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FROM THE PREZ

The FOURTH OF JULY 1991 had an added significance for 45 members of the 467th Bomb Group Association. We had the additional enjoyment of reunioneing with the 2nd Air Division Association in Dearborn, Michigan. There it was announced that the Library Fund Drive for \$500,000 to fund a permanent American librarian at the 2nd ADA Memorial Library had been successfully completed. An Oversight Committee has been established and Jeff Gregory was selected as one of its members. Congratulations are due to Jordan Uttal for his highly successful project.

Among the attendees at Dearborn were Harry Dombalagian and five members of his crew. Harry said that he hopes to have more at the next reunion. Also attending was Jim Mahoney who told some very interesting Rackheath war stories involving Intelligence Officers, Commanding Officer(s), and Group Chaplains. It was indeed a pleasure for me to finally meet Jim. Then, of course, Col. Shower was there also. I think it's about time that we give him the nickname of "Old Faithful."

During our meeting, Bob Sheehan was nominated and elected by acclamation as the 2nd ADA Group Vice President.

I discussed the major problems of the Reunion Site Selection Committee for 1992. The 2nd ADA had announced that its 1992 reunion will be in October in Las Vegas, Nevada. This is in direct conflict with our planned date and geographical location. After some discussion about various alternatives, there was a general consensus that the best solution would be for the 467th to combine our 92 reunion with the 2nd ADA in Las Vegas. Various proposals will be presented to the Board of Directors at our Tucson Reunion for resolution. After our Dearborn meeting was adjourned, Col. Shower suggested that if England was not selected for 92 as some members had asked in Omaha, that some members might be interested in a trip together on their own. A call for a volunteer to be a leader on such a trip led to Vince LaRussa. He will present a proposal at Tucson for your individual consideration.

Capers Holmes invited Eleanor and me to have lunch with him and his guests, Allen and Edna Herzberg at his house this past month. Chef Capers showed off his culinary as well as his gardening skills! We had a wonderful time reminiscing old times. (Talk about your mini-

mini reunions, this was the ULTIMATE). Capers said that he will make it to Tucson--and that's a promise.

I have just learned of the sudden death of Doris Betcher and want to extend to Ray our condolences. I talked with Doris at Dearborn. I'm glad that we again extended to Doris the thanks of the 467th for her untiring efforts in fostering the birth and growth of the 467th Bomb Group Association.

Hasta la vista en Tucson, Y'all.
Bob Salzarulo

A REPORT ON 2ADA-467TH ACTIVITIES AT DEARBORN by Jeff Gregory

In response to your request, I'll put a few things together as they occur to me in re the Dearborn 2nd ADA reunion. I hope the order of events will be reflected with some accuracy.

My reunion started early when I attended the Wednesday meeting of the 2ADA Executive Committee in my capacity as Awards Committee Chairman for 1991. Also, I was pleased to fill in for Bob Salzarulo as the 467th's VP representative at this meeting.

The reunion got underway on Thursday and I might say I was somewhat surprised that it turned out to be a very pleasant reunion indeed. The reputation of Detroit is a little intimidating, but Dearborn is removed from the Downtown Detroit area and to my knowledge distractions were either non-existent or very minimal. The hotel was huge, the food was excellent, and the rooms were comfortable.

At the 467th Group Dinner on Thursday night, we had a cordial and friendly small dinner for 45 people. As a member of the Librarian Fund Committee, it was a pleasure to announce that we had exceeded our \$500,000 goal and that the 467th had indeed contributed substantially to the fund, with a standing in amount of number 6 among the groups. As time passes, I believe, the importance of this fund will become increasingly evident. Thank you for your help and support.

The next day (Friday), buses took us on a 20 minute ride to the home base of the Yankee Air Force (Willow Run). A large aircraft hanger was set up with tables and chairs where a B-B-Q lunch was catered.

It is obvious that the Yankee Air Force has a long way to go to catch the Confederate Air Force, but there is no question they are making

big strides. A restored B-25 is on the line as is a Navy configuration of a B-24 which needs much work. A B-17 is in the rear of the hangar in a stripped-down condition and it is apparently a priority project for them at this time. Needless to say, the star of the show was the Collings "All American." Wasn't she pretty though, with all those 467th names on her. If you haven't seen this magnificent B-24, run, don't walk, to her next appearance in your area.

That evening after dinner and dessert, I had the pleasure of narrating the awards ceremony for the second year. This has now become a feature event at 2nd ADA reunions and deservedly so. I'm reminded every year that this association is indebted to all volunteer help to keep things running. We are truly blessed with wonderful people who give of their time and treasure.

