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FROM THE PREZ - RALPH DAVIS

TUCSON CONVENTION

The membership owes a great deal of gratitude to Donna Sisley, her husband Don, Brother Gary and her sister-in-law Gail for the excellent preparation and carrying out of the convention. The hotel was most cooperative and courteous, the food was great, the trips were well planned and made provisions for those who needed extra care and the evening Bar-B-Que with the cowboy singer, Tom Chambers made it a complete evening. There were around 180 at the Sunday Banquet. The quest speaker, Major Stoll, was an A-10 Instructor pilot and he compared the aspects of his weaponry with that of ours during WWII. He and his wife, a major dentist, mingled with the crowd before and after the banquet. He expressed a real interest in our group in that it had something of a comradeship that his tactical groups do not share. Even though they today carry as much or more firepower than we did, they are individuals and not a team. This he said he missed. We had four widows present, Betty Elsen, Mary Ann Garrett, Eleanor McQuellon and Ida Rothchild. The entire group deeply appreciates their attendance and hope that they and others will attend the next convention in Dayton, Ohio.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

The Board of Directors designated two awards for the convention; however, only one was formerly presented. Bill McGovern received his; however, Denis Sporle did not as Perry Watts was suppose to have received it for him, but was busy taking care of his wife, Jill, as she had medical problems, but has recovered. The award was later given to Perry and he delivered it to Denis when he returned home to England. Bill McGovern received his award for the many years of dedicated service to the Group as Secretary and for his initial efforts in effecting the incorporation. Denis Sporle received his award for his many years of revering the spot where Lt. Reid's crew crashed at Barsham. He was instrumental in having a monument erected

and dedicated at the location where the aircraft crashed on 22 April 1944. Mervin Shank, the only survivor of the crew, was present with his wife at the dedication. Denis Sporle called me on 16 November to thank the group for the award.

8TH AF HERITAGE MUSEUM

I attended the dedication of our monument in the Memorial Gardens on October 23, 1999. The ceremony was attended by Doris and I, Bob Spivey and his wife and Mary Weaver (Walt Weaver was put into Hospice just two days earlier) along with the group from the museum and Jim Fogerty from Depue Monument. The monument is set in the new area and the walks had not been put in at the time. It is the closest area to where the aircraft will be installed, close to I-95. Colonel Shower's plaque was set up at the monument for display and will be installed at a later date. The plaque for the Witchcraft model is in place on the 2AD wall and lists Colonel Shower and the crew that serviced her. The Bombardier display that we sponsored has our record bombing listed and identifies the three lead Bombardiers that lead the mission. In all, the 467th is well represented at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum. All will be able to see these things when we return to Savannah in 2002.

467TH MILITARY DATABASE

The Board of Directors and the membership Business Meeting agreed to have the 467th Bombardment Group Association (H) Ltd. undertake an effort to assemble a complete record of all personnel who served with the Group and Second Air Division of the 8th Air Force during World War II. This will be a computer generated database on a compact disk that will allow retrieval of Group records including, but not limited to; missions flown, aircraft flown, crews involved, individuals in the crew, mission description, target, enemy opposition, aircraft and personnel losses, personal experiences of flight, ground crews and cross reference information. This can only be accomplished for

future generations by your participation which includes your stories, your pictures (then & now), crew and group pictures both air and ground. Questionnaire is within this newsletter.

We need your information as soon as possible to insure that as much history as possible will be included. To the widows of the group, we need whatever data you can provide regarding your husband that will add to the story. Please send the Biographical Questionnaire, photos, any tapes (video or audio) (Photos will be returned upon request) to the 467th Historian:

Mr. Kevin Coolidge - AF
760 Laloma Ln.
Corona, CA 91719

A master copy of this data base will be made available to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum, the 2AD Memorial Library, the libraries at Air Force Academy, the US Military Academy and Universities where Military History is taught. CDs will be available for purchase by individuals to use at home. This is an opportunity for all who served with the 467th BG as well as friends of the 467th to be associated as a part of an outstanding service our Group can contribute to the memory of our efforts during World War II. The group welcomes all donations to assist in the financing of this program and your donation should be made out to the 467th Bomb Group and sent to:

Dr. Marvin Ralph Davis
President/Treasurer
1143 Kenora Circle
Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101

LTR FROM MRS. CHRISTINE P. ARMES

She writes that she is sorry that her letter could not state that Mr. Bagshaw had relented regarding the "Control Tower". Christine had become a good friend with B. L. (Bozy) Johnston when she visited him and his wife in 1991. He contacted her regarding his trip to England for the celebration of VE Day in 1995. Bozy stayed over in England to visit the areas that he didn't have time to see during the war. Christine not only found him accommodations, but also drove him around to the places he wanted to visit, including London. Bozy was aware of her researches on fatal air crashes and the action she took to holding memorial service and the erecting of plaques at the crash sites. Christine states, "as all of the brave USAAF pilots, 1st Lt. Billy Johnston will always be remembered with much pride and honor – your bravery, dedication to duty, your fight

For peace for us and your country in war, also of course, it goes without saying, the bravery of all crews, ground staff and each and everyone of you, who joined us in our fight for freedom in WWII, as without you, who knows?" What her story is leading up to is that Bozy had a very severe stroke about a year ago and suffers from global aphasia and paralysis of his right side. He is in a nursing home in Heber Springs and he cannot talk, read, write and is completely immobile. His son, Bill, reads to him and what Christine is asking is for the members of the 467th to drop Bozy a card, letter or any type of communication. Please send it to his son, Mr. W. (Bill) Johnson, 375 Rock Products Road, Heber Springs, Arkansas 72543. I am sure Bozy will be the better to hear from his friends and comrades of the 467th.

CONVENTION 2000

The convention will be held in downtown Dayton at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, which is across from the Dayton Convention Center. The cost per night will be \$69.00 plus tax. The main attraction of this convention will be the Air Force

Museum with some side shopping trips for the ladies. We will have transportation to the museum on Friday and Saturday at regular intervals. The museum has grown over the years and with two large hangar units, the presidential hangar, I-Max Theater and the shopping area, it is impossible to do justice to the trip in less than two days. There are also other movies on Friday afternoon in the Conference Theater at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30. Throughout the museum, there are many other video exhibits that can be observed. At this early planning, the convention cost to each individual will be around \$260. For those of you that believe that one day is sufficient at the museum, I need to hear from you as soon as possible and I will set up other trips to such as Carillon Park, Art Institute, or others. I would like to hear from you by mid January to set up other trips.

CONVENTION 2001

During the Business Meeting in Tucson, approximately fifty-five members indicated that they planned to go to Norwich, England the first week of November 2001. Anyone that wishes to attend the 2ADA Memorial Library Opening Dedication Ceremony should have his or her reservations as soon as possible. Hotel space at Norwich is limited. A deposit of \$50.00 per person and membership of \$20.00 in the 2ADA is required. Send your check made out to the 2ADA to EVELYN COHEN, 06-410 Delaire Landing Rd., Philadelphia, Pa 19114 - 4157 or call her at (215) 632- 3992 for further information. This will be a once in a lifetime event with royalty representation and I urge all that can make it to do so. This could be our last official group trip to Norwich.

CONVENTION 2002

While at the dedication of the 467th monument, I took time with Mary Weaver and my wife Doris to look over the Country Hearth Inn in Pooler. This is the same one that we stayed at in 1996. The big difference is that it is under new management and renovation has been done and is still going on. We have been offered a price of \$69.00 per night. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be available daily except for trips that may include meals or functions that lunch is on your own. The close proximity of the motel to the museum and price makes this a most desirable place. Negotiations are ongoing with respect to transportation and trips other than the museum. Ideas such as a riverboat lunch or dinner, trips through Savannah or the low country, dolphin trip and others are in consideration.

