

458 SQUADRON NEWS



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SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.458 VICTORIAN FLIGHT.

A successful and enjoyable Social Dance was held at Air Force House, Melbourne, on 28th. May. Of the 72 guests in attendance, the following members were present:-

T. Wishart	J. Allison	K. Brown	W. Carr	V. Richards
J. Munday	J. Jenkins	J. Bilney	S. Cartledge	G. Orchard
H. Ashworth	C. Mathews	"Yank" Martin	P. Hedgecock	L. Wurr
S. Tarczynski	T. Weir	B. Dean	W. Henry	A. Green

Numerous associate members and friends made up big parties, notably those entertained by members Jim Munday, Gordon Orchard and Stan Tarczynski. Messers C. Matby and S. Sykes represented 3 Squadron.

Approximately £3 was cleared on the evening. Liquid refreshment was still available well after 2 a.m. A word of praise must be given to all the ladies who so cheerfully supplied plates of appetizing dainties for supper, and, but not mentioning with the same breath, "Yank" Martin's two enormous garlic sausages.

During a brief respite, election of office bearers took place, resulting as follows:

President: Gordon Orchard.
 Vice Presidents: Frank Wilson, Bruce Dean,
 Treasurer: John Jenkins,
 Secretary: Bill Carr.

The retiring Committee was re-elected with the exception of Tom Wishart who stood down owing to pressure of business and Lou Johnston who is returning to England. Arthur Green and Don Johnson were elected in their places.

John Jenkins has been acting as Treasurer since the departure of Col Fereday to Canberra.

Tribute to Lou Johnston. On the 9th. June, 21 members gathered at the London Hotel, Melbourne, to say farewell to S/Ldr. L. Johnston on the eve of his return to R.A.F. duties in the U.K. Our energetic Secretary, Bill Carr, arranged a delightful private dinner before which much amber liquid was absorbed. After the dinner many sincere eulogistic reminiscences were made by Gordon Orchard, Jim Munday, "Wuzel" Wurr and Frank Wilson, relating to S/L Johnston's qualities as a man and a Commanding Officer, and latterly to his enthusiastic interest in the Squadron's activities in all States. We were very pleased to welcome at this dinner a visiting W.A. officer in Allan Lyons who briefly told us of the awakening interest of 458ers in W.A.

Personalities.

Col Fereday is now permanently established at Canberra with the Commonwealth Grants Commission and is going to build there soon. He would be delighted to meet any members passing through Canberra.

Bob Osborne (ex Sydney Committee) is welcomed back to our State again (apparently there's more advertising business here!). Bob attended some of our earliest functions in Melbourne just after the War. His address is now 450, St. Kilda Road.

S/Ldr. Lynch, ex aircrew member of the original squadron establishment at Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, was met by chance by Bill Carr whilst inspecting the Kodak Works at Abbotsford, Vic, where Bill is Company Statistician. S/L Lynch also confirmed that S/L Mick Mather is back at Point Cook, and mentioned S/L Howard Gavin. Hope we meet up with you boys at our September Reunion at Air Force House, 24th. September.

Bill (Boong) Henry has returned to the fold in very good form.

General. A trip to the country is under consideration with a view to meeting up with country members. Bill Carr, Arthur Green and "Bluey" Firth are arranging this, and any suggestions to them would be welcomed.

Harry Ashworth suggests a big effort be made to accommodate all visiting interstate members for the Olympic Games in Melbourne, and although there is still plenty of time, it is well worth reminding Victorian members to think about it.

"Yank" Martin (1, Robe Street, St. Kilda, Vic.) sends greetings to Ben Cormack of Perth. Say "How about a letter, Ben?"

CROWEATER'S COMMENTARY.

from

BRIAN WOODHEAD.

We were very happy to read of the successful and happy All-States Reunion in Brisbane and would like to thank Jack Carter and Bill McBride who represented this fair State on such an epic occasion. We are in accord with the decisions of the Conference and we were very pleased to see that Gordon Orchard is our new Squadron President. Our best wishes to him in his duties for the coming year.

As Melbourne is to be the site of the next Conference, quite a number of plans are being made for the trip. Among these are Bill Taylor, Ian Showell, Ron Badger, and Norm. Trewartha. Both Ron and Norm. are expected to have vacant seats available so there is quite a possibility of a fair representation.

