



# NEWSLETTER

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## DEAR TROOPS,

It will be a small wonder if any of you are still speaking to me after the negligent manner in which I have been discharging my duties as Publicity Vice-President these past four months. I, for one, hope that the perpetual merry-go-round which I have been on has finally slowed down to a walking pace and that I can once again devote some of my time to keeping you informed as to the activities of the 2nd Air Division Association. If you are all still with me, let's go and I impart all the news which has accumulated.

We missed so many of you at the Annual Reunion which was held in Pittsburgh, Pa. at the Hilton Hotel the 6th, 7th and 8th of October 1961. The annual business meeting took place and the following slate of officers were elected:

Charles Stine - President  
John Cunningham - Vice-President  
Ray Strong - Secretary  
Evelyn Cohen - Membership Vice-President  
Dean Moyer - Treasurer  
Percy Young - Military Affairs  
Hathy Veynar - Publicity Vice-President

It was voted upon by the membership that the project of obtaining stones from each of the fifty states would be undertaken with John Karoly as the chairman. These stones are to be embedded in front of the American Room around a fountain. The Memorial Trust Fund Board of Governors in Norwich had asked if we would consider contributing these stones.

Percy Young discussed some of the facts about the Norwich trip. The main point being that the Library will not be completed until January 1963 and suggested that we plan our trip to Norwich for May 1963 for the dedication. Percy had just returned from Norwich and stated that dedication of the American Room would be separate from the Main Library dedication and that some families would be willing for our members to stay with them if we so desired. The motion was made and carried that the trip to Norwich be postponed until Spring of 1963.

Percy Young gave us such a wonderful talk at the Banquet on his trip to England and Europe that I have included it in its entirety elsewhere in this issue.

I know that quite a few of you are disappointed that we will not be able to make the trip this year

as was previously planned and for others it will mean that they will be able to go with us in 1963. We are hoping that those of you who had planned to go with us this October will still be able to go with us next June.



## WEST COAST WING

The WEST COAST WING received a letter from the USAF Academy Director of the Library requesting histories of the following units for donation to their library. A bookplate designating our organization as the donor will be placed inside the book cover, in accordance with Air Force Academy policy.

Headquarters, 2nd Air Division  
2nd Combat Wing  
20th Combat Wing  
96th Combat Wing  
44th Bomb Group  
392nd Bomb Group  
445th Bomb Group  
446th Bomb Group  
448th Bomb Group  
453rd Bomb Group  
458th Bomb Group  
466th Bomb Group  
467th Bomb Group  
489th Bomb Group  
491st Bomb Group  
492nd Bomb Group  
355th Fighter Group & Scouting Force  
479th Fighter Group

Anyone desiring to donate any of the above Unit Histories may do so by sending them to:

Lt. Col. George V. Fagan  
Director of the Library  
Air Force Academy  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Even though this issue of the WEST COAST WING "Mild and Bitter" is dated September 1961, I'm sure that you are all interested in its contents.

### APPOINTMENT OF EXEC. SECY.

The Wing Commander announces the appointment of Edd M. Hunton, 434 Keats Ave., Clovis, Calif. to the position of Executive Secretary of the WEST COAST WING. Edd's primary duty will be to act as liaison officer between the WEST COAST WING and the 2nd AIR DIV. ASSN. in addition, he will serve as adviser to the Wing Board. Edd has served the Wing as Wing Commander and Wing Executive Officer in past years.

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STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments to the Standing Committee of the WEST COAST WING have been announced by the Wing Commander for 1961-62:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Chairman - Joanne Affronte, 4122 Jacinto Way, Long Beach 15, Calif. Members - Richard Alberti, George W. DeLacy and William L. Burns.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chairman - Clayton G. Woodward, 3728 Delaware Ave., Stockton 4, Calif. Members - Elmer Baxendale, Michael Fusano and James W. Parke.

RULES & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Chairman-Cecil J. Bishop, 408 Crocker-Anglo Bank Building, Sacramento 14, Calif. Members - Eleanor M. Callihan, William S. Coburn and William G. Newlon.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Chairman - Henriette Horak, c/o Pacific Maritime Assn., 16 California St., San Francisco 11, Calif. Members - Newton L. McLaughlin, James B. Patterson and Maria J. Turchet.

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DATES TO REMEMBER!!

