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COLONEL MCKENZIE'S PROGRESS.Reconciliation in Kenya.

Readers are aware that

458 Squadron's third C.O., L/Col. Bruce McKenzie, commanded the Squadron as an officer of the South African Air Force. After the war he and his wife went to the (then) colony of Kenya in East Africa. He established a Friesian Cattle stud-farm at the inland centre of Nakuru and before long became, as those who know him would expect, prominent in the farming community. He was appointed to the Legislative Council by the Governor of Kenya and became Minister of Agriculture. He, like other people in Kenya, passed through the difficult and dangerous years of the Kikuyu revolt--the Mau Mau years.

These achievements of Bruce McKenzie's were notable but no more than the energy, courage and determination the war years shewed him to have, would make probable.

It was in the post-Mau Mau period that his imagination and initiative shewed themselves in their most brilliant form. In this period of emerging African National groups, to whom the future of Africa clearly belonged, many, probably most, of the large European farming population of Kenya, concentrated in the so-called "White Highlands" --green farming country in the Hills--regarded the future with despair. They felt themselves a minority amid hostile African tribes from whom British control was about to retreat.

Bruce McKenzie realised that the beautiful country he had made his home had a prosperous future only if there could be a reconciliation between the skills and experience of the Europeans and the energies and natural ambitions to have a place in sun in their own birthland of the African majorities. He took the startling decision to join one of the two big African parties, the Kenya African National Union. This party was (and is) led by Jomo Kenyatta, himself a Kikuyu, who was the symbol of the Kikuyuan revolt and spent years in detention during the Mau Mau years. This act, regarded by very many other Europeans in Kenya, with cynicism and suspicion, was one of great imagination. Perhaps as striking was the generous wisdom of the African leaders such as Tom Mboya and James Gichuru, in welcoming a European member. Some other Europeans joined the other party the Kenya African Democratic Union which supports greater Regional power as distinct from the centralism of K.A.N.U.

With the recent electoral triumph of Kenyatta and K.A.N.U., Bruce has been re-elected to parliament in the House of Representatives, and has been continuously a member of Kenyatta's cabinet. He has been Minister for Land Settlement and is now again Minister for Agriculture. He has been in many recent delegations to London in connection with the terms of Kenya's impending independence, and with the financial needs of the country.

His lead towards racial reconciliation in the interests of Kenya has not been in vain. A recent meeting held in his home town of Nakuru, must have seemed to him one of the highlights of his life. From this point on, we quote extracts from the East African weekly paper "The Reporter" which is published in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi and to which the "News" subscribes.

August 17th., 1963."Farmer Jomo"

Several hundred European farmers

Colonel's Progress (cont.) left their lush highland farms on Monday and travelled to Nakuru to listen to Prime Minister Jomo Kenyatta.....It was the first meeting of farmers addressed by the Prime Minister and an air of expectancy hung over the Nakuru Town Hall where the assembled Europeans awaited the arrival of the Premier's police-escorted motorcade from Nairobi.

What is our Future? Lord Delamere, (President of the Kenya National Farmers' Union), set the ball rolling when he told the Premier that the farmers were anxious to hear what kind of future lay in store for them in an independent Kenya. Mr. Kenyatta accepted the challenge eagerly; it was obvious from the shine of anticipation in his eyes that he has long been awaiting the opportunity to talk to the men who still form the backbone of Kenya's agricultural economy.....He told the Farmers bluntly and unequivocally "We want you to stay and farm well in this country; that is the policy of this government." He went on "the good thing is to be able to forget, and "forgive one another....I have suffered imprisonment and detention but that is gone and "I am not going to remember it.".....Mr. Kenyatta concluded his speech with a reminder of Kenya's great potential. "we need your experience in the field of agriculture, the "field of finance, and in the civil service. But in all of this we need your continued "co-operation."

Harambees all round. Before resuming his seat the Premier launched a vociferous round of slogan shouting, which was taken up enthusiastically by the European farmers. Cries of "Harambee!" (Let's get up and go!) resounded through the the crowded hall as this "unique, historic speech" came to an end.

Salesman Bruce. Question-time which followed was permeated by raucous good humour and a surprising absence of hecklers or even loaded questions. It was at this point that side-whiskered European Minister for Agriculture, Bruce McKenzie, came to the fore, exhibiting a remarkable flair for dealing with a wide range of subjects in a knowledgeable, scintillating demonstration of government salesmanship. He answered many tricky agricultural queries in a manner that left no doubt in the minds of even the most expert farmers in the audience--here was a man that could combine the tricky arts of both agriculture and diplomacy at the same time.

