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November 1999

GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

384th Bomb Group - 8th Air Force Memorial Junket #9 to England - 24-27 September, 1999 was held at the Swallow Hotel Ltd., Huntingdon, England. It was a great success.

We had 96 members, wives & guests - plus many English guests present for all our functions.

Accommodations at the hotel were good, there were some complaints about transportation into the town of Huntingdon and that the women, while we were having our meetings - did not have area's to go to for sightseeing or shopping. We are conscious of this fact and at the next sight we pick for our Savannah, GA reunion, we will take this oversight into consideration and there will be something for the women to do.

Enclosed in this newsletter are many pages of photographs of our reunion - If your picture isn't here - you did not send us any.

If you remember at our dinner-dance, I made a request to have pictures sent to me to be put in the newsletter.

MINIATURE MONUMENT

As reported in the Report at the Board Meeting, Bill Harvey suggested we make a miniature Monument of our Memorial Monument we now have at #1 England-Grafton Underwood, #2 - 8th Air Force Heritage Museum in Savannah, GA, #3 - Hill Air Force Heritage Museum at Ogden, Utah. I looked into this.

I can have a 10" Stone Monument - same color as the one's we have put up - with the same printing on front and back, with our B-17 Triangular P on Tail and Emblem of 384th - plus all four Sqd. Emblem's on Base, said cost to all members is \$75.00 - this includes \$100 insurance, packing, and shipping cost. I would like the membership's input on this - "Would you like one for your Desk or Wall Cabinet?" I must buy at least 100 pieces for them to take orders. I must know now who would like to have one.



MEMORIAL AT GRAFTON-UNDERWOOD

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Memorial Junket Nine is History and it was a huge success, one that none should have missed, as it may have been our last Memorial Junket.

One Hundred and Five people were in attendance, there were thirteen who were children of our members. Four were Honorary Members, Quentin and Barbara Bland and Brian and Susan Goodman. One Guest was from Belgium, Isabelle Engels and two from England, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Hinson, friends of Clint and Margaret Orean.

The Junket started with Registration on Thursday and that evening was a Host Cocktail Party and Briefing. Friday was a free day with an Elizabethan Banquet that evening. Saturday the Coaches took us to Boughton House for a tour and lunch. In the afternoon was our traditional Service at the Memorial Monument. The Memorial Service was excellent, one of our best. The Service concluded with a fly-by of a USAF C-130. This was arranged by Colonel Frank J. Alfter, the son of a deceased member. A letter from the Pilot is included in

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this Newsletter. We had the usual large number of British at the Service and the Lord Mayor of Kettering.

Sunday was the Air Show at Duxford Air Museum, it was excellent and included aircraft from WWI, WWII, and present day Military aircraft. About the only aircraft missing from WWII was the B-24, one of our best Fighter Cover!!! It was an enjoyable afternoon. Sunday evening was Dinner in the Hotel Ballroom.

A tour of Cambridge took place on Monday, then the coaches took our people to the American Cemetery for a short service and the laying of flowers on the graves of our Lost Comrades. That evening was our traditional Farewell Dinner Dance.

There was one very sad happening during Memorial Junket Nine, the death of Ed Zieba. Ed had just registered, went to his room where he had a heart attack. Ed will be MISSED, he was very active in the Group, a Member of the Board of Directors and always a very valuable worker at our Reunions and Memorial Junkets, he will be very hard to replace. We were very fortunate to have Father Haley in attendance, the son of Ralph Haley. The Father said some very nice words in Memory of Ed Zieba.

Next will be the Reunion in the Year 2000. At present the Hotel and Dates have not been selected. In November, myself and Ted Rothschild will look over hotels. The selection will depend on room price, so far in our research we have found nothing reasonable in the area. We will do our very best to get the best prices, with most being retired . . . price is a priority item.

All of the Best in the coming Holiday Season!

Lloyd W. Whitlow
President
Board of Directors



October 3, 1999

J.J. Froehlich
PSC 2 Box 10753
APO AE 09012

Lloyd W. Whitlow
38 Isleworth Dr.
Henderson, NV 89052

Dear Mr. Whitlow:

My crew and I were delighted to perform the Memorial Flypast for the veterans of the 384th Bomb Group. The weapons and tactics of war may change, but the bravery of you and other veterans stands as a legacy for those of us that follow in military service. Our own limited experience in combat cannot compare to the harrowing flights from Grafton Underwood but hopefully our efforts, like yours before us, promote the cause of freedom.