This year there were five awards for outstanding service as V/P's and included our own ex-President John Stevens.

There were eight Distinguished Service Awards to the "unsung" helpers of many years.

These included Floyd Mabee, Bill Clarey, Lillian Cohen, Hazel Robertie, Jean Hastings, Cecelia Rokicki, Deanie Mayer, and Milt Vegnar.

From the 467th standpoint, the evening was highlighted by the presentation of the President's Award, the 2nd ADA's Highest Honor, to our own Col. Shower. As the Colonel was announced and approached the platform, he was afforded a standing ovation. I must say I was pleased and proud to be a small part of it, and I was sorry all of his "people" couldn't be there to see it. By the way, it is a beautiful plaque and the B-24 mounted on it carried our Group tail marking. Congratulations Colonel Shower. (A copy of the citation read at the ceremony follows.)

The second part of the program was again of special interest to the 467th. Joe Dzenowagis and family, who spent the entire reunion filming their great history of the 2nd ADA, showed their newest completed tape entitled "Images of the 2nd Air Divison." This tape taken from seven documentaries in production, held an audience of 1,000 people spellbound, and I'm not exaggerating. No one moved for almost an hour. Get it!!!! How can we continue to thank these people for what they are doing? Buy a tape or two, or three.

Saturday morning Terry and I opted for the trip to the Ford Museum, which was practically around the corner from the hotel. I'm not a museum buff, but I did enjoy the extensive exhibits. Only one complaint, it was hot and it did seem the museum could mount ceiling fans in lieu of no air-conditioning.

An excellent Banquet closed out the proceedings on Saturday night.

In truth, I was disappointed by the 467th turnout. Particularly the people in the mid-west who didn't show kept our attendance down. Perhaps some were waiting for Tucson. I hope so, because what I know about it makes it look like one of our very best. Get your money in to Ralph Elliott now and join the fun in Tucson.

Attending from the 467th:

Walt and Miriam Bandlow

Frank and Betty Jane Beatty

Ray and Doris Betcher accompanied by

Janice and Jim Bates and Nancy Davis

Arch and Helen Boisselle

Roy and Ruth Dettinger

Harry Dombalagian

George Dong

Joe, Joe Jr. and Helen Dzenowagis

Geoff and Terry Gregory

Bill and Nancy Hensen

Jim and Barb Hogarth

Bob and Sue Hower

John and Jean Jansen

Andy and Anna Kapi, Jr.

Larry and Faye Kurtz

Jim Mahoney

Will and Cecily Noden

Bob and Eleanor Salzarulo

Al Shower

Bill Sikora and Evelyn Semagon

Joe and Katie Spiroff

Jack and Lucille Stevens

Arthur Wicks

Joe and Annjean Yandian

Citation to Accompany Presentation of The President's Award for Leadership - 1991 to Colonel Albert J. Shower, USAAF (Retired) 467th Bomb Group

The epitome of leadership is embodied in the life of our Honoree, Albert J. Shower.

This West Point Graduate brought his group to Rackheath in March 1944, fought it, and returned it home in July 1945, becoming the only commander in the Eighth Air Force to accomplish that feat.

Although his group was one of the youngest in the 2nd Air Division, its reputation for bombing accuracy, safety, and flying skill was envied by the most veteran of groups. This reputation was a direct result of this man's emphasis on discipline, his requirement for excellence, and his insistence on top performance above and beyond the known capabilities of his men.

Colonel Shower has supported the aims of the 2nd Air Division Association for many years, and his familiar figure in attendance at our reunions is always a welcome sight to his legion of friends in the 2nd Air Division Association.

467TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING - DEARBORN

The meeting of the 467th Bombardment Group (H) Association, Ltd., was called to order by President Robert L. Salzarulo at 21:00 on 4 July 1991 in the Arrow Room of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, MI.

The minutes of the previous meeting were posted on the Association's bulletin board and members are urged to read them at their leisure. (The minutes will be submitted for publication in Poop From Group and for approval in adjournment of the meeting in Tucson, AZ.)

Bob Salzarulo pointed out that 2nd ADA Policies and Procedures calls for each group to name a Vice President of the 2nd Air Division Association (2nd ADA). Our 467th Group Vice President has traditionally become the 467th President and, concurrently, Vice President of the 2nd ADA. Since Robert Sheehan is presently 467th Group Vice President, he suggested Bob Sheehan be nominated to be 467th Vice President of the 2nd ADA at this time to satisfy the 2nd ADA requirement. Jack Stevens nominated Bob Sheehan and moved that nominations be closed. Col. Shower seconded the motion, and Bob Sheehan was elected by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS: Bob Salzarulo called on Jeff Gregory (in lieu of Ralph Elliott) to review the plans for the group's reunion in October.

