



POOP from GROUP

467

*application
for Convention*

VOL. 12 NO. 4

STATION 145

RACKHEATH

APO 558

DECEMBER 1, 1993

FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY) ASSOCIATION, LTD.

IRC Section 501(c) (19)

EIN: 39-1592334

Honorary President

Col. Albert J. Shower
17050 Arnold Drive, #G-308
Riverside, CA 92518
Phone: 714-697-2543

President

Ralph H. Elliott
6000 W. Rafter Circle
Tucson, AZ 85713
Phone: 602-883-8088

Vice-President

Melvin Culross
1400 E. Menlo Avenue, #49
Hemet, CA 92544
Phone: 909-766-1266

Editor-Publisher

Phillip G. Day
237 Pennsylvania Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71105
Phone: 318-868-6485

FROM THE PREZ:

Thirty members, spouses, and associates of the 467th attended the Second Air Division Association Convention in Hilton Head, SC, November 4-7, with total attendance of around 1200 people. For the groups who have no Group Association of their own, this is their only contact with members of their group, and they make the most of it with large day-rooms, big displays of memorabilia, and many VCR tapes. The disadvantage is in the confusion and bustle you get with 1200-1500 people at the banquets and programs and the difficulty of making time for quiet visits with old friends. For that, the single-group conventions like ours have all the advantage. Still, there is much to be said for attending BOTH conventions if time and money permit; otherwise you miss the big picture and the contacts with men from other years. The 467th has also benefited from the names we have added to our own roster courtesy of 2ADA. Evelyn Cohen forwards names and letters to me as they are received; without this courtesy, many of those contacts could be lost.

For the first time in several years, the 467th has a VOYING Vice President on the 2ADA Executive Board. For that reason, Yvonne and I arrived in Hilton Head on November 1st, and I spent the 2nd, plus the afternoon of the 6th, in Executive Board Meetings. It may be of some interest to you to learn that only three out of the 15 group and headquarters VP's are allowed to vote, and only since the Las Vegas convention in '92 have Group VP's been allowed to even attend the Executive Board Meetings. Replies to a questionnaire on allowing ALL VP's to vote were about 13 to 2 in favor of the vote, with the question now up for resolution at the Executive Board Meeting in Kansas City next March. My position is that allowing all VP's to vote is vital to the continued healthy operation of 2ADA and essential for good relations with the groups.

Attending for the 467th were: Colonel Al Shower, Jim and Janice Bates (Ray Betcher's daughter and Heritage League secretary), Ray Bickel, Ralph and Doris Davis, Roy and Ruth Dettinger, Ralph and Yvonne Elliott, Hank and Catherine Fagan, Geoff and Terry Gregory, Howard and Gretta Johnson, Larry and Faye Kurtz, Jim and Polly Mahoney, Dick and Bernie Miller, Will and Cecily Noden, Vince and Carolyn Re, Bob and Rosemary Sheehan, and Walt and Mary Weaver.

I think the MEMORABILIA problem may be close to resolution. The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Center and Chatham County, Georgia signed a development agreement on August 27, 1993 that will result in construction of the Heritage Center complex along I-95 near Savannah (Pooler), Georgia. Retired

Lt. General Buck Shuler, Commander of the 8th Air Force during Desert Storm, will be the Center's Chief Executive Officer. He was a speaker at Hilton Head. I got the distinct impression that, under his leadership, the Heritage Center is a distinct reality. As a backup, Penn State is now the interim depository for memorabilia, and I'll try to have that address for the next PFG. Meanwhile, if you know of material that's about to end up in a garage sale, direct it instead to myself or Vince LaRussa here in Tucson, and we'll see that it gets to the museum when it opens.

If you would like to be included in the upcoming HISTORY OF THE 2ND AIR DIVISION, the absolute deadline for your personal biography is December 15, 1993. Send then and now pictures plus a short biography to: 2nd Air Division History Book, P. O. Box 3101, Paducah, KY 42002-3101, or write for information.

Look for Lloyd Haug's article on the September 13-18, 1994 Minneapolis, 467th Convention in this issue. The 467th Board is considering establishing a policy of holding all future 467th conventions in the fall of each year. The reason is to stabilize general meetings and elections at one year intervals and to make it easier for our members to plan ahead to the next convention. Our policy of trying to stay six months away from the annual/semi annual 2ADA conventions is not working because of their continually changing dates from spring to fall to spring with no way of outguessing them on the next date. This may be of no concern for the groups that have no group association, but a stabilized 2ADA date would help the rest of us.

The 467th patch and the four squadron patches procured by Paul Hatten were well received by the group members at Hilton Head, and some were even sold to members of other groups. You will find a set particularly suitable for framing. Look for his address in this issue of PFG to order. Any profits go to the 467th BG(H) Association.

The reprint of Allan Healy's HISTORY OF THE 467TH BOMB GROUP, which will include the addendum of over 5200 names of Rackheath personnel, an alphabetical listing of the 241 KIA by date, and a listing of KIA by squadron and crew, will be available for shipping by Christmas or shortly thereafter. Several have asked why the addendum will not be available separately. The reason is that printing and binding ONLY the addendum would be nearly as costly as the book and the addendum combined. Combining the two makes it financially possible to satisfy the considerable new demand for the book with the added bonus of the names and listing of the Killed In

Action. The book would make an ideal Christmas present for your kids and might even answer the question, "What did you do in the war, Dad?" at the same time. I find in talking to many sons and daughters that they haven't the faintest idea what outfit their Dad was in and know even less what he did. From the letters I receive, it is apparent that, as they grow older, the question is increasingly important to them, but in many cases has come too late. The source of the information is gone. Fill in those gaps for them while you still can.

