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### FROM YOUR VEEP

What a great convention of the Second Air Division Association at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL, and what a wonderful reunion of the 467th veterans, families and friends, over 130 from the 467th attending.

Jackie and I checked in on Tuesday, the 8th. I met all day Wednesday with the Executive Committee. Many good things will come out of these meetings. The 2ADA is in excellent financial condition according to Treasurer Dean Moyer and confirmed by Vince LaRussa's Audit Committee. Evelyn Cohen reported on Norwich '87 and told us that everything is shaping up for a grand and glorious convention. Every effort is being made to accommodate all who wish to attend but it appears she has peaked out on suitable housing at about 900 total. We will be able to give more information in the December issue of POOP. The accommodations are presently over-subscribed, but a possibility if you wish to attend is to provide your own accommodations and arrange through Evelyn to participate in the activities.

The executive Committee meetings and decisions were fully covered in the Association Business Meeting on Saturday. If you have specific questions of the policies and procedures of the Association, write me and I will be glad to tell you of them.

The 467th had the largest of the Group Hospitality Rooms, the Hayloft, which was a great success. And we had the largest of the rooms because I believe we had the largest Group attendance, and were paired with the 492nd BG to which a lot of us were assigned before joining the 467th. Bill Clarey, 492nd VP, had as his guest Rufo Renfer, Aviation Historian, from Switzerland and Rufo was made welcome by the veterans of both the 467th and 492nd.

We had people coming and going all three days that our room was open. We had soft drinks, beer, snacks available and had a VCR and TV monitor equipment and had continuous showings of "A Village Remembers," "Air War Over Europe," the three Adam Soccio Memorial tapes as well as showings of the TV Interviews made by Joe Ozenowis and his family. In fact, Friday night, after the Italian Buffet dinner, we had over 175 come to the room to enjoy the fellowship. Photos, books, memorabilia were also on display. It was a great happening.

The video taping of wartime experiences as told by the vets who elected to participate got off to an excellent start. Joe, Helen and Joe Jr. Dzenowis worked hard every available hour, from 3 P.M. Wednesday to noon Sunday, getting in as many interviews as they possibly could.

A strictly professional job. I predict this video recording effort will be one of the most important projects of the Second Air Division Association, ranking right behind the Association's support of the Memorial Library Room. This project will continue, next in Norwich in '87 and then at our own Group reunion.

As to the 467th, at our business meeting we voted to incorporate as a not-for-profit corporation and our special thanks to Bill McGovern who will handle the legal aspects of this for the Group.

We also voted to have a 467th BG Association convention in Shreveport-Bossier City-Barksdale AFB, LA on September 24-27, 1987. Phillip Day, who will coordinate the affair, will write further of this in this and future POOPs.

We again express the hope that each of you on this mailing list will send Phillip \$5/year to cover the cost of publication. We are not unique in our newsletter but only one or two other Groups have such a program. At our business meeting, \$360 was contributed by those present, a little over the cost of one issue. Help keep this publication coming, send your donation for it today.

Please continue to locate "lost souls." You cannot imagine the pleasure you will get when you unite friends of 40 years ago. And if you are not a member, join the Second Air Division Association. It is worth so much more than the \$10 tax-exempt dues.

Jackie and I thank each of you for the pleasures and treasures of this last year. We look forward to the coming year, for the opportunity to meet and get to know more of you. Write if you have any input, any questions. Hell, just write. I'll love to hear from each of you.

Sincerely,  
Dave

### LAST POST

We have received notification of the deaths of the following comrades:

John Kates

Richard I. Robinson

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

ROSTER ADDITIONS

Michael Baldino	Norwood, PA
Carol O. Brasier	Oklahoma City, OK
William Check	Wilkes Barre, PA
Thomas J. Colahan	Ashland, PA
Maurice B. Cramer	Corpus Christi, TX
Frank O. Dudley	Ballwin, MO
Norman W. Felbinger	Franklin Park, IL
Eugene H. Hagene	Overland, MO
Thomas F. Hastings	Rochester, NY
Lester Hix	Newport, MN
Joseph W. Huben	Carmel, NY
Jack M. Ilfrey *	New Braunfels, TX
Jaris W. Lee	Clifton, AZ
Robert M. Markley	Ada, OK
LeRoy Charles Mason*	Weathersfield, CT
Robert W. Peterson	Carteret, NJ
Charles R. Reynolds	No. Brooklyn Park, MN
Robert Ricketts	Syracuse, NY
Vernon J. Rood	Tucson, AZ
Ben Rosner	Woodhaven, NY
Don Stewart - A	Stone Mountain, GA
Tom Strullage	Bakersfield, CA
William Surface	Del City, OK
Ross Voyles	Santa Clara, CA
Walter W. Weaver	Savannah, GA
Robert C. White	Bedford, TX

\*Returned to roster from "Lost Souls".

Don't let any one of them not have at least one call of welcome. If you live near them, call them up, get together. Write me for an address and start a correspondence.

LOST SOULS

The following persons have been removed from the POOP mailing roster in that their mail was returned. YOU who live near the city or town address, make inquiry of them and see that they are returned to the roster. We don't want to lose anyone. Don't put this off, do it now.

