

SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER, 1955

Dear Gang:

Despite hurricanes and floods, the 1955 Reunion held in August in Washington, D. C., has gone down in our records as a huge success. In addition to the 2AD Headquarters group, eleven bomber groups and three wing headquarters groups were represented! The cocktail party, banquet, dance, and a fine program were enjoyed by all.

Those attending the reunion were: Milton W. Arnold, Mr. & Mrs. Gino J. Banco, Howard H. Baum, Frederick H. Beard, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Becker, C. R. Beggs, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Bernstein, Mr. & Mrs. Julian Blake, Col. A. W. Blizzard, G. M. Bodenheimer, Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Bousquet, Mr. & Mrs. Warren L. Burman, Byron B. Calomiris, Frank O. Clemens, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Clough, Miss Evelyn Cohen, Mr. & Mrs. John Cunningham, Calvin C. Davis, Irving M. Day, Marcus A. DeCamp, Kenneth A. Darney, Clyde J. Dillon, Mr. & Mrs. James T. Daniels, Miss Rose Donahue, Talbert A. DeHaven, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Douglas, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Drummond, John H. Faughn, Angelo Fedele, George Federlin, T. J. Feeney, Duane A. Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Hanson, Col. H. T. Harle, James G. Harbilas, J. F. Harrigan, Robert E. Hayes, William E. Henderson, Robert J. Hickman, Mr. & Mrs. James Horton, John P. Karoly, Miss Molly Kelley, Gen. William E. Kepner, Elmore P. Kipps, Mr. & Mrs. Roger J. Kramer, Donald S. Laher, Stanley G. Langcaskey, Howard F. Lawrence, Harry Lawson, Mr. & Mrs. Roger L. Leister, Richard L. Mackedon, Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Marsh, William L. Mayer, James H. McClain, Mr. & Mrs. Carl McClung, Mr. & Mrs. Jack P. McGlon, Thomas F. Melody, Col. J. G. Merrell, Dean E. Moyer, James W. Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Moore, Mr. & Mrs. James C. Moorehead, Earl J. Morgan, Elden J. Nedeau, Mr. & Mrs. A. Newman, Derise L. Nichols, Miss Irene Noble, Mr. & Mrs. Austin Nobles, Ben Nolan, Mr. & Mrs. Leon J. Nowicki, Mr. & Mrs. Albert H. Pede, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Podpori, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Posner, Mr. & Mrs. Earle Prather, John J. Rankin, Irving S. Reamer, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel M. Rogoff, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Roork, Herbert W. Russell, Anthony Schlonski, Mr. & Mrs. Chester F. Schmidt, Frank Selden, Miss Leah Shoemaker, Col. & Mrs. A. J. Shower, Mr. & Mrs. Henry L. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore D. Snyder, Rudy J. Soltys, Col. Maurice E. Speer, Edward L. Stephens, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond E. Strong, Paul B. Summey, Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Paul Surbaugh, David F. Sweeney, Robert D. Swope, Joseph J. Tanahey, Jule Troost, John P. Tucholski, Theodore B. Tyndall, Mr. & Mrs. Urban J. Vondrell, Joseph A. Walker, Robert E. Warn, Arlo E. Warp, Elwood N. Whitbeck, Col. Robert L. Wright, and Percy C. Young. In addition, there were guests and local Washington residents who dropped in but did not sign the register. There were 220 cancellations at the last minute due to the severe storm conditions along the east coast.

1956 Reunion

The 1956 Reunion will be held at the Hotel Congress, Chicago, Ill., on August 17-18-19. Start planning now to attend -- drop your old buddies a note and ask them to meet you there.