A Joyous Holiday Season is my wish for each of you, and a Prosperous, Healthy New Year.

"TO BEE OAR NOT TWO BE"

I have a Spelling Checker,
It came with my PC,
It plainly marks four my revue
Mistakes witch I can not sea!
I've run this liter threw hit,
I'm sure you wood bee pleased too no,
It's letter perfect in it's weigh,
My checker tolled me sew!

FROM THE VIP:

"Once upon a Blue Moon." Everyone has heard that expression and on August 30 this year there were two full moons within the same month. Just as rare, I was visiting Phillip and Ms. Cille in Shreveport, LA on that date. I mentioned how I remember enjoying the great Catfish dinners when I was stationed at Barksdale AFB in the 50's. With their enviable style for Southern Hospitality they invited me to dinner at a restaurant on a beautiful lake in nearby Bossier City for an "Atchafalaya" Catfish dinner. While dining we watched the "Blue Moon" rise on the lake. (I still don't know how they managed that, but I was impressed!) a most memorable evening. The next day Phillip covered many interesting aspects of producing PFG and the stacks of letters and yes, while I was there, the number of phone calls he receives. He has the patience of the biblical "Job" and all of us in the 467th are lucky to have Phillip as our Editor-Publisher.

My visit to the Day's was one of many on my 45-day jaunt across the USA seeing old friends I knew and flew with at Rackheath. My goal was to drive my 92 T-Bird from Hemet, CA to Providence, RI and back visiting family and friends besides the 467th. Many of you have met my twin brother, Don, and we had quite a family reunion. I'm also proud to inform you that Don was elected in July to "Commander" of the largest American Legion Post in the world, Post #3 in Lincoln, NE. I then visited his son, Jim Matney, and family in Springfield, MO. Both Don and Jim are associate members of the 467th.

My next stop was like stepping into a time machine in Ft. Wayne, IN. I had not seen a flight engineer I roomed with in hut "6" who was on Lt. Stan Kilar's crew, for 48 years. Bill Pehrson and his wife Ellie's hospitality made it seem as if it was only yesterday. Needless to say we had a lot of catching up reliving all those missions. I promised I would not take another 48 years before I see them again. My drive from Ft. Wayne to Providence gave me a chance to see a lot of America I had never seen, especially through northern New York State.

At last the Atlantic Ocean and Providence to visit my close 36-year-old actor friend, Dan Champagne. While there we took in the play "Lend me a Tenor" and if you enjoy theatre don't miss it. It is the funniest play I have ever seen. Dan is the one who encouraged me to go into acting and I find it an exciting way to enjoy my retirement years. A most enjoyable visit with him and his friends.

Time to head back across America but first a stop at Rochester, NY to see another buddy in hut "6" who was a Radio Operator on Lt. Du Boies' crew. Robert Gerlach and his wife Norma outdid themselves showing me a grand time. They have seven sons and a daughter. The daughter is the youngest. (I guess they kept trying until they got a girl.) Everyone made me feel as if I were a "Gerlach." Bob took me fishing on Lake Ontario and I caught a 3-pound bronze bass. Thanks to Norma for cooking it for my lunch the next day. Delicious. Bob and I found time to

reminisce as to our days with Col. Al Shower and the Group missions.

On to another flight engineer's home in Franklin, TN, Bill and Helen Eastland. We were on the same crew at the 492nd and 467th Bomb Groups. Our Pilot was Lt. Brothers and Co-Pilot was Lt. Smothers. We were known as "Brothers, Smothers, and all the Others." In PFG (September 1, 1993) Jim Mahoney writes of this crew in the Group with those names and was validated by the Orders he received to have his front tooth repaired in London. Sorry Jim, my name is not listed on that Order 1/10/45. As of that date I had left the crew to become an RCM Operator. Bill's wife Helen certainly knows how to cook "Southern" dishes. I hadn't had turnip greens in years. One of my favorites. Franklin, just outside of Nashville, is steeped in Civil War history and I'm a big buff of that war. Again, like every stop I made, we did not have time to see more, so "I'll be back."

From Franklin to Shreveport and that "Blue Moon." Last stop before heading home was to visit our President, Ralph Elliott and his wife Yvonne. Out of the deep south to the beauty of the desert and a red carpet treatment. We had brunch at the Davis-Monthan AFB Officer's Club on Sunday with Vince and Gloria LaRussa. It was a pleasure to see them again. I can see where the Pres is a very busy man in the 467th and Ralph has an impressive computer system to envy.

Forty-five days and 7,500 miles I was back home. I don't sell Fords, but I'll attest to the Thunderbird being one fine car. Never a moment of trouble. Next year I hope to visit as many of the ones I did this year and also the other members on our crew. Lt. Smothers in Clarence, Iowa...Robert Goldman in Duncanville, TX...and James Whitcomb in Henrietta, NY.

