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I really "goofed" on the last Newsletter. When I "goof", I really do a good job of it.

Publicly, I would like to extend my sincerest apologies to our new President for 1963 Percy Young. In my haste to get the Newsletter out and moving at the same time, I omitted the article I had prepared on the selection of our 1963 President. Since our President-elect John Cunningham passed away before taking office, the President called a Special Executive Council Meeting to select a President to fill the vacancy. The result of this meeting was the selection of Percy Young as our new President. Knowing how you all feel about Percy Young, I'm sure that you approve of the Council's choice.

I am happy to include Percy's message to the Troops in this Newsletter.

"Greetings to all the Troops --

1963 should be - must be - the all-time high for the Second Air Division Association! We shall finally see the fruition of the plans made 18 years ago when the 2 A.D. Memorial Fund was established. We shall finally see the magnificent new Norwich Library building with its impressive American room and inspiring Memorial Water Garden with its walk composed, in part, from pebbles and small rocks from each of the 50 states and from each of the three Service Academies. Finally, we shall see more than 100 of those who served in the 2 A.D. together with members of their families aboard our charter jet aircraft winging its way across the Atlantic. This promises to be a most memorable occasion and one which every member should make every effort to attend.

The Dedication ceremonies, with the principal address by the American Ambassador to the Court of St. James, will take place on Thursday, June 13, 1963. Incidentally, this job was once held by our President's father, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy. There will be many other things to do and to enjoy. Only last Friday I received a cable asking that I cable "the approximate numbers who will attend the Norwich Reunion". This information was "required by the town clerk." So you can see that they are beginning at least five months ahead of time to go all out for the occasion. Actually, plans have been under discussion for more than two years.

But let me get back to the "pebbles and small rocks". This project was the inspired vision of the city architect. Its successful accomplishment was performed by the tireless efforts, the initiative, and "follow-through" of two of our very fine ex-presidents Gus Karoly and our beloved late president-elect John Cunningham. Your hearts have already been saddened by news of his tragic and untimely summons to his last reveille. This collection of pebbles and small rocks from historic places all over our country is probably

one of the most unique such collections in all the world. And if any of you have any doubts as to the difficulty and magnitude of the task, let me quote a short excerpt from a letter dated March 29, 1962, which I received from our Air Attache in London, Colonel John F. Spain:

"I suggest that it may be quite difficult to get stones from all of the States but I know that a real effort will be made to get some stones back here to Norwich."

Some stones, indeed! Gus and John did a real 100% 2 A.D.-type job. Generations will tread upon these pebbles and stones, perhaps paying unconscious homage to two great guys who would not settle for less than a perfect fulfillment of our own architect's dream.

This letter cannot end without a few words of tribute to John Cunningham. I knew him well and admired him greatly in England. He was one of the most loyal and dedicated members of the 2 A.D. Association. He had served once already as our president and looked forward to such service again in our banner year of 1963. No one, but no one, can take his place in Norwich this June. No one deserved this honor more or could have performed the many duties this post will demand nearly so well as could John. Our condolence and deepest sympathy go out to his lovely wife and daughter and to his fine son. We shall all miss you, John, until we meet with you again at that last, final reunion "up there".

I hope to see many of you at Norwich in June. I think it will be an occasion you will never forget, will always look back to. The charter aircraft not only makes the cost of transportation most reasonable, but saves both time and money by landing at Sculthorpe where transportation to Norwich will be waiting for us. You will be able to see once again those old familiar spots with no need to hurry to catch the last bus on the Liberty run and no six o'clock reveille to cast its dark shadow over a grand evening of revelry.

See you in Norwich - in June.

Cheers,

/s/ Percy

Percy C. Young

Many questions have arisen pertaining to the Charter Flight. Some of these I have ready answers for and some I have to obtain from the committee and the chartering airline. Would you please submit any questions you might have pertaining to this flight right away so that the answers may be obtained and included in the next Newsletter due to reach you by the end of February. Due to the amount of work involved in preparing this flight the Newsletter will be in an abbreviated form such as this.

I M P O R T A N T

We need to know how many are planning on attending the Dedication Ceremonies and who will not be using the Charter Flight.

The Town Clerk of Norwich has again cabled and requested the following information:

Number expected.

Accommodations needed.

Length of stay in Norwich.

Will each of you please send a card right away with the above information so that we may cable them as soon as possible. We need this information from all including the

Charter Flight personnel. If any of you are planning on staying with friends please make the notation on the card. We gather from the cable that they are planning on taking care of our accommodations while we are in Norwich; however, I shall still give you the list of the Norwich Hotels in case you would like to have them.

