

SECOND AIR DIVISION

ASSOCIATION



—Late 1954—

Hi!

SEASON'S GREETINGS!!

1955 Reunion

Plans are progressing to make the 1955 Reunion a real wing-ding. As announced previously, the Reunion will be held August 19-20-21, 1955, at the Hotel Shoreham, Washington, D. C. The 389th Bomb Group is to be honored at the 1955 affair, and we anticipate a large representation from that Group. Tentative plans will be announced in the March Newsletter.

Second Air Division Memorial Fund

The recommendations of the Second Air Division Association with regard to the 2AD Memorial Fund, as outlined in the Minutes of the Seventh Annual Meeting published in October, were transmitted to the Trustees and have been acknowledged. The City of Norwich is still trying to get approval to erect a Library Building on the original site. On October 5th, the Norwich City Council accepted in principle the need for the erection of a new Central Library, but a proposal that the building should be placed on the St. Giles' frontage of the City Hall site was not approved. An alternative proposal to erect a separate building on a site between Bethel Street and Theatre Street was considered but rejected by the Libraries Committee. Another proposal is now in preparation for submission to the committee.

While there is no definite progress on the actual construction of the Library, it would seem that eventually a Library Building will be erected and the Second Air Division Memorial will become a reality.

Membership-Groups To Be Contacted

We have been successful in obtaining partial rosters for five bomb groups and one fighter group as follows:

389th B. G. - Hethel	446th B. G. - Bungay
44th B. G. - Shipdam	467th B. G. - Rackheath
93rd B. G. - Hardwick	4th F. G. - Debden

All names listed for the above groups (some 20,000) will be contacted within the next few months. However, we still need group histories for the other eight bomb groups and 4 fighter groups -- 392nd B.G., 448th B.G., 458th B.G., 453rd B.G., 466th B.G., 489th B.G., 491st B.G., 492nd B.G., 65th Fighter Wing, 56th F.G., 355th F.G., 361st F.G., and 479th F.G. If anyone has a copy of any of these group histories, the Association would appreciate it if we could borrow the copy long

enough to have photostats made. Please make it possible for us to contact your group and to organize it within the Association.

Air Force Academy Post to Col. Carl Barthel

Our own Col. Carl C. Barthel has been named to the post of director of flying at the Air Force Academy. He is one of the few aircraft observers serving as full colonel. The appointment of an observer points up the Air Force's effort to open more command and staff positions to the non-pilot officers. The Academy training post is a logical one, officials say, since basic observer training will be a major part of the Academy curriculum. In addition to their academic schooling, all cadets will get the full observer course and will win observer wings as well as diplomas on graduation. Col. Barthel is currently director of observer training, HQs. Flying Training.

Weddings

Miss Deborah Post, daughter of the late Russell Lee Post, and Hugh G. Cunningham were married September 25, 1954.

The wedding of Salli Lucille Johnson, daughter of Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Leon Johnson, and Lt. Wilson C. Barnes took place at the Mitchel Chapel, Mitchel AFB, in August.

PERSONNEL NEWS

SIDNEY ADAIR (445th) is with the Philco Corporation as a distributor sales representative. HENRY ARNAUD (445th) is a petroleum engineer, Gulf Oil Corp., Baytown, Texas. He and Mrs. Arnaud are the parents of 3 daughters. EDWARD J. BABCOCK (445th) is a music teacher (strings-orchestra-vocal) at the Northside Highschool and is organist-choir director at Christ Church-Episcopal, Corning, N.Y. Ed and Helen have 2 daughters, Judy 14 and Sally 7. KENNETH C. BALDWIN (445th) and his wife, Katharine, have 2 daughters, Norma Jean 6 and Karen 3. Ken owns and operates a fleet of trucks hauling oil and gas field equipment in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and New York. JAMES E. BALLARD (445th) is a salesman for Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Washington, D. C. GEORGE BARGER, former bombardier 392nd B.G., is Pastor, Memorial Christian Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He and Helen have 3 children, Freya 8, Ross 5 and Beth Ann 2. ARTHUR BELLAMY (445th) is a maintenance mechanic for the Holston Defense Corporation. He and Ferne have 2 daughters, Carol 3 and Penny 4. Art wants to hear from the members of his old crew. WILLIAM P. BEYER (445th) is a production analyzer for the International Business Machine Corporation. Bill and Edith have 2 sons, Tom 8 and Bob 5. HAL E. BILYEU was named to permanent major in the regular Air Force September 21, 1954. WILLIAM S. BRUCE (445th) and his wife, Vyrlin, have a son Christian 4 and a daughter Claudia 9. Bill is president of Avery-Bruce & Co., Inc. of Guilford, Conn. During a recent trip to Denver/Colorado Springs, Wallace and Marilyn (Fritz) Snyder were at Andrews AFB. While waiting for an early takeoff, they met Lt. Col. SYLVESTER (SY) BURKE who was Fighter-Liaison Officer at HQs. Ketteringham Hall. Sy is Commander, 2242nd A.F. Reserve Combat Training Center, Selfridge AFB, Michigan. GEORGE W. BURNEY (445th) is a special agent for a Pittsburgh insurance company. George and Virginia are the proud parents of a 6 months old daughter, Virginia. MORRIS CLARK, formerly station weather officer at Division Headquarters, is teaching math and science at the Cottonwood (Arizona) Highschool. Morris and Helen have 2 daughters, Mary 6 and Kathy 3. TED H. CLIMER (pilot 445th, A-3 467th, A-3 96th CBW) is a contractor, Union City, Tenn. Ted and Susie have a son and daughter, Ted Jr. 4 and Susan Jr. 1. Ted is flying with the Tennessee Air National Guard at Berry Field, Nashville. WILLIAM E. COLEMAN (445th) is sales manager, Montgomery Equipment Company, Johnson City, Tenn. FRANCIS W. CONLEY, former lead pilot with the 445th, is still flying and is a captain, Trans-World Airlines. The Conley's have a wonderful family

