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Records of the 398th Bomb Group (Heavy) (8th American Air Force), stationed at Nuthampstead, Hertfordshire, 1944-1945, and of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association, together with related records, 20th cent., deposited at the Record Office on indefinite loan by various officers and members of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association and by the UK Friends of the 398th Bomb Group, between July 1996 and May 2004

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INTRODUCTION

The records that make up this collection have been brought together and deposited at Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies by the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association in pursuit of the Association's mission to preserve and promulgate the memory of the combat history of the 398th Bomb Group (Heavy).

The records have been actively obtained or passed or gifted to the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association from a variety of sources, including the United States National Archive, veterans of the 398th Bomb Group and their families and those with a general interest in the history of the 398th Bomb Group or in some part of the Group's experiences. The resulting collection provides a broad picture of the 398th Bomb Group's history, not only as officially recorded, but as personally experienced. A variety of more general military historical material in the collection sets a wider context for the specific 398th Bomb Group records.

No attempt has been made (even where that is possible) to distinguish in this catalogue which records were received by the Memorial Association from which different persons. There have been many contributors. However, it is worth remarking the substantial body of papers accumulated by Vic Jenkins of the Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society which have been passed to the Association by his widow, Yvonne and those collected by Malcolm Osborn which are now included in this collection. Generally these cover similar ground to the records collected by the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association through Vic Jenkins' interest in the history of the Group and own contact with Group veterans, but they add notably to information on early visits of Group veterans to Nuthampstead in the 1970s and early commemorative projects and to the history of Nuthampstead Airfield and of other military units which served there. They also include three boxes of slides (with which Vic Jenkins illustrated his talks on Nuthampstead Airfield and the 398th Bomb Group), various photographs and other peripheral material on aircraft crashes in Hertfordshire.

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5. MISCELLANEOUS

[The 398th Bomb Group (Heavy) was part of the United States Eighth Air Force during World War II. Activated on 1 Mar 1943, after a period as a Replacement Training Unit in the United States, the 398th Bomb Group moved to England and was stationed at United States Air Force Station 131 at Nuthampstead, Hertfordshire from April 1944 until May/June 1945. The Group comprised Group Headquarters and four Squadrons (600th, 601st, 602nd and 603rd). Trained to fly B-17 Bombers (known as "Flying Fortresses") the Group completed 195 operations flying from Nuthampstead, mainly attacking strategic targets in Germany such as oil refineries, factories, marshalling yards and aircraft plants. The last combat mission was to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia on 25 Apr 1945. After returning to America, the Group was inactivated on 1 Sep 1945]

1. OFFICIAL RECORDS

1943-1945

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| D/ENh/1/1/1 | CD-Roms containing copies of official records of the 398 th Bomb Group held at the United States National Archive [Copied from microfilms of those records held by the United States Air Force Historical Research Agency. Includes summary introductory index. The records are extensive and are the source of many of the official records of the Group catalogued hereafter] | Mar 1943-Sep 1945 |
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Pre-combat period (to Apr 1944)

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| D/ENh/1/1/2 | 398 th Bomb Group periodic histories [including lists of key personnel Dec 1943 and Jan 1944. Photocopies. <i>See</i> D/ENh/1/1/8 for later dated Group histories] | Mar-Dec 1943; Mar-Apr 1944 |
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| D/ENh/1/1/3 | Histories of the 603 rd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group covering the period Feb 1943-Apr 1944 [Includes lists of personnel and photographs of some. <i>See also</i> D/ENh/1/1/17 and 1/6/1-2 for later dated personnel lists of this Squadron] | nd [cJan 1944]; Apr 1944 |
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| D/ENh/1/1/4 | Group Policy Circulars issued by the 398 th Bomb Group Headquarters [Directions and instructions as to procedures, covering areas of administration, operations, engineering armaments, communications, supplies, transportation, weather, intelligence, photography, medical and miscellaneous other matters. Photocopies] | May1943-Mar 1944 |
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398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)1. OFFICIAL RECORDS (cont)Pre-combat period (to Apr 1944) (cont)

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| D/ENh/1/1/5 | Sundry papers concerning the 398 th Bomb Group, including Special and General Orders concerning the Group's Commanding Officers, Sep 1943-Feb 1944; letter from Earl Berryhill to (absent) Commanding Officer describing activities of the 398th Bomb Group, Apr 1943; and memoranda praising the Group for its first Review performance, Jun 1943, and extracting the award of Distinguished Flying Cross to 2 nd Lieutenant Thompson N Highfill, Dec 1943 [Photocopies] [1 bdl] | Apr 1943-Feb 1944 |
| D/ENh/1/1/6 | Headquarters Second U S Air Force: General Orders No. 2 and No. 7 and letter concerning the reorganization and augmentation of the 34 th and 398 th Bomb Groups, change in function from Training to Operational Units and designation for impending overseas shipment [Photocopies] [1 bdl] | Jan 1944 |
| D/ENh/1/1/7 | Extracts from Special Order No. 91 for the movement of the 398 th Bomb Group Flight Echelon to Grand Island, Nebraska, USA, prior to departure to the UK [including full roster of the Flight Echelon] and of the Ground Echelon to Taunton, Massachusetts, USA, for the same purpose, with arrangements thereto, Mar 1944, and memorandum concerning arrangements for personal funds whilst overseas, Feb 1944 [Photocopies] [1 bdl] | Feb-Mar 1944 |
| <u>Combat and stand-down (Apr 1944-Aug 1945)</u> | | |
| D/ENh/1/1/8 | Monthly "histories" of the 398 th Bomb Group [Contain summary mission reports (with photocopied mission track maps), lists of casualties, missing in action and lost aircraft, details of commendations and of awards and decorations, promotions and personnel changes | May 1944-May 1945 |

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)OFFICIAL RECORDS (cont)Combat and stand-down (Apr 1944-Aug 1945)
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- D/ENh/1/1/8 (cont) (including revisions of "missing in action status")
and copies of the AAF Station 131
(Nuthampstead)'s Daily Bulletin. Photocopies.
For sundry further copies of the Daily Bulletin
see D/ENh/1/1/15] [13 envs]
- /1 1st-31st May 1944 [Also includes a general
narrative of 398th Bomb Group personnel
changes, May 1944-May 1945]
- /2 1st -30th June 1944 [Also includes summary
report of social and recreational activities. Loose
in this envelope is a photograph of the 5th June
mission track map]
- /3 1st-31st July 1944 [Also includes list of
personnel completing operational tours of duty
and two public relations press releases about
individual exploits]
- /4 1st-31st August 1944
- /5 1st-30th September 1944
- /6 1st-31st October 1944 [No Daily Bulletins.
Also includes a press release about an individual
exploit]
- /7 1st-30th November 1944 [Also includes a
generalised press release, presumably relating to
the Group. In this envelope is a "performance
record" of the Group, May 1944-Apr 1945, with
summary details and highlights]
- /8 1st-31st December 1944
- /9 1st-31st January 1945 [No Daily Bulletins]
- /10 1st-28th February 1945 [No Daily Bulletins.
Also contains summary list of missions]

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)OFFICIAL RECORDS (cont)Combat and stand-down (Apr 1944-Aug 1945)
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- D/ENh/1/1/8 (cont) /10 (cont) completed, Feb-Mar 1945, and a Squadron formation plan for an unidentified mission]
- /11 1st-31st March 1945 [No Daily Bulletins]
- /12 1st-30th April 1945 [No Daily Bulletins. Also includes a summary of completed missions for the month]
- /13 1st-31st May 1945 [Includes none of the usual information except for lists of awards. Also includes details of temporary promotions, notice of a memorial service to be held at the American Military Cemetery near Cambridge on 30th May, and a letter of appreciation from Brigadier General Gross, Commanding Officer of the 1st Combat Bombardment Wing (Heavy) for gift to him from the Group]
- D/ENh/1/1/9 Monthly "statistical reports" prepared by the Statistical Control Section of 398th Bomb Group to provide a resume of operational activities. [Includes summary statistics and analysis of missions, bombing results and expenditure, flying times and condition of individual aircraft, strength and medical status of personnel and numbers of missions completed, engineering statistical reports, and flight and ground training statistics. The monthly booklets for 1944 are largely original booklets given to Malcolm Osborn by Major Braddock; those for 1945 are photocopies] May 1944 –
Feb 1945
- [1 bdl]
- D/ENh/1/1/10 Sundry mission reports and related documentation [Photocopies. See D/ENh/1/1/8 for complete set of summary mission reports]: Jun 1944 – Apr 1945
- [10 bdls]
- /1 Mission to Hamburg, Germany, 20th Jun 1944: transcript of mission report and narrative, with additional comments

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)OFFICIAL RECORDS (cont)Combat and stand-down (Apr 1944-Aug 1945)
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- D/ENh/1/1/10 (cont)
- /2 Mission to Brettetville le Rabet and Couvincourt, France, 8th Aug 1944: track map of route, missing aircraft report and eye-witness reports of fate of missing aircraft [Documents collated by Wallace Blackwell and also including his summary details of the mission, a photocopy of his mission record card and list of crew members of Combat Crew B-10 of the 601st Squadron, 398th Bomb Group]
- /3 Mission to Cologne, Germany, 15th Oct 1944: Group Bombardier and Station Ordnance Officers' reports, plus casualty list of crew which crashed at Anstey, Hertfordshire after take off
- /4 Mission to Merseburg, Germany, 2nd Nov 1944: summary and statistical report, aerial photographs, interrogations and eye witness reports of crews on mission [with covering letter from Wallace Blackwell to Allen Ostrom enclosing photocopies gathered by another from records at the US National Archives, 5th Jul 1995]
- /5 Mission to Merseburg, Germany, 21st Nov 1944: track map showing route of mission
- /6 Mission to Koblenz and Kirch Gons, Germany, 24th Dec 1944: summary reports of aircraft crashed on take off [*See also* D/ENh/1/5/15]
- /7 Mission to Neuss, Germany, 23rd Jan 1945: Group Bombardier and Station Ordnance Officers' reports concerning Colonel Frank P Hunter and crew, with eye-witness accounts, bombing report, squadron formations and Field Orders
- /8 Mission to Stendal, Germany, 22nd Feb 1945: summary report of combat crews missing in action

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)OFFICIAL RECORDS (cont)Combat and stand-down (Apr 1944-Aug 1945)
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- D/ENh/1/1/10 (cont) /9 Mission to Munich, Germany, 25th Feb 1945: engineering flight report for aircraft serial no 42-102487
- /10 Mission to Ulm, Germany, 4th Mar 1945: interrogation report of Pilot Saferite who made emergency landing at Boreham airfield, Essex, UK
- /11 Mission to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, 25th Apr 1945: mission report, station ordnance officer's report, summary of eye-witness accounts, field orders, squadron formations
- D/ENh/1/1/11 Duty Control Officer's Daily Log [Supervision of airfield activities and of condition and whereabouts of aircraft. In front are details of minimum weather conditions for flights and orders concerning low and local flights. Bound photocopy of an original volume. Loose inside are also photocopies of a night flying log, 19th May 1945, and the duty officer's check list] 10th Jan – 3rd Jun 1945
[1 vol]
- D/ENh/1/1/12 Standard Operating Procedures [Prepared by Group Operations to outline flight procedure. Includes preparation for missions, taxi and take off, assembly, combat tactics, bombing, navigation, communications, dispersal and let down, landing procedures and other miscellaneous. Includes photographs of illustrations for Squadron formations and Group combat formations as well as samples of "forced landing cards"] 1st Nov 1944
[1 file]
- D/ENh/1/1/13 Station Regulations [Station policy covering procedures in administration, intelligence and public relations, personnel, flying control, supply and maintenance, ordnance and transportation, inspection, and miscellaneous other. Photocopies] Jan-May 1945
[1 bdl]

