

458 SQUADRON NEWS



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CORNSTALKS ON PARADE.

N.S.W. Flight Notes from Cy. Irwin, 17, Vincent St.,
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From Victoria.

We were very pleased to meet up with two Squadron personalities, --Bruce (Dizzy) Dean, who has returned to live in Sydney, after some years in Melbourne and in the Gilbert Islands--and Bill Carr in Sydney for a week or so on business.

Bruce, we understand, is Controller of the softgoods section of Dalgetys. He will be doing a fair amount of interstate travelling and he and his wife and son have bought a house in Lane Cove. The N.S.W. Committee arranged a small gathering of his 458 friends in the new Air Force Club, to welcome him back to Sydney. We are also glad to welcome him to membership of the Air Force Club and the 458 Squadron branch of the Air Force Association.

Bill Carr tells us he expects to pay another business visit to America next year. He is, of course, with Kodaks and visited the company's H.Q. there as well as visiting Europe (where he met crewmates Harry Bishop and Bert Sleight). On this occasion in Sydney, Bill arranged to meet several 458ers at the Metropole Hotel and also dined with crewmate Pete Campbell at the latter's home in St. Ives.

Congratulations !

Before proceeding further with newsreporting, I want to express to Bernie McLoughlin, who was married on 27th. July, all the best for a happy married life from N.S.W. Flight members. Congratulations also to Ron Badger following the arrival of a brand new daughter.

Picnicing in the Sun.

The Annual Squadron Picnic was held on July 28th. at Lane Cove National Park. We were, on the whole, blessed with a good day (there were a few showers during the day). There was a fairly good roll-up of squadron members and their families. We noted Eric and Dorothy Munkman, Sam and Maisie Barlow, with Sue, Yvonne Crompton with Patricia and Greg., Peter and Rita Alexander with Deborah, Julie and Melanie, Les and Edna Piggott, Bill and Emmy McBride, Bob and Pat Lyndon, Bob and Dot Smith, Bill and Jean Cotton, Stuart and Iris Ricketts, Bob and Betty Bruce, Jack and Margaret Miller--all with their families; as well as Frank Ward with his small son. After barbecuing lunch, with Bob Lyndon playing his usual expert role, and drinking bottled beer, transported in the Munkmans' red peril (Bob Lyndon had a bottle of Hunter River dry red burgundy), we had the children's races, with ice cream, bags of sweets, and Kellogg's Corn Flakes as prizes.

The boys, mainly the not-so-young boys, concluded by vigorously kicking a football around.

The weather, mainly fine, was variously referred to as "458 Squadron weather"--a reference to our general luck with some rather outrageous gambles with the weather which has saved us from ever having (quite) to cancel a function--and also ascribed to Sam Barlow as our 'Mascot'.

Carpet Bowls next.

The Flight Committee recently decided to join in the Air Force Association and Club's proposal for Competition Team Games between the various

Cornstalks on Parade (cont.)

Association branches and Squadron Associations. We hope that when the call goes out we shall find a few bods interested in carpet bowls, darts, etc.

In the A.T.C. Mess.

A dozen or so 458ers attended the A.T.C. Mess on 28th. June, after a committee meeting, on an invitation from Squadron members Stuart Ricketts, Don Bitmead, and Jack Baker. It was a good evening, and we can report through the "News" that the N.S.W. Flight is very proud that these three members are still able to find time to assist as A.T.C. Instructors.

Coming Events.1. Air Force Association Ball-----Friday September 13th

At the Trocadero. We plan to have a large table here as this is now the 458 Squadron Annual Ball and we ask for members support. Squadron member Graeme Coombes' daughter is to be presented as a debutante to H.E. the Governor of New South Wales during the evening. For details please contact either Kemp Beach (UA 6469) or C. Irwin (UW 1981) who have tickets.

2. Annual Golf Day (N.S.W. President's Cup)

At Gordon Golf Links, Lynn Ridge Avenue, Gordon--on Sunday October 13th. Hit off at 9.a.m. Afterwards we shall adjourn to Mount Wilga, Hornsby, for lunch and the presentation of prizes.

3. Country Reunion

This year will be in the Gosford-Wyong area on the week-end of the 19th/20th. October. More details later as the programme is finalised. At the moment we would like you to resolve to be there and to set the weekend date aside.

