

SINCE OUR LAST NUMBER.

The 13th. Squadron Reunion, and Annual Meeting of the 458 Squadron branch of the Air Force Association were held in Sydney on Friday February 23rd in the basement of 330, George Street. The total attendance of 72 (of whom 35 sent advance notification) was the biggest for some time and included these squadron members: T. Waldon, J. Hawke, R. Davies, G. Burgess, F. Strom, G. Coombes, L. Kew, L. Chalmers, "Rinso" Purcill, N. Griffiths, Jack Miller, B. Thompson, Black Jack Baker, E. Munkman, C. Tillack, B. Bruce, Pete Campbell, C. Nation, D. Healey, F. Keith, S. Ricketts, E. Doman, Dusty Miller, T. Moore, P. Alexander, J. McPhee, Ted Fabian, J. McDonald, P. Baillie, W. Archbold, C. Corten, F. Ayres, S. Barlow, J. Payne, G. Danby, J. Preston, "Dutch" Holland, Col Campbell, Bill Chapman, N. Skinner, G. Catchlove, L. Piggott, Bob. Millar, Buster Balmer, F. Mullane, G. Morgan, A. Piggott, C. Hayward, B. Hull, A. McMaster, A. Jollow, K. O'Brien, G. Cannon, J. Miles, D. Bitmead, D. Bennett, A. Walker, B. Reynolds, "Harpo" Marks, "Lofty" Bracker, B. Crawford, B. McFadden, H. Bryant, "Sailor" Wheatley, M. Hargraves.

The Squadron chose the following as its officers and committee for the coming year (after balloting for the Committee):

President: Pete Campbell,
 Vice Presidents: Alf. Hammond, Cec. Nation,
 Hon. Treasurer: Sam Barlow,
 Hon. Secretary: Peter Alexander,
 Committee: G. Burgess, E. Munkman, B. Bruce, A. C. Harris, B. Thompson,
 L. Piggott, J. Baker, T. Moore, D. McKay, C. Hayward.
 Hon. Auditor: D. Bennett.

Our thanks to members who have given generously of time and trouble for the advancement of the Squadron during 1950-51 and our hope that, on the Committee or not, they'll go on doing so.

27 gallons of beer—beautifully cold—went down, and as usual we were indebted to Fred Ayres and Maca for getting it. During the evening the Vice President of the Air Force Association, Mr. Ivanoff, presented us with the charter of the 458 Squadron branch of the Air Force Association.

Cricket. Our cricketers have continued to play regularly with enthusiasm and success, their only difficulty being the lack or unreliability of opponents. With considerable regret we find that pressure on space prevents publication of detailed scores but a review of the matches played follows.

CRICKET COMMENTS.

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"RUN-TO-COVER."458 Squadron v. Heathcote R.S.L.

This match, played on a very hot day in beautiful, if rugged, country scenery, was against the R.S.L. sub-branch of which Jack McDonald is a member. 458 batted first and won but there were at least two occasions on which no one was inclined to give the traditional fig for its chances. First when after a fair start 10 wickets went for 30 runs against accurate slow left arm bowling, and again when the R.S.L.'s first pair had put on 30. However our last wicket (the match was played 12 a side), Ray Davies ~~and~~ being the leading light, added 50, and the last 10 R.S.L. wickets added only 30 runs so 458 preserved its unbeaten record by 20 runs.

458 Squadron v. Water Conservation Commission.

Here the Squadron lost its unbeaten record but was by no means disgraced. Our opponents (to whom our congratulations) had the assistance of a first grade batsman who made a spectacular century, substantially off four overs from two slow bowlers. For 458 Eric Munkman as a bowler and Allan Walker and Bob Bruce as batsmen stood out. The Commission team won by 31 runs on the first innings.

458 Squadron v. Dept. of Social Services.

458 scored 149 of which Dud McKay made 70 and the Department 74.

458 Squadron v. 466 Squadron

The final match of the season, a return game against 466 was played on All Fools Day and on the morning after a most successful Squadron Social but was nevertheless a clear win for 458 which though somewhat short of players made 192 (Dud McKay 62 n.o.). 466 made 117.

The Squadron Crest.

The Minister for the Air has been personally approached about the registration of 458's wartime crest (among other squadron crests) by G/Capt. Waddy on our behalf. Further action may be taken by us as soon as electioneering is over.

The Squadron Badge.

The post-war badge of 458 Squadron has now been manufactured and delivered to us and will be available to those members not already in possession of one on Anzac Day. It is a well made badge bearing the Winged Torpedo emblem on a Sky-blue background with 458 in red figures, and the crown, above. It costs 4/- plus postage. There is no annual subscription for the badge as far as the N.S.W. branch of the squadron is concerned. It is intended as an indication of squadron membership and a means whereby 458 members of different periods may recognise one another. It is very well suited for the purpose being possibly the most eye-taking badge in Australia due to the sky-blue background. It is already being worn in Britain, Africa and Canada.