My only regret is that we were not able to fly at our combat training altitude of 300 feet about ground level. I have just returned from planning a flight at that altitude for a paratroop airdrop in Kosova (I flew as the C-130 liaison on a NATO Airborne Early Warning aircraft). Sadly, one paratrooper was killed from a chute malfunction, but hopefully the operation served to warn present day antagonists away from war.

I look forward to meeting you and other 384th Bomb Group members some day. At present our high operations tempo (current jargon for flying the wings off the planes) keeps us gainfully employed far from home, but there is always the chance that I'll get a short notice trip to Vegas someday.

Props are tops,

J.J. Froehlich, Captain, USAF, Instructor Pilot, C-130E

384TH BOMB GROUP INC. • BOARD MEETING SEPT. 1, 1999, SWALLOW INN, ENGLAND

Board Members Present: Mazer, Harvey, Guilmet, Whitlow, Rothschild, Kaessner, Thompson, Bland.

Guest: Voiland

Board Members not present: Turner, Carnes, Coleman, Barnes, Arauz

Ed Zieba who passed away at the beginning of the Junket will be cremated and his ashes returned home. Memorial service will be held the 17th in England.

It was announced that Bob Coleman is seriously ill. The Board voted to make him Member Emeritus.

Suggested replacement for Coleman was Gene Voiland. Moved, seconded, carried unanimously.

Bland was asked to leave the room briefly. It was suggested that Bland should have a fax machine to help with his coordination work with the 384th. Harvey

made the motion, Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Year 2000 reunion would be near Savannah, GA in September. Various hotels will be investigated, Hilton Head was suggested.

A financial report was distributed and briefly discussed. It was reported that we still owe the Savannah Museum \$25,000 to place our window in the new chapel, and the bottom line is not the true picture as we still have other obligations. It was suggested that members consider naming the 384th in their will. Harvey suggested making a miniature monument to be sold as a moneymaker. The board thought it was an excellent idea. Rothschild will investigate the feasibility

and cost.

Report on Hill Air Force Base Museum made by Mazer:

A new 45,000 S.F. building has recently been built at the base and two expeditions to the Aleutians to recover a B-24 and a P-38 have been made since the last meeting.

The P-38 is on display at the museum, but the B-24 won't be ready until next year. There has been an average of 200,000 visitors per year, 405 being foreigners. Another 45,000 S.F. hanger is being built. A cargo aircraft hanger is in the planning stage. Our bell is sounded each day in the W.W.II Chapel. Our monument is coming to the chapel shortly, and the original bulletin board has been refurbished and installed.

West of the Mississippi, Hill Museum is second in the nation to the museum at Boeing. The history of the 384th Bomb Group is presented on the Bulletin Board adjacent to the B-17. There probably will be a "Gathering" at Ogden in May, 2000 to dedicate all new 384th contributions.

All actions of the 384th are discussed and voted on at board meetings by the Board of Directors, while many things must be acted upon when the opportunity is presented.

Mazer made a motion to make Shirley Haskell, whose brother was killed while serving with the 384th an honorary member of the 384th; Harvey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Voiland volunteered to make a certificate denoting Honorary Membership.

Miscellaneous: 17 members have been lost since the first of the year, some thought given to accepting family heirs as members. Board of Directors meeting may be held February or March, 2000. Harvey suggested a memorial for Ed Zieba since he was an ex-Board member. No action taken.

Motion to close made by Mazer, seconded by Harvey, passed unanimously.

Meeting closed at 11:45 A.M.

1ST NOVEMBER, 1999

TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME:

Dues	\$7,161.00
Donations	5,315.00
Bank Interest	<u>96.70</u>
	\$12,572.70

OUTLAY:

Post Master, Postage & Stamps	\$396.00
Bellsouth, Fax-Phone	448.09
Deposit - DePue Monument Comp. Memorial Monument, Ogden	17,229.26
Bob's Quick Print - Newsletter (last)	957.46
Flowers	117.49
Office Depot, Harvey's Newsletter & Postage	411.48
Military Mag: "AD" Junket	5.00
Office Depot - Junket Newsletter & Postage	387.00
Depue Monument - Shipping cost to Hill Heritage Museum	1,638.00
Robert Kieling, Accountant 1998 Income Tax (384th)	200.00
Lynn Kassner, Fax for Quentin Bland (England)	495.40
8th Air Force Heritage Museum Deposit on Stained Glass Window	5,000.00
Lloyd Whitlow - Junket expenses	763.37
DePue Monument - Final payment	<u>5,443.34</u>
	\$33,492.39

BANK ACTION:

Transferred from Money Mart ... to Checking Account	\$10,000.00
Transferred from Savings Account to Checking Account	19,000.00

MONEY IN BANK:

