

SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

June, 1956

Dear Gang:

Reunion time is now only two and a half months away! We know that all of you are going to be with us this year. Howie Moore and his Committee have been working very hard getting things set up with the Congress Hotel and he tells us that this one will be the greatest affair to date.

There will be reservation cards mailed out to all of you the beginning of July, one to be returned to the Hotel and one for Howie's records, but meantime we thought you might like to have a rundown on the program so you can make your plans.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Activity</u> | <u>Place</u> |
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| Friday, August 17 | Registration 10 AM - 6 PM | Florentine Foyer 3rd Floor |
| " " " | Executive Committee 11 AM | Steve Posner's Suite |
| " " " | Cocktail Party 6:30 - 9:00 PM Door Prizes | Florentine Room 3rd Floor |
| Saturday, August 18 | Registration 10 AM - 6 PM | Florentine Foyer 3rd Floor |
| " " " | Brunch (all Groups) 11 AM - 12:30 PM | Glass Hat Lobby Floor |
| " " " | Business Meeting 1:30 PM | Florentine Room 3rd Floor |
| " " " | Cocktail Party 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM | Francis I Room 2nd Floor |
| " " " | Banquet 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM | Gold Room 2nd Floor |
| " " " | Dancing 10:00 PM - 1:00 AM | Gold Room 2nd Floor |

The price for the banquet on Saturday night will also include the Saturday cocktail party and the dancing. Prices will be included with the reservation information to be mailed in July.

The Hotel has given us special rates on the rooms. The 2nd Air Division Association has been promised air-conditioned rooms, in case any of you really want to sleep, and we are getting a rate reduction of about \$3.00 per day per room, good from three days before to three days after the Reunion.

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If any of you should want to make your reservations ahead of time, that is, before you receive your reservation cards, be sure to tell the Congress Hotel that you are attending the 2nd Air Division Association Reunion. In that way you can be sure of having the air-conditioned rooms and the lower price.

The Hotel will accommodate children under 14 free of charge, and baby-sitters will be available.

The Committee is now checking on sight-seeing tours and radio and TV broadcasts. There will be a space on your reservation form to Howie to indicate whether or not you are interested in such activities so that there will be enough tickets for all who want them.

Now that you know the whole story, we shall expect you to tell the boss that you are taking time off, break the kids' piggy bank, and show up in Chicago on the 17th. We can guarantee a good time and a chance to see your old friends and fight the War all over again. At least we'll have no arguments as to who won the War - everyone knows it was the 2nd Air Division!

Military Affairs: Ray Strong recently received a letter from General Hodges, former CG of the 2nd Air Division, which we think you may want to know about, and perhaps do something about. We quote the letter, in part:

"So strongly am I convinced that the time has again come for all patriotic people to stand up and be counted, I am turning to those of you who did your bit so effectively in England, hoping you will see fit to join with me in urging our representatives in Congress to be realistic about the pending defense appropriations.

"You will doubtless agree that along with the usual election-year political maneuvering, there is much genuine concern generating in Congress over the slow B-52 production and over the need for an all-out effort to produce an inter-continental ballistic missile ahead of the Russians. Many Senators and Congressmen, however, are either absorbed with other problems or are just plain sitting on the fence waiting to see how the public, particularly their constituents, react to the doubts being raised.

"It seems to me, for those of us who have convictions in the matter, that this is the time - the golden opportunity - to express our views, and as forcibly as we care to. Important decisions affecting the very survival of the country are about to be made. Congressmen now have their ears to the ground - they WANT to hear from their constituents. Even to a tired old airman like myself they are downright cordial.

"Obviously, a letter would have more effect. I earnestly hope you will send off such a letter - without delay - to both of your Senators and the Congressmen from your district."

Dick Clough, our Military Affairs Vice President, endorses the General's thoughts, so we have quoted the above letter with the idea that some of you might want to take a stand on this matter with your Congressmen.

Insignia: For those of you who have already ordered your insignia and are wondering where they are, and for those of you who haven't ordered yet, but mean to: you will be glad to know that we have had sufficient orders so that we were able to place an order. The job takes about three weeks and all orders in our hands are being made, after which we will order the individual pieces you ask for. By the time you receive

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will introduce him to other ex-2AD's in his bailiwick. He says that in the ten years he's been in California he has yet to run into anyone from 2nd Air Division and he's sure some must have migrated out there. Bob Hecker has joined an active Reserve Wing at Andrews AFB and has the 479th Tactical Hospital which belongs to the 459th Troop Carrier Wing. Ramsey Potts (389th) is CO of the Wing.

44th BOMB GROUP - Richard A. Haft (68th) is a financial consultant and business broker in New York City. Dick and Betty have two children, Richard, Jr. 9½ and Patricia 2½. Lt. Colonel Raymond E. Hamlyn is Director of Operations of the 819th Air Base Group, Abilene, Texas.

