



# NEWSLETTER

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## DEAR TROOPS,

Plans are very much underway for both this year's Reunion to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., and for the Formal Dedication of the American Room of the Norwich Library in England next year.

Our President, John Karoly, sends his personal greetings to everyone and his earnest hope that you will be able to attend the Reunion in Pittsburgh. The aim of the Reunion Committee is to reduce the cost of the Reunion this year. The final Schedule of Events has not been completed but I do know that the Cocktail Party as such is being eliminated this year in favor of a Hospitality Room where we will all meet at the time normally given to the Cocktail Party. John is sending the prices of the hotel rooms to Ray Strong to be included in this Newsletter so I'll let Ray give you this information elsewhere in this Newsletter. If you would please fill in the questionnaire that is included in this Newsletter, it will be of great assistance to the Reunion Committee. It will give them a better idea of just how large a Hospitality Room to engage and just what activities to plan. It is rather difficult to know just what you would like if you don't make your wishes known. This is your Reunion and get-together and the Committee would like to make it one that you will remember all year long. So get that pencil in hand and jot down what you would like to do. If you just want to sit with your feet up on a desk, just say so and they'll do their best to find a desk. This may sound just a little bit exaggerated but I'm sure you get the point. Also, if the wives would like special activities planned for them, we can do; however, the wives are included in all the activities except the general business meeting and the wives have seemed to enjoy being considered as "one of the gang". So, if this is to be your first Reunion, come prepared to join in with the gang and have a good time.

The Reunion Committee is composed of the following members with more to be added later:

DEAN MOYER - REUNION CHAIRMAN  
CHARLIE STINE     HARRY SCHWEPPE  
GEORGE DIKUN     JOHN MEDKER  
EVELYN COHEN     MARIE EISENHUTH  
MARIE CIZEK

Final Schedule of Events will be published the first of September. However, put a circle around the 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH of October and plan to be with us at the Pittsburgh Hilton in Pittsburgh, Pa.

We'll be waiting for your arrival.

## 1962 NORWICH REUNION

I didn't realize just how much was involved in planning the trip to Norwich, England, and my estimate of February was slightly off, I would say. Plans are coming along just fine but I do need your assistance before final plans can be made. I would like to make it as convenient as possible for all concerned so that it will be more enjoyable. Consequently, I need all the information on the inclosed questionnaire.

The chartering of an aircraft is governed by the regulations of the International Air Transport Association and the Civil Aeronautics Board of the United States.

That portion of the Rules and Regulations which applies to you is as follows:

All passengers traveling on the charter must have been members at the time of application for the charter and must have been such a member for at least six months prior to departure date.

Only bonafide members and their dependent immediate families, living in the same household, are eligible to travel.

As a word to the wise, let me quote a part of the charter application. "If it is discovered that any of the individuals of such members (i.e., parents living in the same household as such members, spouses or dependent children) or if any of the answers to the questions set out herein are false, or should the carrier become aware of any conditions which are inconsistent with the rules and regulations of proper aeronautical authorities respecting the formation of charter groups to which the carrier must conform, the charter is subject to cancellation and without liability to the carrier." This cancellation can take place either before or during the flight. I bring this to your attention so that you will not innocently jeopardize the charter flight.

There is no limit as to the number of immediate dependents that you may take.

There will be no reduction in the rate for children.

The income tax deduction will apply only to the member making the trip.

A Registration Fee of \$15 per person, which is not returnable, must accompany the application to cover expenditures involved in setting up the charter.

The flight will leave on or about the 15th of October 1962 and returning on a date to be determined after completion of the inclosed questionnaire. Also the place of departure will be determined from the same source.

A tentative charter application has been made with Pan American World Airways for a DC-7C which has approximately 87 seats. A final confirmation can not be made until I have received your applications. Reservations will be made on a first come basis. However, if there are enough reservations to warrant the chartering of another aircraft, we can do so.