Money in Money Mart:	\$5,351.02
Money in Savings Account	14,716.43
Checking Account	<u>2,692.72</u>
	\$22,760.20

ATTN: We still owe the 8th A.F. Heritage Museum \$20,000 for the Stained Glass Window

In Memoriam

BURKE, JOHN J., PATERSON, N.J.
CAMPBELL, EDGAR, BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI
DREVALAS, C.N., IL
MCDANIEL, CLIFFORD, SHAWNEE, KS
QUIGLEY, Q.A., AZ
SMITH, JAMES, ALGOMA, WI
SLIFE, HARRY, YOUNGSTOWN, OH
WESTON, THOMAS, OBERLIN, OH
ZIEBA, EDMOND, ROBINSDALE, MN

PLAQUE FOR FATHER BILLY



Latest news from John Skopek. He has finally been able to obtain the plaque for Father Billy's Grave (as per picture). He was able to obtain same from the V.F.W. and from hereafter, every year on Nov. 11 - a flag will be placed next to the plaque, indicating that Father Billy served our country. We all thank John Skopek for his efforts in securing this.

"Thanks John!"

INFORMATION

For those of you who belong to and get the 8th Air Force Historical Magazine in Volume #99 - #2 (September, 1999 Issue) on page #6 - story on Fighting Scouts about Colonel Bud Peaslie of 384th, on page #8 has picture of our Model B-17 with Triangle "P" - the one we have in 8th A.F. Heritage Museum in Savannah, GA. Page #40 a story called Mutts Tale is a 384th B.G. story - so they know we are around.

ON THE PROJECTS OF THE 384TH

As you all know, we have (3) three places you and your grandchildren now can go to see the history of the 384th Group.

#1 - England - Monument, Bell, Stained Glass Window in chapel, etc. (Grafton-Underwood).

#2 - Hill Airforce Heritage Museum in Ogden, Utah. Stained glass window in our chapel there. Bell, monument, bulletin board, many plaques, etc.

#3 - Savannah, GA - Model of B-17 on pedestal, many plaques, a monument in Garden. Now in the process of putting a Stained Glass Window in an English Chapel they are going to build in the 8AF Heritage Museum in Savannah, GA.

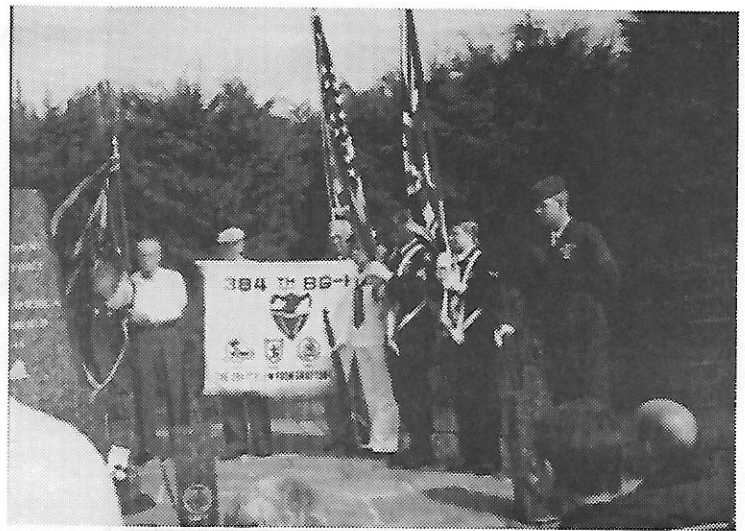
All three monuments, at all three locations are the same. So you can see we are very busy. You will also see from the treasurer's report (included) in this newsletter, we are getting a little strapped for money. Dues will be coming up (end of Dec./January 1) that will help, but could use some donations to help pay the final cost of the window, going into the new chapel in Savannah, GA and to keep the functions of the 384 B.G. in working order. "SO HELP IF YOU CAN" - We are a non-profit Group, no one gets any salary or compensation for any of our projects, we do it all to . . . **"KEEP THE SHOW ON THE ROAD."**

