



# The Ragged Irregular

91st Bombardment Group (H) Newsletter

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## Memphis Mini-Rally Set August 29

Associate Life Member Frank Donofrio is sponsoring a mini-Rally of 91sters at Memphis August 28-30 as a part of the Memphis Belle Memorial Association's unveiling of a 4x5 foot oil painting of the Belle, kicking off a drive to raise \$120,000 for a temporary safe hangar for the plane while interior restoration is completed. The mini-Rally will be held at the Travelodge - Memphis Airport.

The Memphis Belle Association commissioned famed aviation artist Glenn Bavousett to do the painting, which shows the Belle and other 91st planes attacking the German airfield at Romilly-Sur-Seine, France, on Dec. 20, 1942. Bavousett is author of the award-winning aircraft art books, "World War II Aircraft In Action" and "More World War II Aircraft In Action." The association will sell Limited Edition Prints (1000 prints) of the painting for \$125 each to raise the needed money. Prints will be autographed by Margaret Polk (the Memphis Belle) and crew members of the plane, who will be on hand for the event. William Wyler, director of the Memphis Belle movie, and other noteworthy dignitaries have been invited to attend.

The unveiling will be at 7 p.m. August 29 at the Air National Guard Hangar at the Memphis International Airport. It will be preceded by a cocktail party at the hangar. Donations toward the fund of \$25 per couple or \$15 single will be asked to cover the costs.

91st members who plan to attend the mini-Rally should contact Frank G. Donofrio at 3302 Hickory View Place, Memphis, TN. 38115.

For reservations, write or call directly to the Travelodge, 3222 Airways Blvd., Memphis, TN. 38116. Area code (901) 396-9170. Room rates are \$28 single or double.

## Southwestern Rally Round Scheduled

A Southwestern Rally Round has been scheduled for Phoenix, AZ., November 6-7-8, under the sponsorship of Maj. Charles F. Hadd, Sr. (Ret), assisted by Robert J. Hanson.

The get-together will be held at the Rodeway Inn-Airport, five minutes from the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, for the convenience of those who choose to fly in.

Information flyers for interested parties for reservations are being prepared and will be available from:

Chuck Hadd, Sr., Major, USAF (Ret)  
2311 E. Indian School Road  
Phoenix, AZ. 85016 Telephone (602) 955-7031

Room reservations and information about the Rodeway Inn may be obtained from the Rodeway Inn-Airport, 1202 South 24th St., Phoenix, AZ. 85034. Phone (602) 273-1211 or 1-800 228-2000. The Rodeway offers courtesy 24-hour limousine service to and from Sky Harbor Airport. Rates are \$32 single, \$38 double.

Additional details of the scheduled activities and the plans for the southwestern area Rally Round will be carried in the October Ragged Irregular. Attendance from a wide area is expected.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT  
As of June 30, 1981

Total number of members (firm addresses) listed in the card files.....1496  
 Total number of members who have paid dues for 1981. This does not include 97 Life Members.....811  
 Total number of members (inactive files) who have never paid dues and do not receive the R/Is or other information regarding the Association, but have received information to join and who receive the January issue of the R/I each year.....114  
 Total number of members who are in arrears of their membership dues as of April 1, 1981. (Those members have been mailed yearly dues reminders.474  
 Total number of Life Members. (12 of this total number have been received since January 1, 1981).....97  
 Total number of members that our mail (letters to join the Association, R/Is, dues reminders) has been returned marked "Moved, not Forwardable, Left No Forwarding Address, Unk at this Address, Deceased.....119  
 Total number of known deceased members.....81  
 Total number of members who have paid 1981 dues, including Life Members....908  
 Total number of Associate Members.....106  
 Total number of Associate Members who have paid dues for 1981. This includes 13 Life Members.....60  
 Total number of members, including 91sters and associate members.....1602

Sincerely,

  
 George W. Parks. MSgt. USAF (Ret)  
 Sec-Treasurer:

