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DEAR TROOPS:

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Know that you are anxious to hear what happened at the Reunion which was held at the Congress Hotel in Chicago.

First of all, let's give a big vote of thanks to the Reunion Committee under the very efficient hand of Howard Moore.

1960 and the 13th Annual Reunion will find us in Washington, D. C.

October was voted as the month to have the Reunion in Washington, D. C. Several factors were considered. It was felt that the weather would be a lot nicer at that time of year. Secondly, it would be a much better time to bring your children with you and see Historic Washington as an educational tour. Most schools approve of educational tours. Thirdly, it would not interfere with Reserve Training tours. We all sincerely hope that the change of month will make it more convenient for more of you to attend. Exact dates have not been selected, but I expect that they will be chosen by the December Newsletter.

Election of officers resulted in the following members being elected:

Dean Moyer	-	President
John Karoly	-	Vice-President
Raymond Strong	-	Executive Secretary
Charles Stine	-	Treasurer
Evelyn Cohen	-	Membership
Hathy Veynar	-	Publicity
Paul Surbaugh	-	Military Affairs

It was voted upon by the membership that the office of Executive Secretary be made a permanent office. By so doing, the address of the 2nd Air Division Association would remain the same year after year rather than changing from year to year as it has in the past. As of 1 January 1960, the address of the 2nd Air Division Association will be as follows:

2nd Air Division Association
Raymond E. Strong, Executive Secretary
102 Bradley Road
P.O. Box 1330
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

The following were two of the motions made, seconded, and after a full discussion, unanimously approved:

Either the Secretary or the Treasurer of the 2nd Air Division Association or the 2nd Air Division Education Foundation is authorized and directed to issue receipts for actual itemized expenses of the officers of 2 AD, expended for the use of, and not reimbursed by the 2 AD Association, and for the usual and ordinary expenses of delegates to the Reunion, provided that each such member submits, in writing, a breakdown of the expenses and certifies, under the penalties of perjury, that the expenses were incurred exclusively for the use and benefit of 2 AD or the 2 AD Education Foundation, or that the expenses were the usual and ordinary expenses of attending the Reunion as a delegate.

Each member of the 2nd Air Division Association who has registered at the Reunion in Chicago, August 21-23, is hereby appointed, and recognized as, an official delegate representing the last organization with which he served in the Second Air Division prior to 1 June 1945.

This income tax deduction is taken in the following manner: Compute the total amount of your out-of-pocket expenses for transportation, hotel rooms, tips, taxis, banquet and cocktail party, and for any other usual and ordinary expense you incurred in attending the Reunion. (Do not include the expenses for your spouse) List the total amount on page two of your income tax return for 1959 under ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS * * * Contributions, Second Air Division Association (A veteran's organization) \$000.00 - whatever your expenses totaled. (Be sure and have your itemized expenditures signed by either the Secretary or Treasurer). For your convenience here are the names and addresses of the two officers who can approve your itemized expenditures for 1959 Reunion.

Dean Moyer, Secretary	Charles Stine, Treasurer
2nd Air Division Association	2nd Air Division Association
549 East Main Street	3905 Rauch Street
Evans City, Pa.	Harrisburg, Pa.

Maj. Gen. Charles B. Westover, our Banquet Speaker, gave an interesting talk on SAC and its present day role. It was Gen. Westover's first Reunion and we hope he enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed having him.

Plan now to combine business with pleasure and join us in October 1960 in Washington, D. C.

WEST COAST WING

We are very happy to announce that the new WEST COAST WING of the 2nd Air Division Association became a reality on 26 September 1959. The Reunion was held at the Hotel El Dorado in Sacramento, Calif.

The first officers to be elected to head the new WEST COAST WING are as follows:

Edd M. Hunton (Hq 2AD) - Wing Commander
Newton L. McLaughlin (448th BG) - Wing Executive
Cecil J. Bishop (446th BG) - Wing Secretary
("Jackie" Gra Hovac) Turchet (Hq 2AD) Wing Treasurer

The WEST COAST WING has at present two objectives (aside from growing in size) which they are working on. One, is to send a sizeable delegation to the proposed 1961 meeting of the 2nd Air Division Association in Norwich, England, for the dedication of the American Wing of the library and also to help stock this wing with many New and Good books.

The next meeting is to be held in May 1960 in Santa Barbara, Calif. The Wing Board is scheduled to meet in March of 1960 to plan the exact date and hotel where the May Wing Ding is to take place.

