RAF Chelveston Jan 1959: Gus Letto from the (353rd Sq.) served as replacement copilot on Bernie Wahl’s crew from the (32nd Sq.) 301st B.W. for this Reflex Alert trip. Crews were normally on Reflex Alert 24/7 for one week after their plane was placed on alert. Then after seven days on alert they had seven days off. Many crews took this time for an R&R trip to the continent. This crew chose to go to Amsterdam, Netherlands, via London.
Alert quarters area, Nissen huts, RAF Chelveston
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Lew Makowski and Bernie Wahl playing skittles.
Crew day room, Lew Makowski waving.
Bedford Van, used as crew transport.
Dan McCarthy, Gus Letto and Lew Makowski.
Gus Letto sitting on the Bedford alert van.
Crews departing on an alert, called while they were at morning briefing.
Taxiing EB-47E 53-2374, RAF Chelveston.
Our first R&R trip, headed to... London
Wellington train station, en route to London.
Wellington train station.
Wellington train station.
Here comes our train!
Lew Makowski.
Selfridges Department Store on Oxford Street.
U. S. Embassy, Grosvenor Square.
Tower of London
Tower of London
White Tower, Tower of London
Changing of the Guard, Tower of London
Tower Bridge, London.
Then on with our trip to... Amsterdam
Our R&R transport a C-47.
En route to Amsterdam.
Crowded into the C-47 cabin.
Weathered out of Amsterdam, RON Hahn Air Base
Another try for Amsterdam.
Approach to Amsterdam.
Approach to Amsterdam.
Schiphol flight line
Schipol Terminal.
Rijksmuseum.
Amsterdam residential neighborhood.
Amsterdam Royal Palace on Dam Square.
National Monument seen from my room at the Hotel Krasnapolsky.
Amsterdam street scene.
Amsterdam canals.
Amsterdam canals.
Dan McCarthy on a canal bridge.
Canal Bridge.
Back on reflex alert for a week then...

Redeployment
Aircraft Commander Bernie Wahl, on redeployment flight back to Lockbourne.