

# NEWSLETTER



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## DEAR TROOPS:

Have you got your bags all packed, reservations made and all ready to attend the 12th ANNUAL REUNION in Chicago at the Pick-Congress Hotel on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of August????????? The Reunion Committee under the able direction of Howard W. Moore is all ready and just waiting for your arrival.

Thought I would try something just a little bit different in the format of the Schedule of Events. Hope that you find the wallet size more convenient and be able to have the Schedule of Events with you at all times and not have to wonder what time each event is to take place.

Sorry we were not able to include the hotel brochure with the Reunion information but it was just too large and would have cost a fortune to send. So I shall just give you a brief run-down on the information that it contains.

Garage Parking. 24-hour parking only  $\frac{1}{2}$  block away. All auto service and repair. Prompt pick up and delivery.

All rooms have radios, many with television.

Transportation. West end of lobby, adjoining Credit Office. Rail and air tickets available for all lines. Prompt service.

Other facilities. Cigar stand. Theatre tickets. Florist. Physicians. Drug Store. Barber Shop. Beauty Salon. Check Cashing. (Immediate check cashing privileges extended to Pick Hotels Credit Card holders. Others should contact Assistant Manager or Credit Manager several hours before they wish to cash checks.) All public rooms are air-conditioned. Dining facilities include the Glass Hat which is one of Chicago's finest supper clubs with dancing and light entertainment; Tavern Tap which is reminiscent of Old English taverns and has a Luncheon Sandwich Bar; Mocha Room which offers an array of fine food at popular prices, served in the Old Coffee House tradition for breakfast, luncheon, dinner or for after-theatre snack; Porpeian Room and Peacock Bar takes you back to the days of ancient Pompeii.

If you are traveling with children, you will find the Albert Pick Hotels "family plan" a welcome travel convenience. At no extra charge, cribs or roll-away beds will be set up for youngsters up to 14 years old, who occupy a room with an adult; and strollers and highchairs are available when needed. The Pick-Congress considers it a pleasure to welcome the "kiddies" as complimentary guests.

Know there is much more I could probably tell you but time and space do not permit me to do so. Just come along to the REUNION and we'll all explore Chicago together.

## GROUP HISTORIES

Have had several requests as to where a copy of the book "Target: Germany, The Army Air Forces' Official Story of the VIII Bomber Command's First Year Over Europe" could be purchased. Mrs. Harry Cody very kindly gave me this information and I am forwarding it on to you in the hopes that you may be able to obtain a copy. The publisher was Simon & Schuster and was published in cooperation with Life Magazine in 1943.

I have also had requests for various Group Histories. If anyone has any information at all on any Group History, would you please forward that information to me and I'll publish it in the next Newsletter. Any information at all would be greatly appreciated.

## MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Through an oversight, I did not include the latest information on the Memorial Trust Fund. As they say, "Better late than never". So, here t'is. The following letter was received by Percy Young from B. Cozens-Hardy, Esq.:

CITY AND COUNTY OF NORWICH

February 9th, 1959

Dear Mr. Cozens-Hardy,

You are probably aware that the Council has recently been considering the building programme for the new Central Library to be built on the site in Bethel Street. A final decision was made at the meeting on 3rd February, and I am pleased to be able to tell you that demolition and site clearance works will be under way by September next.

The City Architect is preparing working drawings and the City Engineer is negotiating for those parts of the site not yet in the Corporation's ownership. He expects these negotiations to be concluded in the next few months.

The Council has decided that its programme of capital works will make provision for construction to begin in April, 1960, and to continue without interruption until the library, together with the American Memorial to be incorporated therein, is completed.

These decisions were made unanimously but I must add the usual cautionary note that they are subject to government approval of the Council's plans for borrowing the necessary money. I do not, however, expect to encounter any difficulties there.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Gordon G. Tilsley  
Town Clerk

## TRUST FUND - CONT'D -

B. Cozens-Hardy, Esq.,  
Clerk to the Governors,  
The Memorial Trust of the 2nd Air Division  
U.S.A.F.  
Castle Chambers, Norwich

You might also like to read an excerpt from the EASTERN DAILY PRESS of April 11, 1959, in connection with the presentation of a plaque on which was inscribed "to the City of Norwich, with gratitude and deep appreciation for your gracious hospitality to the United States Air Force in Norfolk." In presenting the plaque, Major General Ernest Moore, Commanding the United States Third Air Force, stated that he was deeply moved by a simple daily ceremony which had taken place in the Regalia Room of Norwich City Hall since April last year, when Norwich accepted the Second Air Division Roll of Honor from the American Ambassador.