of four children-Susan 7, Martin 4, and the year-old twins, Terence and Nona. HARRY A. DeMASO (445th) is Supervisor Battle Creek Township (Michigan). Harry and Mary Jayne have 2 sons, David 5 and Tommy 1½. PAUL M. DICKERSON (445th) is general foreman, General Tire and Rubber Co., Bellmead, Texas. He and Grace have three daughters, Pat 11, Linda 8 and Joyce 1. THOMAS J. DUFF (445th) is a letter carrier in Andover, Mass. Tom and Marion have a daughter, Mary Elizabeth 3½. JACK M. ERICKSON (445th) is an installer-repairman for the Pacific Telephone Co. He and Florence have 2 sons, Gary 9 and Jimmy 7. JOSEPH J. FERRIS and his wife, Rita, have one son, Joseph J. Jr. 1½. Joe is a director-BuyRite Wholesale Grocers, Inc. ELMER M. FISCHER (445th) is a pharmacist with Smith, Kline & French Laboratories in Philadelphia. The Fishers have 2 daughters, Donna 5 and Karen 2. WALTER T. FISHER (445th) is a salesman for Acme Products Company, Akron, Ohio. RALPH GAMS (445th) owns a hardware store in Chicago. Ralph and Lillian have one son, Gary 3½. ROBERT L. GATES writes that he is now with the Niagara Chemical Division of Food, Machinery & Chemical Corporation. Bob says he often sees GEORGE STEVENS and family who also live in Medina, N.Y. BERNARD GORDY (445th) is with the DeKalb Ag. Assn., Illiopolis, Ill., and does welding, plumbing and heating work. Lt. Col. CHARLES GRAYDON reports that he and Mrs. Graydon escaped most of the hurricane trouble, but were evacuated from their Cape cottage and spent a night in a highschool although they had no damage to their house or possessions. WILLARD GUSLER (445th) and Marjorie have 2 sons, Willard Jr. and Charles. Willard works for a Duncannon (Pa.) hardware company. PAUL S. HAHN (445th) is an inspector for the U. S. Army Ord. Depot, Philadelphia. CAPT. CHARLES B. HAMSHER has been named Base Exchange Officer at Sampson AFB, N.Y. ARLAND HARBERT (445th) and his wife, Garnett live on a farm near Indianapolis and in addition to farming, Arland does trucking. CHARLES C. HARPIN (445th) is a tool and die maker with U. S. Time Corp., Middlebury, Conn. Charlie and Beulah have one son, Charles Jr. VIRGIL V. HAWKINS (445th) owns and operates the Attica (N.Y.) Bar and Grill, and has one son, Ronald 5. ELWYN HORNSBY (445th) and his wife, Audrey, have a son Johnny 4 and a daughter Linda 2. Elwyn is in the retail lumber business, New Roads, La. CHARLES A. HUDDLESTON (445th) and Treacia have 2 daughters and a son - Jeffrey 8, Janice 6 and Karen 4. Charlie is a floor covering mechanic. Lt. Gen. LEON JOHNSON is Commander, Continental Air Command, and is Air Force Representative to the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations. WILLIAM S. KABLESH (445th) is a traveling auditor for Middle Atlantic Transportation Co., New Britain, Conn. Bill majored in transportation at Columbia. CHARLES B. KENNING (445th) graduated in 1948 from St. Bonaventure (BA) and from Georgetown University Law School (LLB) in 1951. He was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar, Maryland Bar and the New York Bar. In addition to an active practice of law in Rochester, N.Y., he is also Professor of Business Law at St. John Fisher College. JAMES N. KIDDER (445th) and his wife, Priscilla have 2 sons, Robert 7 and Richard 5, and a daughter Betsy 2. Jim is treasurer of "Priscilla of Boston", a well-known dress manufacturing company. ROBERT LAING has been a teacher in the Los Angeles City Schools and at present is on leave and teaching with the U. S. Army in Germany. GEORGE W. LAYRITZ (445th) is a toolmaker and works on molds for plastics. He and his wife, Elsie, have one daughter Christine 2. HARRY D. LIED (445th) is purchasing agent for the Boose Aluminum Foundry Co., and is also partner in Lied & Lied (sporting goods). He and Dorothy have 2 children, Gary 4½ and Sharon 1½. GEORGE T. LYON (445th) and his wife, Bertha, have a son and daughter, Clifford 4 and Gayla Lynn 3. George is a pipe fitter in Clinton, Ind. NICHOLAS MASLONIC (445th) is an aircraft mechanic, Wright-Patterson AFB. Nick and Muriel have a daughter, Lisa Anne. Col. W. B. MICKLEY was selected for the 1955-56 Army War College. Col. and Mrs. Mickley have a son 2 and a daughter 6 months old. CHUCK MERRILL (93rd) was recently reassigned to HQS. USAFE, Weisbaden, Germany. Rev. T. HERBERT MINGA, former Group Chaplain of the 445th B.G., is District Superintendent of the Denton (Texas) District of the Methodist Church. RALPH W. MITCHELL (445th) and Grace Ellen have a daughter Frances 11 and a son Randal 6. Ralph is Manager-Greene County Oil Company and also an embalmer at the Mitchell Funeral Home, Paragould, Ark.

