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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 PRESIDENT

This is my first article in the "POOP" as your new president. I know that I speak for your new vice-president, Jack Stevens, as well as myself, in pledging our very best efforts on your behalf. We are honored to serve you.

Let me begin by paying tribute to our outgoing president, Dave Swearingen, who, with his wife Jackie, devoted many hours of service to the 467th. A job well and truly done, Dave. Thanks on behalf of all the men and women of the 467th. The finest group in the 2nd Air Division.

Well, if you were in attendance you don't have to ask how the reunion in Shreveport went. You know it was the best ever. Organized to a "T" by Phil Day and Miss Cille, this was a reunion to be remembered. A great deal of hard work went into it, and we are all truly grateful for the dedication of Phil and Cille that made it a success.

We were honored to have in attendance our English friends Peter and Marlene Bond, Tommy and Doris Dugar, and our own member of the Board of Governors, David Hastings. We were also happy to see Fred Holdredge and Al Herzberg with their spouses. Maurice Cramer attended his first with 6(??) members of his crew. Not your last, Cramer, I'll bet!

A special word of appreciation goes to Losse Piland and the Days (again) for extending the hospitality of their homes to the Bonds and Dungars during their stay here. Also thanks to Dave Patterson for putting his life at risk by allowing David Hastings to fly his "put-put" around the country. The Bonds, Dungars, and Hastings have done so much to make our visits to England enjoyable, I'm happy we could extend some measure of hospitality to them on their visit here.

My reunion got off to an early start with the arrival in Dallas on Wednesday preceding the reunion, of Al Showers, Jim and Joan Coffee, and Charlie Finn. They joined up with my wife and me for a quick tour of Dallas and a Mexican dinner that evening. The following day we boarded our van for the ride to Shreveport. A good time was had by all, with numerous pit stops along the way.

After a pleasant early arrival party, the reunion really got underway on Friday. Many of us opted for a river cruise on the Red River, and a few diehards tried their luck at the races. I was among the latter group, and I must say my expenses for the trip increased considerably. However, you could tell from some smug faces that there were a few winners. A cajun buffet was provided for dinner, featuring alligator meat. If you can believe that. Most of us thought it was chicken. Following the dinner, a discussion and question and answer session was conducted by our British guests Peter Bond and Tommy Dugar.

About midnight I found Al Shower, firmly holding on to the bar piano, and singing his head off. I didn't know he had a voice. Speaking of Al Shower, this man continues to show his devotion to the men of his command. He never misses a reunion, convention, mini-reunion, or meeting involving 467th people. His genuine affection for us is apparent and is returned by us all. Thank you Al.

The next day, on to the buses and out to Barksdale AFB for a tour of the base, lunch, and a visit to a display of B-52s and other aircraft. An interesting day indeed, and personally I was most impressed with the quality young men that make those big machines go. I'm glad and proud that this nation still produces such men that are willing and able to do the jobs they do.

The banquet Saturday night was just tremendous. We were honored to have General McCarthy, CO of the Eighth Air Force, as our guest speaker. His speech was most reassuring

and it became apparent why this man holds such an important job. In a nutshell, he is sharp. Very sharp. We were also pleased to have with us our American representative on the Board of Governors, Jordan Uttal. Jordan spoke to the issue of the Memorial Room funding which is currently under consideration, and also accepted the seven volumes of the Chicago tapes on behalf of the Memorial room with a promise of quick delivery on his visit to England in October.

Carl Alexanderson, our new 2nd AD Assoc. President was also in attendance, and gave us his greetings and best wishes. I think he also said the 467th was the best group in the 2nd AD. If he didn't say that, he came very close. David Hastings also brought greetings from the people of Rackheath and Salhouse.

The dinner was concluded with a few words of wisdom from Al Shower and the hall was turned over to the dancers and those that think they can dance. Oh yes, I was hooted off the stage by a gang of ruffians. But I took names!!! The following morning after a good buffet breakfast we went on our merry way.

It was a good one!!!

Special mention must be made here of the contribution of Joe, Helen, Joan and young Joe Dzenowagis, to the success of the reunion. Following our Cajun buffet on Friday night, they presented a specially edited version of the Chicago tapes called, "The Faces of the 2nd Air Division." To say it was spectacular can only be emphasized by the roaring standing ovation at its conclusion. The dedication of this family to a project of this magnitude and expense is inspiring to us all. The taping continued at Shreveport, and when the project is finally completed, a unique personal, and valuable history will have been added to the recording of the Air War in Europe.

I have just returned from an extended motor trip through our Western States. I am reminded that we have indeed a beautiful land of decent and caring people. It is this story of America which gives our Memorial its direction and purpose. It is important that for many years to come, the young people of Britain, Europe, and even the U.S.A., have available to them that story. For America is more than what they read in their tabloids. Our reasons for being, then and now, will be as important in the year 2050 as they were in 1944.