Roger L. Brancato	Rochester, NY
Leslie Duma	Charlotte, NC
Louis J. Lamano	Columbus, OH
Richard L. Olson	Clarkston, WA
Herman O. Rooks	Panama City, FL

TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>Operating Account</u>	
Cash on Hand 4/15/86	\$1,043.60
Bulk Mail Permit	50.00
USPS - Stamps	155.70
Reproduction - 6 pgs. x 1000 copies	125.00
Computer Services	73.90
Secretarial	50.50
Miscellaneous	28.95
	<u>\$ 559.55</u>
Individual Dues and Donations	279.74
Reunion Donation *	338.55
	<u>\$1,177.84</u>

\*Net after non-recovered hospitality room expenses.

<u>Emblem Account</u>	
Aresta of Hawaii 06/12/86 (65)	\$ 200.00
Aresta of Hawaii 07/24/86 (59)	192.50
Aresta of Hawaii 08/25/86 ( 7)	24.50
	<u>\$ 417.00</u>
Emblem Sales 95**	455.00
Profit	<u>\$ 38.00</u>
Cash on Hand 9/01/86	<u>\$1,215.84</u>

\*\*I have 31 467th emblems on hand for immediate delivery. When ordered from Aresta of Hawaii there will be a two to four week delay in delivery as I will need to accumulate the orders. Five 467th emblems were given to special friends of the 467th.

MEMORIALS

<u>Adam Soccio Memorial Fund</u>	
Cash on Hand 4/15/86	\$ 175.00
Two copies 467th History	60.00
Three Videos	120.00
Miscellaneous 467th Expense (\$	<u>5.00</u> )

Two copies of "The 467th Bombardment Group, September 1943 - June 1945" were sent to the Memorial Library Room at Norwich at the request of the Librarian. As the Library had one copy, it had to be kept in the Research Section. These two copies will be for general circulation.

The Videos purchased were "How to Fly The B-24", "Pre-flight Inspection of The B-24" and (The Story Of) "Willow Run." These are combined into one tape, identified also as The Adam Soccio Memorial, and are for loan from the Second Air Division. If you wish to view this tape, send \$3, to cover mailing and insurance, to H. C. (Pete) Henry, 164 Portland Lane, Rossmoor, Jamesburg NJ 08831.

United States Air Force Museum

Jeff Gregory swung by Dayton after the St. Charles reunion and sent me a couple of pictures of our Memorial and tree. The tree has grown quite tall, has a very good shape. Jeff wrote that many memorials have been set since ours and the area as a whole is well worth your visiting.

NORWICH 1987

If you are planning to attend the Second Air Division Convention in Norwich next year, if you have made your reservations with Evelyn Cohen, if you are still trying to work something out, write Vince LaRussa, 97 Grayton Road, Tonawanda, NY 14150 and tell him so and who will accompany you.

We are proposing an extra day after the 2ADA convention for the 467th to revisit Rackheath (in addition to or possibly in lieu of the 2ADA visit).

Dave Swearingen has asked Vince to be the American rep to coordinate with a yet unselected British rep to work toward a family (Rackheath- 467th) reunion. Details have not been worked out, your comments and suggestions to Vince will be appreciated and acknowledged.

At the reunion of 1983, our Rackheath visit was a marvelous experience but "hurried" in some respects. We didn't have time to tromp around in the brambles and briars to find old nuts and haunts. Our noon meal at the Green Man Pub was overcrowded as we were accompanied by the 466th B6. The reception at Rackheath was fantastic but again hurried, we had to get back to Norwich for the evening activities.

Think about an all-day visit to Rackheath, an orientation meeting there in the A.M., maps, sketches to follow to the old sites of the air base, cooperation of the tenants and landowners to allow us to wander where we used to, to look at (for) what we used to know. Meet for lunch somewhere, one of the pubs, The Green Man possibly. A Memorial Service. A chance to just meet and remeet some of the villagers of long ago and this present time.

Give us your ideas so we can coordinate the whole of it with Rackheath. Write Vince. Let's get started toward a wonderful reunion day with Rackheath.

#### 467TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The Group at its business meeting at St. Charles, as reported in FROM YOUR VEEP, voted to reunion in Shreveport-Bossier City, LA, home of Barksdale AFB, Headquarters of the 8th Air Force today, from Thursday, September 24, 1987 through noon, Sunday, September 27, 1987. The dates were chosen to cause no interference with ZADA convention in Norwich in May, 1987 and a respite time away for those who will go to England and beyond. It is a little over a year away as you read this, plenty of time to make your plans. I don't want to have one person say "it interferes with plans we have already made." NO EXCUSES.

I have registered the Group for the Saturday at BAFB, to visit the 8th AF Museum, the Static B-24, lunch on the Base, a memorial service, possibly a memorial dedication. I asked for the 8th AF band to entertain and play for dancing Saturday evening and for buses to transport us from motel to base and return.

Schedule to be about like this:

Hors d'Oeuvres and Open Bar -	\$15.00 each
Open Bar - Tex Mex Buffet	Thursday Evening
Buffet Breakfast	Friday Evening
Barksdale Tour - Luncheon	Saturday Morning
Memorial Service	Saturday Noon
Open Bar - Banquet	Saturday Afternoon
Dancing and Listening	Saturday Evening
Buffet Breakfast	Afterward
FINI	Sunday Morning
	12 Noon, Sunday

Projected costs: \$50/night, single or double, tax included; \$135 per person Friday night through Sunday noon. A \$15 extra for Thursday night if you come in early.

