reservations for at least the three nights, Friday, May 19; Saturday, May 20; and Sunday, May 21. The Group will participate in a plan of benefits based on Group room occupancy those three nights, and only those three.

B. To participate in the GATHERING activities and services, you should choose either Plan "A" or Plan "B" offered. It will be possible, thought no advised, to participate in the 467th Group activities without participation in the GATHERING activities. However, without GATHERING credentials, you will not have access to the GATHERING convention center except by paying a \$10 daily fee, no bus transportation, no access to the Sundance Square Event, to Carswell Air Force Base, to the afternoon USO Show with Tex Beneke's Glen Miller style band or the GATHERING Banquet and Show on Sunday night.

The Plan "A" price to January 7, 1989 is \$126 per person, the Plan "B" is \$99. After January 7, 1989, Plan "A" goes to \$149 per person, Plan "B" is no longer available. The selection is made on the above-mentioned REUNION REGISTRATION FORM only.

We will continue to do what we can to reduce Group costs. One possibility is the elimination of the Friday evening buffet. This event is to be preceded by a motel sponsored mixer, drinks and light hors d'oeuvres; and many may want to participate in "The B-24 at War" symposium at 8:00 p.m. that evening, an option on the GATHERING registration form. Also, we are working toward an option for those of the Group who may wish to attend the OMNI, an in-the-round motion picture theater. Possibly this option and others will be presented for your selection on our statement of March 1, 1989.

As always, your Coordinators would be most appreciative of your earliest registration. Considerable more planning, organization and orderings are before us and the difficulties of making this a better convention are increased when we do not have the planning numbers until late in the process. Fill out the registration forms, comply with their requirements and send them in as soon as practical.

The address to send in the GATHERING REUNION REGISTRATION FORM is:

REUNION PROJECT OFFICE
B-24/50th Anniversary
6424 Torreon Drive, N.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Bob Vickers is the Chairman and can be reached at (505) 821-4484.

CONVENTION 1989

May 19-22, 1989

Group Headquarters - Ramada Inn Central
I-30 at 2000 Beach Street
Ft. Worth, TX 76103
(817) 534-4801

Parking is adequate and complementary. Super Shuttle to/from D/FW and Inn - \$6.00 per person. Room Reservation: Confirmation by Ramada Inn Central.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Fixed (F) Optional (O) Tentative (T)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

(F) 1300-2100 GATHERING Registration -
Ft. Worth Convention Center
(T) 1300-2200 Group Registration -
Day Room Open (1)

THURSDAY, MAY 18

(F) 0900-2100 GATHERING Registration -
"Hub" Exhibits Area Open
(F) 1000-2200 Group Registration -
Day Room Open
(T) 1400-1600 Group Board Meeting (2)
(F) 1800-2200 GATHERING Sundance Square
Welcoming Festival

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now, don't all stand up and cheer, but this will be a short message from your President. Phil Day has much to tell you in this issue, and you should read his information carefully.

I am very pleased to report to you the most generous offer made to us by Roger Hastings, son of David and Jean Hastings. Roger has purchased some property on our old base at Rackheath, from which he intends to operate his business. Roger was aware we had no Marker on the base noting our presence there during the war. He has offered to deed over to the 467th Bombardment Group (Heavy) Association, Ltd., a small plot of ground to facilitate the construction of such a Marker. With the concurrence of your Board of Directors, I have written a letter of acceptance, with our gratitude, to Roger.

I wrote of David Hastings in the last POOP, as to his having to have major surgery. I am happy to report that all went well and David is recovering fully. Had a personal report after Jordan Uttal's most recent visit to England. And David has written to ask that I pass on to you, Jean and his most heartfelt thanks for all of the concern for him expressed in the many cards and letters of well wishes they received.

You will see that Ken Darney is in LAST POST. He died in an airplane accident on October 28. Write Dot at 4510 Ridge Road, Baltimore, MD 21236. And Dave Swearingen had a severe stroke at the end of October and will be hospitalized for some time. Write Jackie and Dave at 5136 Charlotte Circle, N., Memphis, TN 38117.

Two more things I'd like to cover with you. First, it costs almost \$600 to publish each issue of the "Poop from Group". That money comes from your contributions.

Many of you have given regularly and you are appreciated, however, some of you enjoy the reading without giving a thought to the expense. We can always use the money, so if you haven't given for a while or perhaps never, sit down now while you think of it and send Phil a check. Help us insure the continuity of the "POOP".

