



SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION



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Dear Gang:

As this Newsletter goes to press, your Reunion Committee is hard at work making final arrangements for our 7th Annual Reunion. We hope that you will join us in the festivities.

445th Bomb Group

At the 1953 Reunion in Chicago last October, the 445th Bomb Group was selected to be the group honored at the 1954 Reunion. Special programs will be arranged for the men of this Group, in addition to the regular reunion activities.

389th Bomb Group

The 389th Bomb Group has been selected to be the group to be honored at the 1955 Reunion.

2nd Air Division Seal or Insignia

Before the 2nd Air Division was returned to the ZI, a group of men at Ketteringham Hall was working on an official crest or insignia. We would like to know who was working on this project and what was accomplished. We plan to complete the work, and perhaps come up with decals for autos as well as an official seal or crest. If anyone has information on this subject, please send it to Percy C. Young, Commerce Title Building, Memphis, Tennessee.

Personnel News

The wedding of DOROTHEA JOANNE AFFRONTE and DALLAS GROOM MORAN, III, took place on May 28, 1954, at the Wayfarers' Chapel, Portuguese Bend, California. LT. COL. CARMELO "MEL" ALBA (93rd B.G.) is with Hqs, USAF. Mel and his wife, Page, have 3 sons and 2 daughters. In a letter received from Mrs. Paul E. Anderson, Sr., we received the following news: "Our son, CAPT. PAUL E. ANDERSON, JR., was killed in a plane crash July 13, 1950, while enroute overseas. He was always proud to have served with the 445th Bomb Group and the 2nd Air Division." Announcement is made of the marriage of Brig. Gen. Milton Arnold, USAF Ret'd, to Dorothy DeGolyer Michael of Dallas, Texas, on May 15, 1954. DONALD J. BAKER (445th) owns 2 feed and farm supply firms, and is manager of Baker's Feed & Farm Supply, Inc., Moorefield, West Virginia. He and Betty have a fine family of 4 - Martha 7, 4½ year old twins, Susan and Donald, and Stephan 1½. EUGENE N. BARKIN (445th) and his wife, Mildred, have one son, Richard, 18 months old. Gene is an attorney, lives in Alexandria, Va., and is with the Criminal Division, Department of Justice. ROBERT A. BARTER (445th) lives in Watertown, N.Y., and is a painter and decorator. ART and VIVIAN BERNSTEIN are expecting another tax exemption this summer (or perhaps 2, based on past performance). Art won a dealer's sales

contest - a trip to Nassau yet. 'Twill be a hectic summer for Art -- the air conditioning business is booming, a new baby, a trip to Nassau, and the Washington Reunion. CHARLES H. BOOTH (458th) is now vice president of the Burrell Construction & Supply Company, New Kensington, Pa. Chuck and Laura Lee have 4 daughters and a son. Did you see FREDERICK V. P. BRYAN on TV? He appeared as attorney for H. Struve Hansel and the McCarthy-Army hassel. Really looked wonderful! ERNEST BUSH (315th Signal Co.) and his wife, Helen, have 2 daughters, Rosemary 6 and Margret Louise 3. Ernie is a tool and die maker. JOHN C. CASSIDY and Ada have 2 daughters, Marie Ann 3 and Joan Margrette 1½. He is development manager for Donovan, Inc. LYNN G. CECIL (445th) of Lutherville, Md., is the Maryland representative for the Miller Brewing Company. JUDGE ALLEN CLARK reports that his oldest son is a flyer in the Air Force (1st Lt.) and his youngest son is in Air ROTC and wants to be a pilot. Allen is also a proud grandpappy - a little granddaughter 2 months old. His second book, published in January, "Venue in Civil Actions in Texas" (Thomas Law Book Co., St. Louis) is being very well received. ROBERT C. CLARK (445th) is a mechanic for Capital Airlines. COL. WALTER CLATANOFF arrived in Tokyo in September, 1953, and is Director of Personnel Services. His family joined him in February, and they expect to be there until August, 1956. VAL and TOM CONROY, with their daughters, left June 27th for an extended vacation in the Southwest before Tom reports Aug. 1 to Maxwell AFB where he will attend the Air War College for 10 months. CARMAN F. CONTI (445th) is a motorcycle patrolman, state park police, Niagara Falls. He'd like for his friends and 2AD Association members to look him up when they visit the Falls - just ask for "Carm". DAVID W. DEASE is still in service, but with the Navy! He is presently stationed at Boca Chica Field, Key West, Florida. HENRY X. DIETCH (Park Forrest, Ill.) has been selected as a candidate for County Commissioner. JOHN DOSWELL has been junior cashier for Standard Oil of Ky. for the past 2 years at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He and Lucy have a daughter now in the second grade. ROBERT J. DRUMMOND (445th) of Drexel Hill, Pa., has a laboratory supply business. Bob and his wife, Catherine, have 4 children - Charlotte Ann 7, Mary Ann 6, Suzanne 4, and Joseph 2. JOSEPH E. FLAHERTY is still with the FBI. Joe, Anne, and their 2 daughters recently moved into their new home which is approximately 1 mile from Mitchell AFB. HOWARD W. FREESE has just been transferred to Abilene, Kansas, as manager of the Montgomery-Ward store there. HARRISON L. FUGATE (445th) is a postal clerk at the Xenia, Ohio, Post Office. He and Ruth have 2 sons and 2 daughters, Sandra 11, Johnnie 7, Nancy 3, and Tommy 5 months old. Harrison says "anyone coming thru Xenia, look me up at the Post Office". Mr. & Mrs. NORMAN GAHN have a new daughter born May 20th. This makes them a wonderful family of 5 - 2 sons and 3 daughters. LAURENCE C. GRAM, formerly A-2, 96th Combat Wing, Horsham, is now Director of Personnel, 438th Fighter-Bomber Wing ("Flying Badgers") Reserve, and is now a Lt. Col. AF Reserve. LT. COL. CHARLES GRAYDON has been transferred from Chicago to Boston. Look him up at 1703 Post Office-Court House. KEN and MAY GREGSON are heading for the North woods - Ken, as usual, is hoping to catch the 40 lb. Muskie that "always got away". BILL HAFTEY writes that Mexico will be his home for the next few years. He is to be married Oct. 2, and plans to return to England around the first of the year, and if possible, visit Ketteringham Hall and Norwich. Word has been received of the death of CAPT. EDWARD D. HAGERTY (445th) in a plane crash in Japan. RALPH E. HAMRICK (445th) is with Motor Cargo, Inc. at Akron, Ohio. His wife, Jeanne, is now home after a tour of duty with a regular Army hospital unit in Tokyo during the Korean trouble. CHARLES T. HANFORD and his wife, Catherine, have 1 daughter, Barbara Jean 3½. Charlie is Chief Inspector for Retail Credit Co., Rockford, Ill.