Favors for the ladies, badges for all who don't have one. Horse racing in season if that is what you would like to do. A ride on the Red River and the "River Rose" for those who wish to, at extra cost on Friday afternoon. Day Room for Video, memorabilia open from noon to noon, Thursday through Sunday.

Details and costs will be refined and published in future POOPs. We are going to block out 175 rooms, 350+ people. Spillover accommodations in close vicinity if we need more room, and I hope we do. I'm starting a book right now. If you will attend, or think you will attend, let me know as soon as you can so I can start on the logistics. WE want this to be bigger and better than Dayton, and with your early response I know it will be. Write to me, Phillip Day, at the return address of POOP.

#### PX

David Hastings is prepared to reproduce video tapes of "A Village Remembers" but has to have a definitive number and/or orders before he will be able to proceed. He writes that 16 of the 467th at St. Charles expressed the desire to have a copy. Now he needs to know WHO wants them and whether Beta or VCR.

If you want a video copy of "A Village Remembers," write to:

David Hastings  
"Westering"  
Salhouse  
Nr. Norwich, Norfolk  
NR 13 6RQ  
England

I don't know the price; I do know it will be as nominal as David can manage it to be.

#### History of the 467th Bombardment Group

Write to Vince LaRussa, 97 Grayton Road, Tonawanda, NY, 18150 with your requests for this third reprinting of "The 467th Bombardment Group, September 1943 - June, 1945." The single copy, postage paid price is \$30.00.

#### Patches and Plaques

For a \$5 dues-donation to the Group's mail-memorail fund, I'll send you our Group patch, 4" in diameter, royal blue background with Group Sword and Shield in red, white, silver and black over black letter LIBERAMUS on gold background. There is 2nd Air Division in upper arc with 467th Bomb Group in lower arc. A good looking patch, you each need one or more.

The plaque is 8-1/2" W x 11" H, multi-colored, featuring the Group shield, squadron and ancillary unit insignia. Well done and suitable, should be, for display by framing. \$10 dues-donation to the mail-memorial fund.

#### Enameled Metal Insignia

Use the order blank to order these excellently finished pin-type insignia. All profit to the mail-memorial fund. Need a bunch of orders to take advantage of the 100+ piece discount available.

#### ROCKETS OVER EAST ANGLIA

Following up the POOP 5-2 article on the German V-2, I received this sidelight by Tommy Dungar in his recent letter to me.

"Now about those V-2s, I have been in touch with Bob Collins many times telling him about them. I am one of the few people who has seen the start and finish of one of these, then very secret weapons. I started work in 1943 at A. R. Taylor Timber Merchants at Wroxham. They had about ten acres of land full of large stacks of Government Controlled Ministry of Public Timber Stock from Canada and the U.S.A. In fact, they used to send 3 x 3 hardwood to most of the Air Bases for stacking between the Bombs at the bomb dumps and I have helped to load a truck from Rackheath and Horsham St. Faith many times. Most of this timberstock came by railroad, and a complete goods train of rail trucks full of timber would be shunted into Wroxham Station for us to unload and stack. Well, during September and October 1944 if the conditions were right, from Wroxham Goods Yard looking towards Great Yarmouth you could see two bright golden wavy lines going straight up when one of these rockets was fired. The V-2 which fell near Rackheath on September 29, 1944 at about 5:30 p.m. was the one I saw the finish of. I finished work at 5:00 o'clock and rode my bicycle from Wroxham and was almost as far as the Greenman Pub when I noticed this B-24 from a strange Group, with a yellow and black tail marking, trying to land and firing red flares, and as the planes were part of life then, I stopped with one foot on the bank to watch him land. Then there was this strange rush of air, just like a large flock of birds. I looked up and just for a fraction of a second saw this vivid, greyish, large dart-shaped object hurtle down to earth, a very loud explosion, and the next thing I knew I was in the ditch with the old bike on top of me. I got up, straightened the handlebars and rode in the direction of the bang. It had landed in an area known locally as Mud Corner. Only a few local people knew just how lucky Rackheath was that day, as it was only about one-fourth of a mile away from the Base Bomb Dump. WOW!"

Tommy sent a sketch map of the impact area in relation to the base and bomb dump and this V-2 did hit very close. Looked in my diary and Form 5 and find I was on a gasoline "trucking" mission that date. In any event, I had no prior knowledge of how close a V-2 had come to hitting Rackheath until I read the above from Tommy.

## PLANE'S NAMES

Listed below are 97 aircraft names that I have accumulated in the last 5 - 6 years from your letters, from photos, from lists sent me, principally those of Ray Betcher, Tony North, R. J. Rambosky and Al Welters.

Some of the names are spelled more than one way, in some cases aircraft had successive names--the first being discarded, possibly one had a different name on each side of the nose. The / means I have been given more than one name for the same serial number or different spellings for the same serial number. I am not sure if the THE is proper in all cases.

Look over the list. If you can add to or tell me I should delete from the list, drop me a line. If you can put a serial number or three-digit buzz number with the name, let me know, I have a great many but not all of them.

After a time, when I've heard from you, I'll try to match these names to the 128 aircraft serial numbers of planes I believe were assigned to the 467th, and in the future publish the whole of it with model, lot and manufacturer, squadron assignments, call sign letter, disposition of A/C up to June 12, 1945 and whatever other miscellaneous information that we can get together and publish in tabular form.