I know this is the part you have been waiting for. How much will it cost me? This again must be determined from the inclosed questionnaire. The maximum cost will be \$325 and the minimum cost will be \$225, per person, round trip. This variation in price covers the most (i.e., Departing Chicago in September or October and returning from Paris to Chicago in October) and the least (i.e., Departing New York in September or October and returning from Paris to New York in October). The cost will be less if we return in November. You might bear this in mind while you are making your preferences.

Your application must also be accompanied with a \$50.00 deposit in addition to the Registration Fee. The exact fare will be determined after I have compiled the questionnaires. Any monies not used will be returned to you after the termination of the flight.

The balance of the fare must be paid not later than 1 July 1962, in three equal installments. Those desiring to make monthly installments may do so. If you are forced to make a cancellation, this must be done before 1 July 1962 and your money will be returned to you. We cannot make any cancellations after this date, unless someone is waiting to pick up a cancellation.

One of our members is planning a trip over to England during the late summer this year and will bring back a report to the membership at the October meeting which will be held in Pittsburgh. We are hoping that it will be Percy Young since he is our Advisor on the Memorial Trust Fund and is up-to-date on the progress of this Memorial. We will have a better idea of just what activities are being planned for this formal dedication.

My next door neighbor here at Keesler who was born in England but is now a naturalized citizen was kind enough to have one of her relatives bring me a AA Book when coming to the States for a visit recently. It lists the hotels in England with the exception of London. I'll give you the information that it lists for the hotels in Norwich:

\*\*\* Castle, 90 rooms; HC; private bath 13, central heating; Lift; Night Porter(s) on Duty; TV available; BB (Bed & Breakfast) charges 27/6 (27 shillings and sixpence) to 35/.

\*\*\* Maid's Head, 64 rooms HC; pb 5, NP, BB. 27/6 to 30/.

\*\* Bell, 41 rooms; HC; (A)(Annex) 13 rooms; HC; NP; BB 22/6.

\*\*\* Royal, 95 rooms; HC; pb 10; Lift; NP; TV; BB 30/ to 32/6.

Don't these hotel names sound familiar? The above listing is to give you some idea of what the price of rooms will be. The shilling is now worth about 14¢ in American money.

I guess that about covers all the information about the Norwich trip that I have right at the present moment. So, if you are planning on making this trip with us, please send in the questionnaire right away so that the applications can be printed and returned to you as soon as possible.



## CHANGE of ADDRESS

- Barnes, Edwin A., 45C Sandpiper Apts., Palm Desert, California
- Barthel, Col. Carl C., Hq. 17th Air Force, APO 12, N. Y., New York
- Bilby, Lt. Col. B. B., 686th ACW Sq., Walker AFB, New Mexico
- Boutain, Robert, Route 3, Box 237, Country Club Road, Escondido, California
- Calhoun, Mrs. Emory, 309 Park Avenue, Clarendon Hills, Illinois
- Domino, Joseph S., 451 Layton Ave., Pittsburgh 16, Pa.
- Dufour, Wilford P., Box 844, Philipsburg, Montana
- Ercegovac, Charles J., Route 1, Box 357, Excelsior, Minn.
- Lovan, Owen L., 4101 Westport Lane, Wichita 12, Kan.
- McCormick, George A., 41 South Russell Street, Boston, Mass.
- McDonald, Harold W., 230 B Street, Biggs, California
- McGeary, Delores, 204 A Valencia, San Francisco, Calif.
- Molter, Henry C., 450 Bedell Terrace, West Hempstead, New York
- Paraniuk, John M., 180 Kermiet Drive, Monaco, Pa.
- Payne, Melvin K., Box 272, Morgantown, Indiana
- Whittle, Capt. James L. Jr., 669th AC&W Sq., Box 237, Port Hueneme, California
- Young, Percy C., Exchange Bldg., Memphis 3, Tenn.

## DUES

Are your dues up to date????? If not, send them to Evelyn Cohen, 5448 Euclid Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

If you want to be eligible for the trip to Norwich, England, you better be sure your dues are up to date. Dues are \$3.00 per year.