2AD Memorial

The balance in the Memorial Trust Fund as of Dec. 10, 1954, at the market value of securities owned by the Trust, was 26,103 pounds, 5 shillings, 11 pence. The Trustees have been working diligently toward carrying out the terms of the Declaration of Trust. However, the City Council of Norwich are presently of the opinion that the Library Building to be erected will not be on anything approaching as grand a scale as the Americans who originated the idea of the Memorial Trust apparently expected. The City Architect could not reconcile the idea of a Memorial with a busy entrance Hall and the usual more sedate and quiet location normally associated with a Memorial for the fallen soldiers. The City Council of Norwich are of the opinion that if the Memorial, as originally contemplated by the Americans, were to be built, it would cost the taxpayers of Norwich approximately 25,000 pounds from their own pockets to construct the entire Library Building on a scale appropriate for the proposed 2AD Memorial. The present status is this: (1) The Counsellor for the Board of Governors is of the opinion that legally the Trustees cannot apply income from the Trust for scholarships until and unless the City Council have definitely and finally decided either not to construct a new Library Building or to construct such a building that it would not be feasible to have the 2AD Memorial in the building; (2) The Board of Governors and the City Council believe that there are excellent prospects of the construction of a library building being undertaken within the next eighteen months - the building to be considerably smaller than was anticipated in 1945, but still being large enough for dignified and fitting Memorial rooms to be reserved for the Americans. Thus, the present status is that we are forced necessarily to wait at least another year, and possibly longer, for any final decision about the Library Building.

The above situation was reviewed but no further action was taken at the business meeting. General Milton Arnold attended the September Board meeting in September, but no change is reported.

Incidentally, the site selected is adjacent to the fire station in Norwich. No one could remember exactly where that was (they should have told us the name of the nearest pub).

Second Air Division Association Insignia

An official insignia for the Association has been selected and, at the present time, professional designers are working on it. We anticipate that lapel pins, tie pins, cuff links, belt buckles, money clips, etc., all sporting our insignia, will soon be available. Descriptive literature will be sent out as soon as possible.

Group Identification

We have located the tail insignias of all groups in the Division as of June, 1944, which includes 4 wings (2nd, 14th, 96th and 20th) having a total of 13 groups (445, 453, 389 -- 44, 392, 491 -- 467, 458, 466 -- 489, 93, 446, 448). Will the people who have requested this contact Stephen Posner. 7 W. 15th St.. New York 11, N.Y.
1956 Officers

The following officers were elected for 1956: President - Stephen M. Posner, Vice Presidents - Richard W. Clough, Dean Moyer, Earle Prather and Chester Schmidt, Secretary - Molly T. Kelley, and Treasurer - Rose M. Donahue. Also elected to the Board, representing groups having a

a membership of 50 or over, were: 44th - Elden Neadeau, 93rd - John E. Eisenhower, 389th - Arlo E. Warp, 445th - Robert E. Warn, 446th - Thomas F. Melody, Jr., 458th - Calvin C. Davis, and 467th - John Jay Taylor.

PERSONNEL NEWS

Gen. William E. Kepner retired as Executive Vice President of Bell Aircraft on July 31st. He will act in an advisory capacity for a while, but will assume the post of Chairman of the Board, Radiation, Inc., Orlando, Florida, on November 1st. The General and Mrs. Kepner are taking up residence in Winter Park, Fla., after doing a spot of traveling. Msgn. Edward Seward fell by the wayside (physically) and was confined to quarters (hospital) so was unable to attend the August reunion. Chappie has now recovered, and will be with us next year. Col. and Mrs. T. C. Conroy (Valerie, 2AD Hq., Tom 389th) are now stationed at Misawa, Japan, where Tom is Executive Officer, 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing (APO 919, San Francisco). Major Marilyn Fritz Snyder and husband, Major Wallace Snyder, are now stationed in Germany. Mrs. Jordan Uttal recently returned from a visit to England and France -- Joyce and Jordan missed their first reunion in 8 years. Ken Gregson is now back to work full time after whipping a heart condition. Currently feeling puny are Mike Vydareny and Bob Roberts. One of our ex-WACs, Maria J. Turchet, was elected Commander, Santa Cruz Chapter 52, DAV. "Jackie" is already planning to be in Chicago next summer. Edward C. Hamilton (315th Signals, Ketteringham Hall and Horsham, 815th Air Eng., Bungay) is a police officer in Pontiac, Illinois. Will all 315th refugees get in touch with Eddie at 622 Timber Street, Pontiac, Illinois, please? Robert Warn (445th) had to leave the reunion but fast -- haven't heard whether he or the stork arrived first at the Warn household. Paul Schwartz (445th) owns the Concrete Products Co., Tampa, Fla., and requests that friends call him up if passing through - Paul, Marjorie, Carol 10 and Nancy 6, live at 73 Ladoga Avenue, Tampa.

