



SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

8th AIR FORCE



NEWSLETTER

November, 1957

Dear Gang:

Even though it seems ages ago, this is our first report to you on the Reunion, held on August 16, 17, and 18 at Hershey, Pennsylvania. We were sorry more of you weren't there. Those who were had a fine time, and we expect to see you all next year.

We did accomplish some business between gab fests, golf games, cocktail parties and the banquet. We received, among other things, two bits of good news. Our Treasury is very healthy at the moment - we have the largest balance we have ever had! Percy Young also cheered us considerably with the information that the 2nd Air Division Memorial Fund as of November, 1956, contained 23,667 pounds, all invested in British Government bonds. The plans for the Library have now been approved by various committees and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Norwich, and they hope to get started on the building sometime in 1958. Our Memorial Fund Committee has agreed that if they start building any time before December 31, 1959, we will contribute 5,000 pounds. The present plans for the memorial call for two rooms. The entrance will have a table and scroll with the names of 2nd Air Division personnel, arranged alphabetically regardless of rank or Group affiliation. The scroll will be in loose-leaf form for 10 years, after which it will be bound.

New Officers: The Nominating Committee presented a slate and there were also nominations from the floor. Voting was by secret ballot. The new officers for 1958 are as follows: President: Steve Posner, Vice President: Dean Moyer, Secretary and Publicity Chairman: Hathy Veynar, Vice President-Membership: Evelyn Cohen, Vice President-Military Affairs, Paul Surbaugh; Treasurer, Charles Stine. Group Vice Presidents are: 44th-George Federlin, 93rd-Dan Kelly, 389th-Hoot Gibson, 445th-Bob Drummond, 446th-Jim Dorsey, 453rd-Joe Donovan, 458th-John McNaney, 466th-Ben Weiner, 467th-John Jay Taylor, 361st Fighter-Henry Molter, 56th Fighter-Tom McDonough, 489th-Marcel Thibodeau.

1958 Reunion - We voted to have the 1958 Reunion in New York City. It will be, as of now, in the Henry Hudson Hotel on August 22, 23 and 24. Steve Posner has already begun to work on it and from what he tells me, we could have it tomorrow - he's ready to roll. He says to tell you all that there will be tickets available for all shows.

1959 Reunion - With Conventions and such getting bigger and bigger each year, we decided that it would be a good idea to pick out the site for the next two years. New Orleans won in a walk for 1959. Ben Weiner will be running it. Ben would like to know if you would like to have the Reunion in August, as usual or whether you would prefer September or October. If you would drop him a line at 137 Delaronde Street, New Orleans, telling him which month you would like best, it will save us having to send you all a ballot, and also help him to get the show on the road that much sooner.

"AIR STRENGTH INSURES PEACE"

For those of you who did not attend the Reunion, here are the people you missed seeing this year. 44th Bomb Group - Ed Burtsavage, George Federlin, James Kiople, Lester Noecker. 93rd Bomb Group - Francis Bousquet, Hoot Gibson, Dan Kelly, Charles McKee, John Miles, Robert Sponga, Roy Stahl. 389th Bomb Group - David Borland, Robert Bousquet, Frank Clemens, Dick Clough, Hoot Gibson, Nelson Huntley, Dan Kelly, Roger Kramer, Steve Posner. 445th Bomb Group - Bob Augustus, Bob Drummond, Richard Eckman, Elmer Fischer, Harold Hartner, George Leininger, Ralph Levine, Harry Lied, Steve Posner, Donald Selway, Charles Stine. 446th Bomb Group - George Dikum, Jim Dorsey, Paul Halecki, Paul Surbaugh, Dave Sweeney. 453rd Bomb Group - M. D. Benarcik, James MacNew. 458th Bomb Group - Fred Vacek. 466th Bomb Group - John Jacobowitz, James Russell, Henry Tevelin, Robert Wagner, John Watson, Ben Weiner. 467th Bomb Group - Joseph Hanson. 489th Bomb Group - Henry Bethke, Dick Clough, Eugene Shultz, Paul Surbaugh. 491st Bomb Group - Ted Parker. 355th Fighter Group - John Draggett, 361st Fighter Group - Henry Molter, Cecil Tudor. Headquarters 2nd Air Division - Howard Baum, Evelyn Cohen, John Karoly, Alice Kelley, Molly Kelley, General W. E. Keoner, Dean Moyer, Irene Noble, Chester Schmidt, Edward Shisler, Gladys Veynar, Percy Young.

