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Maximum Effort Mission 19 June - Target Cincinnati

Norwich Memorial Flame Burns On



PHILIP HEPWORTH

Mr. Philip Hepworth, MA, FLA, Norwich, England City Librarian, recently advised that the Second Air Division Memorial Room at the Norwich Central Public Library continues to be highly popular. Said Mr. Hepworth, "You have no occasion to worry about the use made of the room here. It is just as popular as ever. I have just spent several evenings in the Memorial Room after work . . . and have been surprised how well the books were used. Average number of people in the room was 12."

Kepner Lit Flame

Twenty-five years ago (1945) in Norwich, Major General W. E. Kepner, Second Air Division Commander wrote, "Together we have built the 2d Division into one of the greatest aerial striking forces in history. Together let us build this
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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS "WHEELS UP"

President Paul Trissel has called on each member of the Association to send along the name and address of at least ONE former "2 AD-er" who is not now a member of the organization.

"The just over five hundred names currently on the active roster are a small fraction of all the men and women who were a part of the World War II Second Air Division," Paul said. "It has been tremendously encouraging to see so many of the troops rejoining the formation during recent months. If each of us will tell us of someone else, I know we will soon be assured ALL "2 AD-ers" are getting the NEWSLETTER and other information sent out from time to time."

Association Secretary Ray Strong, Membership Chairman Evelyn Cohen and the NEWSLETTER all attempt to maintain the current listing of names and addresses. The data available to these focal points is necessarily dependent on information received.

Interest in the Association shows an increasing trend. The people who helped in founding this unique organization through their dedicated War II service and their contributions over the years need to
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British Member To Be Main Speaker

"OPS Orders" have gone around the world to Association members announcing the Twenty-Third Annual Reunion 19-21 June at Cincinnati, Ohio. From the fifty states, Saudi-Arabia, Europe and the Far East plan to travel those who belonged to the B-24 Liberator Units of the WW II mighty Eighth Air Force.

Rendezvous is scheduled to begin at 1300 hours on 19 June in Gold Hall of the Carrousel Inn, 8001 Reading Road. Further details are noted in this Newsletter. To assure accommodations all are asked to promptly return reservation cards, or to contact Reunion Chairman Bob Halpin, 6002 Werk Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211 or any of the officers listed in the Newsletter masthead on page 2.

Roger Freeman Speaker

Association Honorary Member Roger A. Freeman, eminent British businessman, author and lecturer is coming from Colchester, Essex, England to present news and views of the bases from which the B-24 Liberators operated. Mr. Freeman has authored "The Mighty Eighth" (Doubleday), a massive 300,000 word, 640 black-and-white and color picture history of the Eighth Air Force. A frequent lecturer on the organization, he will bring with him
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Second Air Division Association Eighth Air Force

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The President's Corner

Dear 2nd Air Division Members:

The call to "Stations" is in effect. A few short weeks remain until "Taxi out," "Marshalling," and "Take off." Division "Assembly" is slated for Friday, June 19th. The target is the Carrousel Motel, Cincinnati, Ohio and the 23rd Annual Reunion of our fine Association. Early reports from Reunion Headquarters indicate the majority of the 2 A.D. groups participating.

Rita and I visited the target area, several weeks ago, along with your hosts, Bob and Betty Halpin and I can assure you the accommodations are tops and the activities have been designed to please everyone. A word of warning, if you have not sent in your reservations, please do so, as accommodations may prove to be scarce at the last minute.

Re-Attendance: Several years ago, 1966 to be exact, the crew of the "Witchcraft," 467th B.G., set a record for crew members (6) attending a reunion. This year that record may be in jeopardy. A communique from Joseph Rosacker, 93rd B.G. promises a crew reunion — all ten being members of the 2 A.D. This would be a memorable affair and we are rooting for Joe to set a new goal.

Realizing that there will be some members who will find it impossible to attend the reunion, I would like to emphasize it is at these annual meetings that all formal business is discussed. I would address those members who will not be with us and ask — "What can we do for you?", "What can you do for us?", "What would you like your association to be?", "How can we increase

activity, membership, interest," "Your preference for sites of future reunions?". In effect, it's Feedback I want and would like some replies before this reunion, so all opinions and suggestions can be considered. We are proud of this Association, and of the past endeavors and untiring work of those who have brought us this far. But it may be you and your ideas that will allow us to attain even greater stature. **Give me the benefit of your thoughts.**

Aside from the fact that we will be looking forward to seeing you in the near future, I think it is appropriate with Memorial Day at hand, that each of us remember in his own way — the basic reason for our Association and the 6,032 lives that fostered it. May the daily actions of each of us prove worthy of this sacrifice.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Trissel, President
2nd Air Division Association

Reunion . . .

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the more than 300 slides of WW II and current scenes.

In a recent letter to the Newsletter Mr. Freeman said, "I should be delighted to be with you in Cincinnati. I am not so sure how your members will like a "Limey" telling about **their** Air Force!" He was assured this would be the reunion highlight. Mr. Freeman must return to England after the reunion to lecture at a special Eighth Air Force Day which has been organized at Cambridge, England on Saturday, June 25. This event will be of special interest to Association members.