4. The Cup.

The Flight Committee has decided to hold the usual Melbourne Cup Guessing Competition. We realise that this year there is the double impost with the Perth All-States Reunion Competition, but hope that members will be able to dispose of Cup Sweep tickets. They will be posted shortly.

All for NOW...

We make a special appeal to N.S.W. members--support the functions mentioned above.

THE WESTERN WORLD.

W.A. Flight news from Butch Power, 145, Gildercliffe St., Scarborough, W.A.

Plans for the All-States Reunion.

The Flight Committee has got down to some steady effort as regards arrangements for the 1964 All-States Reunion. For the information of members in all States, the present planning is:

Friday 24th. April. Reception of interstate members, who will be met at the Railway Station or Air Port and conducted to selected Hotel or private accommodation. General settling-in, with informal entertainment.

Saturday 25th. April: Early a.m. Dawn Service at the War Memorial in Kings Park. The Squadron President (or his deputy) will lay a wreath on behalf of the Squadron.

Morning: Anzac March through Perth. Service on Esplanade and March Past. The State Governor takes the salute.

Afternoon. All-States Reunion at the Braille Society Hall --corner of Stirling and Newcastle Streets. Sit-down lunch commences about 12.30 p.m. Reunion finishes about 6.0.p.m. During the afternoon visiting ladies will be entertained by the local ladies.

Evening. Official visit to Gloucester Park for Anzac Day Charity Trotting Meeting. The Track and appointments are reported to be the best in Australia.

Sunday 26th April. Day on the Swan River with a barbeque lunch at Mosman Bay. Running of the Stewart Cup. Evening free-local entertainment.

Monday 27th. April Morning. Squadron Conference at Air Force Association House, Adelaide Terrace, Perth.

Afternoon. Golf at Wembley Downs Golf Course. The Anzac Cup Competed for.

Evening. Squadron Ball. The actual venue has not yet been finally decided. It will certainly be no less entertaining than the Squadron Ball held in Perth in 1958, about which the folks who attended still talk.

Although the Squadron Ball will complete the Official itinerary, all interstate and country members who stay longer will be well catered for with sight-seeing tours to places of interest. Arrangements are under way to have All-States Reunion brochures printed and adequately supplies distributed to members.

The Western World (cont.)

Even at this early juncture we would be most happy if all those who even contemplate coming to the West would let me know so we can have some rough idea what we are up for. So if you are even thinking about coming to the West please do let us know. It will only cost fivepence to have your name put down as a possible starter.

To start the financial ball rolling we have just had a raffle. The winner (Ticket no. II69) was a telephone number and after investigation turned out to be our old mate Stan (Shorty) Long. He immediately donated the prize to Squadron funds. Second prize went to Trike Wheeler at Kojanup. He spent a fiver on tickets and was entitled to some return. Third prize (ticket 980) went to N. Parker, 293 Barker Road, Subiaco. We intend to have another raffle round about Xmas to glean a further supply of shekels. The champion salesman, by the way, was Charlie (Mum) Geddes who sold twice as many tickets as anyone else. Well done, Charlie! Just goes to show that those years of "experience" in North Africa and Italy really came in handy.

Personal Notes.

Charlie (Unk.) McCarthy is now in New Guinea--with the department of Civil Aviation--having moved from the Cocos Islands. Charlie Davis has moved from Northam to Bayswater. R.G. (Snowy) Wood is back in Western Australia (at Dianella) from the East; Norm (Nundi) Carpenter is another who is now living in Dianella.

R.A.A.F. AIRCREW REUNION IN COWRA.

For the past five years a group of Air Force wartime aircrew have organised a Reunion, during August, in Cowra, N.S.W. This extends over the period Friday to Sunday and attracts a substantial attendance from all over N.S.W. as well as a contingent from Victoria. 458 Squadron members Harry Baines and Ralph Bailey live in Cowra and are on the Reunion Committee. This year Harry Baines was the President. Accordingly quite a few 458ers made the trip to Cowra. Graeme Coombes, Cyril Irwin, Sam Barlow, Jack Baker, Stuart Ricketts, Bob Bruce and Stuart Currington went as members of the Reunion. The writer of this note, also, was asked to come as a representative of the Air Force Association and was delighted to go, particularly in view of Harry Baines being President.