91st Bomb Group (H) Memorial Assn., Inc.  
 Financial Statement Year-End 1980

Assets and Net Worth 1/1/80	\$1,358
Receipts (dues and donations)	<u>\$10,417</u>
Gross	\$11,775
Less Expenses (reunion, printing, postage)	<u>8,252</u>
Assets and Net Worth 12/31/80	\$ 3,523

Form 990, "Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax," was filed for this Association with the IRS on 4-15-81 by Tom Gunn, Association President. The financial data portrayed above is extracted from the Form 990, a copy of which is filed with the Association Secretary-Treasurer.

From the above statistics and the list of new members included elsewhere in The Ragged Irregular two important facts emerge. One, the total membership of the Memorial Association continues steady growth each year despite the toll that advancing age and increasing ill health inevitably takes of our membership. Second, prudent management of group expenses has made it possible for the 91st to stay solvent without a dues increase during the last decade.

Continued success in these two areas depends wholly on the devoted assistance of every member, however. Each 91ster should continually search out former group members who do not yet belong to the Association, and each should make sure that his yearly dues are promptly sent. Don't put the burden of continued success on the shoulders of other members-- do your part and more!

Tom Gunn, Association President

# Colorado Rally Round

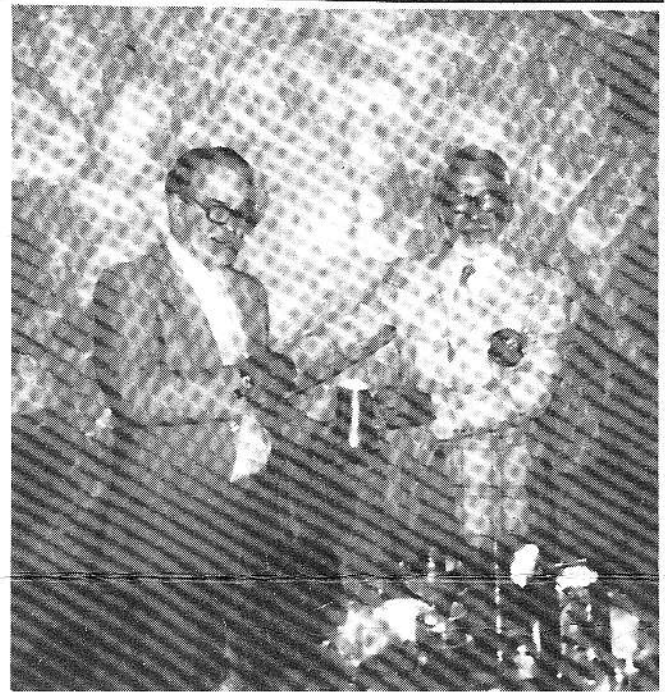
The annual Rocky Mountain Area Rally Round was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Boyce in Lakewood, CO., May 16.

The group enjoyed cocktails, snacks, and an old-fashioned get-together at the Boyce's. Jerry Aronson, a new associate member, showed slides of World War II planes, along with a flying jacket and B-17 parts that he has collected.

The Rally Round dinner was held at Dardano's Restaurant in Lakewood.

Receiving the traditional mug for having come the greatest distance to attend was Vernon Dion, of Webster, Mass.

Those attending were: Jerry A. & Judy Aronson, Littleton, Co.; Donald T. & Mazie Ballou, Lakewood; Glenn V. & Lois Boyce, Lakewood; Vernon Dion, Webster, Mass.; Aulden N. & Ramona Dunn, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Col. Tom Gunn, Arlington, Texas, Lewis & Maldarine Simpson, Hudson, CO. and guests Looie & Dorothy Gaudio.



Receiving the traditional pewter mug for come the greatest distance to attend is Vernon Dion, Webster, Mass., (L), from association president Tom Gunn.