Decisions are being made about the future of the Memorial Room now. I have made my personal views available to Jordan Uttal to carry with him to England in October. I hope that many of you also availed yourself of the same opportunity.

Something to keep in mind during the present deliberations, is that the Memorial Room is not only a memorial to those that didn't return, but in the not too distant future it will also become our memorial. I'm sure that whatever the decision, the 467th will do its part and more, as it always has done.

In the absence of specific figures, which I do not have available at this writing, I am pleased to report to you that the financial condition of the group is excellent, due mostly to the judicious handling of our money for our reunion by Phil Day. This should not be confused with the "Poop from Group" fund which continues to need your donations. It's the best group newsletter in the 2nd AD and it can't be published on will alone. Send your contributions to Phil.

A few suggestions were made on the location for our next 467th reunion. Let me hear from you on this.

A suggestion was made that the 467th get together two days before the reunion in Colorado Springs. Not a formal meeting, but rather a good "laugh and scratch" session



amongst old and new friends.

I think it's a great idea and so, assuming the availability of rooms, we will convene at the pool two days before the start of the 2nd AD Association Reunion in Colorado Springs. When Evelyn Cohen sends your reservation for (?), request two additional nights prior to the reunion.

Remember, membership is our life blood. Try to bring at least one new one into the fold this year.

I want your suggestions, comments and criticisms. Please let me know where I can help.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of my wife, Terry, and myself to wish you all a most happy and joyous Holiday Season.

Jeff

#### FROM JACK STEVENS - VICE-PRESIDENT

Your call was a pleasant surprise this afternoon. I hadn't realized the Group V.P. would be invited to submit any pearls - of wisdom or otherwise. Our events of this year have made me realize how fortunate some of us are. I've tried to express that in the following:

Our experiences, our trials, and the people who touched our lives have made us who we are. As 1987 comes to a close let us remember our comrades in arms who met in Norwich and Bossier City this year and those others from our youth that we'll never see again.

Best wishes to all of you for the holidays.

#### FROM YOUR VEEP FROM 2ADA JOURNAL

As we write this on October 7 for the December issue of the Journal, we are recently back from an outstanding reunion of our Group in Bossier City-Shreveport, Louisiana. Thanks to Phillip and Cille Day, we had the greatest get-together yet. They worked their hearts out and we are truly grateful to them. Their dedication to our Group's excellent esprit de corps is reflected in many ways, especially their publishing, editing and mailing of our newsletter POOP from Group 467. They also make our money that our folks contribute go a long way.

This will be the last article for the Journal I will submit. At our Group reunion new officers were elected and our new President of our 467th Bombardment Group (H) Association, Ltd. is Jeff Gregory. He as President will serve as our Vice-President of the Second Air Division Association for the 467th Bombardment Group. Jack Stevens was elected Vice-President of our Group Association and will serve as Deputy Vice-President of the 2ADA for our Group.

Bill McGovern and Phillip Day were willing to serve again as our Group's Secretary and Treasurer respectively. We are indebted to these two men who have worked hard to fulfill these two most important responsibilities.

Our Group by-laws call for five Directors on our Board. For the 1987-1988 term your Board will include Jeff Gregory, Jack Stevens, Vince LaRussa (Class of '88), Jim Coffey (Class of '89), and yours truly (Class of 90). Please contact any one of us or all of us if we can improve our program.

There were so many highlights of our recent reunion I don't have space to name them all. Certainly we were honored to have with us Peter and Marlene Bond, Tommy and Doris Dugar, and David Hastings from the Norfolk, England area. Their presence meant a great deal to the success of our meeting. We are indebted to Losse and Ruth Piland who were hosts to the Bonds and Dugars prior to and after our reunion. We're also indebted to Phillip and Cille Day who hosted these folks after the reunion.

We also were honored to have with us President Carl and First Lady Louise Alexanderson. Other dedicated 2ADA Executive Committee members with us were Past President and long-term member of the Board of Governors Memorial, Jordan Uttal and Dave Patterson, Past President and current Secretary and Director of Administrative Services. Thanks to Dave, who with his wife Joan were hosts to David Hastings in their home in California prior to our reunion and provided his own plane for David to fly with Dave by way of Dayton to Bossier City and return to Alamo, California.

Our own Group Past Presidents of the 2ADA Vince LaRussa and his wife Gloria and Ken Darney and his wife Dot graced our meeting.

We were especially happy to have our former brass with us: Col. Al Shower, Group Commander; Al Hershberg, Air Executive Officer and his wife Edna; Bob Salzarulo, 788th Squadron Commander and his fiancée Eleanor Foreman; Bruce Palmer, 789th Squadron Commander; and Fred Holdredge, 790th Squadron Commander and his wife Jane.