September 26<sup>th</sup> 1961: The 2nd Anniversary of the founding of the WEST COAST WING, 2nd Air Division Association.

October 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 1961: The 14<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the 2nd Air Division Association to be held at the Pittsburgh Hilton in Pittsburgh, Penna.

November 11<sup>th</sup> 1961: Veterans Day 1961. Let us all pause briefly on this day to remember all those members of the 2nd Air Division, 8<sup>th</sup> AF, who did not return from the war.

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WING DIRECTORY TO BE PUBLISHED

Within the next 30 days it is expected that the Wing Directory will be off the press and in the mail to each member. Now is the time to report any address change before we go to press. If you have moved (and not already done so) please notify the Wing Exec Secy. by return mail immediately of your new address. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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DONATION OF UNIT HISTORY

A copy of the history of the 389<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp. was donated to the United States Air Force Academy Library at Colorado Springs, Colo. on September 6<sup>th</sup> 1961 in the name of the WEST COAST WING. We have been notified by the Academy Librarian, that a bookplate designating the Wing as the donor of this mighty fine Unit History, will be placed inside the front cover. The USAF Academy is interested in obtaining a complete selection of Unit Histories of Army AF units for the library. If any member would like to donate a history of his unit for the library collection, please contact the Wg Exec Secy for additional information.

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THE 1962 REUNION OF THE WING

The Reunion Committee would like to find out how many of the members of the Wing expect to attend the 1962 Reunion to be held in San Francisco, California from 1 - 3 June 1962 (incl). The reason for this early inquiry is to give them some idea of how many plan on attending so as to plan the activities of the Reunion in advance. Therefore, each member is requested to send a letter or post card to the Chairman 1962 Wing Reunion, who is: Miss Henriette Horak, c/o Pacific Maritime Assn., 16 California St., San Francisco 11 California. Just tell Henriette whether or not you plan to attend the Reunion and

how many days you expect to be there. We will not hold you to your decision at this time but we do need some idea on how many expect to attend. Your early reply will be appreciated.

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FIRST REMINDER OF 1962 DUES

With January 1962 only three months away, we decided this would be a good chance to put the first notice of dues in, as an early reminder. All Active Members of the Wing are required to pay Annual Dues to the Wing in the amount of \$2.00; dues are due and payable between 1 and 31 January of each year. Furthermore all members are also required to renew their 2AD Assn. annual dues of \$1.00 thru the Wing Treasurer except those with Life or 5 Year Membership cards in 2AD Assn. Payment of these dues may be combined into one check and all payments should be mailed to the Wing Sec-Treas

Roger L. Stone  
2812 Arroyita Drive  
Bakersfield, California

\*Make check payable to "WEST COAST WING".

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ADDRESS CHANGES

The following changes in address have been received since those last published in this paper (Only the New Address is given)::

Leo R. McBrian - 389<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp  
331 West First Street  
Ripon, Calif.

Harold W. McDonald - 93rd Bomb Gp  
P. O. Box 67  
Biggs, Calif.

William G. Newlon - Hq 2d Air Div  
23340 Collins Street  
Woodland Hills, Calif.

Helen & Laurence Sheppard - Hq 2 AD  
Route 2, Box 74  
Wapato, Wash.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

As of 1 September 1961, nearly two years since the WEST COAST WING was founded our membership stands at 43. Of these 43, 34 are from Calif. and the remainder from Wash., Ore., Nev. and New Mexico. Unit-wise Hq 2AD has 13 of the membership with the 389th Bomb Gp second with 7 members represented, third place goes to the 44th Bomb Gp and the remaining members are from various other units. We have had no new members in the Wing since April 1961 and with a potential of over 1,000 this seems rather strange. Let us get ON THE BALL and get some more MEMBERS, OKAY?

Our President has asked that I give the members of 2AD a brief resume of my trip to Norwich last August as a representative of the Second Air Division Association. I am happy to comply with this request and to report to you that my trip was a very happy one. I trust that it was also a useful one, both for you and for the Board of Governors in Norwich.

Upon my arrival in London--via BOAC jet--I stopped by the English-Speaking Union to pick up my mail before I checked in at the hotel. As soon as I made myself known there was a visible flutter around the reception desk and almost a chorus of voices announcing

that the American Embassy had been trying to get in touch with me for the last two days. That incident alone made me realize the importance of the Second Air Division Association and of our project in Norwich. I believe that few of our members realize how much our project means in the view of those in England.