"Each day, he said, someone has silently turned a page of that Roll, keeping ever fresh the memory of 6,032 fallen American airmen. This daily ceremony is a magnificent tribute and most inspiring to us."

There is another paragraph or two in connection with the remarks of Mr. Tom Copeman, Chairman of our Memorial Trust, which is interesting:

"Now after 14 years, the Trust was entering on the most exciting period of its existence, with the prospect of the memorial being realized, he said. Mr. Copeman said the American room in the library must be a fitting permanent home for the Roll of Honour. The idea of all the governors and the subscribers was that it must be of real use to the citizens of Norwich, it must be a place of beauty and peace, must illustrate all that is best in American literature and achievement, and must further friendly relations between the two countries. Only if the memorial did those things worthily would it properly commemorate the men whose names were on the Roll."

This about brings us up-to-date on the Memorial Trust fund except for the Financial Statement which I shall publish in the next Newsletter since I don't have a copy of it at the present moment.

\$\$\$ COOPERATION NEEDED \$\$\$

HEY!!! WHOA!!! STOP!!! Something has got to go. Take a look at all the Changes of Address. Of the entire list only nine (9) individuals notified us of the change. The rest of the changes cost the Association five (5) cents apiece plus the cost of another Newsletter and a four (4) cent stamp to remail it. So you see, it doesn't take very long for this item of expenditure to mount up to a pretty sizeable sum. So won't you PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, keep us notified of your change of address.

Maybe this is as good a time as any to explain to you again what your dues money is used for. As you know we are a non-profit making organization and as a result our only source of income is through the payment of dues. This money is used for the printing and mailing of the Newsletter, contact letters for new members as we manage to obtain new and different rosters, membership cards, stationery and supplies. These are by no means small items of expense. In order to make each newsletter more interesting and enjoyable for you, a lot of work goes into the format preparation. Pictures raise the cost of printing. So in order to give them to you, and still keep within the budget, I completely prepare the Newsletter (mistakes and all) so that all the printer has to do is take a photograph of it and then print it. Then the rest of it is up to me, and it is no small job. The Membership Chairman is constantly busy as you can well imagine. Hers is a never-

ending job, plus fact that she is also earning her own livelihood at the same time. The President is also kept busy keeping your Association operating in a manner that will please you.

Please don't misunderstand me. I've never heard any of the Association officers complaining of the time and money which they have given to make the 2nd Air Division Association an organization that you can be proud to be a member of. The reason behind this explanation is that I have received several letters (not too many) wondering just what they were getting for their annual dues and I wanted to assure you that your dues money is not being indiscriminately expended.

... AMEN!

## 2 AD ROSTERS

2nd Air Division Association Rosters are still available. Just send me your quarter and I'll send you the roster. However, I would appreciate it, if you would wait until after the 25th of August and then mail your request to 620 Oakdale Drive, Montgomery, Alabama. The rosters will be on sale at the Reunion. Each Newsletter contains the Changes of Address, New Members, etc., which you can cut out and put in the back of your roster.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just another reminder. Have you paid your dues? If not, let's get on the ball and mail them to Evelyn Cohen, 5148 Euclid Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., right away. No dues!! No Newsletter!!

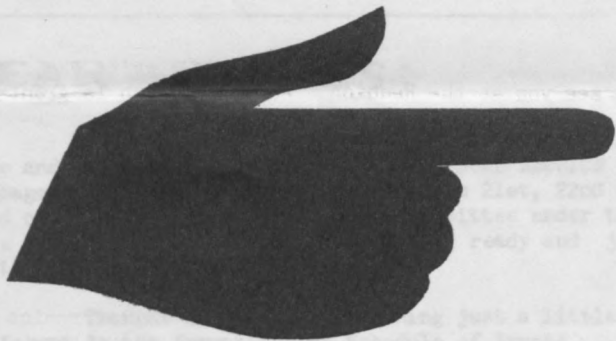
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**WEST COAST WING**

Barring unforeseen difficulties, the organization of the new WEST COAST WING of the 2nd Air Division Association will get under way the 18th, 19th and 20th of September in Sacramento, California. If you are interested in becoming a charter member of this new Wing, fill in the questionnaire at the bottom of this newsletter and mail it to Edward M. Hunton, 434 Keats Avenue, Clovis, California. You will then be notified as to where it will take place.