At the risk of boring you I better sign off, but will take this opportunity to wish everyone in the 467th a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year." *Mel*

A GROUP HISTORY—Phillip G. Day:

I have spent considerable time in the last three months researching the Group for a history of it to be included in the forthcoming Second Air Division History, to be published in mid-1994 by Turner Publishing Company, P. O. Box 3101, Paducah, KY 42002-3101. You who are members of the Second Air Division Association have received one to three notices of this book; those of you who are not may find this your first knowledge that such a book is to be offered.

In any event, I know more about the 467th than I knew previously and offer some addendum to Healy's "The History of the 467th" which we did not use in the soon to be published reprint of Healy's History with addendum of which Vince LaRussa is handling publication (See PX Section).

Healy's history relies very heavily on a once secret document titled, "The 467th—A Year At Rackheath" (AYAR). This document was declassified to Restricted by S.H.A.E.F. Field Press Censor, Order No. 114, and was sent to me recently by Edward R. Novak who was 1st Lt., Air Corps, 467th Group Security Officer. This is the second copy I have seen, the first I had reproduced from microfilm. It disappeared while on display at a Group Convention. This copy is an original, either 5 or 85, of how many?

One of the first problems I ran into in Healy is the number of effective missions flown by the Group. Healy and "A Year At Rackheath" with Addenda show the identical 221 mission members and target names if applicable. Healy shows Mission Nos. 3, 9, 38, 43, 59, 68, 73, 106 and 107, a total of 9 as Recalled or Abandoned. AYAR, obviously used by Healy, shows the same. So 221 minus 9 equals 212 which is the number of effective missions the Group is credited with in various publications, including Roger A. Freeman's THE MIGHTY EIGHTH. What was the criteria for crediting a mission? It would seem from my readings that 1) penetration of enemy-held territory, or 2) coming under attack by the enemy, or 3) an 8th AF assigned mission number are required.

Using Freeman's MIGHTY EIGHT WAR DIARY, Mission 3 on 12 Apr 44, 8 AF 300 shown by Healy as Recalled, should have been credited as Freeman notes "2nd Bombardment Division penetrated to German border before turning back." With

route through France (enemy-held territory) and penetration thus should be a credited mission.

Mission No. 9, 21 Apr 44, is shown Recalled. The 8th AF numbered its missions consecutively. There is no 8th AF mission number for 21 Apr 44, that of night 20/21 Apr is number 310, that of 22 Apr is 311. Fuel reports of 21 Apr are not in my files. Another source shows 32 aircraft took off but could not effect assembly due to icing and other weather conditions. Definitely a Recall.

Mission No. 24, 10 May, is credited in Healy, shown as Recalled in AYAR. Freeman says "Heavy Bomber Mission to Germany abandoned during early stages." No 8th AF combat number assigned that date. Should not be a credited mission.

Mission 38, 31 May, confirmed Recalled by Freeman. Weather caused abandonment of B-24 missions, only 458th BG(H), 4 aircraft effective of 496 B-24s dispatched.

Mission 43, 6 June, is shown Abandoned by Healy. AYAR in D-Day narrative shows each of three missions on 6 June penetrated enemy held territory—flew over their assigned targets; but on this mission were not able to drop their bombs due to cloud cover at the target and returned them to Rackheath. Only two D-Day missions were given 8th AF numbers, 394 and 395, according to Freeman. A puzzlement. I treat it as a credit mission.

Healy shows Mission 59, 20 June, Recalled. This mission was to have been to Mimeyecques, FR, a V-1 site only. Two 8 AF numbers used this date, 8AF 425 for Group Mission 57, a six plane effort to a V-1 site at St. Martin L'Hortier, FR and also our No. 58 to Ostermoor. Group Mission 59 to a V-1 site was flown under 8 AF 426, Pas De Calais V-1 sites. As only 196 aircraft of 380 launched, under 8 AF 426, were effective, it is likely that the recall, no mission credit, is proper.

Mission 68, July 1, is a proper Recall. Only one Group of 9 aircraft continued to target and bombed of the 323 bomber effort. 8th 449 was recalled due to deteriorating weather.

Mission No. 73, 8 July, 8th 460 is confirmed as Recalled by Freeman due to "poor weather."

Mission No. 106, 27 August, 8 AF 583 and 584, is shown recalled by Healy and AYAR. I was on this mission, received mission credit for it as we penetrated into Denmark or North Germany en route to the target, Berlin. My diary shows 6:30 hour flight time and says "We flew close to Heligoland (island) on return from Recall, which put up a great display of flak and we dropped our bombs, unarmed, into the North Sea." Freeman confirms penetration by 2BD. This should be a credited mission.

Mission No. 107, 1 September, 8 AF 590, is confirmed Recalled by Freeman "while Bomber Stream still over liberated France." Properly a Recall.

Healy nor AYAR list any more Recalls or Abandoned but two additional missions are questionable due to my study.

Mission 168, 8 February 45, is shown to Salzbergen, GR. No field report of that date is available but the formation sheet for the mission has typed on it "Mission Recalled." No 8 AF number assigned this date. Freeman confirms "All Recalled before leaving English Coast." This should be a Recall mission.