Colonel John Splain is the American Air Attache in London and he is also a member of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Trust. Colonel Splain is greatly interested in our project and was most gracious and helpful to me. We had quite a discussion of various plans and suggestions for the dedication ceremony and we reached complete agreement on all of our ideas before we left London. Each of us thought that it would be an excellent idea for us to be in full accord on these matters before the meeting of the Board of Governors. Colonel Splain and his wife had planned a weekend with friends near Newcastle, about mid-way between London and Norwich, so he arranged for an Embassy car to pick me up at my hotel and then to meet him and Mrs. Splain enroute and to continue from that point on to Norwich. Alderson, the chauffeur, was an excellent guide as well as a fine conversationalist, so I particularly enjoyed the drive.

The meeting of the Board of Governors convened at 2:00 in the afternoon and lasted until about 4:30. An outline of the agenda for the meeting was passed to each of those present so that the entire proceedings were most orderly and were conducted in a very business like manner. I believe that there was only one absentee from the meeting and his absence was unavoidable. Incidentally, another thing we over here are unaware of is how much the members of the Board of Governors have contributed towards our project. They have given unstintingly of their time for some 15 years, and I did my best to assure them how much we over here appreciated the time and effort that they had put into this project. The American Ambassador has already made two trips to Norwich in connection with the Book of Remembrance. On each occasion he made an official address so the memory of the Second Air Division has been kept afresh in the minds of those in East Anglia by these visits as well as in many other ways.

I learned that Norwich had been selected as the seat of one of the new universities which are being planned for Great Britain. I believe that there are ten such universities which will be established within the next five or six years. The university at Norwich will be completely new and it is anticipated that eventually it will have an enrollment of some 10,000 students. Thus it will be particularly appropriate and useful for the new library building in the city of Norwich to have an American Room. I believe that within the next three or four years work on the construction of the new university will begin. I do not believe that the exact site has been chosen.

Besides the members of the Board of Governors, and in addition to my own self, there were present at the meeting the city architect and the city clerk. The treasurer announced that the fund now had a present value of some 23,263 pounds. The architect gave us a very complete picture of his plans for the American Room including dimensions, specifications, furnishings and the like. I am confident that these plans and specifications will be a source of pleasure and pride to all of us.

There was one item of bad news at the meeting. We were informed that because of the difficulty of securing skilled and semi-skilled laborers it would not be possible to complete the library building before 1 January 1963. The details of transferring all of the books and records and the details of cataloging will require additional time after the building is completed and the library furnished. We were, therefore, of the unanimous agreement that the wise thing to do would be to plan the dedication ceremony for the American Room to be held sometime in the Spring of 1963. We set a tentative target date on or about the first week in May. The matter of the dedication of the library building itself was also discussed, particularly the question as to whether the two dedication ceremonies should be held at the same time or on the same day. The feeling was unanimous that there would be so much interest in

the new library building and in the American Room and that so many people would wish to attend these dedication ceremonies it was impossible to find any hall in Norwich which could accommodate the two groups. Accordingly, it was believed that the dedication ceremony for the library building itself should precede the dedication of the American Room and should not necessarily depend upon the date we thought was best for us. The Governors are quite sure that the American Ambassador would be present for the ceremonies and he feels equally sure that there will be a substantial number of high ranking English dignitaries on hand besides the two former Commanding Generals of the Second Air Division and the other high-ranking officers and distinguished guests from America.

Colonel Splain believes that he will be able to have arrangements made for our charter aircraft or aircrafts to land at Sculthorpe. This in itself is not a minor matter because arrangements will not only have to be made for the aircraft to be landed and serviced but also for British custom officials to move to Sculthorpe for that occasion. Landing at Sculthorpe, however, will result, in my opinion, in saving at least one day's time for those who are on the charter flight and will also result in a very substantial saving financially. I hope very much that these arrangements can be completed. The Governors are anxious to do everything possible, of course, for our pleasure and comfort. They believe that there will be hosts in Norwich for all of those on the charter trip who would like to take advantage of English hospitality. Also, the Governors hope to get in touch with a large number of the families of the deceased whose names appear in the Book of Remembrance. I pointed out how frequently Americans move from one address to the other and expressed the opinion that if we could find 25% of the addresses still of any use, we would be quite fortunate. At any rate plans are being formulated for official invitations to be sent out by the City of Norwich to each of the next of kin of those whose names appear in the Book of Remembrance. You will realize that this in itself is quite a chore and will involve not only a great deal of time but quite an expenditure of money. It was a most gracious thought on the part of the city officials of Norwich.

