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**FROM THE PREZ
CONVENTION 2004**

The Northern Kentucky area was selected during the Business Meeting of the Group during Convention 2003. The Radisson River Front was selected as the hotel of choice. We will have our buffet dinner at the revolving restaurant on Monday evening, which will give everyone an excellent view of the riverfront area. The cost of this convention will be \$275 per person. All aspects have been finalized and I will put a schedule of events in this newsletter. On the reservation form you will find a couple of selections. I would appreciate it a lot if you would kindly select what you want as that will allow me to plan the participation. The cost of all events is included in the convention fee. Lunch is on your own for Monday and Tuesday. On Tuesday evening we will have a DJ for listening and dancing. Wednesday night we will have the Fourtunenets, a barbershop quartet for during the dinnertime, and for a guest speaker we have Mr. Thomas Griffin, the navigator on ship #9 of the

Doolittle Raiders. He is a most interesting speaker. There are trips to the Aquarium, a trip to the US Air Force Museum in Dayton and a Cities area tour combined with a tour of the Cincinnati Museum in the Union Terminal. Schedule of Events as follows:

- SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2004
 Registration and Arrival Day
7:00 – 9:30 PM – Welcoming reception for a Taste of Cincinnati buffet
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2004
7:00 – 9:00 AM – The Riverview Buffet will be served the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms, badges are required.
9:00 AM – The Bus will depart for the Air Force Museum.
9:30 AM – The Bus will depart for the Cities Area Tour.
11:30 AM - Tour bus will return to Hotel to drop off Tour Guide and stop for lunch.
12:30 AM - Tour bus will depart for the Cincinnati Museum Center.

7:00 - 8:00 PM – Cocktails in the Riverview Revolving Restaurant at the top of the hotel. (Drink Ticket per night per person in package. Additional drinks – pay as you go).

8:00 - 9:30 PM – Enjoy the Diner Buffet at the Riverview Revolving Restaurant

9:00 – 11:00 PM – Hospitality Room Open.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2004

7:00 – 9:00 AM – The Riverview Buffet will be served the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms, badges are required.

10:00 AM – First bus departs for the Newport Aquarium Tour.

10:45 AM - Second bus departs for the Newport Aquarium Tour. Across from the Newport Aquarium are several eating areas that will satisfy your hunger for lunch.

1:00 PM - First bus will return from the Aquarium area.

2:00 PM - Second bus will return from the Aquarium area.

3:00 PM - Third bus will return from the Aquarium area. Anyone missing the last bus can return to the hotel via the Southbank Shuttle Tank, which stops at the Radisson hotel. (Fee \$0.50 as a Senior Citizen showing your Medicare card).

7:00 - 8:00 PM – Cocktails in the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms set for dinner seating (Drink Ticket per night per person in package. Additional drinks – pay as you go). Background music by Chuck Drake DJ.

8:00 – 9:00 PM – Enjoy the Chicken Cordon Blue or Pork Loin Crusted with Rosemary in the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms. Background music by Chuck Drake DJ.

9:00 – 11:00 PM –1940 - 1960 music for your Listening or Dancing, as you wish with Chuck Drake DJ.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2004

7:00 – 9:00 AM – The Riverview Buffet will be served the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms, badges are required.

9:30 – 10:30 AM – Board Meeting for current board members in Ralph Davis room. (See room number on the Easel in the Hospitality Room to confirm).

10:45 – 11:45 AM – Membership Business Meeting in the Keeneland room.

12:00 – 2:00 PM – Lunch (Soup & Sandwich Buffet) in the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms.

2:30 – 3:30 PM – Newly elected board meeting in Ralph Davis Room. (See room number on the Easel in the Hospitality Room to confirm).

7:00 – 8:00 PM – Cocktails in the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms for conversation and seating. (Drink Ticket per night per person in package. Additional drinks – pay as you go).

8:00 – 9:00 PM – Reverend Gary Griesser will give the Invocation and sing The National Anthem. Enjoy the Roast Prime Rib of Beef in the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms! The Fourtunenets will walk around the tables during the meal for your enjoyment.

