



SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION

8th AIR FORCE



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June, 1957

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Remember us? This is a far cry from the monthly Newsletter you were promised. We can only plead that we were short of three items: time, news and money. We are still short on the first item, but we have now acquired some money and quite a bit of news. This issue will be just that - news. We aren't going to talk about the Reunion, except to say that we expect you all to be there in August. A full report on Reunion plans has already gone out, so now all you have to do is pack your bag.

HEADQUARTERS 2ND AIR DIVISION - Major General Francis H. Griswold and Jeff have two daughters, Mary, 22 and Claire 20. General Griswold is Vice Commander of SAC and is stationed at Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska. Raymond A. Hess is still single and is an Attorney at Law in Kingsley, Iowa. Col. William B. Mickley will graduate from the Air War College on June 7 and is assigned to Air Task Force 13, Taipei, Taiwan. Howie Moore and Gladys flew to Jamaica on Christmas Day to visit the Clifford Hutsons at Montego Bay. They stayed for two weeks enjoying the sun, the calypso and the liquid refreshments. Howie writes that the Hutsons would like to hear from Charles Hamsher, Ray Strong and Gaylord Nicholas. Their address is: Little River P.O., Jamaica, BWI. Marie Mitchell Orr has been working for Gulf Refining Co., Pipe Line Division for six years. Marie lost her mother in 1953. Puckie has extended her overseas tour another six months - so no Reunion for her this year. She says she sees Marilyn Fritz and Wally occasionally. Chester Schmidt and Hazel were in Hot Springs, Arkansas in March. Chester sent a picture of the race track! Tsk, tsk! His luck must have held out because he says he'll be in Hershey. Major General Robert H. Terrill is Director of Operations at SAC Headquarters, Offutt AFB, Nebraska. He and Mildred have one daughter, Lynn, who is 18.

44TH BOMB GROUP - Marion W. Bagley is still working as a civilian employee at Chanute Field in Illinois. Edmond (Deacon) Martindale (50th Sta. Comp.) is a part time farmer and a truck driver at Republic Steel Company in Warren, Ohio. He and Helen have three children: Doris 14, Carolyn, 13 and Alvin 9. Ed would like to get in touch with Roy J. Schick and James Mc Intyre. Charles Norris, who is Executive Vice President of Summit Fast Freight, Inc. writes that in October he and Lib went to New York for a small reunion with Steve Ritter, Al Garistina and missed Dick Cresenti and his wife because of illness in Dick's family. Steve is with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company in New York. He and his wife have five boys and one girl. Al Garistina is with Lambda Laboratories. Charles also says that Ed Grimes is in the garage business with his father in West Alexander, Penna. Ed and his wife have three daughters. C.E. "Al" Wright, Jr. (Sta. Comp.) is Office Manager of the Century Finance Company in Topeka, Kansas. He and Jerry have two boys: Larry and Jim, and a girl, Donna.

93RD BOMB GROUP - Four former members of the 93rd are stationed at Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon. Lt. Col. Russell Demont is Commander of the 460th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. Also with the 460th are T/Sgt. Andrew J. Miller and M/Sgt. William M. Culin. Clinton A. Gruber is a reservist member of the quartet. He is with KOIN-Radio and

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is a mobilization assignee with the 377th. Donald F. Hanlon (409th) is a fiduciary accountant in Wall Street. He and Eileen live in Jersey City. Don tells us that Ben Kuroki now lives in Michigan with Shigi and three girls. Ben formerly lived in Blackfoot, Idaho, where he owned and published "The Daily Bulletin." Ed Chesny, formerly Sczensy, owns a company making kitchen cabinets. Don sees Ed, Josephine and the two boys quite often. Major General Edward J. Timberlake, Commander of the 9th AF, TAC, will be transferred to SHAPE on June 22nd where he will take command of the 4th Allied Tactical AF.

