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**OUR FONDEST MEMORIES OF THE
24TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (MECH.)
AND BEAUTIFUL SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

APRIL 9TH TO 13TH, 1992

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Thanks to all members of the Savannah Reunion Committee for planning and conducting a successful reunion that received the support to put it in the black while furnishing a good time for all. With more than three hundred thirty registered for the occasion, it was our largest reunion to date and we had 51 members attending their first AFEES reunion. The following excerpts from a letter we received from Bob Vandegriff and his wife Virginia seems to express what we old timers may take for granted.

"Words can little express our feelings of joy and happiness in our first AFEES Convention. We now know that you have to attend and contribute to fully experience the AFEES world of shared and long remembered activities.

There is a new, wider sphere awaiting us when we all join in the HAPPY reunion of airmen and Helper. In fact, just short weeks ago the word "HELPER" was not in our vocabulary, at least not in the context of our AFEES understanding.

We well know the hours of planning, preparation and work involved in a National Reunion. Paul Kenney and all Officers and Board Members, their wives I'm sure, can rest assured this reunion was a terrific success.

Sorry Clayton, but Scotty wins the all time award as Mrs. Congeniality, the beautiful Hostess with a cheerful greeting for each and everyone."

When Scotty and I returned home from Savannah, our mail contained enough applications from new members to put us over the 900 mark in membership. There are more prospects out there waiting for us to locate them in one way or another. Please keep the media, newspapers, radio and Television stations informed that we exist.

Plans for the 1993 reunion and convention are already underway. Members chose St. Louis as the site and we have arranged for the dates of Thursday May 13th through Sunday, May 16th, 1993 in hope of avoiding conflicts with the activities which involve our Helpers in Holland and France the previous week. The fine support from our members means that we expect to host all the Helpers our members attending the 1993 reunion invite, and for whom registration is made early to permit proper planning.

Thanks to Ralph Patton, the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society will have a major part in relating the experiences of Helpers, Evaders, and Escapees at the Symposium on Friday, October 9th, 1992 when the Eighth Air Force Historical Society meets in Louisville, Kentucky. We hope to have many of you in the audience.

THE EDITOR THANKS YOU FOR YOUR PHOTOGRAPHIC HELP

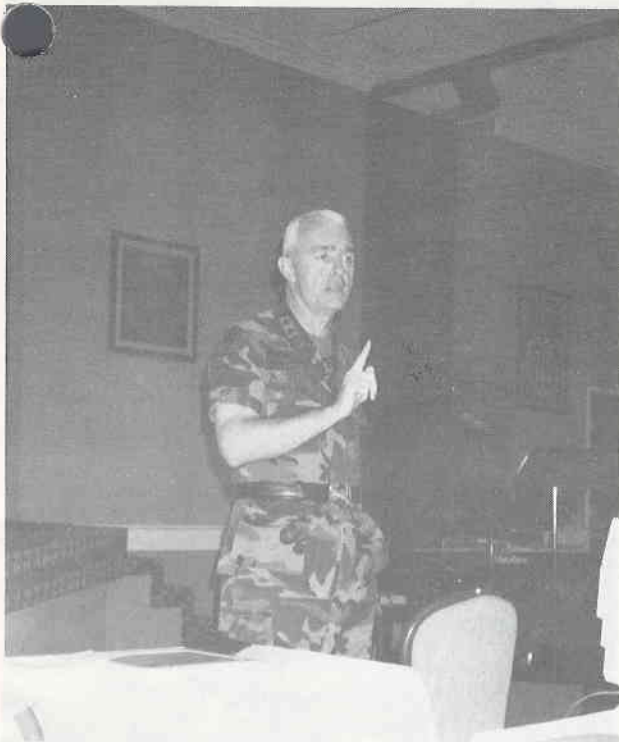
I want to thank the following AFEES for sending pictures to me thereby saving the day.

Scotty & Clayton David - Patricia J. Dolph
Philip J. Fink - Joan & Jim Goebel
Howard & Jeanette Harris - Ruth & Ashley Ivey
Mr. L. S. Horner - Mr. & Mrs Jim McElroy
Mr. & Mrs. Claude Murray - Ralph and Bette Patton
John Yandura

If I missed anybody, please forgive me, I'll catch you next edition.

MILLCENT BRILL DROPS A LINE

February 20, 1992 - Dear Harry: We recently received a letter from Jean Voileau and his wife, who had stopped by our house in France in November. Unfortunately, we weren't there but they took some pictures and spoke to our neighbor. In the letter they say they have fond memories of the Irvine reunion and if there's a bulletin or journal they would like one so they will not forget the warm welcome they received. They send their best regards to all who participated. Best to you and Pat, hope to see you in Savannah. Yours, M.
Ed.Note: The Spring COMMUNICATIONS is on the way!



Major General Barry R. McCaffrey, Commanding 24th Infantry Division



And, we were welcome!



Sgt. David Hernandez & Driver Sgt. Jesus Benitez



Victory Memorial to those lost in Desert Storm



The Color Guard stood at attention at least an hour.

MEMORIES OF FORT STEWART, APRIL 1992



Billy Webb & shipmate Norman Hine



Tom Cannon - Roy Scott - Pat Cannon



President David & Brig/Gen John van Alstyn



Scotty and Clayton David



A "Desert Storm" helping hand



Waiting for the ceremonies to begin



David Shoss and Brig/Gen John van Alstyn

MEMORIES OF FORT STEWART, APRIL 1992

INFORMATION REGARDING LT.

J. F. BURCH

WHO WAS DROWNED IN THE PYRENEES MOUNTAINS ON CHRISTMAS EVE 1943

THE FOLLOWING NOTES ARE FROM THE
MEMOIRS OF JEAN-FRANCOIS NOTHOMB
(NOM DE GUERRE "FRANCO")

I have kept alive the memory of this tragic night of Christmas Eve, 1943. We were 10 in the group which passed toward Spain; four aviators from the U.S.; one Frenchman who was not a member of the (Comete) Line; a Belgian, Daniel Mouton who must travel with us; Antoine; the two Spanish guides; and myself.

Alas, Florentino, our normal guide was sick and I had accepted two other guides that I knew well but could not approach Florentino's abilities. They were Ramon and Manuel. The rain had fallen in torrents and fell again and the river was swollen. However, we estimate that we must try to make the passage (of the river) by wading, without making a large detour to the little bridge. The guides and I, who were accustomed to it, tied up our pants around our necks and crossed with the aviators and the Frenchman. The current was of unheard of violence and reached to our waists. But slowly and with effort we finished the crossing without trouble.

As agreed with Ramon and Manuel, Ramon went on ahead to cross the mountain, where he was to wait for us; and Manuel returned to the French side to bring across Antoine (whose nom de guerre was Jacques Cartier) and Daniel. I waited on the Spanish side. When Manuel was in the middle of the river with his friends, four shots rang out. All the mountain echoed with the sound. At the same moment I heard a cry coming from below; Antoine had lost his balance and he fell with his companions in the river. Only Manuel arrived beside me on the bank (Daniel managed to save himself from the river but some distance away and was arrested by the Spanish Customs Agents). I asked Manuel to go see if the others had arrived and if possible to help them. I set out on the Spanish side to search for Antoine. I whistled repeating a few times and, all of a sudden, "magnifique", someone answered with a whistle from the French side--it was Antoine. God be praised, he was safe.

I recrossed the river immediately and found Antoine trembling with cold and he had lost his pants. I told him that we would return to Ciboure, to the home of Cataline, to recross in a few days when the weather would be better, but he would not hear of it, he wished to cross that night. Antoine had spent a long time in Indochina where he had taken ill with malaria and I did not wish to have him in a crisis with the sickness. I should not have acceded to his wishes, but he was double my age and had three times the experience in life that I had.