TRIBUTE TO THE QUEEN

*From Guadalcanal and the Phillipines, at the start of WWII,
To the hostile skies of Europe, thru miles of flak she flew.
At home at thirty thousand, majestic as a Queen,
A Silver Bird flown by men, many in their teens.
She carried war to the tyrants lair, to keep all nations free;
She flew thru flak and flame, as far as eye could see.
She slugged it out with Hilter's best, brought her dead and wounded
home.
Damaged and with engines out, it was often times alone.
Born of war, but seeking peace, she carried valiant men into the very jaws
of death, and brought them home again.
Berlin, Frankfurt and countless others, courageous daylight raids, and
only God in Heaven knows, the awesome price she paid.
She met death at 30,000, or on a tree top run.
A victim of ack-ack shell, or Luftwaffe fighters gun.
Like all the men who flew her, for peace and hope she yearned. But too
often mission boards would read, "Failure to Return."
Often plane and crew went down, in a hostile place.
Others were missing in action, and lost without a trace.
Her era's in the past but the history that she's made, must always be
remembered, and never be betrayed.
Generations have come and gone; Enjoyed their hopes and dreams, Yet
never paused ingratitude, to this aging Silver Queen.
And the men who flew her, Heroes everyone, who stood between our
nations shores, and the tyrants mighty guns.
Yes, she's tired and weary, A little aged and worn.
But, she fought and brought their freedom, before most of them were born.
And we who still remember, To-fo and Hitler's dreams
Stand a little prouder ... in the presence of the Queen.
"The B-17" • 9-4-85 • Ivan Fail*



Memorial Dedication Grafton-Underwood - Father James Haley giving Blessing.



Howard Kaessner, Gene Goodrick, Art Guilmet, Honor Guard at Memorial Service



Color Guard and Members



Art Guilmet - Jeep Ride at Grafton-Underwood



Quentin Bland, Lord Mayor, Colonial from Air Force at Memorial Service



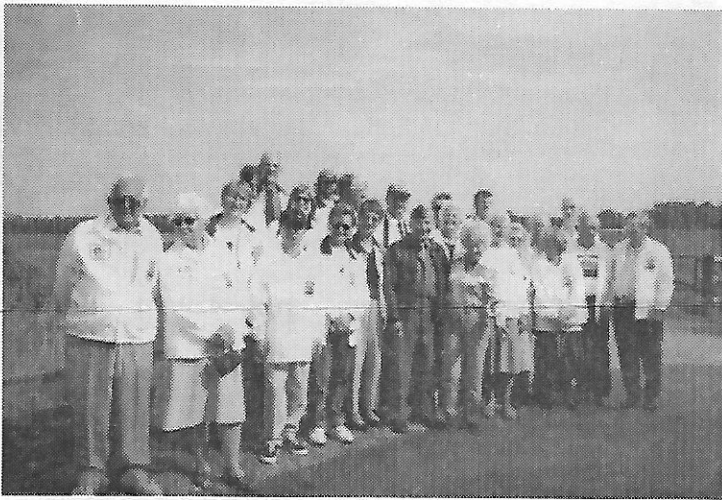
Irene & Don Thompson - King & Queen at Elizabethan Banquet



*Jean Guilmet, Carol Alfter, Lynn Kaessner,
Elizabethian Banquet*



*Harry Gilrane, Art Guilmet and Other Members
at Boughton House*



*English Friends - White Jacket Group
Attending Memorial*



*Nancy Braines and Our Members
At Boughton House*

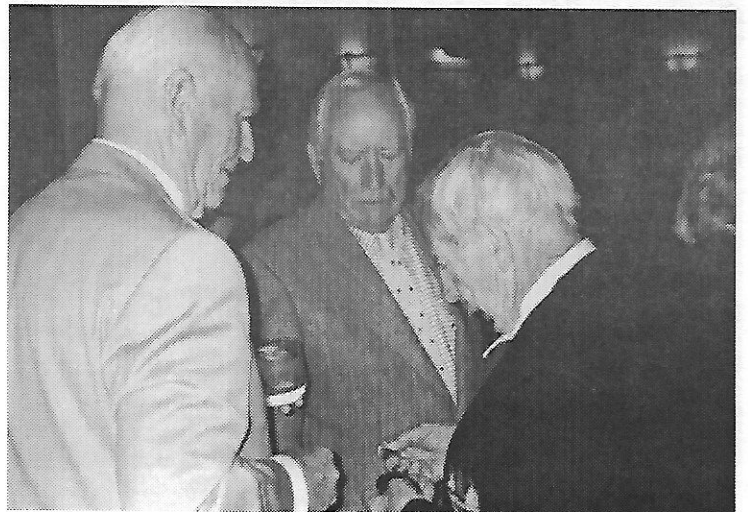
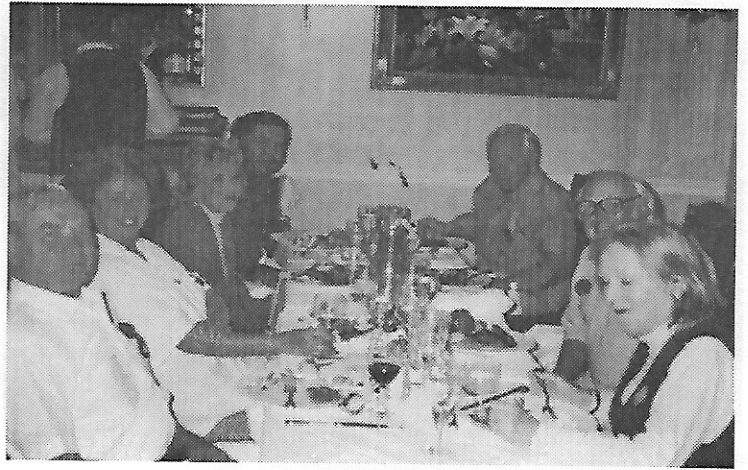


