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Fortresses Under Fire

© 1976, Keith Ferris. Courtesy of the National Air & Space Museum.

THIS CLASSIC painting of "Fortresses Under Fire" is presented in FLAK NEWS as tribute to all those who flew B-17's and other bombers in World War II, especially to those who gave their lives in aerial combat. The painting, which appears on a wall at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum in Washington, DC, and created by Keith Ferris, can also serve as a reminder that most of the World War II veterans have passed on. The names of those veterans from the 398th are listed on Pages 6-7-8-9-10.



Station 131 Museum Plans:

FOUNDER MEMBER DRIVE UNDER WAY

The 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association has decided to build a museum in England to commemorate the history of the 398th and the 55th Fighter groups, who occupied the Nuthampstead Airfield in World War II.

And that museum will be located near the current Memorials and the legendary Woodman Inn.

The Museum Project received a jump start at the September reunion in Denver, as president Marilyn Gibb-Rice presented the well-conceived plan to the Association.

And before two months had passed, no less than \$11,650 was raised by the membership toward the established goal of \$30,000. The drive continues in the form of a "Founder Member" plan, meaning that a gift of \$200 qualifies for a plaque containing pieces of history recovered from Station 131.

Each \$200 contribution may be given individually or "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone or simply as a museum gift.

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The President's Page:

One More Appeal; Make It "Grand"

BY MARILYN GIBB-RICE President, 398th BGMA

Over the years, 398th Bomb Group members have proved to be an incredible association in their efforts to support various worthwhile projects creating lasting legacies. We now have an additional opportunity to create one more legacy — The Nuthampstead Airfield Museum — even through Wally said: "We fully expect this to be out last major undertaking" when speaking of the Savannah Memorial.

At the annual Association reunion in Denver, the board and



MARILYN GIBB-RICE

general membership agreed to support fund raising efforts for the museum which will be located on a strip of land next to the Woodman Inn adjacent to the Station 131 airfield. We began by offering Founding Memberships to the museum for \$200 each, and we now have over 40 U.S. members.

However, I would like to make a grander appeal to all members of and ask for much larger donations in order to have a museum ready in time for the 2012 England reunion!

Checks may be made out to the "398th Bomb Group Memorial Association" and mailed to our treasurer. Mellisa Houston, TX 77044-1112. Please note that the

check is for the museum.

Our veterans deserve to have a place that tells the story of their time spent at Station 131. Please help me in this endeavor to show how much we appreciate what our heroes have done.

Again, quoting Wally, "We can't fail."

Many items and artifacts destined for display at the Museum are even now in the hands of our Curator, Russ Abbey, and even now these are receiving professional preservation work.

Some of these have come from local British Friends, but we are getting many calls from the U.S., saying they are ready to donate.

What better way to show appreciation than to support with a generous donation and/or to donate photos, books, documents and other artifacts for the Museum.

Here are some of the items already in the hands of the Curator being cataloged and being made ready for viewing -

A9 Helmet Flight Helmet Various Manuals **Many Wartime Photos Private Photo Collections** 398th REMEMBRANCES Books Electric Heated Suit

B-17 Wing **B-17 Model** Uniform Flight Jacket **Dress Uniform**

For instructions on how to ship via a special APO system please contact:

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New Look For 131 Friends

There is a new look in England these days where the "Friends of the 398th" are in the process of "retooling" in the form of second generation leadership.

The 398th BGMA's UK Director, Wilfrid Dimsdale, long associated with the Friends' activities, reports that the new lead Friends officer at Nuthampstead will be Russ Abbey and he will have the title of "Secretary."

That title will go with "Curator" of the newly forged "Nuthampstead Airfield Museum" project. (See accompanying stories.)

Abbey has previously been in the "background" of Station 131 as historian for the 55th Fighter Group. His "daytime" job is Project Manager for the Hertfordshire County Council.



RUSS ABBEY

"He is an enthusiastic, competent and experienced guy and has been tireless in working for the 398th on the Museum Project," said Dimsdale. Adding

"I couldn't be more pleased and he has my unconditional support."

At the moment, there are few "leaders" among the Friends to assist Abbey, according to Dimsdale. But there are plans to recruit new and younger members in the days ahead.

Several of the area's veteran members have passed on, and more recently Malcolm Osborn and Peter Brooke decided to step away from their former active positions.