I started again to cross the river Bidassoa with him. He held on to the pants I had around my neck. At the moment when we entered the river, three new gunshots rang out in the night. This was, for us, disquieting. We continued and arrived in the middle of the Bidassoa, where the current was strongest, where Antoine lost his equilibrium again and I called to him in the river. I had the impression that I could not find him again. I swam to the French side and searched for a half hour, whistling as before, but heard no answering whistle.

Desolate and desperate, I decided to return to Ciboure where I could find Florentino. He rose, sick with fever, and went to search the

Bidassoa to Biratou, but he returned finding nothing. We learned too late, about January 1944 from English sources that during the tragic night the German Border Guards found two bodies, one recognized from his underclothing as a U.S. Airman (Lt. J. F. Burch) and the other our friend "Jacques Cartier" really Antoine d'Ursel and they were both buried in secret in either the cemetery at Biratou or the cemetery at Hendaye.

Two or three years later, with Dedee, we placed a commemorative cross at the place where Antoine and the Airman died on the French side of the Bidassoa. The other aviators were arrested by the Spanish. Although all four aviators had reached the Spanish side of the river, it can only be supposed that during the shooting and confusion that Lt. J.F. Burch fell into the river and was carried away.

Ed. Note: *Translated by Gil Millar from the French document.*

AFEES Bob Grimes was one of the other U. S. Airmen.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, RALPH PATTON

Satchel Paige become famous for saying "Never look back--someone might be gaining on you", but in life if you never looked back you would be missing a large measure of life's greatest experiences. AFEES is all about looking back while at the same time looking forward. We can look back on our Savannah reunion as the biggest and best ever but at the same time we look ahead to Louisville and to St. Louis with the knowledge that our experience at Savannah will make the next ones better.

As many of you know AFEES has agreed to put on an Escape & Evasion Symposium for the 8th Air Force Historical Society's annual reunion in Louisville, Kentucky on Friday October 9th 1992. Since I had started this project, your president, Clayton David, asked me to continue as chairman. We have prepared what we think will be an outstanding program to present to over 1,000 members of the 8thAFHS and their wives. We believe that the program will be especially interesting to AFEES members and I encourage you to attend.

Plans are going forward for the 50th anniversary visit to Brittany and the Normandy Invasion Beaches in May of 1944 by Reseau Shelburne veterans and other interested Evaders. Dick Smith and I will be going to Brittany in September, 1992 to finalize arrangements.

While I hate to be in disagreement with the great Satchel Paige I really know that AFEES must look back to plan ahead. Perhaps the old Yogi Berra expression fits us better, i.e. "It ain't over till it's over". While many veteran's groups are worried about how to wind up their affairs, what to do with money in the bank and how to insure that the last surviving members gets to drink the bottle, AFEES seems to be getting bigger and better and more active. I looked back and no one is gaining on us: I looked forward and it sure as hell ain't over.

Thank You!!! Ralph Patton

Ed. Note: The previously planned soccer game between an American and French team had to be cancelled. Sorry



Doris Shoss & Director "Dick" Smith



Betty & Bob Scott



Paul Kenney & his kinfolk



Anne Brusselmans & your Editor



Lord Mayor of Savannah & yer' editor



Monique & Pierre Bausette



Jean & Jeanette Trehiou



"Carpetbagger" J.W. Bradbury & Anne Brusselmans

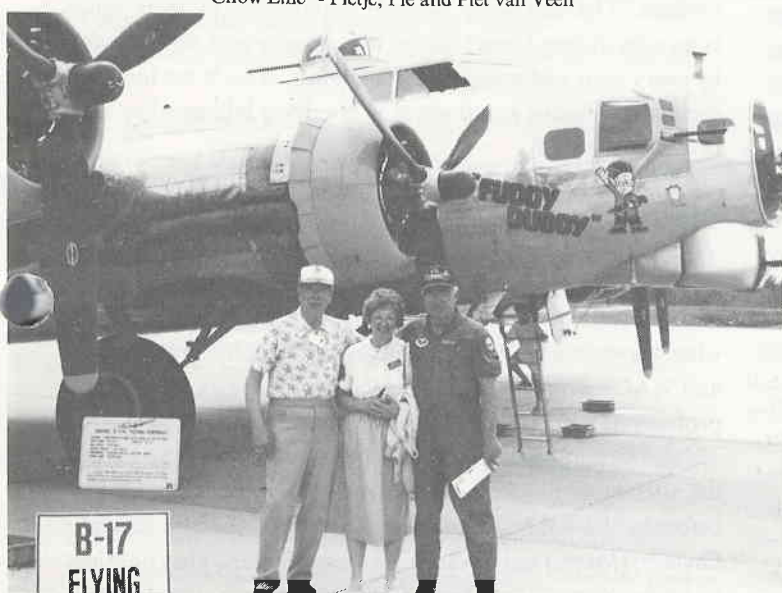
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"Chow Line" - Pietje, Pie and Piet van Veen



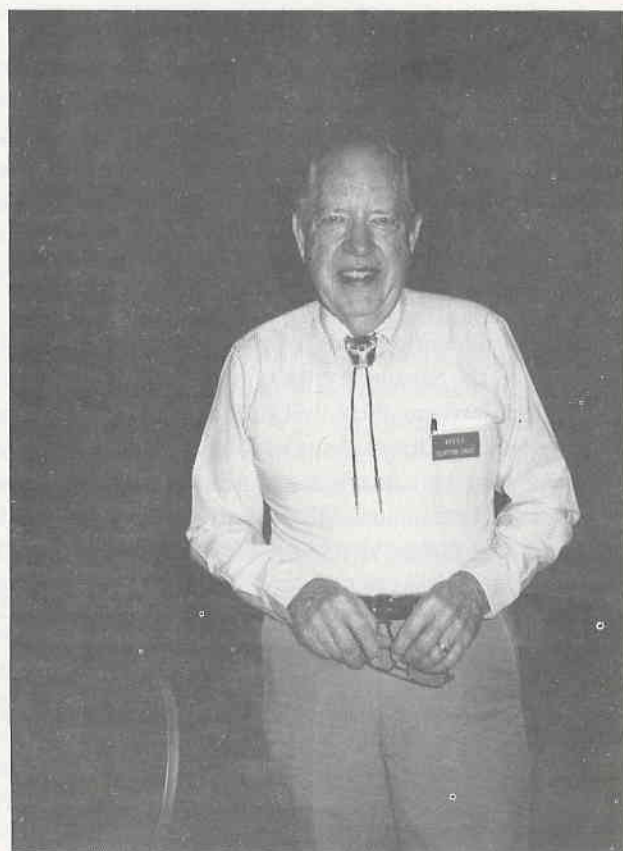
Scotty David. Who'd a know?



Lloyd & Dorothy McMichael & B-17 Museum Crewmember



Piet van Veen, Ashley Ivey, Bas de Wit, Leonard Pogue



The "Pres" - Casual for Breakfast

MEMORIES of SAVANNAH - April 1992

THE SAVANNAH REUNION A GREAT SUCCESS!

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

Anybody who missed the reunion in Savannah, Georgia from April 9th to 13th, missed the premier convention of the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society. Everybody, without exception, said it was well planned, inexpensive and all events were well received. Congratulations to Paul Kenney, our hard working treasurer for a job well done. Thanks to all those who helped him too, The Buckners, The Iveys, and the planners of the events we attended. Everything went like clockwork. Thanks again!