Mission 174, 17 February, 8 AF 834, is shown to Mesechede, GR. Freeman shows all Second Air Division "recalled before reaching enemy airspace." This should be a Recall Mission.

That gives then, according to my study, 221 total missions including 9 non-credited for the 212 missions the Group has been credited with.

When was the 100th Mission? the 200th Mission? Healy is not clear on this milestone. He writes on Page 63, "The mission on the 11th (September) was our 112th. By our score we had flown our 100th mission when we hit Vechta on the 15th of August. Differences in scoring concerning recalls of Division made the official 100th mission come three later. " I believe here he means three days later, No. 102 on 18 August to Woippy (near Metz) France. This Mission was my first but my diary does not confirm it as the Group's 100th. I did write "the Group was stood down on 19 August (Saturday) and 20 August (Sunday) for the 100th Mission party but with a practice mission on 21 August." AYAR does not give a specific date for the 100th, only that it occurred in August and the Group "was amazed to find that only 140 days had been required to achieve a record for the Second Division."

How did they arrive at 140 days? The Group was in combat only 20 days in April; May, June, July, are 92 days. It would take 28 days in August to equal 140 days. I believe they used 30 days in April, 31 in May, 30 in June, 31 in July and 18 in August for the (40 days). Had they used only 20 days in April, the first 100 missions would have been flown in 130 days.

By my recall and abandonments, 6 to Mission 106 on 27 August, the 100th Mission would have made on that date. This would be 139 days of combat operations with 20 days counted in March.

By Healy's recalls and abandonments, 8 to Mission 108 on 5 September, the 100th Mission would not have happened until 5 September, 148 days of combat operations.

The 200th Group number mission was on 22 March 1945. Healy shows 9 recalls or abandonments to that date as does my calculations. The 200th effective mission was then No. 209 on 6 April 45. Healy does not give it a date in his history other than in the list of combat missions.

I flew my thirty-fifth mission, Group No. 199, to Hespe, GR on 21 March 45 and was not at Rackheath for the 200th Mission Party, having been transferred to the 70th Reinforcement Depot (AAF) on 28 March. So at least the 200th Mission Party was not until after 28 March. Healy nor AYAR give it a date.

AYAR shows Mission 220 on 2 April was a Recall, Healy names it to Salzburg. Freeman of 8 AF 901 writes "2nd Air Division abandoned Mission due to 10/10s clouds over assigned targets." Because of that language I would consider it a combat mission. If not, then effective missions of Group would have to be reduced to 211. AYAR tends to not give mission credit when no bombs were dropped which is true in this case.

Some of this can be shown tabularly as follows:

Mo/Yr	No. of Missions		A/C Sorties	% Sorties Effective		%Combat Crew Losses to Effective Sorties	
	Total	Non Credit		467th	2AD	467th	2AD
Apr 44	16	1	431	92	88	2.0	3.5
May 44	22	2	533	92	91	0.7	1.2
Jun 44	29	1	630	86	80	0.5	1.2
Jul 44	19	2	538	80	76	0.9	1.4
Aug 44	20	0	547	80	81	1.7	1.0
Sep 44	6	1	193	89	85	0	1.9
Oct 44	14	0	395	95	90	0.3	0.4
Nov 44	12	0	337	97	93	0.3	0.9
Dec 44	15	0	428	96	91	1.0	0.8
Jan 45	12	0	304	89	82	0.4	0.7
Feb 45	17	2	531	95	94	0.4	0.6
Mar 45	24	0	709	97	94	0.4	0.6
Apr 45	15	0	435*	UK	UK	UK	UK
380 days	221	9	6,011*	91.1	UK	UK	UK

*Estimate

Net combat days were 357 (11 days in September and 27 in October) for 221 combat missions launched, 1.6 days per mission. Credited missions, 212, gives 1.7 days per mission. I believe that 221 missions in less than a net year is as significant as 100 missions in 140 (130,139) days.

Your comments would be appreciated.

WINGED VICTORY:

I recommend to you Geoffrey Perret's "Winged Victory," The Army Air Forces in World War II, published by Random House, ISBN 0-679-40464-3. This is a very comprehensive and most thorough single volume history of the USAAF in World War II. Read and reread with an open mind. The tenor of the book is a skeptical one, questioning the official Air Force view of the success of strategic bombing, criticizing the AAF's highest leadership and casting doubts on the official history of the AAF. Yet it is only after looking closely at the problems, the failures, the mistakes, the lack of knowledge and experience and the occasional stupidity can anyone judge great achievements properly and appreciate them to what they are—triumphs of intelligence, imagination and moral courage.

This is as true of an organization as it is of individuals. The AAF had to rise far above its ordinary self before it could defeat skillful and aggressive enemies. And it did so.

POST EXCHANGE:

THE 467TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HISTORY) SEPTEMBER 1943—JUNE 1945 by Allan Healy, first privately printed in 1947, Third Reprint will be available before year end. This third reprint will contain the total original Healy publication plus will include an alphabetically arranged roster of all known personnel who were assigned or attached to the 467th from March 11, 1944 to July 6, 1945, over 5200 names. Also an alphabetical and chronological listing of all known deceased of the Group while assigned to the Second Air (Bombardment) Division. A short history of the 788th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), information on the lead squadron—wing squadrons of October 44 through May 45 and some other personnel matters will be included in the addendum. The addendum cannot be offered separately. It is cost prohibitive.

