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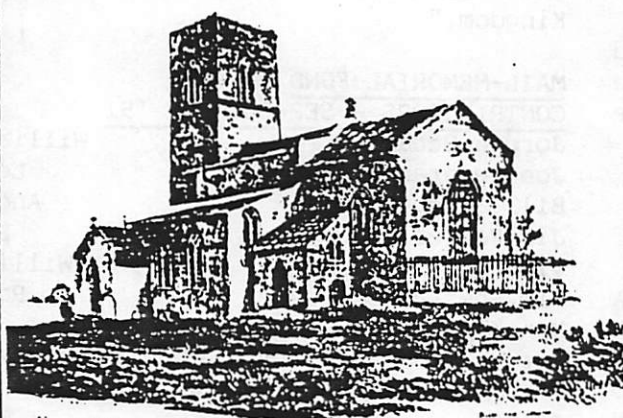
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Season's Greetings

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!

FROM THE PREZ

The 467th joined with the other Groups to meet with the 2nd Air Division in Reunion in July 1991. The meetings and other activities in the interesting community of Dearborn were enjoyed by all who attended this reunion.

The 467th met again in October '91 in Tucson, Arizona for its Group Reunion. A nice attendance of over 260 enjoyed the meetings and the busy activity schedule.

The highlights included a trip by six buses to the shops and restaurants of old Mexico. A short stop was included at the community of Tubac. After a Monday morning meeting there was a trip to the Puma Air Museum. On display were 160 World War Vintage including a B-24 J, with the tail assembly painted with the famous Red with the diagonal White stripe. More than one tear was shed as we looked at the familiar sight.

Next day the Group turned out early for a trip to Arizona's Living Desert Museum which is a sight for everyone to see. We then proceeded to a delightful lunch in the Officers' Club at Davis Monthan Air Base. Besides the active part of the base, we also saw literally thousands of aircraft being stored in certain sections of the base.

Monday night produced a Mexican Fiesta dinner together with appropriate entertainment. Tuesday was our banquet done in a Western Barbecue style and enjoyed by all. This banquet climaxed a very successful year led by our outgoing President Bob Salzarulo and his active committees. All these quite enjoyable activities were handled by Ralph Elliott, Yvonne, his wife, and two daughters Donna and Becky. Ralph left us no doubt that he is a Pro in the Tour Business.

On our break-up day, Wednesday trips for those who wanted were to the Biosphere and to the Grand Canyon.

Elected during this meeting were:

Robert D. Sheehan, President and Director
Ralph Elliott, Vice President and Director
Phil Day, Treasurer
Bill McGovern, Secretary
Mel Culross, Director
Jack Stratton, Director

Hold over directors are Ted Wheeler and Floyd "Puff" Pugh.

In addition to the programmed entertainment, Colonel Al Shower turned from being our Commanding Officer to Producer when he successfully produced a hilarious skit involving the Famous "Witchcraft" Ground Crew of Joe Ramirez, George Dong, and Ray Betcher along with Court Martial Judge. Great fun was enjoyed by all.

We all concluded that due to the extra good efforts of Ralph Elliott and his family that we had a very good Reunion in Tucson and the surrounding communities.

Yours very truly,
Bob Sheehan

ROSTER ADDITIONS

Arthur G. Anderson	Yakima, WA
Frank S. Baker	Broomall, PA
Robert A. Barclay	Portage, MI
Floyd R. Barthel	Grand Junction, CO
Richard L. Becker	Newport, MN
Lewis C. Buffi	Douglaston, NY
Henry A. Brown	Springfield, IL
Michael A. Chernegie	Coronado, CA
William L. Clausen	DeLand, FL
Alvin J. Eischen	Comfrey, MN
Ray Fall	Jackson, MS
Leo F. Feeney	Rockland, MA
Gordon E. Fisk	Huntington, MA
Edward E. Frasier	Sandwich, MA
Leon R. Gebert	Iowa City, IA
John J. Hamilton	Whiting, NJ

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Gerald B. Hunter
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Waterloo, IA
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Honolulu, HI
Glendale, AZ
Butler, PA
Orwigsburg, PA
Petersham, MA
Leon, IA
Tigard, OR
Redwood City, CA
Bon Air, VA
Daytona Beach, FL
Saratoga Springs, NY
Comanche, TX
Alliance, OH
Elliott Lake, Ontario
Hanover, MI
Pataskala, OH
Des Moines, IA
Unionville, CT
Reading, PA
West Hartford, CT
Aitkin, MN
Marblehead, MA
Marblehead, MA
Kingwood, TX
Seymour, TX

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.