Jeff stated that he has been in close contact with Ralph Elliott, Director for the Tucson reunion. Ralph has extended the room reservations deadline from the 10 September date noted in Poop From Group and will take reservations as long as rooms are available at the hotel. However, he cautions that October is a busy time for military reunions at Tucson hotels and those wishing to attend are urged to contact the hotel for reservations as soon as possible.

Bob Salzarulo discussed problems involved in scheduling the 1992 group reunion. The committee had planned to schedule our group

reunions in October to avoid back-to-back reunions with 2nd ADA, which seemed to schedule theirs in the late spring or early summer. However, 2nd ADA has scheduled their 1992 reunion in October at Las Vegas. There appears to be three choices: (1) Skip our 1992 group reunion; (2) Hold our group reunion in Las Vegas a couple days before (or after) the 2nd ADA reunion in October; (3) Hold our reunion sometime in England in connection with the 50th anniversary celebration of the first USAAF arrivals in England. Bob Collins is considering taking "All American" to England for the celebration.

The first choice would result in only one reunion, the 2nd ADA Reunion at Las Vegas in October.

The second choice would result in benefits such as travel to only one site and the relatively low cost for rooms in Las Vegas plus its special attractions.

The third choice could present scheduling problems as the events being planned in England are located throughout much of the entire country over a six-month period and, from the information available now, little activity has been scheduled in the Norwich area.

Bob Salzarulo said the matter of where and when the 1992 reunion will be held will be brought up for discussion and determination at Tucson.

Members were reminded to wear their reunion badges to all functions for identification purposes, to discourage gate crashers.

NEW BUSINESS: Bob Salzarulo asked Jeff Gregory to report on the recent 2nd ADA Executive Council meeting that he had attended in Bob's absence.

Jeff Gregory reported that the next 2nd ADA Reunion would be held at the Riviera Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas 4-7 October 1992 with a low per-night room rate and adequate banquet facilities for 1,000 plus diners available. A west coast location was desired but room rates there are much higher than at Las Vegas.

Plans for the 1993 467th Reunion on the East Coast are underway. Atlantic City was suggested as well as a return to Hilton Head, S.C. Members are invited to voice their opinions on this matter to Bob Salzarulo, Jeff Gregory or Jack Stevens.

The Library Fund Drive for \$500,000 to fund a permanent American librarian at the 2nd ADA Memorial Library has been successfully completed and the fund is earning interest. A check for \$550,000 will be turned over to the Fulbright Commission for its administration of this trust fund. Members are urged to continue making contributions to the fund in order to provide for inflation, reduced interest rates, and unforeseen needs. Librarian Phyllis (Hunt) DuBois and an archivist, who will be funded for one year by a Fulbright Commission grant, are attending the reunion and members are urged to meet each of them at the business meeting and during the reunion.

The agreement for the library fund's administration by the Fulbright Commission and the 2nd ADA interim financial report are posted and members are urged to review both documents. They will also be in the next issue of the 2nd ADA Journal.

David Hastings sent his and his wife's regrets, via Jeff, for not being with us at our group dinner meeting. There was a mixup involving the pilot from the 389th who adopted him after Col. Shower kicked him off the Rackheath site for the last time. Jeff said he refused to accept David's regrets (for some ridiculous reason that neither he nor I can remember).

Jeff Gregory moved that the meeting be adjourned until the group meets in Tucson, AZ, from 12 - 16 October 1991. Jack Stevens

seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 21:30.

At that point, Bob remembered that Col. Shower had a matter to bring up during the meeting and called on him. Col. Shower noted that the meeting was over and, consequently, he couldn't discuss it at the meeting. However, he suggested that if the group reunion won't be held in England next year, some 467th members might be interested in a trip together on their own.

Respectfully submitted,
(for Bill McGovern)

MORE FROM DEARBORN

Harry Dombalagian and his Crew 25 of the 788th BS(H) had flown 10 missions with the 489th BG(H) before being assigned to the 467th BG(H). The 489th flew its missions 30 May 44 to 10 Nov. 44, a total of 106, and became non-operational on 14 Nov. 44 for redeployment to the United States to train in B-29s. Most of its aircraft and personnel, however, stayed in the Second Bombardment (Air) Division as replacements into other Groups.

The Dombalagian crew flew its 11th mission, first in the 467th, on 25 Nov. 44 and his last on 4 Apr. 45.