For your order of this third reprint with addendum, send \$40 per copy to: Vincent D. LaRussa, 8570 N. Mulberry Drive, Tucson, AZ 85704.

GROUP/SQUADRON PATCHES:

Each 4" diameter patch consists of a white background with 1/8" black border. The Group patch is the Sword and Shield with Second Air Division above and 467th Bomb Group (h) below. The black lettering height on this and all patches is 1/2". The squadron patches have XXX Bm. Sq. above the caricatures and 467th Bomb Group (H) below. The colors used in the caricatures are not as varied as the originals approved but the whole of each does present a pleasing appearance. Recommended is the purchase of all five for a wall mounting at \$15. Individual patches are \$4 each. All are post paid at the quoted prices. Send your orders with check or money order made out to the 467th Bomb Group to: Paul V. Hatten, 8346 Coppenside, Converse, TX 78109.

467TH BG(H)/2ND AIR DIVISION WINDOW DECAL:
\$3 each from Bob Sheehan, 1828 E. 27th Street, Tulsa, OK 74114.

467TH BG (H) DIGITAL TRAVEL CLOCKS:

Quartz digital travel alarm clocks 2-1/2" H x 3-1/2" W with Group Emblem on Closed Front. Alarms good and has night light capability. Close out at \$8 each with UPS or USPS delivery prepaid. Order from Bob Sheehan as above.

Remember that profits from items purchased from this PX Section is for the Association.

LAST POST:

Homer B. Boyd	Charles E. "Chuck" Kagy
Harold R. Bronson	Leonard E. Maharrey
Paul D. Busby	Lyle M. Schrader
Duan Fods	J. David Swearingen
Wilbert E. Fries	Charles F. Taylor

P. Braden Wier

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

ROSTER ADDITIONS:

Marvin H. Arnold	Jacksonville, FL
Lawrence R. Belanger	Murrells Inlet, SC
Merritt R. Clarke	Providence, RI
Robert M. Clark	Carmichael, CA
George W. Dickinson	Palatine, IL
Clayton C. Duby	Manitowoc, WI
George W. Eggett	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Bernard J. Ferrell	Rockville Center, NY
Edward F. Gore	Westfield, NJ
Harold C. Greenman	Mainville, OH
Lawrence T. Gremman	Charlestown, RI
Jack Harrington -A	Tracy, CA
Isadore Kopcho	Mt. Pleasant, PA
Andrew Krupiak	Port St. Lucie, FL
Carolyn L. Lees -A	Raleigh, NC
Arthur E. Lozon	Billings, MT
Lavern E. Mehkim	Kingman, AZ

Roster Additions Continued:

Edward J. O'Day	Heydeville, VT
Roland F. Person	Enfield, CT
Charles J. Rodgers	Elizabethtown, KY
Betty L. Schrader -A	Northfield, MN
Jack A. Shetter	Girard, KS
Virgel E. Smith	Hutchinson, KS
Wilber Stites -A	Black Earth, WI
Jackie Swearingen -A	Memphis, TN
Charles E. Struppa	San Antonio, TX
Lawrence D. Swart	Burlington, WI
Louis Vergara	Delton, FL
Eugene W. Veverka	Tucson, AZ
John W. Upp	St. Charles, IL
Joseph C. Wailes	Houston, TX
Frank L. Waters	Coral Springs, FL
Seymour Weinrib	Hewlitt, NY
Robert L. Yearta	Whitesburg, GA

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

LOST SOULS:

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

Warren Fesmire	McComb, MS
Darrell B. Ivcy	Santa Clara, CA
Richard D. Lodge	St. Petersburg, FL
Ernest J. Longnecker	Flushing, NY
Aubrey E. Rothchild	W. Des Moines, IA
Herby Slaughter -A	Norwich, England

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Operating Fund 09-01-93 to 12-01-93	
Opening Balance	\$16,203.18
Contributions, 24 individuals	550.00
Patch Sales	178.00
Lyle Schrader Memorial	300.00
Interest Income 3 mo.	<u>49.88</u>
	17,281.06
Disbursements:	
Reproduction POOP 12-3	324.00
Secretarial POOP 12-3	258.77
USPS Domestic POOP 12-3	377.00
USPS Foreign	31.37
USPS - Other	29.00
Phillip G. Day - Telephone	61.68
2nd Air Division L. Schrader	300.00
Convention 94 Advance	3,000.00
Oar Products, Down Payment Patches*	<u>1,125.00</u>
* One-half of purchase price	5,506.82
Operating Fund 12-01-93	11,774.24
Other Funds:	
Albert J. Shower Endowment	796.50
Rackheath Memorial	<u>47.50</u>
Sub-Total	844.00
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	\$12,618.24

The Four Hundred Sixty-Seventh Bombardment Group (Heavy) Association, Ltd. is a Wisconsin Non stock Corporation and under Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(19), qualifies as a not-for-profit veterans' group with Employee Identification Number (EIN:) 39-1592334. Any donations to the Association by you can be treated as tax deductible. Delegates and associates to our conventions should consult with their tax advisors as to other deductions you would make for tax purposes.