As to the serial numbers of aircraft, someone out there has the serial numbers of the A/C flown over to England. I know not all were group planes, some were only being ferried, but if you have such a list, please send it along. I have a listing of those flown back to the ZI.

ALICE	PETE THE POM INSPECTOR
ALSO RAN	PETE THE POM INSPECTOR II
ANGEL	PLOW JOCKEY/TENOVUS/TENOFUS
BAFFLING BRAT	PURPLE SHAFT
BATTLIN' BABY	RAUNCHY 68
BELLE OF THE EAST	RHEINMACHEN/RHINE MACHINE
BLEEDING HEART	RUTH MARIE
BLOND BOMBER	SACK TIME
BOLD VENTURE II	SANS SOUCI
BOLD VENTURE III	SCHOOL DAZE
BROAD AND HIGH	SCREW BALL
BUGS BUNNY	SHOO SHOO BABY
BUZZ TAIL II	SILVER CHIEF
CHEERS	SILVER DOLLAR
CHICAGO RED	SIX BITS
DEVILS HOSTESS	SLICK CHICK
DOUBLE TROUBLE	SLUGGER JR./SCRAPPER
DYE'S DYNAMITERS	SNAPPER
E PLURIBUS ALUMINUM	SNOOPER/SNOOPY
ENVY OF THEM ALL	SOUTHERN CLIPPER
FLAK MAGNET	SOUTHERN CROSS
FUEDIN WAGON	SQUITCH
GEROCKO	STINGER
GO GETTER	STINKER/SAUCY PANTS
HARD TO GET	SUPER WOLF
HIGH STAKES	TAIL WIND
HOMeward BOUND	TANGERINE
IRISHMAN'S SHANTY/MONSTER	TENDER COMRADE
JACK THE RIPPER	THAT'S ALL BROTHER
JACK THE RIPPER II	THE CHERUB
JERILYNN SUE	THE GOOK
LEADING LADY	THE MONSTER
'LIL' PEACH	THE OLD GOAT
LONELY HEART	THE PERFECT LADY
LUCKY LEVEN	THE PROWLER
MADEMOISELLE ZIG ZIG	THE THREE STAR SPECIAL
MARY	THE THUNDERMUG
MASSILON TIGER	TOMMY THUMPER
MISS FORTUNE	UMBRIAGO
MISS JUDY	UP IN ARMS
MY IDEAL	VALIANT LADY
MY WILD IRISH ROSE	VOLK'S VIRGIN VULTURES
NORMANDY QUEEN	WABBIT
OLD IRON PANTS/THE PERFECT LADY	WALLOWING WILBERT
OLE 369	WILD IRISH ROSE
OSAGE EXPRESS	WINNER
PALACE MEAT MARKET	WITCHCRAFT
PAPPY'S YOKUM	WOLVES, INC.
PERILS OF PAULINE	