9:00 – 10:30 PM – Mr. Thomas Griffin, a Navigator in ship #9 of the Doolittle Raiders will be the guest speaker. Recognition of air and ground crew members, first

timers, foreign visitors and family attendees of members will be covered.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2004

6:00 – 9:00 AM – The Riverview Buffet will be served the Thoroughbred and Keeneland rooms.

9:00 – 12:00 AM – Memorabilia Room will be open for those who have items to take back with them. Please see that everything is removed by 12:00 noon.

CONVENTION 2005

I know we have reviewed some other locations for 2005; however, because the anniversary of the B-24 is being celebrated in 2005 in San Diego, I thought that this location would be a good west coast selection for 2005. I can look into the cost and events and provide additional information to the Directors before the next newsletter and perhaps have a decision to present to the group at the next business meeting in Northern Kentucky. I'm sure Jack Stevens will work with me to come up with enough information to make a decision.

THANKS FOR YOUR KIND THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

We have herd from many of you and I want you to know that I truly appreciate your kind thoughts and prayers for Doris. I have had her home since the 20th of February. She seems to be doing better at home. I am now doing things that in some cases I never did before and some that I did many years ago and now am doing again. Doris is walking better, but still needs help. She still needs help with the walker. Her strength has not returned as yet. She is saying more words and responding better to everyone but me. I've been told this is normal for the spouse. She still requires someone, to feed; however, she can hold a drinking glass and on some occasions will feed herself. It is doubtful that she will be able to attend the Northern Kentucky Convention.

DIRECT COMMUNICATION

The use of the toll free number is doing better, but I had considerable postage forwards this time period. Please let me know when you move. The number is **1-877-882-7235**. You can use this for news, last posts, address changes, comments, etc.

INTERNET - WEB PAGE OF THE 467th

The 467th now has its own domain name, **467bg.com**. Please visit the site and let me or Bob know your comments. We are still updating it and want to get all of the latest information. If you have any picture of crews or individuals that you want on the web site, please send them to me and I will scan them and return the photos to you. You may also e-mail them to me if you do not want to send them through the mail.

2ND ADA VP - JACK STEVENS

It's the middle of February and we have another beautiful day in San Diego with blue skies and bright sunshine, thc temperature's gone from 50 early this morning to 65 now - in mid afternoon. Just another day in Paradise. But, back to 467th and 2nd ADA matters.

When you read this, our SO Cal. 2-nd ADA Debriefing Team's February Meeting and 29

February 23rd Annual So Cal Reunion Dinner will be two more memorable events in 2nd ADA History. The next scheduled get together is our 2nd ADA Annual Convention at Philadelphia (the Birthplace of our Nation). And, if we can't see patriots George Washington and Ben Franklin in Independence Hall, we'll see real-life patriots - like you. It will be a chance to experience history - past and present. (For details, see The JOURNAL for winter 03-04)

FROM: Wed, 26 May - Registration/Early Bird Party

TO: Sun, 29 May - Buffet Breakfast/Finale

And here are two excerpts from Ray Strong's 2nd ADA. Division Headquarters of February 2004 which reflect the continuing mutual regard and cooperation resulting from our 2nd ADA. Memorial in Norwich:

5strong's Feb04NewsLetter

From the Summer Edition of "Second Thoughts", the newsletter of "Friends of the 2nd Air Division Memorial", as contained in a committee report of their Annual General Meeting

"The present Committee are committed . . . "To receive and aid all Veterans of the 2nd AD, 8th USAAF, and their sons and daughters and indeed their grandchildren, offering transportation to their old bases and to offer open house where possible and help in any way we can. To assist in the New Memorial Library in the Forum, Norwich where we could assist as couriers, guides and drivers, and to raise funds to ensure that we are able to help anyone in need."