From then to Dearborn 91, the crew had not seen each other. At Dearborn, six of them were able to get together after 46 years. Those reunioning were:

Harry Dombalagian, Pilot
Robert "Bob" Hower, Gunner
John R. Jansen, Gunner
William "Bill" F. Sikora, Radio Operator
Joseph "Joe" L. Spiroff, Nose Gunner
Joseph "Joe" Yandian, Navigator-Bombardier

Harry says they have located their co-pilot and hope to find the other two crewmen in time for a nine-man reunion at Tucson.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND (467TH B.G.)

The following books were purchased with the income from your endowment fund for the year 1990/1991. Thank you very much for your generosity which has enabled us to buy these books for the Memorial Library. I can assure you that they will be greatly enjoyed by our Norfolk patrons.

U. S. Immigration Made Easy
Cadillac Desert
Don't Shoot the Yanqui: The Life of a War Cameraman
American Renaissance: Our Life at the Turn of the 21st Century
Geronimo: American Paratroopers in WW II
The Bishop's Boys: Wilbur and Orville Wright
Perfect Times, Perfect Places
America's Wildlife Hideaways
The G.I.'s War: The Story of American Soldiers in Europe in World War II
War Paint
General Dynamics Aircraft and Their Predecessors

Smithsonian guides to Historic America:

The Desert States
The Carolinas and the Appalachian States
Rocky Mountain States
Pacific States
Yours sincerely,
Phyllis DuBois, Trust Librarian

PRICHARD AND BEEN

That has a nice ring to it, doesn't it. Like an exclusive men's wear or a super bottle of scotch. I received two letters from A. Lyle Prichard in the quarter. You will recall that Lyle is President, or is it Vice President, of the PROFESSIONAL B-24 CO-PILOTS ASSOCIATION, formed at Colorado Springs by Lyle, Floyd "Puff" Pugh and me (Its ranks have not grown,

the requirements for membership are very stringent). Lyle wrote that he had, after several years of trying, found out that Delbert T. Been had died in 1979. Lyle related how he and Been had flown six missions together, he did not make clear who was pilot and who was CO-PILOT, but Lyle couldn't have been the pilot as that would make him ineligible for the PROFESSIONAL B-24 CO-PILOTS ASSOCIATION as one of our cardinal rules is you must never have had a crew.

Anyway, Prichard and Been twicked a memory and I pulled out of file the following letter from Robert M. Stone concerning the infamous two.

Dear Phil:

It was a pleasure talking to you the other day and bringing back some old memories.

As I told you, I was on the 100 mission crew of the WITCH as navigator-bombardier, along with Casey Lazlo, Matt Nemeyer and others. We carried a reporter from the STARS AND STRIPES with us on a raid to the Herman Goering steel works at Brunswick/Wagram. We were the crew that made the Christmas Eve mission in the ex-PALACE MEAT MARKET with a gunner named O'Brien in the nose with a carbine (it was being set up for an assembly ship). This was the same ship that I'd crash landed on at Woodbridge after the August 24 raid on Misburg-Hanover. That was on the Paul De Blois-Fred McCarthy crew that I came with from the 492nd. The Healy book misses so many of the 492nd and later replacement crews. John Rice-Eugene (Bud) Horak-Jack Angle, the artist in our hut, Fred Walkey, who painted our portraits in oil; and others-D.A. Swiss, Pat Mulvaney-our hut seemed to lose more crews than others. There was always a vacancy.

I was first in the hut with Lyle Prichard and Delbert T. Been, commonly referred to as Retarded and Brainless. These are the two who constantly upset their crew by arguing (over the intercom) on the take-off roll over whose turn it was to fly the ship, with each saying that HE wasn't going to do the work. The back door of our hut faced the center of the hut behind us, like a (T). On the day of the 100 Mission party, it was warm enough for the back door to be open and Been was sitting there cleaning his .45. He and Prichard got into some kind of argument about regular or prior Service as Been had been Calvary, I think. The upshot was that Prichard bet Been that he couldn't hit the stove pipe coming out of the hut behind us and framed in the doorway, with his .45. Been finally got tired of the argument, took aim, and hit the stovepipe. Suddenly, two independent, frantic actions took place. First, there was a violent expulsion of bodies from each end of the affected hut. Simultaneously, there was a hasty closing and opening of our rear door as some of us ran out to inquire (innocently) what had happened, as others fanned the air with anything available to get rid of the smell of the gunpowder from our hut. We learned that the stovepipe had fallen, releasing quantities of soot and vowed to assist the members of that hut to track down and annihilate the perps of such a dastardly deed. Our ploy was about 95% successful, although there was some later suspicion, there was no retaliation. However, later that night, two from the other hut, slightly inebriated, paused outside the back window of our hut to light a cigarette and were heard to mutter that they bet it was from our hut that the shot had come and they should retaliate by shooting through the window (a lot of firing was going on at the time). I heard Prichard, whose bed was next to the window, slide to the floor and start crawling toward the front of the hut, and I, who had the upper about three beds down, hastily followed suit. They argued a while as

we made ourselves as small as possible, and finally decided that they weren't sure and, besides, if they didn't get to bed soon, they would pass out. This was one of the many wild incidents that occurred in the vicinity of hut 33 (I think that was the number) that night.