Air Force Museum Tour

Busses have been arranged to take members to the Air Force Museum, Wright - Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, on Saturday 20 June returning in time for the "Over the Rhine Party" beginning at 1800 hours.

Preceding the tour at 1000 hours will be the Association Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers. Dinner, dancing and free beer start at 1930. See page 6 for other details.

RACKHEATH — 467th



Jack Viets (467th) reports in his letter of December 1969: "This picture was taken on the remains of Rackheath Field where the 467th B.G. was located in the middle 40's. My picture mate is a former British officer who was in Italy and Africa with the British Forces. The significant item is that his parents were the owners of the "Blue Boar Inn," about two miles from the air base. This pub was the favorite center of activity for the troops at Rackheath. Both parents are now deceased. The background of this picture is all that remains of the air base that can be recognized."

The 467th had ten members at the last year reunion at Gettysburg. With pictures and experiences like this it is expected there will be a full group turnout this year.

Membership Drive

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enjoy the fellowship and exchange of experiences.

More importantly, many people are unaware of the Second Air Division Memorial, the living heritage. This singular people-to-people program perpetuates the memory of those who did not return and provides a direct, visible and much appreciated contribution to those with whom we all lived.

Memberships continue to roll in from first-timers and many rejoining the formation after many years absence. The 93rd Bomb Group has so far recorded the major gain thanks to Glenn Tessmer. Glenn is now a Flight Captain with Northeast Airlines.

Norwich Memorial

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fitting memorial to its officers and men who have sacrificed their lives . . . in order that the ideals of American democracy, and indeed all democracy, shall endure."

As victory in Europe became a reality, the surviving members of the Second Air Division subscribed several thousand pounds to leave in Norwich for the establishment of the fitting living, spiritual memorial General Kepner envisioned. The only stipulation to those funds was that the memorial be something of lasting value to the city of Norwich and the people of Norfolk.

Dedication ceremonies were held on June 13, 1963, attended by many British and American notables including General Kepner, General Hodges, the Lord Mayor and city officials of Norwich, and members of the Second Air Division Trust, Association and their families. Ceremony main speaker was the Honorable G. Lewis Jones, representing the U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain.

The American Room has 1,000 square feet of space and seating capacity of 19. In the enclosed courtyard of the library building a commemorative fountain further commands the public to remember the 6,032 war dead of the Second Air Division. Around the fountain is a mosaic replica of the Eighth Air Force insignia. Stones of the fountain came from the fifty United States. They surround a mosaic design of the wartime United States Army Air Forces insignia which lies beneath the surface of the water of the fountain.

The greater part of the trust fund established by the division has been invested in perpetuity to provide an income for the purchase of a constant flow of American books and periodicals to the library. As Mr. Hepworth has noted, the most popular subjects are travel guides and descriptive material on the United States, songs of America, social sciences and literature. The latter are frequently used by students of the School of English/American Studies, University of East Anglia.

The Second Air Division Association continues to support the memo-

rial through many individual contributions. Truly, a living memorial, a unique fulfillment of an ideal. Each association member is justly proud that "The flame burns on."

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GROUP HISTORY — 466th BOMB GROUP

The 466th Bombardment Group (Heavy) was activated 1 August 1943 at Alamogordo, New Mexico. During its period in the United States and its combat career in the European Theatre of Operations it was under the command of: Colonel Walter G. Bryte, 1 Sep - 13 Dec 1943; Colonel Dwight O. Monteith, 13 Dec - 16 Dec 43; Colonel Arthur J. Pierce, 16 Dec 43 - 28 July 44; Colonel Luther J. Fairbanks, 30 Jul 44 - 30 Oct 44; Colonel William H. Cleveland, 30 Oct 44 - 17 Feb 45; Colonel Elvin S. Ligon, 17 Feb 45 - .

Training commenced in mid-September 1943. The Air echelon received its preliminary combat training at Army Air Force School of Applied Tactics, Orlando, Florida, while the Ground echelon was brought up to full strength at Army Air Base, Kearns, Utah. In late October the two echelons rejoined at Kearns and Army Air Base, Salt Lake City, Utah. Early in December the Group went to Alamogordo where final preparations were made for their movement overseas. In February the Ground echelon left Alamogordo by rail for Camp Shanks, New York, then to the New York Port of Embarkation where the QUEEN MARY was boarded 28 February for the overseas journey. Meanwhile, the Air echelon flew their B-24 Liberators by way of Florida, Brazil and Africa to England.

By March 9, 1944 the entire Group was assembled on Army Air Force Station 120 at Attlebridge, Norfolk, England, where it remained until its departure from England in 1945.

The Group's first operational mission was flown to Berlin on 22 March 1944. From this date until the final mission to Trounstein on 25 April 1945 the 446th flew a total of 6,478 sorties on 232 operational missions, dropping 12,914 tons of bombs on enemy installations in Germany and German-occupied Europe. Twenty-nine enemy fighter aircraft were destroyed by the Group's gunners in combat, while 72 of the Group's bombers were lost on operational flights. Military targets in the Pas de Calais area,

at Berlin, Brunswick, Hamburg, Munich, Magdeburg and Tutow were among those attacked by the aircraft of the Group.

