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*Dear Troops :*

The 13th Annual Reunion which was held in Washington, D.C. the 14th, 15th and 16th of October is now chucked up in the annals of the Second Air Division Association. We missed a lot of old familiar faces but saw a lot of new faces to our gatherings. I had hoped to be able to include a picture of the reunion but the photographer goofed and it didn't come out clear enough to be reproduced.

The 14th Annual Reunion is already in the planning stages and will be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in October 1961. The February Newsletter will carry all the details of the Reunion so that you can make your plans well in advance to attend this Reunion.

Election of officers resulted in the following members being elected;

John Karoly	-	President
Charles Stine	-	Vice-President
Raymond Strong	-	Executive Secretary
Dean Moyer	-	Treasurer
Evelyn Cohen	-	Membership
Hathy Veynar	-	Publicity
Percy Young	-	Military Affairs

I have included Raymond Strong - Executive Secretary in the above slate of officers for the benefit of new members who may not be aware of the fact that Ray is our Permanent Executive Secretary. His address is as follows;

2nd Air Division Association  
Raymond E. Strong, Executive Secretary  
102 Bradley Road  
P.O. Box 1330  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

It was voted upon that the 1962 Reunion is to be held in Norwich, England, in conjunction with the formal dedication of the American Room of the new Norwich Library which is now under construction. More information on this Reunion will be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The motion was made, seconded and carried that each member of the 2nd Air Division Association who registered for the Reunion in Washington, D. C., October 14 - 16, was hereby appointed, and recognized as, an official delegate representing the last organization with which he served in the 2nd Air Division prior to 1 June 1945. Anyone desiring further information pertaining to income deduction as a delegate may obtain this from Ray Strong.

Lt. Col. George H. Groff, USAF, was our Banquet Speaker and gave a most interesting talk on Communist Propaganda which is of vital concern to all of us.

## REUNION ATTENDANCE

Those who joined in the merriment at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Washington, D. C. were: Howie and Jo Baum, Hq. 2AD; Frederick H. Beard, 44th; Rose "Halloran" Berwaldt, Hq. 2AD; Allan G. Blue (brother of Malcolm L. Blue, KIA) 491st; John Butler, 93rd; Vance B. Clough (Wife of Dick Clough - Deceased) 389th; Evelyn Cohen, Hq. 2AD; Valerie "Brinegar" Conroy, Hq. 2AD; Helen "Di Alfonso" Corbett, Hq. 2AD; Dorothea Cully, Hq. 2AD; John J. Cunningham, Hq. 2AD; Elmer and Jeanne Fischer, 445th; Walter and Dorothy Gibson, 389th; Jim and Peggy Harrigan, 458th; John P. Karoly, Hq. 2AD; Daniel and Ovida Kelly, 389th; Howard W. Lawrence, 392nd; Ralph Levine, 445th; Col. Charles and Mrs. Merrill, 93rd; Howard and Gladys Moore, Hq. 2AD; James and Lorraine Morgan, 389th; Dean and Deanie Moyer, Hq. 2AD; Andrew and Peggy Narel, 466th; Derise Nichols, 44th; Beatrice B. Puch, Hq. 2AD; Anthony Schlonski, 445th; Richard and Barbara Shults, 361st; Wallace and Marilyn "Fritzie" Snyder, Hq. 2AD; Charles Stine, 445th; Raymond and Ruth Strong, Hq. 2AD; David F. Sweeney, 446th; Jackie "Gra Hovac" Turchet, 2AD; Hathy "Hathaway" Veynar, Hq. 2AD; Bill and Guity Wambold, Hq. 2AD; John and "Beans" Watson, 466th; Emma Joe Whitlatch, Hq. 2AD; and Percy Young, Hq. 2AD.

## WEST COAST WING

The WEST COAST WING sent Jackie "Gra Novac" Turchet, Past Treasurer of the West Coast Wing, as their delegate to the Reunion. We were most happy to have a representation of our West Coast Wing. Jackie reported that the West Coast Wing is growing in membership and that several get-togethers have taken place. The matter of dues was brought before the business meeting and it was voted that the dues of the West Coast Wing would be three dollars (\$3.00) per year for each member and that \$2.00 of this amount would be retained by the Wing Treasury and \$1.00 forwarded to the 2nd Air Division Association. Jackie also stated that members of the West Coast Wing would like to attend the 1962 Reunion to be held in Norwich. This will be taken into consideration when plans are being formulated and will be published in the February Newsletter.

### Bits and Chips

Here I am back again with my Bits and Chips. Thanks to all of you for your wonderful response. Just keep up the good work and I'll be more than happy.

