



SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

8th AIR FORCE



December 1956

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Dear Gang:

We promised another Newsletter in December as a supplement to the one we put out last month. We are just about going to make it and, in fact, you won't be getting this until after the first of the year. The idea was to have it in the mail by Christmas, but we only got as far as the draft.

Anyhow, we hope you all had a fine Christmas and that 1957 will be the best year yet for all of you. By the time you receive this your New Year's resolutions will all have been made, and some of them broken. We hope that one of the unbroken ones concerned your attendance at the Reunion in August. This will be our tenth Reunion and will be quite a do. All the Group Vice Presidents are working to get their members there. Each one is hoping his Group will have the most representatives.

Changes of Address

The 2nd Air Division Association members are really on the move! We thought our roster was in good shape, but then the November Newsletters started coming back in stacks. Some of you may even get your November one after this one. By the time the Newsletter went to the old address, came back here, and then went out again, a couple of weeks elapsed. It always takes a long time, but the Christmas mail rush made it even worse than usual. It would certainly be a boon to all concerned if you would include us in the Change of Address cards you send out.

Regional Meeting

The Middle Atlantic Wing is going great guns. Their meeting in November brought a lot of publicity to the Association. There were stories in three papers about the meeting and the Mayor of Wilmington, Delaware proclaimed November 10, the day of the meeting as "2nd Air Division Association, Eighth Air Force Day" in Wilmington. The Wing has undertaken a project under the direct supervision of General Ligon, who was the speaker at the November meeting. A questionnaire has been developed and is being distributed to non-reenlistees in the Air Force. The object of the questionnaire is to find out why men do not reenlist and what the Air Force could do to stimulate reenlistments.

"AIR STRENGTH INSURES PEACE"

Military Affairs Committee

Dick Clough, our 1956 Chairman of Military Affairs, wrote to General Lauris Norstad in November, congratulating him on his assumption of command of the NATO forces in Europe. He also wrote to Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of Defense, commending him for his decision to spell out clearly the roles of the Army and Air Force in relation to guided missiles.

In a letter to President Eisenhower, Dick put the Association on record as being in favor of his actions in the Mid-East and Hungarian crises. He especially commended him for his decision to admit 5,000 Hungarian refugees to the United States and expressed the hope that the number would eventually be increased.

1957 Reunion

We are hoping that it may be possible to get Col. Jim Mahoney (467th) to come to the Reunion and show some 16 MM films he took of 467th and 492nd Groups and their bases. He also has combat pictures of the 2nd Air Division and some 8th AF Fighter activities. John Taylor has seen them and says they are wonderful. This is not certain yet, but we are working on it and will keep you posted.

Insignia

We have on hand plenty of lapel pins with screw posts. The cost is \$1.65, including tax, and we can send them out as soon as we receive your order. The other items, listed in the March and June Newsletters, are also available, but there will be a slight delay as they are ordered from the manufacturer as needed. They make lovely gifts and there are only 359 days until Christmas!

PERSONNEL NEWS

Because we ran out of space last month, we never did finish all the news from the Groups. Just to be sure nobody is left out this time, we are going to start where we left off in November and work backwards.

466TH BOMB GROUP - Vincent A. Palmer, Jr. is a fire and marine insurance claims adjuster. He is also Vice-Commodore, American International Dragon Class Association. He was bitten by the sailing bug in 1953 and brought a DRAGON class sailboat over from Norway. Vince took a trip back to England and Attlebridge in 1955 and wrote a report on his adventures which he sent us, along with some pictures. As soon as possible, we will have the negatives developed so that they can be included in a future issue of the Newsletter. Vince has the problem of a Newsletter to his membership, so we suffer together.

William J. Schoeffield (784th) is a commercial representative for Western Union Telegraph Company in Baltimore. He and Ruth have four children: Ruthann, 8, William, 6, Matthew, 4 and Mary Susan, 2. Alexander Suto is an attorney-at-law and a C.P.A. in Pittsburgh. He is a partner in two firms, both located in the Grant Building. He and Juliette live in Pittsburgh. Russell A. Thompson (787th) is a physician in Cosmos, Minnesota. He and Jo were married in 1953 and now have two children: Ann, 2 and Tommy, 10 months. Russ graduated from Medical School in the University of Minnesota in 1954 and is now in private practice.