A few weeks ago we were very pleased to have a quick visit from Allan Lyons of W.A. He told us of all the activities in Perth, and their future plans, and from all reports W.A. is now on the way to being very successful. We wish them all the luck. Mel Priest has just arrived here on leave with his wife and family. He is still the same and wishes to be remembered to all.

On Thursday August 12th. 16 members of our branch have been invited to the 2nd. 43rd Battalion Club rooms as guests for a social evening. This is in response to a little courtesy to them last Anzac Day.

Q-FLIGHT NEWS.

from

Things have been very quiet with "Q" Flight since the Anzac Day Reunion, so it is not known definitely whether this has arisen from a feeling of satisfaction from a job well done or just that we haven't recovered from the big do.

As far as the Committee can ascertain, all is well with everyone, no new babies have been born and no other bachelors married.

We are planning our Annual Reunion for Saturday, 14th. August, with which will be our General Meeting and election of officers. By kind permission of the Officer Commanding, the Reunion will be held again in the A.T.C. Mess at Perry Park.

SANDGROPPERS ON PARADE.

from

JACK RISELEY.

Since March two opportunities have arisen wherein the "Mob" has had the chance to get together. The first occasion was the Ex Service Parade before Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, when we had the opportunity of marching behind our Banner (and it is truly a work of art) for the first time. Our numbers were disappointing, only thirteen being accounted for however all present agreed that the service was one which will be long remembered and well worth the effort. Tony Main capably led our merry band and Jack Riseley acted as "Sister Anna".

Our next get together was on Anzac Day when twenty members assembled for the Parade, with "Chess" Chessell to the fore, Jack Riseley again carrying the Banner. In due course we retired to Keough's Hall where a thoroughly good evening was enjoyed by one and all to the full.

Those present were:

L. Lockhart	C. Williams	T. Dale	R. Gannaway
D. Daniels	B. Cormack	A. Lyons	C. Geddes
K. McLeod	A. Wheat	L. Gibbons	J. Riseley
L. Grigsby	S. Long	R. Chessell	R. Wood
J. Moriarty	P. McCarthy	C. Eagle	L. Stewart
T. Jewell.			

In addition we were pleased to see ten ex service guests and we are sure they enjoyed themselves as much as we ourselves did. Come again, please.

"Bubbles" Power has been ill, having a very bad time but now, I'm happy to say is very much better. He was responsible for producing our Squadron Banner at a great saving in cost to the Squadron.

About three weeks ago Don Tunney came down to Perth from Kojonup. It was the first time I'd seen him since he ditched and was later P.O.W. Don has changed slightly (three or four stone extra) since Squadron days as indeed have most of us (I'm now tipping the

Sandgroppers on Parade (cont.)

scales at 17½ stone !).

It was the first time we had seen Tony Main since he went in operating from Malta. He looks remarkably well and did a sterling job "out in front".

"Chess" had a bad time for a while and was barely able to get down to see the Queens's March--he made it however--had a chair on the edge of the route along which we marched----his "Good old 458 !" spurred us on to greater effort and although our numbers were small our ranks were swollen by odd bods and we were congratulated by the local A.F.A. President for the good show we put on.

Ran into Jack Mitchell the other day--he's been cut off from the Squadron--apparently we didn't have his address but that's now been remedied. He's a dairy farmer at Burekup.

Doug. (Bruno) Anderson hasn't been too well. Clarry Eagle has just moved into his new home in South Perth. "Mun" Geddes was also on the sick list for a while but I think he is better now.

Now for the future. Popular opinion among committee members seems to be the No.1 in a future yearly event--a--458 Squadron Ball--The event may be around the end of July.

Jack Riseley has been appointed to the Executive of the Air Force Association and will be glad to give members any help he can.

458 SQUADRON in NEW SOUTH WALES.FIFTH ANNUAL SQUADRON BALL.

120 members and friends formed parties for the Ball, which this year was held at the Coronet Ballroom in George Street on May 28th. Geoff Burgess and Gwen were down from Walcha for the Ball, which gave considerable pleasure to their many friends. The Ball was also the occasion of our seeing George Unitt again for the first time for quite some years.