If you have not sent in your application for membership to the WEST COAST WING, may I suggest that you do so as soon as possible in order to get on the mailing list. Send your applications to Edd M. Hunton, Wing Commander, 2nd Air Division Association, 434 Keats Avenue, Clovis, Calif.

We, the membership of 2nd Air Division Association, wish you much success and many happy get-togethers in the WEST COAST WING. I'm sure you will derive much pleasure in renewing old friendships at your Wing Dings.

GROUP HISTORIES

Many, many thanks to Major "Fritzie" Snyder, Al Baker and Cal Stewart for their information on the famed Battle of Floesti.

"Fritzie" sent me an article from the October 1959 issue of The Airman entitled "Priority Target" by SMSgt. Hal Bamford. It is most interesting and you might like to get this particular issue.

Al Baker gave me a copy of "Low Level Mission" by Leon Wolff, at the Reunion in Chicago. It is a paper back book published by Berkley Books. I'm sure you'll find it most interesting.

Cal Stewart and James Dugan are in the process of doing a closeup, intimate account as a book of the Low Level Battle of Floesti. They are expecting to have it published early in 1960. Included in this book (as yet unnamed) is to be a roster of every man who flew the low level mission, his group, rank or grade. If you were one of those men who flew that mission or know of anyone who did, please contact Cal Stewart, Box 631, O'Neill, Nebraska, so that you may be included.

Dorothy McDonald Harrison (who served with the Red Cross with the 93rd Bomb Group) has the following information: a copy of the 93rd Bomb Group History; Target; Germany; a complete file of the Liberator, a newspaper published at Alconbury, England; programs of the various "birthday" parties and Easter ceremonies; Yank and Stars and Stripes stories on ships and men of the 93rd; and many pictures. Dorothy will be very happy to share the information that she possesses with anyone who is interested. By this, she does not mean that she will loan them; but will copy them or look up specific information to answer questions. The information she has covers the period prior to November 1943. You may contact her by writing to: 817 Huntington Road, Louisville, Kentucky.

BITS AND CHIPS

HEADQUARTERS, 2ND AIR DIVISION

Col. Carl C. Barthel, Commander of the 501st TacConWg, was presented the Legion of Merit medal, one of the United States' highest peacetime awards. Congratulations!!!! We welcome Robert H. Breitenfeld who lives at 205 E. Blackman St., Harvard, Illinois with wife Helen and daughter Brenda (6). Cliff Cannon recently sent me a 1943 quarter for the Roster and asked me if I remembered where I was when the coin was printed. Now let me pass the question on to you. Most of us were on our way overseas or already there. Bill S. Coburn has recently moved to Porterville, California, where Bill is to be City Manager. Drop in and see him if you are passing through Porterville. We were sorry to hear of the passing of Lillian Meadows Moore's husband. I received a very nice letter from "Jack" Prather (wife of Earl Prather). She was most appreciative of the Newsletters and wanted to let us know that Earl passed quietly away with a cerebral hemorrhage on Sunday, December 14th 1958. Marilyn "Fritzie" Snyder and husband Wallace are back in the D.C. area. Fritzie is Chief of Family Services and Education Division at Bolling AFB. I'm sure she would enjoy seeing you if you are passing through the area. Wallace and Fritzie were in London last November for the dedication of the memorial chapel in St. Paul's Cathedral and saw Col. John Diehl who was commander of the troops for the ceremony. Maj. Gen. Olin F. McIlroy has been retired from the service. Milton and I drove to Selma, Ala. one Sunday recently and stopped awhile with Henry and Chris Vaughn. We enjoyed their hospitality very much and enjoyed meeting their children Trot (16), Dinny (14), Amy (12) and Henry III (5). They are hoping to make the pilgrimage to Norwich for the Dedication Ceremonies which are presently set up for 1961. Maj. Gen. Charles B. Westover is now Commander of the 7th Air Division, SAC, at APO 125, New York.

44TH BOMB GROUP

We were sorry to hear that George Federlin was unable to attend the Reunion due to the passing of his mother.

445TH BOMB GROUP

Robert A. Barter has been kept pretty busy lately with his new home and a change in his work. Maybe things will have settled down a bit by next October and we'll be able to see you in Washington, D. C. "It's A Boy" for the James Ballards. They named the little fellow James Thomas Ballard. Incidentally, that was a very nice birth announcement.