In your talks with others, please ask if they have any pictures of the two little boys who attended the 79 Reunion in Norwich. They were ours and the processor ruined almost all of the ones we took. We would like to get copies or negatives, if we could.

Regards to you and Miss Cille. Keep up the good work.

Yours truly, Robert M. Stone, Jr. PE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Fund 06-01-91	\$ 6,363.96
Contributions	274.00
Interest - 2 months	51.93
Sub-total	<u>6,689.89</u>

Expenses 06-0-191 to 09-01-91:	
Secretarial and Roster, PFG 10-2	177.10
Reproduction, PFG 10-2	184.68
Postmaster, PFG 10-2	377.00
Postmaster, Non US Mail	20.63
Expense Sub-total	<u>759.41</u>

Operating Fund 09-01-91	<u>5,930.48</u>
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Rackheath Historical Marker	47.50
Albert J. Shower Endowment	<u>746.50</u>
Total Special Funds	<u>834.00</u>

Total All Accounts 09-01-91	<u>\$ 6,724.48</u>
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ROSTER ADDITIONS

Fred O. Andre	El Paso, TX
Richard G. Banister	Erie, PA
William L. Bieber	Spokane, WA
Findley F. Bowling	Sparta, TN
William A. Breckel	Cockesville, MD
Lewis C. Butt	Douglaston, NY
Leslre R. Early	New Philadelphia, OH
Howard J. Hayes	Tigard, OR
James I. Hensley	Wayne, WV
Thomas A. Johnson	San Francisco, CA
Robert E. Kassman	Redding, CA
William E. Medeiros	Hosslistter, CA
Caswell F. Neal	Santa Fe, NM
Leroy W. Reynolds	Salinas, KS
Albert J. Shower, Jr. -A	San Diego, CA
Thomas G. Stoltz	St. Louis, MO
Lyman B. Wiegel	Rogers, AR

Anyone wanting an address, drop me a card. If they live near you, give them a ring, drop by to see them. Don't let any one of them not be welcomed. And please, each of you reading this, send me the names and addresses of any 467th or 2nd Air Division veterans so we can get them on the Group Roster or in contact with their Group representative. The time is now to do this.

LOST SOULS

POOP was returned from the following. Tell us what you know of them, try to locate them if they live in your area.

Robert G. Luddy	Prospect, CT
Walter J. Robinson	Des Moines, IA
John W. Schultz	Esterro, FL
Benjamin R. Sharkey	Medina, OH
Ralph J. Sheriff, Jr.	Piedmont, SC

LAST POST

Andrew P. Allinson	Julio Florez
Delbert T. Been	Al Hoffman

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

DORIS TORRY BETCHER
REST IN PEACE

Ray wrote the sad news that Doris passed away on July 23, 1991 after surgery and a subsequent stroke.

The world is a bit less bright today because she has left us for awhile. Our sincerest sympathies to Nancy, Janice, Gary and Ray.

In tribute to this beautiful lady, read the following by daughter Janice:

"I'd like you to know that I've always been aware that my mother was an amazing person. The older I became, the more I learned about life, and the more I got to know her, the more aware I was!

Mother was equally amazing while she was dying. Even though she had suffered a massive stroke, with her left side paralyzed, she continued to communicate with us for a whole day. While holding her right hand I told her that everyone loved her, as I believed they did. She replied, "I hope so." Your presence here today has shown her that you do.

It is my opinion that Mother truly cared about everyone she kept in contact with, and it has often looked to me as if she stayed in touch with everyone she has ever met in her whole life!

I would like to thank my mother for giving us the opportunity to enjoy her life. And I would like to thank the wonderful, health care personnel at Northern Michigan Hospitals in Petoskey and all of you for making her death a cherished memory."

- Doris' daughter, Janice.

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen.