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)OFFICIAL RECORDS (cont)Combat and stand-down (Apr 1944-Aug 1945)
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| D/ENh/1/1/14 | 398 th Bomb Group and Station Units internal telephone directories [1 bdl] | nd [1944-45] |
| D/ENh/1/1/15 | Sundry Daily Bulletins of AAF Station 131 (Nuthampstead) [Photocopies] [1 bdl] | Mar 1944-May 1945 |
| D/ENh/1/1/16 | Lists of key personnel of 398 th Bomb Group and all four Squadrons [1 item] | Jan 1945 |
| D/ENh/1/1/17 | Partial lists of 600 th and 603 rd Squadron crews [Photocopies] [1 bdl] | nd [1944/45] |
| D/ENh/1/1/18 | 398 th Bomb Group Staff Functional Chart [Photocopy] [1 item] | nd [Feb – Apr 1945] |
| D/ENh/1/1/19 | Notice of duties of Officers' Orderlies [Photocopy] [1 item] | nd [1940s] |
| D/ENh/1/1/20 | Sundry commendations and awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross to Paul D Wood, Nov 1944 and second cluster to the same to Lewis P Ensign, Feb 1945 [Photocopies] [1 bdl] | May 1944 – Mar 1945 |
| D/ENh/1/1/21 | Press release announcing appointment of Lt Col Lewis P Ensign as Commanding Officer of 398 th Bomb Group [Photocopy] [1 bdl] | Feb 1945 |
| D/ENh/1/1/22 | Headquarters European Theatre of Operations US Army: movement orders for shipment of personnel back to USA [Photocopies] [1 bdl] | May 1945 |
| D/ENh/1/1/23 | Headquarters 3 rd US Airforce Central Assembly and Processing Station: General Order No 12 for inactivation of 398 th Bomb Group and Squadrons [and disbandment of various other units of 426 th Air Service Group] [1 item] | 30 Aug 1945 |

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)2. INDIVIDUALS' RECORDS

- D/ENh/1/2/1 Arbuthnot, Samuel Edward (navigator in 601st Squadron, 398th Bomb Group) [*see also* D/ENh/1/3/3 for memoirs of S E Arbuthnot]: 10 Nov 1944-
Apr 1945
- /1 mission log book [Summary details. Also includes photocopy of Lieutenant Arbuthnot's missions record card. Photocopy of transcript] [1 vol]
- /2 telegrams sent to Mrs Anna Arbuthnot by the U.S. War Office declaring her son (Samuel Edward Arbuthnot) missing in action and subsequently returned to duty and by her son announcing his well-being and imminent return home [Photocopies] [4 items]
- D/ENh/1/2/2 Arlin, Alan (pilot in the 601st Squadron, 398th Bomb Group): mission diary [Summary details and statistics of each mission flown, depiction of squadron formation, plus detailed description of preparations, mission and aftermath. In front are also copies of Captain Arlin's commendations and citations for awards and related records. Photocopy of transcript] [1 vol] 19 May 1944-
21 Jan 1945
- D/ENh/1/2/3 Auten, William E (of 601st Squadron, 398th Bomb Group): transcript of mission log book [1 vol] Jan-Jun 1945
- D/ENh/1/2/4 Baker, William Harold (of 600th Squadron, 398th Bomb Group): personal diary, with summary of whereabouts from July preceding the diary and summary details of missions flown [Photocopy. With covering letter from Baker's niece, Sandra Averhart] [1 bdl] 5 Sep 1944-
10 Nov 1944
- D/ENh/1/2/5 Berryhill, Earl J (398th Bomb Group Ground Executive Officer): sundry official papers relating to his military career, including a memorandum from Colonel F P Hunter on "military courtesy", Nov 1943 and a letter from Berryhill concerning a proposed history of the 398th Bomb Group [Photocopies. *See also* D/ENh/1/1/5 for further records of Berryhill] [1 bdl] Nov 1943; Mar-Apr
1944;
Jan-Nov 1945

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)2. INDIVIDUALS' RECORDS (cont)

Blackwell, Wallace *see* D/ENh/1/1/10/2

D/ENh/1/2/6

Braddock, Heyward M (of 325th Station Complement): sundry papers relating to his military career and other activities [Photocopies. *See also* D/ENh/1/6/6 and D/ENh/1/7/1]

Feb 1944-Jun 1945

[3 bdls & 1 item]

/1 Various Special Orders from 1st Bombardment Division Headquarters containing appointments of Major Braddock to sit on court martials, Feb-Dec 1944

/2 Two reports from Major Braddock to the Commanding Officer of the 8th US Air Force concerning the hand-over of command at AAF Station 131 (Nuthampstead) to the Royal Air Force, 10 Jul 1945

/3 Special Order from AAF Station 131 (Nuthampstead) including the appointment of Major Braddock to the Officers' Club and Mess Council, Jul 1944

/4 Letters to Major Braddock at 325th Station Complement (mainly requests to obtain leave for friends or husbands amongst the servicemen, to visit the same or to obtain payment of servicemen's debts), Apr 1944-Jun 1945, plus sundry party invitations and club membership cards and programmes, rules of the Officers' Sunday Club at Hertford, poster for the Hertford Dramatic and Operatic Society's pantomime, Aladdin, Jan 1945, and notice concerning plans for Station parties in Nov 1944 [One stapled bundle]

Brown, E Logan *see* D/ENh/2/5/1 (with letter from Rudrud) for Brown's combat diary, Apr-Dec 1944

D/ENh/1/2/7

Core, Ben (of 601st Squadron, 398th Bomb Group): mission log book [With added title page and introduction. Photocopy. *See also* D/ENh/2/5/1 for a letter from Core containing some reminiscences of his time in the 398th Bomb

Jul-Oct 1944

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)2. INDIVIDUALS' RECORDS (cont)

- D/ENh/1/2/7 (cont) Group [1 bdl]
- Crawford, Paul *see* D/ENh/2/5/1 with a letter from Crawford for his (brief) mission log
- Ensign, Lewis P *see* D/ENh/1/1/20
- D/ENh/ 1/2/8 Green, K A (of 603rd Squadron, 398th Bomb Group): mission diary [Photocopy] [1 vol] Jul 1944-May 1945
- Highfill, Thompson N *see* D/ENh/1/1/5
- D/ENh/1/2/9 Hunter, Frank P (Commanding Officer of the 398th Bomb Group): sundry papers concerning Colonel Hunter's military career, comprising the citation for the award to Colonel Hunter of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Sep 1944, press release that he is missing in action, nd [Jan/Feb 1945] and letter from his widow, Mrs Maria Hunter, concerning his disappearance, Mar 1945 [Photocopies] [1 bdl] Sep 1944; 1945
- D/ENh/1/2/10 Seal, Charles F (of 601st Squadron, 398th Bomb Group): mission diary [Includes some non-combat entries. Photocopy] [1 vol] Aug 1944- Jan 1945
- D/ENh/1/2/11 Shott, Ned E (of 601st Squadron, 398th Bomb Group): missions record card [Photocopy] [1 item] May-Sep 1944
- Simons, Charles L *see* D/ENh/2/5/3/2
- Wood, Paul D *see* D/ENh/1/1/20

3. MEMOIRS

[*See also* D/ENh/2/5 for correspondence, some elements of which include reminiscences relating to the 398th Bomb Group, and D/ENh/2/4/14/1; D/ENh/2/4/18 and D/ENh/2/4/19/3 for other records containing memoirs]

- D/ENh/1/3/1 Ambrose, Ralph: brief recollections as a schoolboy at Nuthampstead when 398th Bomb nd [21st cent]

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)3. MEMOIRS (cont)

- D/ENh/1/3/1 (cont) Group were based there, and subsequently
[Photocopy] [1 item]
- D/ENh/1/3/2 Anderson, James: article entitled "Yankee Doodle
Came to Town . . .", being an evocative,
generalised overview of the presence of the USA
Air Force in East Anglia during World War I
[1 item] nd [late 20th cent]
- D/ENh/1/3/3 Arbuthnot, Samuel Edward (of 601st Squadron,
398th Bomb Group) [*see also* D/ENh/1/2/1 for
records of S E Arbuthnot and D/ENh/2/5/1 for
correspondence from Arbuthnot in connection
with the 398th Bomb Group Memorial
Association] [1 file & 1 tape] nd [late 20th cent]
- /1 Typescript "Mission to Bordeaux", describing
mission flown (target: Cologne, Germany) on 10th
Nov 1944
- /2 Audio cassette recording of sundry
recollections, particularly about life at AAF
Station 131 (Nuthampstead) under the respective
commands of Colonel F P Hunter and Lt Col
Ensign [about 1 hour long]
- D/ENh/1/3/4 Armstrong, Leo (of 603rd Squadron, 398th Bomb
Group) [1 item] nd [late 20th cent]
- D/ENh/1/3/5 Bailey, C F M (supernumery pilot, flying 5
missions from AAF Station 131 cJan 1944): *In
the False Dawn* (published by C & B Publishers,
Colorado, USA, 1944) [Also covers Bailey's time
flying with 8th Air Force in the Middle East and
North African Desert and with other Groups
within 9th Air Force in Europe. Loose inside is a
letter from Bailey concerning his memoir, 18th Jul
1994] [1 vol] 1994
- D/ENh/1/3/6 Beckley R J (of 600th/601st Squadron, 398th
Bomb Group): typescript "A Tour of Military
Necessity" together with mission logbook, Jul
1944 – Jan 1945 [Two copies; photocopies]
[2 items] nd [20th cent]

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)3. MEMOIRS (cont)

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| D/ENh/1/3/7 | Bowen, Robert, Junior (of 602 nd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group) [1 item] | nd [20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/3/8 | Brown, Paul and Dicks, Mason (both of 601 st Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group): newspaper article from the <i>Star Tribune</i> entitled "Bombs missed their mark, but recollections on target" by Jim Klobucher [Recollections of bombing accident which resulted in the crashing of Brown & Dicks' aircrafts over Germany on 13 th Apr 1945. Photocopy] [1 item] | 30 Apr 1995 |
| D/ENh/1/3/9 | Crouch, Jim (of 601 st Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group): audio cassette recording of interview with, reminiscing about combat and bombing experiences [About 30 minutes long] [1 tape] | nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/3/10 | Davis, Jerald A (of 601 st Squadron 398 th Bomb Group) [1 item] Dicks, Mason <i>see</i> Brown, Paul | 2001 |
| D/ENh/1/3/11 | Fischer, Llew (of 602 nd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group) [1 item] | 2001 |
| D/ENh/1/3/12 | Frankhouser, Bill (of 603 rd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group) [1 item] | 1995 |
| D/ENh/1/3/13 | Gieryn, Robert, (of 603 rd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group) [1 item] | nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/3/14 | Gonzales, Fred (of 603 rd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group), McCormick, John (of 602 nd Squadron 398 th Bomb Group) and Whitaker, Dean (of 603 rd Squadron 398 th Bomb Group): audio cassette recording of a presentation entitled "The Other Side of War" at the 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association reunion at Spokane, Washington, July 1997. [Gonzales' recollections of crashing in Germany on 23 rd Jan 1945 mission and subsequent visit to the area in 1988; John McCormick on his crash over Karlsdorf, Germany on 3 rd Feb 1945 and subsequent visit to the area; Dean Whitaker on being shot down over Polleben, Germany on 2 nd Nov 1944 mission, | 17 Jul 1997 |

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)3. MEMOIRS (cont)