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

Vince LaRussa and I have been working the task of getting the Presidential Unit Citation for a considerable period of time. The effort now underway appears to be the last effort that we can muster to obtain it. We have asked and received a sponsor in the name of Senator John McClain and he is going to make every effort to obtain this award for us. I have taken upon myself to ask the support of both The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars to support Senator McCain in his efforts or to initiate action upon their own. What I am requesting of everyone within the membership is to write to Senator McCain complimenting him on his support of obtaining this recognition for the 467th. Also, write your Representative and Senators to support Senator McCain and write to the two veteran groups asking them to lobby for support for Senator McCain or initiate action on their own. The outstanding record of the 467th is in the hands of Senator

McCain and the two veteran groups. The following is a brief summary that you may use in part or whole in your letters:

The 467th BG (H), 96th CW, 2nd AD went on combat status with its four squadrons, the 788th, 789th, 790th and 791st with its first mission on 10 April 1944. The last Eighth Air Force bombardment mission in the European Theater was flown on 25 April 1945, 381 calendar days later. The 467th participated. The 467th was off operations from 11 September to 3 October 1944, 22 days. The 96th CW was trucking supplies to France, The 467th was "Stood Down" from operations two days in August 1944 to celebrate the 100th Mission of 15 August 1944 and for two days in March 1945 to celebrate the 200th Mission of 22 March 1945. The 467th, then, was on combat status 355 net days in which it launched 221 combat missions, of which 212 were credited, nine recalled. One hundred missions in 140 calendar days was definitely an 8th AF record, probably two hundred in 321 days is a record and two hundred twelve missions in 355 days is also. In the 212 missions there were 5,538 combat aircraft sorties credited, an average of 28 aircraft effective per mission. There were 13,333 tons of bombs dropped, 2.4 tons per aircraft sortie. The Group set the 8th Air Force record for bombing accuracy on April 14, 1945 at Pte de Grave gun emplacements when all squadrons were 100% within 1000 ft. and 55% within 500 ft. The Group operated with only three squadrons in the months June, July and one-half August 1944. Aircraft Missing in Action numbered only 29, the lowest loss of any Group of the Eighth, and with only 20 other aircraft lost for other causes. The 789th BS (H) had a record of 201 consecutive missions without an abort. Col. Albert J. Shower was the only Commanding Officer to stay with his group from stateside training through the combat period and return the group to the United States. On May 11, 1945 the Commander of the 96th Combat Wing wrote a letter to Col. Shower stating that he had prepared a 10 chart back-up data to support the submission of a Presidential Unit Citation. Somewhere between then and the close down of the Second Air Division, the effort was lost or mis-placed. Since then both the Second Division Air Division Association and the Commander of the Eighth Air Force has seen fit to recommend such action with no action on the part of the Air Force. We need congressional intervention and that is the purpose of Senator McCain's action.

Addresses to write to are:

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Senator John McCain
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Tucson, AZ 85701

With your help and the assistance of our two veteran groups, Senator McCain may be able to provide us with the recognition that is long overdue.

2ADA VICE PRES - WALT MUNDY

I would like to add my commendation to Donna Sisley, her Husband, and Brother for the outstanding planning, arrangements and execution of the 467th Annual Convention at the Viscount Suites Hotel in Tucson. The tours, the Bar-B-Que, the food and the hotel accommodations were most enjoyable.

Following a demonstration of the Eighth Air Force Military Heritage Database by Arlo Bartsch who developed the database, the Board of Directors and the Membership voted to support the creation of the 467th B.G. database. The Program is divided into phases. The First Phase is to enter of the archive material that we have, and that is extensive, due to the outstanding job that Kevin Coolidge has done organizing our archive records. I am pleased to report that all of our missions, all of our aircraft by number and name and all of our missions descriptions have now been entered into the 467th Master Database. Phase two will be to send a Personal Biographical Questionnaire to all veteran members' of the 467th B.G. The Questionnaire will be mailed with the Poop from Group Newsletter or will be mailed separately. I urge all veterans to complete the Questionnaire with as much detail and accuracy as you can and return it to Kevin Coolidge at the address indicated on the questionnaire. Phase Three will be to obtain copies of our official records from the National Archives and translate that data into our Master Database. The National Archive records will be utilized to complete and correct all data that has been acquired. Phase Four will be updating the Master Database as required and as new information is revealed.

All of the 467th veterans that were killed in Action or remain missing in action have been accounted for and their names will be listed on the Roll of Honor at the Memorial Library. We will receive official certification on S/Sgt. Rufus Davis in the next month. He was omitted because of some confusion to where he was buried. Thanks to Andy Wilkinson and Kevin Coolidge that was cleared up.