THE PIRATES DEN RESTAURANT

The doors opened promptly at 11:30a.m. and our AFEES poured in, greeted by the ugliest, toothless pirate you have ever laid your eyes on. Everybody was seated in one room so as to better hear the speakers, the Mayor's assistant, a lovely lady in the picture with our editor (who else?). The food was delicious and was buffet style, the tables moved one by one to the buffet without confusion. There were 303 of us in attendance. The only complaint heard was that the room was too crowded. But after all isn't that the way to make new friends? It's a fact: The Pirates den restaurant used to be a grog house in Savannah and many young man dared set foot in the place for the adventure and daring of it all. Those same young men didn't go home that night nor for that matter, for the next few years! For they were drugged and Shanghaied via a tunnel under the place, down to the water-front where they were hidden aboard one of the many sailing ships. When they awakened, they were many miles out to sea and part of the ship's crew for the next several years.

THE "FIRST LADY OF SAVANNAH"

Though we were early getting down to the wharf where our riverboat was tied up, the crew didn't delay our boarding too long and we were all aboard by sailing time. There seemed to be a slight mix-up at the beginning because there weren't enough chairs aboard but this was ironed out in short order and the boat set sail a few minutes late. Again, there were 303 of us on board. We sailed under Savannah's newest bridge, high enough for the mightiest of ocean craft to go under and one of the prettiest suspension bridges you've ever seen. We then sailed south on the Savannah river until dusk, then headed back to the dock, arriving there well after dark. A buffet dinner was served and there was plenty of food to eat. The stuffed mushrooms were particularly tasty. About fifteen AFEES stayed ashore and ate in one of the waterfront's many restaurants.

THE RADDISON SAVANNAH HOTEL

In the many years I have been a traveling man and looking back at the many hotels and inns I have stayed at, I have one thing to say about this modern hotel. As a hotel, it is A-1. As for it's employees, I have to congratulate the management for their performance. It goes beyond performance. They always had a genuine smile on their face and bent over backwards to take care of us. The next time I'm in Savannah, I'll stay at this fine hotel and I'll tell my friends to stay there too.

HIGHLIGHT OF OUR REUNION

First of all, I think each and every AFEES member invited to Fort Stewart, Georgia on April 11, 1992 should write a thank you letter to Major General Barry R. McCaffrey for providing transportation to us as we visited his command, Fort Stewart, Georgia. Not only that, but of all the military bases we have been to as a group, for the first time, I felt as did others, that we were really somebody important and that importance was recognized. The ceremony at their monument to their fallen comrades during Desert Storm was genuine and was heartfelt by every man and woman in attendance. That's the longest I ever saw an honor guard stand at attention because they were proud of their job.

M.P.'s guided our busses during our entire stay at Fort Stewart.

The buffet luncheon at the Officer's Club (and what a club!) was delicious, including a salad bar, makings for sandwiches and iced tea. Alcoholic refreshments were available at the door when we walked in. We were entertained after lunch by soldiers and WACS who served in Desert Storm, singing as well as any professionals on TV and in most cases, better!

Major General Barry R. McCaffrey couldn't stay too long at the after luncheon for he had other tasks to perform, but not before he showed a fifteen minute tape about the 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) activities during Desert Storm. They only lost seven men during the entire action. They were the first Infantry Division to make contact with the enemy in Iran. He jokingly said that his father, himself a General Officer, told him his bladder was about as big as an acorn and for that reason he could never be a General Officer. General McCaffrey said we would understand if he left.

Afterwards, we visited their museum where they have two live camels, a gift from the Prince in Saudi Arabia. They are not very nice animals and love to spit on civilians. In their museum there is an arsenal of weaponry from every war including Russian T-72 tanks, Iranian tanks, BMP Russian Fighting Vehicles, BTR Soviet Armored Personnel Carriers, 2SU-23-4 Self-propelled Anti-Aircraft Gun, etc.

Fort Stewart has its own Television Station and President Clayton David was interviewed live during our visit.

Each bus had a soldier on board to be a commentator and answered questions. The one on our bus was SFC (Tech/Sgt) Mike Thompson, a fine representative for Fort Stewart.

ABOUT THE AUCTION IN SAVANNAH

We regret IT TOOK four hours to auction off your donations in Savannah. We also want to apologize to half of the people who left the auction because of its length. At the Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, this was addressed and we guarantee you it won't happen again. So please accept our apology while we right a wrong. But, in the meantime, the sale did bring in about \$3,500.00 to our Helpers fund and we thank you whole-heartedly for that.

At our meeting, Russell Weyland, our newest Director has taken over the reins of the Auction and we feel confident he will make the necessary changes to turn it around. He and his wife Fran have been very active in the last three we have held.

Thanks to the following for their assistance in Savannah for the effort they put forth in the auction. AUCTIONEERS: Jack Kupsik, Ross Wein; CASHIERS: Gerry Dechambre, Russ Weyland; AUCTIONHELPERS: Betty Patton, Fran Cater, Midge Dechambre, Barb Hugonnet, Pat Cannon, Eunice Schallehn; RUNNERS: Irma Rogoff, Johnnie Birren, Marge DeMone, Millicent Brill; TELLERS: Dick Smith, Bud Birren, Pat Cannon, Fran Weyland.

A silent auction WILL be reinstated for it's fast and won't take any time.

DUES RAISED BY ACCLIMATION

At the General Membership Business Meeting on Sunday morning, it was suggested by President Clayton David, after a decision made by the Board of Directors, that our dues be raised from the present \$10.00 to \$20.00 per year. The reason for the raise is obvious, more dollars for our next meeting in St. Louis to pay for our Helpers. A vote was taken by the membership and was unanimous for the raise. So be it...

HELPERS CHRISTMAS CARD PROGRAM

It was decided to continue our Christmas Card program, sending a card to all Helpers for which we have an address. At the reunion, I received several new and corrected addresses for Helpers and I have placed them in the computer. They will be added to the list.

AFEES PINS FOR NEW AFEES MEMBERS

A newly designed AFEES pin will be given gratis as part of the package for all new AFEES members starting with the Savannah reunion. All new members in attendance were given one at our dinner on Sunday night. All old members desiring one of the new pins, they are on sale in the PX for \$6.00.

DICK SMITH IN CHARGE OF ALL BUFFETS

At future reunions, members and guests will be instructed when to get in line for the Buffet dinners, thus alleviating any mix-ups we have had in the past. Buffets should be orderly with a minimum of time waiting in line. Thank you Dick.

HOSTING 1994 REUNION

Three possible locations for the 1994 reunion have been suggested. The reunion would have to take place during the later half of May, as The trip to Europe for the Shelburne Line will take place the first of the month. Those three places are RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA: Ed Spevak & wife. HOUSTON, TEXAS: Jim Goebel Jr. & Harry Dolph and FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Sorry, I didn't get the host names. Any of these cities would be an excellent choice. So start thinking about it now for a decision at the next meeting.

IDA LIPSHY LEVINE FUND

In honor of Doris Shoss' mother, Ida Lipshy Levine, matriarch of the Levine family a Helpers fund has been originated. David and Doris Shoss gave a substantial check to start the fund to be used solely to help our Helpers at the reunions.

A word about Ida Lipshy Levine. She was a wealthy woman who had an apartment more gorgeous than any in magazines with pieces of furniture valued in the mega-bucks. When David and Doris returned from one of their European trips, they had purchased the red, white and blue caps from Dick Smith for each member of their family, including Doris' mother. Ida had a huge bedroom with twin beds and she threw that cap in the center of the twin bed she didn't use.

From time to time, she wore it around the apartment when she was doing her chores and often Doris and David would find her wearing it.

From that time until her demise, that souvenir of her daughter's trip to Europe remained in that glided bedroom laying in the center of her bed. She dearly loved the AFEES and was proud of David's activities in our organization.