Attending the Rocky Mountain Rally Round were: Front row, l to r: Looie Gaudio, Aulden Dunn, Jerry Aronson. Back row: Lewis Simpson, Pres. Tom Gunn, Donald Ballou, Glenn Boyce, Vernon Dion.



Wives attending the Colorado get-together were, front row, l to r: Dorothy Gaudio, Mazie Ballou, Judy Aronson. Back row: Malderine Simpson, Lois Boyce, Ramona Dunn.

## Why Don't YOU Head A Rally Round?

# New Members - Address Changes

Though all dues-paying members of the 91st Bomb Group Memorial Association have been sent the up-dated Group Directory, a number of new members have joined and other members have changed addresses since the directory list was set up. Listed here are the new members and address changes. Legend: (N), New Member; (C), Change of Address; (A), Associate Member.

ADKINS, Eugene	1513 Oseola St.	Johnson City	TN.	37601 (N)
ANDERSON, Homer R.	3747 N. Pacific Ave.	Chicago	IL.	60634 (N)
BAILEY, John L.	305 Sycamore	Greenville	SC.	29601 (N)
BALLARD, James A.	303 Petroleum Bldg.	Wichita	KS.	67202 (C)
BARRETT, Bryce F.	2200 NE 202nd	Troutdale	OR.	97060 (N)
BAVOUSETT, Glenn B.	P.O. Box 505	Keller	TX.	76248 (N-A)
BEAMAN, Vernon T.	7741 Teesdale Ave.	N. Hollywood	CA.	91605 (N)
BIRD, Donald R. Maj. (Ret)	306 E. 9th St.	Oswego	NY.	11030 (C)
BLINN, Robert W. S/Sgt.	285 School St.	Agawam	MA.	01001 (C-A)
BLOEDE, Victor G.	19 Duke of Gloucester	Manhasset	NY.	11030 (C)
BONNEL, Mrs. Harvey R.	301 Greentree Rd.	Bricktown	NJ.	08723 (N-A)
BRADLEY, Gilbert	Box 91	Creighton	MO.	64739 (C)
BREIDENBACH, Francis	1012 McKinley St.	Enumclaw	WA.	98022 (N)
BROWN, Dean C.	3275 Liberty Ave.	Ogden	UT.	84403 (N)
BUCKINGHAM, Fred E. CMS (R)	217 Worth Ave. Rt. 3	Goldsboro	NC.	27530 (C)
BULL, J.C.	508 Glenview Dr.	Jasper	AL.	35501 (C)
BURNS, Willard A.	509 Spencer Ave.	Council Bluffs	IA.	51501 (N)
BUZBY, William R.	180 Richdale Rd.	Colts Neck	NJ.	07722 (C)