The 458 Squadron Album.

Members in Victoria and N.S.W. have seen the Album at Reunions. It continues to grow, though we are still anxious to have prints or negatives as gifts or on loan. The Committee acknowledges with thanks the gift or loan of photographs from Geoff. Burgess, Dusty Miller, Jock McGowen, Gerry Abraham, John Islip and Bob. Bruce.

The Committee.

Talking of the election of the Squadron Committee, members might like to know how when and where it functions. Well, it usually meets on the fifth floor at 330, George Street once a month at 7.30 p.m. on a Thursday and goes through what is generally a long agenda covering the host of details that go to the successful functioning of an active squadron as 458. Any squadron member is welcome to come to committee meetings and a word to the Secretary will bring you notice of meetings.

Wings. The Air Force Association Sydney quarterly has been running illustrated articles about 458 personalities in recent issues and so far Pete Campbell, Sam Barlow and Alan Piggott have been featured.

458 Squadron branch of the Air Force Association.

The following new members have enrolled. Ray Davies, Jim. Palmer, Robin Knight (Fully subscribed), Buster Balmer, George Morgan, Snow Currington.

VICTORIAN SECTION.

The Squadron in Victoria held a Reunion at Air Force House, 45, Flinders Lane, Melbourne on March 16th.—a most successful function. There were 71 acceptors (of whom 60 sent advance notification) and they came from all parts of the state. This was the first 458 ~~XXXX~~ meeting for some time and its success reflects the greatest credit on its organisers, Jock McGowen and Stan. Tarczynski. A Committee charged with the job of keeping things going was elected and consists of:

President: Stan Tarczynski,
Vice President: Jock McGowen,
Hon. Treasurer: Col. Fereday,
Hon. Secretary: Bill Carr,
Committee: Bert Smith, Jack Blinney, Norm. Cugley.

The Squadron Album was on display and during the evening a photograph was taken of members present which will be added to the Post-War section of the Album. Copies of the photograph can be had from Bill Carr (36, Harbury Street, Reservoir) for 5/6 and 4/6 each.

It was decided that the Squadron would march on Anzac Day and the Committee is obtaining a Banner. Members obtained their squadron badges during the Reunion. Among members seen at the Reunion were: H. Ashworth, G. Abraham, J. R. Brown, I. Beer, Bill Bailey, A. W. Brown, K. Clymo, J. Cruttenden, "Cuthy" Cuthbertson, N. Cugley, G. Cowan, B. Carr, J. Carey, J. Ellis, C. Fereday, J. Fleming, K. Guiney, P. Hedgcock, Harry Hull, W. T. Hurford, J. Islip, J. Irwin, E. Jewell, H. Jenkins, J. Jenkins, D. Johnson, Ted. Kennedy, J. Kann, Lofty Kernot, Teddy Love, B. McKinna, J. McGowen, Yank Martin, F. J. Morris, K. Morkham, E. G. Meredith, J. Munday, J. Newton, Ted O'Leary, Bert O'Leary, B. Prideaux, B. Pollock, B. Phillips, Tich Ramsay, F. Ray, Val Richards, M. Singe, B. Smith, S. Tarczynski, B. Tipping, S. F. Varcoe, Shorty Wilson, L. Wurr, R. Yates, H. Young,

Rusty Zenner, P. Alexander, S. Barlow, C. Nation, F. Ayres, J. Briers, J. Binney, B. Sharrar, E. Bradshaw, G. Riddoch, J. Ryan.

The Editor was charged with the job of conveying remembrance and good wishes to various N.S.W. members, so with great pleasure, and apologies to the P.M.G., here goes:

Greetings and good wishes from
 Val Richards to "Sparrow" Hawke,
 Ted Kennedy and Cuthy to Arthur Jollow, Athol Kerry and Snow Fennell. Yank Martin to Spappy Hammond,
 Bill Bailey to Joe Pratt,
 Harry Ashworth to Bill Perkins, Bill Chapman, Ralph Bailey and Arthur Lehdey,
 Ken Morkham to Jack Bevan, Bill Perkins and Cliff Hayward,
 Ian Beer, to Ralph Bailey, Arthur Lehdey and Bill Perkins,
 Ron Yates to Dud McKay and Geoff Burgess,
 Jack Binney to Ralph Bailey, Arthur Lehdey, Maca and Geoff Burgess,
 Kev. Guiney to Geoff Cannon and Dick Healey,
 Bruce Prideaux to Jim Ward,
 Bert Smith to Frank Mahony and Eric Munkman,
 George Cowan to Ralph Bailey,
 Bert O'Leary to Ken Rosen and Dan Roberts,
 Bill Phillips to Harpo Marks,
 Jack Ellis to Merv Hargraves,
 Bob Sharrar to D. McWiggan Harpo Marks and Cyril Webb,
 Keith Cymo to Ernie Doman and Tony Harris,
 Harry Hull to Geoff Danby,
 George Riddoch to Maca,
 John Islip to Tony Harris.