- D/ENh/1/3/14 (cont) subsequent contacts and researches, particularly for German soldier who saved some of the crew's lives [About 50 minutes long] [1 tape]
- D/ENh/1/3/15 Hoelzel, Harry (of 398th Bomb Group): brief recollections of mission to Halle, Germany, nd, and other general reminiscences [1 item] nd [late 20th cent]
- D/ENh/1/3/16 Hosman, Richard S (of 601st Squadron, 398th Bomb Group) [1 item] 2001
- D/ENh/1/3/17 Howden, Ross I (of 603rd Squadron, 398th Bomb Group) [1 item] 2001
- D/ENh/1/3/18 Ilko, George M, Senior (of 600th Squadron, 398th Bomb Group) [1 item] nd [c2001]
- D/ENh/1/3/19 Jones, Edward D (of 603rd Squadron, 398th Bomb Group) [1 item] nd [c2001]
- D/ENh/1/3/20 Kovacev, Steve (of 602nd Squadron, 398th Bomb Group) [1 item] 2001
- D/ENh/1/3/21 LaDue, James J (of 601st Squadron, 398th Bomb Group) [1 item] nd [c2001]
- D/ENh/1/3/22 Lewandowski, William Joseph (of 603rd Squadron, 398th Bomb Group): dramatised biography of Lewandowski and his two brothers by R J Rosamilia entitled *Three Gold Stars: The Story of the Three Lewandowski Brothers* (published by The Lauraute Press, New Jersey, USA, 1991) [William J Lewandowski was a co-pilot in 398th Bomb Group January – March 1945, killed in action March 1945. Some illustrations. Loose inside is letter from the author to Allen Ostrom enclosing copy of the book. *See also* D/ENh/2/5/1 and 2/5/3 for correspondence relating to Lewandowski and to R J Rosamilia's book on the Lewandowski brothers] [1 vol] 1991
- D/ENh/1/3/23 Leyva, Daniel (of 603rd Squadron, 398th Bomb Group) [1 item] 2001

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3. MEMOIRS (cont)

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| D/ENh/1/3/24 | Madlung, Jean (widow of Jack R Madlung of 603 rd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group) [1 item] | 2001 |
| D/ENh/1/3/25 | Mansell, Joe K (of 602 nd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group) [1 item] | nd [c2001] |
| | McCormick, John <i>see</i> Gonzales, Fred [<i>See also</i> D/ENh/2/5/1 for correspondence from McCormick relating to his wartime experiences] | |
| D/ENh/1/3/26 | Mikulas, John (of 602 nd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group) [1 item] | nd [c2001] |
| D/ENh/1/3/27 | Miller, Lawrence F (of 600 th Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group): privately printed memoir <i>The War Years 1943 – 1945</i> [Illustrated] [1 vol] | 1992 |
| D/ENh/1/3/28 | Nelson, Harry, Junior (of 600 th Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group): privately printed memoir <i>Above and Behind the Wire</i> [Nelson served with 398 th Bomb Group from Mar 1943 – Nov 1944, when he was shot down over Germany and was a Prisoner of War there until May 1945. Illustrated. Loose inside is a letter from the author to Allen Ostrom. <i>See also</i> D/ENh/2/5/1 for correspondence from Nelson relating to wartime experiences] [1 vol] | 1991 |
| D/ENh/1/3/29 | Ostrom, Allen (of 603 rd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group): reconstruction of 21 st Nov 1944 mission to Merseburg, Germany [Two copies: one with attached letter about the booklet from Allen Ostrom to “my friends in the 398 th ”] [2 items] | Sep 1983 |
| D/ENh/1/3/30 | Paget, Percy (of 602 nd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group) [1 item] | nd [c2001] |
| D/ENh/1/3/31 | Phillips, Percival Arthur: typescript of an interview with Phillips about his recollections, then being a member of the Auxiliary Fire Service at Anstey village fire station, of the crash at Anstey, Hertfordshire on 15 th Oct 1944 of one of the 398 th Bomb Group’s aircraft [1 item] | 4 Mar 1974 |

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| D/ENh/1/3/32 | Proctor, R L (of 603 rd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group) [1 item] | nd [c2001] |
| D/ENh/1/3/33 | Rahe, Max (of 602 nd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group): brief recollections of 19 th May 1944 mission to Berlin, Germany [1 item] | nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/3/34 | Rappaport, Murray (of 601 st Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group) [1 item] | nd [c2001] |
| D/ENh/1/3/35 | Schuh, Robert (of 600 th Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group) [1 item] | nd [c2001] |
| D/ENh/1/3/36 | Streitfeld, Leonard (of 600 th Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group): <i>Hell from Heaven: Memoirs of a World War II Bombardier</i> (published by The Laureate Press, New Jersey, USA, 1944) [Some illustrations. Two copies: one signed in front by author to Hertfordshire County Record Office, the other inscribed by the author, to Allen Ostrom] [2 vols] | 1994 |
| D/ENh/1/3/37 | Tordoff, William (of 601 st Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group) [1 item] | nd [c2001] |
| | Whitaker, Dean <i>see</i> Gonzales, Fred | |
| D/ENh/1/3/38 | <i>The History of the 398th Bombardment Group (H)</i> , Mar 1943 to Nov 1944. This volume was assembled by available 398 th staff under the direction of the Group Executive Officer Lt Col Earl J Berry. It contains many photographs and a list of those who served. A dedication on the front flyleaf is dated 1 Dec 1946. The book was sent by Col Charles Y Shultz [Charlie], to the Rev James Duvall [Jim] [1 vol] | Aug 1945 |

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)4. PHOTOGRAPHS

[The 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association has commenced in 2003 a project to scan onto CD-Rom and subsequently to seek accurately to identify the subject matter of the majority of the photographs and slides in this collection.

Therefore, prior to the completion of that project, only a broad outline of the items available is given here. The subject matter covered includes images of airfield buildings, personnel, aircraft, aerial photographs of bomber raids, some local views in Hertfordshire, and sundry other subjects [See also D/ENh/2/4/6/1; D/ENh/2/5/1 (with letters of Burkart, Crawford, Fosbrooke, Lachman, Schatz, and Uzzell); D/ENh/2/6/5 and D/ENh/3 for further photographs from this period]

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| D/ENh/Slides | Three boxes of slides | 1940s; nd [late 20 th cent] |
| D/ENh/ Photographs | Forty-three envelopes of photographs | 1940s |

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)5. HISTORICAL RESEARCH

[Research notes about the 398th Bomb Group and Nuthampstead Airfield. Most of these notes were compiled by the Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society. *See also* D/ENh/2/4/1/5; D/ENh/2/4/6/2-3 and D/ENh/2/4/8/1 for leaflets containing similar notes by that Society and D/ENh/2/3/1-7 for the newsletter of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Society which also contains articles of historical research]

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| D/ENh/1/5/1 | Typescript summary of 398 th Bomb Group's operational statistics for the periods May 1944 and Jul 1944 - Jan 1945 [Contains statistics relating to missions flown, battle damage, medical status of flying personnel, awards and medals, etc.] [1 item] | nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/5/2 | Transcript of 398 th Bomb Group performance record for the period May 1944-Mar 1945 [1 item] | nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/5/3 | Summary compilation of all 398 th Bomb Group missions [brief details] [1 bdl] | nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/5/4 | Summary of "Combat Losses in the Eighth Air Force During World War II" by Willis Frazier [with particular reference to the 398 th Bomb Group] [1 item] | Apr 2001 |
| D/ENh/1/5/5 | Lists of missions completed by, aircraft allocated to and ground personnel of 600 th Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group [1 bdl] | nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/5/6 | List of mission targets of 601 st Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group [1 item] | nd [late 20th cent] |

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)5. HISTORICAL RESEARCH (cont)

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| D/ENh/1/5/7 | Report by Bill Frankhouser of his research into the fate of 398 th Bomb Group crews lost over Polleben, Germany, during the mission to Merseburg, Germany, 2 Nov 1944, together with photocopies of correspondence received from German authorities in the course of his research and of newspaper reports about his findings [1 bdl] | 8 May 1995 |
| D/ENh/1/5/8 | Brief article or section of a publication about the markings used on 398 th Bomb Group combat aircraft [Photocopy] [1 item] | nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/5/9 | Part of a publication featuring details of Lawrence M Delancey's award for returning from 398 th Bomb Group mission on 15 Oct 1944 with seriously damaged aircraft [Illustrated. Photocopy] [1 item] | nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/5/10 | Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society [NARS] Newsletters: [2 items] /1 No.1 [Includes historical notes about the 398th Bomb Group, a planned history of Nuthampstead Airfield, recent activities of Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society and reunion visits of 1976 and 1977 and memorial projects of the 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association] /2 No 2 [Includes outlines of the activation and history of the 398 th Bomb Group and of the construction of Nuthampstead Airfield, various details about the 398 th Bomb Group missions and thoughts for a memorial to the 398 th Bomb Group at Nuthampstead. Attached is a handwritten list of the 398 th Bomb Group missions and results of the same] | nd [1978; 1979] |
| D/ENh/1/5/11 | Typescript "How it all Began" [the origins and activities of the Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society] and "A Potted History of AAF Station 131" (Nuthampstead Airfield), with an annotated plan and key to the Nuthampstead Airfield site [1 item] | nd [late 20th cent] |

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)5. HISTORICAL RESEARCH (cont)

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| D/ENh/1/5/12 | Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society leaflet outlining the history of the construction of Nuthampstead Airfield and the time in residence there of the 55 th Fighter Group, USAAF, and subsequently of the 398 th Bomb Group [1 item] | nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/5/13 | Draft of Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society brief history of Nuthampstead Airfield and photocopy of same [2 items] | nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/5/14 | Typescript condensed history of AAF Station 131 [Nuthampstead Airfield] [1 env] | nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/5/15 | Sundry notes about the history of Nuthampstead Airfield, the units who served there, nearby military units, and the crashes of 398 th Bomb Group crews on take off for mission to Koblenz, Germany, 24 Dec 1944 [<i>see also</i> D/ENh/1/1/10/6] and at Reed Wood, Hertfordshire, 25 Nov 1944, together with copies of maps of Nuthampstead Airfield [1 bdl] | nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/5/16 | Modern reproduction of November 1944 Air Ministry site plan of Nuthampstead Airfield, with key to buildings [Published in <i>After the Battle</i> magazine] [1 item] | nd [late 20th cent] |

6. MISCELLANEOUS/EPHEMERA

[*See also* D/ENh/2/4/4/2 for a photocopy of a 398th Bomb Group Christmas Dinner Menu, 1944]

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| D/ENh/1/6/1 | Commemorative booklet of 603 rd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Rapid City Army Airbase [Contains list of all personnel, some of whom have signed the back cover] [1 item] | 25 Nov 1943 |
| D/ENh/1/6/2 | Commemorative booklet of 603 rd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group Christmas Day Dinner at Rapid City Army Airbase [Contains list of all Squadron personnel] [1 item] | 25 Dec 1943 |

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)6. MISCELLANEOUS/EPHEMERA (cont)

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| D/ENh/1/6/3 | Letter of sympathy from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe to the 398 th Bomb Group relating to deaths in an aircraft crash over the Indian Reservation at Rosebud, South Dakota, USA [1 item] | Dec 1943 |
| D/ENh/1/6/4 | "The Wakefield Watch" newsletter compiled by and for the men embarked on the USS Wakefield en route for England: four odd copies [4 items] | Apr-Jul 1944 |
| D/ENh/1/6/5 | Table of senior personnel in the 1 st Air Division, US Air Force [1 item] | 14 Aug 1944 |
| D/ENh/1/6/6 | Invitation to the 398 th Bomb Group Transportation Party [Addressed to Major Braddock. Two copies; photocopy] [2 items] | 25 Oct 1944 |
| D/ENh/1/6/7 | 398 th Bomb Group Christmas Card [Two different versions] [2 items] | nd [Dec 1944] |
| D/ENh/1/6/8 | Programme for the "1 st Division Basketball Finals" at Peterborough [AAF Station 131 (Nuthampstead) team – Bomber Southern League Champions – to play] [1 item] | 25-27 Feb 1945 |
| D/ENh/1/6/9 | Schedule and programme of and invitation to 398 th Bomb Group "first combat anniversary party" [Photocopies] [3 items] | 6 May 1945 |
| D/ENh/1/6/10 | Order of Service for Memorial Day at the American Military Cemetery, Madingley, Cambridge [Photocopy] [1 item] | nd [1945?] |
| D/ENh/1/6/11 | Colour depiction by Edward Wade of the insignia of the 398 th Bomb Group and its four Squadrons and reduced-size photocopy of same [the original was presented to Dorothy [Doris] Foster, landlady of the Angel public house at Royston in 1944] [2 items] | 1945; nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/1/6/12 | Caption for photograph of 398 th Bomb Group Headquarters personnel [1 item] | nd [1940s] |
| D/ENh/1/6/13 | Printed copy of verse about the B-17 Bomber entitled "Thirty Thousand Feet" by Stephen Quinn of 603 rd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group [1 item] | nd [late 20th cent] |