We also had Fred Buelte, the Lamms, the Malones and the Carricos who were with the 470th Sub Depot at Rackheath; also Jim Branton of the 74th Station Complement Sq. and his wife Maxine and Ross Voyles of the 2nd Air Division Headquarters Unit. We had many 467th B.G. first attenders too numerous to name.

M. B. Cramer, a pilot of the 791st B.S. with seven of his crew were given special recognition. There were other crews with as many as six, five and four attending.

Three members of the Witchcraft were with us: Joe Ramirez, crew chief; George Dong, and Ray Betcher and his wife Doris.

Certainly another highlight of the Friday evening festivities was the premier showing of the "Faces of The Second Air Division" documentary presented by the Dzenowagis family. It is a terrific video tape and we hope it will soon be available for all to acquire who may want to have for their pleasure. Joe, Helen, Joe, Jr. and Joan were everywhere taping our social events and activities. Certainly, quite an accomplishment was a still photograph of all our vets in front of the B-24 at Barksdale Air Force Base. Space just doesn't provide all that could be written about this history project for which we all are indebted to the Dzenowagis family.

The folks who bet on the horses at Louisiana Downs and we who were on the River Rose Cruise were most happy for the opportunity to spend our time in fellowship and entertainment.

Our time at the Barksdale Air Force Base was enjoyed by all. The base bus tour with guides and the walk-through of a B-52, a C-135, and a KC-10 were exciting. The lunch at the NCO Club was delicious. We enjoyed the talk by Mr. H. W. "Buck" Rigg, curator, Eighth Air Force Museum and Chairman, Eighth Air Force Museum Volunteers Association. Phillip Day presented him a check for \$1,000.00 to further his Association Museum efforts from our treasury.

Then the Saturday night cocktail party and banquet was the climax. Anne Pugh, wife of Col. Floyd Pugh, Ret., gave a beautiful invocation. We were entertained by The Mighty Eighth Air Force Show Band to which our Group treasury donated \$250.00.

Lt. General James P. McCarthy, Commander of The Eighth Air Force was our guest speaker. He assured us we can sleep most securely with today's planes and equipment and a high quality of trained personnel in our Air Force.

Then the finale was dancing to the wee hours of Sunday morning. Can you believe some of us older folks didn't get to bed 'til 2 a.m. It was a glorious occasion.



Jackie and I want to thank all of you for making our last two years of serving as your Veep of the 2ADA a memorable one. Our Group treasury and activities continue to be in good shape. One of my objectives when assuming the responsibility was to increase our membership where we would be number 1 in the 2ADA. We gained a number of new members and lost some. Our new President Gregory is challenged to still be number 1. We have 932 on our latest mailing list roster maintained by Phillip Day as of July 1, 1987. Some of these are associate members and a few are 2ADA names but the majority are 467th B.G. vets. The last official number by the 2ADA listed our Group as having 516 members in the 2ADA--5th of the 32 units listed, as of August 30, 1987.

God Bless!

Dave Swearingen

FROM DAVID J. HASTINGS, HONORARY MEMBER:

Dear Members of the 467th:

How can your Norwich visitors ever thank you enough for your wonderful kindness, friendship and hospitality which you gave to us at the Shreveport reunion. As always you were truly magnificent and it was a privilege and honour to be with you all again.

To meet so many old friends was wonderful and what a tremendous programme you gave us, thanks to Phillip and Cille and their team, happy memories which will last forever. The arrival evening, the Boat Trip, the superb video production by Joe and his great family (their making history come alive), the visit to that impressive Barksdale AFB and then the moving Banquet with the speech by Lt. General McCarthy, all were tremendous and bless you all for making it possible.

I was glad to have the opportunity to meet so many of you and to report that your unique and lovely 2nd Air Division Memorial Room is in great shape and rapidly expanding to bring it's message to the young generations. Also historians from all over Europe and indeed the world are now looking to the Room and the archives as one of the best sources of information on the Air War in Europe in World War Two. I believe that we have to ensure that this unique living Memorial will go on down the ages, long after we have gone and this matter is featured in the Journal. I was also pleased to convey the thanks from Rackheath, Salhouse and indeed the whole of Norfolk for your return to our County last May. What a great few days we had together and you have left us with memories that will last forever, added to which we have the village sign, the seat, the marker and now the attractive new gates to the Community Centre, your kindness and generosity knows no bounds.

I am glad to say that after we left you at Shreveport, Dave Patterson and I successfully completed our round trip of the USA in the Cessna C-337. Leaving Shreveport we headed Southwest to Midland in Texas for fuel and then on to El Paso and Tuscon, where we visited the museum. In a perfect evening we then took off again and made Palm Springs by dusk, which was superb. This then left us the easy trip via the Mojave Desert and the California coast back to San Francisco. For me a flight of a lifetime, thanks to Dave and all the 2nd Air Division Association.