From an article in the :Nov 03 issue of Heritage Herald by our Fulbright Librarian, Tahitia Orr:

"We were involved in a pilot run of a new web site that the BBC has launched called "The Peoples War". On this interactive site the users register and then can enter their (or their family's) memories of WW II. It is searchable, features bulletin boards for users to communicate with one another, and even offers an editorial board to help those unsure of their writing ability. The web site is www.bbc.co.uk/dna/ww2/

"During the pilot project, we invited folks to the library to try out the web site and to see what type of help they might need. One of the best things (about the web site), in my opinion, is the interest it is generating in the wartime generation regarding computers. People who had never handled a mouse before sat down and had a great time exploring. It's so wonderful to see the faces light up and confidence build We've teamed up with the Norfolk and Norwich Millenium Library (in which we are housed) and they are going to offer basic Internet classes using The People's War web site as an example. The Memorial Library is holding several open days when the public computers will be reserved for The People's War use. Extra staff will help out at the terminals and lots of folks will be invited for tea, biscuits and a walk down memory lane.

"The BBC is really keen to have memories of all types entered into the database and we are encouraging our American veterans to register and log their wartime stories. The web site is up and running now so please let the veterans in your life know about this opportunity or

enter your family's stories on your own. We here at the library are very excited about the possibility of passing those precious wartime tales on to the next generation in yet another format."

INDIVIDUAL OBSERVATION

When I put Mr. Sorenson's letter in the last newsletter at the request of Walter Mundy, I advised Geoff Gregory that I was doing so and told him if he had a response, I would print it. I can understand the three comments of Geoff's, but the fourth is difficult for me. Bob Cash's decision not to serve again as VP was because the normal trend of progression was to put him in as President. This to me would be a blow to my pride and dignity. Evidently he either did not want to make a spectacle of himself in front of the other members at the meeting or he had to have time to think over his action as a result of the action taken. I do not know what transpired at the meeting between Geoff and Walt. The only thing I am sure of is that both, and including their lovely wives, are very dear friends of Doris and I and we love them all. I respect and admire their service to the group and group projects. I have tried on several occasions to mend the hurt feelings, but evidently with little success. The 467th Bombardment Group (Heavy) is deeply indebted to both for their exceptional service to the group and always will be. We need their continued service for many years to come. I personally make use of their expertise on many occasions including the task of Conventions. I know they both have their own idiosyncrasies and I respect and accept them both. As long as I am a part of the 467th I shall always support the Memorial Library, The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum and any other project that promotes the B-24 aircraft. I hope this is the end of this controversy and that we can get back to 467th business and enjoy the upcoming Convention in Northern Kentucky

TO THE GROUP - GEOFFREY GREGORY

Most of you know me and know that I have been active in the 2nd ADA and 467th B G affairs for more than 25 years.. I intend to address the circumstances surrounding the letter written by Neal Sorenson as published in the Winter POOP. I will also include some issues raised by Walter Mundy as written by Walt.

I had opposed the publication of Mr. Sorenson's letter because I felt it was very divisive, inaccurate and written by a person **not even in attendance at the Executive Committee 2 ADA meetings!** The line between fact and fiction is a fine one, and can sometimes become blurred by personal agendas or personal ambitions. I appreciate the comments of President Davis in publishing the letter, but I feel I must make the following comments. which I have numbered.

1- There was ample time allocated at the Excom meeting for a discussion from the floor of the Butler/Cash re-nomination- **nothing was heard from any one ~ not even the letter writers!**

2- The opportunity to discuss this issue was again available at the following-open to the entire membership-

business meeting. **Again - Nothing was heard of from anyone - not even the letter writers!** I note that Walter was NOT in attendance at this or any of the following meetings of the convention or post-convention meetings of the Excom.

3- When the re-nomination vote was taken at the Excom meeting, there were 20 eligible voters in attendance. **A Secret ballot resulted in a vote of 18 to 2 in favor of the re-nomination.** I repeat- not one voice was heard in protest or question. All this vote actually amounted to was to ask the President, Dick Butler, and the Vice President, Bob Cash, to serve as is for one more year. This proposed extension was to be presented to the membership at the general business meeting the next morning.

4- That evening, however, at the **Convention Buffet Dinner**, Bob presented Dick with a letter of resignation. This was a complete surprise, as Bob had made no negative comment at any point in the discussions at the previous meetings. This placed President Butler in a very difficult situation; he thought he had Bob's acceptance. Butler approached Bob and asked him to reconsider- to no avail.