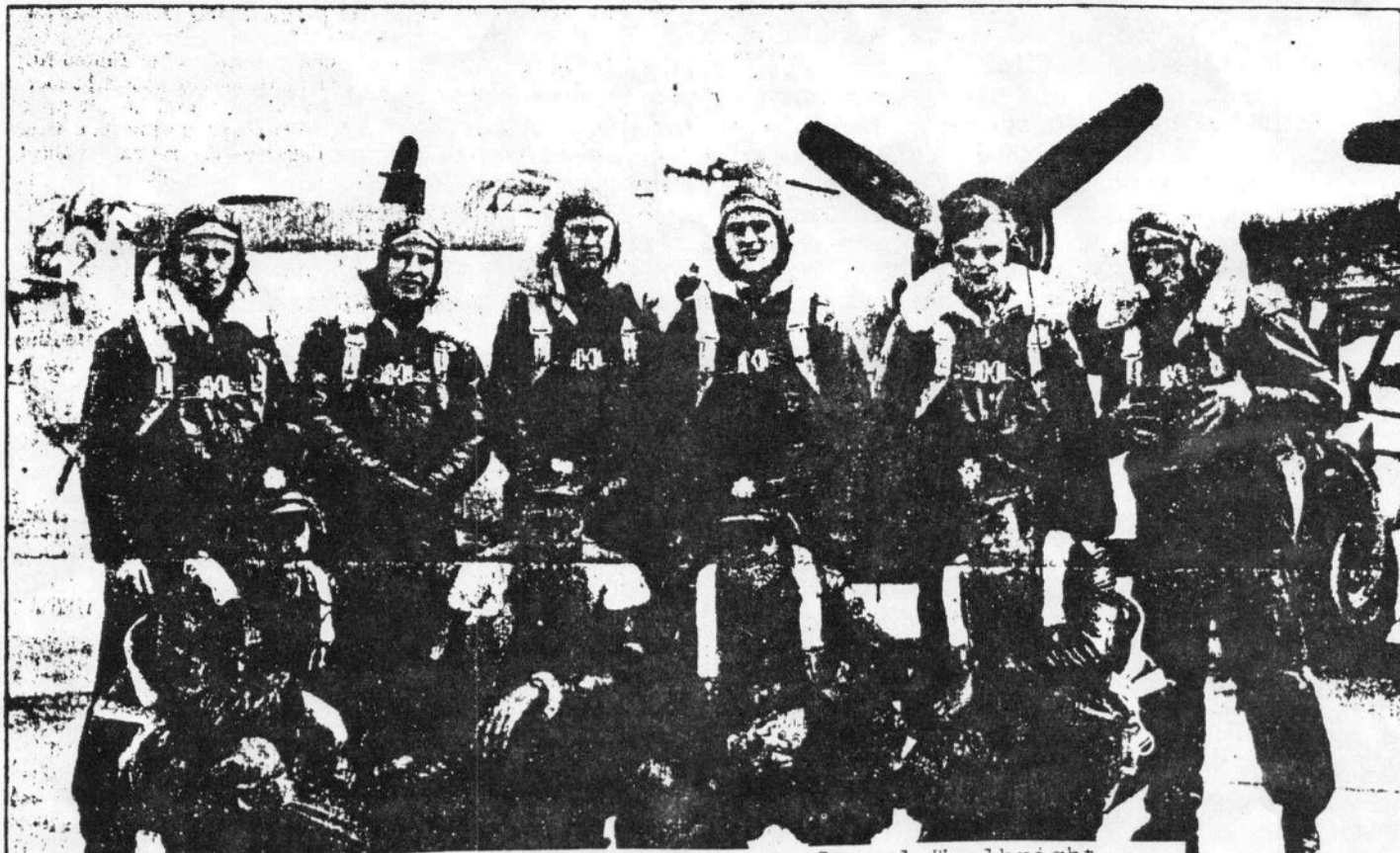
ROLL OF HONOR

We need to be certain that the Roll of Honor of the 467th Bombardment Group (Heavy), maintained in the Memorial Library Room at the Norwich Central Library is as accurate as possible.

Following are the names of those known to have been killed while with the 467th. Please look this over very carefully. Are the names correctly spelled? There is a variance in twenty-seven of first and last names from different sources, principally orders at hand, Healey's book, and other sources. Where there is an initial, especially the first, I would like to have a name. You may know of others. In any event, to be included, we need rank and serial number, dates, circumstances, mission, whatever. Please help in this effort. The inclusive dates are March 10, 1944, the date the 467th was assigned to the Second Bombardment Division through April 23, 1945, the date of the last Group (8th AF) mission.

Please let me hear from you on this. I would like to settle at least this issue before we can no longer contribute to this vital research endeavor.