CARAVOLAS, James J. LTC (R)	16 Fulton St.	Peabody	MA.	01960 (N)
CARTER, John E.	Rt. 1, Box 225	Vardaman	MS.	33878 (C)
CHASTAIN, Jack S.	419 Lincoln Ave.	Falls Church	VA.	22046 (N)
CONARD, John A.	5945 W. Coldgate Pl.	Lakewood	CO.	80227 (N)
CORBIERE, O. Stanley	2 Berkley Terrace	St. Albans	VT.	05478 (N)
DAMRON, Jerome Jr.	Suburban Inn	Palatka	FL.	32077 (N)
	Rt. 5, Box 440			
DEMARS, Rodney E. SMS (R)	706 Gold Coast	Fairfield	CA.	94533 (N)
DENNEY, Eugene R.	Rt. 8, Box 194	Lebanon	TN.	37087 (N)
DETERLINE, Robert	3515 164th St.	Hammond	IN.	46323 (N)
DIRACLES, John M.	4506 Edina Blvd.	Edina	MN.	55424 (C)
DONAHUE, Walter R.	150 E. 69th St. 5-Q	New York	NY.	10021 (N)
DOYLE, L.	5540 Linda Lane	Carmichael	CA.	95608 (N)
DUNLAP, John V. LTC (R)	Box "R"	APO New York	NY.	09757 (C)
EAKER, Ira C. Lt. Gen. (R)	2202 Decatur Pl. NW	Washington	DC.	20008 (C)
EHRET, Edwin R.	12725 6th N.W.	Seattle	WA.	98177 (C)
FISCHER, Frederick	14537 110th Terrace N.	Largo	FL.	33540 (N)
FISHER, Thomas J.	335 North Ave.	Medina	NY.	14103 (C)
FRANTZ, George J.	2377 N.E. Center Cir.	Jensen Beach	FL.	33457 (C)
FRIEDMAN, Dr. Harry	5910 Haymarket Rd.	Memphis	TN.	38119 (C-A)
FRYE, Wayne B. 'Tex'	9801 Hayvenhurst Ave.	Sepulveda	CA.	91343 (N)
GASTON, Eldon M. LTC (R)	P.O. Box 90425	East Point	GA.	30364 (C)
GENOTTI, George J.	1400 Mathews Dr.	Woodbridge	VA.	22191 (N)
GERON, Harry R. (AIA)	1229 W. 6th Ave.	Anchorage	AK.	99501 (N)
GOOD, Gregory E.	Rt. 2 Box 982	Franklin	NC.	28734 (C)
GRAY, Leighton E. Sr.	P.O. Box 505	Rockaway Beach	MO.	65740 (C)
GREEN, Harrison	Box 612	Hot Springs	SD.	57747 (N)
GRISWOLD, Mrs. Mary I.	781 Stirling Ave.	Pontiac	MI.	48058 (N-A)
GRISWOLD, Richard	12184 Marshal Rd.	Montrose	MI.	48457 (N-A)
GROOMBRIDGE, H.A. LTC (R)	4947 Smoketalk Lane	Westerville	OH.	43081 (N)
HACKLEMAN, Basil F.	3304 S. Benton	Springfield	MO.	65807 (N)