One idea which we discussed at length involved the walk immediately in front of the fountain in the American Room, actually just outside the entrance to the American Room. A suggestion was advanced that it might be particularly interesting to those visiting the room if this walk was made from pebbles or stones gathered from each of the fifty states. I thought this was an excellent suggestion and, at the meeting of the Reunion in Pittsburgh, you would also approve this idea. Actually the plan was enthusiastically received and John Karoly has agreed to act as liaison officer for this project. It will mean that perhaps a shoe box full of pebbles or stones will be collected at two or three points in this country and then flown to London. Of course, there would be an appropriate plaque noting the origin of these pebbles.

After these various details and matters had been thoroughly and most intelligently discussed, the formal part of the meeting ended and a most delightful tea was served. After tea, Colonel Splain and I were informed that the Lord Mayor was expecting us over at his office. However, we proceeded from the Governors' meeting directly to the site of the library building. There is already completed, I would say, the basement and the foundations for the first floor with some of the super structure for the higher floors. One view in which the architect took obvious pleasure was the location of the fountain walk to the American Room, so that one would look through these columns directly to the cathedral spire. This view was pointed out to me and I assure you it will be a beautiful and inspiring sight. The architect gave a concise briefing on the exact location and dimensions of the American Room. Both its size and location I am sure will be pleasing to you. After our very thorough inspection of the building site, Colonel Splain and I then proceeded to the Lord Mayor's office where we were greeted with the usual English charm and hospitality, including of course invitation again to have tea. The curator took us on a short tour of the historical relics of Norwich and supplied many interesting historical details of this grand old town. Incidentally, he

mentioned that the Lord Mayor averaged putting on his official regalia of office about twice a day. This chore in itself must be somewhat of an ordeal and must severely test the Lord Mayor's unfailing courtesy and kindness.

I deeply regretted that we had to leave Norwich without a visit to Ketteringham Hall. A boys' school is located there now and occupies most, if not all, of the property. Also, Mr. Copeman and Mr. Cozens-Hardy were gracious enough to invite me to stay over in Norwich a couple of days as their guest. But again I had to decline their warm invitation. We left Norwich well after six in the afternoon and both Colonel Splain and myself were deeply impressed with the attention and the detail and the great amount of work that each member of the Board of Governors has given and continues to give to see that this project is carried out exactly as they feel we would want. I am sure that each of us will receive a really heart-warming reception if we are so fortunate as to be included in the charter trip to Norwich in the spring of 1963.

Finally, it was an honor and a pleasure to represent the Second Air Division Association in Norwich. I assure you again that each of you will have a warm welcome awaiting you there. I believe that those who are fortunate enough to make the trip in 1963 will experience a never-to-be-forgotten memory."

The above is the detailed account of Percy Young's trip to Norwich.

We have just received the date for the formal handing over of the American Room in the new Library to the City of Norwich. It is to be 13 June 1963. As Mr. B. Cozens-Hardy, Clerk to the Governors, puts it, "our friendly invasion of Norwich". Therefore, 13 June 1963 is our target date for the dedication ceremonies.

## PROJECT STONE

Project STONE is moving along at a fast pace with the combined efforts of John "Gus" Karoly and John J. Cunningham. Specimens from the various state Universities have already started coming in and Gus is busy packaging them for shipment to England.

In addition to the stones from each of the States, if there is any member of the 2nd Air Division Association or a member of one of our deceased comrades families that you might know of who would like to send stones for this walk and fountain area in front of the American Room please feel free to do so. The size of each stone should not be larger than an English Walnut and should be sent to Gus right away. I know that each one of us is proud of our own State but let's keep the number of stones down to not more than five each. Gus' address is: Box 75, New Florence, Pa.

While I was talking with Gus about the Project STONE, he asked me to be sure and include a note from him conveying his very deepest appreciation and thanks to all the members of the Association for their help in making his year as President a most enjoyable one. He also wanted to thank us for giving him the opportunity to serve as our President. Gus, I'm sure that the entire membership will bear me out when I say, "It is we who thank you for so ably assuming the Presidency and doing such a good job of it and we'll see you at the Reunion in Chicago this September".