The Reunion events included an informal but warm welcome to those arriving on Friday evening or Saturday, a showing of films on Saturday afternoon, or golf for the golfers; the Reunion Dinner on the Saturday evening with Guest Speakers. On the Sunday morning there was a wreath-laying Parade and then a barbeque at the Aerodrome where there was a display of flying by an R.A.N. Firefly, and of most impressive aerobatics by a Mustang pilot. The weather throughout was perfect--crisply cool but sunny.

About 160 attended the dinner and listened to addresses by two U.S. Air Force Colonels, one on the Weather Reconnaissance Unit and its work in Australia and the other on the U2 aircraft with which the work is done. They were both masters of their subject and spoke fluently. ---P.C.A.

Q. FLIGHT NEWS.

from Jim Holliday, 43, Stella Street, Holland Park
Brisbane, Queensland.

At the Winter Social.

The principle social event of the past quarter was the winter Social held at the Water Street Drill Hall on 8th. June. Once again it was a success with 121 bodies enjoying themselves to their hearts' content. Attending for the first time at one of our Socials were Maureen and Ken Cahill from Landsborough. Usually they have had to care for the needs of the weekend motorist. But this time they let the w---e---m--- take care of themselves. Marvellous time they said they had, and inquired hopefully if we could arrange another "do" for the next Saturday. The reunion of Ken and Jack Lewis resulted in Jack forgetting some of his lines, some of his duties as i.c.o. entertainment, and forgetting, next morning, some of the incidents of the previous evening. In other words, it was a glorious evening conducted with the utmost degree of decorum and propriety. As Ken Cahill says, there should be more of them.

Smiler at the Gresham.

Theo. (Smiler) Ravenscroft telephoned home one evening to say he was receiving guests at the bar of the Gresham Hotel at 7.30 p.m. (on his way through from Longreach). Unfortunately, yours truly was helping out with a minor

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accident to a family of immigrants from Melbourne and just didn't get the message until too late. Sorry, Theo, if we'd known you were coming we'd have tee'd up a band of locals and a red carpet or two. However we trust that Bill Snowden turned it on for all of us.

Personnel Occurrence Reports.

Now for a bit of family news. As forecast in our last communication, our last and most eligible bachelor, Bernie McLoughlin, wed Helen Switzer (his secretary) on Saturday 27th. July. The honeymoon was spent in Melbourne, the Snowy, and Kosciusko, and also Sydney.

Congratulations to Gordon and Mrs. Postle--a son; to Clive and Joan Wyman--a daughter. Our hearty congratulations also to Pat and Harry Dorge on their new arrival.

Clive Wyman tells of a wonderful week of fishing on Frazer Island with Don Brandon and four other mates. Apparently there's miles and miles of beach and oceans of fish. A real man's holiday.

Chas. Warren tells of a weekend trip to Sydney with a group of friends. Left Brisbane by train on Friday p.m. and back on Monday p.m. Trip included a wild ride as a passenger in an 80/90 m.p.h. speed boat race.

Next events are....

Friday 13th. September. Annual Meeting;
 Friday 6th. September. Air Force Ball;
 Melbourne Cup Sweep;
 Barbeque at Ken Cahill's--Date to be arranged;
 December 7th. Social.

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION: Annual Assembly in N.S.W.

As many 458 members, particularly in N.S.W., are members of the Air Force Association and play a very active part in its affairs, readers will be interested in some account of the recent N.S.W. Assembly. Kemp Beach and Graeme Coombes represented the Squadron. Dick Healey was present as a Headquarters delegate and Peter Alexander as a State Vice President.

The Assembly was held this year in Sydney, at the Association's newly remodeled four storey building in Clarence Street. The State President, Claude Vautin, presided. The State Secretary, Ron Levenger, was overseas, and John Morgan of Canterbury-Bankstown acted as honorary Secretary of the Division.

The Governor of N.S.W., Sir Eric Woodward, opened the Assembly in the presence of a large gathering of N.S.W. notables, including the A.O.C., Operational Command, Air Vice Marshal Murdoch.

Apart from a long agenda dealing with important matters of Defence, Repatriation, Immigration and Association matters, an important announcement was made in the Governor's presence about the funds of the R.A.A.F. Memorial Centre Appeal's funds. The Chairman of the Appeal, Mr. George Mills, announced that £35,000 would, subject to legal arrangements, be allotted to the costs of acquiring the new building 213, Clarence Street, hitherto financed on mortgage from the R.A.A.F. Veterans Residences Trust in Melbourne; the balance of the Appeal's funds would be assigned to Memorial Fountains, planned for Hyde Park.