Bill Carr also asked us to say that he would be delighted to offer accomodation to N.S.W. members passing through Melbourne (up to a maximum of four at a time).

Personal News.

Arthur Jollow: Ground engineering with T.A.A. Arthur has two sons and two daughters.

Ted Fabian: Fitter and Turner with W.D. and H.O. Willis in Sydney.

"Dusty" Miller: Garage Service Manager at Yenda. Says he has written to Robin Knight.

Mal Goers: is understood to be in Tanunda and with a newspaper.

Jack Cruttenden: has built himself a new house in Burwood, Melbourne. Has a daughter. Has long awaited a letter from Dusty Miller.

Alf Rubidge: in Graaf Reinet, South Africa.

"Mac" McCann: Still with the R.A.F., Mac is now back in England from the Far East and is a Flying Instructor (on Wimpeys) at a Flying Refresher School. Busy with promotion exams.

Bill Chapman: living in Newcastle and a strong squadron supporter. Sends regards to George Goldring.

Bert Reynolds: Paymaster with Dairy Farmers in Sydney. Is building himself a house.

Lofty Bracker: has graduated as Bachelor of Engineering (Aeronautical) Sydney University and is going to England.

Dick Healey: Recently returned from England where he investigated Television with the B.B.C., Dick is announcing with the A.B.C. and is to be heard reading the news from time to time. Has two sons. When in England he saw Charlie Ford who is a Navigator with Coastal Command.

Sailor Wheatley: is an officer on the "Duntroon",

Norm Skinner: carpentering with the Sydney County Council. Is the possessor of a new car.

George Catchlove: after circulars have gone to him right around Australia we now have George's correct address in Lane Cove. Engaged in general merchandising George has two sons and a daughter.

Brian Crawford: Farming—he says rabbit farming—at Wallendbeen.

Kev. O'Brien: now back in Sydney, Kev. is in the stationery supply business.

Bill Johnston: is at Castle Hill.

Dave Westgarth: with N.Z. Loan (Stock Section).

Cliff Tillack: with the P.M.G.'s Dept., Sydney.

"Rosie" Rosenberg: with T.A.A., Brisbane.

Geoff Cannon: to whom congratulations, has recently become engaged. He is probably going to the U.K. with Levers.

Jack Miles: Acting Secretary, East Sydney Laundry Co.
Harley Marks: Building in Dubbo, Harpo is a keen supporter of the local Gliding club and is also considering a return to the R.A.A.B. We are informed that Harpo no longer has mosquitoes in the garden at home.
Pat McCulloch: in the Joinery trade in Dubbo.
Hal Coffill: has a son.
Bill Turner: with the Bank of New South Wales, Camperdown. Recently became engaged.
Jas. Ward: Assistant Manager, Roxy Theatre, Parramatta.
Hank Ewens: living with his Scots wife and two daughters in Penola, S.A., where he has his home and is in business as Electrician and Decorator.
Theo Hutton: an architect in Brisbane.
Theo Ravenscroft: has become engaged. All good wishes, Smiler!
Lisle Wurr: School-teaching in Brunswick, Melbourne.
Jack Briers: a Public Servant.
Val Richards: with the Equitable Probate Insurance Co. in Melbourne.
Yank Martin: a Taxi-proprietor, in Melbourne
Ted Kennedy: a Garage proprietor. In Victoria.
"Cuthy" Cuthbertson: a Grazier. Married with 2 children.
Bill Bailey: has a Fuel business in Melbourne.
Tich Ramsay: with the P.M.G.'s Dept. (Accounts Section), Melbourne.
Jack Morris: window-dressing with Henry Bucks.
Tony Cotton: living near Oxford, England.
Harry Ashworth: In the plumbing business in Melbourne.
Ken Morkham: an electrical engineer, Ken has a son and a daughter.
Ian Beer: who is a commercial artist is now living in Melbourne.
Ron Yates: a school-teacher in Bayswater, Victoria.
Jack Blinney: is a jeweller and lives at Box Hill, Melbourne.
Jack Fleming: with A.N.A. at Essendon, Jack is married with 2 sons.
Joe Elliott: also with A.N.A. based on Brisbane.
Jack Newton: doing clerical work with Civil Aviation. Father of a daughter.
Kevin Guiney: a tennis coach in Melbourne.
Jim Munday: is now living in Geelong.
Harry Mark: has now moved to Victoria.
Bruce Prideaux: a Motor engineer with Rickard Bros., Melbourne. Married with 2 boys and a girl.
Ted O'Leary: in the Aircraft Industry at Fisherman's Bend.
Bert Smith: Assistant to the Secretary, Harrisons Ramsay Pty Ltd, Melbourne.
Jim Irwin: Instrument Section, T.A.A., Essendon.
Don Johnson: Johnno is in the building trade.
Teddy Love: an Estate Agent in Melbourne.
George Riddoch: a Grazier in Victoria.
Bert O'Leary: doing office work in the wholesale grocery business, married, with two sons.
Bill Phillips: a salesman.
Bob Sharratt: who is a wool-buyer has recently moved to Melbourne from Adelaide.
Peter Hedgcock: is 2 I.C., War Service Homes, Melbourne.
Jack Ellis: Married for five years Jack, who is flying with Ansetts has a boy and a girl, and lives in Ivanhoe, Melbourne.
Shorty Wilson: I/C Bristol aircraft with ANA, Essendon.
Lofty Trewartha: owner of two taxis in Adelaide.