Once again, sincere thanks from the bottom of our hearts to you all, and Jean and I look forward to being with you at Colorado Springs in 1988.

Yours sincerely,  
David J. Hastings.

FROM TOMMY AND DORIS DUNGAR

Dear Phillip and Cille:

Just a few lines to let you know we arrived home safe and sound on Tuesday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m. after a lovely flight over the Pond; tail winds knocked 45 minutes off return flight and landed at Gatwick at 8:00 a.m. B.S.T. It then took almost as long to get to Norwich from London.

We can't find the words to thank you enough for allowing us into your lovely home and showing us all the places of interest. We never expected to see the oil and cotton industries, which were very interesting.

It was a great privilege and honor to be asked to attend the 467th Reunion at Shreveport, to be welcomed by so many friendly people was something we will never forget for the rest of our lives. The visit to Barksdale was the highlight for me, and it was lovely to see the old B-24 and B-17 again. I imagined Ken Fisher getting some milk from one of his Dad's cows and Pappy sitting in the Ground Crew's Shack made from Engine Crates and Ammo Boxes, where we used to heat the milk and make the drinking chocolate or fry some eggs or cook some rabbit (It seems like a dream today). I noticed some of the Vets had a few tears in their eyes and turned away and walked a few yards just to be alone with their memories. I was just the same and miles away with thoughts and memories.

Please thank the 467th for everything they did for us and for giving us such a wonderful time at the Reunion, and for everything they did for us.

I expect you have seen the terrible winds and storms we have had and all the damage it has done; it really was dreadful. We had no power for two days and some parts of Norfolk and Suffolk will be off for almost a week. Lots of roads are still blocked with falling trees and phone lines are still down. Even the railroads are blocked with trees and landslides. I think it's the worst storm we have ever had in England and hope we never have one like it again (we have lots of roofing tiles off).

Well, Phil, will get this off to you now and will send some photos later.

Yours truly,  
Tommy and Doris

#### NOTICE

The 5th Annual Southwest mini-Reunion Dinner will be held Saturday, March 19 at the Harvey Hotel, Addison, Texas. The hotel is located in the heart of the North Dallas shopping area. That's especially for the ladies. "Faces of the 2nd Air Division" will be shown. Other surprises are in store. Plan now to be there. \$30.00 per person. Hotel rooms available for "stay overs". Letter and Reservation Forms to follow.

For you history buffs. Fred Holdredge called me on October 30 and reported discovering valuable records concerning 467th missions. He visited the Military Field Branch, Military Archives Division of the Washington National Records Center, Suitland, MD 20746.

He found cartons of info including the missions, dates, pilot's name, aircraft number, Commander's reports on the missions, and bomb strike photos. It is necessary to obtain a research card for the "AAF Mission Reports RG-18" Carton #1745-1757.

According to Fred there are thousands of pieces of information and it would help your research to have the mission dates with you if you pursue this research.

Jeff



MAJOR GENERAL JAMES P. MCCARTHY.  
Commander Eighth Air Force (SAC)  
Address to the 467th Convention

Thank you Dave for that kind introduction. It's a genuine pleasure for me to be here with the "Rackheath Aggies" of the 467th Bomb Group. I'm honored to participate in this gathering of Combat Veterans from the Air War over Europe. Your heroic deeds during World War II sealed the fate of the Nazi menace.

After the War, Hitler's Armaments Minister, Albert Speer, indicated that the allied bomber offensive opened a second front in the skies over Germany that was the greatest battle lost by the German side. And the 467th played an important role in that defeat. In only one short year of flying the B-24 Liberator you racked up some pretty impressive achievements. In addition to destroying strategic targets essential to the German War effort, you provided crucial air support for ground operations during the Normandy invasion, the drive across France, the Battle of the Bulge, and the assault across the Rhine.

All told, you flew nearly 5500 sorties on 212 combat missions: Dropping over 13,000 tons of bombs on German targets, establishing an endurance record for Eighth Air Force B-24s with 130 missions and no turnbacks in the "Witchcraft", and gaining a reputation for dropping the most accurate bombs of any group in the Mighty Eighth.

In fact, on one mission in April 1945, the 467th made history when three squadrons dropped all their bombs within 1000 feet of the center of their target--the coastal battery at Pointe de Grave. Plus, half of the bombs fell within 500 feet of that point. And, that accomplishment was never repeated by any other Eighth Air Force Unit during the War.

Not only was your performance remarkable for World War II, but until recently, there were many aircrews in the Strategic Air Command who would have been happy with that kind of bombing accuracy.