Members danced with gaiety and happiness to the music of an excellent band. The Squadron Banner was displayed and our model Wimpy decorated the Official Table. Official Guests for the evening included the State Presidents of the Air Force Association (G/Cptn J.L.Waddy) of the Limbless Soldiers Association (Mr.Harris), the Secretary of the Air Force Club (Mr.Duffy), the Trustee of the Centennial Park Cricket Association (Mr. Perry) and their wives or partners. Members wore miniature medals with their evening clothes. A telegram of good wishes was received from the Squadron President in Melbourne.

Altogether it was universally regarded as a very good Ball. The Ball sub-committee of the N.S.W.Committee is now making plans for next years Ball: ideas include staging it at Princes or at the Pickwick Club. The success of the Fifth Ball was substantially due to the preparatory work of the Ball sub-committee last year which concentrated on making it the best-yet throughout the preceding year.

APPOINTMENT OF ORGANISER.

At the request of the Hon.Secretary (Peter Alexander), the N.S.W.Committee has appointed an Hon.Organiser to take charge of the organising of all Squadron functions in N.S.W.for the remainder of the year in order that the Secretary might concentrate on the writing of the History of 458 Squadron. The choice made by the Committee was its Junior Vice President, Allan (Paddy) Walker--who has everyone's good wishes in his new task. Allan has been very prominent in Squadron affairs in N.S.W. for some years now and has been a source of great strength to the Committee during that time. As Chairman of the Sports sub-committee he has already done much of the detailed work of organisation---which in a body as active as 458 is not light.

Allan, a Fitter on the Squadron is a Progress Officer in civil life. His telephone number is YL 8475. Address 1, Denison Street, Parramatta, N.S.W.

ANNUAL PICNIC.

The Committee regularly gambles heavily on the weather at this time of the year and holds the Annual Picnic. Invariably hitherto the weather has been ideal. This year it was ideal again.

Lane Cove National Park (NO.7 site) was again the locale. We arrived in our various conveyances around 11 a.m.

The place was a bit too crowded this time for the usual Softball game to be held but the N.S.W.President (Alan Piggott) had lent Badminton Gear for the day and that with Darts and races for all-comers and also a nine gallon keg, provided the basis of the days entertainment. Who won what? The Badminton was won by Dorothy Munkman and Peter Alexander; playing grim and determined badminton they cleaned up all opposition. The fact that Eric Munkman was the umpire had nothing to do with the result. The Married Womens Race was also won by Dorothy Munkman--the Holder of this particular Title for the past two years, Kitty Piggott, retired undefeated and is understood to be planning a comeback next year. The Bachelors' Race: a small field of whom Allan Walker is understood to have been the winner. The Three-legged Race--won by Allan Walker and Bill Cotton. Other races? There were lots of them.

After a fine day which the adults enjoyed as much as the children we departed about five o'clock. Two credits must be recorded: Cyril Irwin for much hard work in getting the keg there and back. Bob Lyndon for coming with his family all the way from

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Hurstville. Transport homewards was duly managed for all the 40 or 50 souls in attendance.

GOLF DAYS AT CAMPBELLTOWN.

The 1954 Golf Season started in June, on Sunday the 6th. A Handicap event was won by Graeme Coombes, who won a Tankard presented for competition by Tom Mitchell. Other Squadron golfers present were Alf. Hammond, Ray Davies, Bob Millar, Charlie Ruthven, with his family, Allan Walker and Geoff. Burgess. The latter player was on holiday in Sydney and in good form.

The next Golf Sunday was on July 11th--which in Sydney was a wet and discouraging day but, as those courageous enough to make the trip found, was entirely fine out at Campbelltown. The winner--prize an Ashtray, donated by Dick Healey--was Dulcie Byrne. Squadron players were Ray Davies, Ern. Donan, Bob Bruce, Allan Walker, Cy. Irwin, Bob Millar, Alf. Hammond, Tom Mitchell. Various friends, relatives and visitors also played. 458 Golfers in N.S.W. no doubt have their eye on next years Anzac Cup golf Competition somewhere in Melbourne. (Tarczynski, here we come!).

Next Golf Day--at Campbelltown on Sunday August 22nd. Be in it! If you've never played before now's your chance to start.