93rd BOMB GROUP - Paul C. London who was a Control Tower operator at Hardwick, lives in Gibsonia, Pa. with his wife Jacqueline and children Carol Ann, age 5 and Candy Jo, age 4. Paul is a traffic representative with Associated Transport, Inc. Paul says he particularly enjoyed Dorothy Harrison's report about Hardwick in the last Newsletter. He would like to hear from his former pinochle-playing pals of Hardwick Flying Control. Gerald E. Morrow (Hq.) lives in Maplecrest, N.Y. where he is the Manager of Morrow's store. Gerald and Dorothy Jean have one daughter, Patricia Ann, age 3½ months. He would like to get in touch with Major Griffith E. Damm. Roy L. Stahl, Jr. (328th) and Dorothy have a son, Robert, age 8. Roy is owner and operator of a fire and casualty insurance agency. He would like to get in touch with any of his former crew.

389th BOMB GROUP - Sam Boaze (566th) is a project engineer with Esso Standard Oil Company at the Bayway Refinery. Sam and his wife Rebecca have two children, Butch, 10 and Carol, 8. Sam would like to get in touch with Clifford Bolton or any of his crew. Gordon M. Baker (566th) lives in Pittsburgh with his wife Rosa May. Gordon has just been promoted to Plant Engineer at Universal-Cycloos Steel Corporation. Congratulations! He would like to get in touch with Frank McGlynn of the 566th Squadron. Jack C. Abbott (564th) is a T/Sgt. stationed at Carswell AFB since 1948. He is a crew chief on a B-36, having gone to work on the second one received by the Air Force. Jack's wife, Mildred, and he have two children: Carolyn 8 years old and Linda 5. Jack would like to hear from any of the boys of the 564th and plans to attend the Reunion in August. Don W. Griffin (567th) lives at Jacksonville Beach, Florida, with his wife Rose Mary and Rose Mary Jr. Don is in charge of Utilities Billing, City of Jacksonville Beach. He would like to get in touch with Albert C. Ahlers and would like anyone travelling down Jacksonville Beach way to stop and see them. Col. H. Ben Walsh is Deputy Commander at Headquarters 341st Bombardment Wing (M), Abilene, Texas. That is a B-47 outfit and Ben reports that a number of 2 AD refugees are with him. Elliot Adcock has been appointed Director of Tennessee's Division of Hotel and Restaurant Inspection.

392nd BOMB GROUP - Lt. Col. Charles L. Lowell is with Ben Walsh at Abilene. He is Director of Operations, 341st Bomb Wing.

445th BOMB GROUP - Arthur W. Nystrom (702nd) is Manager of Stensrud-Cahill Lumber Company in Brainerd, Minnesota. He and Lois have one son, Richard, who is one year old. Glenn Sabourin is Postmaster at Hillman, Michigan. He sends best regards to all his friends in the 2nd Air Division Association. Thomas J. Duff (703rd) is now living in Lawrence, Mass. and is employed by an electrical contractor in Andover. He is working for his electrician's license, which requires three years working experience in Massachusetts.

448th BOMB GROUP - Brig. Gen. Charles Westover is Commander, 819th Air Division at Abilene AFB, Abilene, Texas.

458th BOMB GROUP - Lt. Col. Maurice E. Soeer is Commander of the 1361st Photographic Squadron, Alexandria, Virginia. He and Mary Jane have four children: Jim, 14; John, 11; Mary Patricia, 6 and Kathy, 1.

