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DEAR TROOPS:

MEMORIES!!!! MEMORIES!!!! MEMORIES!!!!

Ketteringham Hall! Horsham St. Faith! Wendling!
 Hethel! Tibenham! Hardwick! Bungay! Seething!
 Halesworth! Attlebridge! Backheath! Old Buckenham!
 North Pickenham! Steeple Morden! Haven't see you
 since the mission over Polesi or was it Salzburg....
 Isn't that Joe?..... Have you seen..... Let's see,
 you came back in..... Say, do you remember the day...
 Did John get to come to the Reunion?..... What are
 you doing for a living now?..... Where are the boys
 from the..... You haven't changed a bit since I last
 say you in.....!!!!

Yes, those are but a few of the snatches of conversation that you hear at the Reunions when old friends meet and the years slip away in remembering the good and the bad times shared together for a common cause. After the weekend of fun and remembering, you leave with a certain uplift of spirits that is hard to describe. Maybe it's a sense of well-being, I don't know. I just know that for me the years are rolled back and it seems as though it was just yesterday that I last saw you all.

Our 12th REUNION is almost upon us and we of the Executive Committee are doing our best to make it as enjoyable as the past reunions and naturally we are hoping that it is a little nicer. Much thought and planning is going on with you the members in mind and what we think you would like.

Your Reunion Committee consists of the following members:

Paul Surbaugh - Reunion Chairman
 Henry Moltier
 George Leininger
 Harold Hartner
 Ralph Levine

Let's all meet at the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York City on the 22d, 23rd & 24th of August.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - 22 August 1958

Registration
 11:00 - Executive Meeting
 6:30 to 9:30 - Cocktail Party

SATURDAY - 23 August 1958

1:00 to 3:00 - Business Meeting
 6:15 to 7:15 - Cocktail Party
 7:15 to 9:15 - Banquet
 9:15 to 1:00 - Dancing and liquid refreshments
 FREE until 1:00

SUNDAY - 23 August 1958

Disbursement of Troops.

Four solariums and swimming pool will be at our disposal.

A Hospitality Room will be available for the ladies.

Theatre tickets will be available at reduced prices and quite a few at two for the price of one. TV tickets will also be available. Make your desires known on the inclosed form so that we may have them ready and waiting for you.

The hotel rooms will be available to you two days prior to and two days following the Reunion dates at the reduced price of \$11.00 per day for double or twin and \$7.00 per day for Singles. The reservation forms will be sent to you in a separate letter along with the Schedule of Events and the prices. Be sure and make your reservations at least two weeks ahead of the opening date of the Reunion. That is for the hotel to receive them at that time. All rooms will be air-conditioned.

We'll see you there at the HENRY HUDSON HOTEL on 22, 23 and 24 August 1958. Dress is OPTIONAL for all events.



The Lord Mayor accepting the Roll of Honour from U. S. Ambassador Whitney.



City and County of Norwich

PRESENTATION OF THE ROLL OF HONOUR OF MEMBERS OF THE
2ND AIR DIVISION, UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE,
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN WORLD WAR II,
TO THE CUSTODY OF THE CITY OF NORWICH BY
THE AMBASSADOR FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(His Excellency John Hay Whitney)
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1958 AT 3 P.M.

PROGRAMME

The Lord Mayor of Norwich (Councillor T. C. Eaton, T.D.) accompanied by the Ambassador for the United States of America, and preceded by Major H. L. Bailey, Chaplain to the United States Air Force at Sculthorpe, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division, United States Army Air Force (T. D. Copeman, Esq.), and the Town Clerk of Norwich (Bernard D. Storey, Esq., C.B.E.) carrying the Rock Crystal Mace, and followed by the Sheriff of Norwich (Alderman A. E. Nicholls) and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Norwich (Alderman E. J. S. Hinde, J.P.) will leave the Parlour for the Council Chamber. The procession will be headed by the Lord Mayor's Officer carrying the St. George Mace. A Guard of Honour provided by the United States Air Force, Sculthorpe, will be at the entrance to the Council Chamber.

The Roll of Honour of members of the 2nd Air Division of the United States Army Air Force, who lost their lives in World War II, will be carried into the Council Chamber and placed on the table in front of the dais by two officers of the United States Air Force.

Major H. L. Bailey, Chaplain to the United States Air Force at Sculthorpe, will descend from the dais and, taking up a position immediately below the Lord Mayor, offer a Dedicatory Prayer.

The United States Air Force officers will then place the Roll of Honour before the Ambassador, who will present it to the Lord Mayor for keeping in the custody of the City.

The Lord Mayor will, on behalf of the citizens of Norwich, accept the Roll of Honour. The Ambassador will then present to the Lord Mayor a volume of the *Encyclopaedia Americana* as a token of the full Encyclopaedia, which is the first gift of books to be made to the City by the Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division of the United States Army Air Force.

The platform party, headed by the two United States Air Force officers carrying the Roll of Honour and escorted by the Guard of Honour, will proceed to the Regalia Room, where the Roll of Honour will be deposited.