God bless you Ida Lipshy Levine.

THE AFEES ARE STILL GROWING

The following information was presented at our Board Meeting on April 8th 1992 by Clayton David.

As of April 20th we have a total of 901 members

We have 150 new members since May 1, 1992

Eight of those new members are Life members

In addition we have four new Friends members

Five Friends became life members during 1991

Scotty David stated that forty-nine new members were attending their first reunion in Savannah. In addition, we had a total of fifty-two Helpers in attendance. All together we had three hundred and twenty (320) people at the Savannah reunion (an all time high) and it has been acclaimed as one of the best reunions yet, IN EVERY WAY! And this is the kicker. We are the lucky ones. We are among the two-thirds of all AFEES still living. Approximately one-third of us have gone on to meet our maker. AMEN!

THE MEMBERS OF AFEES VOTED FOR ST. LOUIS FOR OUR NEXT REUNION

St. Louis Missouri will host our next AFEES meeting in 1993 At the Marriott downtown Hotel. Our president and several members who live in the area will be the planners to get the job done. There are several areas of entertainment for the AFEES including Scott Field, the Gateway to the west Arch. Real Mississippi boats, St. Louis Cardinals ball games. (Some of the Marriott rooms look down on Busch stadium.) Shopping centers, and just browsing around. The dates are not yet set, it looks like May 6th to 9th are tentative. St. Louis is a city of charm and a delightful place to visit. Of course complete information will appear in the next issue of COMMUNICATIONS.

DANIEL MASSEY OF HERITAGE SOCIETY SPOKE ON PROGRESS OF CENTER.

Though he didn't have much new information on the Eighth Air Force Heritage Center, Mr. Massey did inform us that a Board of Directors was being formed and there would be a meeting on April 25th, 1992 after which time more information will be given to us.

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER & AUCTION

We tried out the new system of making a diagram of the dining room, showing the location of the tables. Those wanting to sit together then had the option of putting their name on the table, thereby reserving a seat. It worked well and we will no doubt use this system in the future. Our Saturday night dinner went well and the auction started out well except somewhere along the line, it got bogged down and took four hours before it was over. Harry Dolph takes full responsibility for this misnomer. It didn't look like we were going to have many items for a silent auction so we decided to put what we had in the active auction. Then the items started to come in for the silent auction afterwards. Sorry folks, it won't happen again. I think we are planning on the auction for an afternoon activity.

GRAND FINALE DINNER

The Sunday night dinner and introduction of Helpers was a success with few exceptions. I will say the dinner was superb and the key lime pie second to none. The candle-lighting ceremony, conducted by Paul Kenney was a very somber occasion. We have a new plan to put in force at our next meeting so the introduction of Helpers will not be so time consuming. We hired an orchestra for dancing for three hours. But because of the long introductions, they only played for one hour and the dancing was cut short. Our reunion planners and emcees promise to strive for perfection. Further, they take full responsibility and promise past mistakes will never happen again.

IN CONCLUSION...

Without exception, everybody said it was by far the best reunion we have had to date. It certainly was the biggest with over 320 people in attendance including over 50 Helpers. The activities were well planned, on time and appreciated. None of us will ever forget our treatment at Fort Stewart and the 24th Infantry Division.

SECOND AIR DIVISION REUNION

The Second Air Division has announced it will hold its next reunion at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina from November 4th to November 7th, 1992. For further information see or call EVELYN COHEN, 06-410 Delaire Landing Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114. Area code 215/632-3992.

MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REUNION SET

The Eighth Air Force Historical Society will meet October 6th to October 11th at the GALT HOUSE (On the river at Fourth Avenue) in Louisville, Kentucky - Phone 502/589-5200.

306th BOMBARDMENT GROUP PLANNING REUNION TOUR.

The 306th Bombardment Group will reminisce in Bedford, England for a nostalgic week from August 24th through August 31st. A reception will be held on the 25th in the Corn Exchange in downtown Bedford. For further details write to: Secretary, 306th Bomb Group Association, 5323 Cheval Place, Charlotte, NC 28205.

THE 459TH BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION TENTH REUNION

The 459th Bomb Group Association will hold their tenth anniversary reunion from September 24th to September 27th, 1992 at the Doubletree Hotel at Post Oak in Houston, Texas. For further information write to M. M. Bloom #080, 8517 Hannet Ave., N.E. Albuquerque, NM 87112.

451ST BOMB GROUP ASSOCIATION REUNION ANNOUNCED.

The 451st Bomb Group will hold its reunion from the 17th of September to the 20th at the Hyatt Regency Irvine Hotel in Irvine, California. For further information, contact: Group Headquarters, Marengo, Illinois 60152.

LT. COL. ELMO H. BERGLIND

Dorothy Berglind, wife of AFEES LIFE member Elmo H. Berglind #773 reported his death on July 24, 1991. He went down in the vicinity of Le Mesnil sur Oger, France, then made his way to freedom over the Pyrenees. He was a member of the 363rd Bomb Group.

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AUCTION

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HARPIN, CHARLES-CT
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HAYES, BILL & JULIA-AR
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HERN, WALTER & WINKS-CA
HOGAN, PETER & MARY-MA
HOLT, CHAS. AND KATHRYN-IN
HOPMAN WM. & MRS.-CA
HORNER, LAURIE & GRACE-FL
HORNING, ART & JANET-FL

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IVY, ASHELY & RUTH-GA
JENSON, WALTER & IRENE-MI
JONES, HARLEY & MELBA-FL
JUSTIN, HOWARD & ESTHER-NY
KELLEY, ROBERT-CA
KEMPTON, NORMAN & PEARL-FL
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MELSON, HOWARD & JEANETTE-
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SCHALLEHN, L. & EUNICE-NY

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OUR CANADIAN FRIENDS

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 SCOTT, ROY & BETTY-ONT
 STACEY GORDON & CRAIG-ONT
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 WEINS, ROSS-QUE
 WILBY, TOM & DELICE-NB

FROM JANNIE KIKKERT-SALOMONS

Geldrop, Holland February 16, 1992.

Dear Friends, We received this month your Citation for Ms. J.N. Salomons from a cousin living at Hardenberg. The Dutch Post delivered it at his residence as Mother died the 21st of December in 1990.

I am the only child of the late Ms Salomons.

He, my husband, three sons and I are very proud of our late parents. We are also very thankful that you still are keeping alive the memories about that dangerous time, so many years after the war. Yours Sincerely, J. Kikkert-Salomons, Herdenveld 117, 5665 J.M. Geldrop, Holland

CHARLES W. DUNGAN

One of Antelope Valley's best known, longtime automobile salesman, Charles W. Dungan, 70 years old, died December 9, 1991. Mr. Dungan was extremely active in numerous Valley organizations.

He belonged to the Lancaster Elks No 1625, Veterans of foreign Wars, American Legion Post No. 311, the Air Forces Escape and Evasion Society, the QB and was past president of the Antelope Valley Country Club.

While serving in WWII as a P-51 Mustang pilot, Mr Dungan's plane was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire over northern Germany and he managed to ditch is plane in the sea off the coast of Denmark.

A young Danish boy gave him a lift on the handlebars of his bicycle and he was taken care of by the Danish underground which arranged for his escape to Scotland. He was given membership in the Caterpillar and Goldfish Clubs as well as the Boot, an organization whose members had to bail out during combat action, parachute into the sea and walk out of enemy-occupied territory.

He entered the service in 1942 and was discharged in 1950 as a Captain.

He was in the Air Offensive Europe Battle at Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland.

Decorations included the Air Medal w/two oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, EAME Campaign Medal and the Japanese Occupation Medal.