*Annie Bagshaw - Our Lady Who Puts Flowers On Our
Monument*



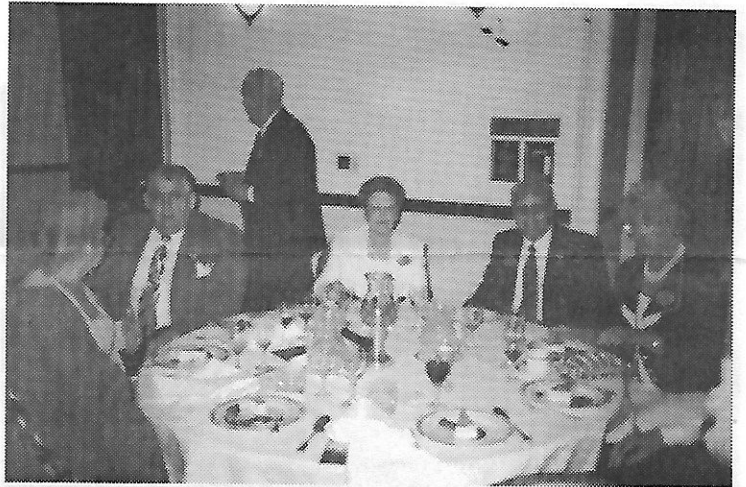
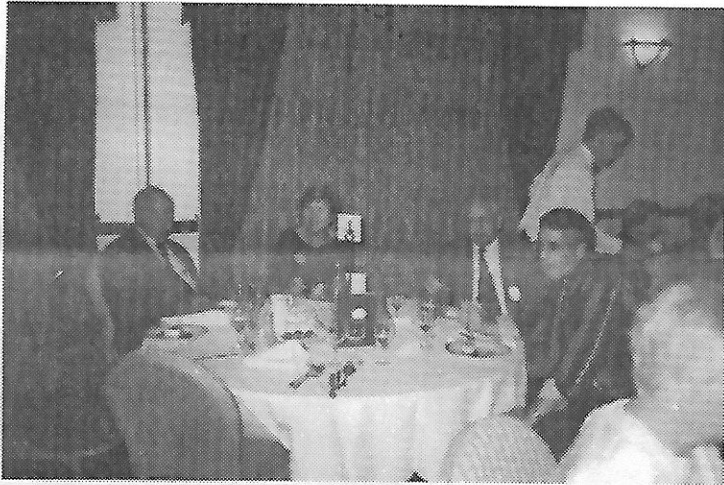
*Col. Frank Alfter At American Cemetery,
Madingley, England*