Your success, no doubt, was assisted by having Colonel Shower as your "CO" from activation in the States, through the Tour in Britain, to your return to the States. And I understand that "Black" Al was the only Bomb Group Commander in Eighth Air Force to have that distinction.

The ultimate honor for the Group must have been to lead the victory flyover of Eighth Headquarters at High Wycombe on 13 May 1945.

Overall, the combat operations of the 467th and other units like it in the Mighty Eighth contributed immensely to allied victory over Nazi Germany. The United States Strategic Bombing Survey after World War II concluded that Allied airpower was decisive in winning the War in Europe: Making possible the successful invasion of the Continent and bringing the economy that supported the German war effort to a virtual collapse.

Moreover, the success of strategic bombing became a telling argument in favor of creating an Independent Air Force. Here was a unique mission that the Air Force performed independently of Ground Forces that could, by itself, have a tremendous impact on the outcome of a conflict. Many historians cite the success of strategic bombing in World War II as a key element in securing government approval to make the United States Air Force a separate branch of the Armed Forces.

As we celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of the Air Force, it's important that we recognize the vital role units such as your's played in making that all possible.

The accomplishments of the Mighty Eighth during World War II provide the Strategic Air Command a proud heritage to draw upon as we field the combat capability required to deter our adversaries and maintain the peace.

I must admit that I'm thrilled to be Commander of the modern day Eighth Air Force. As a child living in Canton, Ohio during World War II, I marvelled at the exploits of the valiant aviators in the Mighty Eighth. And, I vividly remember telling my father that one day, I, too, would fly in that famous organization.

As fate would have it, when I completed pilot training in 1959, I was assigned to fly B-47s at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio for the 301st Bombardment Group in the Eighth Air Force. Little did I suspect that 28 years later, I would take command of Eighth Air Force.

After a number of years in Senior Staff Positions, it's great to be back in the saddle again as the Operational Commander of 17 Wings and some 50,000 people.

I'm especially happy to report to you that the Mighty Eighth of today is more combat ready than at any other time in its post-World War II history. And we're continuing to improve that standing.

In recent years, it has become clear that the nation is woefully lacking in conventional warfighting capability to protect its global interests. The Soviets have a significant advantage in modern conventional forces in Europe and Southwest Asia. Many Third World adversaries, such as Libya, are increasingly well armed. And state-sponsored terrorism continues to strike indiscriminately.

Furthermore, the pending agreement with the Soviets to eliminate theater nuclear missiles will force the United States to rely even more upon conventional power to maintain peace and prevent coercion. After many years of concentrating on the nuclear mission, the Strategic Air Command is returning to its roots in seeking to develop its full potential for conventional operations.

We're convinced that SAC's long-range bomber force has the potential to provide a large portion of the conventional capability the nation requires for an affordable price. The ability of the B-52 to rapidly project tremendous firepower around the globe is unrivaled by any other weapon system.

So, we're working hard to exploit the inherent capability of our bomb wings for conventional operations. We're putting our crews through realistic training that reflects our planned employment concept: Flying night, low level missions; using terrain masking to avoid radar detection; releasing live conventional weapons; evading fighter interceptors; and operating with minimal communications. We're developing and employing improved tactics for penetrating and attacking enemy targets. And, our units are gaining practical experience in operating from airfields similar to theater bases they're likely to use in wartime. In fact, members of the Seventh Bomb Wing from Carswell Air Force Base, Texas are just completing a two week deployment to Clinton Sherman Airfield in Oklahoma. Also, in the near future, we plan to deploy units overseas to operate from austere theater bases to further develop their ability to conduct combat operations under wartime conditions.

Furthermore, we're working several near-term enhancements to our B-52s to increase their conventional capabilities. These include the addition of standoff weapons that will enable us to attack point targets while remaining outside the range of concentrated air defenses.

We also plan to retain B-52s in a dedicated conventional role as we transfer their nuclear missions to more advanced bombers. It just makes good economic sense to fully exploit existing assets to provide the conventional striking power the nation needs. And with the support of the American public, we



intend to do just that by enhancing and retaining our B-52 force.

As I go throughout Eighth Air Force today, I'm confident of our continued ability to deter major conflict and thereby maintain peace. Just as in World War II, the Mighty Eighth is manned by highly motivated people who are willing to risk their lives to defend their country. These people continue to be inspired by the remarkable courage, esprit, and will to succeed of their predecessors in World War II.

The ancient Greeks believed that a man gained immortality through great deeds that would live forever in the memory of his people. Your tremendous achievements and enormous sacrifices have secured eternal life for you in the hearts and minds of your fellow Americans and especially among the members of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. And these bright and dedicated people are inspired by the remarkable courage, esprit, and will to succeed of their predecessors.