Kennard Underwood, Jr. (787th) is District Sales Representative for the Euclid Division of General Motors. He and Nancy live in New York with Peter, 6 and Patricia, 3½. W. Robert Wagner (785th) and Mary live in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he is a commercial artist. He is a co-partner in the Allied Art Service. He has two children: Carol, 9 and Scott, 6. Ben Weiner (Hq.) is the president of Weiner's, Inc., retail furniture stores. He lives in New Orleans. Ben writes that he and Ed Groenendyke, who was flying control officer in the 466th, have joined in a partnership in an oil-drilling venture which has produced seven wells. This partnership is called "Attlebridge Oil Co." named after their home in the ETO. James R. Carey, Jr. (786th) is the proud papa of a third child, Keith, who was born just before the Reunion. Edward W. Dwan is in the Sales Promotion Department of Whirlpool-Seeger. He and Gretchen live in Benton Harbor, Michigan with four children: Vincent, 12, Mark, 8, Miles, 5 and Brian, 1. Benjamin Feipel (784th) is a dining-car chef and lives in Chicago with Eileen and two daughters: Barbara, 10 and Catherine, 6, and a son John, aged 1 year. John M. Jacobowitz (786th) is a physician in Three Rivers, Michigan. He and Elizabeth have three children: John J., Kurt L., and Bret H. Matthew F. Kennedy (787th) is a meat salesman. He and Felma live in Chicago. Harry A. Landers (787th and 784th) is a pharmacist. He lives in Terre Haute, Indiana with Elizabeth and their children: Libby 12 and Richard 5. Arden D. Mills (785th) and Mildred live in South Euclid, Ohio with their children Carolyn, 10 years old and James, 7. Arden is a purchasing agent. George H. Parker, Katharyn and their daughter Emily live in Bloomington, Ill. where George is in the lumber and building maintenance business. Richard L. Pellican (374th Serv. Grp.) is an accountant and lives in Chicago with Mary Margaret and their daughter Pamela, aged 4.

467TH BOMB GROUP - Thomas Goodyear is the operator of the Cary-Mede Farm in Springfield Center, New York, where he raises turkeys. He was in England last winter and visited some English friends who lived next to the base. Rackheath was apparently rather beat up. Some of the windows in the Ops building had been bricked over for Air Ministry storage and the rest of the building had been left to rot. In the big room where the status board used to be he thought there was a party of some kind going on because there was much accordion music and laughter. Quite a few of the buildings had been put to farm use, but most of the base was just left to disintegrate. Tom sent us some pictures of Rackheath which were taken by Lt. Col. Capers A. Holmes, who is currently at Weisbaden. We will print the pictures as soon as we get them converted from prints to negatives and back to prints again. M/Sgt. F. M. Blackwell was a Flight Engineer at Turner AFB, Albany Ga. when we received his questionnaire. However, return of the November Newsletter revealed the fact that he is now at Plattsburgh AFB, New York. He would like to contact James E. Crowell, who used to live in Atlanta, Ga. Raymond W. Allpress (791st) is a rural mail carrier in Eagle, Wisconsin. He is also an ardent Braves fan. Bernard N. Cutler (Hq.) is a Certified Public Accountant and is self-employed. He and Lillian live in Chicago with their two sons: Marvin 13 and Alan, 7. Edward R. Novak (790th) is in the advertising sales business. He and Janet live in Chicago with one son, Richard, 12. Roger V. Scherer (790th) is with the Continental Illinois National Bank in Chicago. John Jay Taylor (788th) is a steel salesman. He and Paula and the three boys: Jay, 9, Bruce 8 and Brad 4 lived in Evanston until December 27th, when they moved to Waukesha, Wisconsin. John had a small reunion recently when Jim Mahoney flew to Chicago on business. That was when John saw the pictures he hopes to have at the

Reunion. When Jim was there they had a small gathering consisting of John and his wife, Ed Alexander (467th and 492nd) and his wife and Harry Sturlax (492nd). Harry had a journal which he had been keeping against rules when he was shot down. He had hidden it under his bed where it was discovered by a replacement crew. Months later it was brought to the U.S. where, entirely by chance, it was shown to an officer who had lived in Harry's hut and recognized it. It finally found its way back to Harry.