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)6. MISCELLANEOUS/EPHEMERA (cont)

- D/ENh/1/6/14 Typescript pages of "Nuthampstead Hit Tunes" containing wartime song lyrics set to popular tunes [1 item] nd [20th cent]
- D/ENh/1/6/15 Typescript of various song lyrics about wartime flying experiences titled "Top Hit Tunes as played by Proud Ass Priestley and His Lickety-Shits" [3 copies] [3 items] nd [late 20th cent]
- D/ENh/1/6/16 Decorated and fringed silk cushion cover with romantic verse and insignia of the US Air Force, annotated on reverse "from the family of Raymond Stange 398th Bomb Group(H) 603rd Sqd" [Gift for a sweetheart] [1 item] nd [1940s]
- D/ENh/1/6/17 US flag armbands and patriotic label [One set of armbands and the label were the property of Stanley Gabriel *see* D/ENh/2/5/3 letter from Gabriel to Ralph Hall] [4 items] nd [1940s]
- D/ENh/1/6/18 Page displaying sample business card layouts, including that of Ralph T Potter, The Woodman Freehouse, Nuthampstead [1 item] nd [20th cent]

7. ASSOCIATED MILITARY/SUPPORT UNITS325th Station Complement Squadron

[Carried out administrative and personnel duties. Activated on 28 Feb 1944, the Squadron initially served at Station 103 (Brampton Park, Huntingdonshire) before moving on to AAF Station 131 (Nuthampstead) on 18 Mar 1944. *See also* D/ENh/1/2/6 for records relating to Major Braddock, Commanding Officer of the 325th Station Complement]

- D/ENh/1/7/1 Monthly unit histories [Duplicate original copies bearing the signature of the Squadron's Commanding Officer, Major H M Braddock] [1 bdl] 28 Feb-30 Nov 1944;
1 Jan-15 Apr 1945

398th BOMB GROUP (HEAVY)7. ASSOCIATED MILITARY/SUPPORT
UNITS (cont)478th Sub-Depot

[Responsible for aircraft repair, maintenance and readiness. The 478th Sub-Depot operated at AAF Station 131 (Nuthampstead) from Mar 1944-Apr 1945]

- D/ENh/1/7/2 "History of the 478th Sub-Depot April 1944-April 1945" leaflet compiled by Malcolm L Osborn of Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society
[1 item] Nov 1978

American Red Cross

- D/ENh/1/7/3 Identity card for Dorothy Pinnock as a civilian employee of the American Red Cross at AAF Station 131 (Nuthampstead) and letter terminating her employment with the same
[2 items] Apr1944-May1945

55th Fighter Group, USAF

[This Fighter Group of the United States Air Force was stationed at Nuthampstead airfield from Sep 1943-Apr 1944, when they removed to Wormingford, Essex and the 398th Bomb Group took their place at Nuthampstead]

- D/ENh/1/7/4 Booklet entitled "Pilot Fatigue or the Story of the Slap Happy 343rd", being the diary of an (unidentified) pilot in the 343rd Squadron, 55th Fighter Group, from Aug 1943-Jun 1944
[1 item] nd [20th cent]
- D/ENh/1/7/5 File labelled "55th Fighter Group. Nuthampstead" containing nine photographs, mainly aircraft, one of a Nissan hut and one unidentified roof-top town view
[1 file] nd [20th cent]

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

[The 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association originated in 1976 when 30 members met together for the first time at Dayton, Ohio, USA, under the umbrella of the 8th (US) Air Force Historical Society. The mission of the Society is to ensure the survival of the combat history of the 398th Bomb Group (by such means as the erection of various memorials, preservation and collection of relevant records and publication of newsletters and a web-site) and to facilitate meetings of the Bomb Group veterans. An associated UK Friends of the 398th Bomb Group emerged relatively informally over a number of years, the formation of an official Group with constitution and officers finally taking place in 1987. The involvement of Vic Jenkins and Malcolm Osborn of the Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society was notable in forging strong links between the two groups]

1. FORMATION

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| D/ENh/2/1/1 | Page from Newsletter (presumably of the 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association) announcing the incorporation of the 398 th Bomb Group (H) Memorial Association [Also includes comment about fund raising for the proposed commemorative memorial at Nuthampstead and commemorative items for sale by the Association. Photocopy] | Jun 1981 |
| | [1 item] | |
| D/ENh/2/1/2 | Statement of the antecedents and subsequent formation of the "Friends of the 398 th (B.G.) Memorial Association" | nd [c1988] |
| | [1 item] | |

2. MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS

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| D/ENh/2/2/1 | List of names and addresses of "former members of 398 th Bombardment Group (Heavy) and attached units" | nd [late 20 th cent] |
| | [1 item] | |
| D/ENh/2/2/2 | 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association Roster [Three copies] | 1995 |
| | [3 vols] | |
| D/ENh/2/2/3 | 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association Roster [Two copies] | 1999 |
| | [2 vols] | |

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION3. NEWSLETTERS

["Flak News", the newsletter of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association, was established in August 1986 and published quarterly thereafter. It combines current news of the Memorial Association with correspondence, recollections and historical notes and articles about the 398th Bomb Group's and other related wartime activities]

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| D/ENh/2/3/1 | "Flak News" Vol 1 No 1 – Vol 11 No 2 inclusive [Volume especially compiled for Hertfordshire County Record Office. Also interpolated in the front of the volume are colour photocopies of plaques presented by 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association to the communities of the Port of Ephrata (Washington USA) 1996, Penn (Buckinghamshire, UK), 1990, and Plzen (Czech Republic) 1995, commemorating links of the 398 th Bomb Group with those places] | | Aug 1986– Jan 1996 |
| | | [1 vol] | |
| D/ENh/2/3/2 | "Flak News" Vol 9 No 3 [Two copies] | [2 items] | Jul 1994 |
| D/ENh/2/3/3 | "Flak News" Vol 11 nos 2-4 [Two copies of April and October editions] | [5 items] | Apr, Jul and Oct 1996 |
| D/ENh/2/3/4 | "Flak News" Vol 12 nos 1-2 | [2 items] | Jan and April 1997 |
| D/ENh/2/3/5 | "Flak News" Vol 13 Nos 3-4 | [2 items] | Jul and Oct 1998 |
| D/ENh/2/3/6 | "Flak News" Vol 14 Nos 1 and 4 | [2 items] | Jan and Oct 1999 |
| D/ENh/2/3/7 | "Flak News" Vol 15 Nos 1-2 and 4 | [4 items] | Jan, Apr and Oct 2000 |
| D/ENh/2/3/8 | "Flak News" Vol 16 Nos 1-4 | [4 items] | Jan-Oct 2001 |
| D/ENh/2/3/9 | "Flak News" Vol 17 Nos 1-4 | [4 items] | Jan-Oct 2002 |
| D/ENh/2/3/10 | "Flak News" Vol 18 Nos 1-4 | [4 items] | Jan-Oct 2003 |
| D/ENh/2/3/11 | "Flak News" Vol 19 Nos 1-3 | [3 items] | Jan-Jul 2004 |

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION4. ACTIVITIES

[See also D/ENh/2/3/1-7 for reports of their activities in the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association newsletter "Flak News"]

Projects

D/ENh/2/4/1

398th Bomb Group Memorial at Nuthampstead UK
[This memorial was erected by the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association on land opposite the Woodman Inn at Nuthampstead and officially dedicated to the memory of the 398th Bomb Group in September 1982 (see also D/ENh/2/4/8 for papers relating to the 1982 UK reunion of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association including the dedication of the memorial)]

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| /1 Papers concerning the proposed "dorsal fin" memorial [not executed], including copies of correspondence concerning the proposed memorial sent out by Herman L Hager [memorial chairman] and a draft commemorative map featuring the "dorsal fin" design [See also D/ENh/2/5/1 (with a letter from S E Arbuthnot) for further papers relating to this unexecuted plan] [1 bdl] | Mar 1981 |
| /2 Draft drawing of B17 bomber subsequently featured on the 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Commemorative Map [See D/ENh/2/4/1/3-6 below] [1 item] | nd [c 1982] |
| /3 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Commemorative Map drawn by Chuck [Charles] Dreyer [original and 10 reduced size copies] [1 roll] | nd [c1982] |
| /4 Dyeline copies of the 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Commemorative Map [1 roll] | nd [c1982] |
| /5 Small printed copy of the 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Commemorative Map with attached explanation of the memorial's design and a brief history of Nuthampstead Airfield by Malcolm Osborne of the Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society, plus two further copies of the map only [3 items] | nd [c1982] |

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION4. ACTIVITIES (cont)Projects (cont)

/6 Letter confirming the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association's ownership of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Commemorative Map "that presently hangs in the Woodman Inn at Nuthampstead" [1 item] 28 Dec 1982

D/ENh/2/4/2

398th Bomb Group Memorial at Savannah, USA
[Proposed replica of the Nuthampstead memorial (see D/ENh/2/4/1), but with coloured insignia etc., to be erected at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum at Savannah, Georgia, USA]

Letter from Wallace Blackwell, USA, to Wilfrid Dimsdale, UK, enclosing copies of papers concerning the proposed erection at "the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum at Savannah, Georgia, USA, of a replica of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial at Nuthampstead, UK, including a report on his meeting with Museum personnel in Oct 1998 and photographs of coloured memorials already erected there [Also includes photocopy of Wallace Blackwell's letter (as President of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association) to the Museum presenting them with the picture "Touching Base" by Steve Ridgeway.] [1 bdl] 6 Nov 1998

D/ENh/2/4/3

398th Bomb Group Memorial Window at Anstey, UK
[A stained glass memorial window was installed at St George's Church Anstey, and dedicated to the memory of the 398th Bomb Group in Jun 2000. The window contains the 398th Bomb Group and Squadron badges and the names of every serviceman who lost his life while serving at Nuthampstead (Station 131). See also D/ENh/2/4/17 and D/ENh/2/4/19 for items from the 1998 and 2000 Memorial Association Reunions relating to the memorial window]

Details to form the basis for a press release about the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Window prior to its dedication in Jun 2000 [1 item] nd [20th cent]

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION4. ACTIVITIES (cont)Projects (cont)

D/ENh/2/4/4

Exhibition at Royston Museum, UK

[An exhibition about the 398th Bomb Group's time at Nuthampstead during the Second World War was held at Royston Museum in Jun 1996]

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| /1 | 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association agreement with Royston Museum for conditions of loan of items for exhibition, with list of items loaned and receipt for return of items after exhibition | [1 item] | May-Jul 1996 |
| /2 | Photocopies of sundry documents illustrative of the history and activities of the 398 th Bomb Group. [Most are duplicates of items listed in this catalogue, but also including 1944 398 th Bomb Group Christmas Dinner Menu and 9 th April 1946 letter to Earl Berryhill from Reverend Harold F Webb Bowers of Barkway Vicarage] | [1 file] | nd [1940s] |
| /3 | Photographs used in the exhibition | [20 items] | nd [1940s] |
| /4 | Captions used in the exhibition | [20 items] | nd [1940s] |

Visits, tours and reunions

[The 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association has organised regular reunions for its membership in the United States and the United Kingdom, together with periodic visits to or tours of relevant areas of Europe. Records of these included in this collection are listed chronologically below, together with some records of smaller reunions and individual visits, some of which pre-date the formation of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association]

D/ENh/2/4/5

Leaflet entitled "Sentimental Journeys or Pilgrims to the 398th Bomb Group Mecca . . . The Woodman Inn, Nuthampstead" by C G Dreyer. [Details of 398th Bomb Group veteran visitors to the Woodman Inn, extracted from the Visitors' Book and business cards retained there. Two copies]

[2 items]

Oct 1981

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION4. ACTIVITIES (cont)Visits, tours and reunions (cont)

D/ENh/2/4/6

1976/1977:

- /1 Louis J Stoffer's recollections of his visit to England, including Nuthampstead, Cambridge, and the Imperial War Museum, Duxford, in 1976, under the auspices of the 8th Air Force Association. [Including photograph of Stoffer with "Grinter's Crew", 1940s, and with Vic Jenkins, 1976 and photocopy of an article in the *Hertfordshire Mercury* entitled "Visit recalls crashes at old airfield" about the visit to Nuthampstead] 1976;
24 Sep 1976
[2 items]
- /2 Sundry tour handouts, mostly comprising copies of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Commemorative Map with accompanying brief history of Nuthampstead airfield and wider local area maps highlighting locations of World War II interest [Compiled by Vic Jenkins and Malcolm Osborn for the 1976 and/or 1977 visit of 398th Bomb Group veterans to Nuthampstead] nd [1976/1977]
[1 bdl]
- /3 Programme for 398th Bomb Group veterans' visit to Nuthampstead Airfield, 27 Aug 1977, with introductory notes by Vic Jenkins and Malcolm Osborn, and verse "Fortress" (about the B17 Bomber) [Apparently devised as a handout] 1977
[1 item]
- /4 Poem "Fortress" [Seven printed copies. See D/ENh/2/4/6/3, above] 1977
[7 items]
- /5 Letter from Jim Brockman, USA, to Vic Jenkins, UK, enclosing recollections of his visit to England and in particular to the 398th Bomb Group reunion at Nuthampstead in August 1977 [1 item] 9 May 1979

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION4. ACTIVITIES (cont)Visits, tours and reunions (cont)

D/ENh/2/4/7

1981

Article in "First in Flight News" (the newsletter of the North Carolina Chapter of the 8th US Air Force Historical Society) entitled "Target for a New Day" by Gladys Assarian Stenstrom, recounting her visit to England (including Nuthampstead) with her husband Mike (a veteran of the 398th Bomb Group) [1 item]

Mar 1995

D/ENh/2/4/8

1982

/1 Two copies of leaflet explaining the design of the 398th Bomb Group Commemorative Memorial at Nuthampstead with accompanying map of the location and layout of Nuthampstead airfield; photocopies of newspaper reports of the *Royston Crow* and the *Hertfordshire Mercury* on the memorial dedication service and accompanying events [One of the leaflets has additional material about the origins of the idea for and development of the memorial and a dedication of the leaflet, particularly written for the 1982 reunion] [4 items]

Sep 1982

/2 Photocopy of a letter of congratulations from Ronald Regan to the 398th Bomb Group at the unveiling of the memorial at Nuthampstead on 21 Sep 1982

14 Sep 1982

[1 item]

D/ENh/2/4/9

1986

Correspondence from the office of the Prince of Wales enclosing a message to be read to the veterans of the 398th Bomb Group at a reception at the Royal Cambridge Hotel on 2nd May 1986 [Recipient: Tony Clark, Langley Lower Green] [1 item]

Mar 1986

D/ENh/2/4/10

1987

Account by Jimmy Oliver entitled "Mag's Crew

nd [c1987]

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION4. ACTIVITIES (cont)Visits, tours and reunions (cont)

- D/ENh/2/4/10 (cont) Stages Little Rock Reunion”, about the reunion of Byron Magness’s Crew in Little Rock in Oct 1987
[1 item]
- 1988: See letter from James Yip in D/ENh/2/5/1
- D/ENh/2/4/11 1990
- Text of an address given by Colonel William G Comstock [President of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association] at a service of remembrance at Penn, Buckinghamshire, for the 398th Bomb Group crew killed there in 1944; Penn Parish Newsletter 21st Jul 1990, containing a report on the visit of a party of 398th Bomb Group veterans to Penn; appeal leaflet for the Penn Memorial Screen in the Parish Church [3 items] Jul 1990
- D/ENh/2/4/12 1992
- /1 Leaflet outlining local transport arrangements for the 1992 visit to Nuthampstead [1 file] Jun 1992
- /2 Account by Virgil Kramer of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association tour of England and Germany in Jun 1992 [1 bdl] nd [c1992]
- D/ENh/2/4/13 1994
- /1 Commemorative booklet and order of service for the D-Day 50th Anniversary Memorial Service at the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial, Madingley, UK, 4th Jun 1994 [3 copies] and information file for ushers at the service [1 bdl] Jun 1994
- /2 Account by Willis Frazier of his visit to France for the D-Day 50th Anniversary Commemorations, with photographs from same [1 env and 1 bdl] Jun 1994; Dec 1994
- /3 Account by Norma Smith Engle [wife of Bill Engle, veteran of the 398th Bomb Group] entitled “Britain Revisited – Fifty Years Later” of the 398th nd [c1995];
? 1 Feb 1995

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION4. ACTIVITIES (cont)Visits, tours and reunions (cont)

- D/ENh/2/4/13 (cont) Bomb Group Memorial Association visit to the UK [including Nuthampstead] in Jun 1994, with accompanying letter from Norma and Bill Engle to Wilfrid Dimsdale regarding the same [1 item]
- D/ENh/2/4/14 1995
- /1 Photocopy of newspaper reports in the *Charlotte Observer* about the reunion of Sam Palant's crew ["Sam's Gang"] at Charlotte, North Carolina, USA [with details of the 13th April 1945 mission where the crew had to bail out over Germany] [1 item] 7 May 1995
- /2 Brief note in special "V E Day" section in *The Royston Crow* noting that 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association are spending the anniversary at Pilsen, Czech Republic, scene of 398th Bomb Group final mission [1 item] 12 May 1995
- D/ENh/2/4/15 1996
- /1 Order of service for the Remembrance Service at Nuthampstead, 15th Jun 1996, and the Thanksgiving Service at St George, Anstey, Hertfordshire, UK, 16th Jun 1996 [3 copies] in memory of the 398th Bomb Group [4 items] Jun 1996
- /2 Draft address by Wallace Blackwell for the Remembrance Service at Nuthampstead, 15th Jun 1996 [1 item] nd [cJun 1996]
- /3 "A Tribute to Bill Comstock" by Dick Frazier [Read at the Springfield, Missouri, USA Reunion of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association. Bill Comstock was President of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association from 1976-1996. See also D/ENh/2/7/1 for a commemorative verse written about Bill Comstock] [1 item] 1996

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D/ENh/2/4/16

1997

Copy minutes on the 14th annual reunion General
Membership Meeting. [1 item]

16 Jul 1997

D/ENh/2/4/17

1998

/1 Typescript text "Remarks for Jun 13th 1998
Remembrance Ceremony at the 398th Bomb Group
Memorial, Nuthampstead, England" [author
unidentified] [1 item]

nd [Jun 1998]

/2 Copy manuscript text for a sermon at the
Thanksgiving Service at St George, Anstey,
Hertfordshire, UK, Jun 14th 1998 [Largely
concerning the (proposed) commemorative window
to be installed in the church] [1 item]

nd [Jun 1998]

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1999

Audio cassette recording of Don Gaddo's
presentation at the 398th Bomb Group Memorial
Association reunion at Oklahoma City, USA, 26th
August 1999, entitled "Reflections on Greatness"
[Includes recollections of cousin Joseph Doglio of
the 398th Bomb Group and reinternment in USA of
same. About 25 minutes long]

26 Aug 1999

[1 item]

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2000

[See also D/ENh/2/5/1 for photographs of the
Dedication of the Memorial Window at Anstey,
2000, with letter from the office of the Duke of
Gloucester]

/1 Order of Service for Thanksgiving Service and
Dedication of Memorial Window to the 398th Bomb
Group at St George, Anstey, Hertfordshire, UK,
11th Jun 2000 [Two copies] [2 items]

11 Jun 2000

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION4. ACTIVITIES (cont)Visits, tours and reunions (cont)

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| D/ENh/2/4/19 (cont) | /2 Video recording of the Thanksgiving Service and Dedication of the Window to the memory of the 398 th Bomb Group at St George, Anstey, Hertfordshire,UK [1 item] | 11 Jun 2000 |
| | /3 Video recording as above, also including coverage of the veterans' return to Nuthampstead Airfield [Includes brief interviews with several veterans and with Barry Tyler of the UK Friends of the 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association about his restored military vehicle and Digger Webb of the same about being a 'runner' at the airbase during World War II. The video was "commissioned by Mr Otto M Budig Jr and his friend, Mr Bill Heathcote"] [1 item] | Jun 2000 |
| | /4 Copy of poem "292" written by Tony Weston for the Jun 2000 Memorial Service at Nuthampstead, UK [There were 292 men of the 398 th Bomb Group killed while serving with the Group. See D/ENh/2/4/21 for a list of names of the casualties. Two copies] [1 item] | Jun 2000 |
| | /5 Audio cassette of Dan Gaddo's address to the 398 th Bomb Group reunion at Savannah, USA, Sep 23 rd 2000 entitled "Grandmother's Wish" [Includes recollections of recent trip to England for the dedication of the window at Anstey. About 25 minutes] [1 item] | 23 Sep 2000 |
| | /6 Copy of the <i>Herts & Cambs Reporter and Buntingford Crow</i> including centre-page article "A Window Opens on Heroism of the Past" reporting on the dedication of the window in memory of the 398 th Bomb Group at St George's Church, Anstey, Hertfordshire [1 item] | 16 Jun 2000 |

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION4. ACTIVITIES (cont)Visits, tours and reunions (cont)

- D/ENh/2/4/19 (cont) /7 Note from Gail Fisher, USA, to Wilfrid Dimsdale, UK, enclosing photocopies of her articles published in the *East Valley Tribune*: "Veterans Gather to Remember Nuthampstead" and "Nuthampstead: Service Honours Those Who Died" about her visit to the 2000 UK reunion of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association with her parents [Gail Fisher's father is Bill Fisher, a veteran of the 398th Bomb Group] [1 item] 6 Sep 2000
- /8 Photographs taken at the 398th Bomb Group reunion at Savannah, USA, including the unveiling of the replica Nuthampstead 398th Bomb Group Memorial and various exhibits at the Mighty Eighth Vintage Museum [Annotated by Sandra Averhart] [1 bdl] Sep 2000
- D/ENh/2/4/20 2002
- Order of service for the Thanksgiving Service at St George, Anstey, Hertfordshire, UK, in memory of the 398th Bomb Group [Two copies] [2 items] 9 Jun 2002
- D/ENh/2/4/21 Printed list of the ?296 casualties suffered by 398th Bomb Group during World War II illustrated with photo of Lorraine Cemetery, St Avold, France, where the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association intended to visit on 8 Jun the eighteen 398th Bomb Group casualties buried there [1 item] nd [late 20th cent]
- D/ENh/2/4/22 Plan of Nuthampstead Airfield numbering certain locations and highlighting a route around the airfield [Probably prepared for a tour of the airfield] [2 items] nd [late 20th cent]

5. CORRESPONDENCE

[These letters are intended only to be a representative sample of material submitted to "Flak News" and to Allen Ostrom and others in their capacities as officers of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association, the UK Friends of the 398th Bomb Group and associated bodies]

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION5. CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

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| D/ENh/2/5/1 | Letters received by Allen Ostrom as editor of "Flak News" from [arranged by surname] [1 bdl] | Apr 1964; Feb1983-Nov 2001; nd [late 20 th cent] |
| | Arbuthnot, Samuel Edward [Attached to one letter is correspondence from Herman Hager to Arbuthnot, Feb 1980-Apr 1981, concerning fund raising for and design of memorial at Nuthampstead, including plans for same (not those executed) and associated correspondence with other parties to proposed design/construction. One bundle] | 3 Jun 1987; Jul 2001 |
| | Arndell, Jim [Stories of Jack Davis, deceased] | 16 Feb 1994 |
| | Auten, William E | 20 Feb 1992 |
| | Baffaro, Louis | Oct 2001 |
| | Barnett, Robert [refers to pilot Richard Keathley] | 4 Mar 1991 |
| | Birch, Oral B [Recollections of 21 Nov 1944 Merseberg mission] | 3 Jun 1983 |
| | Blackwell, Wally [Enclosing letter from Wanda Brown Baxter concerning her father Robert D Brown deceased, formerly of 398 th Bomb Group] | nd [c1995] |
| | Burkart, Robert J [Some detailed mission/World War II memories. Also attached are copies of photographs and one original photograph taken at Nuthampstead, and also in Germany, May 1945, plus copy movement order arranging return to USA of Burkhart and others, Jun 1945. One bundle] | 5 Nov 1992; 23 Mar 1995 |
| | Carter, Stephen D, of the "Sally 'B' Supporters Club" [UK] [Includes list of surviving B17s in Europe and article for "Flak News" describing (modern day) flight in B17 "Sally-B"] | 3 Aug 1987 |