DEE E. PALMER (445th) is now a tractor operator in addition to owning and operating a poultry ranch at Pomona, Calif. He and Pat have a daughter Winona 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. JAMES B. PATTERSON is in Hollywood where he is a TV producer and director. Jim is currently producing CBS-TV's early morning west coast program "Panorama Pacific". JAMES R. PAUL (445th) is in the pre-cast concrete business. The Paul family consists of 3 sons-Jim Jr. 6, Tom 4 and Billy 1. GEORGE L. PAUL, civilian, minus a mustache, sporting a crew cut and down to a mere 170 lbs., now owns and operates the 7th Street Smoke Shop, Riverside, Calif. WILLARD O. PEASE JR. (445th) is a claims adjuster for Insurance Co. of North America. Willard and Augusta are the parents of Sally 6, Allen 3 and Cynthia 2. Col. JAMES T. POSEY was selected as alternate for the 1955-56 National War College. STEPHEN POSNER (445th) is management consultant for Stephen M. Posner Associates, 516 Fifth Ave., NYC. Steve's reserve assignment is DCS/C HQ FAF Mitchel AFB (MOARS) attached CONAC. JAMES C. POWELL, former navigator-lead crew, 448th B.G., is an insurance broker and partner in the firm of James C. Powell & Son, Covina, Calif. Jim and Louise have 3 children-Craig 6, Mike 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ and Sherri 1. JOHN J. RANKIN (445th) is office manager, Walhalla Garment Co. (Paintset Fashions). He has 2 daughters and a son-Sandra 9, Sharon 7 and John 5. WILLIAM S. RAY (445th) is a postal clerk at Athens, Georgia. Bill and Myrtle have 2 children, Patti 6 and David 5. FRANK ROE, former liaison officer, Flying Control, Hqs., was recently released from the Royal Air Force and granted the courtesy rank of S/Ldr. Frank would like to see any 2AD friends who get to England. WILLIAM ROBINSON (445th) and his wife, Doris, have one son, William Paul 6, and are expecting their second child in February. Bill is with CAA, AOE with Air Route Traffic Control Center, San Antonio, Texas. Bill and Doris were married by Rev. T. H. Minga, ex-445th Group Chaplain. FREDERICK J. ROUGHAN (445th) is a salesman for the Whiting Milk Co., Worcester, Mass. Fred and Doris have 2 sons, Paul 5 and James 8. Fred wants to hear from former members of the photo group at Tibenham. COL. ALBERT J. SHOWER is one of the 135 selected students from the military and civilian ranks to attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Ft. McNair, Washington, D. C. This high level school is in session for 10 months and offers a complete course in economic mobilization to field grade officers in the Armed Forces and to important civilians who will succeed to command positions in the national defense organization. COL. ANTHONY SHTOGREN has been assigned to Hqs. 1st Weather Wing, Tokyo, Japan. ELEANOR STORMS visited Rome with her husband and family while on vacation from Weisbaden. MARIA "JACKIE" TURCHET is Senior Vice Commander, DAV, Chapter #52, Santa Cruz, Calif. FRED J. VACEK (group bombardier 458th B.G.) and his wife, Marge, have 2 children - Karl Jon 5 and Jennifer 2. Fred is a partner in a printing business. The JOHN VEYETTES left Washington, D.C., last month to take up residence in New Mexico. John resigned from the Air Force to accept a job in a civilian capacity at Kirtland AFB. The job is of the hush-hush variety, but he, Fran and the children, Beth, John, Jeanie and Paul, are looking forward to the change of scene. JOHN A. WALSH (44th B.G.) is an accountant with the Bureau of Ships, Navy Dept., Washington, D.C. THOMAS J. WATERS (445th) is a salesman with the Smythe Buick Co., Rome, N.Y. Tom and Ellen have a son and daughter, Patrick 5 and Sue Ellen 1.

Again may we wish you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! Oh, yes - have a grand BOXING DAY also.

Cordially yours,

A. F. Marsh, President

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