He was in the Eighth Air Force, 20th Fighter Group in England, flying P-38 Lightnings, P-51 Mustangs and flew 27 missions over enemy territory.

After his discharge from the service, he and two friends formed the AV Pest Control Company as crop dusters. The firm was based at the Lancaster Airport located on the northwest corner of Avenue I and 10th Street West and operated till 1953.

Mr Dungan became a salesman at Starksen Chevrolet and later at H.W. Hunter, retiring there after 25 years in the auto business.

He was a graduate of the Old Cedar Avenue Grammar School and of Antelope Valley High School, class of 1940. Mrs. Dungan was born July 8, 1921 in Brownwood, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen, and by his mother.

JOHN FORREST HICKMAN

WWII VETERAN, AUTHOR, DIES DECEMBER 30, 1992

Born in the Philippines, his family returned to northern Indiana when he was 12 years old where he graduated from Columbia City High School and Manchester College.

During his WWII service in Europe, his P-51 was shot down one month before D-Day. He was held captive by the German forces in France only four days before he made a daring escape and was rescued by the underground and taken into Switzerland. His book, For God, Country and the Hell of it, published in 1986 has the complete account of his activities.

After the war, he earned a Masters Degree at Northwestern University and began work with the U.S. State Department serving as Secretary to the NATO negotiations in 1949. He later worked with the Agency for International Development as a financial analyst, living and serving in many parts of the world. In 1972 he was sent by the State Department to Kentucky to work with the Gateway Area Development District as a financial advisor. He retired in Rowan County in 1974.

He is survived by his wife m. Louise Quinn-Hickman. He had two sons, John and Stephen. FROM THE MOREHEAD NEWS, MOREHEAD, KENTUCKY FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1992.

STEPHEN E. AMBROSE, OF UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS WRITES

Dear Veteran: The Eisenhower Center recently received your name as a possible participant in our D-Day experience with us. I hope you will be interested in sharing your D-Day experience with us.

Following is a copy of the press release about the nature of our D-Day project. We have also begun a project to collect "Letters From Normandy." If you have any letters from June - August, 1944, we would love to have copies of them. or printed materials, handouts, patches and other memorabilia for our proposed D-Day Museum.

D-DAY COLLECTION

Dr. Stephen Ambrose, Director of the Eisenhower Center at the University of New Orleans, has announced a project to collect oral histories from D-Day participants, to be housed in the University Archives and made available to Scholars.

Ambrose, General Eisenhower's biographer and author of Pegasus Bridge, June 6, 1944, has contributed the transcripts of his own interviews with Ike, and with the British, German and French participants at Pegasus Bridge, to start the collection. He wants to get hundreds more. "There are so many untold stories from that day," he says, "and so many of those who can tell them are not going to be around forever. The time to collect these stories is now!"

Calling D-Day "the most important day of the 20th century," Ambrose says that "it will be studied so long as Western civilization lasts." for the Allies it was a gigantic team effort, the largest undertaking of all time. Hundreds of thousands of men and women were directly involved, and millions indirectly took part in the invasion. Ambrose says that it is the team aspect that he wants to stress: "We know pretty much what the top brass did; what we need is the story of the private at Omaha Beach, the sailor on the LST, the fighter pilot overhead, the code-breaker back in England, the factory in New Orleans who built the landing craft."

TAPING YOUR D-DAY COLLECTION

Relive D-Day in minute detail. I want to know everything that happened to you that day, what you wore, what you heard, what you felt, what you ate, what you did. Proceed chronologically, have your tape recorder set up in front of you and reminisce.

Record your name, address and the time and date you are preparing the tape. Date and place of birth, branch of service, date mustered in and out of service, and your highest rank. Where you were trained, how and when you got to the UK where you were stationed in May, 1944 and an outline of events of the first five days of June.

Then on June 6, 1944 from 0001 hours tell what you were wearing, who you were with, what you talked about, what beach you landed on, etc. Then proceed as close to minute by minute as you can, through the day. Everyone's story is different and every one is important. Let me know how you felt and what you did. Anecdotes are priceless, whether funny or frightening.

Remember you were a privileged participant in the greatest invasion in history. 300 years from now, people will still want to know what it was like on D-Day. If you don't give me your information regarding your participation, your contribution to that most famous day will be lost and forgotten. I will return a typed transcript with you tape. Stephen E. Ambrose, Eisenhower Center, University of New Orleans, LA 70148

SOLDIER SANDERS IS RANKED 10th IN OVER 70 STATE TENNIS DIVISION

Soldier Sanders, pictured on page 23 with his wife Catherine in Savannah is a full blooded Cherokee Indian from Cherokee, NC.

The following information was in the local North Carolina Newspaper:

Soldier Edward Sanders, the local Senior Citizen, now over 70 years of age who is the pride of his peers that see him active in many sports activities, has achieved another goal they will surely be envious of.

Sanders was named tenth in the final USTA System for Tournament Administration and Ranking, December 28th, 1991 in the North Carolina Tennis Association for player over 70 years of age.

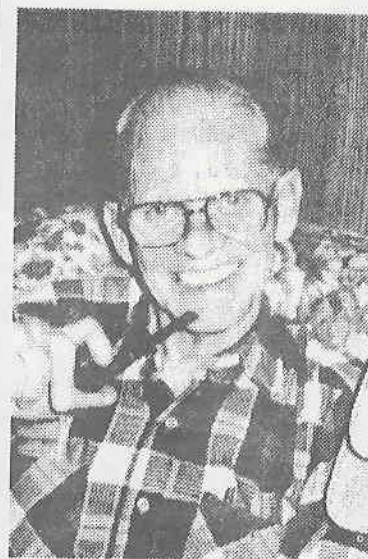
Pete Peterson, who is the grandson of Soldier E. Sanders and a senior at Georgia State is following family tradition by playing the game, but he's planning on taking it one step further. He is looking to turn professional and by the time you read this, he probably already will have.

MOSQUITO ASSOCIATION, INC.

HOLDING REUNION

UNIQUE VETERANS OF A FORGOTTEN WAR REUNION

Members of the 6147th Tactical Control Group "Mosquitos", a truly international organization, who served with the Fifth Air Force in the Korean War will hold their annual reunion from September 22nd to 27th, 1992 at the Red Lion's Sacramento Inn, at Arden Way and Business 80 in Sacramento, California. Looking for men from Great Britain, Australia, Canada, France, the Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, Greece, The Netherlands Columbia, Ethiopia, Belgium, New Zealand, Luxembourg, South Africa, South Korea and the United States of America. For further information, please contact Stephen J. Rooney, 3210 Balmoral Drive, Sacramento, CA 95821; Phone 916/489-0476.



John Hickman



1943 - Paulette Pavan with Otto Bruzewski, Bay City, Mich
& William C. Howell of Goldsboro, North Carolina



Howard Harris with wife Jeanette and Helper Paulette Pavan



Paulette Pavan - Leslie Atkinson - Jeanette Harris



Our P.X. er's Jeanette & Howard Harris



Margaret Smith - Francine Weyland - Doris Shoss



Paulette Pavan with Ted Peterson for the first time since the war

MEMORIES OF SAVANNAH - APRIL 1992

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Brig/Gen. John van Alstyne & John Yandura



Francine & Russ Weyland, our new director (s)?



GOOD entertainment by ex Desert Stormers



Ada & Milton H. Goldfedder



Commanding Officer - Major/General Barry R. McCaffrey



Thomas H. Thomas III



Dorothy Kenney & Ruth Ivey



Pierre & Yvette Sibiril on balcony of hotel



NEWS FROM THE FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE

REUNION IN YUGO ANNOUNCEMENT

It has been almost two years since John Blatnik and myself first announced that we were attempting to arrange a reunion with those of us who were helped by the underground in Yugoslavia during WWII.

