

SECOND AIR DIVISION

ASSOCIATION



October, 1954

Dear Gang:

The Seventh Annual Reunion has come and gone. Alka Seltzer sales for the weekend of August 20-22 showed a sharp rise in Washington, D. C., and I trust that all who attended the Reunion found peace and comfort from this old 2AD friend. The attendance this year was more than double that of any previous reunion. The Hotel Shoreham did a grand job for us, and everyone seemed to have a fine time. Marilyn Fritz Snyder, Irene Noble, John Cunningham, Ray Strong and Jordan Uttal maintained their record of attending every reunion. Congratulations. I hope that each will keep this record intact for many years because they add so much to the pleasure of all who are able to attend.

The 445th Bombardment Group had been designated as the Honoree Group at this Reunion, and the Group did itself proud. More than 150 from the 445th have joined the 2AD Association, and a large percent of this number attended the Reunion. Needless to say, they added a great deal to make the weekend a lively and entertaining one.

The attention to details which has made the Shoreham a famous hotel in our Nation's Capitol was much in evidence at our Cocktail Party Friday afternoon. Hors d'oeuvres, shrimp, olives, nuts and various kinds of light sandwiches were not only delicious and sustaining, but served with a reasonable degree of efficiency to act as the proverbial blotter for liquid refreshments. Later that evening, groups in small informal parties proceeded to dine and dance at some of the other famous hostelrys and night spots in Washington. Saturday morning, the 445th B.G. had a breakfast of their own which approximately 50 were able to attend, despite the early hour the breakfast was scheduled. Two separate parties went on sight-seeing tours and there was a short meeting of the Executive Committee on Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon, the usual business meeting was held, and that evening a Cocktail Party followed by the annual banquet and dance took place. After brief remarks by the outgoing and incoming presidents, by Chappie Seward, Marilyn Fritz Snyder, Howard Moore, Ray Strong, Jordan Uttal, Charlie Salisbury and a few other stalwarts, General Kepner gave the principal talk at which he paid an especial tribute to the 445th Bombardment Group and to its outstanding record and achievements. Major General Bob Terrill sent a telegram and a personal letter regretting his inability to attend, and extending best wishes to us all and particularly to those of his old command. Formal regrets were also received from the President and Mrs. Eisenhower, Lt. General Leon Johnson, Major General "Butch" Griswold, Brig. General Charles Westover, Colonel Lee Baker (who has acted as Liaison Officer in connection with the 2AD Memorial Fund), Major George C. Bales, the artist who painted that fine picture of Gen. Kepner, the reproduction of which appeared in our March Newsletter, and finally, our old friend and convivialist, Smiley Brandt. We trust that each of these friends will be able to join us next year.

To keep everyone posted on the affairs and activities of the Association, the Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting are published in their entirety:

MINUTES OF THE 7th ANNUAL MEETING

SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

August 21, 1954

Hotel Shoreham

Washington, D. C.

1. The 7th annual meeting of the Second Air Division Association convened at 2:00 P.M. in the East Ballroom, Hotel Shoreham, Washington, D. C., Percy C. Young, President, presiding.
2. The Minutes of the 6th Annual Meeting, held October 21, 1953, in Chicago, Illinois, were read and approved.
3. The Treasurer's report for the fiscal year 1953-54 was read, and the reported balance of \$973.19 was accepted with the understanding that bills for the fiscal year 1953-54 were still outstanding.
4. After discussion of the Second Air Division Memorial Trust, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Secretary be authorized and directed to write the Board of Governors of the Second Air Division Memorial Trust that the Second Air Division Association (a) recommends that the Trust corpus be maintained intact for at least the next ten years in the hope that the City of Norwich will undertake to construct a new Library Building; (b) recommends that the annual net income from the Trust Fund be expended for the purpose of providing scholarships in English Schools or Colleges for children of RAF personnel who presently live in that part of East Anglia near which components of the Second Air Division were based during World War II; that these scholarships be based on some appropriate paper with eligibility limited to the upper 20% in class grades, and further details to be left to the wisdom and judgment of the Trustees; and (c) further strongly urges that no part of the Corpus or income of the Trust Fund be used to defray all or any part of the traveling expenses of any American member of the Board of Trustees either in the United States, the United Kingdom, or while traveling between these two countries.
5. Upon motions duly made and seconded, the following items of new business were discussed and approved by the members present:
 - a. Section IV of the Bylaws was amended to add two new officers; namely, two Assistant Secretaries.
 - b. The Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to set up the following reserves for prepaid dues -
 - (1) Life Memberships - \$5.00 for the first year, \$1.00 for the next 20 years.
 - (2) 7 Year Dues - \$3.00 for the first year, \$1.00 for the next 6 years.
 - (3) 3 Year Dues - \$3.00 for the first year, \$1.00 for the next 2 years.
 - c. The Secretary was authorized and directed to write each of those on the present mailing list who have not paid dues for any of the last three years, explaining our purpose and asking whether the person is interested in renewing membership in the Association

and receiving future Newsletters. Those not renewing membership will be placed on an auxiliary mailing list, and will be contacted once each year by the Membership Committee, but will not receive the quarterly Newsletters.

The Secretary was instructed to maintain two mailing lists. One list, "A", will contain the names and current addresses of members who have paid dues or those who have been on the mailing list for less than one year. The second list, "B", will contain the names and addresses of those who are eligible for membership but have not paid dues over a period of three years, as stated above.