One of the nicest success stories of a former 2AD associate is that of Roger Harmon. He has changed from Sgt. Harmon, of the surgeon's office, Ketteringham Hall, to Roger Harmon, M.D., of Marshall, Texas. After being discharged, he entered L.S.U., Baton Rouge, for pre-med studies. In Sept. 1946, he began his medical education at the University of Texas, Galveston, and graduated with an M.D. degree in June, 1951. After interning for a year at the Shreveport Charity Hospital, he began private practice in July, 1952, at Marshall, Texas. In June, 1947, Roger and Alma Faye Hall,

a graduate nurse in surgery, were married. They have a daughter, Kay Madelon, born in February, 1949.

A letter was received from ELAINE HENDRY, Nyasaland, sending greetings to all her 2AD friends. AL HILL (445th) is Secretary, Griffin-Spaulding County Board of Assessors, Griffin, Ga. CHARLES A. HUDDLESTON (445th), East Liverpool, Ohio, and his wife, Trecia, have 3 children - Jeffrey 8, Janice 6 and Karen 4. In addition to her regular job, MOLLY KELLEY is Asst. Shift Supervisor at the White Plains (N.Y.) Filter Center, and received a medal in May for 500 hours service. ERWIN KOPPEL (445th), Whitefish Bay, Wisc., is a patent attorney. He and Helen have 2 sons, Steven 3 and William 1. HENRY V. LABIENIEC (445th) of New Britain, Conn., is an inspector for Fafnir Bearing Co. VALERE HUVAERE (445th) and his wife, Grace, have 3 children - Kerin 6, Larry 5, and Valerie 1½. Valere is a partner in a heating firm, the Grosse Pointe (Mich.) Heating Co. HENRY J. LAWLER (445th) is head gas dispatcher for the Iroquois Gas Corp., Buffalo, N.Y. HAROLD L. McCORMICK, his wife Jeanne and their 2 children, Brian and Carole Elaine, have recently moved to Canyon City, Colo. ELTON A. MILLER (315th Signal Co.) is farming near Council Bluffs, Iowa. He and Daphne have one son, Keith Alan 6. WILLIAM P. MORRAN (445th) is business agent for Local 40 Sheet Metal Workers International Association. He and Dorothy have 3 children - Peter 4½, Maryann 3½ and William Patrick 1½. JAMES P. MORRIS (445th) is a CPA and Comptroller of Parklawn Cemetery, Rockville, Md. CARLTON H. McCONNELL, Maj. USAF, (445th) of Manghan, La. is attending Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., under a USAFIT program and is scheduled to receive his masters degree in education in June, 1955. His wife, Betty, and their son, Stephen 2, are with him in sunny California. ROBERT A. NORSEN (44th) is owner of The Norsen Co., Minneapolis, specializing in home design, construction and sales. Bob and Donna have a son and daughter, Linda 8 and Steven 6. THOMAS J. O'HALLORAN (445th) is field manager for the Ford Motor Co., Needham, Mass. Tom and Barbara have 2 children and are expecting their third child in August. He wants to hear from any member of his old crew. COL. FREDERICK O'NEILL and his wife, Juanita, have 3 daughters - Molly 11, Maureen 6, and Moira Colleen 3. Fred was formerly with Ops, 458th Bomb Group at Horsham, and is currently in the War Plans Division, Hqs. USAF. He has been selected to attend the National War College in August. RENA OWEN reports that she now has a new job as secretary for an insurance company in Comanche, Texas. PROMOTIONS!!! Recently selected for Colonel: Johnny Diehl, Hal Lund and Maurie Elstun. LT. COL. JAMES L. PALLOURAS is now with Hq. 9th Air Base Group, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. WILLIAM J. PARKER'S 18 year old son has joined the Marines. RICHARD H. POFF (445th) is a member of Congress from the 6th Congressional District of Virginia. He and JoAnn have one daughter, Rebecca 