The following year we had received many replies confirming interest in our proposed program. Most of them were from non-members who have since joined AFEES (115 to date). We were able to make some connections for a few, but much work remained to be accomplished. Unfortunately, political events resulting in civil war overshadowed all our efforts and continue to this day.

Consequently, all reunion efforts in the former country of Yugoslavia, for those that were interested, will have to be put on hold. In addition to the political unrest and bloodshed, my former colleague and co-chairman, ex-congressman John Blatnik, died last December and I will miss his invaluable support.

I will continue to seek information for those of you seeking contact with your Helpers - any and all information will be processed to the best of my ability.

JOHN C. RUCIGAY, April 1992

LETTER TO THE EDITOR FROM HOHN RUCIGAY

Dear Harry: Although the civil war in Yugoslavia had delayed our plans for meeting our WWII helpers in that country, John Blatnik and myself are continuing with our plans for a future reunion. In that regard, we have had a few responses from Yugoslavia in the last two months as a result of an article submitted to BORBA, one of their newspapers. Since the writers are looking to make a connection with American airmen, I was hoping that you could include a few excerpts in the next AFEES Newsletter to see if we have a match with some of our members.

"IGOR BULAJIC assisted an airman who was about six feet tall and had parachuted southwest of Zagreb, Croatia near the Hungarian border in June or July of 1944. He was taken to Cabuna near Virovitica, then to Vocin. He gave Igor a small round compass. Later in August, another airman was helped in the same general area (near Mikleus) by a small girl eight or nine years old. She was tending her hogs. He was taken to Slavonian Drenovac, Croatia."

"DR. MILENKO JOFANOVIC saw six parachutists descending at ten a.m. on June 6, 1944 towards Prejzdic, which is about forty miles Southwest of Belgrade. He met four of them at five p.m. that day when he served as interpreter for the Chetniks. They stated they were from the 463rd Bomb Group and identified themselves as: *HUNT, LEBER, O'CONNEL and WINK*. Leber had cut his lip when he landed in a tree and was treated by a Dr. Aleksander Krstic in Valjevo."

"RICKA (RIKY) KOEN CARAVESA was a Partisan who acted as a translator in Croatia. She was in Metlika in the Bela Krajina region of Slovenia at the end of 1944 when asked to accompany a group of

rescued airmen to Slunj which is about 20 miles south of Karlovac, Croatia."

I received one other letter, from ZLATKO MATKOVIC, who related that an airman named *KASMIR ULAKY* made a sketch of him in January 1945. Fortunately, Kasmir is an AFEES member who doesn't live too far from me. I met Kasmir and five of the crew who were attending the 459th Bomb Group convention in Springfield, Mass. the next week. I later received a copy of the sketch and forwarded it to Kasmir. We all enjoyed a nice story.

The roster included in the 1991 Summer issue was great. It helped me locate Kasmir Ulaky. Somehow John Blatnik was not listed and this should be corrected.

Harry, have anyone responding to my request to contact me directly. Best regards and hope to see you in Savannah in April.

Yours truly, John C. Rucigay.

Ed. Note: Sorry about not listing Congressman Blatnik's address and sorry to hear about his demise. See obituary in Newsletter.

FROM GENEVIEVE MARTIN - FRANCE

17 February, 1992, To Mr. Calyton C. David - Dear Sirs, I thank you very much for the citation of SPECIAL LIFE MEMBER given to me.

I am also very interested in your book 1991/1992 winter communications.

Three airmen who were in the flying fortress shot down at the end of April 1944 near Abuenton, France with Gene Stodgrass, Virgil Marco and William Bergman aboard. They were hidden in my home in Chauny (Aisne), France for four months.

We hear from Virgil Marco quite often. We also paid a visit to him and he flew over to France to visit us with his wife.

My husband and I are sorry not to be able to join you at the annual meeting of the AFEES in Savannah (Georgia) this year, but we hope to fly over at another time. Best Regards, from a French Helper, Genevieve Martin.

LUFTWAFFE PILOT KURT E. SCHULZE

Vista, California Nov 23, 1991 - Dear Harry, Thank you very much for the book. After having the pleasure of meeting you here I am anxious to start reading about your time with the U.S. Air Force and your time in Holland where I spent two years. (1942-1944.)

Please call me when you are in California again.

Lots of luck and Horrido, Kurt

Ed Note: Kurt E. Schulze a Luftwaffe pilot with over 150 victories has lived in California since WWII and became a successful banker. I met him while signing my book for the "King's Crown Gallery" in Tustin, California in October, 1991. Visit the place if you are ever in the area, you will be impressed as much as I was.

CERTIFICATE FOR M. PIERRE HUBY

We have received a letter from J.D. Valley of Great Britain which points out that his work was possible because of the Huby family. Mr. Huby is now 87 years old. Mr Valley is requesting a Certificate be sent to Pierre Huby ASAP. Jim Wagner wants to know if a Certificate was sent to Maurice Joveneau of Belgium. Since he was not on the Christmas list, so if you answer Jim or me it will take care of that. Thanks. Ed. Note: A certificate was sent to M. Maurice Joveneau.

ESCAPE and EVASION SYMPOSIUM 8TH AIR FORCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REUNION

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY OCTOBER 9, 1992

AFEES has volunteered to put on a three hour seminar on Escape and Evasion at the annual reunion of the 8th Air Force Historical Society on Friday afternoon, October 9th, 1992. The following is the write-up taken from the reunion announcement.

"After lunch the 8th Air Force Memorial Museum foundation will present its 12th annual Air-War Symposium. Topic: "ESCAPE and EVASION: THE DOWNED FLYERS STORY." Team leader RALPH PATTON, of the AFEES will head a panel of flyers and their international Helpers. We are privileged to have Roger Freeman of England as moderator."

Regretfully, only a small number of AFEES members will be able to participate in this program but it is hoped that a large contingent of Evaders will be in attendance to lend moral support to those helpers and AFEES members of the symposium panel. Over 1000 people are expected to attend this presentation.

DOROTHY SMITH LOCATED

Thanks to the efforts of Ernie Hugonnet (a charter AFEES member living in New York City) the WAC Captain who interrogated many of us at 63 Brooks Street in London has been located. Dorothy Smith Hentic, who now lives on Staten Island but is moving to New York City, was quite enthusiastic on learning about AFEES and the current whereabouts of a number of Helpers and AFEES members. Although she was unable to be with us at our Savannah reunion, she hopes to be with us in Louisville at the annual meeting of the 8th Air Force Historical Society October 8th to 11th. Captain Smith worked in Paris after its liberation and made a significant contribution towards recognizing and awarding medals to a large number of our Helpers. If it had not been for this dedicated young lady, many of our Helpers would have gone unrecognized by U.S. authorities.

In addition to Dorothy Smith we have been in contact with another member of the M.I. 9 team from Brooks Street for several years. Col. Stone Christopher was a 1st Lt. at Brooks street in 1943-44 and is one of the few living Americans who understands the workings of the Intelligence Service during the period of our evasions. This most interesting man will be on the Escape and Evasion panel at the 8th Air Force symposium in Louisville, Ky on October 9, 1992



JOHN A. BLATNIK

Ex-Rep. John Blatnik Dies Liberal Leader

WASHINGTON POST - By Richard Pearson, Staff Writer: Dec 18, 1991 - Former representative John A. Blatnik (DFL-Minn.) the former chairman of the Public Works Committee who served in Congress from 1947 to 1974 died of cardiac arrest december 17 at his home in Forest Heights, Md.