MAIL-MEMORIAL OPERATING FUND
CONTRIBUTIONS—09-01-93 to 12-01-93:

Joe Abernathy
Linton Allen
Walt Bandlew
Wayne O. Crossan
Bill Dillon
Richard A. Donahue
Bill Eastland
Henry "Tex" Ellison
Mack Harvey
David Hastings -A
Morris Henderson
Bob Holtmeier
Chuck Kagy
Alan Last -A
John J. Logan
Bill McGovern
Ray McTyre
Tom Nelson
Charles D. Pou
Frank B. Powers
Joe Severance
Betty L. Schrader -A
Al J. Shower
Al Welters

The above donated \$550 to the Association and I take this opportunity to thank those I have not corresponded with. We do solicit donations to the Association, and if you wish to make one for a specific purpose, we will be glad to set up a fund or pass it through for you.

BITS AND PIECES by Phillip G. Day:

Mel Culross in his visit said I should identify the author of this section. I have on occasion. I will do so from now on.

Mel Culross in his visit said we should recognize Col. Albert J. Shower on the masthead as Honorary President of the Association. The resolution of the Board of Directors, on October 5, 1990, naming Col. Shower as "Honorary President," was unanimously resolved in the Business Meeting of the Association on October 6, 1990. My apologies to Col. Shower for not taking this action sooner.

James David Swearingen, Group Vice President in its relationship with the Second Air Division Association from September 6, 1985 to September 26, 1987 and he led us well into our Four Hundred Sixty-Seventh Bombardment Group (Heavy) Association, Ltd. as its first President, died on November 8, 1993 after a long illness. Dave was a good man, a good friend. We were notified by Jackie in time to present a wreath at his graveside service and have representation from the Group by Richard Jeppe of Memphis.

Betty L. Schrader called me of Lyle's death soon after it happened with an inquiry toward a memorial to him. I suggested books dedicated in his name at the Memorial Library Room in Norwich and she sent a substantial donation for that purpose which has been forwarded to Jeff Gregory for action.

There has been some time passed since the previous sentence, six days in fact. I had another stroke, lasted less than 24 hours, spent Thanksgiving through following Sunday in hospital. Changed drugs again, back to coumidan. I feel poorly from it but not incapacitated in any way.

So this POOP supposed to have been mailed on December 1, 1993 will probably slip to December 10 or so.

Col. Shower called me of Chuck Kagy's death. I asked the Colonel to please represent the Group, which he did. Mel Culross was also informed and attended, for us, the military honors graveside service.

I have not put in our Christmas message of the last several years but please know that Miss Cille and I wish you the best of the Holiday Season and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

NOTICES:

Attention Bombardiers and History Buffs: Bombardiers, Inc., 500 Jackson Street, #1407 Daphne, AL 36526-7029, has available BOMBARDIERS HISTORY BOOK at \$54.95 per copy (including shipping and handling). Ned Humphreys and his staff have done an outstanding effort to locate and contact all Bombardiers, and I'm sure this book will be an expert factual publication. They also requested that Bombardiers be informed that:

The IXth Annual Reunion of Bombardiers, Inc. has been changed to 27 Feb —4 Mar 1994 to shores of Mobile Bay, AL. Contact Ned Humphreys at above address or (205) 626-3920 for details.

FLYING TO MINNEAPOLIS. Rick, son of Ed Novak, does business as DMS Air and offers to Convention 94 Attendees to Minneapolis, non-restricted, full-fare bookings on scheduled major air carriers of substantial savings. Reservations can be made up to 48 hours before flying with tickets delivered within 24 hours.

DMS AIR, INC., P. O. Box 68760, Schaumburg, IL 60168. Telephone (708) 310-0347. Major credit cards accepted.

WEST COAST VETERANS: The Second Air Division Association of Southern California announces its 13th Annual Dinner on Saturday, 26 Feb 1994 at El Toro Marine Air Station. Contact: Ralph Brueggemann, 5300 Canfoy St., Long Beach, CA 90815 (310) 429-3594.

467TH BG(H) ASSOCIATION, LTD
CONVENTION 1994:

September 15, 16, 17, 18, 1994

Marquette Inn Hotel

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Lloyd & Carman Haug, Coordinators

Thur 15 Sep: Check in begins 3:00 p.m.

Day Room with snacks available to 10:00 p.m.

Fri 16 Sep: Check in begins 9:00 a.m.

Buffet Breakfast

Free day and evening

Day Room open 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sat 17 Sep:

Continental Breakfast

Day Room Open 9:00 a.m.

Ladies Luncheon and Accessory Show at Dayton's 1:00 p.m.

Men's Business Meeting and Luncheon / Marquette Inn 1:00 p.m.

Dixie Land River Boat Cruise and Dinner on the Mighty Mississippi in the evening.

Sun 18 Sep:

Buffet Breakfast

Day Room open 9:00 a.m.

Day free

Cash Bar 5:00 p.m. \Group Banquet

Mon 19 Sep:

Buffet Breakfast

Day Room open 9:00 a.m.

Check out by 12 Noon

The convention cost is \$170 per attendee. Bring your 467th memorabilia for display in the Day Room. Bring your 467th jacket/windbreaker and camera. The weather should be in upper 70's—low 80's by day but bring something warm as occasionally an early cool snap does occur.

