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Escape & Evasion Society**

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REUNION & MEETING MAY 26, 27, 28, 1989



Pittsburgh's compact downtown area is surrounded by three sparkling rivers.

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WILLIAM H. SPINNING

On Wednesday, January 4, 1989 AFEES lost one of its founding members and most loyal supporters. Death overtook Bill Spinning after a series of illnesses at his home in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

A Memorial Service was held for Bill on Saturday morning, January 7th in Birmingham, Michigan. President Ralph Patton and his wife, Bette, attended the service and were given the opportunity to say a few words about Bill's AFEES activities and their relationship.

Bill Spinning, E & E No. 477 was a bombardier of the 351st Bomb Group, 509th Bomb Squadron when he was shot down on February 11, 1944. He landed near Abbeville in Normandy, France. He evaded capture and eventually arrived in Plouha where he boarded MGB 503 for passage to England on March 18, 1944

Bill and his family attended the first meeting of Evaders and Helpers ever held in the United States on May 15, 1964 in Buffalo, New York. From that time until his death he was a willing worker and an avid supporter of AFEES. He served as Vice President from 1964 until 1988 and Vice President Emeritus from 1988 until his demise.

With his own money, time and talents, Bill published the "Operation Bonaparte" and "Comete U.S.A." booklets. These were picture stories of the AFEES meeting in Buffalo and of the visit to the U.S.A. of the French members of Reseau Shelburne in 1976.

Without the encouragement and efforts of Bill Spinning it is just possible there would be no AFEES. AFEES will miss Bill but we will carry on what he helped to start.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bill's wife, Kate, and to his family. Kathy directed that memorial contributions be sent to AFEES in Bill's name.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Plans for our 1989 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh are finalized and all systems are go for another outstanding get-together. Included in this newsletter is all the paperwork you will need to make your reservations at the Pittsburgh Hilton for a bigger and better AFEES meeting. I look forward to joining a number of new

members in May in Pittsburgh, my home town; It is I might add, according to Rand Mc Nally, is the best place to live in the United States of America!

It appears that the *GRIM REAPER* is starting to speed up his calls for AFEES members and Helpers. This past year he has hit my friends particularly hard with the loss of Ken Blye, radio operator on our crew, Nick Mandell who attended our first meeting in 1964, Bob Costello who was with us on that unforgettable trip to Europe in 1969, Ray La Brosse, second in command of Reseau Shelburne, and Bill Spinning, one of the co-founders of AFEES. The loss of this many friends in one year brings one face to face with the realities of life for men of our age group. *TODAY IS REAL, TOMORROW IS PROBLEMATIC!* Be sure to join us in Pittsburgh.

Thanks to the kind attention of Dorothy and Paul Kenney, I was able to attend the annual meeting of the Georgia Chapter of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society in Augusta, Georgia on January 13th and 14th of this year. The main topic of conversation at this meeting was the Georgia Chapter's project to locate an Eighth Air Force Memorial in Savannah, Georgia. This is a very interesting project that has an excellent chance for success. It will require the raising of over one million dollars by the Eighth Air Force Historical Society. I fully intend that AFEES will be a participant in this project; we must find a home for our computer records and our Escape and Evasion records.

On Saturday, January 7th Bette and I traveled to Birmingham, Michigan to attend the memorial services for AFEES co-founder Bill Spinning. The family asked me to participate in the service by taking a few minutes to talk about how Bill became eligible for AFEES and his role in founding our society. The family had requested that memorial contributions in Bill's name be made to AFEES. AFEES will miss this quiet man who believed so strongly in what we were and are trying to do.

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**REUNION: 62ND TROOP CARRIER WING,
MILITARY AIRLIFT WING ASSOCIATION**
August 9 to 13, 1989 in Tacoma, Washington

We're attempting to reach as many members as possible to inform them of a reunion to take place in Tacoma, Washington, home of the 62nd MAW at Mc Chord Air Force Base, at a place to be named later.

For further information, contact:
BILL SCHWEHM or,
62nd TCW/MAW ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 4220,
Mc Chord AFB, WA. 98438
Bill's telephone, 206/582-1904

C. J. DE BOYNOST

I received a letter from Contessa De Boynost informing me that her husband C. J. Boynost died last December, in 1988. She did not give the exact date but from dates on her letter it must have been sometime in the middle of the month.

He had been ill for about six months and died of a brain tumor. I sent my condolences to the Contessa, his wife. I do not know what your policy is, if the AFEES sends a card or what ever.

I was sheltered in their chateau in 1943 and the first part of 1944.

They tended my wounds, risking their lives and the lives of their family. I would like to have the Contessa's name to remain on our helper's list. I owe them so very much. I continue to correspond with her from time to time. Sincerely, JERRY ESHUIS

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EDWARD v. d. NOORDAR

The Hague, December 13th, 1988

Dear Members of AFEES.

Thank you for your good wishes at Christmas time.

I regret to tell you that my husband Edward died on June 1st of this year.

He was always proud to be one of yours.

Best wishes for 1989.

Ms. Wil v. d. Noordar (Veer)

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MME. SIMONE RENAUD

Ste Mere Eglise, France

December 20, 1988

Dear Members of AFEES:

My mother Mme Renaud, passed away at her home, February 27th, 1988 at the age pf 89 but the Renaud family is well and forever humbling to you. We will never forget. She always cherished her American friends.