Application for Membership - West Coast Wing-2nd Air Division Association.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby make application for membership in the "West Coast Wing" of the 2nd Air Division Association. My mailing address is: \_\_\_\_\_

During World War II, I was a member of: \_\_\_\_\_ (Unit Designation)  
 in the 2nd Air Division.

I (am) (am not) a dues paying member of the 2nd Air Division Association.

I (do) (do not) plan to attend the National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, in August 1959.

I (would) (would not) be willing to serve on the Organization Committee for this new Wing.

In order of preference for the first meeting of this Wing I choose: ( ) Sacramento, Calif. ( ) San Francisco, Calif. ( ) Fresno, Calif.

I (am) (am not) a member of an Inactive Reserve Unit. (Note: If you are a member of an Air National Guard, Air Reserve, etc., please state the Unit and location). \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature)

NOTE: Please Type or Print your entries on this form .

MAIL TO: Edward M. Hunton  
 434 Keats Avenue  
 Clovis, California

## BITS AND CHIPS

### HEADQUARTERS, 2ND AIR DIVISION

Wendell E. Cook writes that he is still active in the reserves and is slated for two active duty tours this summer. One will be to Air Force Command and Staff School at Maxwell AFB, and the other at Biggs AFB in El Paso, Texas. Mary Frances (Williams) Elder is kept quite busy with her family - husband Delos and three children - two boys age 12 and 8 and one girl age 6. That's not enough so she works as a Statistical Clerk for the Interstate Hosiery division of Burlington Mills, Inc. Hazard Gillespie has been appointed U. S. District Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Dolores (Hommer) Mc Geary is at present confined in a V.A. Hospital. Get well soon, Gal. John S. Means expects to be on a trailer caravan in Nova Scotia during August. How about taking some of us along with you. We were sorry to hear of the passing of Lillian (Meadows) Moore's husband in an automobile accident. Lillian is busy caring for four children - Bruce 13, Glen 10, Joan 8½ and Harry 3rd, 6 years old. Rena Owen is busy keeping her insurance business well in hand in Comanche, Texas, but took time out to visit with "Jackie" (Gra Hovac) Turchet while Jackie was on her safari through the South. James Reeves and wife Edna are expecting a new arrival in their home to keep Nancy (10) and Grover (9) company. Msgr. Edward Seward affectionately called "Chappie" plans on making a trip to Rome in August. If there should be any change in your plans, we'll be looking forward to seeing you in Chicago. Raymond E. Strong writes that he will not be able to attend the Reunion this year since he must attend a course on digital computers. I'm sure you would have more fun at the Reunion. Barbara & Ben Walsh have been reassigned to Fontainebleau, France. Joseph B. Whitaker is still with American Cyanamid Co. in explosives and promises to attend the Reunion next year. We'll be looking forwarding to seeing you.

### 44<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP

Philip Mancoff and Elinor with children Carol (13) and Debra (9) live at 65½2 No. Artesian Ave., Chicago, Illinois, where Phil is busy as an electrician. William Cecil Stewart is an Area Supervisor of the Gibson County Electric Membership Corp., distributing TVA electricity in northwest Tennessee. Bill lives on 106 - 10th Street, in Trenton, Tenn. with wife Ruth and daughter Ruth age 12, and they would enjoy seeing any of his friends if they should happen to be touring through Trenton. Paul T. Betz has been elected the (First) Municipal Judge of the Municipal Court for the City of Adrian, Michigan. Congratulations!!

### 93<sup>RD</sup> BOMB GROUP

M/Sgt. William M. Culin is now stationed at Ramstein AFB. He is living on the economy in a small country town named Bann. Bill sends his regards to everyone. Charles McKee writes that he will be unable to attend the Reunion due to conflicting dates with the summer encampment of the Virginia National Guard.

### 389<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP

John M. Paraniuk has his own Real Estate and Insurance business in Monaca, Pa., - married - two children. Would enjoy punching anybody's T.S. card that might be in his area and hopes to attend the Reunion. Lt. Col. Richard B. Smith was recently transferred to the B-58 Test Force at Carswell Air Force Base.