Al Eisenlake	North Seattle, WA
Harry A. Mooney	Little Rock, AR
Maynard H. Stimpson	York, NY
Norman Warren	Mena, AR
Edwin E. Wright	Erie, PA

LAST POST

Howard V. Garrett	Howard W. Larson
Weldon Gruver	Leroy C. Mason
James I. Hensley	Charles V. Prue
Clarence R. Ranson	

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

MAIL-MEMORIAL FUND

CONTRIBUTORS - SEP-OCT-NOV '91

Jordan Uttal -A	William Medeiros
Joe Severance, Jr.	Lee Crandell
Bill Ridgeway	Andy Anderson
Jim Farrell	Phillip Day
Vince Re	William Clausen
Jim Sherrard	Ray Beaulieu
Ken Kleinshrot	Art Wicks
for a total of \$295; last three jackets sold for \$75 and Bob Sheehan sent \$94 from decal sales.	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Fund	
Reported \$5930.48 09-01-91	
Should have been	\$ 5,950.48
Contributions	270.00
Jacket Sales (last 3)	75.00
Decal Sales	94.00
Interest - 3 months	66.49
Repayment Tucson Conv. Loan	1,500.00
Sub-total	7,955.97

Expenses	
Secretarial and Roster	175.00
Reproduction, PFG 10-3	211.68
Postmaster, PFG 10-3	377.00
Postmaster, Non US Mail	23.36
Miscellaneous	14.47
Loan Friends of 467th	750.00
Sub-total	<u>1,551.51</u>

Operating Fund 12-01-91 6,404.46

Rackheath Historical Marker	47.50
Albert Joseph Shower Endowment	786.50
Tucson Convention 1991	2,874.25
Total Special Funds	<u>3,708.25</u>

Total All Accounts \$ 10,112.71

TUCSON - 1991 CONVENTION

Partial financials and other. Partial because what follows had to be taken over the phone. Somehow the USPS has not delivered Ralph's letter at November 11 with full accounting on/by November 23.

Income	
Net of Reservations	\$ 42,205.00
Interest	365.00
Loan from Association	1,500.00
Total	<u>44,070.00</u>

Expenses	
Repay Loan	1,500.00
Meals	23,742.00
Tours: Buses and Fees	7,011.00
Registration: Name Tags,	
Bolo Ties, Decorations	3,265.00
Entertainment	1,720.00
Correspondence, incl. Postage	174.00
Miscellaneous, incl. Day Room	1,171.00
Total	<u>38,583.00</u>

Net 5,487.00

Other Income	
Reimbursement A-2 Jackets	20.00
Jewelry Raffle	579.00
Total	<u>599.00</u>

Total Income \$ 6,086.00

All above subject to audit corrections

RETURN TO ENGLAND APRIL 30 - MAY 8, 1992

"Friends of the 467th," probably more appropriately Friends in the 467th, are going to England on April 30, 1992 for one last look. This is not an Association function, it is a privately managed, not-for-profit let me assure you, effort by several of us to fulfill the need to return once again to Norwich-Rackheath-Norfolk County. I have taken the liberty of using this issue of POOP to bring this information to each of our readers, further communication will be handled by the sponsors, Vince LaRussa, Jack Stevens and me, Phillip Day and Hyatt Travel Service, Inc. with whom we are making the arrangements. The 467th talked of going to England in 1992, but found itself again in conflict with the Second Air Division Reunion which will be in Las Vegas, NV, October 4-7, 1992. The 467th will reunion with the 2ADA on those dates. So we moved the England trip as far away as possible, all matters considered, from those dates to cause the least conflict of interest to the 467th members.