H. J. Renaud, 50480 St Mere Eglise Tel:33-41-30-07

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ARIE (ART) VAN FAASSEN

Born February 18, 1926

Died June 8, 1988

Surviving, wife, Henny; daughters, Mrs Diane Vanderleest and Jacqueline Van Faassen; a son, Art Van Faassen; two grandchildren, Mitchell and Roslyn Vanderleest; a sister Lide Van Faassen; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Nel Van Faassen and a brother Jan Van Faassen. Born and raised in Holland, he moved to Canada and after he married settled in Nobleford in 1945. He served in Indonesia with the Dutch army after WWII.

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REUNION:

**SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION
8TH AIR FORCE**

March 25th, 1989 in Addison, Texas

The Second Air Division Association will meet at the Harvey Hotel, 14315 Midway Road, Addison, Texas on Saturday, March 25th, 1989. Hospitality suite open at 1:00p.m. Registration at 3:00p.m. Cash Bar opens at 4:00p.m. Dinner promptly at 6:p.m.

For further information, contact:

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO THE
AFEEs FROM OUR HELPERS

The mail bag was indeed full
over the holidays and way into
January, 1989. A partial list of
greeters is as follows:

ANNE BRUSSELMANS &
FAMILY
YVONNE AND COLIN DALEY
CASE AND BERT HANOU
GENIVIEVE AND RENE
LEOISEAU
BAPTISTE LANAOUR
JAN VOGES
ELSA CASPERS
ALPERT POSTMA AND
FAMILY
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ARMAND HARDY
MIA LELIVELT
HENK SIETSMA
RENE LECREN AND WIFE
EMILE ROISEUX AND WIFE
WIM WILLEMSEN
U.N.E.G. (PARIS)
ALBERT LE GOFF AND WIFE
L. DAVID AND WIFE
BAUDOUX AND WIFE
D'ALBERT LAKE AND WIFE
E. VAN HOECK
ANDRE YERNAUT
MACEY AND ALBERT
LARDOT
JACQUES DE bNUYN
V.D.HLOORT (Belgium)??
SUZANNE LASUDRY
ANDRE CROONENBERGHS
SIMONE DE CORTE
HELLEBOIS
LUCIE CHAIDRON
WILLY DEKEYSER AND
NIECE
MARTHE FACHE
BERTHE SPIRA - VAN
SEVANANT
FRANS CAUBERGH
JACQUELINE LE GRAND
JANINE AND FRANCIS
ANDRE
MARIE LOUISE BOSTON
PIERRE SIBERIL
BERTRAND PETIT
ABBAYE N. DANE
ALBERT LE GOFF
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C.L.EORGE??
RENE BOULANGER
PIERRE KERSULEC
GILBERT CROMBEZ
J HANKS VILLETTE
LESLIE ATKINSON
RENE MARTIN
DENIS WUYTS
VINCENT-GHISLAINE
ALEC PROCHIATZ
ANNE MARIE SOUDET
ANDREE CHEVREUIL
MICHEU NYEN
GEORGES JOUBARD
PAULINE BRINGUET
PIERRE MOREAU "TIERROT"
MME. ARMAND BEGHUIN
GISELE BARON
GERMAINE COUFFON
J. PARDON
JEAN TREHIOU
ANDRE CHARETON

ELIZABETH MUTTER
BLEMMERS
HENRY VAN FAASSEN
HELENE LE FEVRE
ROSEMARY GRADY
T.D. JA SUE ??
GERRIT TEMMINGH
A.B. JANSEN
P. BEERTY
BAUDOUX ROSSEMAN
RENE LONDOZ
BLANCHE DE POVER
MONIQUE BEROTE
EMILE BOUCHER
FERNAND BARTIER
M M E . R A Y M O N D
HAUTECOURT-DUMONT
MME. GABRIELLE MEUNIER
Note: Your musical card arrived
in good shape and it still lights up
and plays as of this date. Thank
you.
ERIK DE RUITER
G. BREMMERS
ADRIAAN DE KEISER BV
(ESSO)
PETER KEMPKENS
YVONNE KERVAREC
JOSEPH HERREGODTS
C. F. MIEZINK
DE MEYERIJ ??
FRANTZEN-HEYMANS
KARST SMIT
JENN NET
R. PONTIER
DREAND YARTIAL
MME. G. ARNOULD
ALICE AUGUSTE
ANDRE TURON
BERNARD COSNARD
F. BARNSDALLE
ANDRE EALLONTGRE
ROBERT RICCO
ARNOLD BOLLEN
LAMBERTUS v. d. BERMAN
A. H. GIELENS
THE ESCAPE MEMBERS IN
HOLLAND
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RENE LOISEAU
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RAF ESCAPING SOCIETY
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 MME. KERUMERUN
 DEDEE ANTOINE-DUMON
 MME. JEAN AUVERT
 MME. HUGUETTE BOURDOIS
 MME. MARIE GICQUEL
 R. ITTERBEEK
 MME MARIA FOIREST
 MAURICE LE CLERCQ
 G. MATTHYS O.B.E.
 HERNOUX GEBEL
 MME. YVONNE BIENFAIT
 CONTESSA DE BOYNES
 JOSEPH DELANS
 MR & MRS JOB MAINGUY
 FRANCOIS DORLOT
 GERARD RENAULT
 PIERRE & MICHOU UGEUX
 MR & MRS GUS ODEKERKEN
 MARIE GICQUEL
 WILLY DEKEYSER & NIECE
 MR & MRS MOCAER &
 BRIDGETTE
 MR & MRS MARCEL PASCO
 ALICE GOULIAN
 COUNTESS ANDREE DE JONG
 Ed. Note: The cards are still
 coming in. Some of the signatures
 were difficult for me to read and
 I apologize if I have mis-spelled
 your name.