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION5. CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

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| D/ENh/2/5/1 (cont) | Clark, Tony and Beryl, Saffron Walden, Essex, UK | 15 Nov 1990 |
| | Conway, Jack [Brief details on war-time experiences and personnel. Also enclosed copy letter to J Conway, prisoner of war, from Hamilton Mero, recollecting 22 Feb 1945 mission details. Three items] | 17 Jan 1994 ; 5 & 24 Feb 1985 |
| | Core, Orville Ben [Brief recollections of experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany, for inclusion in "Flak News"] | 9 Feb 1994 |
| | Crawford, Paul [Some recollections of Merseberg mission. Also photocopy of brief mission log and of photographs of P Crawford and crew, 21 Nov 1944] | 8 Oct 1990 |
| | Queen Elizabeth II [from her lady in waiting] thanking for audio tape of Don Gaddo's recollections of England as a World War II airman | 9 Oct 2000 |
| | Evans, Bill [Mission recollections and post-war career] | 30 Dec 1987 |
| | Fosbrooke, Susanne [Trying to trace her father, one of the 398 th Bomb Group. Also associated correspondence of Allen Ostrom with others to assist search. Includes photocopy of a photograph of 398 th Bomb Group Mess staff, nd, plus original photograph of Susanne Fosbrooke, Sep 2000. One bundle] | Dec 1998- Sep 2000 |
| | Gagne, George [Brief recollections of a mission ending in bailing out over Europe and being taken prisoner of war] | 15 Mar 1989 |
| | Gillis, W Bruce Jr. [Recollections, particularly of 21 st Nov 1944 Merseburg mission. Attached list of missions flown, Nov 1944-Jun 1945] | 7 Nov 1986; 4 Dec 1986 |
| | Gloucester, HRH the Duke of [From the office of; involvement with 398 th Bomb Group. Includes envelope of photographs of the Duke and others, | nd [c2000]; Feb-Apr 2001 |

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION5. CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

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| D/ENh/2/5/1 (cont) | present at the unveiling of the 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Window at Anstey Church, Hertfordshire, Jun 2000. Three items] | |
| | Hagedorn, Forrest L | nd [late 20 th cent] |
| | Hall, Ralph [Recording the receipt of an Air Raid Precaution Handbook (<i>see</i> D/ENh/3/1/1) and ARP issue whistle (<i>see</i> D/ENh/5/1) from W J Kemp of Hare Street, Hertfordshire, together with a copy of the latter's article "Reflections from Station 131", as published in "Flak News" in Oct 1996] | 30 Dec 1996 |
| | Hanauer, James A [Recollections of mission of 3 Feb 1945] | 2 Jul 1986 |
| | Keating, Lloyd [Copy of letter to John Christopher with recollections about his father, George Christopher's, career in 398 th Bomb Group and shared missions, sent by Lloyd Keating to Nicholas Bur and by Bur to Allen Ostrom] | 29 Jun 1995 |
| | King, Frederick T [Brief summary of number of missions flown] | 24 May nd [late 20 th cent] |
| | Kwik, Henry of Leiden, Holland [Describing events commemorating the 8 th US Air Force's part in liberating Leiden in World War II, including on reverse photocopies of photographs of sundry modern 398 th Bomb Group commemoration events at Nuthampstead, UK, Port of Ephrata, Washington, USA and elsewhere] | 1 Nov 2001 |
| | Lachman, Russell A [Including some mission descriptions and a description of how the 601 st Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group, got its insignia. Attached personal history of the 398 th Bomb Group compiled by Lachman. Also a photograph of 601 st Squadron crew (all named, including Lachman), Jul 1943. Two items] | 16 Jan 1985; 8 Jan 1988 |

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION5. CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

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| D/ENh/2/5/1 (cont) | Lee, Jack | 2 Jun 1991 |
| | McCormick, John R [Including narrative of visit in May 1995 to locality where he crashed on 3 rd Feb 1945 near Lehmke, Germany, and summary of what happened to all the crew on that occasion] | 14 Mar 1989; 4 Oct 1990 |
| | Mero, Hamilton and Mary | 30 Jun 2001 |
| | Morneau, Edward | 12 May 1988 |
| | Moy, Newel [Describing two late non-combat 398 th Bomb Group missions to rescue Prisoners of War and to show non-flyers the impact of bombing raids on the Ruhr valley, Germany] | 8 Apr 1988 |
| | Mustoe, Jean, Royston, UK | 10 Dec nd [late 20th cent] |
| | Nelson, Harry [Including photocopy of newspaper article containing report about Crew 17 of the 398 th Bomb Group's journey from Dakota, US, to England, Jun 1943. Three items] | Dec 1990- Jul 1995 |
| | Petska, A M | 30 Jul 1988 |
| | Prevost, Ted [Enclosing photocopy of verses and other writings composed by Prisoners of War at Stalug Luft One, Barth, Germany and a copy of a verse by himself. Also a photocopy of "Barth Hard Times Vol 1, No 1, Last Saturday May 5th 1945", a newspaper produced by liberated Prisoners of War seizing Barth newspaper office. Two items] | Nov – Dec 1993 |
| | Rosamilia, Ramon Joseph [Author of <i>Three Gold Stars</i> , a book about Lewandowski brothers in World War II. Photocopy of an article in <i>The Post Eagle</i> , 16 Dec 1992, seeking to promote the publication of Rosamilia's book. Three items] | Jan – Feb 1991; 16 Dec 1992 |
| | Rudrud, Norman [Enclosing photocopy of the detailed diary of E Logan Brown of 398 th Bomb Group, Apr 1944 – Dec 1944 (descriptions of missions and other details)] | 23 Oct 1985 |

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION5. CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

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| D/ENh/2/5/1 (cont) | Schatz, George E [Concerning coverage of 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association's <i>Remembrances</i> publication. Also attached one full and one partial copy of letters sent to Schatz by his father on 7 th Jun 1944 and copies of photographs of Schatz with Colonel Frank Hunter, nd, and with a bomber crew, nd [1943?] and 8 th Aug 1944, all fully labelled. One bundle] | Feb 92-Aug 96 |
| | Schwan, Bill, enclosing letter from Pat Thompson, 30 Jan 1989, widow of Thomas L Thompson of the 398 th Bomb Group, providing details of her husband [Letter is addressed to Allen Ostrom] | nd [1989] |
| | Shafer, John T | 15 Feb 1988 |
| | Studor, Jane Elizabeth, widow of Howard P Studor of the 398 th Bomb Group, outlining her husband's career details | 11 Feb 1997 |
| | Thompson, Harriet P, widow of William Hale Thompson | 12 Apr 1996 |
| | Tyler, Barry and Elaine of Newsells, Barkway, enclosing photograph and negatives of the Fox & Hounds, Public House, Barley (formerly known as The Wagon & Horses), nd [late 20 th cent] | nd [late 20 th cent] |
| | Uzzell, Sylvia, of Nuthampstead, identifying herself as the child in a photograph with Harold Rosenzweig of the 398 th Bomb Group at Nuthampstead, 1940s [Copy of photograph attached] | 26 Jan 1995 |
| | Wagner, M C Jr. [Concerning the death of Major Joseph S Schapiro] | 30 Apr [?1994] |
| | Whittaker, Kevin M of Lyme Green, Macclesfield, Cheshire, UK [Including reference to the memorial service held in 1994 to the 398 th Bomb Group's De Cleene crew who were killed in a crash at Wildboardclough] | 25 Jul 2000 |

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION5. CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

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| D/ENh/2/5/1 (cont) | Wilbur, Charles R [Recollections of Merseburg mission, 21 Nov 1944] | 3 Feb 1983 |
| | Yip, James S [Reminiscences of the 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association's Nuthampstead tour, presumably 1988] | 17 Jul 1988 |
| | Illegible [Headed paper of Heritage Museum Foundation, Grissom, AFB, Indiana, USA] | 12 May 1989 |
| D/ENh/2/5/2 | Sundry letters sent by Allen Ostrom on matters relating to "Flak News", the 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association and associated matters [See also D/ENh/2/5/5] [4 items] | May 1987- Jan 2000 |
| D/ENh/2/5/3 | Miscellaneous incoming correspondence [presumably forwarded to Allen Ostrom]: | |
| | /1 Letters addressed to Ralph Hall, Treasurer of the 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association, from: [1 bdl] | Nov 1987-Dec 1986; nd [late 20 th cent] |
| | Bartusis, Anthony J [Some reminiscences, including of 15 Oct 1944 mission to Cologne, Germany. Two items] | Jan 1988; 27 Dec 1989 |
| | Cook, Tony and Beryl, Saffron Walden, Essex | 27 April 1991 |
| | Gabriel, Stanley [Donating items for a 398 th Bomb Group museum] | 12 Dec 1996 |
| | Jorgenson, C M | 4 Nov 1987 |
| | LeScale, Henry E Jr [Brother of Clement A LeScale of 600 th Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group, killed in action 8 Apr 1945: on reverse are details of Clement Lescale's roster information/war record] | 13 May 1991 |
| | Lewandowski, Ted [Enclosing newspaper cutting of an article entitled "Mission Accomplished" by R J Rosamilia about the inclusion of William Lewandowski's name in the roll of honour at St Paul's Cathedral, London, nd] | 31 Jan 1991 |

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION5. CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

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| D/ENh/2/5/3 (cont) | /1 (cont) Moon, Ben [Outlines military career] | 18 Apr 1990 |
| | Small, Walter G [Photocopy of war record attached to dues payment notice returned] | nd [late 20 th cent] |
| | /2 Letters addressed to Wally Blackwell from: [1 bdl] | Sep 1986- Oct 2000 |
| | Armor, Ray [Including comments about Merseburg mission. Annotated by W Blackwell with suggestions for articles, evidently for Allen Ostrom as editor of "Flak News"] | 5 Mar 1992 |
| | Frazier W [Enclosing map of Normandy battle front, Jun to Aug 1944, plus other photocopy maps of the St Lo area, nd [20 th cent] some annotated by W Frazier, plus photocopy of 50 th anniversary commemorative brochure of Operation Cobra (St-Lo breakthrough), 1994. One bundle] | 12 Oct 2000 |
| | U S Army Military Personnel Centre: Mortuary Affairs and Casualty Support Division [Forwarding burial file records of Sergeant Charles L Simons of 601 st Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group, died 8 May 1944, buried in France. Annotated by W Blackwell passing it to Allen Ostrom. One bundle] | 2 Sep 1986 |
| | /3 To Barbara Serafini from: [3 items] | Sep 1999- Jan 2002 |
| | Jack Hallman (of 334 th Squadron, 95 Bomber Group) concerning Barbara's display about Paul Herbert Rich Jr. (of 603 rd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group) and recollecting own experience on Merseberg mission and as a Prisoner of War] | 10 Sep 1999 |
| | Howell John and Beth [regarding Charles Howell of 603 rd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group who was killed on the same day as Paul Herbert Rich] | 10 Aug 2001 |
| | Outline by Barbara of contacts made researching Paul Rich Jr, her visit to Nuthampstead and her decision to mount display about him in the Sugar | Jan 2002 |

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION5. CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