During his entire career, he was a loyal friend of such liberal causes in the House as civil rights and labor legislation. He was a champion of what became the St. Lawrence Seaway, which opened up much of the Midwest to seaborne commerce. He also was one of the five authors of the landmark interstate highway program. From his seat on Public Works, he was an early familiar and at times seemingly forlorn voice for increased federal water and air pollution legislation. He was an early chairman of the liberal and influential Democratic Study Group and was a leader of liberal Democrats who sought to reform House procedural rules in the 1960s.

He became Public Works chairman in 1971 and during the 92nd and 93rd congresses received mixed reviews as its leader. Many of his more liberal critics claimed he did little to rein in the committee's traditional pork-barrel philosophy and paid less attention to environmental matters than they had hoped. But as a politician who came to maturity during the Depression, and as a representative of far-from-wealthy district, he never lost sight of the importance of public works in economic development.

Mr. Blatnik was the only Democrat to win election to the House from Minnesota in 1946. He enjoyed enormous popularity with his constituents, usually winning between 70 and 75 percent of the vote in his elections. After suffering heart problems for years he announced in 1974 he would not run for reelection and he worked part time as a political consultant. He was succeeded by his chief aide James L. Oberstar (DFL).

John Anton Blatnik was born August 17, 1911 in Chisholm, Minn. He graduated cum laude in education from Winona State Teachers College in Minnesota in 1935. He also did graduate work in public administration at the University of Minnesota and the University of Chicago. Before WWII, he taught in a one-room school and was a CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) education advisor, high school chemistry teacher, and assistant to a county schools superintendent.

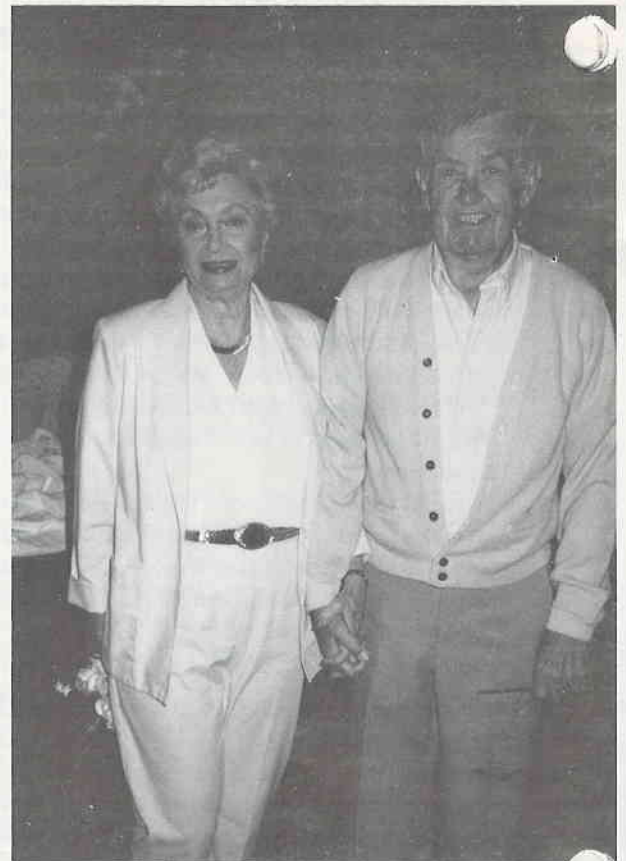
During the war, he served with the Army Air Forces and the OSS in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. Because he spoke Slovenian, he was chosen to do liaison work behind German lines with Yugoslav Partisan Forces. He helped Partisans rescue downed Allied flyers. He ended the war with two Bronze Star and the Air Medal with the rank of Captain.

During his early years in Congress he became recognized as an authority on the Balkans and worked on questions involving natural resources, public welfare and social legislation. He made the headlines in the late 1950s, when as a Government Operations subcommittee chairman he blasted cigarette companies for false advertising claims concerning their new filters.

His marriage to the former Gisela Hager ended in Divorce. Survivors include his wife, the former Evelyn Castiglioni, of Forest Heights; three children by his first marriage, Thomas H., Stephanie A., and Valerie Blatnik, all of Arlington, VA, and brother Frank P. of Duluth.



Jean & Paul Arhex



Ed and Mimi Burley, World Travelers
A Gutsy Lady and her super husband



Adrien & Micheline Tichadou



Robert & Andre Gros



"A sea-farin' lass if ever I saw one!"

Doris Shoss

MEMORIES OF SAVANNAH, April 92



The Lincolns, Alice Davey & Paulette Pavan



Soldier Sanders and wife Catherine



Pietje, Pia and Piet van Veen



Bill & Mildred Linclon



When Feingold & Goldfeder get together, it's golden



Jeanette & Howard Harris and the "PX"



Ruth & Ashley Ivey



Cliff & Mary Williams - John & Etta Chernosky

MEMORIES of SAVANNAH - APRIL 1992

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George & Marcia Mulder
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Pekin, IL 61554-6251
309/353-9217



FROM LIEVE VERLINDEN

April 20, 1992 - Dear Mr. & Mrs Clayton C. David, We would like to thank you and all AFEES for your hospitality. We could not have imagined the warm hospitality and the beautiful people we have met.

We are still telling our family and friends about all you wonderful people and the good time we had in Savannah. Also the Fort Stewart trip we enjoyed so much.

We are looking forward to your next AFEES Communications issue as your history is very dear to us.

We hope to meet with David Troup soon and have our pictures and stroies. - Sincerely, Henry & Lieve Verlinden.

FROM PAULETTE PAVAN

Wolcott, April 20, 1992 - Dearest Clayton and Scotty, What to say.... Pnce again I did find the ambiance of your meetings: joy, laughter and tears. Cheerfulness next top the emotion. It's something vvery special and unique.

To the AFEES, to yhou who represent them all, who show warmth and recognition, thank you and thank you again forever.

Oscar Wilde says "Life is a bad quarter of an hour, with few good moments." Savannah, for me was one of them.

With all my affection and gratitude....Paulette Pavan

FRANK CAUBERGH WRITES

Vise 22 April, 1992 - Dear Mr. President and Madame, Savannah was once again a successful meeting as were all the others I have had the honor to attend to year after year. Wrinkles may get deeper and deeper as hair becomes scarcer and whiter the warmth of the smiles and the friendliness we are welcomed with never alter and even seem to increase with the years. Your allocution at Fort Stewart was famous and wettened my eyes as it did to so many others around the memorial. While listening, my memory brought me wandering 48/49 years back in the past and I had the vision of a bunch of your strong guys, who did not hesitate to leave their families and their country and to mount their iron horses to destroy the enemy and to help their friends. Like in a motion picture, I also saw myself at that age as I was also quite involved in the same war and I felt so proud to be among all those smart men and to have been of some help to a few of them. Thanks again for all and God bless you. Frank Caugergh

Clayton David and Henry Verlinden

HIS GRANDCHILDREN ARE INTERESTED! A unique exhibit at Savannah ws the result of the interest shown by eleven year old Shawn Verlinden, the grandson of Henry and Godelieve Verlinden of East Detroit, Michigan. Henry was a Helper in the north of Belgium during WWII before moving to the United States. He was involved in moving airmen to the south and later learned that all of his efforts were not successful because some of the men were betrayed by infiltrators on the line. If that happened to you or someone you know, this exhibit using a Belgium map made it graphically clear.

Many children listen to the stories of grandparents, but few take the time to convert what they hear into a graphic illustration for their school, including a number of interviews to add meaning. We can safely bet there are some children in Shawn Verlinden's school who now know what happened to some flyers during the war. Henry received some airmen from the Poels group of Holland and Bert is pictured on the display Henry is showing Clayton David in the memorabilia room in Savannah.