446TH BOMB GROUP

Frank L. Hall and wife Doris live at 755 - 27th St., Manhattan Beach, California, where Frank is a Dispatcher and Distribution Clerk for the Post Office. Wesley O. Schoenecker writes that a few of the fellows from the 885th Chemical Company of the 2nd Air Division are attempting a company reunion and are working from a 1945 discharge roster. If any of you can be of help to Wesley, please write him at 1145 West Idaho Avenue, St. Paul 13, Minnesota.

448TH BOMB GROUP

Arch C. Doty a stockbroker lives at 921 South Main St., Wheaton, Illinois, with wife Gwen and son Arch C. Doty, Jr. He is a trader with the Midwest Stock Exchange.

453RD BOMB GROUP

Richard Alberti has just joined us and is a charter member of the West Coast Wing.

REUNION ATTENDANCE

Those attending the Reunion were as follows:

Lt. Gen. William E. Kepner (Ret) Hq. 2AD; Major General Charles B. Westover, Hq. 2AD; Willie D. Adams, 466th; Warren and "Steve" Alberts, 93rd and Hq. 2AD; Frederick H. Beard, 44th; Henry and Alice Bethke, 489th; David and Isabel Borland, 389th; Robert Boutain, 93rd; "Smiley" and Gertrude Brandt, Hq. 2AD; William T. Brenner, 466th; Warren and Violet Brock, 44th; James and Betty Carey, Jr., 466th; Don Carlson, 44th; Joseph J. Cecil, 466th; Edwin and Stell Cisinski, 44th; Vance B. Clough (Wife of Dick Clough), 389th; Evelyn Cohen, Hq. 2AD; John J. Cunningham, Hq. 2AD; Henry and Shirley Dietch, Hq. 2AD; George and Florence Dikun, 446th; Norman and Jeanne Gahp, 44th; John and Elizabeth Jacobowitz, 466th; John P. Karoly, Hq. 2AD; Bud and June Koorndyk, 389th; Clemens and Irene Kowalczyk, Hq. 2AD and 446th; Calvin and Vivaleen Landrum, 466th; Ralph P. Langenfeld, 466th; Leonard and Gladys Ludwig, Hq. 2AD; Wilbur and Janet Mahoney, Jr., 389th; Howard and Gladys Moore, Hq. 2AD; Dean and Deanie Moyer, Hq. 2AD; Charles B. Nash, 466th; Derise L. Nichols, 44th; Irene Noble, Hq. 2AD; John and Lee Oomens, 44th; James A. Overton, Jr., 389th; George Parker, 466th; R. L. and Mary Pellican, 466th; J. A. and Fern Risley, 446th; Anthony J. Schlonski, 445th; Richard and Barbara Shults, 361st; Richard L. Smith, 361st; Charles and Doris Stine, 445th; Paul R. Surbaugh, 489th and 446th; David F. Sweeney, 446th; Bruce and Martha Tyndall, 44th; Jordan and Joyce Uttal, Hq. 2AD; Milton and Hathy Veynar, Hq. 2AD; Robert and Mary Wagner, 466th; John and Beatrice Watson, 466th; and Percy C. Young, Hq. 2AD.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Dear Troops:

This message is to wish each of you and your families the happiest Christmas ever and a New Year tailored to the individual specifications of each.

Those of you who were unable to be in Chicago for our Reunion this year were genuinely missed. Those of us who were there had a grand time. Let us hope that the Reunion in Washington next October will be our finest, and that the attendance figures will set an all time record.

We have great news from England. I have before me a letter from the Editor of the Eastern Daily Press at Norwich, dated November 23, 1959, calling my attention to the fact that since the new library building will be completed in 1962, many of our Norwich and East Anglia friends have proposed that we have our Reunion in Norwich in 1962, and have the Reunion coincide with the dedication of the new

library building. I believe that this will be a most exciting event to which we all will look forward.

There was much enthusiasm for the 2 AD Association to charter an airplane party to England and return in 1961, and perhaps for several years thereafter. Trans-Atlantic round-trip rates for such a trip are slightly less than \$300.00 from Chicago to England and return. I suggest that those of you who are interested in such a journey write Hathy Veynar or Dean Moyer, our new President.

Fifteen years soon will have passed since we left England. I trust that each of these years has brought you a full measure of health, happiness, and prosperity, and that the years to come will be even more bountiful. It has been a pleasure, as well as a great privilege, to serve you.

Cordially and sincerely,

Percy G. Young
Percy G. Young, President
Second Air Division Association

Merry Christmas 
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