A Special Message from Rose Donahue: - Since it is not possible to thank all of you personally as I would very much like to do, I want to thank you all through the medium of the Newsletter for your wonderful gift to me. I regret that I was forced to resign as Treasurer and hope at any time in the future, if I can be of help in any way, you will call on me. Hope to see you all in New York in 1958 and my best wishes to you always.

For those of you who were not at the Reunion, Rose was forced because of ill health to resign as Treasurer of the Association back in June. She was not able to attend the Reunion. All the members of the Association who attended the cocktail party contributed to a purse for Rose. In addition, we passed sheets of paper around at the banquet and most of those present sent greetings. Rose is in the hospital now, but hopes to be back on her feet shortly and promises to see us next August.

A Special Message from Dick Clough: - Dear Buddies: Our mailing list has grown to 1,496 people. This entails considerable work on the part of the Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Vice President and also expense to the Association. A recent audit of the books showed a disquieting number of people who have not paid their dues. We do not wish to drop anyone from the mailing list, but this is a matter of logistics! Please cooperate! Send in your check to Evelyn Cohen, 5448 Euclid Avenue, Philadelphia, Penna. It was the decision of the Executive Committee, which met at the Reunion in Hershey, August 16th, that a ninety-day time limit be set. If after ninety days we have not heard from you, we will have to drop your name from the mailing list.

As Secretary and Editor of the Newsletter, I'd like to add my two cents worth to Dick's remarks. By labelling and stamping all the Newsletters myself, we have managed to keep the cost of the Newsletter to a minimum. However, it still costs about \$500.00 a year for the four issues. It hardly seems fair that some of you should receive the Newsletter without bearing your share of the cost. If all of you who are on the mailing list were to pay your dues, we might even be able to afford some pictures from time to time. How about it?

Change of Address: - Many of you are remembering us when you move. Thanks! It makes life much simpler - as well as cheaper - when you send us your change of address. Otherwise, the Newsletter goes out to the address we have on the roster, for two cents. It comes back to me with the new address written thereon and is then sent out again, providing I can read the writing of the postal clerk. Uncle Sam is now charging us 3¢ each to get them back, which makes each mailing cost 8¢. Furthermore, we are still hoping one fine day to get a roster out and, once it is done, to keep it up to date through the pages of the Newsletter. This will be far more accurate if you send us your address each time you move.

GROUP NEWS

Headquarters-2nd Air Division - Eve (Miller) Brandon has a seven year old son. She works for the California Youth Authority with juvenile delinquents. She met a girl at work who knows the Cody twins and reports that they are both married and have daughters. Lillian Meadows used to live in California, but is no longer there. She has five children. Lucile Carter is Clerk of the District Court in Topeka, Kansas. She was elected in 1949. She attended the American Legion Convention in Atlantic City this year. Lucile is a member of the National Law and Order Committee of the Legion and is also State Director of the 20/4, an Honorary Organization of ex-service women who have done outstanding work in the American Legion. In her spare (?) time she travels. She has been to Florida, Cuba, California and Hawaii in the last two years. Lucile hopes to make the Reunion next year. We think a trip to New York is just what she needs! Val Comroy is in her new home in Shalimar, Florida. She loves it, even though she had plumbing problems in droves when she first moved in - she says the house leaked in nine places! When last heard from, at Reunion time, she was digging drainage ditches. Pearl Ernst still works for the telephone company in Portland, Oregon. Francis H. Griswold, Vice Commander in Chief, SAC, has been promoted to Lieutenant General. Molly Kelley is Suggestion System Administrator at Esso Standard Oil. At last! An expense account! Earle Prather has started a new business venture. He now owns the Anchor Bait and Tackle Company in Greenwood, S.C. Earle hopes to make the Reunion next year.