A LETTER FROM A NEW FOUND VETERAN - EARLY JUNE

Dear Phillip:

It's been 46 years and I never even knew the 467th had anything even resembling an association until one evening my phone rang, and it was like a voice out of the past. I felt like I had been wandering alone out there all those years and finally someone found me. Since I am the lone survivor of my crew, I really felt cheated that I had no one to get together with, to relive those wonderful days of our youth and such great comradeship. But it all came back to me when my phone rang and a voice on the other end asked if this was Clem Plaskiewicz of the old 467th Bomb Group. Well, you could have knocked me over with a wet noodle. A Mr. Fred Holdrege, God bless him, of Durham, N.C. was on the other end. He said he had been trying to locate some members of the old 467th and by combing all the records he could get hold of, he finally located my hometown and by contacting the Chamber of Commerce, got my address and phone number. He said he would get me on the list and send me my first "POOP FROM GROUP."

A couple of weeks ago I received my first "Poop Sheet." Glad to be aboard. That was about the best reading material I've had my hands on since reading the tech manuals on the operation of the C-1 Auto Pilot and the Nordan Bomb Sight.

Even though I don't know any of the people mentioned in it, they all feel like family to me. Hope this letter gets published because it would save a lot of Round-Robin letter writing for me to get in touch with Earl Belisle of Minneapolis. Earl's name was mentioned in the Poop Sheet in a letter from Al Welters. Al said he spoke to Earl and the subject of a B-24 called "Shark Mouth" came up. Well I was in the 790th Squadron and have a couple of pictures of old "Shark Mouth." It has to be the same one. It has a picture of a heart with an arrow through it painted on the side. One of the pictures is "Shark Mouth" parked on the

handstand and the other one is in flight on a mission. If Earl would like to have a copy of these I'd be only too glad to have them made up and sent to him. So, Earl, if you are reading this, and would like to have these pictures, drop me a line and I'll be happy to get them out to you. Since I don't have your address, this would be a lot easier than the Round-Robin I mentioned earlier. Just write to me, Clem Plaskiewicz, 214 Johnson Street, Torrington, CT 06790, or phone 203-482-4831.

The little woman and I are already making plans to attend the reunion in Tucson and just can't wait. We'll be sitting here with our engines revving up until October, with our eyes on the tower waiting for the green flare and all clear to take off.

Once again before signing off, I'd like to thank Fred Holdrege for his diligence in finally locating me and getting my name on the roster. You made my day, Fred. By the way, enclosed find a small check to help defray the cost of publishing.

Looking forward to the next issue of "POOP."
Over and Out, Clem Plaskiewicz T-5429

BITS AND PIECES

Not a lot of written correspondence since POOP 10-2. Did receive 15 donations to the mail-memorial funds in the amount of \$274. I believe they have all been acknowledged and the letters, requiring, answered. Had several good telephone conversations, questions, answers and/or information passed on. Some just called up to chat. Enjoyed them all.

Finished my end, for now, of the Group Roster and it is with Vince LaRussa to be put in semi-final form. We will have it at Tucson and invite you attending to look at the 4,985 names. See if you can give us a name or two. I think we are awfully close to the total number who were assigned or attached to the Group but also I do not believe we will ever know every name, and that is a shame.

I have spread out, congregated, piled upon my work place, the beginning of the effort, finally, to put together Planes and Names, wherein I will try to list each B-24 aircraft assigned to the Group from overseas movement to RZI. Again, Vince will be doing the computer work and I would hope some day to have it available for everyone interested, museums and like.

We picked up a couple more Second Air Division Association Members and had one reinstated in the last notice. The 467th was shown with 498 members in the 2ADA, TENTH out of fourteen bomb groups. Please join or rejoin the Second Air Division. With twelve hundred on our Group roster, we should have a better than TENTH ranking. Send \$10 to Evelyn Cohen, 06-410 DeLaire Landing Road, Philadelphia, PA 19119. And enclose something extra for the Memorial Library Room at Norwich. It is the living legacy of every Second Air Division Veteran. The 2ADA Journal is published quarterly and worth the price of joining. Interesting articles, letters, historical information. I have every copy received since I came into the 2ADA.

Three letters from Peter Bond, the first saying he and his stepson would be coming to Tucson for the 91 Convention. In it he alluded to some lower back problems but didn't dwell on it. The second letter told that his sciatic problem had deteriorated to the extent that he was hospitalized five days a week for therapy (learning to use his legs again) and was getting around with the aid of a walker. He sent his regrets that he would not be able to be with us in Tucson. A third just received says he is using a wheelchair to get around. Drop Peter A. Bond a note at 1 Markham Trw., Bowers Ave., Norwich NR3 2PX England.