## HQ, 2D AIR DIV

Bob Ereitenfeld was pleasantly surprised to see his picture published in the Newsletter with the 18th Weather Squadron which was taken on the lawn of Ketteringham Hall some fifteen years ago. Lucile M. Carter has done us proud with her 10 years as Clerk of the District Office in Topeka, Kansas. Bill S. Coburn has joined the West Coast Wing and hopes to attend its next reunion. City Management keeps Bill as busy in California as it did in Virginia. James T. Coulthard transmitted a hearty "Hello" to those attending the Reunion in Washington, D. C. Harvey C. Elliott was unable to attend the Reunion but hopes to make the Norwich trip. Raymond A. Hess was in the same boat as Harvey but expects to make the Norwich trip. Edd W. Hunton, Past Commander of the West Coast Wing sends his best regards to everyone. Molly T. Kelley went to Hawaii this past summer and talked to Carol Everingham who is stationed at Hickam AFB. Carol was also married in August of this year. Molly also reports that Rose Donahue's mother passed away in October. Ricky and Jim Kiernan are being kept busy with their five boys and three girls and would very much like to hear from old friends. John S. Means has finally settled in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and has become a beachcomber. Alvin A. Munn is now at the Pentagon as the Geographer to OACSI, DIA. Lewis C. Oldham, Jr. was unable to attend the Reunion since business was taking him to Chicago. However, he was hoping to call some of the boys if time permitted. Maria Mitchell Orr sent her very best regards to each and everyone attending the Reunion. Rena E. Owen sent clippings from the Eastern Evening News of Norwich which contained pictures showing the site clearance for the new library on Bethel Street and also of Lt. General Kepner and Mrs. Kepner on their trip to Norwich in August. Everyone at the Reunion thoroughly enjoyed seeing the pictures. Thanks a million. Merton "Robbie" Roberts is still in the school business at Hicksville High on Long Island. Percy C. Young is now associated with the Law Offices of Black and Young in the Falls Building in Memphis.

## 44TH BOMB GROUP

John H. Davis hopes to be able to join us in Norwich for the '62 Reunion. W. Gordon Douglas enjoyed a visit in July from Robert G. Haggart of Gardena, Calif., 44th BG Base Post Office. Bob is retired and touring the U.S. visiting all his old buddies and showing a wonderful collection of color slides made on a return visit to Norwich and the Western part of Europe. After his tour through the Eastern U.S., Bob plans to spend some time with Robert Fink, Deloit, Iowa, also 44th Base Post Office. Bob expected to arrive in Iowa in time to help with the

harvest at the Fink farm. Fred R. Dent, Jr. Maj. Gen. (Ret) and wife Corra Lynn live at 1111 Gypsy Lane in Towson, Maryland. Fred's family consists of three children; a son 1st Lt. Fred R. Dent, III, who is following in his Dad's footsteps and serving with USAF; a daughter, Mrs. J. R. Boykin and another son David H. Dent. Fred is Program Manager, Mace Missile at the Martin Company in Baltimore. Charles P. Norris has resigned as Executive Vice President of Summit Fast Freight, Inc., and is now associated with Freight, Inc. which has its home office in Akron, Ohio. Rudolph W. Tressel with wife Yolande, son Albert and daughter Janine have been in Persia since June 1960. They are located near the Caspian Sea close to the town of Behshahr and is training the Imperial Iranian Air Force. Rudy says the country is beautiful and that their living conditions are like stateside except expensive. Rudy and his wife expect to join us in Norwich for the '62 Reunion.

## 93RD BOMB GROUP

M/Sgt William M. Culin is now stationed at Ramstein, Germany as the Provost Sergeant. Bill expects to retire in 1966 and settle near Johnstown, Pa. John R. Philpott is still in Lexington, N. C. in the Furniture business. Cal Stewart was unable to attend the Reunion since he had a scheduled trip to Washington and New York City in November.

## 389TH BOMB GROUP

Frank J. Batura sent his regrets at not being able to attend the Reunion but hoped that everyone would have a good time. John D. Kauffman is now working for the Post Office as a Rural Letter Carrier and would appreciate hearing from anyone from the 565th Engineering Department. Daniel E. Kelly has been appointed Assistant Treasurer of The Chase Manhattan Bank. James H. Middleton attended the West Coast Wing Ding at Santa Barbara and enjoyed meeting old friends and making new ones. John M. Paramuk was in Wisconsin at the time of the Reunion but hopes to be in town for the next one. Albert Pede hopes to join us next year at the Reunion in Pittsburgh.

## 392ND BOMB GROUP

Robert F. Gries is interested in news from members of the 392nd Bomb Group. How about sending me some news so that I can print it in the next Newsletter? All contributions gladly accepted.

## 445TH BOMB GROUP

Thomas J. Duff now has his Massachusetts Journeyman Electricians License and is presently working as a construction electrician for Western Electric Company at their Merrimack Valley Works in North Andover, Mass.