44th B. G. - Shipdham

WILLIAM DUFFY and wife, Mary Louise, have 3 daughters and a son. Bill is an attorney, general practice, Wilmington, Del. LAWRENCE M. ELLINGSEN (66th) is a clerk for the Great Northern Railway, St. Paul, Minn. GEORGE FEDERLIN (66th & 506th) has 2 daughters, Pauline 8 and Linda 7. George is repair man at the Columbus, Ohio, Westinghouse plant. EDWARD GOLDSTONE (66th) is Director of Research, Allen Industries, Detroit. Ed and Selma have 3 children - Elizabeth 10, Mark 6 and Nancy 4. LARRY KALTENBERG and Marie reside in Cross Plains, Wisc. Larry is a machine operator for Fauerbach Brewing Co., Madison, and is also president of the union at the same company. Larry and Marie were married in England in 1944, and Marie is a nurse at the VA Tuberculosis Hospital at Madison. ANGELO LaGRECA, Rose and their 3 daughters, Mary Ann 12, Barbara 8 and Betty 5, reside in Hamilton, N.Y., where he owns and operates a grocery. STANLEY G. LANGCASKEY is a maintenance man-heavy equipment for the Berlanti Construction Co., Harrison, N.Y. Stan and his family reside in Trenton, N. J. JOHN M. McCASLIN is an attorney, partner in a firm engaged in general practice, Cincinnati. John and Althea have a daughter and 2 sons - Susan 5, Rober 4 and Hugh 1. Capt. Calvin Reinecke (Inf.) just returned from a tour as Billeting Officer of "the largest American city in the world outside the U.S." -- Vogelweh-Kaiserslautern, Germany. The Reinecke's (Calvin, Lola, and Kris 14) permanent address is Rt. 1, Wyoming, Minn. THOMAS E. ROORK (67th) and

Muriel have 3 children - Dean 10, Betty 8 and Donna 3. Tom and his family reside in Elmer, N.J. RAIFORD E. NEW (Det 2 Chem Co), Delia and daughter Diana 10, live in Harrison, Georgia, where he is a rural letter carrier. Anyone who was with Det. 2 Chem. Co. at McDill Field is requested to get in touch with him at P.O. Box 66, Harrison, Ga. ROBERT D. TAYLOR (68th) and Kathleen live in Xenia, Ohio. Bob is with the Clinton Co. AF Base Aircraft Maintenance at Wilmington, Ohio. CAPT. JACK L. WHITTLE (506th) and Vera Elaine just returned from 3 years in Germany, Munich area, where Jack was Operations Officer of a B-26 squadron. He reported to the University of Maryland on Sept. 20th for 6 months TDY to complete his final semester for a BS degree under "Operation Bootstrap". Upon completion, he will return to McClellan to fly Super Constellations. C. A. "DICK" YOUNG and wife, Dorothy, live in Hollywood, Florida, where he is sales manager, Florida Gas & Chemical Corp. Dick would like to hear from any of Lt. Gus Belinski's old crew.