More distressing news from England. Tony North, my friend, the Group's friend, especially the Second Air Division Association's friend, Memorial Trust Aide at our Memorial Library room, will not be able to continue in that position after 1 September 91 due to failing eyesight. Tony is awaiting an operation for the cataracts, which hopefully will restore his sight to near normal. It is not known how this would affect his position with the Library as there is a Fulbright Archivist coming to the Library in calendar 1992. The Library needs Tony North, the Second Air Division Association needs Tony North. There has to be something we can do to help ourselves and Tony. More on this at Tucson.

Two additional books have been purchased from the Ken Darney Memorial Fund. Phyllis DuBois wrote Dot that "Fifty Years of American Automobiles" and W. S. Tiff's "Ellis Island" are beautiful books about very popular subjects with the Norfolk readers.

Vince LaRussa, in anticipation of 1992, has begun preliminary talks with Hyatt Travel Service, a firm that writes over \$10 million per year of travel and cruises, toward a trip to England. At this time, we are leaning toward London, Norwich, London for seven days in late May. It is not likely we will have any involvement in the 50th Anniversary activities planned by various organizations of England, it is just an opportunity to return to Norwich and Rackheath, not especially structured, a lot of time to visit Rackheath, ramble through the bramble and briars, see our memorial and historical marker, no rush, no fuss, just enjoy. Col. Shower brought this up at Dearborn, we may have anticipated him; too, he may have got wind of what we were up to. More at Tucson and in next POOP. But, if you have interest in England in '92, not a 467th Convention, just Friends of the 467th, write Vince LaRussa, Phillip Day, or Jack Stevens, who is West Coast Committeeman. Anyone from Midwest, Southeast or Southwest who would want to help, get in touch with Vince.

Had a five-page rebuttal by Ed King to Ralph Elliott's letter in last POOP in reply to Ed King's letter in prior POOP concerning Neinburg Bridge Mission. Decided I could not continue with this controversy in POOP, they can debate it at Tucson and maybe arrive at a conclusion we could print.

Miss Cille and I plan on driving to Tucson. We should be at Abilene, Texas Thursday night; El Paso, Friday, and in Tucson, Saturday noonish. Hope to see you along the way for a chat, a cup of coffee. Maroon Buick, Louisiana tags. Watch for us.

TUCSON CONVENTION 1991

October 12-16, 1991 FINAL RESERVATION and PLANNING NOTES From Ralph Elliott, Reunion Coordinator--Please read carefully for important information:

Change the deadline for REUNION PROGRAM reservations to October 5, BUT after Sept. 10 the Doubletree will be releasing blocked rooms. Call them for availability (800-528-0444), but be prepared to find other accommodations in the area. Alternate hotels:

1. Viscount Suite Hotel, 4855 E. Broadway, Phone 800-527-9666.
2. Embassy Suites, 5335 E. Broadway, Phone 800-362-2799.
3. Smuggler's Inn, 6350 E. Speedway, Phone 800-525-8852.

To date over 25% of the reservations are from FIRST TIMERS so this will be a great chance to meet friends you haven't heard from since Rackheath. Have you contacted your crew members and buddies and asked them to meet you in Tucson? There's still plenty of space, and we're looking forward to a great time.

Remember, your \$175 per person reunion fee covers ALL of the group planned activities; bus tours, entrance fees, lunches, and dinners. We'll be showing you some of the best the Tucson area has to offer, and, if you plan to come early or stay on after the reunion, we can suggest additional sightseeing for you.

IMPORTANT: The only price exception will be made on an individual basis for those members who live here and have seen all of the local attractions or for local sons and daughters or friends whose jobs preclude them from attending the entire program. Even then, I'm sure most of you would enjoy doing the sights again along with your 467th buddies. The tours are only a small part of the total cost. Nogales, Mexico promises to be a fun day, the Desert Museum is worth repeating, and you won't want to miss the DMAFB lunch at the Officer's Club or the program that follows. Please contact me individually for prices.

There has been no change in form or content of the activities as covered in the report in POOP 10-2. In essence:

THE BEST OF THE WEST and A BIT OF OLD MEXICO
Sat. Oct. 12: Main Arrival Day
Evening - Social Gathering.

Sun. Oct. 13: Continental Breakfast. Bus to Nogales, MX. Shopping. Lunch in better Mexican restaurants. Bus to El Presidio of Tubac for craft shops. Evening free.

Mon. Oct. 14: Full Breakfast. Association business meeting. Bus to Pima Air Museum. Lunch on your own. Mexican Fiesta that evening closes out the day's activities.