THE PROGRAM

THU, April 30: Depart USA via British Airways and/or other recognized air carrier.

FRI, May 1: Arrive London, transfer to London Hotel, Strand Palace or similar--Lunch on own--Afternoon at leisure--Evening reception and welcome dinner.

SAT, May 2: Continental Breakfast--Morning basic London sightseeing tour with stop for Pub lunch--Afternoon free--Dinner on own--Optional, ticket to theater.

SUN, May 3: Continental Breakfast--Morning free--Lunch on own--Afternoon sightseeing tour outside London (Windsor Castle?)--Evening group dinner.

MON, May 4: Continental Breakfast--Motor-coach (Departure 9:00 a.m.) to Norwich--Lunch en route--Check-in Maids Head Hotel--Afternoon free--Evening group dinner and orientation.

TUE, May 5: Full English breakfast--Motor-coach to Rackheath area for tour--Pub lunch--Ceremony at Memorial to present Group Roster--Afternoon on base--Evening group dinner.

WED, May 6: Full English breakfast--Morning free--Lunch on own--Afternoon group tour of Memorial Library Room--Evening Farewell Banquet, Presentation of Group Roster for Memorial Library Room.

THU, May 7: Full English breakfast--Motor-coach (9:00 a.m. departure) to London hotel--Lunch on own--Afternoon free--Evening farewell group dinner.

FRI, May 8: Continental Breakfast--Transfers to London airports--Depart for USA (or other by arrangement).

THE LAND PACKAGE:

Round-trip airport/hotel transfers in England
Baggage handling (1 bag per person)
Seven hotel nights (3 London, 3 Norwich, 1 London)
Meals as indicated
Hotel Taxes
Sightseeing as noted
Tips to Escorts and Drivers
Tour Manager (Insight International Tours, Inc.)
Insight Tours Travel Bag, Wallet and Information Book

Land Package Cost:

Twin or Double Room \$1,150.00 per person.
The Land Package Cost does not include:
Items of a personal nature
Air Fare (See below)
Cancellation Insurance (See below)

AIR/LAND PACKAGES:

Includes Land Package and Air Fare (round-trip) from the following Gateway cities:
Boston/New York/Newark/Philadelphia \$1599.00
Washington/Pittsburgh/Detroit/Chicago \$1699.00
Atlanta/Miami/Tampa/Orlando/
Dallas/Houston \$1729.00
Seattle/Los Angeles/San Francisco \$1799.00

The above rates computed on using British Airways from named Gateway Cities. Other cities and/or airlines will be computed on request to Hyatt Travel Service, Inc.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:

THIS RETURN TO NORWICH TOUR WILL BE LIMITED TO 100 PERSONS AND THE LIST WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON A FIRST-RECEIVED BASIS. RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED TO JANUARY 15, 1992.

- 1) Use the Registration Form printed below.
- 2) Fill in as completely as possible.
- 3) A deposit of \$300.00 per traveler (on form) is required for a reservation.
- 4) The final payment is due no later than 15 February 1992.
- 5) Payments must be made by check only, made payable to Hyatt Travel Service, Inc.

CANCELLATIONS:

To cancel your reservation, notify Hyatt Travel Service, Inc. in writing. The cancellation charge per traveler will be:

Cancel prior to Jan 15, 1992 No Penalty
Cancel between Jan 16 and Mar 15 \$100 Penalty

Cancel between Mar 16 and Mar 30 25% Penalty
Cancel between Mar 31 and Apr 21 35% Penalty
Cancel between Apr 22 and Apr 29 50% Penalty
Cancel within 24 hours of departure 100% Penalty

Regarding Cancellation Insurance:

It is strongly recommended that everyone purchase trip insurance. At this time it appears that the cost will be a premium at approximately \$100 per traveler including trip cancellation/delay, medical evaluation, baggage and baggage delay, etc. Hyatt will offer a brochure of suitable insurance when your registration deposit is acknowledged.

Upon receiving your reservation deposit(s), Hyatt will acknowledge and contact you for/with additional information such as special dietary

requirements, trip cancellation insurance information, optional London Theater package, home city to gateway, other travel arrangements/costs, etc.