ABELL, James W., Jr.	GEDDES, Duncan A.	MACDONALD, James G.	✓ RUBIN, Alvin N.
✓ ALIER, Louis A.	✓ GENSERT, Thomas A.	MANLEY, Leo J.	✓ RUSSELL, Raymond T.
✓ ALLEN, Raymond V.	GESCHEL, Walter K.	✓ MARGIOSSO, Carmine	✓ RYERS, Lewis E. *
APPEL, Carl S., Jr.	GILLET, Thornton R.	MARSHALL, James M.	✓ SAGER, Leonard G.
✓ ATLEY, Duane E.	GITLITZ, Seymour M.	MARTIN, Gordon R.	SAKRISON, Albert E.
AYERS, Frank E.	✓ GODSHALK, George R., Jr.	✓ MASIAC, Robert J.	✓ SANDERFORD, Dan M.
BENNER, Richard E.	✓ GORE, Joseph A. *	✓ MASON, Warren W.	✓ SCHELLHAS, Kurt F.
✓ BERTCH, David	✓ GOREZEZSKI, Anthony J.	✓ MASSEY, Luther E.	✓ SCHLOMOWITZ, Sol
BIGGS, John H.	✓ GREBLE, William E.	✓ MATEREWICZ, Edward R.	SCHNEIDER, Norman E.
BISHOP, Carl S.	✓ GREEN, Gene S.	✓ MAXEY, J. H.	SEFCA, Martin Jr.
✓ BORCHICK, Frank	✓ GRINKIAVICUS, M.	✓ McARTHUR, John T., Jr.	SHEPHERD, Russell E.
BOUCHER, James R.	✓ GROOMS, Edward C.	✓ McCAMISH, Benjamin F., Jr.	✓ SHERRILL, William M.
BOYER, Thomas A.	GUZIK, Chester M.	McCARTNEY, Sumner	SHURTZ, Guy F.
BRANNAN, George H.	✓ HAGIST, Richard S.	McGlynn, Bernard A.	SIES, Walter M.
BURNS, Rufus R.	✓ HAINES, Luke M.	✓ McGONIGLE, Charles D.	✓ SKINNER, Jack M.
BYERS, Lewis E. *	✓ HALL, William H.	McGRATH, Vincent J., Jr.	✓ SMITH, John
✓ CALUORI, Ernest	✓ HAMILTON, George S.	McVICAR, Donald T.	SMITH, John W.
✓ CARCHIETTA, John A.	HANKS, Weldon M.	✓ MEREDITH, Oliver E., Jr.	✓ SNOOK, Oliver W.
CARDIN, Fleurian P.	HARDICK, Peter, Jr.	MICHALAK, Eugene	✓ SNYDER, Philip A.
✓ CARTER, George E.	✓ HARRISON, Charles D.	✓ MIKULIN, John	SPANGLER, Richard B.
CASSELS, Hugh R.	✓ HARSHBARGER, K. Norris, Jr.	✓ MILLIRON, George W.	STEINBRENNER, Millard C.
✓ CUILVER, Harold R.	✓ HATKOFF, Nathan m.	✓ MILLS, George W.	✓ STEPHENS, Rufus B.
CHRISTIAN, Lewis C.	HEFFNER, Stepehn A.	✓ MINEY, Daniel E.	STEWART, Jehu F.
✓ CLOSE, Duane E.	✓ HELTON, Edwin M.	✓ MISSIRAS, Theologos	✓ STOKES, Otto W.
COLLINS, Richard J.	HERRING, Algy L.	✓ MONIGOMERY, Robert E., Jr.	✓ STORY, James W.
COLTEY, Edward Z.	✓ HILL, Leroy M.	✓ MONTPICK, Albert	✓ STUCKMAN, Charles L.
✓ CONDON, Edward H.	✓ HINKEBEIN, Glen L.	MOORE, Bill F.	✓ SWANBERG, Anns M.
CORBIN, Samuel R.	HIRD, Robert A.	✓ MOREHOUSE, Ronald L.	✓ TEAGUE, Eugene J.
COUNTNEY, David J.	✓ HOPE, Edward W.	✓ MOSSER, Edward J.	✓ ULERICK, James E.
✓ COVEN, Albert B.	✓ HORAK, Richard E.	✓ MURPHY, John J.	UNDERWOOD, James F.
✓ CREIGHTON, Richard C.	✓ HOUSTON, Earl L.	✓ NELSON, Maruice E.	✓ VANTRESS, H. P., Jr.
DADIG, Albert S., Jr.	✓ HOWE, James R.	✓ O'MALLEY, John F., Jr.	✓ VANVEEN, Francis P.
✓ DAHLIN, Axel R.	✓ HUDSON, Donald H.	ONISCHUK, Alek	✓ VAUGHT, Bertie M., Jr.
DAVIS, Harris P.	HUDSON, Donald J.	✓ ORR, Riley E.	✓ VIOLETTE, Louis J.
DEAVIS, Robert H.	KALINEJKO, Stanley J.	✓ OSTANDER, Lyle M.	WALINSKI, Walter
DELAVAN, Robert E.	KAY, Glenn C.	✓ PATANGALL, Malcolm N., Jr.	✓ WALKER, William E.
DELLA ROCCA, Don	KELLS, Sherwood L.	✓ PEACOCK, Charles L.	✓ WALLINGHAM, Earl
DERY, Sylvio L.	✓ KELLY, Howard J.	✓ PENDEGAST, James R.	✓ WALTHER, George H.
✓ DETWILER, John K.	✓ KENNEDY, Joseph J.	✓ PERREAULT, Joseph V.	✓ WASSOW, Frank C.
✓ DICK, James A.	✓ KETCHEL, Dale K.	✓ PETERS, Richard C.	✓ WATERMAN, Robert P.
✓ DOOLE, Roy J.	KILGORE, Walter T.	✓ PHENEGER, Clifford A.	WATSON, John T.
DORE, Joseph A. *	KIRBY, Joseph W., Jr.	✓ PONTIUS, Carlton W.	WEINDEL, Arthur L.
✓ DREKSLER, Edward J.	KLEMAS, Joseph J.	PORTER, Leon F.	WELLS, Robert A.
EATON, Raymond J.	✓ KNOWLES, Charles L., Jr.	✓ PREWITTE, William V.	✓ WICKERHAM, George B.
ELLEFSON, John N.	KOLEY, Stanley P.	✓ PRICE, Arthur D.	✓ WILDER, Emmett L.
✓ ERICKSON, Floyd W.	✓ KOLLER, Karl J.	QUIGLEY, James	WILKINS, William F.
EVANCICH, Frank G.	KOTRABA, George J.	✓ RACHFORD, Clarence J.	✓ WILLIAMS, Abel J.
✓ FEARON, Joseph F.	✓ KOVALENKO, Walter W.	✓ RAINAULT, Roger B.	✓ WILLIAMS, Floyd D.
FERGUSON, James G.	KOWALSKI, Robert F.	✓ RANKIN, Warren C.	✓ WILLIAMS, Robert L.
✓ FIEDLER, Charles A.	KRAMER, William R.	✓ REED, Russell E.	WILLIAMS, Robert L.
FINGER, Samuel	✓ LANDIS, Wellington E.	REEVES, Clarence F.	✓ WILSON, Robert E.
✓ FISHER, Robert C.	LEBAR, Benard C.	REID, Alvah D.	WILSON, William B.
✓ FITZJARRELL, Edmond M.	✓ LIFSCHITZ, George	✓ REID, Stalie C., Jr.	WILT, Joseph T.
FORD, Thomas M., Jr.	✓ LLOYD, Howard A.	✓ RINESMITH, John W.	WINEBRENNER, Paul J.
FOSTER, David W.	LOBERG, Denver R.	✓ RITCHEY, Ernest M.	✓ WOODS, Willard T., Jr.
✓ FULLER, George E.	✓ LUDKA, Richard J., Jr.	✓ ROBINSON, James E.	WORBY, Henry J.
GAGE, Dan R.	✓ LUNA, Paul D.	✓ RODEN, James A.	✓ WUNRICH, Arnold A.
GALLAGHER, Joseph M.	LUND, Joseph R.	✓ ROSTKOWSKI, Leonard	YOUNG, Lloyd C.
			YOUNKIN, Louis E.
			ZIELINSKI, Edward S.