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| D/ENh/2/5/3 (cont) | /3 (cont) Hill Sampler Museum, New Hampshire, USA | |
| | /4 Letters written by and addressed to various persons: [6 items] | Mar 1981- Apr 2001 |
| | Willis Frazier to the Editor of the <i>Lincoln Journal Star</i> , Lincoln, Nebraska, USA [Letter giving background of B-17 bomber appearing in Lincoln on 4 Jul and reminiscences of flying in B-17s with the 398 th Bomb Group] | 29 Jun 1996 |
| | Mabel B Arbogast [widow of Filbert E Arbogast of 398 th Bomb Group] to Mr Stallcap | 6 Mar 1998 |
| | Howard F Baer Snr to Wilmouth O Holmberg [Details of crash of Baer's plane over Germany on 19 May 1944. Photocopy] | 6 Oct 1988 |
| | Andy Gurba to "Glenn" [Relating premonition Gurba's mother had in 1945 about the death of his brother Elmer Gurba of the 603 rd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group] | 21 Apr 2001 |
| | Malcolm ["Ossie"] Osbourne of Harlow, Essex to "Lewis" [Including remarks about 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association arrangements] | 30 Mar 1981 |
| | Roger A Hovden, recipient unidentified [Enclosing monies for 398 th Bomb Group B-17 project] | 3 Jan 1994 |
| D/ENh/2/5/4 | Letters sent to Wilfrid Dimsdale, Chairman of the UK Friends of the 398 th Bomb Group [See also D/ENh/2/4/13/3], from: [1 bdl] | Apr 1988- Feb2003; nd [cDec 1996] |
| | Averhart, Sandra, Fort Myers, Florida, USA, including recollections of Savannah reunion of the 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association and a copy of a poem she has written entitled "A Tribute to the 398 th " [One bundle. See also D/ENh/2/4/19/8] | 1 Nov 2000 |

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION5. CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

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| D/ENh/2/5/4 (cont) | Core, Ben, letter to Allen Ostrom, 2 Apr 1998, enclosing copy of a letter from the same to the same, 21 Feb 1998, trying to trace a girl (Marion Hughes) he knew socially while based at Nuthampstead and an Englishman (Joseph Kennedy) he met in a Prisoner of War Camp [Also in passing mentions his recollections of bailing out over Europe on 2 Nov 1944 mission with 398 th Bomb Group. Both letters passed by Allen Ostrom to Wilfrid Dimsdale] | 2 Apr 1998 |
| | Jenkins, Yvonne of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire (widow of Vic Jenkins of the Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society) sending her late husband's photographs, slides, etc relating to the Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society and the 398 th Bomb Group, providing details of Vic Jenkin's life and career, enclosing a photograph of the same, and mentioning her own recollections of life living next to the Nuthampstead airbase's hospital | 11 Feb 2003 |
| | Seal, Mrs Charles F, letter to Wally Blackwell, 22 Nov 1996, endorsed by Wally Blackwell apparently to Wilfrid Dimsdale who had helped Mrs Seal's daughter and son-in-law on their visit to Nuthampstead [Photocopy] | nd [cNov 1996] |
| | USA Embassy, London, inviting him to attend the the annual commemorative service at the American Military Cemetery, Madingley, Cambridge, in May 2000 | 12 Apr 1999 |
| D/ENh/2/5/5 | Letters sent to Vic Jenkins of the Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society [<i>See also</i> D/ENh/2/4/6/5] from: [2 items] | Feb 1977 and May 1987 |
| | Braddock, H M, St Petersburg, Florida, USA [Brief note] | 17 Feb 1977 |
| | Ostrom, Allen, about arrangements for the forthcoming 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association Reunion at Nuthampstead, queries about B-17 | 6 May 1987 |

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION5. CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

D/ENh/2/5/5 (cont) crashes and other general 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association and military historical matters]

6. PHOTOGRAPHS

[There are various photographs retained with other associated records at D/ENh/2/4/6/1, D/ENh/2/4/13/2, D/ENh/2/4/19/8, D/ENh/2/5/1 (with letters of Susanne Fosbrooke, the Office of the Duke of Gloucester and Henry Kwik) and D/ENh/2/5/4 (with letter of Yvonne Jenkins)]

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| D/ENh/2/6/1 | Photograph of Sonia Gifkins placing a United States flag at the Memorial to the 398 th Bomb Group's De-Cleene crew at the site where their aircraft crashed at Birchenough Hill, Derbyshire, UK [See also D/ENh/2/5/1 for a letter of Kevin Whittaker referring to the 1994 Memorial Service commemorating the crash] [1 item] | 26 Nov 1999 |
| D/ENh/2/6/2 | Photograph of Wilfrid Dimsdale placing a wreath on memorial day at Madingley Military Cemetery, Cambridge [1 item] | nd [c1996] |
| D/ENh/2/6/3 | Two photographs of a wreath to the 398 th Bomb Group being laid at the American Military Cemetery at Madingley, Cambridge; a photograph of a model B-17 aircraft in a workshop and another of sundry war photographs and items laid over a map [4 items] | nd [late 20 th cent] |
| D/ENh/2/6/4 | Booklet entitled "UK Friends of the 398 th . Aircraft photographs 398 th Bomb Group" comprising 13 photographs of 398 th Bomb Group aircraft, some with accompanying details of the craft and/or crew [1 item] | nd [late 20 th cent] |
| D/ENh/2/6/5 | Note from Geoff Rice of the UK Friends of 398 th Bomb Group to Wilfrid Dimsdale enclosing sample pages of 398 th Bomb Group Crew identifications, comprising copies of crew photographs with standard caption identifying personnel. [Contains: Blackwell Crew (601 st Squadron), John H Davis | 25 May 2002 |

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION6. PHOTOGRAPHS (cont)

D/ENh/2/6/5 (cont) Crew (601st Squadron), Hunt Crew (601st Squadron), Fisher Crew (603rd Squadron) and Johnson Crew (603rd Squadron) [1 env]

7. MISCELLANEOUS

D/ENh/2/7/1 Poem to the memory of Bill Comstock [President of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association, 1976-1996] by Jill V Chandler of Spokane, Washington, USA [1 item] 1996

D/ENh/2/7/2 "Business card" of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association [1 item] nd [late 20th cent]

D/ENh/2/7/3 Colour photocopy of print of a painting showing a 398th Bomb Group aircraft and crew entitled "Clearing and Colder" by Jack Olsen. [This picture is that used on the headed paper of the 398th Bomb Group Memorial Association] [1 item] nd [late 20th cent]

D/ENh/2/7/4 Cloth badges bearing the insignia of the 398th Bomb Group and the 600th Squadron, 398th Bomb Group [2 items] nd [late 20th cent]

D/ENh/2/7/5 601st Squadron, 398th Bomb Group baseball cap [1 item] nd [late 20th cent]

D/ENh/2/7/6 Envelope containing "398th items sold by the Mem[orial] Assoc[iation] in USA & UK Friends [of the 398th Bomb Group], 1980s/1990s" [Comprises key rings, bookmarks, cloth badges and buttons bearing Group or Squadron insignia] [1 env] 1980s/1990s

D/ENh/2/7/7 Boxed US flag with certificate that the flag was "flown over the United States Capitol on April 25, 1977" and is presented to Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society by S Edward Arbutnot in honour of the 32nd anniversary of the 398th Bomb Group's last mission, to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia [1 item] 1977

398th BOMB GROUP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION7. MISCELLANEOUS (cont)

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| D/ENh/2/7/8 | Note on 398 th Bomb Group Memorial Association headed paper identifying certain photographs [not attached] as being from the personal album of Boyce Needham, base photographer for the 602 nd Squadron, 398 th Bomb Group [1 item] | nd [late 20th cent] |
| D/ENh/2/7/9 | Photocopy of newspaper article regarding an award made to Paul Wagner [Veteran of 398 th Bomb Group. Not a military award] [1 item] | nd [late 20 th cent] |
| D/ENh/2/7/10 | Photocopy of Section 602 ("Repair and long-term maintenance of war memorials") of the proposed USA "Veterans' Benefits Act 1996" [1 item] | 1996 |

WAR TIME PUBLICATIONS

1. MILITARY BOOKLETS

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| D/ENh/3/1/1 | <i>Air Raid Precautions Handbook No 1: Personal Protection Against Gas</i> (London: HMSO 2 nd Edition) [Endorsed "Issued to E Wilson, Japonica Cottage, Hare Street. Air Raid Warden..." _See also D/ENh/5/1 for an accompanying ARP issue whistle and D/ENh/2/5/1 for a letter from Ralph Hall concerning both items] [1 vol] | 1938 |
| D/ENh/3/1/2 | <i>German Language Guide</i> published by the US War Department [With humorous cartoon illustrations] [1 vol] | 1943 |
| D/ENh/3/1/3 | Pocket-size copy of the "Official Second Air Force Check List. B-17F", Apr 1943, and photocopy of the "B-17G Amplified Check List", nd [US Air Force procedures for take off, landing and power setting for the specified aircraft. The undated check list is annotated as "Lt S I Zin's" copy] [2 items] | 15 Apr 1943; nd [c1944] |

WARTIME PUBLICATIONS

1. MILITARY BOOKLETS (cont)

- D/ENh/3/1/4 Pocket-size booklets of basic phrases in French, Dutch, German and Spanish, marked "Not to be Produced in Public" [Two slightly differing versions in slip envelopes] [2 vols] nd [early 1940s]
- D/ENh/3/1/5 *Target Germany: The US Army Air Force's Official Story of the VIII Bomber Command's First Year Over Europe* [British Edition. Covers the period Aug 1942-Aug 1943. Illustrated. Label inside bears the name of Captain Carl J Strickrott, Group Bombardier, 398th Bomb Group] [1 vol] Feb 1944
- D/ENh/3/1/6 Pamphlets in the series *Army Talks for the Eighth Air Force*: [3 vols] Jan-May 1945
- /1 Vol 1 No 1 (13 Jan 1945): *Stars over the Reich* [Tells the story of the 8th American Air Force's operations over Europe]
- /2 Vol 1 No 2 (10 Feb 1945): *Day and Night: the Story of Eighth Air Force – RAF Teamwork*
- /3 Vol 1 No 5 (5 May 1945): *History was made by Day* [Tells the story of the US Air Force bombing campaign over Europe]
- D/ENh/3/1/7 Photo bulletin describing the use of photo reconnaissance in directing and assessing bomber missions and in providing intelligence [1 file] nd [1944/1945]

2. PHOTO JOURNALS

- D/ENh/3/2/1 *With the Eyes of the Seventh Photo Group...Now it Can be Told* [Aerial photographs of bombed German sites, taken by the 7th Photo Group Reconnaissance, US Army] [1 vol] 1945
- D/ENh/3/2/2 *Mission Successful* [Compilation of photographs of US 8th Air Force bombing missions (aerial and ground level views) taken by the 7th Photo Group Reconnaissance, US Army, together with photographs of the 7th Photo Group's own activities] [1 vol] Jun 1945

WARTIME PUBLICATIONS

2. PHOTO JOURNALS (cont)

- D/ENh/3/2/3 *Pictorial England* [Scenic photographic depiction of England, compiled by the 8th Photo Technical Squadron, 325PWR, 8th US Air Force] [1 vol] nd [c1945]

3. NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES

[See also D/ENh/2/5/1 (with letter of Ted Prevost) a photocopy of a newspaper produced by liberated prisoners of war at Barth, Germany on 5th May 1945]

- D/ENh/3/3/1 *Life* magazine, editions published Dec 1941 (including article entitled "Anatomy of Bombs") and Apr 1942 (including article about B-17 bombers entitled "Bomber Task Force") [2 items] Dec 1941; Apr 1942
- D/ENh/3/3/2 *Thunderbird* newspaper (published Rapid City, South Dakota, USA) [1 item] 17 Aug 1943
- D/ENh/3/3/3 Article entitled "It's Grim Hardship All the Way in the Big Bombers" by Francis Vivian Drake (published in *The Reader's Digest*) [Describing conditions of bomber crews in combat. Photocopy] [1 item] Jan 1944
- D/ENh/3/3/4 Article entitled "Unexpected adventures in Europe Follow Landing on German Airfield" reciting the exploits after crashlanding in Germany of B-17 bomber crew of 1st Lt C Spence [Annotated 10/4/44] [1 item] nd [1944/45]
- D/ENh/3/3/5 *Stars and Stripes* newspaper (mainly London editions), editions dated 18 Jul, 16 Oct, 1 Nov and 16 Dec 1944 and 8 May 1945 [The 1944 editions contain reports about bomber attacks over Europe, including a report in the 1 Nov edition about the return to England with a seriously damaged aircraft of the 398th Bomb Group's De Lancey crew. The 8 May 1945 edition is the V.E. Day edition, headlined "Germany Quits" and is endorsed by Hen. Braddock to Vic Jenkins and accompanied by a photograph of Major Braddock reading the paper, presumably on V.E. Day. All are original editions, except the 1 Nov 1944 edition which is a photocopy] [5 items] Jul 1944-May 1945