Something that wasn't covered adequately at our meeting in Colorado Springs was the operations of the Albert J. Showers Endowment Fund. You will recall this fund was established to pay for those projects which would be deemed worthy of our participation. The above-mentioned Rackheath Marker would be a good example. The initial monies to establish this fund was taken from our Treasury and provides us with a base. It was not stressed, however, that the future growth of this fund would depend on contributions from the membership. For the record, we will be pleased to accept your donations to the Albert J. Shower Fund now and in the months and years ahead.

As we approach the Holiday Season let's remember your group needs your expression of support once in a while. Remember we pay no dues - so give a little.

Col. Shower has relocated. You can contact him at 23790 Cushenbury Drive, Moreno Valley, CA 92388.

All of you men of the 790th Squadron check your files and send copies of medal orders or any orders showing hometowns to Fred Holdredge, 2901 Friendship Road, Durham, NC 27705. Fred has a project to locate all members of the 790th Squadron so give your old C.O. a helping hand.

Terry and I wish to extend to each and everyone our very best wishes of the Holiday Season. We are all privileged to live in this blessed land, so let's dedicate 1989 not only to our own health, happiness, and prosperity, but also to the improvement of every facet of life in America. God Bless you all.

LAST POST

We have been notified of the deaths of the following comrades of the 467th.

Kenneth A. Darney

Robert A. Keyes

William W. Utt

"May they go from Strength to Strength in the Life of Perfect Service in God's Heavenly Kingdom."

LOST SOULS

Only two but that's too many!

O. E. Bowlin

Rison, AR

Joseph Nogan

Brooklyn, NY

Will you who live near these former addresses try to locate and get a new address for them.

ROSTER ADDITIONS

James R. Anslow

Slidell, LA

Richard E. Bagg

Rochester, NY

William H. Barker

Evanston, IL

Duane W. Brown

Durham, NC

Melvin L. Brown

Arcata, CA

Henry G. Buchanan -A

Shreveport, LA

Louis Burton

Burbank, CA

John H. Cox

Atlanta, GA

Marvin Connack

Miami, FL

W. M. Corley

Duluth, GA

David I. Coursey

Savannah, GA

E. O. (Buddy) Cross

Amarillo, TX

Curtis E. Curren

Raleigh, NC

Raymond E. DeVito

Brooklyn, NY

Frank T. Desmond

Miami, FL

Morton Deutsh

New York, NY

Ray Embrey

Garland, TX

Al Gerads

Elk River, MN

Don S. Harp

Oklahoma City, OK

David B. Hill

Chattanooga, TN

Fred C. Hudlow

Stone Mountain, GA

Hilda E. Keyes -A

So. San Francisco, CA

Arvin McCauley -A

South Gate, CA

Carl L. Murphy, Jr.

Nashville, TN

Conrad H. Olsen

Parkrose, WA

John Wesley Perkins

Wesson, MS

Edgar E. Powell

Pittsburg, PA

Louis J. Schiavo

Laurel, MD

Charles F. Taylor

Perryton, TX

Glen Taylor -A

Brentwood, TN

E. C. Wallace

Tucker, GA

Greir S. Wallace

Lawrenceville, GA

These additions bring our roster to over 1,000.

Don't let any one of the above go unwelcomed. If you live near them, give them a call, get together. Write me for their address. Start a correspondence.

THE ROSTER

The current, up-to-date, roster of the 467th Bombardment Group (Heavy) Association, Ltd. is kept by Phillip Day. From POOP 7-2 on August 1, 1988 to November 1, 1988 there have been 79 entries, changes, and deletions in it. From LAST POST, LOST SOULS and ROSTER ADDITIONS you will see most of these. The remainder are changes of address, a few sent in by you, the most notification of the post office at \$0.30 each if forwardable and some as high as \$0.75 each when not forwardable and later having to be sent forward for \$0.45 first class when we do run down the new address.

Help me by sending in your changes of address. You'll get POOP and other mailings faster and will save us some unnecessary expense. Thanks

POST EXCHANGE

The 467th Bombardment Group, September 1943 - June 1945 by Allen Healy (third printing).

This hardcover book is still available from Vince LaRussa, 97 Grayton Drive, Tonawanda, N.Y., for \$30 per copy. It is probable that this is the last printing of this history and you are urged to order your copy from Vince before the remainder are turned to the book market.