Clayton M. Jewett - Ball turret gunner, Samuel Woolbright - Tail gunner, Doyle Courington - Engineer/top turret, Richard W. Johnson - Nose gunner, Harry Angle - Waist gunner, Angelo R. Rulli - Radio operator, William P. Scharrschmidt - Bombardier, Vance Cridling - Navigator, Paul Ehrlich - Co-pilot, James Dennis Hudson - Pilot

PHOTO COURTESY OF DOYLE COURINGTON

B-24 bomber crewmates, including Doyle Courington, third from left back row, more than 40 years ago.

## Bomber's Crew Meets Again, 41 Years After Last Landing

City Man's Efforts Lead to Reunion of World War II Friends

By Michael Perkins

JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Because he hadn't seen them in more than 40 years, Doyle Courington thought it was high time he tracked down some old friends.

And recently, after two years of searching, Courington found his nine B-24 crewmates from World War II along with the commander of their 8th Air Force bomb group. They all met in Albuquerque this month to renew old friendships and remember the good — and some not so good — old days.

"It occurred to me — sadly I might add — that I lost all contact with the those people," said Courington, a commercial artist in Albuquerque. "We were close. For a year and a half we lived in the same airplane.

"Some of these people I hadn't seen in 41 years and I decided to look everyone up."

Courington had been a flight engineer on a B-24 that flew 30 bombing missions over Europe between February 1944 and April 1945. In 1945 everyone was discharged.

Although a few kept intermittent contact through the years, most crew members lost track of each other soon after they got home, Courington said.

"I can't really say why we lost track of each other," he said. "But the war was over and we had done our job and it was time to get on with our lives."

In 1982 Courington joined the local chapter of the 8th Air Force Historical Society and became inspired to reunite his World War II comrades.

But after the inspiration struck, the work began. Courington searched for a year and a half before he located the first of his lost

crewmates, the plane's navigator who was a retired osteopath living in Arizona.

Within a year after that, Courington located all of the lost crew members and he began organizing the reunion. "Eventually we put it all together and we found them all," he said.

The other members were scattered around the country, from New York to California and from Wisconsin to Mississippi, Courington said. Their careers had taken them into divergent fields — the bombardier becoming president of a savings and loan, the radio operator working as a municipal employee, and the nose gunner becoming a petroleum engineer.

Courington said the warm relations the crew members enjoyed during their tour of duty 41 years ago were immediately recreated during the reunion in Albuquerque the weekend of April 18-20.

"It was a family-type relationship. We were brothers," he said. "And that same relation was present in this reunion."

Although they had 41 years of news to catch up, much of the time was spent reminiscing about their war experiences, Courington said.

"The actual combat things — the flak, the fighters, the planes going down — these were the things that triggered the memories," he said. "There were serious moments when we talked about it. We had to — that was part of it.

"But now that that's over the good times are much more important."

The old soldiers are planning to get back together next year at Lake Tahoe, Calif.

"I'm looking forward to continuing the relationship. It was such a dumb thing to let it go away during those 41 years,"



Doyle Courington and his wife, Glada, accept a gift for organizing the gathering.



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Retired Col. Albert J. Shower lights up during the reunion.

Courington said. "I'm sure we'll keep the relationship going now until we're all dead and gone.

"I know I plan to keep it alive."

**WHO WENT TO RACKHEATH**

Vince LaRussa and I have talked many times about the completion of the roster of all who served with the 467th from departure for overseas to return to ZI. The fly home orders Vince got recently from Col. Shower added 274 new names to the 3600+ we had previously.

Vince wrote first the Lykes Bros. Steamship Co. to see if they had a passenger list from the movement of the 467th to England on the Fredrick Lykes. They did not have a list and explained it was not the Army's, to whom the ships was "bareboat" chartered, policy to furnish such a list. Upon writing to the Federal Maritime Commission to find a source of this passenger list, Vince's letter was forwarded to the Naval Historical Center to see if they had such information. The Naval Historical Center was only able to give the information that the Army's Center of Military History records of Army ships of World War II were destroyed about 20 years ago. The Center did send a page from Roland Charles' "Troopships of World War II" which is reproduced below.

So, again, look through your memorabilia. Send in copies of any orders you have. From them we may find a name or two to build the record of those who were assigned or attached to the 467th.

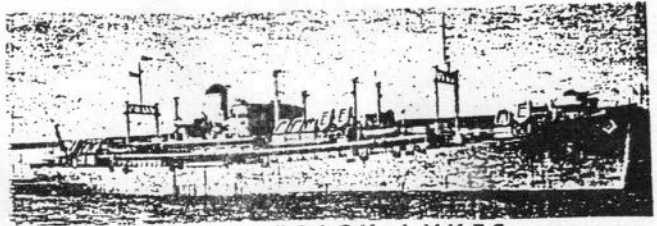
**467TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP AND SQUADRONS INSIGNIA**

We have a source of enameled, metal Group and Squadron insignia. The picture of them following does not do their craftsmanship justice. Vince LaRussa handled the sale of those available, the Group emblem, at St. Charles and they were well received, over half the vets there bought one or more. Since the reunion, I have sent off orders for nearly 70 more and have in hand five additional orders from those who took order blanks with them from St. Charles.