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 44TH "LOG BOOK"
 A WINNER!

President Ralph Patton and your
 editor congratulate the "44th Log
 Book under the capable manage-
 ment of JOE WARTH of
 Cincinnati, Ohio for its out-
 standing fine quality and oper-
 ation. In the last edition on page
 4 he devoted almost an entire
 column on the efforts of our own
 Scotty David to locate missing
 potential AFEES members.

Thanks again, Joe.

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 DID YOU KNOW? The first
 Naval ace in Korea was Lt. Guy
 Bordelon, who in a WWII vintage
 propeller driven Navy F-4U Cor-
 sair achieved his 5th victory on
 July 17, 1953. He was awarded
 the Navy Cross.

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Claude & Shirley Murray with AFEES emblem in ice



Looking at the "goodies" donated for the auction



When you bid and buy at the auction, you gotta' pay

FOLDED WINGS

Escape and Evasion No.	Name	Group
1841	John W. Brown	100th HB
807	A. T. Cavanaugh	457th HB
490	Robert L. Costello	452nd HB
553	Harold Freeman	351st HB
809	J. M. Hotaling	457th HB
1299	Stanley J. Hulewicz Jr.	44th HB
629	Nicholas Mandell	392nd HB
2021	J. T. Merideth	448th HB
1564	George M. Rogers	379th HB
477	William H. Spinning	351st HB

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ABEL ROBINET RECEIVES HIS CITATION



Gérard Renault a reçu le diplôme adressé à Abel Robinet. Samedi, l'homme par qui la rencontre a eu lieu, est allé donner ce document à celui qui, un jour de 1944, n'a pas hésité à tendre sa main.

Gerard Renault received the Citation addressed to Abel Robinet. Saturday, the man who had arranged the meeting presented the document to the one who, on a day in 1944, did not hesitate to lend a hand.

Mr. Patton Luce Cedex, France

I herewith thank you for the kind attention that you gave to Mr. Robinet, the man who on 8 July, 1944 came to the aid of Captain William M. Davis.

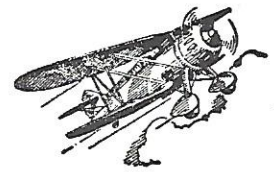
I had delivered, on 17 December, the AFEES award. Mr. Robinet received this honor, that had been sent by Colonel William M. Davis, with much emotion and very great joy. Again, THANK YOU. I have also received your Happy New Year card.

For you and your association, Mr. Robinet says Good and Happy New Year.

Mr. Robinet is today 94 years of age and his health is not very good--problems of the eyes, deafness, etc. I herewith enclose a newspaper clipping from the Chartres newspaper.

With my best wishes for the New Year, MERCI
 Sincerely, GERARD RENAULT

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DID YOU KNOW? The first father and son Caterpillar Club members were Paul Fisk Collins who jumped November 19, 1928 north of Brookville, PA.; and Lieutenant Paul Liske Collins who jumped on February 11, 1944, 50 miles south of Fairbanks, Alaska
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SEVEN NEW EPISODES OF "GREAT PLANES", THE THIRTEEN PART SERIES OF ONE HOUR PROGRAMS TO PREMIER IN FEBRUARY. EACH PROGRAM WILL CHRONICLE THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF U. S. WARPLANES ON THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL (TDC). "GREAT PLANES" VIEWERS WILL TRAVEL TO MIRAMAR NAVAL AIR BASE IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, THE SITE OF THE FAMOUS "TOP GUN" SCHOOL WHERE THE INCREDIBLE CAPABILITIES OF THE F-14 "TOM CAT" ARE EXAMINED AS PILOTS TEST THEIR FLYING SKILLS AGAINST POTENTIAL SOVIET FIGHTERS. EACH EPISODE HIGHLIGHTS A PARTICULAR AIRCRAFT INCLUDING THE BOEING B-29 SUPER-FORTRESS, THE LOCKHEED P-38 LIGHTNING, NORTH AMERICAN P-51 MUSTANG, THE B-17 FLYING FORTRESS, THE CONSOLIDATED B-24 LIBERATOR, AND THE REPUBLIC P-47 THUNDERBOLT OF WORLD WAR II VINTAGE. THE AIRCRAFT ARE EXAMINED IN TERMS OF CAPABILITIES AND CONSTRAINTS. PREVIOUSLY CLASSIFIED FOOTAGE OF TEST FLIGHTS WILL BE REVEALED