When I contemplate the impressive record of the 467th Bomb Group in World War II, I'm reminded of a quote by General George S. Patton. It goes: "Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men. It is the spirit of the men who follow and of the man who leads that gains the victory." You certainly demonstrated the validity of this concept in your highly effective wartime operations. And the nation shall be forever indebted to you for doing so.

Thank you.

#### LAST POST

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

Henry A. (Bill) Brown	Frank B. Harmon
Leslie H. Dining	Loren (Bud) Roush
Joseph A. Enrietta	Peter J. Skoll

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

#### ROSTER ADDITIONS

Jim Bolman	Dunedin, FL
O. E. Bowlin	Risor, AR
Fred Buelte*	Rockford, IL
Robert V. Campbell	Deadwood, SD
Oliver Carner	Perris, CA
Roscoe Hanks	Lake of the Ozarks, MO
Charles E. Hudson	Big Sandy, TN
Anthony J. Maris	Sacramento, CA
Sheldon Maskins	Afton, NY
Dean F. Morrow	Fullerton, CA
Glen L. Permann*	Milwaukee, WA

\*Returned from Lost Souls.

Don't let anyone not be welcomed. If you live near them, call them up, get together. Write me for an address and start a correspondence.

#### LOST SOULS

John Low	Laurel, MS
G. L. Romagnesi	Napa, CA

If you live near one of these, try to locate them and return these to the roster.

#### CONVENTION ATTENDEES

There isn't space in this POOP to list the attendees at Convention-1987. If you would like a list, please request one from Phillip G. Day.

FROM BRUCE PALMER:

Dear Phil:

Just wanted to say thank you for the privilege of attending the reunion that was so perfectly planned and the activities accomplished right on time! Just like the 467th at Ruckheath. You and your wife deserve the gratitude of all for being such gracious hosts.

I was particularly glad to have the opportunity to chat with you and get to know the guy who appears to me to have been the major mover in getting people interested in the 467th war days.

Enclosed is a small contribution to the mailing fund.

Best wishes,  
Bruce Palmer

FROM JOE R. RAMIREZ:

Dear Phillip:

Wishing that you and your family are in the best of health. I want to say that George and I had a very good time. Thanks for such a well organized Reunion. Everything went off like clockwork. The whole convention was a total success. The hotel rooms were excellent, food was out of this world and plenty of it. Not to speak of the beverages. The trip to the Air Base was very informative. The food there was very good. The bus transportation was well planned. The Red River cruise is one experience I will never forget. Good food too. Music put us all in a good frame of mind, everyone enjoyed it. The service on the boat reflected the good Southern Hospitality.

Phillip, I personally want to thank you for the wonderful convention you put together for us elder veterans of the 467th Bombardment Group. I am sure you gave of yourself body and soul to make the convention successful. I did not hear one word of disagreement from anyone.

George, Ray and I want to thank you, the speakers, General McCarthy for the recognition of our Ground Crew. The standing ovation is one I will humbly cherish the rest of my life.

As I am writing this letter I felt another earth tremor. Since the 6.1 and 5.3 point, we have had about fourteen shakes. I have been in California about all my life and was in the 1933 quake. I have to say this one was very severe. It seemed like the house was going to break apart. We lost most of our expensive glassware. Most of our 50th Wedding anniversary and 25th presents in our hutches were all in pieces. Pots, pans and food were all over the floor. My refrigerator moved about a foot. Our patio cement slab was cracked. Outside of that no major damage. Some other people were less fortunate.

At the registration table I saw some plates with a B-24 and 467th lettering. Do you know if there are any available? Please let me know where I can get one.

I'll end now, wishing you and yours the best. To me you are numero uno.

Your Witchcraft Friend,  
Joe R. Ramirez

Thirty cards, notes and letters have been received concerning the reunion. To name a few will leave out many, but I especially must acknowledge that letters of special thanks were received from Peter and Marlene Bond, Jordan Uttal and Carl and Louise Alexanderson.

#### MEMORIALS

Send your suggestions for further memorial activities to Jeff Gregory. We do have the Convention 1987 surplus and a suggestion of a memorial at the Air Force Academy next 2ADA Convention. You 467th Association officers will be most appreciative of your input to memorial activities.



## CONVENTION FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented following is a somewhat detailed breakdown of income and costs of the Group's Convention - 1987. It is presented in this manner so that some one(s) of you who will coordinate a convention in your area in the coming year(s) will have some basis for estimating costs, bargaining with vendors, and judging the service organizations you will be working with. When (if) you accept the JOB of being a convention coordinator, I will be most happy to work with you in any way to help your task to be somewhat easier. All of the accounting is on a cash basis and should give you a good idea of unit and total costs. If you have any questions or wish additional information, I will be most happy to pass along what I have learned from the Dayton and Shreveport Conventions.