AN EVENING IN THE MESS.

These functions have proved to be one of the most popular to be organised in N.S.W. As most members know, procedure is to invite about 30 members each time (a different 30 of course) for an Evenings Billiards, pool, and darts with a keg and supper laid on. This time we had 32 in attendance and the Mess was still crowded around midnight although the beer had been drunk out at least an hour before. It was particularly pleasant to see several 458ers there who we hadn't seen for quite a long time. The 32 were:

Eric Munkman	Buster Balmer	Ken Gunn	Tom Moore
George Unitt	Allan McMaster	Cy. Irwin	Jack Miles
Graeme Coombes	Cliff Hayward	Sam Barlow	Fred James
Bob Bruce	Alf. Hammond	Bert Thompson	Henry Bryant
Col. Corten	Jack Baxter	Peter Alexander	Jack Baker
Allan Walker	Stuart Ricketts	Cec. Nation	Bluey Lamond
Ray Davies	Joe Pratt	Fred. Strom	Bob Lyndon
Bob Millar	Tom Mitchell	Charlie Ruthven	Freddy Ridge.

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The 458 Squadron branch of the A.F.A. in N.S.W. appointed Tom Moore and Dick Healey as its delegates this year. The Assembly was held on Saturday and Sunday June 19th/20th at 330, George Street. Before dealing with the agenda of items of ex-service interest, the Assembly listened to addresses from Air Vice Marshal Walters (A.O.C.), Dr. George (University of Sydney Nuclear Physics Dept.) and a brace of American Air Force generals. The agenda dealt with a variety of pensions and war service homes matters. The Squadron delegates moved a motion favouring the establishment of an Air Force Museum in Australia, and this was carried. Election of the State Committee for the next two years resulted in the election of Dick Healey as 458 representative.

ILLNESS OF THE N.S.W. PRESIDENT.

Members in all States will be sorry to hear of the serious illness of Alan Piggott. Alan has had a Coronary occlusion and is confined to his bed for some time to come. However he is making a good recovery--in which he has the most sincere interest and good wishes of all the Squadron.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCES.

The N.S.W. Committee has decided to adopt the practice of publishing the attendance records of its members for the information of the electors. Possible attendances this year have been 4. Attendances have been:

4 out of 4. A. Walker, P. Alexander, F. Strom, C. Nation, C. Irwin, V. Bartlett, K. Beach.

3 out of 4. G. Coombes, E. Lyndon, T. Moore, R. Healey, E. Munkman, G. Balmer.

3 out of 3. R. Osborne (resigned).

2 out of 4. A. Piggott, H. Dorge, J. Baker.

1 out of 4. S. R. Bruce (resigned).

1 out of 1. S. Barlow.

RESIGNATIONS AND REPLACEMENTS.

Two Committee resignations have occurred recently: Bob Osborne, who has moved to Melbourne and Bob Bruce who is now stationed at Jervis Bay. Both have given loyal support to 458 and will be missed by the N.S.W. Committee. One of the vacancies has been filled by the election of Sam Barlow, whose absence from the Committee has been of short duration. Even when nominally off the Committee his influence has remained immeasurably great and his support as keen as always.

FORTHCOMING FUNCTIONS IN N.S.W.

The next REUNION will be on Friday September 17th at

458 in N.S.W.(cont.). 330, George Street, Sydney.

FISHING. A day's fishing--outside the Harbour--is being considered. Estimated cost per head £1-0-0. Launch or boats arranged. Interested members should please contact either the Hon .Organiser (Allan Walker) or Bob Lyndon (24, McPherson St., Hurstville).

Featured Article.

REDEX

TRIAL.

by

DICK HEALEY.

Dick Healey has just returned to Sydney after reporting the Redex Car Trial for the Australian Broadcasting Commission--Editor.

In the past we have extolled the virtues and failings of the old Wimpy, but covering the Redex Trial in a Lockheed 10 manufactured at Burbank in 1937 was, to some extent, far more adventurous. A trim little aircraft carrying 2 pilots and 8 passengers set out from Sydney on July 3rd and landed, I'm happy to say successfully, in Sydney on 20th. July after completing a round-Australia trip.