389TH BOMB GROUP - Gerard Gentile (566th) lives in Newtonville, Mass. with Nina and two children: Robert, 10 years old and Elaine Marie, 4. Gerard is half owner of a company retailing fuel oil and oil heating appliances. Carl McClung writes that he has flown through Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, several times in the last year. That is now Headquarters, 2nd Air Division. Carl talked to Col. Robert B. Miller on the phone recently. Col. Miller is Commander of 12th Air Division, SAC, at March AFB, California. Charles Miller is District Agent for the Prudential Insurance Co. of America and lives in Hampstead, Md. He has two children: Kirby, 3 years old and Krista, 7 months. William Rodman (567th) lives in Jamaica, N.Y. with Beverly and three children: Bruce, 11, Steven, 6 and Barry 3. Bill is owner and operator of a stationery store. David L. Rosenthal (564th) is wearing two hats. He is a clothing cutter and a real estate salesman. He lives in West Orange, N.J. with Ruth, Nancy Ann, 10 years old, Arleen Fran, 9 and Robert Alan, 7. Dave was also with the 93rd Bomb Group. Morton B. Sherwood is a salesman for Prudential Insurance Co. of America and lives in Hicksville, L.I. He and Renee have Jeffrey, Age 8 and Gary, age 4. Morton would like to get in touch with Frank Shea, formerly of the 44th Bomb Group and Fred Love, of the 389th.

392ND BOMB GROUP - Joseph H. Dreher, Jr. lives in St. Louis, where he is consultant for an architectural firm.

445TH BOMB GROUP - Harold E. Lenox (702nd) lives in Springfield, Ill. with Gladys and four children, all over 25 years of age. Harold is owner and manager of a machine repair shop. He would like to get in touch with Jerry Bowlin, Ed Trent and Major James Evans. Bob Warn was all set to be transferred to Bermuda in January. He was busily engaged in getting his summer clothes out and we were busily engaged in turning green with envy. So, as usual, he went to Goose Bay, Labrador in February. Bob, of course, had to resign as Vice President to represent the 445th, and Bob Drummond was appointed by Dick to replace him. Bob Drummond shows no signs of going to either Bermuda or Goose Bay, at least not for a while.

446TH BOMB GROUP - David F. Allen (705th) lives in Gandy, Nebraska with Jane and two children: Marie Louise, 7 and Stewart, 4. He is a cattle rancher and Secretary-Treasurer of the Whitewater Ranch Corporation. Dave would like to get in touch with Melvin Toothman, Richard Albrecht, Jack Wells and Peter Allatt. Bill Haffey (707th) is in Mexico. He and Jane have a daughter, Anne Gabrielle, born January 5th. Bill was also with 2nd Air Division Headquarters. Capt. J. A. Risley (705th) lives in Elgin, Ill. where he is District Manager for Brodhead-Garrett Co., Cleveland, Ohio. He and Fern have two daughters, Sara Ann, 2 years old and Susan Kay, 6 months. He is still active in the AF Reserve and is presently assigned to the 9646th ARS in Elgin and is serving as Assistant Training Officer.

448TH BOMB GROUP - Hugh O. Riley (713th) lives in Amarillo, Texas.

453RD BOMB GROUP - M. D. Benarcik is President of Your Homes, Inc., a lumber and building "do it yourself" retail outlet. He lives in Wilmington, Delaware. Joseph J. Donovan has been appointed Vice President for the 453rd Bomb Group. Kirk S. Fairhurst and Leslie live in Los Angeles with a son, Peter, $4\frac{1}{2}$ and a daughter, Tracy, $1\frac{1}{2}$. Kirk is an Engineer in the Plant Engineering Department of Douglas Aircraft Co. in Santa Monica. He would like to hear from T/Sgt. Robert Finley, M/Sgt. Morris Aubree and M/Sgt. Davis from 453rd Headquarters. Herbert L. Hall (733rd) is a Special Agent, Office of Special Investigations, U.S. Air Force. He and Nancy have three children: Jeffery, 5; Janet, 3 and Susan, 3 months. Herbert was in crew #38 and was shot down on a raid to Desau, Germany on August 16, 1944. Five of the crew made it through the rest of the War as POW's. He would like to know whether there was ever a Group history written about the 453rd. He would also like to contact any member of the 453rd who would be willing to sell or otherwise part with any pictures of the Group, Squadron, aircraft and combat pictures involving the 453rd. He had a good set when they were shot down, but they were all appropriated. If anyone can help him out, his address is: 12th District O.S.I., APO 57, New York, N.Y. James I. Shaw is a practicing attorney and Prosecuting Attorney of Auglaize County, Ohio. He and Helen have three children: Melinda, Priscilla and Robert.