I hope to have a Bequest Pledge form and sample Codicil for attachment to the will sent to every veteran of the 2nd Air Division. These Forms are to be included in the 2ADA Journal and will also be in the 467th newsletter. Any one can make Bequest by sending the Pledge to Elwood "Bill" Nothstein, Treasurer, 2ndADA. Bill's address is 40 Meadow Dr., Spencerport, NY 14559-1142. If any 467th Veteran or anyone has any Questions concerning this program, please contact me.

MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS (10/2/99)

The meeting was called to order by President Ralph Davis.
Present were:

Col. A1 Shower	Honorary Chairman
Ralph Davis	President/Director
Walt Mundy	Director/Past President
Vince LaRussa	Vice President/Director
Vince Re	Director
Tony Bell	Director
Bill McGovern	Secretary/Legal
Geoff Gregory	Past President
Ralph Elliott	Past President

Old Business

President Davis thanked Donna Sisley and her helpers for their excellent work in putting on a successful convention. 180 were in attendance.

Presidential Citation

Davis reported that efforts were continuing to obtain what all agree is a well deserved Presidential Unit Citation for the Group. Hopefully, good news will come in time. Support from the Group by sending letters to there Congressman and

Senators, Senator McCain and the VFW and American Legion. Addresses will be made available.

Group Monument

Davis reported that a Group monument would be dedicated at the 8th Air Force Museum, Savannah, Georgia, on October 23, 1999. This is much like the one installed at Rackheath. It cost the sum of \$4,280.



467th Monument at 8th AFHM

Plaque for Col. Al Shower

Davis announced that a plaque honoring Col. Al Shower would be installed at the 8th Air Force Museum on the Wall of Valor and it will be available to be seen at the Monument Dedication.

Future Conventions

Davis reported that plans had been completed for the year 2000 convention to be held at Dayton, Ohio.

The Board recommended that Convention 2001 will be held in conjunction with the 2ADA in Norwich in November of 2001. To be eligible to attend, a person must be a member of 2ADA at a cost of \$20 a year and make a non-refundable deposit of \$50. This recommendation will be presented to the members at the annual meeting.

Davis suggested that Convention 2002 should be a return to Savannah, Georgia, the site of the 8th Air Force Museum where the 467th has sponsored, dedicated and added to the history of the B-24 and the 467th.

Healey History of the 467th

Vince LaRussa reported that all of the books had been sold and that the project had been successful and is completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial Library - Norwich

Mundy reported that pledges were being sought to help to perpetuate the 2ADA Memorial Library in Norwich, and that members be urged to make provision in their Wills for the project. Procedures will be reported in Poop from Group when available and when space is available.

Memorials for Generals Hodges and Timberlake

Walt Mundy, who is our designated representative on the 2ADA Board of Directors, reported that 2ADA was preparing memorials honoring Generals Hodges and Timberlake for their services in commanding the Second Air Division of the 8th Air Force. He said that each group in the division was being asked to donate the sum of \$500 to the project. A motion was made and duly passed to donate the \$500.

467th Military Heritage Database

A discussion regarding the undertaking to assemble a complete record of all personnel who served with the 467th during World War II was covered leading to a resolution to support the initial phase of Computer Generated Data's representative, Arlo Bartsch. This phase will be the initial look to determine the scope of the venture, which could lead to the committing to the additional three phases. Cost of the first phase was not to exceed \$3,000 and once completed, a decision would be made regarding the final phases. The total cost is not to exceed \$15,000 and all effort will be made to obtain a grant that could pay for the remainder or even the total cost. A motion was made and passed to commit to the initial phase and the dollar amount not to exceed \$3,000. A progress report for expenditures should be part of the agreement.

Appointment of Group Historians

The death of the Group Treasurer and Historian, Phillip Day, was announced. To succeed him as Historian, Kevin Coolidge was appointed Group Historian from the United States and Andy

Wilkenson and Perry Watts were duly appointed to serve from England

Report of Nominating Committee

The Board as a whole served as a nominating committee (and will do so in the future) to fill the term of Vince LaRussa as a Director, his term having expired. The Board recommended that the names of Paul Hatten and John Upp be submitted to the members to select a Director for a three-year term.