### 445<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP

John M. Knizeski, Jr. resides at 23 Purdue Rhade Glen Cove, N. Y., with Elsie and their three children Justine (5), John III (2) and Celestine (6 months). He is presently employed as a Sales Engineer.

### 446<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP

M/Sgt. George Dikun must be in "cahoots" with the Air Force. He gets conveniently located near the Reunion site. All joking aside, we're very happy that so far it is working out that way. George is in school at Chanute AFB, Illinois. William G. Workman and Ann live in Bardonia, N. Y. with their four children Stephen (5), Neal (4), Kenneth (2) and Gregory (1). Bill is Regional Director - Mail and Express for American Airlines. He is most interested in hearing from anyone in the 446th. Dr. Gerald J. Kardon and Libby and daughter Jodi Ann (2½) live at 1625 N. 77th St., Philadelphia, Pa., where he is a doctor of Optometry.

### 466<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP

William T. Brenner thought maybe some of the ex-navigators might be interested in the good setup the Reserve Navigation Squadrons have. He is assigned to the 8501st AF Res Sqdn (Nav Trng) at O'Hare International Airport, Park Ridge, Ill. They meet one week-end a month and besides ground training they have to fly at least 100 hours a year to meet 60-2 requirements. Bill flew to Europe last summer with MATS on his summer tour. He says that England looks much the same except the lights are on again. We're expecting to see you at the Reunion. Hope your wish is granted and that you'll see many old friends at the Chicago Reunion. We're also hoping that the expected arrival in the James R. Carey family will not keep them from the Reunion. Dr. Ralph P. Langenfeld has moved from Watertown, S. Dakota, to 520 Melrose St., Chicago 13, Illinois.

### 467<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP

Edward J. Ferrara has been working in Electronics since his discharge in 1945. He is also married and has three children Ed. Jr., (10), John (7) and daughter Terry (4).

### 56<sup>TH</sup> FIGHTER GROUP

Mitchell S. Sabala is Assistant to Supervisor I.B.M. Unit, Sears Roebuck & Co. and lives at 2648 N. Melvina Ave., Chicago, Illinois. William S. Warren, Jr. is residing at Magnolia, Delaware with wife Gwendoline and their two children James (13) and Janice (9 months).

### DECEASED

Mildred Cornwell, 3789 Menlo, Los Angeles, Calif. Hq. 2AD  
W. J. Hurley, Chicago, Ill. killed in plane crash in Oct.  
1950. 44th BG  
Dunham V. Ziehler, Phila. Pa., 17 June 1955 44th BG  
Alfred M. Zeh, Woodhull, N. Y., 16 February 1957 56th FG

### ADDITIONS

Elder, Mary Frances Williams, 1224 Franklin Street,  
Burlington, North Carolina 2 AD  
Brenner, William T., 1417 Woodland Drive, Deerfield,  
Illinois 466th BG  
Ferrara, Edward J., 41 Ionia St., PO Box 1666,  
Springfield, Mass. 467th BG  
Landrum, Calvin O., 608 West Park Drive, Columbia City,  
Indiana 466th  
Langenfeld, Dr. Ralph P., 520 Melrose St., Chicago 13,  
Illinois 466th  
Tedford, Glenn E., 3005 Speedway, Wichita Falls, Tex.  
93rd

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Betz, Paul T., Municipal Judge, c/o City Hall, Adrian, Michigan

Birsic, Rudolph J., 2025 E. Wilshire Ave., Apt. E, Fullerton, California

Elumenstock, Lt. Col. John H., 309 E. Hamilton, Homer, Michigan

Bousquet, Robert W., 17 Field St., Southbridge, Mass.

Boutain, Robert, P.O. Box 313, Escondido, California

Camper, T/Sgt. Raymond J., 202 Cimarron, Clinton-Sherman AFB, Oklahoma

Collins, Clifford B., 10035 Aldea Ave., Northridge, California

Cross, Adelbert D., 14 Evelyn Road, Plainview, N. Y.

Culin, M/Sgt. William M., Box 33, 7030th Air Police Sqdn., APO 12, New York, N. Y.

Dickerson, Paul M., 1717 Hilltop Drive, Waco, Texas

Dikun, M/Sgt. George, 3360th School Sqdn., Chanute AFB, Illinois

Duerkson, Capt. Cliver E., Mather Air Force Base, Calif.