BELL HOTEL Licensed - 54 bedrooms - 7 public bathrooms - single with bath (including breakfast) 23/6 to 26/- - double with bath (including breakfast) 47/- to 52/-.
Inclusive weekly terms including all meals 252/-.

CASTLE Licensed - 90 bedrooms - 20 rooms with private bathrooms 10 public bathrooms - single with bath (including breakfast) 28/6 to 38/- double with breakfast 55/- to 65/-.
Inclusive weekly terms including all meals 301/-.

GREAT EASTERN Licensed - 35 bedrooms - 2 with private bathrooms - 4 public bathrooms - single with bath (including breakfast) 24/6 to 28/6 - double with breakfast 48/- to 56/-.
Inclusive weekly terms including all meals 231/- to 273/-.

MAID'S HEAD Licensed - 75 bedrooms - 26 with private bathrooms - 10 public bathrooms - single with bath (including breakfast) 30/- to 40/- double with breakfast 60/- to 85/-.
Inclusive weekly terms including all meals 3/5/- to 420/-.

ROYAL Licensed - 83 bedrooms - 15 with private bathrooms - 8 public bathrooms - single with bath (including breakfast) 30/- to 32/6 - double with breakfast 60/- to 65/-.
Inclusive weekly terms including all meals 315/-.

The prices quoted above are shillings and pence and the rate of exchange for some time now has been \$2.80 for 20 shilling. (20/-)

The list of the London Hotels will be included in the February Newsletter since we do not have them available at this time.

Just as a double check on the Applications for the Charter Flight, I am listing the names of those I have received. My reason for doing this is to be sure I have received them all since I was in the process of moving at the time some of them were coming in. If your name is not included in this list please contact me right away.

Howard Baum	Robert Haipin	Lowell C. Minch	Jackie Turchet
Fred H. Beard	Lloyd A. Haug	George Parker	John P. Watson
Jean Bressier	Raymond A. Hess	Willard O. Pease	Donald M. Whited
Evelyn Cohen	John M. Jacobowitz	Robert L. Pellican	Clayton Woodward
Henry X. Dietch	John P. Karoly	Anthony Schlonski	Maurice Zappala
Lawrence Gram	Lenard Ludwig	David F. Sweeney	Harold McCormick
			Paul Halecki
			James Reeves

If you are planning on making this Charter Flight Trip, I cannot urge you strongly enough to get you applications in right away since the seats are filling up very rapidly. More than half of the seats are already taken and I cannot guarantee how many will be left by the time you receive this letter. My earnest hope is that none of you will be disappointed, so please get your applications in right away so that in case all the seats on the Charter Flight are taken, I will have time to arrange a separate Group Fare of twenty or more if that should be your desire.

The time of departure of the flight has not been set by the airline as yet, but as soon as I am notified, I shall let you know. My feeling is that we should land at Sculthorpe on the morning of the 11th.

Those of you who are planning to go on the flight will need your passport. The applications can be obtained at your nearest Federal Court. I have a few of these applications. However, you will be further ahead if you obtain them yourself since they must be signed in the presence of one of the clerks in the Passport Division. It will take approximately three weeks to process the application since it must go to Washington, D. C., so may I suggest that you do this right away and if you are a little undecided as to whether or not you are going I would still suggest that you get it anyway since it is good for a three-year period and can be renewed after that and you'll be all set. Another suggestion that I have pertaining to the application is that in the space marked "List each country to be visited" that you put European Tour then it will cover any other country you might want to visit. Keep in mind that the tourist peak season will be during April, May and June and a lot of people will be applying for passports and a backlog is apt to occur in Washington, D. C. at that time. Make your application now and be sure.

You will also need a Vaccination Certificate for each member of your family. This form can be picked up at the Passport Division Office the same time you make application for your Passport.

A definite time and meeting place will be set up at both the Chicago Airport and New York Airport and you will be notified at a later date as to the time and place.

It has been suggested by one of our members that if you are planning on renting a car over there that you obtain an International Drivers License before you leave the States. I have checked and these Drivers Licenses may be obtained from any AAA Auto Club. They do require that you have a passport size photograph so be sure and take one with you. The price is \$2.00 for the license. If you are planning on driving in Germany then you will need two license. The regular International Drivers License and the German translation.

There has also been a query pertaining to insurance while on the flight and during the stay. A blanket policy for the charter for the duration of the trip can be obtained, or you may obtain your own individual insurance. However, a cheaper rate can be obtained if it is a blanket policy. I have requested this information and will include it in the next Newsletter. The coverage would be \$50,000 accidental death and 5,000 accident.

I believe that about covers all the information that I have at the present time EXCEPT get those applications in right away to:

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See y'all in Norwich!!

Hathy Veynar