## 453RD BOMB GROUP

We welcome Roy W. Carlson to our Association. Roy lives on Union Street, Norfolk, Mass. Mac Ellison (formerly Max Skiansky) is the 1st Commander of the New North Jersey Memorial Post #741 Jewish War Veterans for Fort Lee, Cliffside Park, Englewood Cliffs, Fairview, Ridgefield and Edgewater. Anyone wishing further information may contact Mac at 11140 Anderson Avenue, Palisade, Fort Lee, New Jersey.

## 458TH BOMB GROUP

John H. Davis plans to join us at the Reunion in Norwich.

## 361ST FGTR GROUP

Business kept Henry C. Molter from attending the Reunion but he wished to give his best regards to everyone.

## 466TH BOMB GROUP

J. M. "Pappy" Daniels sent his regrets at not being able to attend the Reunion but sent his best regards to everyone. We missed John M. Jacobowitz at the Reunion but hope that he can fit it into his schedule next year at Pittsburgh. John wished to be remembered to everyone.

### GROUP HISTORIES

We are still having requests for Group Histories. Anyone in possession of any group histories who can tell us where we might obtain them would be doing us a favor. We have a request for the 453rd Group History.

### MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

The last Newsletter carried two pictures of the architect's design for the new library which is under construction in Norwich, England. This library will contain the much awaited American Room. The Roll of Honour which contains the names of the men of the 2nd Air Division who gave their lives is to be prominently displayed in this room. American books and periodicals are also to be stocked in this room.

The target date for completion of this library is set for 31 July 1962. The formal dedication ceremonies are to take place the last week in September or early October. The British are as anxious for us to be present for these ceremonies as we are to be there.

The 2nd Air Division Association voted that the 1962 Reunion would be held in Norwich in conjunction with the dedication ceremonies. The Reunion Committee for the 1962 Reunion is as follows:

Percy Young - Reunion Advisor  
 Hathy Veynar - Reunion Chairman  
 Evelyn Cohen - Reunion Co-Chairman

The final rules and regulations will be included in the February Newsletter. However, I can give you a few highlights at this time.

An aircraft or aircrafts (depending on the number desiring to make this trip) will be chartered to leave from either Chicago or New York at an approximate cost of slightly less than \$300 per person round trip to London or Sculthorpe.

You must be an active dues paying member of the 2nd Air Division Association for a period of not less than six months prior to the trip.

A payment plan comparable to a Christmas Club will be set up for those of you who would like to pay a little at a time.

All correspondence pertaining to the Norwich reunion will be addressed to:

Hathy Veynar  
 2nd Air Division Association  
 160 Ben Avon Road  
 Biloxi, Mississippi

The following report of the Memorial Trust Fund was presented by Percy Young:

General Fund		Middle Price
Assets as of 23 September 1960		
£1,301.17. 8.	3% Savings Bonds 1965/75	71½ 930.16.11
£8,351. 6. 9.	3% Savings Bonds 1960/70	78½ 6555.15. 9
£7,996.10.11.	2½% Saving Bonds 1964/67	83 6637. 2. 8
£2,000. - . - .	City of Norwich Corporation 6% Mortgage Loan (Repayable 30.9.1965)	2000. - . - .
£600. - . - .	5% Defence Bonds	par 600. - . - .
£400. - . - .	City of Norwich Corporation 5½% Mortgage Loan (Repayable 31.3.64)	par 400. - . - .
Capital Cash		35. - . - .
		<u>£17158.15. 4.</u>

Accumulated Income Fund		7B/C.731B
£622. - . 9.	3% Savings Bonds 1955/65	88½ 550.10. - .
£25. 8.11.	3% Savings Bonds 1965/75	71½ 18. 3.10.
£1239.17. 5.	3% Savings Bonds 1960/70	78½ 973. 6. - .
£1800. - / - .	City of Norwich Corporation 5½% Mortgage Loan (Red. 31.3.1962)	par 1800. - . - .
£1000. - . - .	City of Norwich Corporation 6% Mortgage Loan (Repayable 30.9.65)	par 1000. - . - .
£1400. - . - .	5% Defence Bonds	par 1400. - . - .
£600. - . - .	City of Norwich Corporation 5½% Mortgage Loan (Repayable 31.3.64)	par 600. - . - .
Accumulated income cash in hand.		108.17. 8.
		<u>£6910.17. 5.</u>

## 467TH BOMB GROUP

Charles J. Ercegovac of Route 4, Merrill, Wisconsin, would like to contact Allen Healy formerly of Evanston, Illinois, and who served with the 467th.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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NEW MEMBERS

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Dent, Fred R., Maj. Gen. (Ret), 1111 Gypsy Lane West,  
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