Commemorative Plates - Prepared for the Convention - Shreveport - 1987, two similar plates are available. Nine inches in diameter, printed in twelve colors, the front depicts a B-24 superimposed over Europe. Surrounding, at edge, are 212 gold bombs for our missions, the names of the battles for which the Group received credit or recognition and interior to these names are depicted the insignia and emblems of the squadrons and ancillary units attached or assigned to the Group while at Rackheath. The back of the plate has a concise history of the Group from constitution to inactivation.

Off Color B-24 Plate \$12.50 ea (No profit to Group).

Olive Drab B-24 Plate \$25.00 each.

We have very few of the latter, too many of the former. Order for yourselves, your friends, as many others have done.

GROUP IDENTIFICATION CAP offered by Lloyd Haug, 3115 Benjamin St., NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418. These are one size fits all, mesh sided, several basic color caps, the front bearing an emblem with Second Air Division lettered over a O.D.B-24 with Group tail markings and further identified as 467th Bomb Group. This cap is the only one now offered with Group approval. Send \$6 for each you want to Lloyd.

467TH BOMB GROUP WINDBREAKERS

The principal favor, remembrance, for each of the attendees at CONVENTION 1989 will be an ultra lightweight nylon windbreaker, red (scarlet by manufacturer), snap front, elasticized sleeve cuffs, drawstring bottom. On the left front will be the 467th Sword and Shield emblem; on the back, centered, Group, Squadron and Ancillary identification and pertinent chronological data, in six basic colors.

These are offered in sizes corresponding to MEN'S SUIT/JACKET SIZES AS FOLLOWS:

S 34-36	XL 46-48
M 38-40	XXL 50-52 \$1.50 Extra
L 42-44	XXXL 54-56 \$2.50 Extra

Miss Cille at 5'-2" will take a small, me-at 6'-0"+ (I've shrunk) 200+ pounds (I've expanded), and size 44 suit or jacket will need an XL.

For non-convention attendees this offer is open until, and only until, March 1, 1989. The price - \$25 each, postpaid (USPS or UPS). Send me, Phillip Day, a postcard or note for your order. I'll bill you when the order is shipped.

This will be a one time print order. When done, there ain't no more. Get your order in now if you want one of these unique jackets. And as is usual with the Group PX offerings, all profits will go to the Mail-Memorial Fund.

NOTICE Convention Attendees Please modify, if necessary, your selection of windbreaker size(s) in conformance with the above size corresponding table. Notify me, Phillip Day, of changes, if required.

The profit from the sale of PX items above will go to the Group's mail-memorial fund. Support the Group in this manner.

DUES - DONATIONS

"Send me a notice and I'll send, in my, dues." "When do dues notices come out?" "I received a dues notice from 'X' and don't remember seeing one from the 467th." These and similar are received often enough to once more reiterate the position of the 467th as to dues.

DUE(S) - OWED OR OWING, AS A DEBT

No one of our Group veterans or associates owes us anything nor are they in debt to us. Therefore, NO DUES! No notices, no duns, no records, no accounting, no printing, no postage, no one dropped, no one hurt, no "membership" costs.

DONATION(S) - A GIFT OR CONTRIBUTION

Gratefully accepted, faithfully acknowledged. This method of funding the activities of the 467th as to publications and memorials has been the accepted norm for the Association. Admittedly, the far greatest amount of the Group's monies, past and present, have come from convention surpluses, from convention "hat passings", from sales of Group related items; actually all are donations, gifts and contributions, to further the 467th in whatever areas are decided upon in the future.

We do solicit your donations. They are needed. The principal Group recurring cost is POOP FROM GROUP. In 1987 we sent out about 2800 copies of POOP at a cost of \$1387, about \$0.50 per copy. So far this year we have mailed out about 2100 in two editions at a cost of \$1305 or \$0.62 per copy. This average cost will come down with this third edition for the year to about \$0.60, but you can see costs, postage principally, have gone up.

Look at POOP, Vol. 7 No. 2. Read again what has been done with out limited income in Memorials. Think what we can do if the whole roster would support by donations as, really, a minority has done.

I rewrote this after reading Jeff Gregory's report to you. I didn't know his would contain an appeal for donations to the Group Mail-Memorial Fund or the Albert Joseph Shower Endowment Fund. I am glad he did so. I also ask that each of you send a donation. We will place it at interest, conserve it as possible, continue to bring you POOP and do such good works as you, the membership, direct your Board to accomplish.