Mr. Whitney with the Lord Mayor and the deputy Lord Mayor (Mr. E.J.S. Hinde) and the Sheriff (Mr. A.E. Nicholls) inspecting the Roll of Honour after it had been deposited in the regalia room of the City Hall where it will remain until it finds its permanent home in the new library.



Some of the Governors of the Memorial Trust photographed after the ceremony. Left to right (standing), Col. Richard H. Curtis, Air Attache, Mr. R.H. Mottram, Mr. Arthur South, Mr. Basil Cozens-Hardy (Clerk of the Governors), Miss Mayes (secretary to Mr. Cozens-Hardy), Mr. Cecil G. Gowing, Col. John G. Glover, U.S.A.F. Commander 47th Bombardment Wing, Sculthorpe; seated, Lady Mayhew, United States Ambassador Whitney, Mr. T.D. Copeman, chairman of the Governors, the Lord Mayor of Norwich, Mrs. Michael Barne, and Quintin E. Gurney.

All those present in the Council Chamber and the Gallery are asked to resume their seats after the platform party has left for the Regalia Room. An announcement will be made when the ceremony is concluded

HEADQUARTERS 2ND AIR DIVISION

Molly Kelley flies to Europe on 28th of June and returns on the 27th of July. Why didn't you tuck us in your baggage and take us along? Ray Strong writes that he hopes to resume regular attendance at the Reunions real soon. We do too, Ray. Will also send you Jim LaPonsie's new address as soon as I get it. Lida B. (Cowan) Thompson has added a new daughter to her family. Rena Owen informs us that Emma Rose All died on November 20, 1957, suddenly, in Savannah, Georgia and is survived by her husband, J. P. All and two young daughters, Rose Marie and Susan Lynn All. Maj. Gen. Charles B. Westover has been transferred from Dyess AFB, Texas to Hq. SAC D/Plans, Offutt AFB, Nebraska. John Paver visited at Ketteringham Hall in May and reports that all the huts are gone. He took some pictures which we shall show at the Reunion in August.

44th BOMB GROUP

Walter L. Hazelton is a Flight Engineer aboard a KC-97 while his wife Honey Lou keeps the home fires burning with their daughters Diana, 3½ yrs, Donna 2 yrs, and Denise six months.

93rd BOMB GROUP

Col. Charles T. Merrill now resides at 102 Meadow Drive, Fairborn, Ohio, while stationed at Wright Air Development Center and would like to hear from any of the old gang. Edward R. Stephens with wife Wanda and children Bonnie, 11 yrs. and Gregory 4 yrs. live in Newton, New Jersey, where he is a manager of G. L. F. Petroleum.

389th BOMB GROUP

Carl McClung decided after five years as a civilian to make the Air Force his career so he is back as a crew member aboard a C-124 "Globemaster". He is presently assigned McGuire AFB. Capt. S. E. Eliassen, Capt. Dwight Deming and Major Gomer Sneddon are also assigned to the same Squadron.

392nd BOMB GROUP

Whitney L. Barnes lives in Massapequa Park, N.Y. with his wife Marion and children Alice, 10 yrs and Linda, 2 yrs. He is a Crew Chief for Republic Aviation Corporation. Clyde E. Resce is the Assistant Cashier of the Summit Avenue Branch of the Bank of Greensboro in Greensboro, North Carolina. Clyde and Flora also manage three children - Clyde, 4 yrs, Ellen Sue, 2 yrs. and Bradley, 9 months. Morrison S. Helderman owns and operates a ladies full fashioned hosiery mill in Paw Creek, North Carolina, while Elizabeth cares for Morrison aged 4 and Randolph aged 1. Rudolph Dixon is an auto mechanic in Rowayton, Conn. Edward Batenick a Jet Aircraft Mechanic in Clairton, Pa., lives with wife Irene and three children - Susan 6 yrs, Mary Lou 4 yrs. and Gerry 2 yrs. Albert D. Hobstetter is an accountant with George W. Timmons, General Contractor, in Columbus, Ohio. His family consists of Phyllis and their three children David, 8 yrs, Gary 6 yrs and Susan 3 yrs. Paul C. MacDonald and wife Daphne and son Raymond 9½ yrs old live in Danville, New York where he is a partner in auto parts.

446th BOMB GROUP

William B. Myers writes from Grandview, Washington, where he and Myrtle reside with their four children Martin 10 yrs, John 9 yrs, Susan 7 yrs and Brent 4 yrs. to just tell the boys "Hello" and Please don't give any more of the country back to the Indians. He is the

owner of hydraulic machinery and equipment. Vere A. McCarty is Manager, Service Division, Department of Veterans' Affairs, in Salem, Oregon. Should any of the gang (446th BG or Hq. 20th Wing) get out his way, he hopes they will call him at either the Portland or Salem Office. Stanley Porter is Manager of Porter Ready-Mix Inc. and also employed with Porter Lumber Company. Stanley, Donna and children Candice 11 yrs, William 7, Peggy 4 yrs and Herbert 1 month, live in Morenci, Mich. Walter C. Hopper, Jr., Jody and children Walter 7 yrs and Robert 5 yrs. live in Barbourville, Kentucky where he is a Funeral Director of the Hopper Funeral Home.