There were 282 attendees at the convention, 147 veterans and 135 associates. Full convention cost was paid by 273, partial cost by one and eight were our guests. Early arrivals at our Thursday evening Hors d'Oeuvres party numbered 155. Louisiana Downs participants were 51 and 151 signed up to ride the River Rose on Friday.

### Income

Cash receipts	\$39,653.75
Interest	245.35
Disbursements	
Cancellations and Overpayments	2,050.85
Room Reservations Passed Through	392.40
Sub Total	\$37,455.85

### Convention Updates,

Postage, etc	\$ 401.88
Name Tags, Signs, Programs	506.05
Secretarial Services	137.25
Banquet, Floral	75.25
Day Room - Coffee, Tea	68.60
Miscellaneous	59.55
	<u>1,248.98</u>
Louisiana Downs	
Bus	\$ 226.15
Tickets	150.00
	<u>\$ 376.15</u>

### COMMEMORATIVE PLATES

A commemorative plate was designed and produced for Convention 1987. The reduced black and white production herewith shows you the detail of the front of the 8" diameter plate, the back side has a concise history of the Group. There are twelve colors used on the plate. Unfortunately the first production run of two hundred had an off color (tending to purplish) B-24. After conference with several others concerning the off-color, we displayed the plate as an example at the convention with the promise of shipment of a proper plate at a later date.

You who attended the convention and received a green theater-like ticket with your registration package, without any further action on your part, should receive the commemorative plate prior to Christmas. We anticipate shipping them from Shreveport on or about December 15 by UPS and USPS. If you have not received your plate by year end, call or write me, Phillip G. Day, and we'll check it out from this end.

Now as to the original 200 plates. A number who saw them at the Hilton Inn did not find the B-24 color objectionable and would have been willing to accept the plate displayed. The original 200 plates are herewith offered to anyone who wants them, in whatever quantity, at \$12.50 each, shipping cost included. The monies from these original 200 plates will be returned to the specialty company which provided all of the plates to help defray a part of their cost of having to redo the plates.

### River Rose Boat Trip

Buses	\$ 588.00
Charter	550.00
Entertainment	150.00
Food	886.88
	<u>\$ 2,174.88</u>

Thursday Hors d'Oeuvres	1,176.00
Friday Cocktails	543.95
Friday Cajun Buffet	5,449.42
Saturday Breakfast Buffet	2,528.58
Saturday Noon Luncheon	1,425.71
Saturday Cocktails	426.51
Saturday Banquet	5,371.63
Sunday Breakfast Buffet	2,528.58
	<u>\$19,450.38</u>

Band, Saturday Evening	\$ 425.00
Buses, Barksdale AFB	1,418.40
Buses, Airport Shuttle	175.00
Commemorative Plates	3,857.75
Lapel Pin/Tie Tacks	612.50
Donation 8th AF Museum	1,000.00
Donation 8th AF Band	250.00
	<u>\$ 7,738.65</u>

Cash on Hand - Convention \$ 6,466.81

This surplus occurred primarily from:

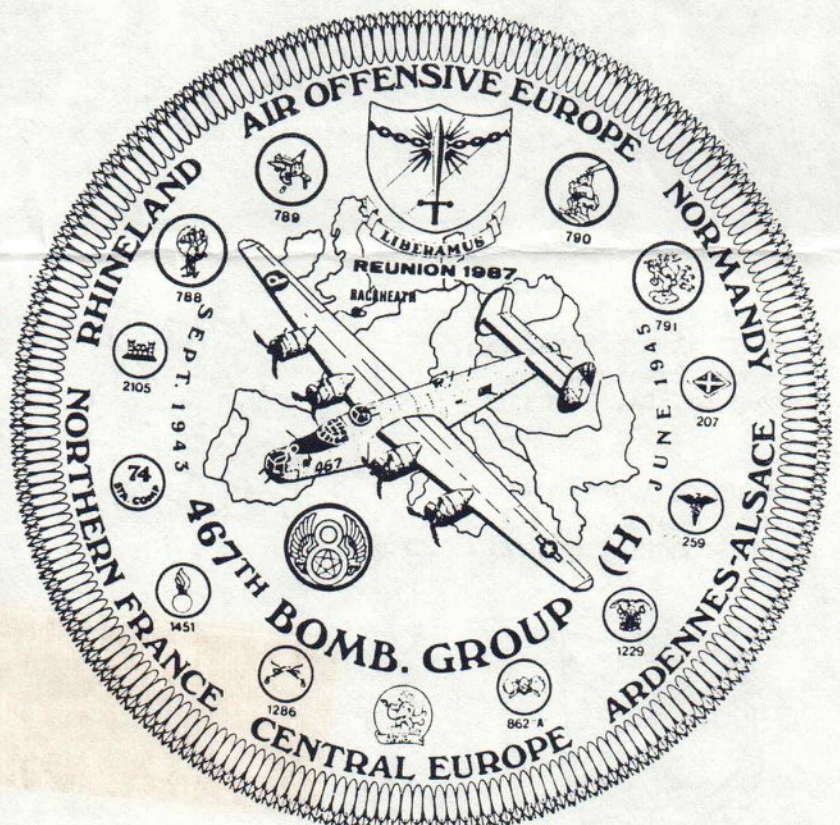
- (1) We didn't drink as much as anticipated, \$970.46 versus \$2,000 budgeted.
- (2) One commemorative plate per individual and/or family group, 200 required versus 300 budgeted.
- (3) Food costs negotiated to lesser amount than budgeted.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