Members Enjoying the Junket

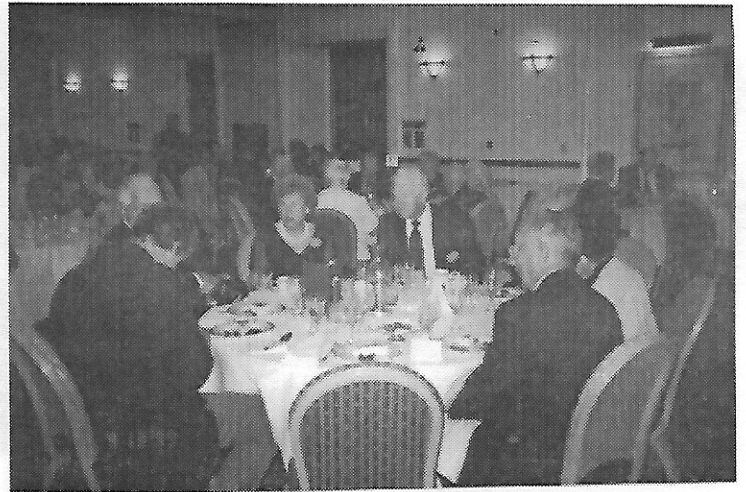


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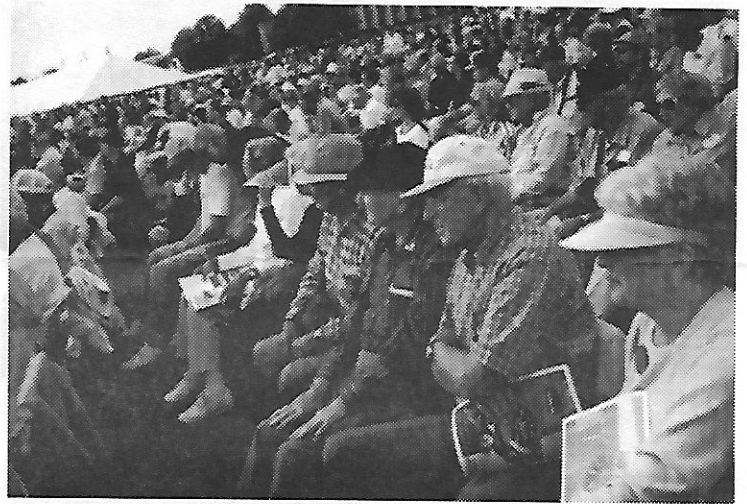
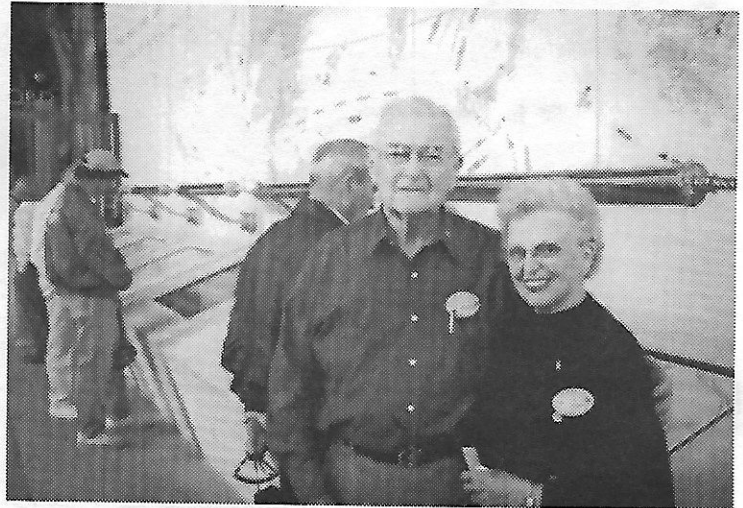