HADDICK, Frank	2712 Tuxedo Ave.	Parma	OH.	44134 (N)
HUBER, Charles L.	Box 274	Williamsfield	IL.	61489 (N)
IRONS, Donald	3307 Taft St.	Boise	ID.	83703 (N)
JOCHEM, Donald E.	6714 Old Collamer Rd.	E. Syracuse	NY.	13057 (N)
JOLIETT, John R. LTC (R)	87434 Halderson	Eugene	OR.	97402 (N)
JONES, Raymond E. LTC (R)	110 Hazel St. Apt. 8	Maplewood	LA.	70663 (C)
KERR, Joseph R.	35 New York Ave.	Flemington	NJ.	08822 (N)
KLOTZ, John	531 Jennifer Circle E.	W. Melbourne	FL.	32901 (C)
KOTHE, Nicholas	626 Kensington	Ferndale	MI.	48220 (N)
LAFFERTY, David E. T/Sgt	343 Bradley Rd.	Dover	DE.	19901 (C-A)
LANFEAR, Alfred J.	8 Birch Lane	Glen Falls	NY.	12801 (C)
LATTA, George A.	329 S. Hillcrest	Ada	OK.	74820 (N)
LEE, Edward J.	7 Terrace St.	Norwich	NY.	13815 (N)
LIEBERMAN, D.	211 S. Michigan St.	South Bend	IN.	46601 (N)
LYNCH, William M.	3971 Gouneneus Ave.	Bronx	NY.	10463 (N)
MARRAH, Charles H. M/Sgt (R)	2676 Cannon Point Court 2-D	Columbus	OH.	43209 (N)
MATHIS, Otto	1608 Boulder St.	Denver	CO.	80211 (N)
MATHIOWETZ, Leo	318 W. Rock St.	Springfield	MN.	56087 (N)
MAZZIE, Fred	3360 W. Sierra	Fresno	CA.	93711 (C-A)
MATTHEWS, Joseph R.	105 S. Jones St.	Clinton	SC.	29325 (N)
McCARTER, Claude A.	3229 S. 270th	Kent	WA.	98021 (N)
McSWEENEY, Charles E.	1610 Central St.	Stoughton	MA.	02072 (N)
MILLER, James A. DDS	156 Madison Ave.	Mt. Holly	NJ.	08060 (N)
MILLIS, Jimmie D. Jr.	2010 E. Polk St.	Paris	TX.	75460 (N)
MUCIK, Andrew J.	6717 Willow Springs Rd.	La Grange	IL.	60525 (N)
MURRAY, Donald S.	1062 Valley Rd.	Lake Forest	IL.	60045 (N)
NASTAL, Casimer A.	Rural Route 1	Caledonia	IL.	61011 (N)
NELSON, J.A.	Rt. 3 Box 230	Crockett	TX.	75835 (C)
PARMER, Jack J.	13344 Monte Leon	San Antonio	TX.	78233 (N)
PEARSON, Edward R.	16 Budleigh Ave.	North Beverly	MA.	01915 (C)
PETERSEN, Leonard V. LTC (R)	5039 Village Garden Dr.	Sarasota	FL.	33580 (C)
PETZSCHLER, Horst W.	2377 Dalworth #234	Grand Prairie	TX.	75050 (C-A)
ROLLINSON, Harry Jr.	146 Terriwood Court	Fern Park	FL.	32730 (N)
RUMPH, John P.	8030 N.E. 130th Pl.	Kirkland	WA.	98033 (N)
SCHOVAN, William C.	24801 Marigold	Warren	MI.	48089 (N)
SHANKLAND, Katharine R.	415 South 600 West	Provo	UT.	84601 (C)
SHORTRIDGE, Wayne L.	Ft. Collins Police Dept. 300 La Porte Ave.	Ft. Collins	CO.	80521 (N)
SIKORSKI, Eugene C.	505 Crown Ave.	Scranton	PA.	18505 (C)
SPIELBERG, Morris	377 Springfield Ave.	Newark	NJ.	07103 (N)
STEINER, Herman J. S/Sgt (R)	8440 57th Ave.	Berwyn Heights	MD.	20740 (N)
STRAUSS, Robert	22072 Apache Dr.	El Toro	CA.	92630 (N)
TANNENBAUM, Leonard	68-36 108th St.	Forest Hills	NY.	11375 (C)
THOMPSON, William O. Col. (R)	P.O. Box 333	Wethersfield	CT.	06109 (N)
VAN BLARCOM, Nelson D.	1475 Carney Rd.	Castleton	NY.	12033 (N)
VARVA, Frank I. Dr.	P.O. Box 945	Polk	PA.	16342 (C)
WADDELL, Robert M.	515 Front St.	Portsmouth	OH.	45662 (C)
WAISS, Fredrik S.	c/o Whisnes 1927 Manhattan #6	Palo Alto	CA.	94303 (C)
WALKER, Bob G.	1004 E. Greenacre	Hobbs	NM.	88240 (C)
WHITE, Clif C.	Box 311	Hettinger	ND.	58639 (C)
WINANT, Alvin J.	8 Girdler Rd.	Marblehead	MA.	01945 (N-A)
WONG, Lee	630 Pacific Ave. #18	San Francisco	CA.	94133 (C)
ZEGOTA, Walter E.	33250 Somerset Dr.	Sterling Heights	MI.	48077 (N)
91st B.G. Restaurant	2561 Democrat Rd.	Memphis	TN.	38118 (N)