93rd B.G. - Hardwick

GEORGE W. ABBOTT (330th) is an auto mechanic. George, Vesta, and daughter Linda 8 live in Timberville, Va. SAUL BISKIND (1247th MP Co) and Rosalind have 3 children - Danny 8, Eva Beth 5 and Teddy 3. Rosalind was with the ARC at Hardwick from March, 1943 to Aug. 1944. Saul is a contractor and builder in and around Cleveland, and resides in Shaker Heights. CHARLES and HELEN BRANNAN have 2 children, Sandy and Barbara. Charlie is secretary, Arkansas Western Gas Co., Fayetteville, Ark. Helen was with ARC at Hardwick. LOUIS E. DEL GUIDICE (328th) and Lili have 2 children, Sandra 10 and Linda 7. Lou is a spray painter for the Connecticut Co. and resides in West Haven, Conn. He is one of a crew shot down on the Jan. 7, 1944, Ludwigshaven-Mannheim raid, parachuted and escaped to Spain via the French underground. He wants to hear from other members of his crew--Carl Hite, Carles Walters, J. M. Bickley, Jack George and Harmon Smith. HENRY M. DeVITO (330th) is an assistant cashier for a stock brokerage firm in Philadelphia. Henry, Rose, and son, Henry Jr., reside in New Castle, Del. NORMAN W. GIESE (Med. Hqs. 329 & 330) and wife, Jane, live in San Bernardino, Calif., where Norm is a civilian attorney for USAF. JOHN J. HINCH (Hq Staff) is a manager-Lube Oil Sales for The Carter Oil Co., Tulsa. John and Betty Jean have 2 sons-John 9 and William 3 mos. CHARLES H. McKEE (330th) and Thelma have 2 sons, Neil 2½ and Stephen 2 mos. Charlie is clerk and yardmaster, C & O Railway, Covington, Va. EDWARD L. STEPHENS (328th) and Wanda have a son and daughter, Bonnie 9 and Gregg 2. Ed is manager of the Cohocton Valley GLF Petroleum Co., Campbell, N.Y. FELIX THOMPSON (328th) and Marion have a two year old daughter, Ann. They live in Roaring Branch, Pa. MAJ. DONALD M. WHITED (93rd B.G. & 491st B.G.) is a real estate appraiser for Home Federal Savings & Loan Assn., Tulsa. Don and Laura have 2 daughters, Janis 5 and Donna 3. Don is also active in Reserve, and is Squadron Commander of the 9838th Air Resv. Sqdn. In addition, he is active in civic affairs and received a life membership in the Chamber of Commerce for securing 100 new members in one year.

389th B.G. - Hethel

WALTER H. ANDREWS (Sq & Gp Intelligence), Catherine and daughter Ellen 8, recently moved to Isle of Palms, S.C. Walter is president, Coastal Mortgage Corp., Charleston, S.C. To those who have inquired about former chaplain, FATHER GERALD BECK, we regret to announce that Father Beck passed away several years ago. MARCUS A. DeCAMP (566th)