First, a bouquet to pilot Keith Robey, ex-Flight Lieutenant 24 Squadron Liberators for a smooth trip and some first-class piloting on some second class aerodromes. First adventure for us was the landing at Taree on a strip which was half flooded. When we got down there was little runway to spare; getting off next morning was a bit dicey too but we made it. We struck very good airfields right up to Garbutt in Townsville where the temperature was more like mid-summer than Winter. We then went inland to land at Richmond for refuelling. Here the main runway was un-serviceable so we came in crosswind on the short strip. Smoking brakes and a half ground loop saved us from an ignominious end in a three foot ditch.

We had ten minutes here to get some lunch so a smart dash into town was necessary. Tony the local cafe proprietor was a little slow in dishing up some sandwiches so the Press party took over and had them made and in the bag in five minutes flat. We grabbed a dozen pies from the oven, Tony screamed out 25 bob and we were on our way once again.

Nothing very much happened then until we got to Tennant Creek where there was a first class strip. The cars came onto the North-south road 17 miles north of Tennant Creek; as there was no cab available a local resident offered to drive us up in his 1925 Rolls Royce which was minus glass front side and rear. We made a 65 MPH dash to the Flynn Memorial, using torches for headlights. Here, much to the chagrin of the competitors, we turned on our own 'Secret Control' which wiped the smiles off their faces, but we sent them on their way with a piece of grilled steak or hamburger and a bottle of beer. Half the town was there to cheer them on their way.

On then through Katherine and Darwin which were fairly quiet and our next stop was Victoria River Downs Station, 13,000 square miles with about one head of stock to every 400 acres.

From there to Wave Hill and finally to Halls Creek.

Here we joined in a celebration with the local townsfolk and station people who were welcoming the first dentist in this town for 20 years.

From here, via Christmas Creek to Broome which was a wonderfully hospitable town and livened by the antics of Pressmen and competitors who bought ten gallon sombreros and turned the Roebuck Bay into a wild west hotel. There were uproarious scenes of merriment and clowning which lessened the tension.

From the cattle country we crossed the ranges to Noonkanbah, formerly a big bomber strip with the revetments and taxi strips still in good condition. Then on through Port Headland to Wittenoom Gorge the asbestos mining town which has one of the most attractive pubs in Australia. Here we saw one of the de Havilland Doves which operates a fast airline service throughout Western Australia. They struck us as being a very sweet little aircraft. We went on from there to Meekathara and Perth.

I was amazed at the extent and wildness of the country in North-Western Australia and the number of really first class air strips remaining from the War which are still in use. We had a little undercarriage trouble at Perth and ran into a front which forced us down to about 150 feet in the hill country somewhat reminiscent of the area around Foggia. A quick trip then to Kalgoorlie where I met Bill Pember who'll be known to many 458 boys who were at the German Hospital at Jerusalem. From there on we passed through Ceduna Adelaide and Melbourne onto Sydney.

It was a wonderful trip and by far the easiest way to do it. I have great respect for the Redex boys because, believe me, the Cloncurry road and the one from Katherine to Broome is really rough. I saw broken and battered cars everywhere, and some very weary drivers. I met some wonderful people and some fabulous ones but some of the stories will have to keep, I'm afraid, for a Reunion or a night in the Mess. Sorry I didn't see more of the 458 blokes on the way round but time was our greatest trouble and for those of you who may have looked for me, many thanks. It was a difficult job to cover for radio and we had very little free time.

PERSONALITIES.

Bob Bruce is now stationed at Jervis Bay as Manager of the Social Services Rehabilitation Centre. He has resigned from the State Committee of the Air Force Association.

"Snowy" Fennell now has a garage at Long Jetty in New South Wales.

Bob Osborne has left J.Walter Thompson and Co., in Sydney and taken a new job in Melbourne.

Stuart Ricketts and Black-Jack Baker are both acting as Instructors at the A.T.C. Centre at Waremburn in Sydney.

Freddy Strom has been on an excursion to the Snowy Mountains project at and around Cooma.

Harry Baines now has the WALLABADAH HOTEL at Wallabadah on the New England Highway. Members going that way should look in. (Tooth's Old).

"Bluey" Lamond is with Beale and Co. the Piano makers, of Annandale in Sydney. (NO discount !)