Before continuing, permit me to make this abundantly clear. I have always considered Bob to be a good friend, and a fine upstanding professional man. He is certainly a war hero of the first rank. We have socialized and worked together on several occasions in Dallas. ANYONE who insinuates in ANY way that I, or anyone associated with me, would deliberately act in a manner to hurt this man is guilty of monstrous falsehood! Most people-including myself- consider President Dick Butler, to be one of the best Presidents the 2nd ADA has had. We are at a critical time in considering the future of the 2nd ADA, and Dick is in on the ground work of this situation. With that in mind, most members-myself included-felt that the re-nomination of Butler/Cash was in the best interests of the **Association**. Neal expressed his opinion that some long time members acted as being paranoid in their support of the Memorial Library in Norwich. Since personally, I want to protect the Fulbright connection, and the financial good health and longevity of our unique Memorial, I guess I am one of the paranoid.

In concluding my response to Neal's letter, I can only say this: I have been forthright in explaining the events surrounding the re-nomination of President Butler and Bob Cash. The letters that have been circulating are full of inaccuracies, and written by people WHO WERE NOT THERE. They have caused many hurtful and divisive feelings among members who have been friends for many years. This, at a time when we are all "winding down" and should be enjoying the camaraderie of each other! With that in mind, I had refrained from speaking earlier, and requested that the letter not be published. Since the letter DID appear, I have felt I must speak and present the actual true events as they occurred. I WAS THERE!

At this time, I wish to address one last issue that has deeply distressed me as well as my wife. **I have been**

accused of lying, participating in some kind of conspiracy, and of tainting the election process. Walter Mundy has demanded my resignation as well as that of President Butler. I have tried to serve the 467th and the 2nd ADA both honorably and well. However, that is not for me to judge.

One last quick story of interest. Surely everyone is aware of Evelyn Cohen's long years of devotion of service to, and hard work in the 2nd ADA. She recently wrote a letter on 2nd ADA stationery to President Ralph Davis, expressing some frustration with the 467th B G and the 8th Air Force Heritage Museum. The matter could have been settled quietly in a courteous and private manner. Walter chose confrontation by introducing it at an Excom meeting. He put forth a motion DEMANDING an apology from Evelyn. His motion was soundly defeated 14-6. At this point, Walter stormed out of that meeting and out of the rest of the convention- thus accounting for his absence at the business meeting. For your contemplation. In a casual conversation ~ I had had with Evelyn - re- the re-nomination of Butler, let me quote her answer. " I would probably vote against it. Walter wanted an extension of HIS term as President, and didn't get it. I do not want to hurt his feelings" How ironic is that?

I hope these comments and explanations prove helpful and uniting. Thanks for reading and consideration of my comments.

NEWS FROM STATION 145

The Winter is almost behind us and the daffodils are beginning to flower. The Marker has weathered well and in April we will hoist the new flags. A special showing of "A Village Remembers" (The James Mahoney Film) is being held in the Village Hall at Rackheath later this month as part of a "Forties Evening" which should be fun.

Last week we gave two showings of "Roll of Honor", that amazing film by the Dzenowagis family. The first was in Brooke Village Hall to a packed audience. As always everyone was deeply moved, many to tears, as they relived that wonderful week in 2001 when you opened your new Memorial Library. Then we moved to the superb Anglian Leisure Centre at Norwich Airport for another full house and again the same reaction, moving and friendship. There is no doubt that this film is the best PR tool we have for your Memorial as it really catches the spirit and feeling of the 2nd AD Memorial and we can never thank the Dzenowagis family enough.

The Appeal for your Memorial has started with donations already starting to come in but it will be a long haul. However we do need to raise the value of the Capital fund to ensure the long term future of this unique memorial.

Finally, on a sad note, my tour as Honorary Squadron Commander of the 351st ARS at Mildenhall is nearly over. The USAF have given me a great two years

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Convention Registration Form - Northern KY., Oct. 3 -7, 2004

467th Bombardment Group Association (H) Ltd.