is a partner in a plumbing-steamfitting business, Clearwater, Nebraska. MILTON DuCHARME (Radar Maint.) and Elizabeth have 3 sons, Murray 7, Jack 6 and Charles 4 mos. Milt is a project engineer-aircraft turrets, for Emerson Electric of St. Louis. ERNEST A. GEORGE is a foundry supt. for Kutztown (Pa.) Foundry & Machine Corp. Ernest and Rogene have 4 daughters-Sandra 11, twins Joanne & Suzanne 8, and Pamela 1½. Ernie would like to have the present address of Robert Purdy. EDWARD C. GRIFFIN (567th) is a forester with the St. Regis Paper Co. and manager of the Nocatee-Manatee Tract in Florida. Ed says if any of his friends are making trips on U. S. 1, you'll find him at a land clearing project just inside Duval County, 3 miles south of Bayard, Fla. Ed reports that Vernon "Hank" Mayer, Duquesne, Pa., was drowned in a boat accident in 1951. WIN F. HANSSEN (567th) is managing director, Long Beach Auditorium & Stadium Dept., Long Beach, Calif. ROBERT B. HARRIS (566th) is clerk and teller at the North Avenue Savings Bank, Cambridge, Mass. Bob and Marcia are the parents of Elizabeth 5, Kathryn 3 and Robert Jr. 6 mos. CLIFFORD HERSHBERGER (567th) is asst. foreman-electric dept., Westinghouse Atomic Power Div., West Mifflin, Pa. Cliff and Ruth have a 4 year old daughter, Lila. HERBERT E. HETZLER (567th) and Ruth have 3 sons: Bruce 6, Gary 3, and Dale 1. Gene is building manager, Clarence M. Turley, Inc. (commercial real estate) in St. Louis. WILLIAM L. MAYER is Export Sales Correspondent, Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp., Raritan, N.J. JAMES H. McCLAIN (564th) is District Sales Manager, Appliance Div., Casco Products Corp., Bridgeport, Conn. CARL McCLUNG is a crew member on a C-124 Globemaster (Atlantic Div., MATS). Carl, Bonny and daughter, Connie 8, reside in Dover, Del. Upon being recalled to active duty in 1950, Carl was assigned to B/G Ardery's 123rd Ftr-Bomber Wg. HAROLD J. MCGILL (566th), Winifred, Carolyn 12, Barbara 9, and Charles 6, reside at Hicksville, LI, N.Y. Harold is Branch Manager for Associates Discount Corp. at Jamaica and Hempstead. CO. ROBERT MILLER (CO), presently at March AFB, is taking command of the 320th Bomb Wing. CLAUDE V. MOLES is electronic assemblyman for Schlumberger Well Survey Corp. Claude, Jody and their 2 daughters-Claudia 5 and Carol 2½, live in Houston, Texas. ARTHUR M. PRESTON (567th) is a junior, Trinity University, and is also employed by United Services Automobile Assn. Art remained on active duty until 1954, was promoted to Captain in 1950, and served 3 years in Japan, also 1 year tours of duty with combat engineers. Ft. Belvoir and HQs I, Kyoto, Japan. Art and Elizabeth have 2 children, Patricia 10 and Arthur 6½, and reside in San Antonio. Art also mentioned that he recently ran into another 389th man, L. W. Beran, in San Antonio. MANUEL M. ROGOFF (567th) and Irma have 2 children-Lawrence 8 and Cynthia 3. Manuel is president of a new car agency and also an auto salvage company, Pittsburgh, Pa. DAVID J. WISEHART (567th) and Sara have a son, Danny 4. Dave is General Service Manager, Minneapolis-Moline Co., Minneapolis, Minn. CLAYTON G. WOODWARD (567th) and wife, Ruth, live in Stockton, California, where he is a partner, East Side Printing Company.

392nd B.G. - Wendling

VIRGIL H. DOPSON (576th) is a department manager, Montgomery-Ward, Denver, Colorado. Virg and Phyllis have 2 children, Gregory 9 and Pamela 6. WILSON M. HEUSER (Flight Engr.) and Marilee have a new son, Charles Douglas. Wilson is purchasing agent, Wenning Packing Co., and resides at Palmyra, Indiana.

446th B.G. - Bungay

GINO J. BANCO, Martha and Gino Jr., reside in Pennsville, N. J.