Bill Varcoe: is selling Holden cars in Victoria.
Jack Kann: travelling for Howard Rotary Hoes. Married with a daughter.
Tubby Johnson: with Works and Housing, New Guinea.
Harry Hull: in the Carrying business, Melbourne.
Lofty Kernot: Lofty is a manufacturer of abrasives in Melbourne. Living in East St. Kilda.
Eric Jewell: doing administrative work with the Dept. of Civil Aviation, Melbourne.

FUTURE EVENTS.

Anzac Day. The Squadron will march both in Melbourne and Sydney. In Sydney a wreath will be laid on the Cenotaph on the previous evening. Watch the Press for details about points of assembly.
Socials. A series of social evenings for members and their wives will be held during the winter at various members homes in Sydney. As accommodation is obviously limited, it is proposed to do it by invitation and of course all members will be invited in due course. The

first Social evening has already been held at Sam Barlow's home and was remarkably enjoyable and successful. Our thanks for your hospitality, Sam.

SPORT. The Sydney Sports sub-Committee proposes to organise a number of golf days during the winter and also has plans for an inter-Squadron Competition for tennis, cricket and golf in coming months. It is also understood to be considering the possibilities of getting together a Softball team during the winter. It is not intended that the fact that no one seems to know a great deal about the game should prove an obstacle if it is otherwise practicable. Who is interested? let us hear from you.

2nd. ANNUAL SQUADRON BALL, Sydney.

This will be held at the White City Ballroom at 8.30 p.m. on Friday May 11th. Tickets, 12/6d. each. All arrangements for a successful evening—orchestra, supper, decorations—are well under way.

Members should bring their wives and friends to dance at the 458 Squadron Ball, under the Squadron Banner and surrounded by their Squadron friends. It is of course essential that members should put themselves out to support our Annual Ball, our major social function.

Those who attended last year know how enjoyable the Ball was; this should be even better. Readers should fill in and forward the application attached below. Remittances should be made payable to the Secretary personally.

Dress is optional but you are invited to appear in your Dinner jackets.

Letter from the Colonel.

We have received the following letter from Nakuru, Kenya.

"Many thanks for the 458 Circular Vol. 3 No. 6 the first I have received and the first knowledge I have had that anything of its sort was on the go. It was most welcome and if you could let me know the necessary I would like to join the outfit.....I had a letter from Sir H.P. Lloyd not so long ago. He says that he well remembers 458 from Protville days! Ref, the Squadron crest. When I was O.C. I remember Hamlet drawing up a copy of the Crest and old Adj. Baird writing off to get it registered. If I remember correctly no reply came before the Adj. and I left. I also remember we tried to get a large Wimpie model out of Vickers at the same time. They replied to the effect that there were none available but that we could apply again later. Maybe worth applying now. I have some photos which may be of interest. If they could be of any use please let me know. I should greatly appreciate any of your back numbers of circulars..... I wish I could get down to you for a Reunion night. With kind regards to all, yours sincerely, Bruce McKenzie."

We share the great pleasure that other members from Malta to Bone will feel at again having news of Mac. Mac has a Cattle Stud Farm.

COMMENT.

Beyond argument the biggest news in this issue of the "458 News" is the successful resumption of squadron activities in Victoria. All good wishes to the Melbourne Committee for the work that lies ahead of it. In N.S.W. we note the close of the cricket season which for 458 has been one of continuing enjoyment and success which more members should share.

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SECOND ANNUAL 458 SQUADRON BALL.

To Mr. P.C. Alexander,
120, Wycombe Road, Neutral Bay, Sydney, N.S.W.

Please send me.....tickets for the 2nd. Annual Ball at the White City Ballroom on May 11th. I enclose....., being 12/6d per ticket.

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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