(Complete this form and mail along with deposit to Ralph Davis)

(Please fill in all the requested blanks to assist Convention Records)

Name _____
Last First M.I. Badge - Name

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone No. () _____ - _____ e-mail address _____

First Timer Yes () No () Accompanied By;

Name _____
Last First M.I. Badge - First Name

Name _____
Last First M.I. Badge - First Name

Name _____
Last First M.I. Badge - First Name

Date of Arrival and time _____ A.M.- P.M. (Very Important)
Date Time

Date of Departure and time _____ A.M.- P.M. (Also Important)
Date Time

Arriving via Car() / () Air line _____ Flt # _____

Car arrivals: From I - 75 take exit 192 on to 5th Street, Hotel on North side. Address is 668 West Fifth Street.

Air arrivals: The hotel has complimentary airport transportation.

Vehicle Parking: The hotel has complimentary parking and in room coffee maker, iron, ironing board and hair dryer. Some rooms have refrigerators. There is an indoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi with retractable dome roof. Also available is a fitness center with a tanning salon and outdoor sports court.

RV and Motorhome: Parking available at hotel. There are NO hookups available.

BADGE INFORMATION

Important - Complete data below for badge ID

Your Squadron/Unit _____ Your Duty Function _____

Your Pilot/CO _____ Arrived Rackheath _____ Departed _____

POW Yes () No () If yes, where _____ How Long _____

Cite one memory while at Rackheath that gives you a chuckle and/or of interest to the group:

CONVENTION COSTS

Per Person \$ 275.00
Times Number of Persons _____ ()
Total Cost \$ _____
Deposit Due now, \$100.00 per person = \$ _____
Balance Due August 30, 2003, \$ 175.00 per person = \$ _____
Freebee Drawing legibility to be in by August 1, 2004

Please select one of the below as the two trips are planned for the same day.

Select to attend trip to US Air Force Museum in Dayton (Limited to 47, first come).

Select to attend Cities Tour & Cincinnati WWII Museum (Limited to 47, first come).

Please select your choice of entree for Tuesday night dinner: Rosemary Crusted Porkloin
 Chicken Cordon Bleu

The above cost is for the entire package as listed in the Schedule of Activities.

There will be a "Freebie" drawing for a one person convention package cost of \$ 275.00. The drawing will be open to all who **pay in full by August 1, 2004**

Make checks payable to: "467th Bombardment Group Convention 2004".

Fill in the above Convention Costs form and mail with your deposit of \$100.00 per person along with the Convention Registration Form to:

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1-877-882-7235

HOTEL REGISTRATION

MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH RADISSON HOTEL CINCINNATI RIVERFRONT) -EARLY All rooms must be reserved by September 2, 2004 and held with a first night deposit or major credit card in order to guarantee space and to assure rates. Please contact:

Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront
668 West Fifth Street
Covington, KY 41011
1-800-333-3333 (Reservation - National)(Let them know it's for the 467th Bomb Group
Local: (859) 491-1200 - FAX (859) 491-0326.

Room rates are: Single or Double \$ 75.00 + tax

When making reservations, please refer to the 467th Bomb Group Convention, Oct3 - 7, 2004. A 48-hour cancellation policy is in effect. These rates will apply for three or four days before and after the convention. All rooms are either a single king bed or two full size beds. In addition to the usual amenities included is a full size ironing board and iron; hair dryer, coffee maker and public areas are wheelchair accessible. Let your special requirements be known to the hotel if handicap or non-smoking access is required.

and it was so good to be flying again in the KC135's and the enjoy the great friendship of the Squadron. They certainly uphold the fine traditions of the 2nd Air Division.

God willing we hope to see you in Philadelphia and this year there should be quite a large contingent of Brits attending.

Stay well and God Bless

Jean and David Hastings
467th Base Contact.