- d. Article III of the Bylaws was further amended to extend indefinitely the privilege of allowing members to obtain period memberships at the rates of 7 years for \$10.00, 3 years for \$5.00 and life memberships at \$25.00. The Secretary was instructed to set up reserves accordingly.
6. A motion was discussed that the Association adopt a considered policy of advocating and supporting important public proposals directly related to the Armed Services which 75% of those attending the annual business meeting of the Association endorses; and that the President of the Association be authorized to represent the position of the Association on any matters arising between meetings and receiving substantial public attention which 75% of the members of the Executive Committee notify the President in writing that they endorse. It was decided to refer this motion to a committee for further study; the results of the study to be reported at the 1955 business meeting.
7. A slate of candidates for the 1954-55 officers was presented by John Cunningham and Raymond Strong, Chairmen of the Nominating Committees. The following 1954-55 officers were unanimously elected:

President - A. F. (Fen) Marsh
Coordinating Vice President - Chester Schmidt
Vice President in Charge of Membership - Howard Baum
Vice President in Charge of Publicity - James Kidder
Vice President in Charge of National Military Affairs - Stephen Posner
Secretary-Treasurer - Irene Noble
Assistant Secretaries - Rose M. Donahue and Molly T. Kelley
8. Names of various cities were presented as possible sites for the 1955 Reunion. The city selected was Washington, D. C., the time to be a weekend in August not conflicting with the conventions of the Air Force Association or the American Legion.
9. The outgoing administration was thanked and congratulated on the most successful year just ended.
10. There being no further business to come before the members, the meeting was adjourned.

Percy C. Young, President

Irene Noble, Secretary

Those attending the 1954 Reunion were:

Mr. & Mrs. Donald J. Baker, Jack P. Baker, James E. Ballard, Mr. & Mrs. Everette G. Barefoot, Eugene N. Barkin, M/Sgt. Bertha M. Barta, Robert A. Barter, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Baum, Mr. & Mrs. William P. Beyer, Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Booth, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Warren L. Burman, Col. William R. Cameron, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Carlucci, Lynn G. Cecil, Mr. & Mrs. William Coburn, Miss Evelyn Cohen, Dr. & Mrs. Frank Corbett, James T. Coulthard, Mr. & Mrs. John J. Cunningham, John H. Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Devlin, Miss Rose Donahue, Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Drummond, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey C. Elliott, Thomas Elliott, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Estabrook, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Ferris, Mr. & Mrs. Henry B. Gibson, Miss Yetta Gottlieb, Mr. & Mrs. Charles C. Harpin, James F. Harrigan, Dr. & Mrs. Robert C. Hecker, Miss Dolores Hommer, Mr. & Mrs. Valere Huvaere, Col. & Mrs. James H. Isbell, Mr. William S. Kablesh, John Karoly, Paul M. Keary, Miss Molly T. Kelley, William E. Kepner (Lt. Gen. Ret'd), James N. Kidder, Col. & Mrs. Edward C. Klein, Henry V. Labieniec, Mr. & Mrs. Henry J. Lawler, E. K. Lawrence, Mr. & Mrs. George Layritz, Ralph Levine, Major & Mrs. David Lewis, Harry Lied, Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Marsh, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Moore, Mr. & Mrs. James P. Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Moyer, Miss Irene Noble, Col. & Mrs. Frederick O'Neill, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Ouellette, Mr. & Mrs. James R. Paul, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen M. Posner, Mr. & Mrs. Earle Prather, M/Sgt. Beatrice B. Puch, John J. Rankin, George H. Roby, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Roughan, Dr. & Mrs. W. M. Routon, Dr. & Mrs. Joseph D. Salisbury, Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Salisbury, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schauffler, Anthony Schlonski, Mr. & Mrs. Chester F. Schmidt, Miss Helen Schulte, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Seward, Mrs. Gretchen Lange Shannon, Gilbert S. Shawn, Mr. & Mrs. Edward C. Shisler, Miss Leah Shoemaker, Mr. & Mrs. Thaddeus S. Sitnik, Mr. & Mrs. Lester J. Skidmore, William F. Smith, Major & Mrs. Wallace Snyder (Marilynn Fritz), Thomas Spera, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Steinhauer, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond E. Strong, Mrs. Vera (Heard) Summers, Lt. Col. Walter R. Taliaferro, Mrs. Richard Turchet, Mr. & Mrs. Jordan Uttal, Lt. Col. & Mrs. John Veyette, Mr. & Mrs. Milton Veynar, W/O Robert E. Warn, Col. Ben Walsh, Eugene Wanner, Mr. & Mrs. Harry L. Wheaton, and Percy C. Young.

Well, Troops, that's about it. I have enjoyed serving as your president and I appreciate the honor. I hope that, despite all my sins of omission and commission, I have done an acceptable job. It is impossible for me to express adequately my appreciation to Irene Noble for her wonderful cooperation, her loyal interest and for her many hours of hard, faithful work. Everyone who attended the Reunion knows what a perfectly grand job Fritzie did as Chairman of the Reunion Committee. All during the year, I have had especially helpful and loyal support from Chester Schmidt, Ray Strong, Gus Karoly, Howard Moore, Jordan Uttal and John Cunningham, to mention a few. The interest, support, encouragement and cooperation of General Kepner is an inspiration to everyone fortunate enough to be associated with him. To all of these go my special and sincere thanks. And to all of you, I wish the best of everything and assure you how earnestly I am looking forward to seeing you next August at the 1955 Reunion.

Most sincerely yours,

PERCY C. YOUNG