## REUNION

Howie Moore is to be our next Reunion Chairman. The Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago has been accepted as the place for our Reunion. The dates are definite for 28, 29 and 30 September 1962. The Hotel is in the heart of the night club area, for anyone who is interested. The rates are very good - \$7.50 per single and \$12.00 per double and all guest rooms are air-conditioned. We will have the use of a beautiful Banquet room for our Saturday night affair. The dance floor is lighted from underneath with any color we prefer with

the same colors as above in indirect lights. They also feature the White House. This is an exact replica of an old English Pub featuring 18 imported brews from England, including those old favorites such as "Alf and Alf," "Guinas" and "Stout".

Information pertaining to the Chicago Reunion will be sent under separate cover at a later date. However, the above information is firm so be making your plans now to attend and join in the fun. The reason for the Reunion being held in September is that we didn't want the Annual Reunion and the Norwich Reunion held too close together for those of you who planned to attend both affairs.

Mark the above dates down on your calendar and we'll see you in Chicago.

We have had a request from Roger A. Freeman, Leader U. S. Aviation Research Group of AIR BRITAIN, Specialist U.S.A.A.F. History for the following: "Urgently required for forthcoming book on Eighth Air Force, Photographs and information to enable accurate color illustrations to be produced on the following B-24 Liberators: The 44th B.G.'s "Suzy Q II" (lost in 1943); the 93rd B.G.'s "Hell's Wench" (lost 1-8-43); the 389th B.G./564th B. Sqdn. B-24D flown by 2nd Lt. Lloyd Hughes on 1-8-43; the Assembly Ships of the 44th, 93rd, 392nd, 445th, 446th, 448th, 453rd, 467th, and 492nd B.G.; The B-24J's of the 96th C. Wing used on the Azon bomb project; and B-24's of the 93rd B.G. used on experimental missions in 1944. Will also be pleased to hear of any other B-24's with a claim to fame or non-conformity. All letters answered; postage refunded; and photos returned. Please help me to put on the record 'planes you flew; official archives cannot furnish such details. R. A. Freeman, May's Barn, Dedham, Nr. Colchester, Essex, England."

## NORWICH REUNION

I hope that at long last the date for the dedication of the American Room has been definitely been set. Just keep your fingers crossed (if that will do any good) that this date will remain firm and that our plans will not have to be changed again. I have just received the information from Pan-American as to what the rates will be as far as they can determine at this early date. However, they did not send me the rates from Chicago to London so I must wait for them. I expect that they should arrive sometime this next week. A new form will go out to all of those who originally submitted an application for the trip which was to have taken place this October.

Anyone who is interested in making the trip next June may obtain an application blank by writing to me at the following address:

Hathy Veynar  
Norwich Reunion Chairman  
4915 Bristow Drive  
Annandale, Virginia

The same rules and regulations covering the charter flight are still in effect.

As far as I can determine right now, the same prices will be in effect or very nearly so. Until the airlines set their prices for 1963 we can only figure on the basis of the 1962 charter rates. I will have all this information by the time you submit your request for an application.

The charter flight holding 87 passengers is scheduled to give us between 14 and 18 days before returning which was the length of time which the majority wanted to be away. If there are 25 or more of you who would like to stay a month, I will be happy to arrange a flight for you. This flight costs \$300 round trip via Jet from New York to London. You must all leave together and return together as a group. When you request your application, you might state which Charter Flight you are interested in. For those

of you who are new to our members the cost of the fare at this time is \$264, leaving from Chicago, Ill. to London and returning from Paris to Chicago. The date which the Board of Governors has set is 13 June 1963.



## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Allen, Jr., Dr. Lynn D., 110 Wenonah, Pontiac, Mich.  
Burtner, Maj. C. P., 6400 Rockhurst Road, Bethesda, Maryland  
Calhoun, Mrs. Emory, 4735 Fair Elms, Western Spring, Illinois  
Carr, Wilson F., P.O. Box 31, 510 W. 32nd Street, Lumberton, North Carolina  
Culin, M/Sgt. William M., AF 6854444, 7030 ABW/SERV/AP, Box 875, APO 12, New York, N. Y.  
Fallon, Donald, 1601 Comeb Road, Sioux Falls, S. D.  
Ford, Morgan L., 609 Outer Drive, Tecumseh, Michigan  
Hunton, T/Sgt. Edward M., AF 12040061, HQ U.S. European Command (SMC), APO 128, New York, N. Y.  
Ligon, Maj. Gen. Elvin S., U.S. Element, CENTO, American Embassy, APO 254, New York, New York  
Posner, Stephen, 345 E. 73rd Street, New York, N. Y.  
Surbaugh, W. R. Paul, 21 Ground Pine Court, Dix Hills, Huntington, New York  
Ferrill, Lt. Gen. Robert, 1902 Hercules Drive, Colorado, Springs, Colorado  
Uttal, Jordon, Apt. 2819, 3600 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois  
Vislocky, William, 36 Doris Way, Clark, New Jersey  
Young, Dr. John D., 5717 Shady Grove Road, Memphis 17, Tenn.