## NEW MEMBERS

- Baxendale, Elmer, 4160 Golf Dr., San Jose, Calif.
- Baxendale, Hazel (Bliss), 4160 Golf Dr., San Jose, California  
Hq. 2nd AD
- Hodges, Roger, 3036 Warrington Avenue, San Jose, Calif.
- Iannelli, Peter J., 507 W. 64th St., Inglewood, Calif.  
44th BG
- Nettleton, Winkie (Van Dyke), 764 Rincon Rd., El Sobrante, California  
Hq. 2nd AD
- Wells, Vera "Vee" (Hibernik), 5200 Crest Drive, Lot 67, Atwater, California  
Hq. 2nd AD



# WEST COAST WING

Our West Coast Wing is very much on the go since their formation. A look at their "Mild and Bitters" will bring you up to date on their activities. I'm sure that they will be more than happy for you to join them if you are in that area. Just contact one of the members and they'll be glad to give you all the info you want.

## + ADDITIONS

- Lund, Col. Harold G., Hq. Air Defense Command, Ent AFB Colorado
- McGill, Harold J., 51 Old Mill Road, Manhasset, L. I., New York
- Whitlatch, Emma Joe, 95 Fairmont Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia Hq. 2nd AD
- York, Alfred S., 2903 Sheldon Road, Middletown, Ohio 93rd BG

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# Mild and Bitters

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### The New Look !!!

You will notice beginning with this the first issue of MILD and BITTERS for 1961 that the newsletter has a NEW LOOK. This is the result of the time and effort put forth by the contract printer the East Side Printing Co., Stockton, California owned and operated by Wing member, Clay Woodward former member of the 389<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp (Hethel) in WW II.

### Special Wing Board Meeting !!!

A special meeting has been called of all Wing Officers, California Directors and the Reunion Committee by Wing Comdr, Mike Fusano for the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1961 at 1PM at the Hqs of West Coast Wing, 1210 Mount Hermon Road, Santa Cruz. All personnel listed above are requested to be at this meeting.

### Change in Wing Officers !!

As a result of a unanimous vote of the Wing Officers and Board of Directors in January 1961, approval was given to combine the offices of Wing Secretary and Wing Treasurer into a single office of Wing Sec-Treas. it will become effective with the next election of Wing Officers at the 2nd Reunion.

### Plan AHEAD for the Reunion !!!!!

In a matter of a few months the 2nd Reunion of the WEST COAST WING will be held at Brookdale Lodge, Brookdale, Calif. With an aim toward increasing attendance at the reunion it has been decided to change the dates from 19<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup> May 61 to 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> June 1961, this way school will be closed and the entire family can come. The proposed schedule of reunion functions so far includes a Cocktail Party-Bull Session on Friday nite; General Bus. Meeting with Election of Officers on Saturday afternoon and the Wing Dinner on Saturday night. Last year the committee ran into many unforeseen difficulties so this year with your help we hope to overcome these before they happen. With this newsletter we are sending a postal card which we ask you to return to the Reunion Committee by the .....

### Plan AHEAD (Cont'd fr Col 1)

17<sup>th</sup> of March 1961 in order that the Reunion Committee will have them to work with at the meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. On the card we ask that you indicate whether or not you plan to attend, what you desire in the line of accommodations, and if you will be present for all the functions. Address your card to:

Reunion Committee  
Hq West Coast Wing  
1210 Mount Hermon Road  
Santa Cruz, California

### 1961 Dues are DUE NOW !!!

Word has reached this office from the Wing Treas. that the dues for 1961 are very SLOW in arriving at his address. Remember both dues for 2AD Assn and Wing are now payable thru the Wing Treas. If you are a LIFE or 5 YEAR Member of 2AD Assn. your dues to Wing are \$2.00, if you are an Annual Member your dues are \$3.00 which covers both organizations. LET'S DO IT NOW so the books will balance!!!!!!