Thus, a "new look" is dawning.

Meanwhile, Russ is "at home" and can be reached by e-mail: FriendsSecretary@398th.org.

It's £15 For UK, Continent Members

The 2011 Dues for members living in England or on the Continent will be £15, according to president Gibb-Rice, herself now an English resident. Members may send their contribution payable to "Friends of the 398th" and mail to her at the address in the adjoining column.

Dues Time For Easterners

The campaign to build the Nuthampstead Airfield Museum is now underway.

However ... not to forget that the 398th still needs funds for "daily survival." The \$20.00 annual dues is what keeps the Association functioning. And toward that end, it is now time for the members living in the "East" to make their contribution

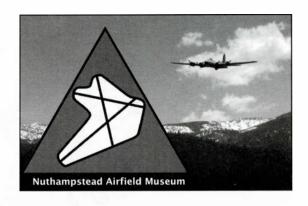
Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland and Washington D.C.

Should your Dues envelope be missing in your FLAK NEWS, Dues Manager Dawne Dougherty's address is Harrisburg, OR 97446-9585. She accept all dues and any addi-tional contribution, plus information on address changes, Taps notices, etc.

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Members Are Rising To The Occasion In Drive For Museum



Initial Fund Drive Reaches \$11,650

9416th AF RESERVE SQUADRON, Eugene, Oregon, in honor of Thomas E. Dougherty.

KEITH ANDERSON in memory of Dave Mills.

GARY ALWOOD in memory of Joe Alwood.

BLACKWELL FAMILY in memory of Wally Blackwell.

WALTER E. BOLAND in honor of Walter E. Boland.

LEE ANNE BRADLEY in memory of Frederick C. Bradley, Jr. KATHLEEN, MICHAEL and PAUL BROWN in honor of Dale

Brown. LINDA BRANDSTATTER BROWNING in memory of John D. (Jack) Brandstatter.

LEWIS BURKE in memory of Robert (Bobby) and Lewis C. (Buddy) Burke.

DONALD M. CHRISTENSEN in memory of Donald R. Christensen.

STEVEN J. CHRISTENSEN in memory of Donald R. Christensen.

MARILYN CLYNE in memory of Harold J. Clyne.

ANN COLLINS in memory of Phillip D. Collins. EVELYN COMSTOCK RHODES, CAROL and PAUL COMSTOCK in loving memory of William G. Comstock.

RUTHANNA DOERSTLER in memory of Enos Wayne

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DAWNE DOUGHERTY in memory of Thomas E. Dougherty. FRANK EVOLA in memory of William E. Wells, Jr.

JEAN FRANKHOUSER in honor of William L. Frankhouser.

JAMES A. GIBB and CHARLES R. GIBB in memory of James C. Crouch.

MARILYN GIBB-RICE in memory of James C. Crouch. CHARLES HAILEY in honor of Charles (Chip) and Debbie G. Hailey.

CHARLES HAILEY in memory of David R. Hailey, Jr.

ROGER HARVEY in honor of the Paul Roderick crew.

HELEN I. HOWARD in memory of Robert L. Howard. ROZANNE JOSEPH in memory of Joe Joseph.

WAYNE KUSE, ROXANN KUSE, DEBRA RICHARDSON and BOB RICHARDSON in honor of Bernard Kuse.

JIM and MELLISA LEDLOW in honor of Don Menard.

ANN LEWIS in memory of William F. Jordan.

DAVID M. LOSS in memory of Ralph Loss.

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"398th B.G. Memorial Association" c/o Mellisa Ledlow, Treasurer Houston, TX 77044-1112

Include "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of"

CATE LUDLAM in memory of Charles W. Ludlam, Jr. WALTER EDWARD MARSH in honor of Walter E. Marsh. WILLIAM C. MARKLEY III in loving memory of William Clyde Markley, Jr.

DON MENARD in memory of Bill Bryan.

DON MENARD in memory of Fred Cole.

CLAIRE B. MURPHY in memory of Arthur B. Murphy.

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ALLEN OSTROM in memory of Hedvig (Geg) Ostrom.

DR. KEN PEIRCE in honor of Allen Ostrom.

TRICIA REIMER, ELLEN LESTETIAN and LINDA

SKVARNA in memory of Thomas A. L'Estrange

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JEANNE STANGE in memory of Ray and Randall Stange.