FROM CURT "BEN" LOWENS

April 5, 1992 - Dear President David and members of AFEES, Unfortunatcly I had to break a promise to myself. After attending the reunion at Irvine, CA I had promised myself to see you all again this year in Savannah. However, circumstances have prevented me from making the trip this year as business had to come before pleasure and so I ahve asked Tom and Nico to convey this message to you.

Everytime I think of AFEES it brings back the warm feeling which my wife and I experienced last year when we attended the reunion for the ifrst time. It was indeed a very special occasion on which memories were shared in grteat friendship and cameraderie. With grteat admiration do I now theink of the phenomenon that this body of members continues to share and experience of almost fifty years ago. It does not seem to diminish the awareness of the events and the importance of remembering.

A few months ago I received the Certificate of Special Life Membership. I found that it actually effected me emotionally. I am deeply honored and I thank you very, very much.

This note will remain short, I know that Tom and Nico represent our

a little moment from the past, but I want to recall the significant words from the excellent acceptance speech of President David: "...not to forget that we are the survivors of the survivors..." and so I wish everyone a long and healthy survival....and for me the privilege of seeing you again in person next year.

Nico will translate the Dutch phrase 'Nog vele Jaren'.. my very best wishes to you all...Curt/Ben

HOWARD DEMALLIE MEETS EDITOR

April 26, 1992 - Dear Harry: I enjoyed finally meeting you at the Savannah reunion for you are the only other airman I have met who was in the care of Peter and Mimi van den Hurk during WWII. I was the last customer Peter and Mimi helped for we were all captured by the Germans in December, 1992. It was a pleasure meeting you Harry and although Savannah was my first reunion, I will not let it be my last. I therefore plan to see you in St. Louis next year. Sincerely, Howard DeMallie, Rochester, N.Y.

Ed. Note: *Those of you who read my book "The Evader," will recall that two Americans were captured in Mimi van den Hurk's home in Meppel a few days before Christmas, 1944. Loel Bishop, (killed shortly after the war in a traffic accident) and Howard DeMallie were those two. It was good to finally meet him.*

GUS BUBENZER FINALLY KNOWS

Gus Bubenzer finally got a ground viewers report of what was seen when he bailed out in the area of Aumale, France. The report of what happened on 27 May, 1944 came to Gus in December 1991.

After recording all the details he had learned in addition to what he had seen in 1944, Jerome Charpentier lost Gus' address. He didn't find until last fall while cleaning out papers in preparation for a move to Southern France. It was then that he wrote to Gus and sent a well written account of what they had seen from the ground. The story goes to show how incidents that happened nearly 50 years ago may be over, but not forgotten.

FROM JEROME CHARPENTIER

27 December 1991 - Dear Mr. Bubenzer - I have not had the pleasure to make an acquaintance with you during the war. But at a later time I have had news of your stay in France.

It is necessary I give to you some explanation. During the war I was with the resistance searching enemy information that was relayed by radio to England. Also because of skill that I had of the English language I was interpreter for many of the airmen landing in France.

The time was in the 60's that I was in the area of Aumale researching a British crew that had fallen in the area. It was by chance that I stopped at a farm house of a Madame Leleu. She with great enthusiasm told me of the American aviator who she hid in her home. I might add that she confided in me to say the Germans came to her home the first week searching for you. She cunningly invited the Germans in to her table giving them bread and cider with you hiding in the upstairs. Her brave gesture was to outwit any thought the Germans might have that she would hide one who was their enemy. You were lucky to descend into her territory.

Having talked with Madame Leleu, I believed I had some connection relating to the misfortune of your bombers on the day you landed in France. Madame Leleu gave me the name of Rene Canac who knew more details of your plight. Talking with Canac, it was May 27, 1944 that you touched French soil by parachute. It was that same day

shortly after mid-day that I was near the village of Ardeuval where a flight of Havocs encountered flak. Four aircraft were hit. Two of which fell straight down exploding on impact with the earth. No parachutes or survivors. The first aircraft leading the formation was on fire and two parachute came from the plane. One parachute fell much distance before coming open. It was the next day that the Germans by truck carted off a portion of wing and a tail from the fallen aircraft. Two charred black holes was the only other remains. The crash sites were close together on a farm and live bombs prevented anyone from going near. Having witnessed the two aircraft crashing, I did not see personally the parachutes from the first aircraft. They were sighted about 14 kilometers farther to the east at Mortemer near Neufchatel. The aircrafts - one on fire and the other dropping altitude were viewed at last sighting heading in the direction of the English Channel.

The man Rene Canac told me that you threw your flak vest out of your plane before parachuting. Also you lost one of your boots upon parachute opening. Your flak vest was found a few days after in a field near by at your landing. I think perhaps it may be in the town museum at Neufchatel.

Your fellow comrade was seen talking to the Germans. A German cyclist was waiting for his landing.

I am sorry that I am so late in giving you this news. Your address provided to me by Madame Leleu was misplaced and forgotten. I am making preparations to move to the south of France. It was in this process that I found your address. It is not good news that I give but perhaps it contains something of interest.

May this new year be one that is good, With Sincerity,
Jerome Charpentier.

EVADER/HELPER LOOKING FOR AIRMEN

New AFEES member, Reginald M. Jorgensen of 208 Elson Ave, Weeping Water, Nebraska 68463 is looking for men who went down in Italy from August 29, 1944 to April 1, 1945. Reginald was a P-47 pilot with the 86th Fighter Group of the 12th Air Force out of Corsica when he was shot down over Northern Italy on August 20, 1944. He remained with the British SOE, Special Force #1 at Pino Mission, Prea, Italy commanded by Major Neville Temple (True name Darewski) until November 16, 1944. The special Forces mission was destroyed by the Germans and Major Temple was killed.

Jorgensen served with partisans until captured on February 1, 1945. He was held in S.S. Casa Studenti (Nazi) extermination camp in Genoa, Italy until escaping April 1, 1945 to return to partisan activities. He worked with the partisans until the 473rd Infantry Regiment advanced into Genoa.

In joining AFEES, Reginald Jorgensen hopes he can locate some of the several dozen Americans they helped to escape into France or others they held at Prea hoping the war would end and they would be free without having to be prisoners. If you or someone you know evaded through the Northern Italy area, get in touch with Reginald and see if you can help complete this story. His phone number is: 402/267-5230.

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The 450th Bomb Group will hold its annual reunion from September 17th to 20th in Albuquerque, N.M. For further information contact: Doid K. Raab, 5695 Ireland Road N>E> Lancaster, OH 43130



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Oom Joop (Uncle Joe) and his family. Oom Joop on the left and his son Franz is standing behind him. Photo taken in 1940. Franz was murdered by the Nazis

He is Harry Dolph's helper. Dolph stayed in a hole in the ground called the Wig-Wam for two months in 1944. Threeweeks afterwards, the Wig-Wam was raided by the Germans. Franz, his son and seven other men were put to death. Oom Joop was home in Diever, two miles away, when the Germans raided the place.



Oom Joop (real name G. Koster) visiting his daughter and her family in Australia. He's celebrating his 92nd birthday. Read *"The Evader"* by Dolph



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AT THE MEETING OF THEIR GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PLOUHA ON 19 MARCH, 1992, THE FREINDS OF RESEAU SHELBOURNE ADDRESS THEIR FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO THEIR COMRADES OF THE A.F.E.E.S. WHO HELPED THEM RECOVER THEIR FREEDOM.

THEY ARE HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME TO THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THOSE DIFFICULT TIMES.

THEY HOPE TO MEET MANY OF THOSE COMRADES AT THE CEREMONIES PLANNED FOR 1994 TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR REGAINED FREEDOM.

Ed Note: Submitted by Ralph Patton, Chmn of the Board

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