Gratefully accepted - Faithfully acknowledged

TREASURER'S REPORT

MAIL-MEMORIAL FUND

Cash on Hand July 1, 1988	\$2,465.75
Donations	80.00
Plate Orders (4)	100.00
Interest	120.52
Sub Total	\$2,766.27

Expenses	
Secretarial Roster Maintenance	\$ 190.51
POOP Vol. 7 No. 2 1100x6 pages	302.70
USPS Bulk Mail Postage	160.00
USPS Overseas Mailings	22.95
Sub Total	\$ 676.16

UPS Plates	10.60
USPS - Stamps	30.00
National Archives Research Material	29.40
Convention 1988 J. Gregory	58.00
Total Expenses	\$ 804.16
Cash on Hand November 1, 1988	\$1,962.11

Albert Joseph Shower Endowment Fund \$5,000.00

Convention 1989	
Receipts	\$1,975.00
USPS - Stamps	25.00
Convention Newsletter No. 1	26.23
Envelopes	1.68
Cash on Hand November 1, 1988	\$1,922.09

Total Cash on Hand November 1, 1988 \$8,884.20

FRIDAY, MAY 19

- (T) 0700-0900 Group Buffet Breakfast Option (3)
- (F) 0900-2100 GATHERING Registration -
"Hub" Exhibits Area Open
- (F) 0900-2200 Group Registration -
Day Room Open
- (F) 1330-? GATHERING USO (Type) Show
w/Tex Beneke's Band
- (F) 1630-1730 Group "Mixar" sponsored by Inn
- (T) 1800-2000 Group Buffet Style Meal (4) -
Cash Bar (4)
- (O) 1930- ? Group OMNI Theater Option (5)
- (F) 2000- ? GATHERING "B-24 at War Symposium"
Option

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- (F) 0700-0900 Group Buffet Breakfast
- (F) 0900-2200 Day Room Open
- (F) 1100- Bus to GATHERING CARSWELL AFB
- (F) -1545 Bus to Inn
- (F) 1800-2100 Group Function Cash Bar Banquet

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- (F) 0700-0900 Group Buffet Breakfast
- (F) 0900-2100 Group Day Room Open
- (T) 0900-1100 Group Business Meeting (6)
- (F) 1030- GATHERING Memorial Service
- (F) 1130- GATHERING Golf Tournament
- (F) 1900- GATHERING Banquet and Show for
those registering with GATHERING Project Office
for PLAN "A".

MONDAY, MAY 22

- 0700-0900 Group Buffet Breakfast
- 0900-1200 Day Room Open

- Note (1) - We will have Group Registration and
Group Day Room open if sufficient numbers
are scheduled to arrive on May 17, 1989.
- Note (2) - The Board of Directors of the 467th
Bombardment Group (Heavy) Association,
Ltd. will meet in conformance with
applicable By-Laws of the Corporation.
- Note (3) - This extra cost option will be
offered on statements to be sent to
registered participants as of March 1,
1989.
- Note (4) - Response to March 1, 1989 statement
will determine this tentative scheduled
event.
- Note (5) - An extra cost option to be selected
with response to March 1, 1989 statement.
- Note (6) - The board will schedule a general
business meeting of the 467th Bombardment
Group (Heavy) Association, Ltd. after
Board meeting on Thursday, May 18, 1989.

RETURN TO RACKHEATH

Gene Garrett writes "the courtesies
extended by Tony North and Geoffrey Goreham
were beyond our wildest expectations" of his
visit in May, 1988. "Obviously it is eminently
worthwhile to drop Tony a line in advance of
any visit" he concludes. This follows up Tony
North's letter to us published in POOP 7-2. A
visit to Rackheath is going to be an outstand-
ing experience; with Tony's help it will be
much, much, better.

COLLINGS FOUNDATION B-24 UPDATE

The center wing section, with main landing
gear in place, has been mated to the fuselage.
Horizontal and vertical stabilizers have been
attached to fuselage. No. 1 and No. 2 QEC's
(Quick Engine Change Mounts) are in place and
parts are available for the other two. Fuel
cells are being fabricated, oil coolers
restored, partial funding for turbo-charger
restoration is in hand.

Estimated now to be two-thirds restored, a
lot more work and financial support is needed
to have her ready to fly at Ft. Worth in May,
1989. Send tax-free donations to Collings
Foundation, River Hill Farm, Stow, MA 01775.

