

28 November 1994

Dear Jane and Liberty,

I'm writing the same letter to both of you to save time, as I'm inundated with things to do just now...kind of like that poem from A.A.Milne's (Pooh Corner) that goes "There once was an old sailor my grandfather knew, who had so many things that he wanted to do, that whenever he thought it was time to begin, he couldn't because of the state he was in...."

This morning has been wild! I just got off the phone after an over-one-hour conversation with one "John Howell". He was returning a call, said I'd called him in regard to Ann Baran Howell. He didn't have my name, just the phone number. I didn't call him. Maybe you did, Liberty? He said Ann died 27 February 1993, after a long illness (heart problems). Ann was registered with WIMSA. The reason she listed no squadron was the fact that she was mostly in administration. (I remember her. She was in my class at Bowman, was taken out of sqdn assignment right after graduation, and made part of admin at Bowman.) John said he had a box full of memorabilia that he was trying to sort. Some of it he wants to donate to some museum, and he did not know about the Annex at Brooks. He said there was a book about flight nursing that Ann helped write back in about '44, with someone he thought was "Wells" (maybe Sarah Wells, former chief?) He's going to send me a copy of some of the pages. I never heard of that one. Also, she was on the cover of "Life Magazine" in 1941, and he has a copy of that. He had not known of our Book, and he'd like a copy. I gave him your address and phone number, Jane. I'm sure you'll be hearing from him soon. He's also interested in that official list of veterans' organizations. He's president of a CPO assoc. He's in the Navy reserve and a member of WIMSA.

John Howell

Montgomery, Alabama, phone: 205-277-3078

I just received a letter from Dorothy Barnes. Mae Olson Pruitt's address is:

Woodland Terrace, Apt 318

9524 E 71st Street, South

Tulsa OK 74133 Phone: 918-250-3631 (I had written to her for Mae's address.)

I got two responses about Marijean Brown Phillips' whereabouts:

Mrs Marijean Phillips

157 N Willard Street

Burlington VT 05401 Phone: 802-863-7193

Jennie Boyle Silk wrote first. She said after Odile left, she went into the hospital for an abdominal hysterectomy. Jennie's daughter lives nearby, and she helped a lot after she came home from the hosp. She said it went well enough, but she still has pain. Then, she went in again in Sept for pulmonary emboli. She feels pretty good now, but has a starina problem.

Sue Bernard Delp answered to give me Marijean's address too. She said she was fine, but her two grandchildren, 8 and 4 live nearby, and they keep her "flabbergasted most of the time. She hopes to see us in Philly in May.

And, this is in part, a thank you, Jane, for your Thanksgiving greetings! It was such a nice surprise. I didn't send any this year...not even the cards I'd bought well before. I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving in Kansas, and I hope you had a nice family gathering, too, Liberty! We had dinner at our daughter, Pat's, and then went to our son's in-laws for dessert. It was all festive and busy...and I'd not recovered from our other son and family visit. I may have told you, Liberty. Steven, Erin, and Will (9 mos.) arrived Nov 9th. We went out to dinner, and, one night, I had 13 people for spaghetti dinner here. Then, on Sunday, Steve took ALL of us, Scott and his family, Pat and Jerry, and us old folks, to Disneyworld! I never remembered DW being so exhausting before! But it was great fun seeing the kids enjoy it. Steve left Monday morning, and I sort of got myself back together just as "Gordon" came along. I got a call from the Red Cross to run the shelter in Barefoot Bay about 10PM Tuesday eve, and I didn't get home until 6AM Wed. It was shocking what the tornado did there. We had no problems here, but the rain hung around for about a week as "Gordon" drifted back south. Our Nov camp-out had to be cancelled because the campground in Titusville was flooded, and we missed that.

We ordered a Saturn to pull behind our motorhome yesterday...FINALLY! I've spent many hours traipsing around car dealers and a half day at the auto show in Orlando looking for just the right one. We should have it in 3-4 weeks. It's been rough being a one-car household!

cc: Agnes Flaherty

Love, Ethel

PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION: School of nursing Uniontown High City Uniontown State Pa #25

College University of Alabama Degree BS

SERVICE: Date of entry 1941 Station Indiantown Gap Branch Army ^{Army}

RANKS HELD: 2nd Lt, 1st Lt, Capt Major ^{Trans to Army Air Force} Barranfield ^{Ky}

DISCHARGE/RETIREMENT AT _____ DATE 1950

AWARDS, DECORATIONS Meritorious Service Medal Army Commendation Ribbon ^(in average field work)

DUTY STATIONS, DATES, SQUADRON, DUTIES: Pre-school of air evac grad air evac - INSTRUCTOR -
Wing Chief Command Nurse, Army Evacuation
WASH, DC

School of air evac attended Barranfield, Ky

Dates attended 1943 Class of 1943

First assignment Instructor Squadron Brother Keene 1943 ^{July}
Barranfield ^{assignment per} ^{order}

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS, continue on back; add pertinent facts about service experience and/or subsequent life history.

Regret Barranfield Field ^(Heart)