458TH BOMB GROUP - Robert E. Armbruster (754th) is a jeweler in Cedarburg, Wisconsin. He and Mary Aileen have three children: Joan, 6, John, 4 and Wendy 2. Julian L. Friedman (753rd) lives in Orlando, Florida with Eileen and Donna, 9 years old. He is purchasing agent for Southern Pipe & Supply Co. John McNaney went to Air Intelligence School at Sheppard AFB, Texas, after the Reunion last summer. While there he went to see Capt. Odis F. Taylor. Odis is now instructing in B-29's and lives in San Antonio with his wife and a son and daughter. Fred Vacek is a partner in a printing firm in Riverside, Ill. Marge and Fred have two children: Karl Jon 7 and Jennifer, 4.

466TH BOMB GROUP - Jim Carey wants to know if anyone has any pictures of 466th planes, especially Star Dust. He will be glad to buy any, if you will get in touch with him at Ossian, Iowa. Col. William Cleveland has finished school at McConnell and is now with Hq. 823rd Air Division (SAC), Homestead AFB, Florida. Harold M. Falik with Barbara and four children: Jim $7\frac{1}{2}$, Tom $5\frac{1}{2}$, John $2\frac{1}{2}$ and Cindy, 4 months old lives in Houston, Texas where Harold is Vice President of J. Weingarten, Inc., supermarket business. Matthew F. Kennedy (787th) is a meat salesman for the Marquette Provision Co. He lives in Chicago with Felma. Matt guarantees a good steak to anyone who visits Chicago and will look him up. Brigadier General Elvin S. Ligon, Jr. will become commander of the 3500th Recruiting Wing on July 1. Headquarters for the Wing is at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Arnold Mosbeck has moved to Houston, Texas to take over as District Manager of Hamilton Investment Fund. Says it has rained every day since he got there. He ran into John Chemoke soon after he arrived. Emery H. Rahmeyer lives in Mexico, Missouri with his wife and two children. Emery works for a mining company and is in the Air Force Reserve unit in Mexico.

467TH BOMB GROUP - Ernest J. Haar is Sales Planning Manager with Ray-O-Vac Co. in Madison, Wisconsin. He, Emile and son Chris, 10 years old, live in Madison. Ernest was also with the 492nd Bomb Group. Allen J. Welters (798th) lives in Albany, Minn. and does general construction work. He and his wife have four children: Mary Ellen 10, David 8, Patricia 4 and Carol 2. Allen is a member of the National Guard and Supply Sergeant for Medical Company of the 136th Inf.

489TH BOMB GROUP - Erwin G. Esterling is Chief Postal Clerk - a job he has had for eight years - in Burke, So. Dakota. He and LaVerna have six children: James 12, Gary 10, Lois 9, Laura 7, Tommy 5 and Janey 4. Erwin would like to get in touch with Floyd J. Skully, Peter Koufous, George Ryan and Virgil L. Parker. Eugene A. Shultz, Jr. (486th) is a supervisor in the Manufacturing Division of Smith, Kline and French Laboratories in Philadelphia. He lives in Willow Grove, Pa. with Lucille and three sons: James 8, Robert 3 and David 5.

96TH COMBAT WING - Lawrence C. Gram (A-2) is an Attorney in Milwaukee. He will be in London for the American Bar Convention during the last week of July and will travel on the continent in August. Before the Convention he plans to visit Rackheath, Attlebridge and Horsham St. Faith.

14TH FIGHTER GROUP - John Baptiste Barna (335th) is a night superintendent in the production department of a direct mail firm. He, his wife Gloria, and Joseph 9, John 7 and Anna 3½ live in the Bronx.

56TH FIGHTER GROUP - Harold L. Pittsford (63rd) is an inspector in the precision checking department of Delco-Remy Division of General Motors. Harold and Naomi live in Anderson, Indiana. Harold has three step-children: Jewel Ray, 22, Pfc. Donald Hughes 20, of the Marine Corps, and David C. Hughes, 18. Harold would like to contact Max Victor and Harold Comstock.