GREAT PLANES SCHEDULE

EPISODE TITLE	AIR DATE	AIR TIME
North American XB-70	Wed. Feb. 1	9:00 p.m. EST
	Fri. Feb. 3	4:00 p.m. "
	Sat. Feb. 4	1:00 p.m. "
General Dynamics F-111	Wed. Feb. 8	9:00 p.m. "
	Fri. Feb. 10	4:00 p.m. "
	Sat. Feb. 11	1:00 p.m. "
Boeing B-29 Superfortress	Wed. Feb. 15	9:00 p.m. "
	Fri. Feb. 17	4:00 p.m. "
	Sat. Feb. 18	1:00 p.m. "
Grumman F-14 Tom Cat	Wed. Feb. 22	9:00 p.m. "
	Fri. Feb. 24	4:00 p.m. "
	Sat. Feb. 25	1:00 p.m. "
Boeing B-52 Stratofortress	Wed. Mar. 1	9:00 p.m. "
	Fri. Mar. 3	4:00 p.m. "
	Sat. Mar. 4	1:00 p.m. "
North American P-51 Mustang	Wed. Mar. 8	9:00 p.m. "
	Fri. Mar. 10	4:00 p.m. "
	Sat. Mar. 11	1:00 p.m. "
Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress	Wed. Mar. 15	9:00 p.m. "
	Fri. Mar. 17	4:00 p.m. "
	Sat. Mar. 18	1:00 p.m. "
Consolidated B-24 Liberator	Wed. Mar. 22	9:00 p.m. "
	Fri. Mar. 24	4:00 p.m. "
	Sat. Mar. 25	1:00 p.m. "
Lockheed P-38 Lightning	Wed. Mar. 29	9:00 p.m. "
	Fri. Mar. 31	4:00 p.m. "
	Sat. Apr. 1	1:00 p.m. "
North American F-86 Sabre	Wed. Apr. 5	9:00 p.m. "
	Fri. Apr. 7	4:00 p.m. "
	Sat. Apr. 8	1:00 p.m. "
Republic P-47 Thunderbolt	Wed. Apr. 12	9:00 p.m. "
	Fri. Apr. 14	4:00 p.m. "
	Sat. Apr. 15	1:00 p.m. "
General Dynamics F-16	Wed. Apr. 19	9:00 p.m. "
	Fri. Apr. 21	4:00 p.m. "
	Sat. Apr. 22	1:00 p.m. "
Convair B-36 Peacemaker	Wed. Apr. 24	9:00 p.m. "
	Fri. Apr. 24	4:00 p.m. "
	Sat. Apr. 25	1:00 p.m. "

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AIR FORCES FLYERS CLUB LOOKING FOR HAMS

The AIR FORCES FLYERS CLUB are looking for members who qualify as: 1) FCC Licensed Amateur Radio Operators; 2) Served honorably in the Army Air Corps, Army Air Force; 3) pilots, crew members or support personnel. There are NO DUES and NO NET CHECK IN OBLIGATIONS. Currently operating with 40 members, two operating Nets, 15 and 20 meters and a quarterly News Letter. For more information, contact: Lt. Col. Harry R. Balfe, USAF (Ret.), W5VXM, 6231 Little Fawn Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78238. We appreciate your help.
 PACKET ADDRESS: W5VXM at PBBS W5IFP 78328
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A LETTER FROM PAULETTE PAVAN

Dear Heyward:

At this period I would like to thank you for the nice letter you sent me just after the Denver meeting.

I don't know if you "Americans" do really know what you mean for the people of my generation. You were a myth and you represent strength and liberty....As soon as you entered the war we knew with certainty that we would be safe! And then for people like my parents and I, we got the opportunity to participate at this adventure, hiding American pilots, so that heart links are now between us.

When pilots left us during the period of 1943-1944, we could never imagine we would get the opportunity to meet them again one day. (At this time the U.S.A. was too far away.) Now, of the eighteen, we have found five of them. Every meeting is a reason to expect to find some more....

I would like to thank you so much for not having forgotten and for being so kind and treating us so nicely at each meeting.

With you A.F.E.E.S. all memory of those awful years are coming back, and are welcome because they are of my youth and so far away.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and all A.F.E.E.S.... Paulette

Ed Note: Words like this make it all worth while

NICK MANDELL

See Summer issue, "Last Green Grocer Retires"

Dear Ralph: Dec. 13, 1988

I received your letter today. It is with much sadness that I must tell you that "Nick" passed away on November 25th, 1988. You said he was a fighter and he was! He fought the battle for a year and a half. But this one he lost. There was just no miracle in store for him. It was a great relief that he did not suffer even with the chemical treatments. Just that he would become weaker and the liver would cease to function.

I will really miss him and the children and grandchildren do too. He talked to Victor Ferrari (crew member) in San Antonio last October and told him his time was short. He is the only one that I called of his death.

He was very proud to belong to the AFEES and to know the members. Even I have fond memories of the gatherings and the European trip in 1985.

Please keep in touch with me. I feel that I know all of you. Sincerely, Irene Mandell.

Ed. Note: Irene's address is: IRENE MANDELL

330 Sycamore Lane
Hanover, PA 17331
Phone 717/632-7126

See Nick's letter home sent from behind enemy lines

DID YOU KNOW? The first aviation trainer, (Link Trainer) was an aircraftlike mechanical-electrical device complete with hooded cockpit, controls and a full complement of flight instruments. The trainer behaved like an airplane but did not leave the ground. It was invented by Edwin Albert Link. The first sale was made in 1929 to the Link Flying School, Binghamton, New York. It was adopted by the U.S. Navy in 1931 and by the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1934.