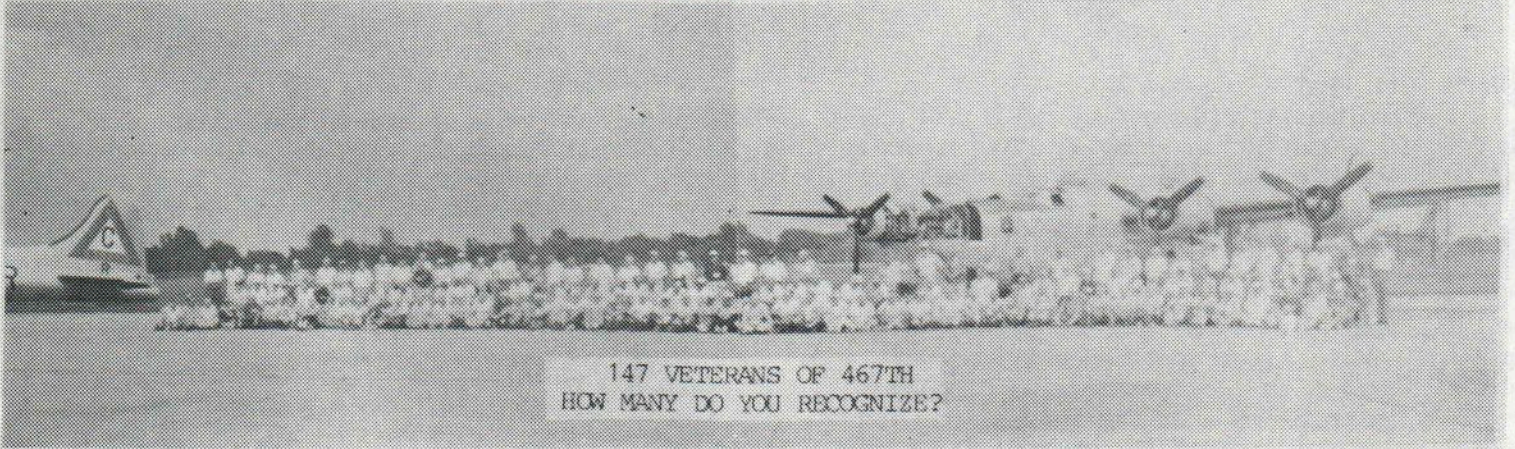
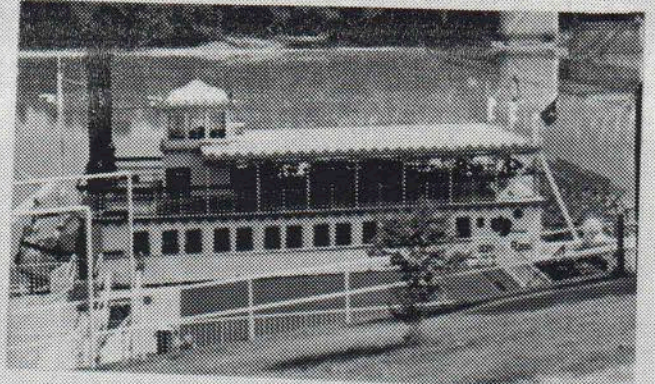
Mail-Memorial Fund		
Cash on Hand 6/30/87		\$ 1,237.80
Computer Services	\$149.50	
Postage	147.00	
Reproduction	163.25	
Total	<u>\$459.75</u>	\$ 778.05
Donations		380.00
Reconciliation		2.19
Cash on Hand 11/01/87		<u>1,160.14</u>
Convention Surplus		6,466.81
Total Cash on Hand 11/01/87		<u>\$ 7,627.05</u>

If you wish one or more of the original 200 plates, send me your order and check (made to 467th BG (H) Assc., Ltd.) and I will in turn have your order shipped to you.

Again, any questions, call or write me, Phillip G. Day.



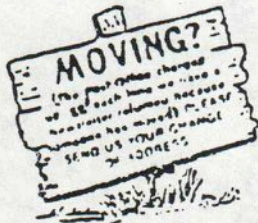




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