489TH BOMB GROUP - Daniel R. Beinecke (845th) is a funeral director in Chicago. He and Lucy have three daughters and a son: Mary, 10, Marsha, 9, Danny 8, and Patricia, 4. Henry G. Bethke (844th) lives in Lombard, Ill. and is a printing pressman. He and Alice have two children: Henry, Jr. three years old and Paul A. 3 months. Ward J. Kent is a bartender in Dines Terrace Room in Lansing, Michigan. He has one child Lorie, three years old. We extend our sympathy to Ward whose wife, Katherine, was killed in an automobile accident on April 9, 1956. Ward would like to get in touch with S/Sgt. Frank Preist. John D. Kernodle is a technical counselor with the Seven-Up Company in Dallas, Texas. He and Jeanne have a daughter, Elizabeth, 9 years old. W. R. Paul Surbaugh is with American Airlines. He, Mae, his wife, and Sondra Lynn live in East Elmhurst, New York. Paul was also with the 446th Bomb Group. Chester S. Weaks (847th) is the Advertising Manager for Remmert-Werner, Inc. in Webster Groves, Missouri. He and Jo have two children: Danny 4 and Sally 2.

4TH FIGHTER GROUP - Richard J. Rinebolt (355th) and Ruth live in Findlay, Ohio where Dick is an attorney-at-law and police prosecutor for Findlay. Dick would like to see the 4th get together soon, preferably in August.

361ST FIGHTER GROUP - Henry Molter (376th) is a carpenter contractor and he and Florence live in West Hempstead, Long Island. Henry says that after 11 years he is still very much an airman at heart. He is a model plane hobbyist and has created his own Air Force of about 100 models. It has plastic models of every important plane since 1909 to the present jet aircraft. His favorites will always be the B-17 and B-24 in the heavies and the P-47, -51, -38 and -39 fighters. He has a hobby room 10' x 10' and is now in the process of constructing miniature airfields and runways to present planes in their natural habitats. Anyone is invited to stop in and see his set up.

56TH FIGHTER GROUP - Thomas F. McDonough (62nd) is an assistant to the Production Engineer in the General Electric Company plant at Plainville, Conn. He and Peggy live in Terryville.

Headquarters 2nd Air Division - Henry W. Brandt is Manager of the Chamber of Commerce in Kankakee, Ill. He and Gertrude have two children, Barbara and John. Henry X. Dietch is an attorney in Park Forest, Ill. He and Shirley have three children: William 10, Nancy 7 and James T. 3. Walter E. Hilberg is Director of Printing Production and Advertising in DePaul University. He and Marilyn live in Mt. Prospect, Ill. with four children: Steven 4, Mark 3, Deborah 2 and Christopher 1. Dolores Hommer works for the Encyclopedia Britannica. Ed Hunton has moved from Wyoming to Fresno, California where he is in the Office of the Air Advisor, 194th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. John P. Karoly is an Assistant Mine Foreman in Pennsylvania. He and Naida live in New Florence with John P. and Naida M. Lenard Ludwig and Gladys live in Yankton, South Dakota, where Lenard is in the insurance business.

A. F. Marsh and Dix live in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Fen is boss at the Colorcraft Corporation. Howard Moore is with a public relations firm in Chicago. He and Gladys have a son and daughter. Jimmy is 7 and Maureen 9. W. F. Mulvaney is with the Bemis Bros. Bag Company. He lives in Chicago with his wife, Irene, and four children, Roger, Michael, Kathy and Colleen. Earle Prather is a salesman in Greenwood, South Carolina. Edward C. Shisler lives in Medford Lakes, N.J. and works for the Budd Company. Jordan Uttal and Joyce live in Chicago and Jordan works for the Foremost Sales Corporation. Mike Vydareny, Margaret and Mike, Jr., 13 years old, live in Chicago. Mike is with The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company of Chicago. Percy Young has been named Chairman of the Tennessee Bridge Authority. He says it is one of those jobs which carries some honor, lots of work and no money. Jane Thompson is Assistant Law Librarian in Utica. She loves the job and has been at it for eight years. Jane says some day she will show up at a Reunion and see whether everyone has forgotten her.