355TH FIGHTER GROUP - Obe H. Bargainnier is a school bus driver and filling station operator in Louisville, Ga. Obe was also with the 479th Fighter Group. Joseph S. Bartkiewicz (358th) is an over the road driver. James L. Bland, Jr. (358th) is a newspaper editor. He, Virginia and Beth, 2 years old, live in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. Marion M. Bradley is a postal clerk in Clovis, New Mexico. He and Esther have taken many trips during the past six or eight years to Salt Lake City, Reading, Penna. and many points North and South but have not contacted any of his old buddies. He would like to hear from any of you. Thomas P. Dignan (356th) is a lawyer - a partner in the firm of Dignan and Benson in Owosso, Michigan. He and June have three children: Kathleen Jane 4, Tracey Alyn 2½ and Maureen Karen 6 months. Tom would like to get in touch with George Ceglarski, of Library, Penna. John F. Draggett (358th) is a time-keeper and lives in Fredonia, N.Y. Ferdinand K. Engelhart (358th) is a physician in Trenton, N.J. He lives in Trenton with Lynn and two daughters and a son: Nancy 20, Carol, 17 and F.K., Jr. 15. Andrew Kipila (358) and Pauline live in McClellandstown, Penna. with Barbara Ann, 10 and Elizabeth Louise, 7. Andrew is a bricklayer helper with Republic Steel in Youngstown, Ohio. Edward G. Mathes (358th) and Dorothy live in Bay Village, Ohio with Jodianne 10 and Terriann, 6. Ed is General Agent for the Chicago South Shore and South Bend Railroad Co. Cyril A. Monnier (358th) lives in Houston, Ohio with his wife Rosella and four children: Mary Jane 10, Anthony 7, Timothy 6, and Dale Frances 4. He is a crew leader at Inland Manufacturing Co., Division of General Motors Corp. in Dayton. Robroy Price (358th) is the Executive Secretary of the Oklahoma Restaurant Association in Oklahoma City. Ervin G. Petersen (358th) is a millwright with the Unitcast Corp. in Toledo, Ohio. He and Gertrude live in Curtice, Ohio. Gordon Hunsberger (358th) is Payroll Manager-Boyertown Auto Body Works, Boyertown, Penna. He and Jane and two children: Diane 6½ and Gayle 2½ live in Gilbertsville, Penna. Wilbur H. Rush (Hq. Squadron) and Stella live in Lakewood, Ohio, where Wilbur is a Sales Manager. He would like to hear from any former members of the 355th Fighter Group. He would also like to contact Lt. Richard Page, Lt. Richard McGuinn and Col. John Elder.

Ivan G. Shipoy (358th) lives in Grant, Michigan with Agnes and one daughter, Sylvia Sue. He is a sign painter and sketch artist for Muskegon Neon Sign Co. Arnold K. Smith (358th) is a city mail carrier in Gorham, Maine. He and Rita have two children: Judy 5 and Paul 4. He would like to contact Capt. Albert R. Santos. Delos Walters (358th) is a farmer in Otterbein, Indiana. He and Dorothy have two daughters: Cathy Sue 6 and Connie Jo, 2. Chester W. Watson (358th) was confirmed KIA in 1947. His mother, Mrs. George L. Watson, would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew him. If any of you would like to write to Mrs. Watson, her address is: 202 West 13th Street, Muncie, Indiana. Robert A. Wilbur is a laborer in the Town of Groton Highway Department. He and Gwendoline live in Mystic, Connecticut. He would like to get in touch with Sgt. Rudy Kelm and Lt. Ratcliffe. Mrs. Alma L. Carlson has taken a Life membership in the Association in memory of her son, 1st Lt. Edwin O. Carlson (357th)

361ST FIGHTER GROUP - Larry Feldman (376th) is a millwork salesman. He, Natalie and two boys: Michael age 7 and Richard, age 3, live in North Bellmore, Long Island. Ralph S. Stowers, Jr. is a maintenance man in charge of a plant stockroom. He and Margaret live in Wakefield, Mass. with Linda, 8 and Richard, 4. Cecil W. Tudor and Mildred live in Millville, N.J. Cecil is a salesman with the Smith Rug Works. He would like to hear from Nick Novelli and Peter Santora, both of Canton, Ohio.

OBITUARIES

445TH BOMB GROUP - Erwin Koppel writes us that Captain William C. Craggs was killed in a plane crash last summer. He was an instructor in B-47's.

453RD BOMB GROUP - Andrew Raybeck, who lived in Danbury, Conn. passed away in September, 1955.

56TH FIGHTER GROUP - Major John Franklin Tulloch, Jr. was killed in action while strafing and bombing in Korea, January 11, 1952. He was flying a Shooting Star and was shot down south of the Yalu River. Major Tulloch left a wife and two children, age 7 and 5. His mother, Mrs. J. F. Tulloch, lives at 230 West G Street, Oakdale, California and would be pleased to see any of his friends who are passing through Oakdale.

355TH FIGHTER GROUP - Ralph E. Mittank died on February 10, 1955. His father, C. O. Mittank, 1116 East 33rd Street, Marion, Indiana, would like very much to correspond with any of Ralph's buddies.

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