Resuming its own comments the Squadron News, with acknowledgments to the very excellent paper The Reporter, remarks that though Kenya is a relatively small section of Africa it could well be the testing centre for not only Africa but even Asia, where the possibility of co-operation between Black, White and Brown or Yellow men, is put to decisive question. If not here then perhaps nowhere can co-operation occur. That Bruce McKenzie is one of those in whose hands the delicate problem rests will make his R.A.A.F. and R.A.F. friends both proud and hopeful. He carries with him in his progress not only our admiration but, indeed, some part of our hearts. ---P.C.A.

CORNSTALK COMMENTS.

N.S.W. Flight News from Cyril Irwin, 17, Vincent St., Canterbury, N.S.W.

Since the last news issue, we can report, there have been three very successful N.S.W. Flight functions.

Squadron party at the Air Force Ball. Our party at the Air Force Ball this year was well attended. This, no doubt, was due to the fact that Susan Coombes, daughter of Squadron members Graeme and Dulcie Coombes, was one of the very charming debutantes presented on the night to His Excellency Sir Eric Woodward, Governor of New South Wales, and Lady Woodward.

There were twenty four in the Squadron party, and Graeme and Dulcie hosted Susan's debutante table of eighteen.

Dancing was from 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. and it was a very good evening. A 458 member had a great deal to do with the Ball arrangements this year in the person of Kemp Beach who was (and is again for next year), Chairman of the Ball Committee. The Committee worked very hard and deserved its success in making this the most well attended ball put on by the Association for a long time. Congratulations, Kemp!

President's Cup Golf Day. The Annual Competition for the President's Cup (this Cup was originally presented by Flight President Pete Campbell) was held at Gordon Golf Club. Unfortunately we were not blessed with the best of weather --in fact, it was very wet. However, twenty hardy souls did battle. The best of the day was to follow--adjournment to Mt. Wilga Centre, where we had a barbecue lunch, a

Cornstalk Comments (cont.)

few bottles were opened, prizes presented, and many yarns told.

Prizewinners were:

President's Cup: Eric Munkman,
 Runner-up: Bob Bruce;
 Visitor's Trophy: Ron Gubbins;
 Runner-up: Wal Munkman.

The Flight's thanks to John Carmichael and Graham Howlett (Duty Cooks), Sam Barlow (Duty Barman), and, of course, Bob and Betty Bruce for once again asking us to Mt. Wilga for an after golf do.

Country Family Reunion--19th/20th October.

This was held at Waikiki Holiday Cabin Resort at Tuggerah (sixty miles from Sydney) and will be well remembered by those Squadron members and friends who attended. Organisation was in the hands of John Fennell, who lives at Long Jetty, and Wal Archbold from Ourimbah.

The Resort consists of a series of 4/5 bed cabins on the southern shore of Tuggerah Lake, has its own store, a swimming pool, toddlers' Pool, tennis court, playground, barbecue. The weather was perfect throughout our visit. This accommodation was very comfortable. Most of those who came arrived, by road, on the Friday night, and they departed at varying times from mid-afternoon on Sunday to Monday morning. I would say that at the midday barbecue on Sunday there were between 45 and 50 members friends and families.

Squadron rollecall.

From Sydney: Bob and Betty Bruce, Bob and Pat Lyndon, Sam and Maisie Barlow, Peter and Rita Alexander, Yvonne Crompton, Cec. Nation, Fred Strom, Cy. Irwin, Noel Spurling, Bob Millar, Don and Bev. Bitmead, Jack and Margaret Miller;

From Newcastle: Ross and Pat Burgess, Bill and Anne Chapman, Lofty Chalmers.

Local Members: John Fennell, Wal Archbold, and their families.

There were quite a few visitors and their families, who we welcome.

What did we do?

Hoof and enjoy the week end mainly. Time was taken for food and drink at fairly frequent intervals. A full mustering of grown ups made for a Saturday night dance and social at the Tuggerah Golf Club. We sat at what was a very long table indeed, drank, talked, danced and had supper. The Club was a 2/3 mile drive from Waikiki and near Shelley Beach.

Of course, all hands were on deck for the Sunday barbecue. Here the N.S.W. and Squadron Presidents both said a few words of welcome to the assembled throng. Otherwise we did as we pleased--golf, swimming, sunbathing--and I hear there was an excursion to a Pokolbin vineyard.

A very good weekend and we should plan for a repeat.

Thanks to John Fennell and Wal Archbold for attending to local arrangements; also to Bob Lyndon for sterling duty with the hot plate.

Games Evening.