BITS AND PIECES

POOP is sent to all Executives of the
Second Air Division Association and to any
military affiliated group who wishes to
exchange newsletters. Some received since last
POOP were THE PYRAMIDERS of the 98th Bomb
Group/Wing Veterans Association; BEACHBELL ECHO
of the 446th Bomb Group Association; RINGMASTER
LOG of the 491st Bomb Group Memorial Associa-
tion; CROSSHAIRS of Bombardiers, Inc.; the
first (Vol. 1 No. 1) NEWSLETTER of the 389th
Bomb Group; B-17 COMBAT CREWMEN & WINGMAN. Of
interest in this last one is that Col. Albert
J. Shower was to have been the featured guest
speaker at their meeting of September 18, 1988
in South Gate, CA. The Colonel received a nice
write-up in the newsletter. And Editor Arvin
McCauley wrote kindly of B-24s in general, of
Dave Tallichet's B-24-J in particular and
featured the photo of the 467th A/C at Valley,
Wales for RZI and of Col. Shower. Glad to
exchange newsletters.

SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

- 42nd REUNION Hilton Head, SC - November 2-5,
1989. A \$50 per person deposit to Evelyn
Cohen, Apt. 06, 410 Delair Landing Road,
Philadelphia, PA 19114, is needed to
reserve. Space limited.
- 43rd REUNION Norwich, England - July 25-31,
1990. Space is very limited, may be gone
already. Send deposit as above.

MIGHTY 8TH INSIGNIA DISPLAY

Notice from Imperial War Museum, Duxford
Airfield, Cambridge, that the first part of the
extensive addition to the Duxford memorial to
the 8th Air Force is in place and all Americans
visiting in England are invited to see this
tribute to all personnel who earned a place in
history while serving with the "Mighty Eighth".

COFFEY CREW 790/56 03/45

And they still are. Jim Crew (that's how
Al Muller addresses them in his letters)
reunited again at Oglebay Park, near Wheeling,
WV for three days. Attending were Jim Coffey,
Carl Shaut, Andy DeBiasse, Donald Faford,
Robert L. Miller, Jack Smith and Robert Snyder.
Unable to attend were Harmon (Harry) Small,
William T. Hayes and Al Muller. You will
recall Jim's crew, all ten, were at 2ADA - San
Antonio in 1981, the first-possibly the last
full ten men crew to get together post war.
They have been active in 467th Group efforts,
the Gates at Rackheath, mounted pieces of
Rackheath runway. Understand their next
project is to provide funds for a paved walkway
at Rackheath. Jim was Vice-President of Group
for 467th from Dayton for two years and Al
Muller was Assistant Vice-President with me for
two years prior.

A CHRISTMAS REMINDER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Old Santa sometimes needs a whisper in the
ear. I know my Santa does. What better
Christmas suggestion than a Dzenowagis tape?
Unique, different, and reasonable. A great
Christmas gift for your family or yourself.
Remember there are three tapes available.
"Faces of the Second Air Division," "Eight
Candles for Remembrance" (a complete tape of
the 1987 Norwich Reunion), and "The 467th at
Play in Reunion at Shreveport." It's an
exclusive with our Group, and revenue goes
toward continuance of the taping project.
Prices are still \$39.50, \$49.50, and \$49.50,
respectively. Order from Joe Dzenowagis, 4397
S. Okemos Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864. Santa
appreciates the help too!!



REUNION REGISTRATION FORM



● REUNION EVENTS (Two Plans Available)

NAME(s): _____ WWII ORG: _____
(PLEASE PRINT & give first names for Name Badges)

ADDRESS: _____
(Street; P.O. Box; City and ZIP Code)

TEL: (____) _____

● **PLAN "A"** (Includes for each registrant: Registration fee; all Reunion credentials; Name Badge; hotel reservation services; special B-24 Commemoratives; continuous access all days to all exhibits, displays and show activities at Showcase "HUB" center; courtesy coach shuttle services, round-robin Reunion designated hotels/"HUB"; 'Welcoming Festival' eve (Thur) at downtown Sundance Square with busing; special B-24 Reunion '89 Recognition Day at Carswell AFB & dedicated coaches; Sunday Memorial Tribute Ceremony & Fly-Over @ City Center; final Reunion eve GALA Banquet Dinner & special Show - both Sunday events with dedicated busing; and on Banquet eve, (3) individual chances on PRIZE DRAWINGS for all-expenses-paid, grand trips for two persons).

● **PLAN "B"** (Includes for each registrant: All activities/fees of PLAN "A" EXCEPT Sunday evening GALA Banquet Dinner & Show, and PRIZE DRAWINGS).