Should you have any questions concerning the foregoing, you should call MARY ANN LOGARIOIS at 1-800-777-4928 or, if you wish, you can FAX her at 716-633-2208. When using her WATS number, please advise receptionist that you are calling long distance. May Ann is the contact for this tour.

Travel arrangements provided by Hyatt Travel Service, Inc.

Land arrangements provided by Insight International Tours, Inc.

Air Arrangements provided by British Airways and/or other recognized air carrier.

REGISTRATION FORM
Friends of the 467th Return to Norwich
April 30 - May 8, 1992

Traveler #1

Passport Name--Last First MI

Street or P. O. Box

City State Zip

Phone ()

U.S. Passport No.

You must have a valid U.S. Passport for travel outside the United States.

Do you request information on air travel cost from home city to gateway? Yes No

If traveling alone, would you be willing to share a room? Yes No

Do you want to extend your departure date from May 8? Yes No

Gateway City

Air/Land Package

Land Package Only

Reservation Enclosed \$300

Final Payment Due by 2-15-92

Traveler #2

Passport Name--Last First MI

Street or P. O. Box

City State Zip

Phone ()

U.S. Passport No.

Gateway City

x = \$

x = \$

x = \$

x = \$

Make your reservation check payable to and mail with this form to: Hyatt Travel Service, Inc., 7 Hopkins Road, Williamsville, NY 14221-3584.

PX

Three items only in this, but a comment: I was asked why PX (Post Exchange) instead of BX (Base Exchange). It is just because I remember PX from '42-'45 and had little experience with BX of later times.

"The History of the 467th" - Allan Healy's 1947 book in its third (and probably final) reprint. 31 bucks from Vince LaRussa, 97 Grayton Rd., Tonawanda, NY 14150. Just a few left.

467th BG(H)/2nd Air Division Window Decal - 3 dollars each from Bob Sheehan, 1828 E. 27th St., Tulsa, OK 74114.

Profits from the above two items are given to the Association. Bob has sent \$94 in this quarter; Vince will be clearing his book account very soon.

J. Dzenowagis Military Video History Project 4397 South Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864.

To preserve the remembrances of 2nd Air Division witnesses to the history of WWII, Eight VHS (only) Videotapes, containing over 200 interviews, have been produced so far. Write Joe for his brochure, order especially The 467th BG Family Reunion Album (\$49.50) which covers the Association convention in Shreveport in 1987.

Proceeds above costs in this project will be donated to the 2ADA for the Memorial Room.

Editor's Note: Joe and Helen Dzenowagis were at Tucson but did not work toward a documentary. I'm glad. Every convention-reunion I have attended where they, with their son and daughter, have been, they always have worked so hard and such long hours, taping

interviews, showing results, that they could have had little time to enjoy. I hope they had a very enjoyable time at Tucson.

A LETTER FROM JIM FARRELL

Dear Phil,

Thought that I would share with all of you our recent trip to Rackheath. Before our trip in September, we corresponded with Tony North (a practice he recommends to all, as opposed to 'just dropping in'). As a result we spent almost six hours with Tony and his contact from Rackheath, Tom Dungar. We arrived in Norwich on September 11th from Edinburgh. Found the Heathcote Hotel adequate and convenient to walk to the library in which the Memorial Room is located.

Tony North had suggested that we walk and our first shock was to find that Tony had been hit by a car in a cross-walk two days before. His right shoulder had been dislocated. He had also received many assorted bruises on his ribs and legs.

Next we met Phyllis DuBois, who has the responsibility for running the Memorial Room. Our schedule permitted adequate time to browse, but not to really study the contents. We did find a lack of material on Arkansas, which we are in the process of remedying, and plan to send information to Phyllis.

Returning to the hotel, we picked up the rental car to drive to Tom Dungar's home at Rackheath. Tom Dungar is the principle liaison or contact for returning "Rackheath Aggies." Tom's family has been associated with Rackheath for generations. His Grandmum was a maid at

age 12, and his Grandfather was in charge of the kitchen gardens.