# Shoo Shoo Baby Gets \$1000 Check

A check for \$1000 from the funds collected from the sale of Shoo Shoo Baby T-shirts was presented to Janis Sibbald, 512th Antique Aircraft Restoration Group, Dover AFB, Del., on behalf of the 91st Bomb Group Memorial Association by W. W. Hill, Sunday, June 7.

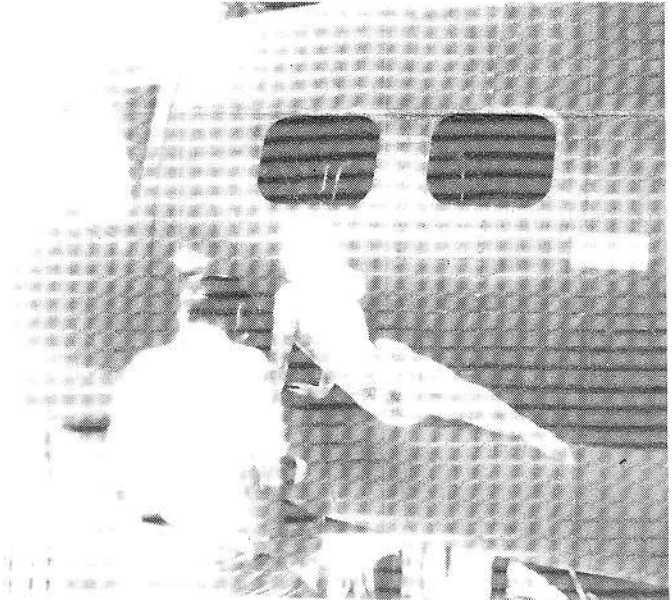
Association members Tony Starcer and Harry Hovermill were also present at the event.

Tony Starcer had flown to Dover to spend Saturday, June 6, to re-do a job he had completed once already in 1944, 37 years ago. That was painting the scantily-clad blonde beauty that graced the nose of "Shoo Shoo Baby" (or Shoo Shoo Shoo Baby, as some old photos show the plane.)

Starcer, now an executive with a California-based department store chain, volunteered to come to Dover because the reserves restoring her were having a hard time getting help.

Between 1942 and 1945 Tony painted the name and mascot on nearly 130 91st aircraft and uncounted flight jackets. After the 35-year lay-off he did three preliminary sketches, painted two flight jackets, and then did a life-size painting on his garage wall. This time, too, the job was done in acrylics, rather than the house paint that was used on the war-time aircraft.

A total of \$1300 has now been contributed toward the restoration of Shoo Shoo Baby through the efforts of Hill's T-shirt project. Sales of the shirts will continue through September 30, 1981. For a \$10 contribution and your shirt size (S, M,L,XL, adult's or child's) you will receive the unique B-17 T-shirt. Send your contributions to W.W. Hill, 4002 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA. 22312.



91st artist Tony Starcer restores the nose art to Shoo Shoo Baby at Dover AFB 37 years after painting the original for Paul McDuffee and crew.

## Notes From The President...

Most Memorial Association members seldom stop to realize that the continued success of the organization depends on the devoted and unselfish efforts of individuals, and not just the work of the elected officials. The recent contribution of \$1300 towards the restoration of Shoo Shoo Baby as the result of memorial T-Shirt sales by Whitmal W. Hill certainly illustrates this. Whit started the project single-handedly two years ago, and has labored mightily to see that it was a success. His efforts have brought donations from every corner of the globe.

Unfortunately for Whit (and the Group) the individual members of the 91st B.G. Memorial Association have not taken the lead in T-Shirt purchases as they should have. I strongly urge every member who has not already made his contribution to this good cause to immediately contact Hill and send \$10 for the Shoo Shoo Baby shirt.

Sam Cipolla suggested the 91st Living Tree Memorial at the Air Force Museum, and backed up his suggestion by individually taking on the job of making all the necessary arrangements. This involved several trips to Dayton and dealing with numerous contractors. The time and effort Sam had to devote to the task was considerable; the individual 91ster didn't even have the pain of a monetary contribution.

And Tony Starcer volunteered to make a trip from Hacienda Heights, CA., to Dover, Del., to paint the nose art on Shoo Shoo Baby! None of the group's money went toward this!

