

SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Dear Troops,

At long last, here is all the dope on the big reunion and "wing-ding" which Chappie and Fen arranged at the Statler in Cleveland on October 20, 21, and 22. There was a very nice turnout for the event and everyone apparently had a fine time. First of all, here is a roster of those present and accounted for, taken directly from the register.

Billy Ash Molnar, Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Ayers, Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Bostick, Mr. & Mrs. Henry W. Brandt, Frederick V. P. Bryan, William L. Burns, Mr. & Mrs. Harry C. Carver, Marie J. Cizek, Evelyn Cohen, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Conroy, Mr. & Mrs. John J. Cunningham, Edward Ekey, Mary Frances Elder, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey C. Elliott, Virginia M. Fadley, Harriet S. Fau, Marilyn Fritz, Mr. & Mrs. George Gigliotti, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred E. Guarini, James Harrigan, Mr. & Mrs. Earl W. Heister, Dolores Hommer, Edward Hunton, Mr. & Mrs. James Kiernan, Dr. & Mrs. Leo H. Kuker, Mr. & Mrs. James A. LaPonsie, Doris Lundgren, Mr. & Mrs. Fen Marsh, Mr. & Mrs. Howard W. Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Dean E. Moyer, Irene Noble, Laura Smith Ramsey, Rev. Edward J. Seward, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Strong, Mr. & Mrs. John J. Tate, Mrs. Richard Turchet, Mr. & Mrs. Jordan R. Uttal, Gladys B. Veynar, Betty Wickersty, Percy C. Young, Olive H. Diffenderffer, Capt. A. A. Forbes, Mitty Panella, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Demick, Albert Levit, Harold Sears, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Gregson, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Pinion, Allen C. House, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Parker, John "Gus" Karoly

A telegram was received in Cleveland from Sally Allen sending cheers and beers and regrets at being unable to attend. Also a cable came from Daphne Cumming Russell sending best wishes for a "Withered" reunion but we managed to figure out that Western Union must have snapped a cable somewhere and that Daphne could only have meant a "Wizard" reunion. Had a nice note from Frank Roe (Weston Favel, Northampton) wishing the reunion much success. There were also many nice notes on the cards which were returned to us and it appears that many old 2AD'ers are really interested in the annual gettogether even though they may not be able to attend each year.

Jordan Uttal recently received a letter from Lieutenant General Kepner which is quoted, in part, as follows: "As for the Alaskan assignment, I am looking forward to it with real enthusiasm. It certainly is something different, and I think I am going to enjoy it. There is one hitch, however, and that is I shall not be able to attend the Second Air Division reunion this year, much though I would desire to do so. However, if I can not be there in the flesh, I will be there in spirit just the same. Please tell everybody I thought about them the minute I found out I was going to be unable to come." All of us were sorry, of course, that General Kepner could not be present but there is great comfort in knowing that the Alaskan Command is in such capable hands. We can only hope that conditions will permit the General to be present next year.

Well, it seems to get bigger and better each year. With Chappie in command, you can imagine that it was a very sober and subdued affair! Just take a look at the names on the above list if you need any further proof. But it would take too many pages to begin to tell you about all of it. Suffice it to say that it was a success and that arrangements are already under way to make next years' reunion even bigger. The cocktail party on Friday night was a success — it accomplished what most such