Joe Pratt is with a car building firm in Sydney,

Jack Baxter is moving to Brisbane :

Ken Gunn who is bookmaking, recently visited Sydney. He has a son and a daughter. Sends his regards to Peter Thom and Ralph Bailey.

Jack Miles is moving to Wagga Wagga where he will represent a Sydney firm.

Johnny Dew has an electrical business at Tully in Queensland; And

Bill Hull is now in Cairns (Box 289);---Q-Flight please note.

Cliff Tillack is now in Ashfield, Sydney.

BIRTHS.

458's congratulations to the following members and their wives--

Tom and Mrs. Moore---a daughter (Joanne);

Bill and Mrs. Perkins---a daughter (Leigh);

Terry and Mrs. Waldon---a son.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters to the Editor.

From the Official War Historian's Office; Canberra.

Dear Mr. Alexander; Mr. Herington has asked me to thank you on his behalf for your recent letter with its generous offer of assistance. While we have sufficient material covering the activities of No.458 for the moment, we are very short of photographs of the work of your squadron, as you will discover as you glance through Mr. Herington's AIR WAR--GERMANY AND ITALY which is being released to-morrow. Hence should members hold any likely photographs for us in Mr. Herington's second volume, which takes up No.458's story again in October, 1943, might they be sent here for copying?

Both Mr. Long and Mr. Herington were very pleased to hear of your Squadron History. Should you care to send us the MSS we would be happy to oblige with comments and advice.

yours sincerely,

R.Clark.

(This is being taken care of--Ed.)

From Bill Carr in Melbourne.

Dear Peter, Please accept our thanks for the Banner which was received in time for the Anzac March.....the Banner is a first class job and all who have seen it were extremely pleased to see same. My thanks to you for your efforts in obtaining it for us..

We have a Squadron Reunion Dance coming off on the 28th. May. These Dos are now almost standard down here. However we seem to take care to have at least one "Bucks" do each year.

You will also have our Committee's confirmation of our complete support for the Squadron Council from our next meeting. Now its up to us to excel the whole show put on by Queensland. I feel we can do it. Anyway we have a year in which to make our effort.

In recent months we have had a Reunion (in September), a Christmas Dinner and a joint Desert Air Force Reunion on Anzac Day. How's the Squadron

History coming on? Must see if we can provoke more interest in the way of stories from our chaps. Its hard though as I find it hard to recall incidents with any clarity.

Regards to Pete Campbell and the boys,

Bill Carr.

From Mrs. R.A. Hatton, 133 Wilson Street, Kalgoorlie, W.A.

Dear Editor, For some time now my husband, Dick Hatton, has been receiving your Squadron News...to let you have our ^{new} address I am taking it on myself to write to you.

Correspondence (cont.)

I would like Bill Taylor especially to know that Dick has received a few Xmas cards from him but as Dick seems a bit slow at returning the good wishes we have had no further news of Bill except thro the Squadron News; I would like him and others who were with Dick to know that he is working underground at the North Kalgoorlie I9I2 Ltd. and has three sons, Richard I5½, sergeant of his Air Flight at school, Eric I3½ also an Air Cadet and Keithy who has just turned five. Please forward on 458 News to above address and now wishing all the best of luck and good times ahead,

yours sincerely, Mrs.R.A.Hatton.

(Thank you for writing, Mrs.Hatton--Editor)

From Hal Coffill, "Star Sight", Condobolin.

Dear Pete,Have been travelling about Queensland of late, looking for country but never seem to find any occupied by 458 characters. But then I keep out of pubs.

Anyway am enclosing a cheque...perhaps you would send me a car badge and use the rest to bring me up to date with the Squadron News sub. Have I ever paid ?

The only 458er about here is Bob Lowe..I do see him occasionally. He runs sheep in Lake Cowal regions when the lake is dry. When its full he runs a motor boat in the same regions.....Please tell Pete Campbell I will write to him one day

Cheers and Beers, Hal Coffill.

From Don Bitmead, Revesby.