REQUEST

● <u>PLAN "A"</u>	<u>COST PER PERSON</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
+ UNTIL 7 January 1989 <u>only</u>	\$ 126.00X..()..=	\$ _____
+ 8 January '89 to 31 March '89	\$ 149.00X..()..=	\$ _____

● <u>PLAN "B"</u>	<u>COST PER PERSON</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
+ Until 7 January 1989 <u>only</u> *	\$ 99.00X..()..=	\$ _____
* <u>After</u> above date, offered ON-SITE.			

● EXTRA BANQUET & SHOW TICKETS

+ Purchasable <u>ONLY</u> with <u>at least ONE</u> PLAN "A" request above	\$36.00X..()..=	\$ _____
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● HOTEL RESERVATIONS (Made by Reunion Project Office)

(PLEASE PRINT) ● ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DAY: _____

● DEPARTURE DATE: _____ ● NUMBER OF PERSONS: _____

● ROOM ACCOMODATIONS DESIRED: Single Occupancy _____
("x" in and state beds) Double Occupancy _____

● INCLUDED IN TOTAL PAYMENT IS LODGING DEPOSIT @ \$ 65.00 #.....= \$ _____
#(SEE 'flimsy' on credits)

● "THE B-24 AT WAR SYMPOSIUM"

FRIDAY EVENING (19 May) PROGRAM @ Large Theater Annex, Fort Worth Convention Center, Houston St entry @ 8:00pm.

● **REQUEST:**() Tickets.....at \$12.00 per.....= \$ _____
(Ticket chits available at Registration time)

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TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT

By Dave Swearingen (791st B.S.-467th B.G.)

There was an article in the Winter 1987-88 issue of the Journal written by J. William Tikey, a former pilot in the 466th B.G., titled "Little Did We Know - April 24, 1944 Mission-Leipheim Air Field, Germany." It left the impression that his Group's 785th Squadron was leading on this most successful mission.

Actually our own 467th B.G.'s 791st Squadron was leading the 96th Combat Wing on this mission, the Group's eleventh mission. Col. Al Shower was flying as Command Pilot with the Swearingen Lead Crew. Swearingen's lead Bombardier was Truman Simpson and Gary Torre was the lead Navigator.

Of the 467th B.G.'s bombs, 26 aircraft over the target carrying 260 x 500# GP's, 90% hit within a 1,000-foot radius of the target and 100% of our bombs hit within 2,000 feet of the target. As a result of the bombing accuracy, superb navigation and no loss of any of the Group aircraft or Air Crew, Col. Al Shower was awarded his first Distinguished Flying Cross.

I quote from General Order 327, dated 30 April 1944; "For extraordinary Achievement while leading a Combat Wing of B-24's on a bombing mission deep into Germany on 24 April 1944. With skillful airmanship, Col. Shower directed the Combat Wing formation to its important target where bombs were released with devastating effect." The full contents of this General Order was read to Col. Shower by General Peck and his medal was received at the same instance.

The mission to Leipheim was the first where the 467th B.G. led the 96th Combat Wing. It was a long mission in perfect weather over the target and in between. In checking my individual flight record from my 201 file, I clocked 9:05 hours of first pilot time.

This mission led by the 467th B.G. established an example of what we as a Group were capable of. It set a trend which prevailed throughout the time our Air Crews flew. From then through the last Group mission on April 25, 1945, our Group was recognized as the most accurate bombing Group in the 2nd Air Division and one of the most accurate in the 8th Air Force.

A German historian, Peter Horner, is writing the history of Leipheim after 1935. It will be published by the Geenzburg Society of History. Horner wrote Tikey last year and I quote only the pertinent part: "Have a short information about the raid of April 24, 1944. No person had been injured, only one man of the Messerschmitt factory, a civilian guard, died. Nobody knows why because all the others (had) left the field. Bombs destroyed all hangars, 4 ME 323 and 60 jets ME 262. They had been final assembled at Leipheim to strike allied troops at D-day. Did you know? In the nearby woods some bomb craters are still to be seen. To take a photograph of one I had to wait till snow had gone from it. The craters are about 30 ft. in diameter, deep 6 ft." This was from a talk Horner gave at a town meeting in Leipheim.

I have written Horner requesting a copy of his "History of Leipheim after 1935." If I get it I'll share with you the account as he has written it.

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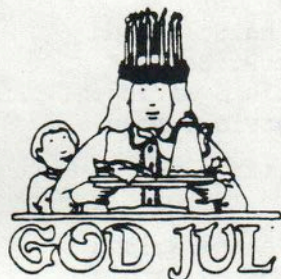
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