Downtown Minneapolis is connected by the Skyway System, some fifty blocks, weather will be no bother, but it could be cool on the river cruise. Metro buses can take you from the hotel entrance to the Mall of the Americas, the world's largest, 4-1/2 miles of shopping. Dayton's, across the street from hotel, is a twelve-story shopping experience.

Dress is casual for all events save the Sunday Banquet at which the men are asked to wear suit or jacket and the ladies can "show out."

Use the forms printed for Convention and Hotel Reservations. Note that hotel is holding rooms for our use only through reservations received by 15 July 94. Lloyd also requests your reservations to be to him by 15 July.

LETTER FROM JACK STEVENS:

Dear Phillip, Greetings and salutations. Dave Swearingen's death hit me hard as he and I have been good friends since cadet days and I considered him one of the finest men I've ever known. I drove my sister's car from Houston to our hometown of Worcester, MA, in early October and stopped to see and say hello to him and Jackie. Dave was in a deep sleep or partial coma. I held his hand and talked to him. He gripped my hand and I hope he knew who I was.

I've been in touch with Earnest "Andy" Beasley by mail and phone and I'm hoping he'll be joining us at one of our reunions in the near future. I guess you know he was co-pilot for Rufus B. Stephens, another of our Class 43-A bunch that went through anti-sub training and 7th Anti-Sub Squadron experience before checking out in B-24s at Mt. Home and being assigned to the 467th. Thank you for keeping Andy informed and interested in 467th people and activities.

If you need a filler for an upcoming edition of Poop, I'm offering the following notice. If you have any questions about it, let me know. Al Boileau and I are good friends and, in addition to being their Sec/Treas, he puts out their monthly newsletter (assisted by my computer). So, I can get you the ungarbled word from the head shed.

Of course, none of us is eligible—yet—but if you know a pilot who's 80 or older and has a current flight physical, you'd do him a favor by telling him he's eligible to join the UFOs—the United Flying Octogenarians. Although the members are well along in years, their organization is relatively young. The UFO meets annually in conjunction with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc (AOPA) and its members include ex-barnstormers, ex-military and ex-airline pilots, and, of course, ex- and current civilian pilots in the United States, Canada, Europe, and South America. The President is ex-barnstormer and autogiro test pilot John Miller, the Vice President is ex-490th Bomb Group member Jim Pargoe, and the Secretary/Treasurer is my neighbor, Al Boileau, an ex-Navy pilot who was carrier qualified on the Langley. One member, Evelyn Johnson, is working on her second 50,000 hours as pilot.

For additional information, contact Jack Stevens, 3526 Larga Circle, San Diego, CA 92110, (619) 222-4639.

And on that note I'll close and get this on its way to you. Hope you and Miss Cille are well and enjoying life and that you'll have another great holiday season.

Keep 'Em Flying,
Jack

A LETTER TO JIM MAHONEY:

Dear Jim: I hadn't thought about you for 48 years until you mentioned my name in the September issue of Poop from Group. I hope all goes well with you and that you have had a good 48 years since leaving England. You said in part, "The Ted Wheeler account of his 19th mission return and almost piggy-back landing on another B-24, brought back memories of another almost identical incident in which I believe Bill Washburn was piloting the one on top. In both cases, frantic radio calls, flares, red-flashing biscuit guns from both the tower and the caravan could do nothing to deter these superimposing pilots from their near calamitous touchdowns. Fortunately, none of the four crews or planes involved were harmed. However, those of us standing on the tower can attribute at least some of our premature aging to these gray-hair-raising antics."

When I read your letter I was really mystified because I have no recollection of it whatsoever. So, I have written or called the five members of my crew that I am still in contact with and they too have no memory of such an incident. I did land one day in a heavy cross wind and in correcting a crab too strenuously blew one of my tires. As a result I was called up to see either you or Colonel Shower and told to shoot ten practice landings the next day. As a result, we did not go on a mission that day to Berlin and the plane that took our place was shot down. I believe they all survived in a German Prisoner of War Camp but I'm not sure. At any rate I think I and my crew owe you or Colonel Shower a vote of thanks for making me shoot those landings.

Sincerely yours, *Bill Washburn*

Convention 1994 Reservation Forms on Page 7.

**A HAPPY AND JOYFUL
HOLIDAY WISH TO EACH
OF YOU AND OUR MOST
SINCERE WISHES FOR A
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR!**

1994 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

THE MARQUETTE HOTEL

SEPTEMBER 15-18, 1994

NAME: _____
 Last, First M.I. Badge/First Name

ADDRESS: _____
 Street/Box No. City State Zip

TELEPHONE NO.: (____) _____ Veteran _____ Associate _____

UNIT ASSIGNED TO IN GROUP: _____
 Headquarters, Squadron Number, Ancillary, etc.

ACCOMPANIED BY: _____
 Last, First M.I. Badge/First Name

I plan to arrive: _____ September _____ A.M. _____ P.M.

I plan to depart: _____ September _____ A.M. _____ P.M.

I will arrive by: (____) Private Vehicle (____) Airline (____) Other Carrier

For River Cruise Dinner, how many: Cornish Hen _____ Prime Rib _____

Fill in the above and mail with convention fee of \$170.00 per attendee. Make check or money order to 467th Bomb Group Convention and send with this form to Lloyd A. Haug, 3115 Benjamin St., NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418. The reservation deadline is July 15, 1994.