44TH BOMB GROUP - Frederick H. Beard is a stockbroker in Detroit, Michigan. Warren L. Brock (66th) is a miner and lives in Catlin, Ill. with Violet and Judy. Donald E. Carlson (68th) is a sales representative with the Matson Line. Max Lester Carlson, Jr. (68th) is a Cartographer with Rand McNally Co. He lives in Chicago. Wilton F. Carr and Melka live in Lumberton, N. Carolina with their two children, Wilton, Jr. 4 years old and Susan, one month. Edwin R. Cisinski (67th) lives in Chicago with Estell and two daughters, Susan, age 9 and Amy, age 5. Arthur A. Hand (66th) is in the lumber retail business. He and Lois have two children: Charles 13 and Mary 10. James E. Martin (66th) is with the Wisitel Co. as a Plant Construction Engineer. He and Beatrice live in DePere, Wis. with two boys, James and Mark. Elden Nedeau (67th) is in real estate management. He and Marjorie have three children: James, 8, Steve, 6 and Rochelle, 5. Derise L. Nichols (66th) works for the Norfolk and Western Railway. He and Vivian live in Roanoke, Va. with two children: Mary Frances, 7 and Kathryn Ann 4. Richard S. Pick and Mildred live in Highland Park, Ill. They have three children: Marilyn 10, Carol Ann 7 and James 4. Dick is in the fur manufacturing business. Joseph R. Rodriguez (67th) and Marie live in Yonkers, N.Y. where Joe is in the export business. T. B. Tyndall is in the trucking business. He lives in Jacksonville, Fla. with Martha and five children: Teddy 10, Mark 5, Marsha 3, Charlie 2 and Johnny 1.

93RD BOMB GROUP - Warren E. Alberts works for an airline. He and Betty have two children, Kristan 9 and Lisa 16 months. Charles Berdo is a farmer in Washington, Iowa. He and Rosemary have two children, Jane 9 and John 6. Lester J. Litwiller and Eloise live in Lincoln, Ill. They have four children: Miriam 11, Alice 8, Robert 3 and Mark 2. Lester is with Investors Diversified Services. Charles H. McKee and Thelma have two children: Neil 3½ and Stephen 1 year old. Charles is a yardmaster with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. George A. McCormick wears three hats. He is in air transportation, is a store-keeper and part-time real estate salesman. Robert Boutain is stationed in Japan. Hal E. Bilyea is Assistant Adjutant at USAFE Headquarters. He and Marilyn have two children Nanette 10 and Kenneth Lile 8. Hal was at 2nd Air Division Headquarters after he left the 93rd. Frederic A. Strombom (336th) and Inez, Karen 6 and Kristen 4 live in Ogema, Wisconsin. Fred is in the farm implement business.

389TH BOMB GROUP - Walter H. Andrews is a mortgage loan officer with Stevenson, Zimmerman and Co. in South Carolina. He is also a Lt. Colonel in the 9981st Squadron, AF Reserve, in Charleston, South Carolina. Walter M. Gibson and Dorothy live in Williamsburgh, Va. Hoot is a refrigeration and air conditioning engineer. Robert P. Halpin (565th) is a contractor. He and Betty have three children Tim, 9, Ellen 6 and Denney 4. James McClain is the Chicago Area Manager of The Hoover Co.-Special Products Division. Richard G. Winters is out of the service and is part owner of the Harper Heating Co. in Mt. Clemens, Mich. He and Adah have a son, David, 10 years old.

392ND BOMB GROUP - Howard F. Lawrence (577th) is a TV repairman. He and Lillian have one daughter, Connie, age 4.

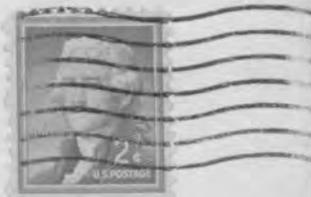
445TH BOMB GROUP - Thomas J. Campana (701st) is a milk distributor. He and Joan live in Chicago with Thomas Jr. 9, James 7 and Gail 4. Joseph Pajakowski works for the City of South Bend, Ind. Henry J. Pelnar (703rd) is a carpenter contractor in Villa Park, Ill. Arne Sandberg and Elsy live in Niles, Ill. Arne works for Milky Way Candy. Anthony J. Schlonski works for the Jello Division of General Foods. Jermane Steinhauer (703rd) is a cost accountant. He and Patricia have four children: Mary Kay 9, Martin 5, Patricia 2 and Daniel 9 months.

446TH BOMB GROUP * James S. Dorsey (705th) and Ursula live in Wilmington, Delaware. Jim is a plumbing and heating contractor. Clemens F. Kowalczyk is an auditor. He and Irene have a 20-month old daughter, Constance Rose. Thomas L. Mason (705th) is in the real estate business. David F. Sweeney (707th) is a millman. C.A. Steinacker (705th) is with the Snell Sash and Door Company.

448TH BOMB GROUP - W. Gifford Newlon lives in Saugus, Calif. with Esther and two children, Michael 9 and Linda 5.

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