14TH BOMB GROUP - Jean F. Bressler (67th), also A-2 at 14th Wing Headquarters, lives in York, Penna. He and Gloria have two daughters, Kathy, 10 and Pamela, 7. Jean is a meter tester with the Metropolitan Edison Company, in York. He says he visited Gordon and Virginia Douglas over the 4th of July and had a wonderful time with them. "Doc" Douglas twisted his arm and he joined the Association. Thanks, Doc! Jean would like to get in touch with Capt. Russell Lehr, formerly of A-2, 14th Wing Headquarters, whose last known address was Sweet Springs, Missouri. K.E. Comer writes that a year ago last summer he met Col. Dexter Hodge in London and the two of them, with their wives, made an all-day trip to Shipham. They took a picnic lunch which they ate at the base of the old control tower. All the glass windows have been broken. He says the runways are all intact and looked to be in good shape, as was the perimeter track. The rest of the place is a hay field. He says the hangars are in good shape and are being used as storage houses for the Government. The mess halls, Officer's Club, E.M. Club and theatre are gone, but some of the concrete floors are still there so they could orient themselves. The Headquarters building was locked and all the windows were intact. However, they found a way in through the back door. The place was a mess with walls caved in and plaster all over the floor. He said they had trouble finding the field after they left the village of Shipham. They finally ended up coming in from the south from the old church and north past the 506th and 66th up to the Officer's Club. After they left the field, they went over to Norwich and visited all the old hangouts - especially the Bell and Castle Hotels. Edward M. Burtsavage (67th) is a physicist with the U.S. Radium Corp. He and Helen live in Berwick, Pa. with Linda, 6 and Edward 11. Ed would like to contact John Henry Lloyd, whose last address was Panama City, Florida, and Gordon Vaughn, Navigator. Anybody know where they are? Leon Johnson has been promoted to full General.

93RD BOMB GROUP - Clifford B. Collins (329th and 330th) lives in San Fernando, California. He and Lula May have two children, Linda Lou, age 12 and Larry Lee, 7. Cliff is an internal auditor for the Radioplane Company, Van Nuys, Calif. Daniel E. Kelly (329th) is a clerk in the Chase Manhattan Bank, International Department, in New York. Dan and Ovida parked little Dan, 5, Deborah, 1½ and Dennis 6 months and came to the Reunion. They live in North Merrick, Long Island. Joseph Wasserman is married and lives in Flushing, N.Y. He is a production manager.

392ND BOMB GROUP - Major Clair Paul Burtner, Jr. is a recruiting wing inspector at Wright Patterson AFB in Ohio. He and Peggy have three children: Paul, 13, Sally, 9 and David 4. He tells us that Dallett Jones, Red Cross Director at Wendling is now the Manager of the Pickwick Arms Hotel in Greenwich, Conn. Michael McBride and Evelyn live in Jersey City with Mike, Jr., 11, Elizabeth 7 and Robert 10. Mike is a roll grinder for the Wilbur B. Driver Co. of Newark. Hector McNeill, Jr. is the Manager of the Manufacturing Standards Department of the Norfolk Assembly Plant of Ford Motor Company. He and Rebekah have two children: Sandra and Kay, aged 11 and 8.

445TH BOMB GROUP - George Leininger (700th) is a machinery erector on heavy construction. He and Lucille live in Queens Village, New York with Karen Ann, age 11, Donna, 8 and Ricky, 2½. George would like to get in touch with Gordon Easterbrook. Donald Ruth (701st) and Sarah live in Scottdale, Penna. Donald is a banker and drive-in theater owner and operator. We have been asked to find out whether anyone knew anything about Woodard Charles (Woody) Watts (702nd). He was shot down over Hersfeld on September 27, 1944 and is thought to have been liberated from the POW camp at Moosburg, Germany, in April, 1945. His mother is very anxious to hear from anyone who remembers him. We have promised Mrs. Watts that we will do all we can to put her in touch with someone who knew her son. Will anyone who knew Woody, especially anyone who knew him in POW camp, please write to Mrs. W. F. Watts, Watts Pharmacy, Harding Road, Nashville, Tenn.