Dear Peter,Am writing to apologise for not being at the Anzac March, we were on holidays.....We are building at Brighton, and I am getting experience in the sandwich business now, will be taking one over. Why sandwiches ? After four years in a seven day week business I'd had it. We start about 7.45 a.m. and finish at 3.15 p.m.very agreeable. Should you be passing No I6 King Street (i.e.the Pyrmont end) drop in and try our 46 varieties ! Unfortunately when the rush is on I won't be able to talk--all hands go like the dickens.....

Cheerio for now, Don Bitmead.

From Bill Hull, Cairns, Queensland.

Dear Peter,I have been away for the past two weeks on business; I only received your letter on my arrival home.

I see quite a lot of Johnny Dew. He has an electrical business in Tully and is doing very well. Incidentally Tully is the wettest town in Australia. Joe Elliott who captains ANA DC 3 s with the greatest aplomb is a frequent visitor to these climes. He told me all the doings of the bumper Anzac Reunion in Brisbane. Wish I could have appeared.... Every time I meet these two characters its a sign for the balloon to go up or the lights out or something..But I have no regrets and we usually fight the war all over again. With regards to all who remember me,

yours sincerely, Bill Hull.

SQUADRON CAR BADGES.

Members who catch sight of a car bearing a 458 Squadron Car badge --sky blue with the Winged Torpedo---will know it belongs to one or other of the following follow squadron members:

<u>N.S.W.</u>	Cec Nation	Don Bitmead	Ken Crago	Ross Burgess
	Ted Gore	Aub.Dombkins	Ron Hills	Bill Chapman
	Jock McGowen (2)	Joe Pratt	Fred Strom	Allan Walker
	Tony Harris	Harry Dorge	George Morgan	Jack Payne
	Curly Hosking	Noel Walter	Cy.Irwin	Goldy Bartlett
	Stuart Ricketts	Alf.Hammond	Alan Piggott	Graeme Coombes
	Bert Thompson	Rinso Purcill(2)	Len Adams	Black Jack Baker
	Doug.Millard	Frank Ward	Pat McCulloch	Barry Menser
	Charlie Ruthven	Hal Coffill	Ken Gunn	Cliff Hayward.
<u>Queensland.</u>	C.Webb	Jack Lewis	Cliff Mannion	Massa Foote
	Bob Male	Jim Plunkett	J.Taylor	Gordon Postle
	Dud McKay	Tony Stone	Bernie Hughes	
<u>Victoria.</u>	Arthur Green	Harry Jenkins	Ken Cupper	F.Morris

Squadron Car badge holders (cont.). Victoria.

Russ Coghlan Dave Firth Gordon Orchard Lloyd Tame

Western Australia.

Al Wheat (2) Clarry Eagle Gordon Jones

South Australia.

Pat Enright Lofty Trewartha Bert Oliver Flash Thomas

Overseas.

Ron Verity (New Zealand)

There are a few badges left--but not many.

APPOINTMENT OF VICTORIAN CORRESPONDENTS.

The Victorian Committee has appointed Gordon Orchard and Stan.Tarczynski as its Correspondents for the Squadron News:henceforth they will take over responsibility for the supply of Victorian news.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

1. The practice--followed by Q-Flight from its formation and now followed by Victoria in the title of its section of this issue of the "News"--of using the word "Flight" instead of "Branch" seems to us to be good. It was, incidentally, one of the many good ideas which have sprung from the fertile imagination of the Queensland Secretary. Perhaps Squadron Council might consider making a recommendation to the various State Committees.

2. The "News" belongs to the members of 458 Squadron. That may seem an obvious proposition. But members should bear in mind the fact that the paper welcomes from them letters or articles--such for instance as the article contributed by Dick Healey to this issue.

3. Another obvious proposition. If we don't know where you are we can't send you the Squadron News. Nor can your State Secretary keep you advised of Squadron functions. Please let us know your new address.

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TO The Editor,
 458 Squadron News,
 Box 5289, G.P.O.,
 Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

Please note that my address is now:

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SIGNED.....

I have/have not notified my State Secretary of the above address.

TO The Squadron Secretary,
 Box 5289, G.P.O., Sydney, N.S.W.

Please forward.....458 Squadron CAR BADGES.
.....(being 30/- each per badge--post free).

I enclose herewith

NAME:.....

ADDRESS

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Rec'd.....

Badge sent.....