DID YOU KNOW? The first airplane diesel engine was manufactured by the Packard Motor Car Company of Detroit, Michigan, in 1928. The engine was an air-cooled nine cylinder 225 horsepower radial engine and weighed 510 pounds. It was used in a Stinson Detrioter airplane and made its first flight on September 19, 1928.

NICK MANDELL WRITES TO FAMILY WHILE STILL EVADING

I feel privileged to be able to reprint this letter loaned to us by Irene Mandell which Nick wrote during the time he was evading. This letter was copied word for word and was originally written in Roermond, Holland. Ed.

Tuesday, December 29, 1943
Roermond, Holland

Dear Mom, Dad, Brothers & Sister,

Approximately five weeks ago I have written a letter to you at home from a little village somewhere in northern Holland. That letter just as this letter will be sent home after the war has come to a close over here. At present, during war time it is impossible as well as very dangerous to send such a letter. Therefore, it will be necessary to wait until after this European situation has come to an end to send such a letter. Then we can be quite sure that you will be able to receive these letters alright, or without any trouble or delay. So until then, I hope all of you at home can remain patiently enough until the time will come when these letters can be sent home to you.

During the past five weeks since I left that little village in northern Holland, I have worked my way down on my homeward escape from northern to the southern border of Holland. My journey thus far has been rather slow, but it has been quite safe, despite the many dangerous risks I have undertaken. But now speed means nothing to me while making this journey back home. It is the absolute safety which now concerns me in getting back to my home. And I have very great hopes of getting back home in a short course of time. To this present day I have been in Holland for better than six weeks, for it was on Saturday November 13, 1943 while returning from a raid on Bremen, Germany that I and all my crewmembers have been shot down. And now I am in Roermond which is in the southern section of Holland, and which is very near the Belgium border. It was here in this town as well as at the home of this kind and beloved family where I had spent my Christmas Holidays. Despite the fact that I was unable to be at home to spend the Christmas Holidays with you at home, I can truthfully and frankly say that I had a swell Christmas here in Holland. And I am quite sure that the memories of this Happy Christmas will cling to me and will live with me forever. I only hope that all of you at home, Mom, Dad, Brothers and Sister have had a very good Christmas despite the fact that I and the other brothers in the armed forces were unable to be home with you.

While making this journey I was never alone for I always had a companion or so. Two weeks after I was shot down in northern Holland, I met a boy from the RAF who was also in the same situation as I. Therefore we have traveled together ever since, and we hope to travel together all the time now until we reach England. Then both of us when traveling have always been escorted and helped by these kind and generous people of Holland. Thus far on our journey we have been very fortunate in making our escape and I only hope that we can continue as such all the way until we get back home again. With the good help of these kind people of Holland and with the help of God I feel quite certain that we will make our escape back home in good safety. So help us God.

Despite the fact that I cannot send a written greetings or a message of greetings to you at home, why my memories remain with all of you at home, both in my prayers and at all other times of the day.

May God Bless all of you, and I hope to remain now and always,
Son, Nick

GREETINGS FROM ELSIE GRISCETI

December 12, 88
Paphos, Cyprus

Dear Ralph:

Once again Christmas is near and we tend to think especially of our families and friends far away.

Denver 1988 seems only a few weeks ago. For the past five months I have had builders repairing the damage done to my house during the hurricane in London in October 1987. With all this upheaval I am afraid I completely overlooked your letter from last June. I feel very bad about this and even at this late date would like to thank you.

How very true is Anne Brusselman's remark regarding the relationship between Evaders and Helpers. It is something very special and only those involved can understand. It is a family relationship. I presume it is because we all share similar experiences of fear, sometimes intense fear, loyalty to our various countries and an urge to help.

Two years ago after losing my only brother and sister within weeks of each other, I felt desperately alone in the world. But in San Antonio I realized I still had a family of friends. All those wonderful people that had risked their lives to rescue us from four years of Nazi occupation. I feel very honored to be a part of the AFEES. There is so much I would like to say but cannot find the words. But Christmas is not the time to get morbid!

So, I would like once again to wish everyone of the AFEES a very happy Christmas and may 1989 be the best year of your lives.

Best wishes and kind regards

Elsie Grisceti

Ed. Note: Its great to have caring friends like Elsie. It's little wonder why we are proud of our Organization and the people who are in it.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTS NEW BY-LAWS
FOR MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL AT PITTSBURGH
MEETING**

The following By-Laws were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors at their Board meeting in Ottawa last October. Please study them carefully and be prepared to vote for their approval or disapproval at the next meeting in Pittsburgh during May, 1989.

BY-LAWS OF THE AIR FORCES ESCAPE AND EVASION SOCIETY

ARTICLE I.

Name

The name of the organization is the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society.

ARTICLE II.

Objectives

The objectives of this organization are:

To encourage and extend relationships among those persons, both in and out of the United States, who have interests and experiences in common with AFEES membership.

To improve and enhance exchange of idea and programs designed to achieve international goodwill.

To establish and maintain relationships with foreign nationals who were helpful to AFEES members or other Allied airmen.

To solicit national and international support for the programs and objectives of the Society as an entity and for individuals pursuing the objectives of the group.

To acquire by dues, fees and contributions such monies as may be needed to achieve the concrete, material or purpose of this organization.

ARTICLE III.

Membership

Individuals eligible for membership shall be American airmen who have escaped from and/or evaded capture in any armed conflict involving the United States of America.