COST OF POOP 22-3

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Secretary Fee	\$ 350.00
Foreign Mail	\$ 53.70
Return to Sender Fee (39)	\$ 27.30
TOTAL	\$ 1,171.05

Note that the cost of the newsletter is a lot less than before. I have gone to Non-Profit mailing and also found another printer that charges me less for the printing. This is the cost; however, the \$27.30 Return to Sender Fee was not taken out of the Bank Account. The quality is the same or better and the application is good for me as they have Macintosh equipment as well as IBM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Fund 11-28-03 to 3-17-04	
Operating Fund Balance 11-28-03	\$ 16,802.86

INCOME

Mail- Memorial Fund Contributions	\$ 1,583.25
Pins, Rosters, Errata Books,etc. sales	124.05
Checking Account Interest	46.32
Sub-Total Income	1,753.62
Sub-Total	\$ 18,556.48

DISBURSEMENTS

POOP FROM GROUP 22-3	\$ 1,143.75
(Return-to-Sender Fee 27.30 not deducted)	
Visa Charges	53.70
Sub-Total	\$ 1,197.45

OPERATING FUND BALANCE \$ 17,359.03

POST EXCHANGE

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

(Alpha & Zip available) \$3.00 ea, including shipping.

ADDENDUM & ERRATA BOOK & GROUP ROSTER

Addendum & Errata Book: \$5.00 including shipping

Group Roster: \$7.00 including shipping

Both for \$10.00 including shipping

GROUP WINDOW DECAL (AVAILABLE)

\$3.00 ea + \$0.50 shipping = \$3.50

GROUP & SQUADRON PINS

Note: All pins are now available:

- 467th 789th
- 791st 788th
- 790th 470th Sub Depot (limited number)
- \$ 5.00 ea. plus \$0.75 package and post.
- All 6 pins set, \$24.00 plus \$1.00 package and post
- All 5 pins set (less 470th), \$20.00 plus \$0.75 package and post
- Package and post is \$0.75 for five pins or less.
- 467th LAPEL PIN - 3/4 inch size**
- \$3.00 ea plus \$0.75 package and post for 6 or less

467th LIBERAMUS INSIGNIA BALL CAP (RED)

\$8.00 plus \$1.00 package and post

LIBERAMUS CAR or REFRIGERATOR MAGNETS

Car Magnet ea \$3.00 plus \$0.75 package and post

Refrigerator Magnet ea \$1.50 plus \$0.75 package and post.

467th TAIL & ROUND TUIT

\$0.65 for two plus \$0.75 package and post

467th GROUP COIN (A 2003 Convention Beginning)

\$3.50 plus \$0.75 package and post

ALL OF THE ABOVE AVAILABLE THROUGH:

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467 th	
791 st	790 th
789 th	788 th

\$ 5.00 ea. plus \$0.75 package and post.

All 5 patch set (less 470th), \$20.00 plus \$0.75 package and post

Package and post is \$0.75 for up to five patches.

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Rock Hill, SC 29732
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GI MEMORIES OF THE ETO:

A 5-1/4" by 8", 25-page booklet of cartoon like scenes of enlisted personnel activities is available for \$5.00 from:

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1418 70th St. E.
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077
(651) 457-0018

MAIL MEMORIAL FUND

There were 32 contributions to the mail fund this period that gave \$1,583.25, approximately \$49.48 per donation. Your generosity, as always, is deeply appreciated. The cost of preparation and mailing the newsletter now averages around \$1,200 per issue since I have obtained a permit and now use non-profit mailing. First Class mail will be used only in cases where it is expedient to get the word out to the members or where there are areas that the mail never seems to come through.. As I have said before, if you enjoy the newsletter, please help support it. Contributors this period were:

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| Ament, Harry | McCracken, Ken |
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| Dettinger, Roy | Rainwater, Ray |
| Cason, Ed | Steranko, Tom |
| Davis, Ralph | Scharrschmidt, Bill |
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| Gilbertson (Lloyd), Harriet | Wilds, Gordon & John |
| Holdrege, Fred | Watson, Frank |

