



# NEWSLETTER



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## A note from

your delinquent Secretary:

Apologies are in order for the lateness in getting this newsletter out to you--in view of the fact that reunion time is almost upon us. So, please:

1. Come to the reunion. Arrive on Friday the 14th if at all possible. We'll have a big time Friday night, and all day Saturday and at the banquet on Saturday night.

2. Send your hotel reservation cards in immediately. Reservations must be made by Sept. 30th in order to be certain of getting a room in the block set aside for 2 AD.

3. Return the separate card to me so we'll know how many to plan for. Even if you can't come, send the card to me with a note about yourself or someone else so we can put some news in the newsletter.

All of you former officers and committee chairmen are urged to send to me any files or material of permanent value that should be put in our files. I am trying to set up some archives and records.

Following is the bulk of a letter which I recently received from General Kepner:

"...I have just visited "Norwich" and lunched with the Lord Mayor together with about 16 others, some of whom are British members of our Memorial Committee.

"They assured me the Library is starting this October. Some excavation has been done. I am very much encouraged. I talked by phone to Mr. Tom Copeman who is chairman of the committee and was Lord Mayor two years ago. The committee meets about October 6 for some final decisions. They think (Tom thinks) they will consider using some left over money to build a fountain outside the front as a part of the memorial. I told him I would not want a fountain at the expense of part of the entrances and reading rooms, but if we could build an appropriate entrance - plaques, etc. - and our original reading room without asking for more funds, I would agree as one member of the 2 AD. However, I thought it ought to be threshed out by the combined committee at the next meeting.

"Personally, if we can get a dignified and suitable entrance hall as we planned, and a satisfactory reading room, I think it, 'the Fountain,' is a good idea that I would support. You know we originally

planned a room on each side of the entrance. Somewhere it has been decided now to have one room as I understand from the model.

"Our book of remembrance is a thing of dignified beauty and compares favorably with General Eisenhower's book of Americana in St. Paul's Cathedral or the British book in 'Westminster Abbey'. I have seen both.

"I can only describe ours as bound in heavy blue cover, trimmed in silver. And the lettering of names is in plain 'Roman' gold and black type--so-ie; W. E. Kepner. They still turn a new page each day. It rests on a table in the glass case, in the room where the Norwich Maces and implements of office are kept, which, as you recall, makes a prominent display room outside the Lord Mayor's Office on the second floor of the town hall.

"I trust this will be welcome news to our members, if not at the reunion, than in a later 'newsletter'. I enjoyed my visit and met friends of almost everyone. Many questions were asked about many members of 2 AD. They are enthusiastic about members of 2 AD taking part (attending as a group) in the dedication. The Lord Mayor thinks it could be in 1961 if we dedicate an unfinished building. Some members of the Memorial Committee think 1962 might be better as a date for planning. I, personally, think either would possibly do, but favor 1962 as being a more positive date. I hope to be here whenever the association decides to come, either as a 'reunion' or as a 'group' organized to assist in the dedication. Let the troops decide!

Sincerely,

W. E. Kepner  
Lt. Gen. USAR, Ret.  
2 AD for life."

Also, for your information, the latest report of the treasurer, Charlie Stine, is as follows:

### SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 1960

Balance August 1, 1959	\$ 1,769.84
<b>CREDITS</b>	
Membership Dues (to date)	991.00
Reunion Fund (Cocktail party and Banquet)	746.00
Sale of Rosters at Reunion	3.00
	<u>1,740.00</u>
	3,509.84

DEBITS

Postage (To Date)	211.46	
Newsletter - (Aug. 1959--89.00)		
(Jan. 1960--67.00)		
(June 1960--105.50)	261.50	
Telephone (Hathy)	7.70	
Grant to Evelyn & Hathy at reunion	200.00	
Riley and Goss (Accordionist at Cocketail party)	40.00	
Post Office Trust Fund (Annan-dale, Va.)	5.00	
Convention Expense (Hotel Pick-Congress)	900.91	
Howard W. Moore (Flowers for Banquet Table & Railway Express Charges to send Hotel Brochures & Registration Forms, etc. to Hathy)	10.42	
Flowers (Richard Clough Funeral)	20.00	
		<u>1,656.99</u>
		1,852.85
Less \$55.00 2 AD Scholarship Fund		- 55.00
True Working Balance August 31, 1960	\$ 1,797.85	

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ADDITIONS

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*Dear Troops:*

Summer is fast drawing to a close and back to school is the by-word. We of the 2nd Air Division Association are busy making plans for the 13th Annual Reunion being held in Washington, D. C. at the Statler Hilton Hotel the 11th, 15th and 16th of October.