Tue. Oct. 15: Continental Breakfast. Bus to Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Lunch at Davis-Monthan AFB. Tour aircraft storage area before return to hotel. Western Banquet will close out the day and the reunion.

You will receive a tentative program with your reunion receipt. Main arrival date is Saturday, Oct. 12. If you plan on coming earlier, be sure to contact the Doubletree first as early rooms may be limited by other reunions and conventions.

Let me repeat again that dress for this reunion is INFORMAL with NO requirement for coats and ties. Western wear and blue jeans are IN. Do bring comfortable shoes for walking, although it needn't be extensive if you have a problem getting around. We'll be parking the buses in front of the restaurants in Nogales, Mexico. You can take your time at the Desert Museum, plus wheelchairs are available and there are benches for frequent rest stops.

WEATHER in October: high 84, low 57, humidity 25%, average rainfall .88 of an inch. (That's 88 hundredths for the MONTH, friends). Bring sweaters or light jackets for the cool evenings.

Wednesday is departure day and you're on your own, although you may want to stay a few more days to see the many attractions we haven't had time to show you. Randolph Park, with a zoo and an excellent 36-hole city golf course, is just across the street from the hotel with many public golf courses throughout the city.

RV PARKING: CRAZY HORSE CAMPGROUND at 6660 S. Craycroft Rd., Tucson, AZ 85706; Phone 602-574-0157, has been designated the reunion campground.

RV PARKING RETIRED MILITARY: Davis-Monthan AFB Fam-Camp. Located on base. Call 602-747-9144 for info. Check-in AT camp.

DELTA AIRLINES has been designated the official carrier for the reunion. Phone 800-221-1212 and ask for the Special Meetings Department, reference file No. U37093.

BUDGET RENT-A-CAR has been designated official car rental supplier for the reunion. Call 800-772-3773 for prices and booking through the convention desk or 800-279-0748 or

602-889-8800, Budget of Tucson. Use rate code VAR2/FHBG for travel agent bookings. Prices quoted for day/week are: Compact \$31/117, midsize 33/137, full 2-DR 34/147, full 4-dr 35/157, luxury 43/260. Valid 10-02-10-23.

RENT-A RIDE offers competitive rates, phone 602-750-1900.

GREYHOUND RACE PARK-You may be interested in

"going to the dogs" on Sunday evening, October 13 after we get back from Nogales. Look for particulars at the sign-in desk.

FOLLOW-ON TOURS: For those of you taking commercial tours after the reunion, cars and luggage may be stored at the Doubletree by arrangements with the bell captain.

RESERVATION FORM - 467TH BOMB GROUP (H) REUNION OCTOBER 12-16, 1991

467TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION
Ralph H. Elliott
6000 W. Rafter Circle
Tucson, Arizona 85713
Phone 602-883-8088

NOTE: Reunion reservations may be made until October 5. Call me if later. After September 10 you must call the Doubletree for room availability, phone 800-528-0444.

Name: _____ Wife/Guest Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Arrival: Date: _____ Time: _____ Via: _____

Please indicate if this is your first 467th reunion: _____. Enclose check or money order in the amount of \$175.00 per person made out to: 467th Bomb Group Assn.

Note: If your airline connection is through Phoenix, it may be cheaper to fly to Phoenix, then take a van shuttle to Tucson. ARIZONA SHUTTLE SERVICE (800-888-2749) or BRIDGEWATER TRANSPORT (800-882-7661). Both under \$20.00 per person.

PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW TO MAKE RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL. Hotel tax is 9.5% plus \$1.00 per room city bed tax. Airport shuttle to hotel is \$6.00 per person. Rooms may not be available for check in until 3 P.M. Check-out time 12 noon but may be extended to 2 P.M. with manager's approval. Handicapped rooms available on request. Reservation RECEIPTS for rooms sent only on request.

Important: Without proper notification of a cancelled reservation you will be charged accordingly.

Name: _____

Name(s) of Additional Person(s) Sharing Room: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(Association/Company Name)

(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: () _____

TO SECURE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION YOU MUST ENCLOSE FIRST NIGHTS ROOM DEPOSIT OR COMPLETE CREDIT CARD INFORMATION. Deposit refundable if cancellation notice received 48 hours prior to arrival date. (Check-in time is after 3 pm/ Check-out time is 12 Noon).

Have you been our guest previously? ____Yes ____No



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October 10 - 17, 1991

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THE ABOVE SPECIAL GROUP RATES WILL APPLY 3 DAYS BEFORE AND 3 DAYS AFTER THE OFFICIAL CONFERENCE DATES FOR ALL CONFERENCE ATTENDEES.

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