LETTERS & COMMENTS FROM MEMEMBERS

PERRY & JILL WATTS

Dear Ralph, Veterans and Relatives of Our 467th Group Veteran Friends,

A few words to you all to say how much Jill and I enjoyed and appreciated, as we always do, the honor and privilege of being with those of you at the 467th Group 2003 Convention/Reunion in San Antonio last September. An extremely well organized function and our sincere 'well done' appreciation to all those involved in making all the splendid arrangements. I would like to add that following the reunion, as some of you are Continued on Page 7 already aware, we headed west and spent an enjoyable couple of hours in Santa Fe Springs with Josie Ramirez (Joe's widow) and with Pete and Annie Petris (Pete was a radio operator in the Control Tower). A quick look at March Field Air Museum and then a very enjoyable visitation to our dear friend Ruth McEwen (Bob's widow) who had kindly arranged for us to have a private an exclusive visit to the Chino Air Museum on 'their closed day'. Then onto Santa Cruz and San Francisco - a really beautiful and scenic route following the Pacific coastline. Unfortunately Jill was taken ill soon after our arrival at San Francisco and spent a few hours in hospital there. Once again, it was great being with you all and our appreciation to the organizers.

Now - local news - The Control Tower. To early in the year weather wise over here to actually start building renovations but when I visited the site last week the whole of the complex was ~~very~~ tidy - no junk or trash whatsoever. The remains of the Nissen hut sited close to the tower, and which had literally disintegrated has been demolished and cleared away. The Crash Tender Housing building has been restored and appears to have been re-roofed. The Fire Engine Housing building was of course demolished many years ago.

For the many of you that had the occasion to visit 'The Muscle Palace', or to give it its proper name 'The Samson and Hercules' Dance Hall in Norwich during those long-past years of 1944-45. The "Samson" which became a nightclub in the 1980s, and went under various names such as the 'Ritzy', 'Central Park'. etc., was closed as a place of entertainment on New Year's Eve 2003 and will probably once again become a residential property. The building has a long history and was built in 1657 - but will tell you more about the history another time,

Yesterday, Friday 12th March, I spent an enjoyable few hours taking Andy Bohnenstieahl, son of the late Walter Bohnenstiehl, to visit the Second Air Division Memorial Library and then onto a three hour tour around every existing site on the former airfield at Rackheath.

When we visited the Control Tower site I was really pleased to see that a start on the preservation of the tower has been made by way of replacement of the original asbestos roof water drainage guttering and down pipes with new plastic guttering and pipes, that has taken place since the visit to the tower that I made last week.

Finally, my book "The 1100 Days of the 467th Bombardment Group" - I think that reading the last "Poop" the inference given by the 'write-up' was could any assistance be given towards the cost of shipping - that was a clear misunderstanding - yes the book as seen at the reunion would cost about US\$20 postage - but as I have since been given a contract by Schiffer Publishing Ltd hopefully the book will be published and distributed in the USA in the not too far off future.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Kentucky in October.

Best wishes to you all.

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ROBERT KRAFT

Usually in November or December I send in my donation, I have enclosed a check for that purpose. I was a member of he 859th Bomb Sqd., 492nd Bomb Group and the 788th Bomb Sqd. Of the 467th Bomb Group. I was on Lt. Warren Roseboriugh's crew as a left waist gunner. I have been a member of both Group organization for many years.

LOUIS SOJA

I was with the 467th as part of the ground crew of the 791st Squadron from Wendover to Rackheath. As I was unable to attend the reunion at the Mighty 8th Museum, I wonder is it possible to send me a list of the 791st who attend. I do receive Poop from Group and I think this club is composed of mostly flight crews. Am I correct? If any of the ground crew did attend, I would like to contact

some of them. You know about our old times at Wendover and Rackheath.

Editor's Note: Sorry This took so long. I had misplaced your note. At the San Antonio convention there were 2 ground personnel in attendance. They were Vincent LaRussa and Joe Haenn, There were 10 from the 791 that I could identify. We had a low attendance this last time; however, on previous conventions we have had a much larger ground crew attendance. It's not a crew club, we are all one and enjoy each other. Please come to the Northern Kentucky convention and enjoy the comradery.

MORT SCHECTER

Enclosed is a small check for Poop from Group. My wife Marilyn passed away last November 12, 2002 and I have not been with it, but I'm feeling OK now. I was planing to go to Texas, but it didn't work out. On the Computer there is a picture of Sell's crew. I don't know who they are, but it is not Sell's crew. Hope you are all well and Happy Holidays.

PERRY WATTS

A little trip down memory lane for those who might have set in on the premier showing.