The Squadron in N.S.W. played its first game in the Air Force Association's interbranch Games Competition (Carpet bowls and darts) on the evening of Saturday November 9th. Two teams of eight play in each round of this Competition and this evening 458 played the Manly-Warringah branch of the A.F.A. We were not very successful in the games, losing 2-6. We won one only round in each of the bowls and darts. However, notwithstanding that, we enjoyed the evening. Jack and Glad Baker, Sam and Maisie Barlow, Kemp and Joan Beach, Peter and Rita Alexander, Cyril Irwin, Yvonne Crompton attended for 458. After the game we had a most satisfying supper in the Club Dining Room. Our next game is against 455 Squadron on December 14th.

A Few more Items of Interest.

Melbourne Cup. This will be run and winners known in our Competition by the time this is published. Our thanks to all those who supported by return of tickets.

The Sick List.

We have all been very sorry to know that Squadron members Les. Piggott and Bob Smith have both had periods in hospital and have been operated on. Both have now been discharged and we wish them a steady recuperation. Also we have subsequently heard that Harry Galvin from Canberra is in Sydney in hospital and has had an arm operation. Good wishes, Harry, for an early discharge from hospital and return to work.

Perth Guessing Competition.

A mixed Christmas Social will be held at the Air Force Club, 213, Clarence Street, Sydney, on the third floor, on Friday December 20th.

Cornstalk Comments (concl'd)

The draw for the winner of the "Trip to Perth" for the 1964 All-States Reunion will be made on this night. Please keep the night free and endeavour to come along; firstly, to enjoy a Christmas Get-together with your squadron friends; secondly, to shew the Flight's appreciation to and support for Sam Barlow for what will certainly be a successful promotion of the Reunion Competition.

A NEWSLETTER FROM "Q" FLIGHT.

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

Most of the news from Queensland is "Holliday" news.

At the Annual Meeting held on 13th. September, Yours Truly was not only re-elected Secretary, but also President. It looks like "Q" Flight will be "on holliday" until the next election of officers. As you can imagine, at Committee meetings Yours Truly does a far better job than Poo-bah of Mikado fame. What with the weight of Presidency and his secretarial duties, his already aged back is bent quite a deal lower.

Jack Lewis was re-elected Treasurer and, of course, the usual committee was re-elected without alteration.

The "Q" Flight Melbourne Cup Sweep was won by Richard James Holliday, scion of the aforementioned President/Secretary. Naturally, Father "copped the lot", illustrating the old adage of "taking candy from kids".

Second prize went to C. Webster, a friend and workmate of Jack Lewis, and third prize went to D. Hansen, daughter of George, one of our Associate members.

Our next big event will be the Christmas Social to be held at the No. 1 Casualty Clearing Station, Saturday 23rd. November.

Personal Pars.

It was pleasing to see Eric Lloyd at the Annual Reunion. Despite the onerous duties he has as Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Queensland State Parliament, he looks as youthful as ever.

Harry Dorge writes that young "Gregory Harry" at three months is the pride and joy of the Dorge household. Although the social life has been somewhat restricted, young "Gregory Harry" is more than adequate entertainment.

"Kel" Kellam is now well and truly back on his feet, and while taking it easy, is still able to send down a mean bowl.

All's well with "Massa" Foote at Ipswich. Reading through the lines of his correspondence, he seems to be doing quite nicely, thanks.

The reason why we have not heard from Snowy Atherton is that on selling up his property at Dumbarton and going on a trip over the Pacific—Hong Kong, Japan and Hawai, he won another grazing block by ballot and is busy developing it. His new address is "Wongrabry", Marlborough. It is in the brigalow country and Snowy is pleased about that.

458 ORGANISING DANCES.

As mentioned in the N.S.W. news, Kemp Beach of 458 in N.S.W. was (and is) Convenor of the Air Force Association's Ball Committee which meets in Sydney. This Committee achieved the biggest attendance at the Air Force Ball in September (Friday the 13th), achieved at the Ball for several years. Their publicity campaign and organising of the variety of thing which go towards a successful occasion was of high order. 458 was there in strength, Graeme Coombes' elder daughter being presented to the Governor of N.S.W. as a debutante.

In Queensland the Air Force Ball was also held on Friday September 13th in Brisbane. This year 458 Squadron Secretary was President of the Ball Committee, on which apart from A.F.A. Headquarters, several Squadron organisations were represented. The Ball was a wonderful success, crowded out with 530. Peg Holliday, as wife of the Ball President, entered on the arm of the Administrator of Queensland (the Governor being overseas). Jim Holliday escorted Lady Mansfield, wife of the Administrator, followed by Air Commodore Garrisson, A.O.C., R.A.A.F., Amberley, with Mrs. Seddon, President of the W.A.A.A.F. branch of the A.F.A. They entered to the skirl of bag pipes from a High School A.T.C. Flight. The 458 Squadron party had about 75 under its wing.