where Gino is a real estate broker. SALVATORE C. MARILE (704) and family live in Long Island City, N.Y., where he is a plater for the Ford Instrument Co. HAROLD D. BENNETT (707th), Barbara and their two children, Tracy 7 and Heather 1, live in Mystic Conn. Harold is a rural mail carrier. CECIL J. BISHOP (706th) is an attorney, Anglo Bank Bldg., Sacramento, Calif., and is to be married soon. He would like to hear from anyone who was with the communications or signal office at Bungay, or who was with the 706th Sqdn. HARRY M. BRYANT and Ruby have 2 sons and a daughter-Harry Jr. 7½, Tommy 5 and Suzanne 1. Harry is president and general manager of 3 companies--Bryant Supply Co., Inc. of Statesville and Hickory, N.C. and also Bryant Electric Repair Co., Inc. of Gastonia, N.C. WILLIAM C. COURTER and Fay have one son, William Jr. 8. Bill works for the U. S. Taft Health Center, Cincinnati. HAYWARD M. DEVITT (446th B.G. & 489th B.G.) and Hazel have 2 daughters-Donna and Sandra. He is employed at the Canton Corrugated Box Co. and would like to hear from his old friends - write Hayward at 1220 Paul Pl. NE, Canton 5, Ohio. HIRAM L. ELLIS, Mary and son, Hiram Randall 14, live in Batesville, Miss., where he owns and operates an appliance store. Anyone passing through is invited to stop in to see him. Mrs. Ellis teaches in the Batesville schools. Lt. Col. ARTHUR K. FILBER (446th B.G. & 467th B.G.) is Educational Benefits Representative, Veterans Administration, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado. THEODORE R. FROLOW and wife, Helen, live in Weirton, W. Va., where he is a foreman of a company manufacturing tin containers. EDWARD J. JENNINGS (705th) is a pilot for United Air Lines. Ed and Lois have 2 children, Jacqueline 7 and Druann 2. Ed needs the addresses of Edward Pribeck and Robert Harbison. If anyone has these addresses or any information on either of these two gentlemen, please send to Ed at 8746 S. Merrimac, Oak Lawn, Illinois. GILBERT J. KUHN (Ops 446th & 96 CBW) is vice president of the Marine Products Co., San Diego, California. FRANCIS W. LEIST and Esther have 4 children: Patricia 9, Larry 7, Betty Lou 5 and Robert 3. Francis is stock foreman for Kresge Warehouse, Poneto, Ind. RICHARD L. MACKEDON (707th) is manager of the David Mann Jewelry Co. located in the Pentagon. THOMAS L. MASON (705th) is a real estate salesman for the George J. Cyrus Co., Evanston, Ill. ALVIN H. MCGEE owns and operates a dairy farm near Hickory, Kentucky. THOMAS F. MELODY is a clerk for the Insurance Co. of North America, and resides in Pennsauken, N.J. STUART S. MERWIN (704th) is a consulting geologist, general partner, Minerals Exploration Research Co., Golden, Colorado. Stu and Lorraine have a daughter, Hollace Ann 1½. Stu would like to contact Charles Ryan or any member of his crew -- send any information to Stuart at 1010 12th Street, Golden, Colo. AUSTIN NOBLES (705) and Marion have a family of 4: Jane 6, Colleen 5, Ronnie 3 and Bonnie 2. Austin does construction work in and around Fredonia, N.Y. WESLEY O. SCHOENECKER (885th) is a pressman for the West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn. LEONARD G. SCRIVEN is currently Vehicle Maintenance Officer, 50th Motor Vehicle Sqdn., APO 109, N.Y. and is stationed at an airbase in West Germany. Leonard and Mary have a son, Edward 9. Leonard resigned from the AF in 1946, re-enlisted in 1947, spent 3 years at Anchorage, Alaska, as M/Sgt. Recalled in commission status in 1952, he went to Germany in 1953, spent 3 months in Greece as Armament Technician (MAAG), serving with the Greek AF, and has been in his present assignment since April, 1955. CHARLES A. STEINACKER (705th) and Sally have two daughters-Kristiann 8 and Shelley 4. Chuck is sales manager of the Snell Sash & Door Co. of St. Paul, Minn., and Omaha. Chuck reports that former T/Sgt Eudes "Smokey" Letourneau (Quartermaster group) died of a heart attack in 1950. ROBERT D. SWOPE and Ethel have 2 children, Robert 7 and Kerry 2. Bob is with a utility crew, Brown Trailers, Inc., of Reading, Pa. ORVILLE WARSKO (705th) and Hildegard have a son, Jerry 12. Orville and his family reside near Watervliet, Michigan, where he is an electrician.