Appointment of Treasurer

Ralph Davis was appointed to serve as Group Treasurer to fill the remainder of the term of Phillip Day.

467th on Web

Ralph Davis was authorized to spend the sum of up to \$300 per year to increase our bite on the web.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned to reconvene following the meeting of the members and election of a new Director.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING (10/3/99)

Meeting was called to order by President Ralph Davis.

Present were:

Col. Al Shower

Honorary Chairman

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SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

PATCHES:

Paul Hatten reports he has contacted a source that will make the patches for us and we should be able to sell them around the same price. Will have more by next newsletter.

GI MEMORIES OF THE ETO:

The 5-1/4" by 8", 25 page booklet of cartoon like scenes of enlisted personnel activities is available for \$5.00 from Allen J. Welters, 1418 70th St. E., Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077.

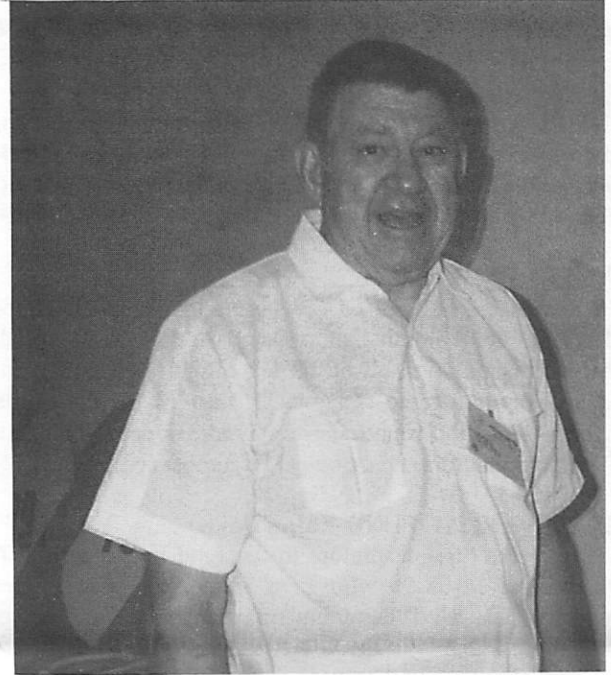
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IN MEMORY. Phillip George Day passed away on Monday, August 16, 1999 at Schumpert Medical Center after a sudden illness. Phillip was the Treasurer and Historian and for many years kept the newsletter, "POOP FROM GROUP", going with his tenacity to dig up and coerce stories from the membership. He also provided many stories of his own. He presented the 8th Air Force Heritage Museum with a picture of Lil Peach that now hangs in the museum. Phillip was not only a valuable member of the 467th, but was also a dear friend. He will be deeply missed by the Officers, Board Members and the general membership to which he added immensely. Our sincere sympathy is expressed to his wife, Ms Cille, and his surviving family. In his own words, " May he go from Strength to Strength in the Life of Perfect Service in GOD'S HEAVENLY KINGDOM".



IN MEMORY Walter W. Weaver passed away at home around 11:00am on November 2, 1999. Walter is survived by his wife, Mary; his son, Michael J. Weaver; daughter-in-law, Linda; and grandson, Mathew. Walt was my navigator and we had many experiences together that will keep his memory alive. He and Mary were the coordinators for our convention in 1996 at Savannah. It was during this time that he had his heart attack and with other complication of diabetes and kidney failure, he elected to live the balance of his life with a quality of life that he could enjoy. Walt was instrumental in starting

the local 8th Air Force Wing of the Georgia Chapter. He also was one of the initial groups that selected the land that the Mighty Eighth AF Heritage Museum now stands on. He was very dedicated to the 467th and will be deeply missed. Walt was buried at Arlington Cemetery on November 19, 1999 with full military honors. Our sincere sympathy is expressed to his wife, Mary (also known as Ernie), and his surviving family. May God accept him and keep him till we meet again.



IN MEMORY G. B. Johnston of Lockney, TX passed away on Monday, August 9, 1999. G. B. was 76 years old and a life long resident of Lockney. He was a retired farmer. His wife, Naomi; two sons Barry and Chris; two daughters Kay Martin and Lori Bean; a sister Agnes Frizzell, twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren survive him. Our sincere sympathy is expressed to his wife Naomi and his surviving family.