Josie, my wife, Tony, Tom and myself went to the Green Man Pub for lunch. It wasn't until they took me into the original Pub room that I began to remember how it used to be. I'm 6'4", the ceiling was and is perhaps 2" higher at most. I mainly remember biking to the Green Man, it was always dark inside, the air heavy with tobacco smoke, and drinking warm, flat half and half. Remember running into a 'drunk front' on the road home with blacked out conditions and narrow, hedge-bordered country lanes all the way to the gate. Can anyone recall why in the world we went there instead of the Club? Time has eroded the "why" for me.

After a Ploughman's lunch, we toured Rackheath including the Manor, the old kitchen gardens and the Industrial Park that now pretty well replaces all the Rackheath we knew. However, there were some visible remains of our buildings: one hangar (of original two) across from the Debriefing Room and Medical Dispensary; behind these can be seen the bottom two stories of the Tower. The glass top left long ago to become someone's Green House. Additionally, I saw the Guard Shack where we all surely remember pulling 24-hour Officer of the Day Duty.

We returned to Tom's home and were rewarded with a VCR taping of Lt. Col. Mahoney's movie films of Rackheath. They included forming over 'the Wash' and a mission that my crew flew. Tom brought out his albums of photos and continued to share his boyhood memories of Rackheath. He was age 14 when our group was there. My wife and I were overcome with the obvious care, concern, and degree of reverence these people held for us Yanks who flew out of Rackheath. I had not been sure how we'd be remembered, as my last war memories of Rackheath included the famous bike "runover" on the tarmac incident! Neither of us were prepared for the marvelous warmth we were involved with for our entire stay in Norwich. Of our over three weeks in England, Scotland and Holland, the Norwich/Rackheath visit was by far the highlight of our trip.

This is a message to anyone who has postponed his return to Rackheath, for whatever reason. Each year takes its toll of the original buildings, and to our friends, i.e., Tony North. Return before you miss the firsthand tales from our English guides. Returning to our old base as individuals, does provide a 'one-on-one' basis for the memories of 1943, '44, and '45. But please, do it alone or as a group, while everyone is physically able to enjoy, BUT DO IT!

If I can help anyone plan a trip to Norwich/Rackheath, please call or write to me: Jim Farrell, 1 Alba Circle, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas 71909 - (501) 922-3398.

A LETTER FROM WILLIAM CLAUSEN

Bob Sheehan advises that you handle the roster, and Newsletter. I would much appreciate being included in the group and may make the trip to Rackheath next year. I served for 30 months in Iceland and was transferred directly to the 470th Sub-Depot attached to the 467th BG. It really was great to get away from the spit and polish we went through in Iceland. I ran the Instrument Shop in Rackheath from about March or April 1944 to April 1945 at which time they sent me home for R&R. Luckily VJ day came; I was discharged and spent the next 30 years with American Airlines. I'm enclosing a donation for your newsletter, and need an application for membership in the group.

Sincerely,

William L. Clausen, EX M/Sgt.

Editor's Note: Wrote William to get in touch

with Walt Randlow who is coordinating 470th Sub-Depot people.

A LETTER FROM JAMES A. (SECCAFICO) ROBERTS For Everybody's Eyes:

There may still be those who recall my "Damon Runyonesque," Quick with the word, Quick with the comment, Quick with the nickname, Always defensive-aggressive and half-nuts personality.

I was the guy who originated the name "Black Al." (Please forgive me Col. Shower, but after 47+ years, it's too late to change.)

This momentous event occurred in the "O" Club at Rackheath while rapping with Bob Doenges (789). We were in the first three weeks of stand down, isolation and restricted to the base. A very inopportune time for active, questionable minds.

"Black Al" was not on the list at first. We bandied Tall Al, Stretch, Mean Al and a few others--then "Voila," Black Al jumped out of nowhere, from my ever-moving mouth. It was not ascribed to any evil or dark intentions on Col. Shower's part--in fact, it had to do with that "moustache." Every single time Col. Shower addressed any of us personally and may have held some doubts, or questions, or wasn't exactly convinced--then the moustache would quiver, waver, or tremble, or whatever. This was a dead giveaway for any of us to cut out, while the cutting was good, because the hammer was getting ready to fall (at least we thought so).