From time to time someone brings up questions such as "When are we going to have some local rally rounds?" and "how about a little action?" I don't know of any 91st officer, past or present, who has not had the same question. It always boils down to finding someone who will be the crew chief, a sponsor. Rally Rounds are fun things, but they require some planning and work. Few members are willing to assume that responsibility. Glenn Boyce volunteered to head up the Rocky Mountain Rally Round in May (which I attended) and Chuck Hadd is working hard on a Southwestern Rally Round in Phoenix in November, but we need volunteers from every part of the country to head up get-togethers.

As to "a little action," your elected officers are active on behalf of the membership: coordinating ceremonies at Madingley each Memorial Day; collecting dues, acknowledging receipt and issuing membership cards; finding sources for 91st paraphernalia, soliciting bids for same; paying bills; publishing an updated directory, publishing The Ragged Irregular; coordinating the next national reunion; preparing periodical reports on membership and finances, as well as filing exempt tax returns; selecting an election committee, generating and answering correspondence, locating new members, coordinating the memorials at the Air Force Museum; Shoo Shoo Baby restoration; ad infinitum, seemingly. There's a helluva lot going on. George Parks could almost be classified as full time, without pay! Cliff Burnett spends an awful lot of time getting out The Ragged Irregular and doing research. Sam Cipolla is going gander-busters on the memorials and the '82 national reunion. W.W. Hill's efforts on Shoo Shoo Baby are well known to all. Our paid membership has jumped, and our treasury has grown. This didn't happen accidentally. Your officers are active. The inactivity lies in the field. Now for the \$64 question: Why don't YOU sponsor a rally round?

Tom Gunn, President

## From The Editor's Desk...

Paul C. Burnett Box 909 Auburn, Al. 36830

In the April R/I we listed nine new Life Members added to the Memorial Association since January 1. Since that list we have four more names to add to that constantly growing list who have contributed \$100 to keep the 91st flying. They are: Charles R. Braman, ex-401st sqdn., radio operator for the original crew of Shoo Shoo Baby; John M. Diracles, navigator, ex-323rd sqdn.; Dr. C.M. (Mack) Williams, Cookeville, TN., ex-91st pilot, and the latest (June 26), Henry L. Lilley, El Paso, TX.

Incidentally, Charles Braman sent along his original crew picture of Shoo Shoo Baby, before the Starcer blonde beauty was added to the nose, which plainly shows that the ship originally had only two "Shoos" to wear.

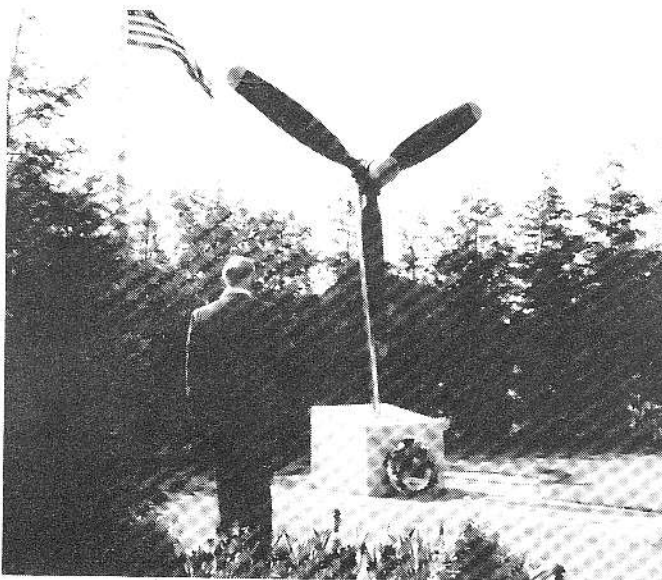
Bob Racicot, of Vallejo, CA., ex-1st Station Comp. Sqdn. and the 441st Sub Depot, has retired after 33 years as an

educator, 22 years spent as principal of 7 different Vallejo elementary schools. Bob was treasurer of the Western Division of the Memorial Association 1966-68. He has continued his help to the association by printing rally-round and reunion flyers. Bob went over with the Group in 1942 and was one of the last to come back in 1945.