SQUADRON PINS:

There are five (5) 788th, two (2) 789th, one (1) 791st and nine (9) 470th Sub-Depot pins available at \$5.00 each plus \$0.75 for mailing. Efforts are being made to obtain additional pins. Information should be available at the next newsletter. Send requests to Ralph Davis, 1143 Kenora Circle, Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101.

GROUP ROSTERS:

Current rosters, both alphabet and Zip of the group are available for \$3.00 each, including mailing. Send requests to Ralph Davis, 1143 Kenora Circle, Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101.

GROUP WINDOW DECALS:

Decals are available for \$3.00 each, including mailing. Send requests to Ralph Davis, 1143 Kenora Circle, Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101. These are the decals that Bob Sheehan and then Phillip Day were selling.

NEWS FLASH

Arlo Bartsch, CEO of CDC reported that as of November 15, 1999 the 467th Bomb Group Database now has all of the 221 mission summaries, all of the 196 aircraft, by number and name and 3800 veteran's names A thru M. He has also received a lot of information from Fred Holdrege about the 790th Bomb Squadron. Phase one (1) is almost complete.

MAIL-MEMORIAL FUND-Ralph Davis

There were 86 contributors to the fund in the period 07-01-99 through 11-08-99 who gave \$3,583.00 approximately \$41.66 per donation. The amount sufficiently covered the cost of publishing POOP FROM GROUP 18-3 with an additional amount of about \$2,050 toward memorial projects, military heritage database and to replenish the treasury.

POOP FROM GROUP 18-3 is being mailed First Class, as will all future newsletters as long as sufficient funds are donated to cover the extra cost. It is timelier and not at the whim of Third Class handling which has much leeway as to delivery. Also First Class provides for forwarding to change of addresses and notification back to the Publisher of the new addresses; however, this is at a cost to the group of \$0.50 per forwarded newsletter. It is better if you notify me when you change your address. If you want to receive POOP make sure you have a current address on file and if you have a summer and winter address, please let me know both and the time period at each.

REMEMBER! NO DUES, NO DUNS, BUT PLEASE WE DO NEED THE SUPPORT OF EACH OF YOU. IT COSTS A BIT OVER \$ 1.00 PER ISSUE ~ TO SEND YOU POOP. We do not expect all of you to donate each time, but we do appreciate very much, those who do donate from time to time. All donations are FEDERAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Please send and make the check out to the 467th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY) ASSOCIATION, LTD. 1143 Kenora Circle, Beavercreek. OH 45430-1101.

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On behalf of the Association, I thank all of you who have contributed. Your donations are appreciated and you are appreciated. The contributions this time was in response to Phillip Day's request for support and a great many of you responded. Please continue to remember that we operate on voluntary contributions from the goodness of your heart.

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Phillip G. Day	Shreveport	LA
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Ray Embrey	Garland	TX
Gerry Giebaour (Passed away several years ago, not on roster, received from Malcolm B. MacIntyre)		
John J. Harmonowski	Tampa	FL
G. B. Johnston	Lockney	TX
Edward T. McQuellon	Peoria,	IL
(Passed away Aug 14, 1997)		
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Forrest Nanney	Lancaster	TX
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David J. Hastings. Vice Chairman.

2nd Air Division Memorial Trust, Norwich.

To keep you in the picture of all the exciting developments on the new 2nd Air Division Memorial Library here is the first of a series of reports that I hope to send at regular intervals.

THE SITE

The massive hole for the car park is now complete and the retaining walls are finished. Work on the main foundations is now well underway and the two huge Tower Cranes are on site and working. They stand way above the City Hall and are a great landmark in Norwich. Shortly the foundations will come

above ground level. I was allowed in the site the other week and it is vast and impressive.

THE DESIGN

As you know the Memorial Trust has given the interior design contract to one of the leading design companies in the UK, Messrs Event Ltd.

After much consultation with the Trust, reading notes from the 2nd AD Exec, studying the original library and the temporary one and talking with all the Trust Librarians and staff for their operational needs, they have come up with a stunning design and concept that goes to the October Governors meeting where the 2nd ADA Governor will be present.