Gavitt, Ernest M., 109 Cedar Grove Dr., Irondequoit, New York

Griffin, Edward C., 1514 4th Ave. East, Bradenton, Fla.

Hanlon, Donald, 86 Palisade Ave., Jersey City 6, N. J.

Kimel, Ralph A., Rt #2, Clemmons, North Carolina

Kuhn, Gilbert J., 731 Golden Park, San Diego 6, Calif.

Lewis, Vernon, 63 W. 9th St., Newton Falls, Ohio

Ligon, Maj. Gen. Elvin S., Jr., Dir of Pers Planning, Hq USAF, Attn:; ABPDP, Washington 25, D. C.

Litman, Philip, 1426 B 28th St., Far Rockaway, N. Y.

McClain, James H., 1426 Central Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

McDonald, Harold W., 5 Rockridge Rd., Oroville, Calif.

McGeary Mrs. Delores Hommer, 1129 A No. 26th Street, Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin

McLaughlin, Newton L., 1230 Los Altos, Long Beach 15, California

Mossoro, Beverly J. (Cody), 419 No. Bedford St., La Habra, California

Merrell, Col. Jack G., Hq. East Air Force, McGuire AFB, New Jersey

Noecker, Lester C., 31 Brandon Ave., Livingston, N.J.

Norris, Charles P., 2629 Southern Rd., West Richfield, Ohio

Nylander, Franklyn E., 2747 Dupont Ave. South, Apt. 303, Minneapolis, Minn.

Ostric, Louis J., 356 North St., Mattapoisett, Mass.

Parker, George H., 923 E. Grove St., Bloomington, Ill.

Puch, M/Sgt. Beatrice, 3743rd WAF Training Sqdn., Box Lackland AFB, Texas

Smith, Lt. Col. R. B., 1708 Saxony Rd., Ft. Worth, Tex.

Summey, Capt. Paul B., 130 Miss. Ave., Columbus AFB, Miss.

Taylor, John J., 215 N. Greenfield Ave., Waukesha, Wis.

Veynar, Hathy, 620 Oakdale Drive, Montgomery, Ala.

Walters, Deloss W., Rt 10, Lafayette, Indiana

Warth, Charles J., 4320 Glenway Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio

Whittle, Capt. James L., Jr., 689th AC&W Sqdn, Mt. Hebo AFB, Oregon

Williams, F. Leonard, Rt 4, Box 666, Suffolk, Virginia

## NEW MEMBERS

Kardon, Dr. Gerald J., 1625 N. 77th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 446th

Knizeski, John M., Jr., 23 Purdue Road, Glen Cove, New York 445th

Mancoff, Philip, 6542 N. Artesian Ave., Chicago 45, Illinois 44th

Sabala, Mitchell S., 2648 N. Melvina Ave., Chicago 39, Illinois 56th FG

Warren, William S., Jr., RFD, Magnolia, Del. 56th FG

Workman, William G., P.O. Box 372, Bardonia, N. Y. 446th

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HEADQUARTERS, 2ND AIR DIVISION



In the rear... this entire... School at... Paso, Texas... busy with... two days... state... Illinois...

We were sorry to hear of the passing of... (Name) in an automobile... Illinois in your caring for four children - Bruce, 13, and...

WEST COAST WING... of the new WEST COAST WING... of the 2nd Air Division... in California, Illinois, and...

44TH BOMB GROUP

Application for Membership... in the West Coast Wing... of the 2nd Air Division... Illinois, California, and...

Hathy Veynar  
1125 Bristow Drive  
Annandale, Va.

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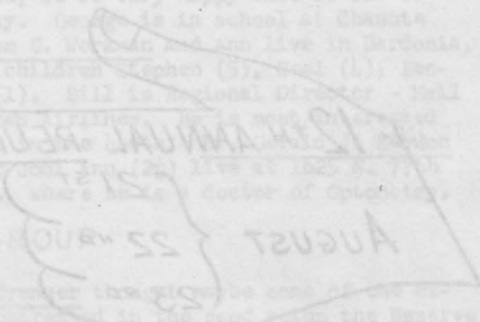
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446TH BOMB GROUP

W/pt. George Mann must be in "contact" with the... Air Force. He gets conveniently located near the... site. All joking aside, we're very happy that so far it...



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