An order blank is printed in this POOP. Use it to order this fine work. Read the instructions carefully, mark your order accordingly and send it to me, Phillip Day.

A 467th emblem by itself is \$6, a squadron insignia by itself is \$5. A 467th emblem and one squadron insignia or a 2nd 467th emblem is \$10. A 467th insignia and four squadron insignia are \$21. A set of the 467th emblem and five squadron insignia is \$25. Take advantage of the discounts, order two or more, or better, the set of six.

We will make about \$1.50 per emblem and all profit, as does the profit from all items listed in the POOP PX section, will go to the Group treasury for mail and memorial needs.



**FREDERICK LYKES**

Length, overall — 492' 0"    Gross tons — 7,773    Propulsion — Turbine  
 Beam — 69' 6"    Speed (knots) — 17    Passengers — 2,824  
 Draft — 28' 0"    Radius (miles) — 12,300    Cargo (cu. ft.) — 52,000

Built in 1940 by Federal Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., Kearny, N. J.  
 Former name: SEA HOUND

Operated by Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., before acquisition by the War Department.

**A**FTER circumnavigating Africa counterclockwise in 1942 and then making a few Atlantic crossings as a freighter to England and Oran, the FREDERICK LYKES was bareboat chartered on 1 July 1943 to the War Department for conversion to a troopship.

Upon completion of conversion work by Todd Shipyards at New York in early November, she sailed to Europe and returned to New York via Boston. The vessel continued in service between New York and the United Kingdom until sailing from Naples in June 1944 for New Orleans.

Before proceeding to the Pacific (via the Panama Canal) she stopped at Galveston (for repairs by Todd-Galveston Dry Docks, Inc.), Key West and Guantanamo. The vessel sailed from Panama in early August for Finschhafen, Lae and Langemak. She returned to San Francisco in September and then went to Seattle for repairs and alterations by Todd Shipyards to prepare the vessel for a high priority mission to Honolulu, Eniwetok and Guam.

The ship returned in December 1944 to San Francisco, where she underwent major repairs before leaving in February 1945 for Noumea, Espiritu Santo, Guadalcanal, Hollandia, Leyte, Townsville and Biak. She returned to San Francisco from this voyage but after a brief stay in port sailed in June, via the Panama Canal for UK and Le Havre, France. Returning to Boston, she went from there to Marseilles and returned to New York.

After a trip from New York to Casablanca and one from Hampton Roads to Marseilles in late 1945, the FREDERICK LYKES was declared surplus to the needs of the War Department and was redelivered to the War Shipping Administration on 13 February 1946 at Norfolk, Va., and on the same date transferred by the WSA to Lykes Bros. Steamship Co.



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Listed are those known to have attended. The list may be incomplete, but if anyone was left out, please know it was not intentional but just the best we have at the date of publication of POOP.

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 Harvey Erickson  
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 Gene & Mary Ann Garrett  
 Ed & Anita Goldsmith

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 Jeff & Terry Gregory  
 Craig & Susan Harrington  
 Lloyd & Carmen Haug  
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 Lyle D. Waite  
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 Vince & Gloria LaRussa  
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 Ed Mahoney  
 Jim & Mary Mahoney

Will & Cicly Noden  
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 Dan & Betty Wright  
 Chester & Dolores Zaleski

PINKS AND GREENS

I receive CROSSHAIRS, official newsletter of The Bombardiers, Inc., and enjoy reading the total of it, 24 8-1/2" x 11" pages in the last edition. An article of interest to many of you is reproduced below.

I purchased my officer's uniform while in Basic Pilot Training at Bakersfield, CA, taking only the officer's cap with me to Advanced, to work on it, to give it the 200 mission "crush" before graduation. Near graduation time I sent the remainder coat to the clothiers who sent my uniform to Douglas, AZ. I was still a growing boy and in the approximate two months, though the blouse still fit perfectly, the Pinks and Greens (pants) needed additional alternations as to length and waist before Lt. Rosen, my Tack Officer, would okah the whole of it.

All of you Bombardiers should write E. G. "Ned" Humphreys, Executive Director of The Bombardiers, Inc. at Star Route 1, Box 254, Eagle Harbor, MI 49951. He has a rapidly growing, non-profit, organization dedicated to the perpetuation of your skills and puts out a damn good quarterly publication.

By the way, Bombardier Memorabilia and Artifacts now have an official repository at the United States Air Force Armament Museum, Elgin AFB, FL. I will be down there soon and will tell you of it in the next POOP.

CAN YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU PAID?

Wright S. Swanay, 43-14 Midland, sent a copy of the sales ticket from Kahn Tailoring Co of Indianapolis showing what he paid for his initial officer's uniform. Wright graduated 7 October 1943, so now you can compare what you paid!..See if inflation had occurred!

ITEM	COST
Blouse	\$52.50
Pinks and Greens	45.00
Pinks and Greens Shirts	27.00
Luxemburg Hat	17.50
Green "F" Caps	3.50
Poplin Shirt	3.95
2 Ties	2.00
Shoes	10.00
6 Sox	3.00
Insignias	2.75
Wings	3.50
Belt	1.50
2 Bars	1.50
2 "M" Bars	3.90
Trench Coat	39.50
2 Wings	2.00
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Total	\$219.85

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