STAR TURN: Barbara Stanwick - here with Ray Milland in the western California - had a screen premiere with My Reputation at Rackheath's USAAF base.

Glitzy at Rackheath, too

PERRY WATTS, Norwich Road, Salhouse. I would like to say how I enjoyed reading the article Operation Glitzy Premiere (EDP, January 30. Another Hollywood film "World Premiere" took place in a cinema on a wartime airfield in Norfolk nearly 60 years ago. The screening of My Reputation, starring Barbara Stanwick and George Brent, took place on March 1, 1945 in the "TransLux" cinema (basically a very large Nissan hut type of building) on the 467th Group USAAF base at Rackheath. Not very sumptuous surroundings - but apparently the film was enjoyed by all and it received three showings so many of the men could attend on this special occasion.

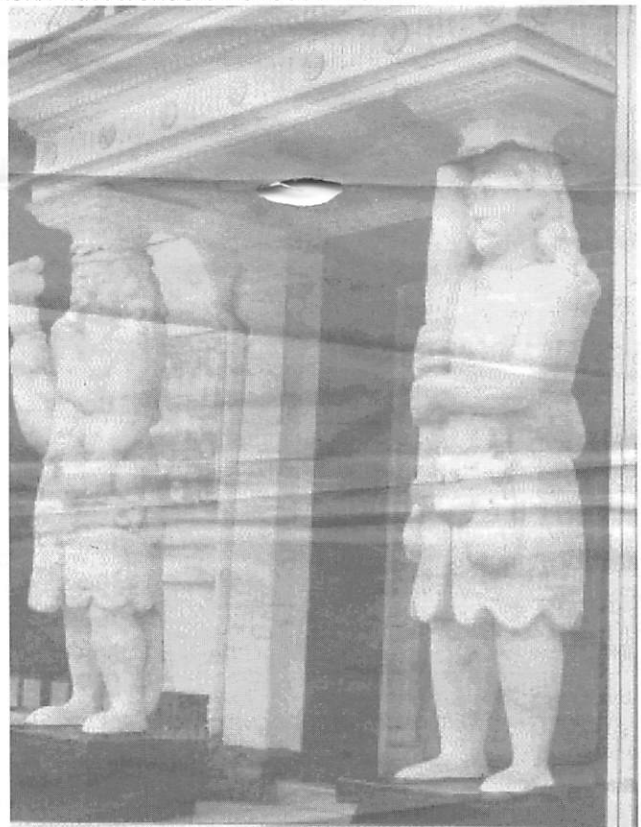
IT'S THE LAST DANCE AT THE CITY NIGHTCLUB

The landmark nightclub known to thousands around

Norwich as the Samson and Hercules will play host to its last dancers on New Year's. The club in Tombland - now known as the Ikon and Fifth Avenue nightclubs - will be hosting a huge farewell party next Wednesday before making way for a new twin scene venue on the Riverside complex.

As reported in November, plans are afoot which could see the city landmark transformed into flats next year. Time nightclub on Riverside which currently has capacity for more than 1600 will be redesigned as a venue for over-18s and over-25s, increasing the venue's capacity to more than 2100.

A spokeswoman for Luminar Leisure, which operates Ikon and Time as well the Chicago Rock Cafe and Liquid in Norwich, said: "Ikon and Fifth Avenue, one of the longest-running entertainment venues in the city, will open its doors for a party night finale before all staff who want to relocate to Chicago Rock Cafe, Liquid and Time, the soon-to-be rebranded super club. We are sorry to see the club close and end a period of historical significance in Norwich. "However we are very, very excited about giving the people of Norwich a fantastic new venue to be extremely proud of, taking late-night entertainment to a new level." Tickets for the New Year's Eve spectacular can be bought by calling Ikon/Fifth Avenue on 01603621541.



FAREWELL: Samson and Hercules will see their last revelers on New Year's Eve. Plans are afoot to turn the club into flats.

EDITOR'S NOTE - Last Post, Lost Souls, Additions and Deletions will be added to the next issue of Poop. I apologize to those expecting these items and will identify those of this issue next time.

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