7. FORREST "BUCK" RODGERS reports that his daughter, Pat, was married July 3, and will live in Chicago. LT. COL. EDWIN REED has returned to the ZI from England, and is now stationed at Fairchild AFB, Spokane, Wash. Edwin, Jr. is a 2nd Lt. in the Signal Corps at Ft. Meade. GILBERT (Schleichkorn) SHAWN (445th) of No. Babylon, N.Y., does advertising art work. A former pilot, he served on recall 21 months, 10 months of which was spent in Korea. ANTHONY SCHLONSKI (445th) is a night mechanic for the Jello Division of General Foods, LeRoy, N.Y. THADDEUS (Ted) S. SITNIK (445th) and Annette have 3 children - Jeanette 4, Teddy 1½ and baby James, 2 months old. Ted is manager of a club in Syracuse, N.Y. COL. ALBERT J. SHOWER (formerly Comdr. 467th B.G. at Rackheath) has been Comdr. 90th Strat. Recon. Wing, Forbes AFB, Kansas, and will become student ICAF 1954-55 at Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C. Al and Dee have 3 children - Katharine 17, Albert Jr. 16, and Holly Marie 8. MAJOR LESTER SKIDMORE, presently assigned to the Pentagon, has been selected to attend the Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell AFB, beginning in September. Skid and Elizabeth have two children, Michael 6 and Sharon 4. EUGENE SNOOK (445th) is government sales representative for the Standard Register Co. He and Janet live in Hyattsville, Md. Ex-WAC, KATHRINE SOLOMON married S/Sgt Lowell H. Smith, Carswell AFB, in Nov. 1951. Sgt. Smith is drum major and drummer for the Air Force Band at Carswell. Kay and "Pinky" have a daughter, Kathrine Amelia, 20 months old. MARIA J. "JACKIE" TURCHET is getting an

early start for the August reunion - she and her daughters, Norine and Margaret, plan to leave Santa Cruz by auto on July 27th for Cleveland, Philadelphia and Washington. Maj. Gen. ROBERT TERRILL, Deputy Commander, 15th Air Force, March AFB, Calif., extends an invitation to members of the Association who happen to be in the Southern California area to stop in to see him. JANE FREYTAG THOMPSON is now Assistant Library, New York Supreme Court Law Library. COL. H. B. WALSH is just about ready to leave the Pentagon for a new assignment. He and Barbara have 2 children, Michael 7 and Mary 5. Ben has been with NATO. Incidentally, Ben saw civilian BILL THROOP in Paris - Bill is with the American Chamber of Commerce. JORDAN UTTAL stopped in Kansas City to say hello to PAUL WILCOX, and reports that Paul is still teaching in a highschool in K.C. and all is fine with him. F. C. WILSDORF (445th) is an assistant operator with the Tennessee Gas Transmission Co., Lakeville, Tenn.



A special tribute to our own Maj. Gen. Francis Griswold! In July, 1945, he left England to go to Okinawa where he was Commander, 301st Fighter Wing and Island Air Command, Ie Shima. He returned to the U.S. in Nov. 1945 as Asst. Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Hq. USAF. In April, 1946, Gen. Griswold went to Guam as Commander of the 20th Air Force. Again, in Oct. 1948, he returned to the Pentagon as Asst. Deputy Chief of Staff, Materiel. In Oct. 1950, he was assigned to the Munitions Board. From April, 1952, to April, 1954, he was in England as Comdr. of the 3rd Air Force. In April of this year, he returned to the U.S. as Vice Commander, Strategic Air Command, Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebr.

Welcome home, General, and we hope that you'll be able to join us again for the 1954 Reunion.

We hope to see you all at the Reunion next month.

Sincerely yours,

PERCY C. YOUNG, President

IRENE NOBLE, Secretary

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