467th B.G. - Rackheath

DR. LYNN D. ALLEN (789th) and wife, Zoanne, reside in Pontiac, Michigan, where he has been practicing optometry for the past five years. CHARLES W. BARRETT (Intelligence Officer-Rackheath and North Pickenham) and Isabel have a family of 8, ages 8 to 26! Charlie is owner of the Charles W. Barrett Company, manufacturers representatives, Michigan and Toledo area of Ohio. Charlie is also looking for a good salesman to sell housewares and electrical housewares in the Southeastern states, including Florida. Anyone interested write him at 3241 Annapolis Avenue, Wayne, Michigan. M/Sgt BRUCE BAILEY -- information has been requested on Sgt. Bailey -- anyone having his present address please send it to the secretary, Irene Noble, 1536 Pleasant St., Indianapolis 3, Indiana. T/Sgt RAYMOND CAMPER (789th) is being ZI'd to USAF Carswell AFB, Texas. Ray and Winona have 4 children - Sheryn 9, Dianne 8, Corky 7 and Mickey 5. RAYMOND J. COTY and Marie have 3 children - Colleen, Collette and Ray, and reside in New Britain, Connecticut, where he is self-employed. JOSEPH W. CRAVENS (791st) and wife, Juanita, have 5 children: Ronnie 12, Joey 9, Debbie 4, Vivian 3 and Dodson 2. Joe owns and resides on an 180 acre stock farm, Fisk, Mo., and in addition is a civilian flight instructor, USAF, Malden, Missouri, and owns and operates the Earl Fields Memorial Airport, Poplar Bluff. KENNETH A. DARNEY (790th) is a design draftsman with Bendix-Friez (Div. of Bendix Aviation Corp.), Baltimore, Md. Ken and Dorothy have a year old son, Kenneth Jr. EDWARD J. FERRARA (789th) is a salesman for Industrial Electronics and Dealers, Springfield, Mass. Ed and Shirley have a family of 3: Edward Jr. 7, John 4 and Teresa 6 mos. ELSON S. HERRICK is Principal, Conant High School, Jaffrey, N.H. Elson and Katherine have 2 children, Paul 7 and Susanne 5. AL MATTHEWS (781st) works for the U. S. government and resides in Deale, Md., with his wife, Mary Louise, and 2 sons, Steven 4 and Thomas 3. JACK P. McGLON (789th) and Clara have a daughter Gloria Jean 11. Jack is a textile operator, Talledega, Alabama. COL. ALBERT J. SHOWER (CO) has just been reassigned to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. S/Sgt CECIL B. THORNTON is currently stationed at Turner AFB, Albany, Georgia. Cecil has two children, Dianne 6 and Barry 3.

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Group Histories

To those of you who have inquired regarding group histories, we obtained a photostat of the roster sections only from the New York City Public Library. Group histories are considered "rare editions" and copies are not obtainable. To our knowledge, only six of the groups have histories printed - 44th, 389th, 93rd, 445th, 446th and 467th. We contacted these groups via the rosters contained in each history. If there are any other group histories, we would like to know about them and, if possible, borrow long enough to make photostatic copies of the roster sections.

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Words from the Secretary

This Newsletter was delayed for two reasons, one, we work on a pretty tight budget and since we had published newsletters in July and again in August, we could only publish one more issue in 1955; secondly,

we wanted confirmation of the time and place of the 1956 reunion. We had also hoped to have all the information on our new insignia, and prices of the articles which will be available. This will be forthcoming as soon as possible. Everything has to be done by mail and circulated to several people, which to say the least, is very time consuming.

Membership: We have more than doubled our membership since June 18, 1954, when we contacted our first group, the 445th. We continue to grow at the rate of about 25 new members each month. At the same time, we are having to delete names because changes of address are not sent in. During 1956, our goal is to double our membership (which is just slightly under 1,500) -- and we can do this job with a little help from each of you. Send in your names and addresses of prospective members. Do a little missionary work and tell others about the Association, send a copy of one of the newsletters on to anyone who would be interested. This isn't a one-man job, and the more members we have, the more we can do and the greater the number of newsletters we can publish. We are the only Division to organize -- let's show the other Air Force organizations - 5th, 14th, 20th etc. -- that we, a division, can do better than they can even though they represent a much larger group. We are willing to do the contact work, but we have to have names and addresses to contact -- will YOU help?

News: Please send in items of news - we will include it in the next newsletter. Christmas cards are always a source of news -- birth announcements, promotions, or just a plain "Hello" will be appreciated.

Comments or Criticisms: We want to make our Newsletters as interesting as possible, and therefore, we welcome comments, suggestions or criticisms.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

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