JOHN T. TURNER in honor of John T. Turner.

CATHY JO YARMOSKI and SANDY YARMOSKI PETROCCO in memory of Frank Yarmoski.

Station 131 Museum Plans

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The initial \$30,000, when reached, will cast off a building project at the site, located behind the Woodman. The site is owned by Andrew Grisbrooke and his wife Christine Barry, who also own the adjoining property where they raise Siberian Huskies. (FLAK NEWS Vol. 25 No. 3.)

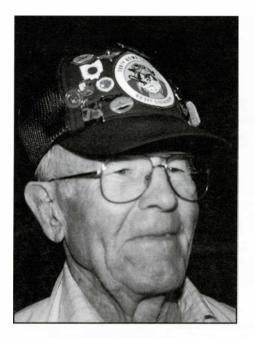
The Grisbrookes are Chair and Treasurer, respectively, of the five-member Official Museum Board. The others are Marilyn Gibb-Rice, Secretary; Geoff Rice, Vice Chair; and Russ Abbey, Curator.

It will be Abbey's task to gather up and exhibit the many articles destined for display. All the officers, and perhaps others, will have a hand in remodeling and designing the present on-site building to make it a proper show place for telling the story of the 398th and 55th.

Among the items on Abbey's shelf could well be the bound volumes of FLAK NEWS that were made available to the group last year. Three books contain all the original newsletters from 1986 through 2009.

The initial 30K gets the museum off the ground and somewhat "open for business," but the drive to complete the job will continue until another \$15,000 is in the bank for what Abbey

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GEORGE HILLIARD

This is the kindly face of the late George Hilliard, who served the 398th in war as a B-17 flight chief, and in peace time as the group's original "contact officer."

It was he who began gathering together the people who would eventually make up the original echelons of the "Association."

Hilliard was the "engine guy" with the 398th, and in later years would write the story of, "The Little Engine That Could and Did."

It Was A Very Special Gift

The Fontana, Wisconsin, Fire Department honored one of their own last month by giving the 398th Bomb Group a \$50.00 donation in memory of Pete Special.

Special was the bombardier on the Warren Johnson crew of the 603rd Squadron. He flew 35 missions. The donation, according to Dues Manager Dawne Dougherty, will go toward the publication of FLAK NEWS.

"Why not?" she said. "Special and the FLAK NEWS editor were on the same crew."

British Friends Remembered

The five pages of Taps in this issue might well trigger thoughts of our English Friends, such as the late David Wells, Tony Barker and Tony Clark. They are now gone, but still remembered as being among the Nuthampstead leaders who helped pave the way for the Friends relationship that exists today.

The Little Engine ... That Could And Did

BY GEORGE HILLIARD

When the subject of aircraft performance is discussed, we seldom hear about the power plant that propelled our B-17 Flying Fortresses through the air.

The B-17G was equipped with a Wright Cyclone R-1820-97, a nine cylinder radial engine with 1,000 HP. With the addition of the turbo supercharger, Honeywell controls and the paddle propeller, the B-17G with a full bomb load could reach an altitude of 35,000 feet.

Under ideal conditions, the B-17G could reach a maximum speed of 302 MPH and cruise at 160 MPH with a range of 3,750 miles

The Wright Cyclone R-1820-97 could take a lot of punishment as long as long as it had sufficient oil in the tank. Sometimes the rocker boxes would take a flak hit and when it landed, the oil would squirt from the damaged rocker box each time the piston would come up on the compression stroke.

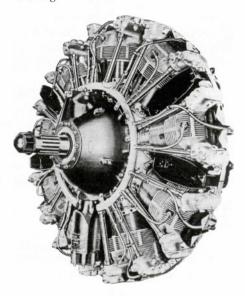
When the engine ran out of oil, the crankshaft would get so hot that it would break off on landing and send the propeller skipping across the runway.

The R-1820-97 was not considered a frugal engine for fuel, although fuel consumption during World War II days was not a factor as it is today. Records show that the 398th Bomb Group, during a one-month period from May 6 to June 6, 1944, consumed 901,994 gallons of 100 octane gasoline.

Wright Cyclones also powered the B-29 Super fortress with the R-3350 engine. This was a 2,000 HP, 18-cylinder Duplex. Later came the R-4360, a 28-cylinder engine that turned out 3,500 HP which was used on then C-124 Globe Master.