-----CUT HERE-----

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE MARQUETTE HOTEL, MINNEAPOLIS. RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO **JULY 15, 1994**. THE MARQUETTE HOTEL, 7TH AND MARQUETTE AVENUE, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55402. TELEPHONE: (612) 332-2351 OR (800) 328-4458.

The Marquette is pleased to host:

467 BOMB GROUP

Rates: (circle rate desired)	# rooms	# people
Single Occupancy: \$ 80.00		
Double Occupancy: \$ 80.00		
Tax 12%		
Number of Beds Preferred (check one)		
<input type="checkbox"/> One (King)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two (Double/Double)		

Reservations must be received prior to this date in order to assure accommodations at convention rates.

JULY 15, 1994

Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____
 Departure Date: _____
 Number of Rooms: _____
 Name: _____
 Organization or Company: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: (____) _____
 Sharing Room With: _____

Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Check-out time is 12:00 Noon. Reservations will be held until 4:00 p.m. unless accompanied by a first night's deposit and/or a credit card guarantee. All room rates are subject to local tax.

Card Name: _____
 Card Number: _____
 Exp. Date: _____
 Signature: _____

IMPORTANT

The Marquette is unable to grant direct billing of room and incidental accounts, unless pre-approved by the Accounting Department.

-----CUT HERE-----

Location: In the center of downtown Minneapolis—part of the IDS Center and its famous Crystal Court. Connected via the Skyway System to 50 blocks of offices, shops, restaurants and entertainment. The Target Center, the Metrodome and the Convention Center are all only a few minutes walk from the hotel.

Airport Shuttle: Airport shuttle to the hotel is about \$15.00 per person round trip. Look for the Airport Shuttle Express Vans located across from the baggage claim on the lower level. Please note: Do Not take a cab without checking the price. It can be costly.

Hotel Facilities: 281 oversized guest rooms and suites, each equipped with refreshment center, hair dryer, coffee maker, color television with remote control, voice mail, large desk and seating area.

FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY)

Ninety-Sixth Combat Wing
Second Air (Bombardment) Division
Eighth Air Force
Station 145, Rackheath, Norfolk, England
11 March 1944 — 06 July 1945
Colonel Albert J. Shower, USAAF, Commanding

Constituted		29 May 1943
Activated		01 Aug 1943
Preoperational Training	09 Sep 1943 to	20 Jan 1944
Departure Overseas Began		12 Feb 1944
Assigned to Second Air (Bombardment) Wing		11 Mar 1944
Arrival Station 145 Rackheath		11 Mar 1944
First Combat Mission		10 Apr 1944
100th Combat Mission		18 Aug 1944
Transporting Supplies and Gasoline	11 Sep 1944 to	02 Oct 1944
200th Combat Mission		22 Mar 1945
212th Last Combat Mission		25 Apr 1945
The War Ends in Europe - VE Day		08 May 1945
Depart Station 145 for United States	12 Jun 1945 to	06 Jul 1945
Redesignated Very Heavy		10 Sep 1945

Battle Participation Credits:

American Theater	07 Dec 1941 to	Mar 1946
Air Offensive Europe	04 Jul 1942 to	05 Jun 1944
Normandy	07 Jun 1944 to	25 Jul 1944
Northern France	25 Jul 1944 to	14 Sep 1944
Rhineland	15 Sep 1944 to	21 Mar 1945
Ardennes-Alsace	16 Dec 1944 to	25 Jan 1945
Central Europe	22 Mar 1945 to	11 May 1945

Assigned or attached to the Group were the following Squadrons and Ancillary Units:

788th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) First Organization	01 Aug 1943 to	10 May 1944
788th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) Second Organization	12 Aug 1944 to	10 Sep 1945
789th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy)	01 Aug 1943 to	10 Sep 1945
790th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy)	01 Aug 1943 to	10 Sep 1945
791st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy)	01 Aug 1943 to	10 Sep 1945
1229th Quartermaster Company Service Group (AVN)		10 Sep 1943
862nd Chemical Company (AO), Detachment "A"		11 Nov 1943
74th Station Complement Squadron, Aviation (RS)		12 Nov 1943
1451st Ordnance Supply Maintenance Company (AVN)		15 Nov 1943
2105th Engineer (AVN) Fire Fighting Platoon		08 Dec 1943
470th Sub Depot		07 Jan 1944
207th Finance Section		18 Jan 1944
1286th Military Police Company (AVN)		03 Feb 1944
259th Medical Dispensary Aviation (RS)		22 Sep 1944
*375th Air Service Group, Headquarters		15 Apr 1945
*375th Base Service Squadron		15 Apr 1945
*812th Air Engineering Squadron		15 Apr 1945
*636th Air Material Squadron		15 Apr 1945

* All ancillary units except 862nd Chemical Company formed into these four units and remained assigned until redesignation.



FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH
BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY)
ASSOCIATION, LTD.

237 Pennsylvania Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71105

FORWARDING AND RETURN
POSTAGE GUARANTEED
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

FRANK S. WATSON
7208 AZTEC RD. NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

87110