The companion name "Pink Al" originated in that same session, and those reasons were obvious to us peasants at that time.

The "Poop From Group" was the next item which came at a late rap session, still in the stand down, isolated, restricted to the Base, time-frame, though I'm not sure now. I believe it was due to our impatience at being held down, and held back from combat. We were eager, "un-proficient" beavers and didn't know it--so, we continually asked what's the latest "Poop From Group."

A note may be of interest to nobody: After being transferred to the 801/492 B.G. "Carpetbaggers," I made a point of buzzing Rackheath after every single night's mission (19 of them) for a friendly "time to wake up" call. Had to give up this hobby when we were transferred to Italy.

Editor's Note: Jim went from 29th BG to 470th BG to 467th BG and overseas with 467th. On 12 September 1943 he assumed command of the 467th BG(H) when the Cadre went to Orlando, Florida School of Applied Tactics and on the same day became CO of 788th, 789th, 790th and 791st BSCH at Mountain Home, Idaho. He was in 789th Air Echelon to Rackheath with Tormoen's crew and at Rackheath he was Assistant Operations Officer of 788th BS. He went to 801st BG(P) (night operations) with 788th and eventually to Italy flying similar missions. He says picture on page 48 of Healy's History is actually of second mission and he is little popeyed guy with cigarette in his mouth.

A LETTER FROM GEORGE T. JOHNSON

Dear Phil,

I've often wondered what happened to the PALACE MEAT MARKET and now I know. I was one of the instructor pilots/flight leaders sent to the 467th at Wendover (Salzarulo's squadron) to train the 467th. I still remember the day I got the MARKET...signed a hand receipt for "one each, B-24, Liberator aircraft, \$350,000" or words to that effect. My crew and I argued about a name for the airplane and finally settled for PALACE MEAT MARKET because the girl I was dating in Salt Lake City worked for the Palace Market, a big wholesaler of meat for that area, and they had all met her. Of course

each guy wanted to name it after his wife or girlfriend but Lorraine was the one person we all knew. I wanted it called SWEET LORRANE (there was a popular song) but that was ruled out so we named it after the place where she worked. The picture on the nose of the aircraft showed a hot dog in a bun with an arm hanging down and a bomb in the hand and a grinning face on the hot dog. We flew the aircraft seven times in daylight bombing before leaving it behind to become Carpetbaggers. Must have been a lot of wear and tear on the old bird before it was retired somewhere.

George T. Johnson

A LETTER FROM GEORGE IWAMOTO

Dear Sir:

"Ano Ai Kealoha!" (Greetings and Aloha!) from sunny and cool Hawaii! We just got back from a visit in the State of Arizona and had the most wonderful time there..."Praise the good Lord" that we came home in one piece to Hawaii.

While we were in Scottsdale, we stayed at the Pima Golf Resort visiting our ex-Air Corpsmen and was invited to their beautiful homes and one of the "hosts" was telling us there is a 467th Bomb Group Association in Tucson and why don't you write to them if we want to join the 467th Bomb Group Association and he gave us the address. I was in the 467th only a short while in Rackheath in England until the 6339th U.S. Intelligence and Interrogators Detachment (a full Colonel) came to see me as I'm Japanese-American. I was sent to Fort Snelling and Camp Savage for further Japanese language courses and after completing the regular Japanese language courses, I was sent to Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Georgia and returned to Camp Savage with the rank of Second Lieutenant and was put in charge of 15 Japanese-American interpreters, all GI's from Hawaii, operating command of a team that was considered to be "ultra high secret weapon" in the O.S.S. (Office of Strategic Service). Although assigned to what was ostensibly a "covert intelligence unit," I got more than my share of "front-line action." Our unit was sent to Burma where we made daring parachute jumps behind the Japanese Forces line in order to train, arm and mobilize Chinese "guerrilla" troops, among other duties and later to join the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional) led by Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill better known as "Merrill's Marauder's."

After the war, in August 1945, our unit, the 6339th U.S. Intelligence and Interrogators Detachment, was sent to Tokyo, Japan and assisted the Japanese "War Crimes Trials" and executions, etc.