## NEW MEMBERS

Anderson, Raymond M., 4821 Bryce, Fort Worth, Texas 445th BG  
Freeman, R. A., May's Barn, Dedham, North Colchester, Essex, England  
Muchnick, Jack, 704 Fairfax Road, Drexel Hill, Pa.  
Pondfield, John J., 3427 Jenellen Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 44th BG  
Potts, Ransay D., Jr., 910 17th Street, N.W. #1017, Washington 6, D. C.  
Russell, Robert H., RSD 1, Bagley, Iowa 389th BG

I thought that you might be interested in a project that Charlie and Myrtle Pigg has started. You just might like to start such a project amongst your friends of 2 AD Days and then send them on to me for publication in the Newsletter.

Dear Friends:

This is a first in an annual series of letters I will try to send you. I have kept in close contact with C. E. Lee, H. G. Matthews, H. H. Salters, and G. T. Crump since 1945. We have visited each other, written letters, made phone calls. Out of this wonder-

ful friendship of families, wives and children of each have grown close.

In 1957, we had a phone call from Art McCoullier. He was on his way home to Westfield, Mass., from visiting in the land of sunshine, namely Florida. He and his lovely wife, Wanda, came by for a visit and a meal with us. We enjoyed the visit so much. It was good to talk "ole times".

In August, 1959, I went to New York City for a 68th (2nd Wing) Reunion party. H. G. Matthews and I went into the City. The Party was being held at the Henry Hudson Hotel. There I saw Art again. The party was great. It needed more people there from the 68th. In July, 1960, I was sitting at my desk and a familiar face passed the window. It was G. T. Crump, his lovely wife, Grace, and two lovely daughters, Ann and Betty. They spent the night with us. Our children loved the girls and they keep in touch. It was so much fun to have them in our home. They reside in Spring Hill, Tenn., where G. T. is a mail carrier for the U. S. Post Office. He has a better job during off hours doing Livestock trading.

In April, 1960, H. G. Matthews, his sweet wife, Libby, and son, Hall, visited us. Although Matty and Libby had visited us several times we had not seen them in five years. Needless to say we were thrilled beyond words. It was wonderful having them in our home again. They live in Freeport, Long Island, N.Y. where Matty is engaged in business with Carvel Ice Cream. Libby has a full time job at being a housewife executive and Hall attends school. Enrolled in the seventh grade. One of the days that they were here our families journeyed to Charlotte, N. C. stopping on the way to see Major John Clark who lives in Monroe, N. C.

In April, 1960, we had a hilarious good time when the C. E. Lees visited us. Esric, his charming wife Margariete, two lovely daughters, Suzanne and Dixie, and his handsome son Joe, reside in Fayetteville, Ga., where he is a Civil Engineer.

In August 1960, the Charlie Pigg family which consists of wife Myrtle, a fifteen year old son, Chip, (Counting the days until he is sixteen which will be June 3), Sharon, twelve, Debbie, eleven and Johnny - seven, journeyed to Fayetteville, Ga., for a visit with the Lees. We were met there by the G. T. Crumps, and the H. H. Salters. The Hughlette Salters family consist of wife Helen, three daughters, Melissia, Theresa, Susan and four sons, Pat, Mike, David and Robert. They live in Thomaston, Ga., where Hughlette is a salesman-mechanic for an automotive parts house. Wife Helen is a Secretary and a busy mother. It seems this family is busier than all three others put together.