We have obtained the prime site on the ground floor right next door to the main Branch Library and the size of the new Second Air Division Memorial Library is twice that of the old one destroyed in the fire. For the first time we will have an outside wall on the beautiful curved west end of the new Millennium Library with windows overlooking the garden.

The facilities include a superb Reception area and desk with the hanging model of the B.24 Liberator, adequate Book shelf space, The Roll of Honour space which is designed as a quiet area with the Standards and Group Banners, Greeting and meeting area, Study area with two desks and the computers, a Librarians and staff office as well as a conference room for Trust Governors, Friends of the Memorial, Group visits and video showing.

On the Wall Mural they have proposed using one entire wall with a breathtaking montage telling the entire story of the 2nd Air Division USAAF, including such scenes as the arrival on a base, B.24s being serviced and bombed up, B.24s flying over Norfolk, B.24s over the target at "Bombs away" with flak damage to the aircraft, aircrew, groundcrew, links with local people, links with the children and also Jimmy Stewart. We believe that they have captured the very spirit of your bravery, sacrifice and the unique friendship which has endured through time.

There is no doubt that your Memorial Library will be the finest of its kind in the world and the entire project is now at a very exciting stage. The last mission is well on its way and the dream is coming true.

THE MILLENIUM LIBRARY

Included in the new Millennium Library will be the Norfolk Studies area, Business and Tourist Centre and a restaurant. There will be a 200 seat lecture theatre, ideal for Friends meetings and film/Video shows. Also it will feature a wonderful Visitors Heritage Attraction Centre. This will be built on three floors and will tell the story of our Norwich and Norfolk history down the ages. This tour through our history will feature a section on the 2nd Air Division USAAF and the very special part you played in that history. This Attraction Centre will compliment the 2nd AD Memorial Library and Messrs Event Ltd. have been awarded the design contract for this as well, so we have close links with this project.

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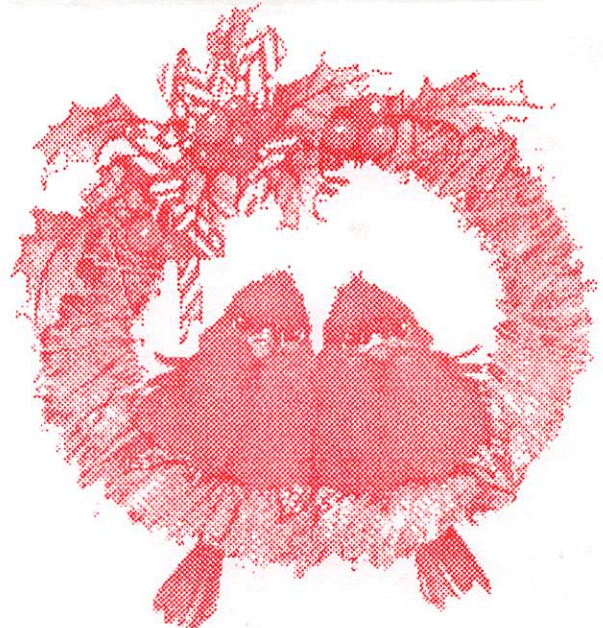


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BITS AND PIECES - BOB DAVIS

I understand from all the correspondence that I have received, we had another successful convention in Tucson this year. Sorry that I could not be there with all those that attended, but I will be able to make the 2000 convention in Dayton (probably easy for me since I live there), and I am looking forward to seeing everyone next fall. We have received more pictures and information for the web page (www.siscom.net/~467thbg), but I am still looking for information on the support groups that were located on the base, so we can tell their story to everyone. Only those that were part of this will be able to let us in on their life on the base, and to get the story out to those that are interested. The group has given us permission to upgrade the web page, which means in the near future, we will be getting our own domain name and a larger web site. I hope to incorporate some music from that era, to be listened to while viewing the page. The CD-ROM of the group is being put together at this time, and when it becomes available, we are going to try and upload this information to the page to be accessed by all. I guess that is about all for this addition of POOP, I hope that everyone has a safe and happy Holidays.

Bob



**Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year
From
Ralph, Bob, Doris and Frankie Davis**