After effects of some of the 91st's Saturday night parties were famous (or notorious, incredible, or hilarious, depending on who did the judging) but certainly one that illustrates their power best was one Sunday late in 1944, remembered by Col. Frank Kamykowski, C.O. of the 441st Sub Depot. The Group Engineering Officer was John Sleeper; the Sub Depot Engineering Officer was John O'Brien. The two had to work closely together, each knowing the status of the aircraft and each maintaining a "Status Board." Constant co-operation was needed to agree on repair priority action, so Col. Otto Cahill and Kamy agreed to consolidate the office location in Hangar A (the Sub Depot) and have the two using

facing desks and one status board. The telephone hookup to the group engineering was rerouted to the new location.

First day of working together was on a Sunday morning following a Saturday night party. Sleeper, the story goes, picked up his telephone and called O'Brien, across the desk from him, and began asking number by number about aircraft status. It was not till after a half dozen detailed replies that O'Brien realized that Sleeper was pulling his leg and exploded "Damn you John, you ..." while the office crew split their sides.



During May the 355th Fighter Group made a return visit to Steeple Morden to dedicate a memorial to their group. The group also visited Bassingbourn May 13, where Les Walshaw from the 91st B.G. Memorial Association placed a wreath at the 91st Prop Memorial. Les and his family had joined the tour from Ramstein AFB in Germany.

The tenth annual "Gathering of War Birds," founded by 91st associate member Chris "Ace" de Guitaut, will be held at Madera, CA., August 22-23. Chris, who was a member of the French underground at 15, promotes the show yearly to display and honor the aircraft of WW II.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the P-51 Mustang and it will be particularly honored at the show, with 30 or 40 flying in for the affair.

Also the Confederate Air Force B-17G "Sentimental Journey" will be on hand. The group will reenact the attack on

Pearl Harbor.

The "Gathering" has previously been held at Fresno, but it was felt the new location would be most convenient for most spectators.

The Seventh Annual 8th AF reunion has been set for St. Paul, MN., October 15-18. Besides plenty of time for hangar flying there will be an Aero Club Dance on Thursday night, a Unit Rendezvous Dinner on Friday night and a Gala Banquet and Dance on Saturday night. A symposium on the conflict between the Luftwaffe and the 8th AF will be held Thursday, Oct. 15, in morning and afternoon sessions.

Members of the panel will be Gen. Adolph Galland, commander of the Luftwaffe's fighter forces and author of "The First and the Last"; Philip Ardery, commander of the 564th Bomb Squadron and author of "Bomber Pilot"; Cass Hough, chief of the 8th AF Technical Operations Section, and Francis S. Gabreski, highest scoring 8th AF ace. Roger Freeman, eminent air-war historian and author of "The Mighty Eighth" will moderate the panel sessions.

Any 91ster interested in attending the reunion who is not already a member of the 8th AF Historical Society should write for details to the 8th AF Clearinghouse, 3911 NW 173 Terrace, Opa-Locka, FL. 33055. Indicate your unit, dates of service, and location of base.

We have learned of the deaths of these former 91sters: David A. DeLaughter, Texarkana, TX., ex-401st sqdn. Oct. 3, 1980; LTC Elbert G. Sandoz, ex-401st sqdn., Slidell, LA., Feb. 3, 1981; John E. Antolik, ex-401st sqdn., Castro Valley, CA., April 14, 1981; Harold C. Gris-301d, ex-323rd sqdn., Prescott, MI., Vincent P. Lala, North Bergen, N.J.

Two members were killed in automobile accidents recently. Oliver J. Hackwith, ex-322nd sqdn., who flew with Robert Campbell's crew in Dame Satan, and his son were killed June 21 when their car was struck head-on by a driver in the wrong lane. Mary Haller, wife of Ed Haller of St. Cloud, FL., was killed en route to Illinois from Orlando with friends when the car was struck from behind in Hopkinsville, KY.