### New Members in Wing!!

Since the last issue of MILD and Bitters the Wing has gained four new members. Capt (USAF) JAMES L. WHITTLE JR, a pilot with the 44<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp (Shipdham) in WW II joined late in December. Jim is still with the Armed Forces and currently is serving on one of the Channel Isles off California as an Intercept Director with an AC&W Unit. MSgt BEATRICE B. PUCH who served at Hq 2AD (Ket Hall) as the WAC FSgt. is serving now as a member of the WAF at Lackland AFB, Tex. WILLIAM L BURNS who served both the 389<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp & Hq 2AD is in business for himself in Yakima, Wash. VERA J. WELLS former WAC Steno with A-1 at Hq 2AD is still working for the armed forces. Vee and her husband Jim are both at Castle AFB, Calif. where Vee works as Medical Secretary to the Hosp Gp.

DONT FORGET SEND BACK THE CARDS!!!

# BITS AND CHIPS

## HQ, 2D AIR DIV

John S. Means (Ret) and his wife are visiting England during the latter part of May and June and will re-visit Norwich. They are sailing on the Queen Elizabeth that brought him home from England in 1945. Had a nice long newsy letter from Vera (Hibernik) Wells on their activities in California. Irene Noble vacationed in Orlando, Florida during the past Christmas holidays.

Walter & Dot Gibson sent their regards to everyone. Dorothy McDonald Harrison missed our Reunion last fall since they were touring Europe and also had a short visit in England.

My "Bits and Chips" column is a little on the light side since I have been concentrating on the plans for the Norwich Reunion plus the fact that we will be leaving Keesler AFB the last of May and wending my way toward Annandale, Virginia. So you will be hearing next from me there.

## DECEASED

We were indeed saddened to hear of the passing of three of our members.

Lt. Col. Richard J. Bostick (Ret.) died on 10 November 1960 in Syracuse Veterans Hospital. Mrs. Bostick said that she knew that Dick would very much have liked to be with us in Norwich in 1962.

Donald J. Ruth from Scottsdale, Pa., passed away on 5 October 1960 at Mt. Pleasant, Pa. He served with the 445th Bomb Group, 701st Squadron. Don was one of our Life Members and he will be greatly missed.

Frank H. Lanier of 6674 Salem Park, Cincinnati, Ohio, has also left our ranks and will be greatly missed.

If you are at all interested in attending the Norwich Reunion, please fill in the blank below and mail immediately.

### 1962 NORWICH REUNION QUESTIONNAIRE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Group \_\_\_\_\_

Desire to attend 1962 Reunion to be held in Norwich, England for Formal Dedication of American Room of the Norwich Library in memory of those who lost their lives while serving with the 2nd Air Division of the 8th Air Force. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer to leave from \_\_\_\_\_ Chicago, \_\_\_\_\_ Philadelphia, \_\_\_\_\_ New York.

\*Prefer \_\_\_\_\_ two week, \_\_\_\_\_ three week, \_\_\_\_\_ four week trip.

Please check one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Flight from Chicago to London, return from London to Chicago.

\_\_\_\_\_ Flight from Chicago to London, return from Paris to Chicago.

\_\_\_\_\_ Flight from Philadelphia to London, return from London to Philadelphia.

\_\_\_\_\_ Flight from Philadelphia to London, return from Paris to Philadelphia.

\_\_\_\_\_ Flight from New York to London, return from London to New York.

\_\_\_\_\_ Flight from New York to London, return from Paris to New York.

Please check the following:

Would like a planned tour after Dedication Ceremonies \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ No.

If answer to the above is yes, what countries would you like to have included? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Are your dues up-to-date? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

\*Dedication Ceremonies to be held on or about the 15th of October 1962.

Mail to: Mrs. Hathy Veynar  
1962 Norwich Reunion Chairman  
2nd Air Division Association  
4915 Bristow Drive  
Annandale, Virginia