I was in the 467th Bomb Group only for six months in Rackheath, England...would I qualify to join your association??? Last year on December 2-20, 1990, we went to London, England and it was very "nostalgic" for me as we went to Rackheath and saw all the improvements, etc.

May GOD richly bless you as you continue to serve HIM!

Mahalo nui loa and Aloha!
George and Joyce Iwamoto,
your friends in Hawaii

P.S. I'm 72 years old. We stayed at The Ritz Hotel in Piccadilly Square in London, England and located in London's fashionable West End overlooking Green Park, and the building is of exquisite Louis XVI decor and the Palm Court is open in the afternoon for afternoon tea. (What, no beer???)

BITS AND PIECES

Too many of you are getting sick, having operations. Cut it out, that is my prerogative. My cardiovascular checkup today was good on a scale of good-better-best. I'm pleased; last time I was poor. Lloyd Haug is

free and clear of the Big C after an operation. Ron Rambosky is recovering from 4X bypass. Ralph Elliott hasn't been in hospital in over eight weeks. Praise God for all the good news.

On the downside, Peter Bond is still confined to his wheelchair, awaiting word from a specialist in London as to future medical action for his back problem. Tony North has not had any good news to date concerning his eyesight. For these two and for the many others of us who are not well, offer prayers for their timely recovery.

At Tucson, Ralph and Yvonne Elliott's daughters, Becky Price and Donna Sibley, were much in evidence and, I believe, apologies to Ralph and Yvonne, made the whole thing go. Vince and Gloria LaRussa's son and grandson, David and Colin also contributed to our Tucson enjoyment.

Special thanks to Roger Giblin, he who bought a Rolex watch in Mexico for \$25, for taking pictures of every attendee at Tucson and furnishing them to us at the Convention.

The Hill-Thomas hearings were much in/on news during the Convention. We had two hearings of our own at Tucson. George Dong and Joe Ramirez were finally caught up with and stood trial--Courts-Martial--whatever for purloining four Stromberg-Carlson carburetors from stores in 1945 to put on "Witchcraft" before RZI. Associate Jim Gummelt prosecuted them diligently with Mel Culross abetting, but Joe outfoxed them with irrefutable logic while George relied on "harassment", whether ethnic, age, political or military was never established, to clear them of the charges. Col. Shower was chagrined, he thought he had the foxy rascals, but they slipped away once again. A fine time enjoyed by all.

The Colonel was victim of a "lynching" by a trio of uncouths (See picture last page) on an evening not as enjoyable, in fact watched with reluctance and trepidation by some of us, by me. But the Colonel took it in good humor and it ended well.

Jay Shower, Jr. found/discovered one of his personal Naval aircraft, an RA 5C Vigilante, at the Pima Air Museum. He had flown it for over 400 hours, 200 at Mach 2, while stationed in Albany, Georgia and Key West, Florida. Jay flew his Dad, Mel Culross, Joe Ramirez and George Dong to and from Tucson. His picture on back also, with Colonel and Mel.

It was suggested that contributors to the Association's mail-memorial funds be recognized in POOP. I've done so, but still intend to personally acknowledge each. I haven't done all to date but will get to it.

Jeff Gregory, in his capacity of Repository Study Chairman, will try to attend the groundbreaking ceremony of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society Museum in Savannah, Georgia in January, 1992. We do so need a place to place our Group/Personal memorabilia. You all from Savannah area, write, call Jeff at 3110 Sheridan Drive, Garland, Texas 75041, and offer your help in his visit/project.

Join the Second Air Division Association. Dues will be \$15 per year, effective 01-01-92. As announced by Richard M. Kenney, 2ADA President in Fall, 91 Journal, without explanation save "I think we can all agree that not only has the time come for this action, but, in reality, is long overdue." It would have been in order, President, for some explanation of what the extra \$40,000 per year was going to do. Send 2ADA dues to Ms. Evelyn Cohen, Apt. 06-410 Delaire Landing Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114.

I am going to close this now for the typist. Will think of a dozen things more before this afternoon but have to stop somewhere.

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