War Stories (cont.)

Few remember Madame Chiang was the one most instrumental in getting that support for Chennault. Peter Chuh, a nephew of General Chiang Kai-shek, had been a classmate of mine in one of the early Celestial Navigation classes. While I was stationed in Chabua, India in 1943 this association gained me an introduction to his aunt and uncle, Madame Chiang and General Chiang Kai-shek. Madame lived to the ripe age of 106.

Little publicized Madame Chiang was a strong force behind the U.S.A. role in the CBI Theatre. Eleanor Roosevelt toured all of the various theatres aboard our various transports with no special provisions made for her comfort aboard them.

From the May 2004 Burma Star Newsletter:

Welcome New Members:

Kensley R. Thompson
22 Second Ave.
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Ken was assigned to 9th ComCar Sqdrn, 3rd Combat Grp, 10th AF, Myitkyina, 19 March 1945. Ken flew 24 Combat missions, 113 Operational missions and 110 missions over the Hump in C-47s and C-46s from Myitkyina and Shanghai, before returning to the US 22 Dec 45.

F/O Thompson is not a member of the CBIHPA.

Thomas J. Pritchard
53 Oak Lane
Clarence, NY, 14031
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4th Army Airway Communication Sqdrn, 125th AACS, 128 AACS, entered active duty 10 Aug 42. He trained in code radio operations and control tower operations. Tom arrived by ship, USS Hermitage, in Karachi in July '43. Assignments took him to Chabua, Ledo, Shingbwiyang and with elements of the British 14th Army to various places in Burma to set up Air Force communications and radio towers. Tom was discharged as Tech Sgt on 6 Nov 45.

Tom Pritchard, age 83,

is not a member of the CBIHPA.

Fall/Winter CBIHPA Newsletter inputs are due in Headquarters no later than 14 October 2004.

Keep the Stories coming in.
We have four more Newsletters to produce.

Planned Air Force Memorial

Our Summer 2003 issue of the newsletter carried an article on the planned Air Force Memorial. This project is moving on. A Site Dedication/Ground Breaking Ceremony is scheduled to take place in Washington, DC, on September 15, 2004. The Memorial will be located at a promontory point of land known as the Naval Annex. The site overlooks the Pentagon from the southwest. It is just off Interstate 395. This is a highly visible site.

Donations are still being accepted for its completion. A minimum $25 donation will afford you or someone you may wish to honor or memorialize status as an Air Force Memorial Charter Sponsor.

This Memorial is being built by the Air Force Memorial Foundation, authorized by Congress. The Foundation has been granted status as a 501 (C) (3) tax exempt organization. Donations are tax exempt, as provided by law.

Donations may be sent to the Foundation at: 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209-1109. For further information go to: www.AirForceMemorial.org.

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afmf@airforcememorial.org

Book Reports

MILK RUN

by Robert J. Gress

This 28 page soft cover pamphlet, is a Radio Operator's recollections of a HUMP trip beginning with rousting out of the sack to make the trip.

It is written as if it is a transcribed tape which brings back memories of the crew banter on similar trips.