445th BOMB GROUP

Charles H. Beyer is a Fleet Service Clerk for American Airlines at La Guardia Airport. Charles and Virginia live in Woodhaven, New York.

448th BOMB GROUP

Robert S. Calkins and wife Betty and two children William 11 yrs and Julia 9 yrs live in Peoria, Ill. where Robert is an attorney with offices in the First National Bank Bldg. We do hope you'll be able to attend the Reunion this year.

453rd BOMB GROUP

Reid A. Pringle is Principal of Warner and Camillus Elementary Schools in Warners, New York. He would like to contact Jack Harrington, John Stoermer, Cols. Hubbard, Sears, Hoffman and so many others. If any of you have names and addresses would you please send them to Reid at Warners, New York. Mac Ellison (Formerly Max Sklansky) is a Public Accountant in Fallside, Fort Lee, New Jersey. Mac and Lillian have two children Evan Paul 5 yrs and Gail 3 yrs.

466th BOMB GROUP

James B. F. Russell is a Drainage Contractor and Private Forest Caretaker in Waverly, Georgia. We hope you'll be able to be with us again this year at the Reunion in New York. Vance J. Elliott is practising medicine in Odessa, Texas where he resides with wife Alberta and two children Cathy 15 yrs and Vancene age 18. Eugene Tostanoski and Regina and two children Mike 7 yrs and Vera 2 yrs. live in Yonkers, New York, where he is V-President of Drive It Yourself, Inc. and President of Triboro Drive Yourself.

492nd BOMB GROUP

Ernest M. Gavitt is Manager - Accounting Machine Sales of The National Cash Register Co., in Bronx, N. Y. Ernest and Arline live in Rye Town - Port Chester, N.Y. with their two children Scott 4½ yrs and Judy 2½ yrs.

56th FIGHTER GROUP

Jerry D. Cavallerano is self-employed as a builder and construction of homes and repairs. Jerry and Theresa live in Harrison, New York with their three children Anthony 11½ yrs, Jerry 9½ yrs and Jon Joseph 7½ yrs of age.

355th FIGHTER GROUP

Major Leslie D. Minchew is stationed at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. where he is Chief, Senior Training, Hq. CAP. Les and Barbara with their two children live at 403 Audrey Lane, Washington, D.C. Lt. Col. Robert E. Woody is also stationed with him at CAP. Richard S. Umstead and Theresa with their two children Kathy 13 yrs and Eileen 10 yrs live in Yardville, N.J. Richard is kept busy as a home builder.

361st FIGHTER GROUP

Carl L. Noggler is a Sales Manager, Ohio Homes, Inc., and a dealer - builder of National Homes. Carl and Pauline along with their children Carline 11 yrs, Daryl 9 yrs and Melissa 5 yrs. live at 106 Cherokee Drive, Loveland, Ohio.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Quite a few Newsletters were returned to me for lack of a correct address. Some of you have moved and left no forwarding address. We would like very much for you to receive the Newsletter, but is impossible to do so unless you provide us with your correct mailing address. We use a Bulk Rate Mailing Permit which gives me your last known address which costs the Association five (5) cents. However, there is only one drawback to this system and that is when I get your new address, you don't get the Newsletter. It is either returned to me or is filed in File 13 and you know where that is (THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE). Several members missed the Reunion last year because by the time the original Newsletter was returned to us and another one sent out, it was too late to make Reunion plans. The last Newsletter was mailed out in April and I am still receiving them back for better addresses. So you see, it takes a long time for the wheels to turn. Even though you have moved to a new address in the same town, they are being returned to me. So won't you please just take a couple of minutes, jot down your new address on a post-card and drop it into the mail and we'll do the rest. Many, Many thanks to you who have done so in the past.

DUES! DUES! DUES!

How about checking your Membership Card to see if your dues are paid up or about to expire. If they are due or past due, why don't you get your check in the mail today so that you won't be dropped for non-payment of dues. In the past, we have been mailing you the Newsletter even though your dues were delinquent. However, due to the increased cost of printing and mailing we have been forced to drop your name as soon as your dues become delinquent. For your convenience, I will list the types of membership available: Life \$25.00, 5 years \$12.00, Annual \$3.00. Take your choice and mail your check to: EVELYN COHEN, 5448 Euclid Ave., Philadelphia 31, Pa.

Hathy Veynar
1125 Bristow Drive
Annandale, Va.

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Annandale Va.
Permit # 3.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

A Membership Roster is in the process of being prepared and will be available at the Reunion this August. We have had numerous requests for a roster. It is a long hard job getting it typed and ready for the printers, but I'll do my good "deed" for the members of the Association and prepare it. Of necessity there will be a small charge to cover the cost of printing. My labor I shall give to you free. If you are unable to attend the Reunion in August and would like to have a copy, just send your money to me and I shall be more than happy to send it to you. The cost is to be \$.25. They will be ready for distribution on or about the 1st of August.

SEE YOU IN NEW YORK

HENRY HUDSON HOTEL

22, 23, 24 AUGUST 1958

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