But for those of us who flew or serviced the B-17G, we can be grateful for the technical knowledge and research that went into "the little engine that could ... and did." The many of us who had the job working on the R-1820's felt that it was the right engine for the right airplane at the right time.

And this went not only for the engine, the airplane, and the time, but also for the men who were there to maintain service and change those Cyclones. Whether they were out on the line in the various squadron areas or at the 478th Sub-Depot, they all took great pride in keeping them running.



And not to forget the others on the ground who did their part in the overall picture of winning the war. Without the knowledge all the other units possessed and the willingness to work hard and around the clock our mission would have suffered and the war continued. Thanks to everyone for their great contribution to a worthy cause.

Veterans Day "Over There"

President Marilyn Gibb-Rice and husband/photo researcher Geoff Rice and Malcolm Osborn spent their Veterans Day (November 11) at the American Military Cemetery at Madingley, England.

"It was our privilege and honor to remind others that the 398th veterans are not forgotten."

Geoff placed small bouquets of flowers at each of the 16 398th burial sites and also viewed the long and impressive Wall of the Missing, where an additional 14 names of our airmen are remembered. Osborn joined other groups there with a wreath on behalf of the 398th.

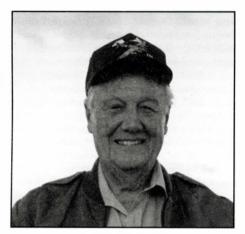
Marilyn and Geoff also placed a wreath at the memorial at Nuthampstead.

Similar acts of remembrances took place at other American cemeteries — Ardennes and Henri-Chapelle in Belgium; Netherlands in Holland; and three in France — Brittany, Lorraine and Normandy.

While no American cemeteries are located in the Czech Republic, the people of the Czech Lands hold remembrances at the locations where Americans were killed.

Hal Weekley Added To Last Year's Taps List

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HAL WEEKLEY

The year 2010 took its toll on 398th Bomb Group Association veterans, with no less than 61 new names being added to the annual Taps list.

Among these was Hal Weekley, 89, who not only did his B-17 tour as a 601 pilot, but continued on with the Air Force for 26 years as B-17 and jet instructor, followed by 14 years as FAA operations inspector, accident investigator and four-engine jet pilot. Later as a consultant and author, ("Last of the Combat B-17 Drivers").

During those early years, be became a pilot and instructor for the EAA's Aluminum Overcast, carrying the colors of the 398th. And with Hal's name under the pilot's window.

Rocket Pilot Passes

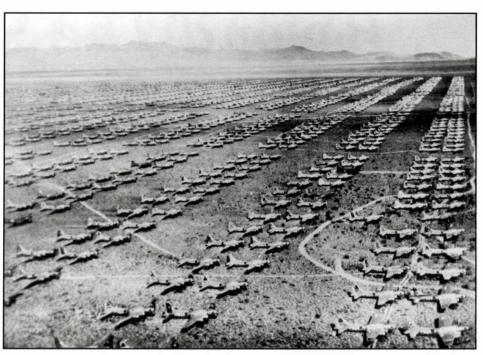
Richard Holub, a B-17 pilot from the 8th Air Force's 1st Air Division with a specialty in retrieving planes grounded in both England and the Continent during World War II, passed away at the age of 92.

It was Holub who came to Nuthampstead in early 1945 to "fly out" a B-17 that had landed short of the runway (on the Gypsy Farm barley field).

He conjured up a system of 12 rockets, six under each wing, and took off on less than 400 feet of steel pierced matting. And with a Master Sergeant as co-pilot and "rocketeer." (See FLAK NEWS July 2002.)

The event was watched by a number of ranking generals, including Carl (Tooey) Spaatz and Jimmy Doolittle.

The plane had been "parked" there by newcomer Allan Ferguson of the 602 Squadron while on a night familiarization flight prior to combat. Later, on his 26th mission, he became the final 398th crew shot down — April 25, 1945 — Pilsen, Czechoslovakia.



GIVE OR TAKE a couple of hundred, the planes seen here in this post World War II graveyard for B-17's and B-24's aptly represent the 1,000+ bombers coming from a 75 x 125 square mile area in England called East Anglia. They were not in this "formation" during those missions, but the sheer numbers seen here significantly illustrates the aerial armada sent out by the 8th Air Force, to which can be added those of the 9th Air Force and the RAF. Such sights will never be seen again.