This announcement indicated progress towards the settlement of long-standing doubts affecting the disposition of the Appeal's funds.

The Assembly Dinner, to the accompaniment of music from an orchestra, was held at Clarence Street, in the Functions Room, on the Saturday evening.

Delegates were impressed with the new Clubrooms and facilities of the Air Force Club, now also in 213, Clarence Street.

CIVIL DEFENCE BROCHURE.

The Civil Defence Committee of the N.S.W. Division of the Air Force Association of which Squadron members Bob Bruce and Peter Alexander have been members (Bob is its Chairman this year) has arranged the production in durable form, suitable for hanging up somewhere in the home, a brochure setting out what to do in the event of a Nuclear attack on 'your city'. This has been approved by the N.S.W. Director of Civil Defence and represents a considerable A.F.A. contribution towards Civil Defence in Australia.

PERSONAL NOTES.

LES. and EDNA PIGGOTT were at the 458 Squadron Picnic in Sydney recently. Les has been hospitalised with a slipped disc, being in plaster for some time and now wearing a surgical corset;
GEOFF. and GWEN BURGESS have our congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Helen Barbara on 19th. June. Gwen has been busy househunting in Katanning, W.A., where Geoff works with the Broken Hill Pty Ltd network;
JACK MILLER who works in the Bakery business is living in Cronulla, N.S.W.;
JOHNNY EXCELL will be in Sydney with his family for a week from September 3rd; they will be staying at the North Ryde Caravan Park, Lane Cove Road, North Ryde;
ARTHUR RACKHAM who is Accountant with the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority has been elected as Chairman of the Cooma District Group of the Australian Society of Accountants, of which he is a Fellow;

GAMES EVENING IN SYDNEY. 458 Squadron members in Sydney, with their wives (or lady friends), are invited to attend the Squadron Carpet Bowls and Darts Evening to be held at 8.p.m. on Saturday September 7th at the new Air Force Club, 213, Clarence Street, Sydney. This will be a purely Squadron Evening, but the Squadron is now tentatively billed to play against the Kuringai branch of the A.F.A. on the evening of Saturday October 12th at the same venue.

SAM BARLOW—the Squadron Vice President, who for some years has been in partnership is now in business on his own and in his own name. He still has the Campsie business;

PETE CAMPBELL, who is a past-President of the N.S.W. Flight, has moved to a new home in St. Ives, Sydney. He is an active member of the N.S.W. branch of the Australian Camellia Research Society;

(Black)—JACK BAKER who is an Air Training Corps officer in N.S.W., is in charge of the A.T.C. Guard at the forthcoming Air Force Ball, at the Trocadero in Sydney on Friday September 13th;

GRAEME COOMBS who is Federal Treasurer of the Air Force Association, as well as a committeemember of the N.S.W. Flight, will have the pleasure of seeing his daughter presented as a debutante to the Governor of N.S.W. at the forthcoming Air Force Ball in Sydney;

STUART CURRENTHON of Peak Hill, N.S.W., intends to go to Perth for next years All-States Reunion. He intends also to 'dig out' Bill Kelliher while there;

DOUG. MILLARD of Humula in the Riverina has been in Sydney on several occasions in recent months. His son had an accident but has recovered according to the most recent report we had;

JIM HOLLIDAY is a principal organiser of the Brisbane Air Force Ball held shortly;

KEMP BEACH. The N.S.W. Vice President is Chairman of the Ball Committee of the N.S.W. Air Force Ball and doing an energetic job. The Ball is being featured in woman's Day magazine shortly;

THE 458 SQUADRON COUNCIL MEETS IN SYDNEY.Frequency of All-States Reunions. It was

reported by the Squadron Secretary (Bob Bruce), at the June meeting of the Squadron Council in Sydney, that the result of Flight votes conducted over Anzac day, was to favour the holding of All-States Reunions every other year.

Flight and Competition Reports. Delegates from

the Flights reported on affairs in the flights they represented and Promoter Sam Barlow reported on the Perth Guessing Competition. The Squadron President, Peter Alexander, presided.

ERIC MUNKMAN who has been suffering from digestive trouble, is on a strict diet for some weeks. No fats, no spicy foods, no alcohol. If Queensland sales of pineapple juice rise, he will be claiming the credit for it!

458 SQUADRON ADDRESSES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA. A-Z.

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