WARTIME PUBLICATIONS

3. NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES (cont)

- D/ENh/3/3/6 Transcripts of reports published in the *Stars and Stripes* newspaper about 8th US Air Force operations in Europe, Oct 1944-Mar 1945 [1 bdl] nd [20th cent]
- D/ENh/3/3/7 *Alamogordo Blockbuster* newspaper (published Alamogordo, New Mexico, USA) [Annotated "Not 398th". Photocopy] [1 item] 5 Oct 1945
- D/ENh/3/3/8 Article entitled "The War's Most Closely Guarded Secret Revealed: How the Norden Bombsight Does Its Job" by Volta Torrey [Published in an unidentified magazine. Photocopy] [1 item] nd [c1945]

4. MISCELLANEOUS

- D/ENh/3/4/1 *The New Matthews-Northrup Global Atlas of the World at War* (published by The World Publishing Company, Cleveland, Ohio, USA) [In addition to the atlas, includes plans of military operations and chronology of World War II to the end of May 1943; US Army, Navy and Marine Corps insignia and silhouette illustrations to aid identification of British, American, Japanese and German aircraft] [1 vol] 1943
- D/ENh/3/4/2 Pack of "International Aircraft Silhouettes Spotter Cards" published by the U.S. Playing Card Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA [Playing cards incorporating military aircraft silhouettes. Missing the King of Hearts and one Joker] [1 box] nd [1940s]

GENERAL MILITARY HISTORIES

1. MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND NEWSLETTERS

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| D/ENh/4/1/1 | Copies of "FOTE News" [Friends of the US Eighth Airforce newsletter]: Vol 1 No 2 (March 1976); front page and page 6 of Vol 2 No 2 (March 1977); Vol 5 No 1 (Nov 1979); Vol 6 No 3 (nd) and Vol 9 No 3 (Jun 1984) [Vol 1 No 2 includes an article by Malcolm Osborne entitled "Bases of the Eighth No 2: AAF Station 131 Nuthampstead, Hertfordshire"; Vol 2 No 2 mentions the Nuthampstead Airfield Research Society and a talk by the same to a FOTE meeting; Vol 5 No 1 includes various articles by Malcolm Osborne, including one about the planned reunion in England of the 355 th Fighter Group (based at Steeple Morden, Cambridgeshire), US Air Force; Vol 6 No 3 has an obituary by Malcolm Osborne of a member of the 355 th Fighter Group; Vol 9 No 3 prints a verse "Memorial Day Ode" loaned to Malcolm Osborne by Lt Col Earl J Berryhill] | Mar 1976-Jun 1984 |
| D/ENh/4/1/2 | File of copies of "FOTE News" [Friends of the US Eighth Airforce newsletter]: Vol 1 No 3 (June 1976); Vol 2 Nos 1 (Nov 1976) and 3 (June 1977); Vol 3 No 1 (Nov 1977) and 2 (Apr 1978); Vol 4 No 1 (Nov 1978); Vol 5 No 4 (Sep 1980) and Vol 6 Nos 1-3 (Nov 1980, Mar 1981 & nd) and undated partial newsletter from c1982 [Vol 3 No 2 includes an article "Kriegscefangenen (P.O.W)" about the experiences of Herman L Hager of 398 th Bomb Group crashing in Europe and as a Prisoner of War and Vol 6 No 2 an article "Just Not My Day" about Captain Berry bailing out over the English coast, both written by Malcolm Osborn. Also includes a verse "from 398 th Bomb Group Songbook" 1944/45] | Jun 1976-c1982 |
| D/ENh/4/1/3 | "8 th AF News. Journal of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society" Vol 5 No 3. Includes an article by Merle C Olmsted entitled <i>Vivacious Vera, The 55th Fighter Group's First P-38</i> | Aug 1979 |
| D/ENh/4/1/4 | List of officers and contacts in the 8 th US Air Force Historical Society Directory [Photocopy] | Feb 1980 |

GENERAL MILITARY HISTORIES

1. MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND NEWSLETTERS (cont)

- D/ENh/4/1/5 "B-17 Combat Crewman and Wingmen" newsletter: Vol 3 No 1 [1 item] nd [c1990]
- D/ENh/4/1/6 "War Stories: The Eighth Air Force Historical Society. National Capitol Area Chapter": Winter Issue [1 item] nd [c1999]
- D/ENh/4/1/7 "First in Flight. North Carolina Chapter 8th Air Force Historical Society": Vol 15 No 2 [See also D/ENh/2/4/7 for an article published in this journal, Mar 1995] [1 item] Jun 1999

2. BOMBERS AND BOMBING RAIDS

- D/ENh/4/2/1 Cartoon magazine *12 O'clock High* telling the story of the B-17 bombers which flew from bases in East Anglia on raids over Europe during the Second World War [1 item] Jan-Mar 1965
- D/ENh/4/2/2 *Flying Forts* by Martin Caidin (published by Ballantine Books, New York, USA) [History of the B-17 bomber. Allen Ostrom's copy] [1 vol] 1968
- D/ENh/4/2/3 *B-17 in Action* by Steve Birdsall (published by Squadron/Signal Publications Inc., Carrollton, Texas, USA) [Illustrated] [1 vol] 1973
- D/ENh/4/2/4 Booklet: "Winged Majesty: The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress in War and Peace" edited by Frederick A Johnson and others (published by Bomber Books, Washington, USA) [Illustrated. Two copies including Allen Ostrom's copy] [1 item] 1980
- D/ENh/4/2/5 Booklet: "50th Anniversary Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress 1935-1985" by Peter M Bowers (published by the Museum of Flight) [Illustrated] [1 item] 1985
- D/ENh/4/2/6 Copy of *The Reader's Digest* for March 1986 containing a condensed article entitled "Song of a Valiant Lady" by Nathan Adams tracing the history of an individual B-17 bomber from manufacture, through war (flying with the 91st Bomb Group at Bassingbourn, Cambridgeshire), to restoration and

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2. BOMBERS AND BOMBING RAIDS (cont)

- D/ENh/4/2/6 (cont) display at a museum in the USA [Illustrated with drawings] [1 vol]
- D/ENh/4/2/7 *Luftschlacht uber Deutschland: Angriff und Verteidigung 1939-1945* by Alfred Price (published by Motorbuch Verlag Stuttgart, Germany. [Translation into German of Price's original *Battle over the Reich*. Illustrated. Allen Ostrom's copy] [1 vol] 1987
- D/ENh/4/2/8 *Half a Wing, Three Engines and a Prayer. B-17s over Germany* by Brian D O'Neill (published by TAB/AERO Books, USA) [Story of one B-17 crew (of the 303rd Bomber Group stationed at Molesworth.) Illustrated] [1 vol] 1989
- D/ENh/4/2/9 *Heerdt im Wandel der Zeit III and IV* (published Dusseldorf, Germany) [In German. Vol III has an article (pp71-127) entitled "Heerdt im Zweiten Weltkrieg" (Heerdt in the Second World War) by Alfred Wilms, including a section on bombing raids over Heerdt. Vol IV has an article (pp22-36) entitled "Uber Heerdt abgeschossen – nur einer Uberlebte" by Alfred Wilms about the raids of the 398th Bomb Group over Heerdt in the Second World War and a visit of 398th Bomb Group veterans to Heerdt in 1988. Illustrated] [2 vols] 1985; 1990
- D/ENh/4/2/10 National Geographic: Vol 185 No 3 containing an article entitled "The Wings of War: How the Yanks of the Eighth Air Force helped turn the tide in World War II" by Thomas B Allen, about the 91st Bomb Group stationed at Bassingbourn, Cambridgeshire. [Illustrated] [1 vol] Mar 1994
- D/ENh/4/2/11 Sundry papers about bombers and bombing raids: illustrations of aircraft, crews and flight formations and articles or sections from published books on B-17 aircraft and on bombing raids generally [1 bdl] nd [20th cent]

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3. PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS

- D/ENh/4/3/1 Article from *Ex-POW Bulletin* entitled "Return to a Memory" by Clarence W Beltmann, being an account of his visit in May 1985 to the site of the Prisoner of War camp in which he was imprisoned in World War II: Stalag Luft I at Barth, Germany [7,500 prisoners of war were imprisoned there, including some from the 398th Bomb Group. Illustrated. Photocopy] [1 item] Jul 1985
- D/ENh/4/3/2 Illustrated memoir by Bob Neary about his time as a Second World War prisoner of war in Stalag Luft III at Sagan, Germany and subsequently at Nuernberg, attached to a letter from John R McCormick to Wm Wintersteen [both formerly of 398th Bomb Group] enclosing the same [Photocopy] [1 item] nd [20th cent]

MISCELLANEOUS

- D/ENh/5/1 Air Raid Precaution Officer's whistle [See D/ENh/4/1 for an accompanying Air Raid Precautions Handbook and D/ENh/2/5/1 for Ralph Hall's letter about both items] [1 item] nd [1930s/1940s]
- D/ENh/5/2 Copy of report by Malcolm Osborn, compiled at the request of the UK Friends of the 398th, into the crash of a 392nd Bomb Group B-24 aircraft at Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, on 12 Aug 1944 [Including extracts from official local records and newspapers at the time, interviews with some surviving witnesses in 1974, and details of the plaque (housed in Cheshunt Library) erected to those killed. Photocopy] [1 item] 19 Mar 1974

MISCELLANEOUS

- D/ENh/5/3 Reports of Carl A Krafft from Headquarters of 1st Air Division and subsequently from Headquarters of 2nd Strategic Air Depot to Boeing and to the Commanding Officer US 8th Air Force Service Command regarding experiments in the use of rockets to assist take-off of B-17G aircraft landed in fields or similar uneven surfaces, with accompanying photographs [The B-17G featured in the report was flown out with jet-assisted take-off from near Gypsy Corner Farm, close to Nuthampstead, Hertfordshire. Photocopies] [1 bdl] 5 & 16 Apr 1945
- D/ENh/5/4 Photocopy of verse "High Flight" by Lt. John Gillespie Magee Jr., RCAF [1 item] nd [20th cent]
- D/ENh/5/5 Manuscript booklet entitled "The Wash Pictorial News" Issue 1 by B Clipston [Contains photographs (late 20th cent), line drawings, map and verse about Military Station 172 (Diglea, Norfolk)] [1 item] May 1992
- D/ENh/5/6 Souvenir booklet "Sixty Years On..." of a Millenium tribute at Oundle, Northamptonshire, to Second World War veterans who were stationed there [Attendees included the 351st Bomb Group Association of the 8th US Air Force] [1 item] 9 Jun 2000
- D/ENh/5/7 Newspaper cutting (and photocopy of same) showing work being undertaken on Mosquito fuselages in the aircraft division of Walter Lawrence and Sons [Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire] joinery company during the Second World War [2 items] 12 Sep 1996
- D/ENh/5/8 Bartholomew's half-inch contoured map of Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire (GB Sheet 15) [1 item] nd [1930s/40s]
- D/ENh/5/9 Sundry English newspapers: part of the *Sunday Pictorial*, 1 Aug 1948; the *News Chronicle*, 4 Aug 1948; *The Evening News*, 10 and 13 Aug 1948; the *Evening Standard*, 12 and 13 Aug 1948 and the *Daily Express*, 14 and 27 Aug 1948 [1 bdl] Aug 1948