The old adage "Haste Makes Waste" was certainly true in my case with the last Newsletter. We were busy moving from Maxwell AFB to Keesler AFB and I wanted to get a Newsletter off to you before we left. The result - - at least three "goofs". One was the omission of Ray Strong's address on the cover; secondly, incorrect quotation of prices for hotel rooms (which should have been \$14.00 single and \$16.00 double per day); thirdly; I forgot to sign the issue. On second thought maybe it was a good idea. However; I must confess my errors. The cost of the rooms are just a little bit more than we have been paying in the past, but we felt that it would be more than compensated for by the fact that the location of the hotel makes it convenient to downtown and and within walking distance to any number of restaurants, places of entertainment and shopping. In other words, it will be much easier to combine business with pleasure and make your stay there much more enjoyable.

Come and join us in Washington for the Reunion and see old friends once again. See you there???????????

NEWS OF NORWICH

Edd Hunton, Wing Commander of the West Coast Wing, sent me a clipping from the Norwich Eastern Daily Press which I shall quote for your information:

Welcome For U. S. Veterans

"The many delays which have prevented the completion of the USAAF, 2nd Air Division's war memorial in Norwich which is to be incorporated in the proposed central library seem likely to be ended at last. The City Libraries Committee heard yesterday that if all goes well the building should go to tender this coming summer. If that proves possible, a completion date two years from then would be feasible.

The information has been taken note of across the Atlantic for the committee was told that surviving veterans of the division, who have their own association, would like to hold their annual gathering in Norwich in 1962. The members would charter aircraft to bring the party over to Britain -- if possible to a Norfolk airfield. There are many people in Norwich and Norfolk who would welcome the opportunity to renew old friendships, and we can think of no better way of marking the opening of the memorial room and of recognizing the generous help that has been given by American friends."

Carl McClung, formerly with the 389th has just returned from a trip to England and gives us the following information. Carl had just visited Hethel Air Base which had a somewhat familiar look but looked quite a bit different with everything closed lock stock and barrel with the exception of one family living in one of the buildings on the line and a big junk and war surplus yard. The hospital, officers' club, briefing room (he believes), interrogation building, hangars, shops, M.P. Headquarters and most of the barracks, (although his had been torn down). Most of the barracks still intact had been converted to family living quarters and then deserted. The runway was still there but cracked and the tower closed. While he was in Norwich, they had just recently begun breaking ground for the Memorial Library.

Part of the above reminds me of the movie "Twelve O'Clock High".

Percy Young, Memorial Trust Fund Chairman, has requested from Mr. Cozens-Hardy the latest financial statement of the Memorial Trust Fund, as well as

the latest information, both as to the present progress being made on the library building and the date they would consider most likely and appropriate for memorial services, in connection with the dedication of the memorial room. This information will be given at the Business Meeting on the 16th of October.

## WERE YOU THERE?

Were you by any chance in any of the pictures published in the last issue of the Newsletter? If so, how about dropping me a line and letting me know which one was you and what you are now doing. I ran across these pictures and thought it would be interesting to put some names to these faces. Write to me at 160 Ben Avon Road, Biloxi, Mississippi.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Marilyn (Fritzie) Snyder made Lt. Colonel on the last promotion list. Our congratulations to you.

## DECEASED

The Mid-Atlantic Wing was quite saddened at their get-together in June. They had gathered at the home of Dick Clough (formerly with the 389th) and were awaiting his arrival from work when they received the news that he had been killed in an automobile accident. Dick was also a Past President of the Association and we wish to extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Vance Clough.

## DUES! DUES! DUES!

Are your dues up to date? If not, let's get busy and get them off to Evelyn Cohen right away so that she can give a full report at the Business Meeting. Her address is: 5448 Euclid Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

## BITS AND CHIPS

My Bits and Chips column is conspicuous by its absence. Why??? You guessed it. No NEWS. This is the first time I haven't had any information for this column. I'd hate to give up this part of the Newsletter. Let me ask you a question. What part of the Newsletter do you read first? I'll bet it's Bits and Chips. If you are interested in what is happening to your ex-buddies, then by the same token they must be interested in what is happening to you. I'd be happy to print a whole Newsletter with nothing but Bits and Chips if you'd just drop me a line and let me know what is happening to you. It doesn't need to be world shaking. Just that you are alive and kicking is enough. How about it?

*Nathyn Snyder*  
Publicity Vice-President

Be sure to come to the reunion. Send in your hotel reservation immediately -

The pictures of the model of the Norwich library came from Perry Young.

If you can't come to the reunion in Washington, at least return the card to me with some news about yourself, or anyone, so we can put it in the newsletter - Write me!

Ray Strong  
If you prefer, write Nathyn.