Each member of this organization shall be entitled to one vote, in person or by mail, at the annual meeting in order to conduct the business of the organization.

ARTICLE IV.

Friends and Helper Friends of the Organization

Official recognition shall be provided to those individuals who desire to be friends or helper friends of the organization that evidence an interest therein.

Helper friends of the organization shall be those individuals who assisted evaders and/or escapees behind enemy lines or in an occupied territory.

These individuals shall not be given any voting capacities at the annual meetings but shall be allowed to attend the annual meetings and be allowed to express their opinion in regard to the affairs of the organization. These individuals shall be entitled to pay dues but shall not be required to do so, and will be provided notice of any regular, special or annual meetings of the organization and will be allowed to participate in the functions of the organization on the same basis as the members. It is the intent that friends of the organization shall include, but not be limited to, relatives, spouses and children of members and helpers that take an interest in the organization.

ARTICLE V.

Offices

The offices of this organization shall be a president, a vice president, and a secretary-treasurer who shall hold office for a period of one year or until their successors are elected. An officer may serve for more than one term. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors.

There shall be a Board of Directors composed of the officers and not less than five, nor more than nine members of the organization at large.

At the annual meeting, the organization shall elect directors to replace those whose term is expiring. Board members shall serve for a period of three years and thereafter if reelected to succeeding terms.

The president shall appoint such committees as shall be designated by the voting members at any regular or special meeting of the organization or as the president may deem desirable at any time. Each committee shall consist of a chairman and two or more members. Such committees shall serve until the following annual meeting for the election of officers and/or Board members. The president shall be an ex-officio member of each committee.

A vacancy in any office or in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting or any special meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority called for said purpose. A vacancy in any committee shall be filled by the president. Each officer, Board member and committeeman must be a voting member and shall serve until his successor is duly chosen.

Officers and Directors shall receive no compensation for their services. They shall perform such duties usually pertaining to such offices and such other duties as may be required by the organization or by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI.

General Membership Meeting

The general membership meeting of the members, friends and helper friends of this organization for the election of directors, officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held at the principal office of the organization or at such other place within or without the United States of America as may be designated from time to time.

ARTICLE VII.

Notice of General Membership Meeting

Notice of any general membership meeting of the members of this organization, friends and helper friends, thereof shall be given by the secretary to each member and friend of the organization by mailing not less than fourteen (14) days nor more than sixty (60) days before such meeting a notice thereof addressed to such members, friends, or helper friends at the latter's last know post office address, which notice shall state the time and place of such meeting and its purpose or purposes.

ARTICLE VIII.

Order of Business

The order of business at the annual meeting of members, friends, or helper friends of the organization shall be as follows;

- a. Call meeting to order;
- b. Proof of notice of meeting;
- c. Reading of minutes of last annual meeting;
- d. Reports of officers;
- e. Reports of committees;
- f. Election of directors;
- g. Miscellaneous business.

ARTICLE XV.

Amendments

The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, can offer an amendment to the general membership at a regular membership meeting. In addition, a proposal to amend the By-Laws can be submitted to the general membership, if endorsed by ten (10) members in good standing, provided that the proposed amendment is submitted to the general membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the general meeting. Any or all amendments to the By-Laws must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present or by mail.

These By-Laws were approved on the ____ day of _____, 19____.

SPECIAL NOTICE - SPECIAL NOTICE

YOU HAVE JUST READ THE PROPOSED BY LAWS FOR THE AIR FORCES ESCAPE AND EVASION SOCIETY. IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PITTSBURGH, PLEASE VOTE AND MAIL THE BALLOT TO: CLAYTON DAVID
19 OAK RIDGE POND
HANNIBAL MO. 63401

ARTICLE IX.

Special Meeting

A special meeting of the members of this organization may be called at any time by the president, and shall be called by the president or the secretary at any time upon the written request of at least ten percent (10%) of the members of the organization entitled to vote, or upon the written request of a majority of the Board of Directors; and such meeting may be held at any time and at any place within or without the United States of America, which shall be specified in such request. No business other than that specified in the notice of meeting shall be transacted.

ARTICLE X.

Notice of Special Meeting

Notice of any special meeting of the members of this organization shall be given by the secretary to each member of record by mailing not less than thirty (30) days before such special meeting a notice thereof addressed to such member at the latter's last known post office address, which notice shall state the time and place of such meeting, and its purpose or purposes.

ARTICLE XI.

Quorum

Except as otherwise specially provided by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation, a majority of the members of this organization present or represented by votes received in the mail at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the members entitled to vote thereat, present in person or represented by votes received in the mail, shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present or represented. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present or represented, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

ARTICLE XII.

Voting

Each member of this organization shall be entitled to one vote, in person or by mail. Forms to enable members to vote by mail shall be prepared and approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII.

Dues and Contributions

The Board of Directors shall fix the yearly dues, which shall be on a calendar year basis.

The membership, friends and helper friends of the organization shall be notified when special projects are planned and contributions above annual dues shall be solicited; however, such solicitation shall be only on a voluntary basis and shall not be assessable to members, friends and preferred friends.

ARTICLE XIV.

Dissolution

Should at any time, for any reason, this organization dissolve, any assets of the organization shall be passed to another eleemosynary corporation which is exempt from South Carolina and federal income tax. The recipient of any such funds shall be an organization of similar aims. This article is irrevocable.