Branson Next Up For Reunion

"BRANSON, MISSOURI, nestled in the lakeside beauty of the Ozark Mountains, is America's affordable, wholesome family entertainment capital that emphasizes fun, comfort and the feeling of being right at home."

That's the way the folks at Branson talk about their city —great location, great entertainment plus a value on family, faith and patriotism.

And that's what the 398th can be looking forward to when they arrive at Branson for the 28th annual reunion later this year.

Mark it now -

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 7-8-9-10, 2011.

The Official Registration Form and all

the pertinent information on hotel, tours and entertainment will be published in the April issue of FLAK NEWS.

The hotel, by the way, will be the Radisson, located in the heart of town, and within walking distance to many of the venues.

Sharon Krause, the reunion chair, is even now at work arranging such things as the Memory Room and registration, meetings rooms, a dance, tours around the Ozarks and the locations and prices of the various entertainment highlights.

Brandon is reach by air via several airlines, or at least via Springfield, some 50 miles to the north.

Begin now by circling those dates in September. It will come all too soon.

A-2 Jackets Still Available

If there was one item that set the airmen from the 8th Air Force apart from most all other WW II flyers, it was the A-2 Jacket.

Simple style, leather, comfortable, a pair of chest pockets, zipper, waist and sleeve cuffs and ... room on the back for that very special art depicting one's personality (and in many cases, his number of missions.)

A few 398th airmen still have their original jackets (and wear them proudly) while others have purchased anew, or received them as gifts (as the FLAK NEWS editor).

Yes, new jackets are still available, plus the art work.

The supplier who provided the new A-2 jacket for the editor (and for Presidents Bush, Clinton and Obama) is U.S. Wings, Inc., 561 E Hines Hill Rd, Hudson, OH 44236. Telephone 1-800-650-0659.

E-mail: <u>info@uswings.com</u>. Web site <u>www.uswings.com</u>.

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"Just a word of thanks for 'finding' Jim back in 1992, giving us all those many reunions and tours to England. Like others, we have met and enjoyed so many wonderful people along the way. And, like others, we can't travel much any more, so we'll just have to depend on FLAK NEWS. Thanks for the memories."

Jim & Jaunice Powell, Shelbyville, Texas

"My dad, Bill Schwan, passed away in December but I would tell you how much he enjoyed the reunions and receiving FLAK NEWS. It gave him much joy in his later years.

Nancy Kilter, Flaconer, New York

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29th November, 2010

Dear Mr Ostrom,

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter of 19th October, enclosing a copy of your quarterly newsletter of the 398th Bomb Group Flak News.

Your thoughtfulness in writing as you did is appreciated.

Your sincerely,

Mrs. Sonia Bonici Senior Correspondence Officer

Mr Allen Ostrom

MUSEUM

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calls, "fitting out."

The museum will "partner" with next door neighbor Woodman Inn, which has been a longtime, informal repository for 398th memorabilia.

Legally, the 398th museum is on the books with a "Deed of Trust and Stated Objects" and will be endorsed by the "UK's Charities Commission." All that was necessary before a fund drive could begin.

Many veterans will recall other fund drives which resulted in the Station 131 Memorial; Anstey stained glass window; Mighty Eighth Memorial in Savannah; and the two restoration projects for the Aluminum Overcast.

At the moment, it is for treasurer Mellisa Ledlow, whose home is in Houston, to receive and record the contributions from members who wish to become "Founders."

Send all contributions to Mellisa at 16210 Breakwater Path Dr, Houston, TX 77044-1112.

Mellisa also has a supply of 398th 2011 calendars for sale at \$20.00. Each month displays a photo depicting World War II action at Station 131.

The museum appeal comes at a time when many members have been inquiring as to how they might honor the memory of a friend or loved one. The Founder Plan solves this, even as the numbers of still-loving veterans continue to decline.

This is graphically displayed on five other FLAK NEWS pages with the listing of all the 398th members who have passed on since returning home from World War II.

See "President's Page" on Page 2 on the Museum "grand appeal."

Forever In My Mind

Do vou hear it? Do you hear it in the air? The faint drone of engines Planes taking off from an airdrome somewhere

Can vou smell it? Can you smell it in the air? The stench of gunpowder and gas and

The smell of a battle out there

Can vou see it?