446TH BOMB GROUP - Harry Crane and Rose live in Woodhaven, N.Y. Harry is a salesman for Liebmann Breweries. In case you didn't know, they are the Brewers of Rheingold Extra Beer. Joseph W. Morrissey (705th) would like to know where he can get a copy of the 446th Group history. He lives at 185 Cedar Street, Stoughton, Mass. Dave Sweeney, can you help him?

448TH BOMB GROUP - Herman Decktor is owner of a package liquor store in Wilmington, Delaware, where he lives with Sylvia and two children: Ronny 15 and Elyse 10.

453RD BOMB GROUP - Manuel Gale (735th), Norma, and two boys: Stephen 12 and Mark 10, live in Keyport, N.J. Manuel is an investor.

466TH BOMB GROUP - Klemmet P. Ellefson (787th) is a partner with two brothers in a commercial fishing business and mink ranch. He lives in Washington Island, Wisconsin. William E. Hughes (755th) and Pauline live in Dayton, Ohio. Bill is a training officer at the Dayton Air Force Depot, Gentile Air Force Station. Oliver A. Shaw (756th) is Research Administrator with the Air Force Office of Scientific Research in Washington, D.C. He, Eleanor, and four children: Jo Ann 9, John 8, Terry 5 and Judy 3, live in Ellicott City, Maryland. Oliver would like to get in touch with Joe Warren, Ferdinand Fader and John Leeds. Myron Weekley (787th), Betty Jo, Cindy Rae, age 9, Gregory Scott, 4 and Larry Dean, 9 months old, live in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Myron is owner of an auto wrecking business. He would like to contact Larry Brehm.

355TH FIGHTER GROUP - Marion W. Bradley lives in Clovis, New Mexico. Three years ago he and his wife took a trip to Bluefield, West Virginia and Reading, Penna. He didn't have his list of addresses with him, so didn't see any of the 355th people he knows. Marion hopes to get to the Reunion in New Orleans in 1959.

361st FIGHTER GROUP - William L. Dowden (376th) is co-owner of Dowden's Dairy at Brandenburg, Kentucky. He and Dorothy have four children: Bill, Jr. 13, Betty Ann 11, Beverly Wilson 9 and Bobbie 6. Harold Nordlicht (A-2) lives in Long Beach, N.Y. and is at attorney at 51 Chambers Street, New York. He and Sylvia have two children: Ira 8 and Lea 5. Harold is active in the reserves. He is a Major in the 1568th JAGC-USAF, associated with the Judge Advocates Corps. Edward C. Razorsek (376th) is a carpenter and builder in Clairton, Penna. He and Emma have two girls and a boy: Janet 7, Carol 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ and Edward, Jr. 9. Richard B. Shults (376th) lives in Palatine Bridge, N.Y. with Barbara Jane and two children: Linda Jane 9 and Richard Russ 6. Dick is a power plant operator with the Beech Nut Life Savers, Inc. Richard L. Smith (376th) is a farmer on Route #5, Lafayette, Indiana. He and Betty have a son, Jerry R. age 4 and a daughter, Marla Ann, 15 months old. Dick would like to hear from anyone he knows. Says he lost his address book.

479TH FIGHTER GROUP - Albert DiNardi (436th) and Stella live in Philadelphia, Penna. Al is a machine operator at the Naval Air Materiel Center in Philadelphia.

This seems to be all the Group news we have for this time. Be sure to keep us posted on all your doings. Our spies send us anything they find in newspapers and magazines, but we'd rather have it direct.

LATE NEWS FLASH! General Kepner, who is Chairman of the Board of Radiation, Inc. gave a speech before the New York Society of Security Analysts last month. The only way we heard about it was through Irene Noble, in Indianapolis. Which proves what we just said about our spies!

We still have 2nd Air Division insignia available. However, from now on, in order to speed up delivery, you may send your orders, with check, directly to Steve Posner, 7 West 15th Street, New York. Heretofore the orders have gone from me, to Steve, to the manufacturer, back to me and then to you. It seems rather round about and time consuming, so Steve will handle it direct from now on and should be able to cut the time considerably. To refresh your memory, and for you who came in late, herewith is the price list:

Lapel pin available with clutch back, screw post or pin		\$1.50
Tie Slide - Insignia on Sterling Silver	\$3.00	Insignia on silver plated 2.00
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