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DID YOU KNOW?: The first women students were admitted to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs on June 28, 1976, when 155 women were enrolled. At the end of the first year, 138 remained.
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OFFICIAL MAIL BALLOT AIR FORCES ESCAPE AND EVASION SOCIETY	
Directors Vote Yes _____	Action you are voting on: APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS
Directors Vote No _____	
Members Vote Yes _____	
Members Vote No _____	
Optional: Please sign name _____	

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CORRECTION
Correcting AFEES Directory. Should be:
ROBERT B. BLACKBURN
(Bob & Jeanne)
10428 Haledon Avenue
Downey, California 90241 USA
Phone 213/861-4109
96th Bomb Group
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FRENCH VILLAGE NAMES SQUARE
FOR AIRMAN WHO JUST "DROPPED IN!"
AFEES member James J. Heddleson of Louisville, Ohio recently had his name adopted for the renaming of a village square in St. Syr de Valorges, France.
The love affair between Heddleson and his French *ami's* began on April 28, 1944 when the radioman parachuted from a B-24 Liberator. Five of his crew perished while the other five hid in the hills until found by the underground. Heddleson still cherishes his French identity card identifying him as Jean Pierre Etaix, a deaf mute. They hid in a farmhouse with Leon Blum, former head of the French Cabinet and underground leader Chaban-Delmas who recently made a bid for the French presidency. The historical novel, "Is Paris Burning," mentions the adventure of Chaban-Delmas and the Americans, running through a field under German gunfire to board an airplane.
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**B-24 LIBERATOR BOMBER 50TH ANNIVERSARY
TO BE HELD MAY 17 - 22, 1989
IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

If you were in any way associated with the B-24 Liberators in WWII, there will be the biggest get together ever at the Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas starting May 17 thru May 22, 1989. An invitation is extended to everyone - from Ground Crew to Flight Crew, to Administration and Supply people, to Civilian Aircraft Factory Workers, to Publicity Departments, and to those myriad of Americans and Foreign friends who took pride in participating in the glory of the annals of Aviation history - to join hands in Fort Worth.

Early registration is essential and WISE. You'll benefit from the lower rates.

The first flight of first Liberator was on December 29, 1939.

For further information, contact:

B-24 REUNION - 89 REUNION PROJECT OFFICE
6424 Torreon Dr. N.E. - Albuquerque, NM 87109
Phone - 505/821-4484

REUNION: 44TH BOMB GROUP

May 17-22, 1989 in Fort, Worth Texas
44th HERITAGE MEMORIAL GROUP will hold its annual meeting from May 17th thru May 22nd in Fort Worth, Texas at the Hyatt Regency hotel to coincide with the B-24 convention.

For further information, contact:

JOE WARTH, 44th BG
5709 Walkerton Dr.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45823

REUNION: 388TH BOMB GROUP

August, 1989 in Salt Lake City, Utah
The 388th BOMB GROUP will hold its annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah at the Mariott Hotel, 75 Southwest Temple, Phone (801) 531-0800 in August, 1989. No dates were available from the communication we received.

For further information, contact:

ED HUNTZINGER,
P.O. Box 965
Cape Coral, Florida 33910-0965

REUNION: BOMBARDIERS, INC.

May 11th to 14th, 1989 in Dayton, Ohio
BOMBARDIERS, INC. will hold its annual meeting from May 11th to May 14th, 1989 in Dayton, Ohio at the Stouffer Center Plaza Hotel, Fifth and Jefferson Streets, Phone 513/224-0800.

For further information, contact:

W.C. MELILLO
6415 Marshall Road,
Centerville, Ohio 45459
Phone 513/433-7021

REUNION: 485TH BOMB GROUP 15TH AIR FORCE

September 7th through 10th in San Antonio, Texas
The 485th Bomb Group will hold its annual meeting from September 7th to 10th, 1989 at a place yet to be announced. For further information, contact:

E.L. BUNDY,
5773 Middlefield Drive,
Columbus, Ohio 43235

REUNION: 99TH BOMB GROUP

FEBRUARY 16thru 19, 1989 in Mc Allen, Texas
The 99th BOMB GROUP will hold its annual meeting from February 16th thru 19th in Mc Allen, Texas at the Sheraton Fairway Resort Hotel.

For further information, contact:

MC ALLEN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
P.O. Box 790,
Mc Allen, Texas 78502
Phone 512/682-2871

REUNION:

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October 4 - 9, 1989 in Denver, Colorado
The EIGHTH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will hold its annual meeting from October 4th to 9th, 1989 in Denver, Colorado at a place yet to be announced. This will be a good one!

For further information, contact:

JOHN H. WOOLNOUGH
P. O. Box 3556
Hollywood, Florida 33083

REUNION:

94TH "HAT IN THE RING" FIGHTER SQUADRON

October 12 - 15, 1989 in San Antonio, Texas
The 94th Fighter Squadron (The "Hat in the Ring" Squadron) WWII, will hold its annual reunion at a place to be announced in San Antonio, Texas October 12-15, 1989. For further information, contact:

JACK ILFREY
50 Ridge Drive,
New Braunfels, Texas 78130-6624
Phone 512/629-0391

REUNION:

20TH FIGHTER GROUP WWII

October 5 - 8, 1989 in Denver, Colorado
The 20th Fighter Group will hold its annual reunion in conjunction with the Eighth Air Force Historical Society's reunion from October 5th to 8th at a place to yet be named in Denver, Colorado.