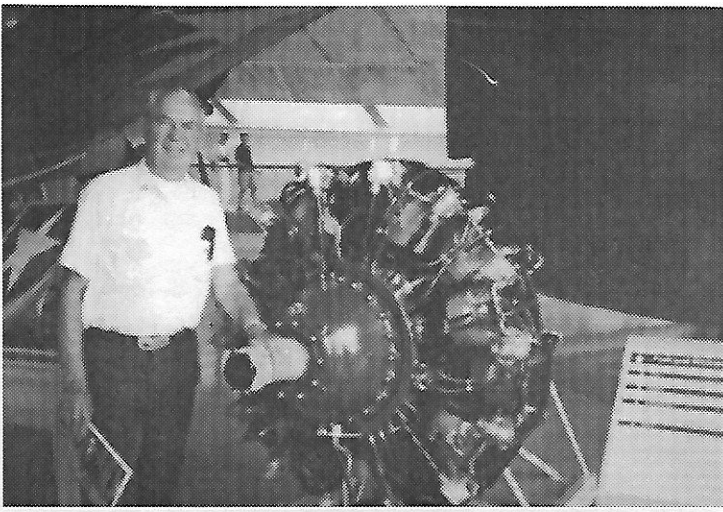


*Members at Dinner Dance - Too Many To Name
Find Yourself!*

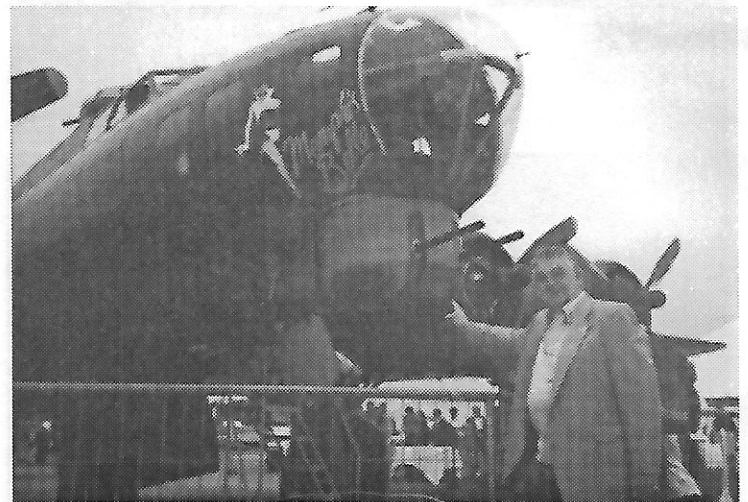
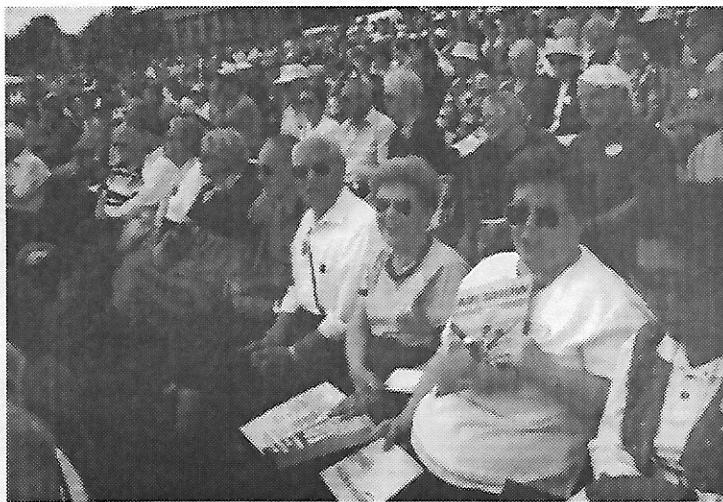


Air Show At Duxford Air Museum





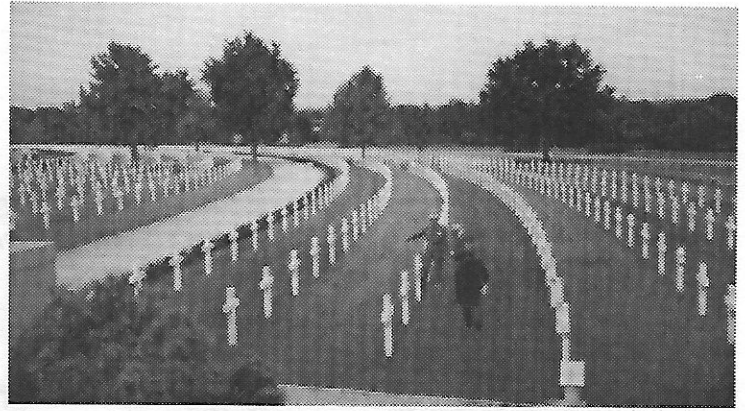
Artie Just Can't Get Away From His Engines



*Ted's Home Away From Home
In Wartime*



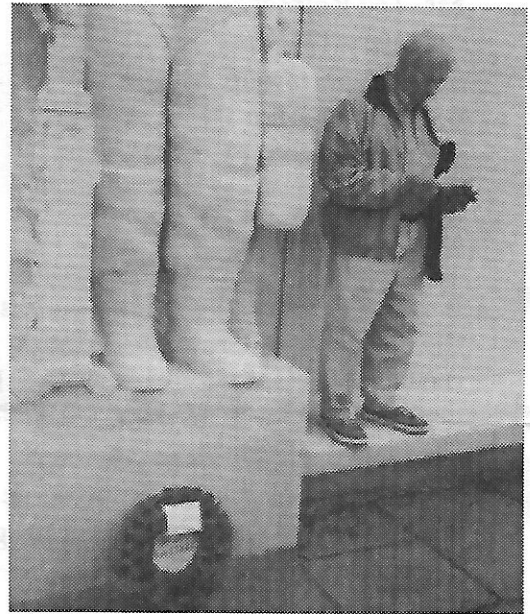
*Margaret Rothschild
Donna & Lloyd Whitlow*



*Howard Kaessner, Don & Irene Thompson
At Cemetery*



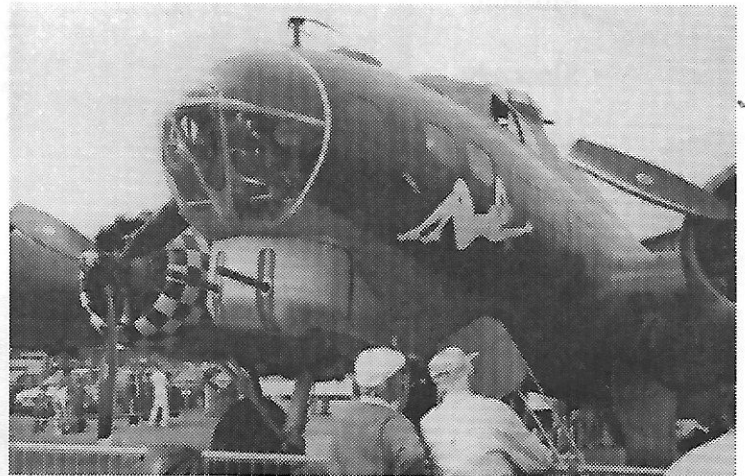
*Bill Harvey & Isabelle Engels
From Belgium*