The headline on the Second Air Division publication "TARGET VICTORY" in 1945 acclaimed the 466th together with the 458th and 467th for the mission against Leipzig. The lead bombardiers on that mission were Lt. Friganovitch, Lt. De Boer and Lt. Farnholtz.

MEMBER LISTS 466th HIGHLIGHTS

JOHN WOOLNOUGH has provided the following dates and events to the Newsletter.

Feb. 1, 1944 — First ten crews to Herrington, Kansas for overseas staging. Woolnough's crew got B-24H 41-28747

Feb. 5, 1944 — First eight crews departed for England via Morrison Field, Florida, Trinidad, Brazil (Belim and Fortalaza), Dakar, (lost Paul Pastovich and crew on flight across Atlantic), Marakech and Valley Wales. B-24 747 was only one to get into Valley Wales this trip. Due to weather, rest went to Scotland.

Feb. 18, 1944 — Activation date of 466th as part of 96th Wing and 2 AD. LTC. Steadman acting commander. Advon unit submitted first morning report.

March 22, 1944 — First mission. Berlin.

June 29, 1944 — Took 10 B-24's to haul in the Glenn Miller Band on 22nd July to celebrate this date of the 100th Mission.

September 1944 — Group "Stood Down" this month. Flew gas for Patton's tanks into St. Dizere and Leon., France with Bomb Bay and fuselage tanks.

November 1, 1944 — Woolnough's crew flew last mission (30). Group by this time had lost 60 aircraft.

D-Day Log Notes Invasion Mission

A handwritten note of instructions and observations by a crew member of the 466th made on June 6, 1944 has turned up in Newsletter files. These notes would mean little to anyone not there. Some of them are reproduced for those who were.

"Time Stations: 0445. Taxi out: 0515. Altitude 12,500. Place: S-5. Additional information: Throw chaff. IFF off. Open B.B. In middle of channel. Target: A highway bridge 20 miles inland." Other notes on back of form: "D-Day! Rumors floated last night about invasion. Group alerted. We test hopped our ship late last night. Went to bed — were awakened at 0330. Learned from CO that invasion was scheduled for today at 0630. Upon crossing channel we saw many boats, large and small. Many clouds were building up and the undercast became 10/10 upon arrival at French coast. So we had to return without dropping bombs. Sad Sack!!"

466th Second Highest Attendance Last Reunion

The 466th Bomb group had ten members in attendance at last years reunion in Gettysburg, tied by the 467th, exceeded only by members who belonged to 2AD Headquarters.

Judging by reservations being received by the Halpins the 466th will far surpass the last years representation of Arbaugh, Campbell, Corrar, Dellefemine, Jacobowitz, Parker, Pellican, Robson, Sobin, and Woolnough.

Hearing of individual crew reunions being formed for this reunion, the 466th plans early rendezvous and keeping the "Club" open 24 hours. How 'bout that!!

THE 466th BOMBARDMENT GROUP



ALAMAGORDO, N.M. — 1943. Smiling C. O. Colonel Pierce escorts actress Irene Dunn. The others care to be recognized??



EX-PREXY's STAFF. Kneeling (l to r.) Robertson, Foster, Epps, unknown; standing, Unknown, Doc Jacobowitz, Klinkbeil.



GROUND CREW originally named this one "No Feathered Injun". Plane lost an engine on each of first three missions. "No" was crossed out. Ship was transferred to another unit and 466th lost track. Anyone know these airmen?



LANDS LIKE A FIGHTER! Chutes deployed from each waist window. Can anyone fill us in on this "hot landing"?



100th MISSION PARTY, July 22, 1944. Famous band leader Maj. Glenn Miller welcomed by John Woolnough.

CAPSULE FACTS

Squadrons: 784, 785, 786, 787
 Station: Attlebridge
 Station Number: 120
 Group Letter: L
 Squadron Codes: T9, U8, 2U, 6L
 Tail Colors: Red with Horizontal
 White Stripe

First Mission: 22 March 1944 —
 Berlin
 Combat Wing: 96th
 100th Mission: 29 June 1944
 Name Planes: Desperate Virgin
 (Grusome Goose); No Feathered Injun

FLYER - 23rd. ANNUAL REUNION

Robert P. Halpin, 6002 Werk Street, Cincinnati, OHIO 45211



Welcome-Welcome

TO THE 1970 2nd. AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION — 8th. AIR FORCE

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FRIDAY June 19, 1970

1:00-6:00 P. M. REGISTRATION
(Gold Hall)
2:00-5:00 P. M. HOSPITALITY ROOM

COCKTAIL PARTY - MEDALLION ROOM
(Cash Bar)

FILMS - BULL SESSION - HANGAR
FLYING from 7:30 P. M.
till ???

SATURDAY June 20, 1970

10:00 A. M. BUSINESS MEETING AND
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
NOON BUS TO DAYTON AIR MUSEUM

EVENING - "OVER THE RHINE PARTY"
CASCADE ROOM including
6:00 P. M. - COCKTAILS (Cash Bar)

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