For further information, contact:

JACK ILFREY
50 Ridge Drive
New Braunfels, Texas 78130-6624
Phone 512/629-0391

CORRECTION: 1988 Winter Communications - AFEES
Directors in attendance in Ottawa - Milt Goldfinger.
IT SHOULD HAVE READ Milt Goldfeder. Sorry Milt. I guess I must have been thinking about (007) James Bond's arch enemy.

REUNION:

801st/492nd BOMBARDMENT CROUP ASSN.

September 7 - 10, 1989 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
The 801st/492nd Bombardment Group Association will hold its annual reunion from September 7th to 10th, 1989 at the Mayfair Sheraton Hotel in Milwaukee, Wis.

For further information, contact:

RICHARD T. SIZEMORE, Vice President
2318 East Sugnet Street,
Midland, MI 48640 -
Phone (517) 835-3375

OUR HOST ASKS,
why pittsburgh?

Pittsburgh was chosen as the site for your 1989 annual meeting and reunion for a number of very good reasons but it all boils down to the fact that Pittsburgh had a Committee willing to organize and carry out a reunion program.

WHO WILL VOLUNTEER TO DO IT IN 1990?

According to Rand McNally, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is America's most liveable city. Come see for yourself. Stay a few extra days. See the amazing transformation that has taken place in this city formerly known for its heavy industry and dirt. This shot and beer town has become a high-tech city and a center for human organ transplants.

The Pittsburgh Committee has come up with what we believe to be an outstanding program that will have something for everyone.

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FRIDAY, MAY 26TH

Busses leave the Hilton Hotel at 8:00 a.m.

Arrive at Fallingwater at 10:00 a.m.

We will travel to Fallingwater, Frank Lloyd Wright's world famous masterpiece of cantilevered architecture nestled in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. We will arrive at Fallingwater at the height of the rhododendron and mountain laurel season which will show off this unique mountain home to its best advantage.

Busses leave Fallingwater at 12:00 noon
for lunch at Oakhurst Tea Room

Oakhurst Tea Room, a favorite refueling spot for Pittsburghers for more than fifty years will host lunch for us. Lunch at 1:00 p.m. will consist of:

- Hot Roast Beef Sandwich
- Salad
- Potatoes or Vegetable
- Ice Cream
- Coffee and Tea

Busses leave for Pittsburgh at 2:30 p.m.
arriving at Hilton Hotel at 4:00 p.m.

Friday evening is free.

You will be free to enjoy one of these activities.

1. A Pirates baseball game - They are playing the Houston Astros.
2. The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Lorom Maazel conducting Mahler's symphony No. 7.
3. A Captain's Dinner cruise on the riverboat "Majestic" from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Food is very good.
4. Pittsburgh Ethnic Festival at the Convention Center. An exhibition of Ethnic Foods, music and dancing. open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Its a great place for casual eating.
5. Dinner at a number of outstanding restaurants within walking distance of the Hilton.
6. Visit the Buhl Science Center for dozens of interesting science exhibits.
7. The Carnegie: Home of the world's finest dinosaur exhibit is also the home of the famous Carnegie International Arts Show.
8. Or, you might want to spend the time with friends at the hotel and renew old acquaintances.

SATURDAY MAY 27TH

We will visit the National Flag Foundation, a unique facility that helps to teach patriotism to our young. The nationality rooms of the University of Pittsburgh located in what was built as the world's tallest university building. We will visit Mount Washington for a spectacular view of the city and the opportunity to ride on the world's only working inclined railroad.

Busses leave the Hilton Hotel at 8:30 a.m.

with the following itinerary:

- 8:30 a.m. Bus tour of Pittsburgh.
Then, Two busses go to the Flag Foundation and two go to the University of Pittsburgh.
- 10:00 a.m. Two busses leave Flag Foundation and two go to University of Pittsburgh.
- 10:45 a.m. Two busses leave University of Pittsburgh and go to the Flag Foundation.
- 12:30 nn Four busses arrive at the Grand Concourse Restaurant for a fabulous lunch.
- 2:00 p.m. Two busses leave for tour of Mt. Washington. Two busses remain at Station Square for shopping and visiting Transportation Museum.
- 3:00 p.m. Second two busses leave for Mt. Washington, the first two busses return to Station Square for shopping, etc.
- 4:00 p.m. All four busses return to Hilton Hotel.

6:30 p.m. DINNER AND AUCTION

- Dinner will consist of:
Grilled Ham Steak or,
Catch of the day Fish
Soup and Salad
Dessert
Coffee and tea
Red or White Wine

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SUNDAY MAY 28TH

10:00 a.m. Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday Afternoon is free

6:00 p.m. RECEPTION AND DINNER

- Dinner will consist of:
Fresh fruit supreme
Fresh garden greens mimosa
Filet Mignon Bordelaise
Ice Cream bomb with cherry-sauce
coffee and tea
- Entertainment: Ten piece live orchestra with a female vocalist, playing and singing all your old favorites. Dance till you get your fill.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Be sure to bring your MEDICARE or MEDICAIDE card with you. All subway and bus fares are free when you show your card to the driver. Fares are free on Saturday, Sunday and Monday since it is a holiday.

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