Can you see it in the air? The ghostly image of a bomber Limping home from a mission over there

These recollections are forever imprinted In my mind

Time will not let them rest Tho' I try to leave them behind

I was there and lived those days I will always hear it And smell it

And see it in my mind

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"It being the indispensable duty of all Nations, not only to offer up their supplications to Almighty God, the giver of all good, for His gracious assistance in a time of distress, but also in a solemn and public manner to give Him praise for His goodness in general ..."

- Congressional Proclamation, 1782

BRIEF-things

If one cannot find an "in honor or" or "in memory of" a veteran, it is okay to send a Museum contribution "in honor of" or "in memory of" the 398th or perhaps "my crew" ... note to 8th AF history buffs on a short string; one page (44) in the December issue of 8th AF News provides a super bird's eye look at the history of the 8th, all the way from "those days" to the present ... FLAK NEWS says "thanks" for the many Christmas-New Year's wishes, especially those with the English winter scenes, like Roy Casson's air photo of the Anstev church and the Whittakers' farm scene with a WW II Havilland Mosquito flying overhead and Sonia Gifkins' snow scene from The Wash ... some build, some destroy — the bronze memorial plaque at the 34th BG at Mendlesham, England, was stolen, but 150 Friends gathered at an "8th AF Experience" to pay for a new one ... Leo Killen of the 601st was one of the three Squadron CO's shot down during the early going of the war (POW) and he staved in long enough to retire as a colonel, and make his home in Switzerland, where he died last year, and where his son is an attorney in Geneva ... thinking of the "Little Engine" story on Page 4 reminds of the Sentimental Journey's problem last year while on tour — "an engine had a bad valve guide on one of the cylinders," but was fixed while at Bowling Green, Kentucky ... readers have asked: "Where do you get your news?" one answer is Stars & Stripes, sent to the editor from Germany by U.S. middle school teacher Fran Irwin (S&S remains a bright news source in the face of the slanted U.S. media) ... the typo gremlins snatched Don Menard's name off the FLAK NEWS' veteran list at Denver; there were 26 veterans at the reunion, including Don ... the Mighty Eighth Museum in Savannah continues to grow, with over 100,000 visitors showing up last year, representing all 50 states and 48 countries ... Barb Fish retired after leading the 398th on many England tours, but she and hubby Rick are still travelling - in August they will motor from Seattle to Minnesota via Anchorage, Alaska! ... the April issue of FLAK NEWS will not only have all the Branson reunion news, but also a very special presentation on Station 131 and its history ... the tall flag pole at 131 took its toll on Peter Brooke last summer when he suffered a gashed leg in replacing the ropes and hooks ... the great Keith Ferris B-17 painting on Page 1, which adorns a wall at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum in DC, depicts a formation from the 303rd Bomb Group of Molesworth, the lead ship called Thunderbird ... remembering our Friends, who can forget **Jean** *Mustoe's* description of the B-17 Anstey crash? — "the sky turned" blue and orange" ... and Eunice Fox's greeting in 1986 — "if it hadn't been for you boys..." ... and the Christmas time German thrust called "The Battle of the Bulge" ... REMEMBRANCES (1989) has been out of print for many years, but Malcolm **Osborn** found and purchased a copy while on one of his speaking tours in East Anglia ... did you know that the Japanese had a few old B-17's gathered up from relic parts in the Pacific and were trying to produce their own similar bomber? They tried but could not reproduce the engine turbo supercharger ... if you are trying to grab a mental location of the planned Station 131 Museum, it is behind the Woodman (now) and real close to the 602 hard stands (then) ... Christmas Day at Nuthampstead came up cold and snowing, much to the delight of Andrew Grisbrooke and his Siberian Huskies, who thoroughly loved running on the old runways ... it may come as a surprise to our young people one day, but our country still has a Selective Service program in place (draft) and those in the 18-25 category could well get a call "if and when" ... considering that our history books give little or no mention to World War II, all the more reason to support our Station 131 Museum and our Mighty Eighth Museum in Savannah ... a late-arriving Christmas/New Year's greeting came from the irrepressible Milan Spineta of the Czech Republic, which reminded of last summer's Air Stars Show at Slany, which was attended by eight members of the 398th ... the Sentimental Journey folks at Mesa, Arizona, came up winners when they offered rides on their B-17 as Christmas gifts ...

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