This wonderful week-end in August, 1960, with the Lees put the ball rolling for annual meetings with our families. We had all grown so close and so fond of each other, it was decided right then and there that there would be another meeting in 1961. So it was that in August 1961, the Charlie Pigg Family, The C. E. Lees, and the H. H. Salters journeyed to Spring Hill, Tenn. for a visit to the Crumps. The week-end began Saturday August 11 and came to an end Monday Morning August 13. It was a glorious week-end for all. The Crumps were so cordial and it was good to see ole friends again. We decided that week-end that we would definitely make this an annual occasion, so this year, the second week-end in August (8/11 - 8/12) we will all meet at Fontana Village, Fontana, N. C. for a week-end. We would like as many of you as can to join us. We will be there from Saturday until Monday. We plan to have a covered dish picnic Sunday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock near the pool. Ask at pool where the 68th is meeting.

Please send me some snapshots of your families and any information you have of any of the boys. We want to compile all of this into a scrapbook for the group. It will be so nice having a meeting with all of the group again, reliving ole memories, and catching up all the years in between. Time changes things, so they say -- I would add, people too. I have a few gray hairs myself, but I kiddingly say - "not from worry - but mileage" - Ha! So let's get together - Please write me.

We still keep in touch with R. D. Williams and family who live in Japan, but expecting to be in the States this summer. Willie is still flying for Uncle Sam and the latest is that they too hope to be at Fontana.

Write us.

/s/ Charlie & Myrtle

SECOND AIR DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
Financial Statement  
For Year Ending 31 Dec. 1961

Cash Balance, 1 Jan. 1961	\$1212.96
Receipts:	
Membership Dues for 1961	663.00
Reunion in Pittsburgh, Pa.	
28 Hospitality Tickets @ \$3.00	\$84.00
45 Banquet Tickets @ \$10.00	450.00
2 Banquet (Children)	12.00
5 Pins @ 50¢	2.50
Total	548.50
Total Receipts for Year 1961	1211.50
Receipts and Balance	\$2424.46

Expenditures:	
Printing 3 Newsletters	156.40
Executive Secretary Exp.	164.93
Membership V-P Expense	133.00
Publicity V-P Expense	100.00
Treasurer's Expense	8.13
	<u>562.46</u>

Reunion Expenses:	
Print Reservation Cards	14.50
Prtg. Programs & Tickets	23.75
Posters for Reunion	11.50
Hospitality Party-Refres.	107.38
Dinner Dance:	
Dinners	305.96
Orchestra	170.00
Cocktails for Dancing	201.16
Microphone	10.00
Flowers for Speakers' Table	5.20
	<u>849.45</u>

Total Expenditures for Year Ending 31 December 1961	<u>1411.91</u>
Cash Balance as of 1 January 1962	<u>\$1012.55</u>

/s/ Dean E. Moyer  
Treasurer

We of the 2nd Air Division Association have been most fortunate in the fact that each of our Presidents that we have elected have been most conscientious in their effort to serve us even though they are handicapped by not having their staff within commuting distance. This year is no exception. Charlie Stine is ready, willing and able to serve you. Before I give you his message I would like to say that we hope you enjoy being our President as much as we will enjoy having you. I feel that I must interject at this point and let you know that the lack of a Newsletter the last few months has been no fault of either Gus or Charlie. I must accept the responsibility for this and I do.

A Message from your President

It is with great pride that I accept the nomination and election as President of the 2nd Air Division Association for the year 1962. I am truly grateful. I wish to thank you for the privilege and honor to serve you.

I hope many more of our members will be able to attend our Convention and Reunion. If you could and would endeavor to attend, I know you would be interested in meeting, not only old friends, but in making new ones. It is always rewarding to see friends, old and new.

I wish that I could meet and talk personally with each and every member of our Association. There is only one way to make this a reality---ATTEND THE REUNIONS! We could then meet, chat and really become acquainted. Then, too, you can learn more about the 2nd Air Division Association Fellowship.

The Reunion this year is to be held at the Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, the 28th, 29th and 30th of September. We do hope that not only our old faithful members, but that quite a number of new faces will be there. Plan on it and join us for a jovial time and downright good fellowship.

To those members who have not been with us in the past few years, and to those who have never been with us, please feel free to write to me with any and all suggestions, If there is anything you would like to see changed, or done for the good of our organization, please write us a letter or card. Your suggestions will be considered and appreciated. We must have your personal contact to make the 2nd Air Division Association, Yours and Yours only!

Best wishes to all.

Sincerely,

*Charles Q. Stine*

President  
2nd Air Division Association