*Mike Mazer Dedicating A Wreath
At American Cemetery - England*



Roy Snyder Being Protected From Sun



*"Sally B" at Duxford Air Museum
September 1999*



THE MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE HERITAGE MUSEUM



June 14, 1999

Mr. Ted Rothschild
Secretary/Treasurer
384th Bomb Group Association
650 Snug Harbor Dr., Apt. G-402
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

Dear Mr. Rothschild:

It is my pleasure to send to you this certificate which commemorates the membership of the 384th Bomb Group Association at the Gold Level on our Sustaining Donor Wall in the beautiful General Lewis E. Lyle Rotunda. This privileged membership is restricted to giving of \$25,000 to \$49,999. The 384th Bomb Group have been generous in their support of the Heritage Museum. This generosity has allowed the Museum to move forward on our mission to preserve the stories of the members of the Eighth Air Force and to provide the exhibits and programming necessary to effectively share their history with our visitors.

This certificate is a small token of our appreciation for your support. Please extend our thanks to the members for all that the 384th Bomb Group has done for the Heritage Museum.

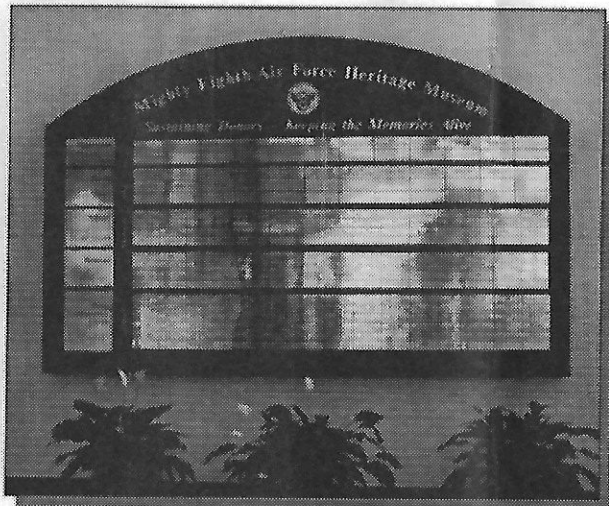
Sincerely,

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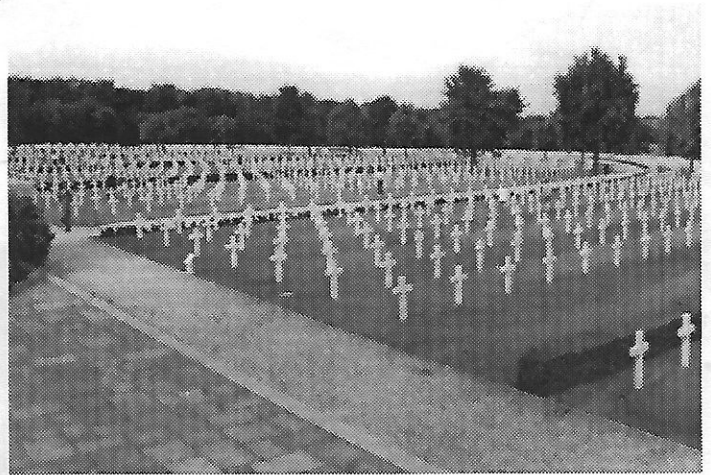


The Heritage Museum has benefited from your generosity. We know that each contributor gives for a different reason but all embrace the mission of the Museum. That mission is to preserve the stories of the men and women of the Eighth Air Force and to share their Heritage of Values with future generations. We thank each of you for your support.

Did you know - this picture on a German fighter!



Donald Duck was also painted on General Adolf Galland's (General of the German fighter forces) ME 109.



American Cemetery at Cambridge Mattingly, England - September 1999 - Junket #9

**REMINDER:
DUES ARE COMING SOON!**



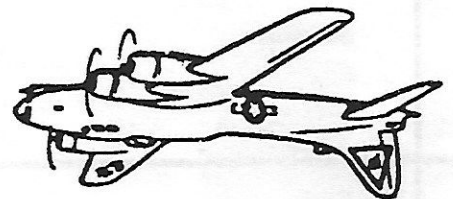
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