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466th BOMB GROUP - James R. Carey, Jr. also enjoyed Dorothy Harrison's report on her return to England. Jim has a picture of the monument the 34th Bomb Group built in England for their buddies who did not return. He will be glad to send a copy to anyone who wants one. His address is: Carey's West Side Service, Ossian, Iowa. Jim is still looking for a history of the 466th Bomb Group. Don J. Breckinridge is a magazine advertising representative in Chicago. He was a Lead Bombardier in the 466th and also in the 93rd and 458th. James L. Bruner is Vice President in charge of Sales for Bruner Corporation, a manufacturer of water conditioning equipment. Jim and Ann and James Ernest, age 4, live in Milwaukee. Michael Hoover (785th) is an electronics engineer. He works as Project Engineer in the Electric Sorting Machine Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan. He and Pauline live in Grand Rapids. Alonzo B. Howell, Jr. (786th) lives in Oak Hill, Ohio with Betty Lou and David, age 8. Alonzo is a drilling and blasting contractor. He would like anyone to stop in if they are ever in or near Oak Hill. Erwin L. Carvin is a salesman. He, Betty, Betty Ann, 1 year old and Linda, 6, live in Philadelphia. Ralph P. Langenfeld (785th) is an optometrist in Watertown, South Dakota. Ralph was a Bombardier-Navigator with the 466th and also Assistant Wing Navigator at 96th Combat Wing Headquarters. Grenville Mott (Hq.) is Senior Partner in a public relations firm in El Paso, Texas. He lives in El Paso with Aimee and two children: Sheridan Rue, 18 and Graham McLaren, 11. Grenville was Group P.R.O. and Assistant Group A-2. He tells us that John McFall, former chief E.M. of the P.R.O. Section at Attlebridge, is now star staff writer for Mott and Reid Associates. Winfred S. Bennett (787th) reports that as of September 27, 1956 he will complete 30 years Reserve time. Twenty-five of his thirty years are good years toward retirement and he has made arrangements to apply for retirement ten years hence. Wilfred is Armory Superintendent, State Armory, Middletown, N.Y. where he has been employed for twenty-eight years. Wilfred and Marie live in Middletown N.Y. Their daughter, Constance Marie, age 19, is a student at Cortland Teachers College, Cortland, N.Y. Wilfred is now holding office as Republic Alderman, City of Middletown. Carl W. Falk (785th) is Director of Research, Regional Industrial Development Corporation in Pittsburgh, Penna. Carl and Neva have one son, James Douglas, 2. Sheldon B. Ross (787th) lists his occupation as operator of the South Somerset Service Station of Esso Standard Oil Company on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Sheldon lives in Friedens, Penna. with his wife Ruth and three children: William 4, Betsy 2 and John, 6 months. Elliott W. Calisch lives in Richmond, Va. with Page and four children: Dabney, 10, Nelson, 5, Melissa, 3 and Lance 1. Elliott is a sales executive with Friedman-Marks Clothing Company. He suggests that anyone coming through Richmond come on out. Plenty to eat and lots of kids! Eugene A. Saltarelli (785th) is a Mechanical Engineer in the Atomic Power Division of Westinghouse Electric Corporation. He and Jean live in Pittsburgh with three children: Margaret, 5, Joey, 2 and Tommy, 9 months. John M. Jacobowitz (786th C.O.) graduated from University of Illinois Medical School in 1950 and has been in practice at Three Rivers, Michigan, since 1952. He and Elizabeth boast three children: John J. 12, Kurt, 4 and Bret 2. Guy W. Bowman is a U.S. Mail carrier, carrying business route in Enid Oklahoma, where he lives with Fannie and one daughter. Karine, age 16. Guy is still connected with the Air Force by being a Major in the Oklahoma National Guard as Group Materiel Officer. Guy would like to hear from any of the boys, or have them stop by if they are ever in Enid. William G. Horney, Jr. (786th) is a job analyst with Owens-Illinois Glass Company in their Vineland, N.J. plant. He has a wife, Jane, and a six year old daughter, Martha Jane. Lloyd A. Goodale (785th) says that he is planning to be in Chicago for the Reunion. Lloyd is Executive Officer of Bishop Squadron 66, Civil Air Patrol, in Bishop, California. His group does search and rescue work in the High Sierras. Lawrence F. Ross (785th) lives in Corfu, New York with Elizabeth and three children: Mark, 7, Stephen, 6 and Terry, 5. Lawrence is a building contractor. Roger C. Hamel, Jr. (784th) is Vice President in Charge of the Oil and Gas Department of the Victoria Bank and Trust Company, Victoria, Texas. He and Mary have two children, Brooke, age 9 and Steven, age 6. James H. Flowers (786th) lives in College Park, Georgia with his wife

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Bobbie and three children: James H., Jr., 12, Thelma Ann, 8 and Charles Robert 5. Jim is owner of the Flowers Lumber Company in East Point, Georgia.

We are delighted to welcome all the new members from the 466th Bomb Group. We have printed all the news to date from that Group, but many of the new members' questionnaires were not received in time to be included in this Newsletter. Ben Weiner has been appointed to our Board of Directors to represent the 466th, and hope to see all of you in Chicago.

467th BOMB GROUP - Buford Clay Simmons is a salesman with the Emmart Meat Packing Co. He lives in Lexington Kentucky with Lucille and one son, Buford Clay, Jr., age 4. Guss Lewis (790th) owns a general merchandise store in Putney, Kentucky. He is also a logging contractor and farmer. He and Emogene have two children, Tessella, 3 and Earnest Chadwell, 2. Guss reports that Sgt. Luther G. Minor was killed in an auto accident about two years ago. Guss would like to see anyone coming through Harlan county, Kentucky and would also like to contact Faye Davis. Harold L. Smith and Margaret live in Winthrop, Maine with their three children: Karen, 7, Donna, 5 and Wayne, 3. Harold is a service station owner and operator. He would like to get in touch with Samuel B. Pittenger and Millard P. Smith. Duane Fods (789th) is a musician and teacher in Seattle, Washington.

NEWS FLASH - We have just learned that Major General Robert Terrill, Director of Operations, Strategic Air Command, will be the speaker at our Reunion Banquet on Saturday night. General Terrill was with 2nd Air Division during World War II, so many of you probably know him. He was also with FEAF and the 93rd Bombardment Wing in California before going to SAC.

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