We look forward to next year. How about other States?

ARE YOUR PERTH COMPETITION TICKETS IN YET? IT CLOSSES IN DECEMBER. PLEASE EXPEDITE.

As a necessary, indeed quite inescapable, source of annual revenue, both Queensland and N.S.W. Flights have recently concluded Competitions. Results were:

Runner.	Q.Flight.	N.S.W.Flight.
Sometime	A.G.Postle, Brisbane	K.McBride, Lakemba
Grand Print	D.Hansen, Mitchelton	M.Barlow, Campsie
Tatua	C.Wyman, Brisbane	J.McCulloch, Coonamble
Ilumquh	C.Webster, Brisbane	H.Coffil, Condobolin
Coppelius	C.Follett, Brighton	S.Barlow, Campsie
River Seine	R.Lovelock, Chermside	D.Skelly, Scone
My Contact	E.Dittman, Everton Park	F.Ayres, Lilyfield
Galerus	R.W.Russell, Brisbane	R.Wiggins, Sydney
King Cobbler	J.Garland, St.Lucia	M.Little, Mudgee
Summer Regent	C.Ryan, Landsborough	H.Baines, Cowra
Ennis	D.Shapcott, Kedron	D.Harmen, Glebe
Conference	J.Holliday, Holland Park	F.Strom, Hornsby
Maidenhead	F.Brady, Bardon	S.Barlow, Campsie
Arctic Star	Jill Holliday, Holland Park	V.Syme, Hornsby
Blue Shaun	L.Kennedy, Doomben	J.Hayward, Scone
Prince Regoli	G.Paton, Bowen Hills	A.McMaster, Earlwood
Welkin Prince	A.Atherton, Marlborough	R.Jones, Berowra
Alpensea	C.Richardson, Taringa	C.Hayward, Buraneer Bay
Nyngan	L.Karpenko, Brisbane	M.Simpson, Scone
Rural Loch	F.Soden, Coorparoo	M.Barr, Hornsby
Baroda Gleam	J.Baxter, Southport	K.Witt, Sydney
Gatum Gatum	Richard Holliday, Holland Park	A.Fereday, Canberra
Straight Irish	F.Brady, Bardon	K.McCulloch, Dubbo
Battle Standard	R.Yeowart, Brisbane	A.G.Smith, Croydon
Homesteader	M.Russell, Camp Hill	G.Hown, Gundagai
Marchant	D.Hansen, Mitchelton	
Tambula	J.Benn, Brisbane	L.West, Sydney
Dorbella	R.Wilks, Toowoomba	R.Ruthien, Homebush
Meadow Earl	J.M.Warren, Enoggera	J.Hown, Gundagai
Sullivan	G.Connors, Corinia	A.McMaster, Earlwood
Castanea	A.G.Postle, Brisbane	G.Balmer, Sydney
Silvery Sands	C.Emmerson, Home Hill	S.Bruce, Hornsby
Tamure	C.Davis, Mitchelton	T.Geelan, Hornsby
Kildarlin	J.Coles, Toowoomba	A.McMaster, Earlwood
Hunting Horn	J.Garland, St.Lucia	S.Barlow, Campsie.

Thank you, everyone.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

The SQUADRON PRESIDENT and the 458 SQUADRON COUNCIL WISH ALL MEMBERS OF THE SQUADRON and ALL NEWS READERS a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and the best for 1964.

ANY LETTERS ?

The Editor will welcome some letters from News readers--so will other readers.

FROM SAM BARLOW--TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN!

Drawing. The Perth Guessing Competition will be drawn for certain at 9.0. p.m. on Friday 20th. December, 1963 at the 458 Squadron Christmas Social on the 3rd. Floor of the Air Force Club, 213, Clarence Street, Sydney.

Extra Prizes. Five consolation prizes of £5 each have been added, making total prize money £300. Limit 500 books sold.

Winner. The ultimate winner will be notified by telegram to ascertain "the trip or the "money?". The five consolation prizes will be mailed immediately after the drawing. HAVE YOU returned your MONEY AND BUTTS? If not do so at once. If you cannot sell your book, please return it as there are people waiting on extra books. If you have lost your book, send your pound and we will return duplicate tickets.

WANT MORE TICKETS? JUST SEND YOUR MONEY. WE WILL DO THE REST.

From Sam Parlow (cont.)

REMEMBER, profit, if any, helps to ensure the presence of the Squadron Secretary at the Perth All-States Reunion. The remainder goes to your Flight funds.

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW---NOT LATER !

PROGRESS REPORT.

<u>Flight.</u>	<u>Books Issued.</u>	<u>Books returned sold.</u>
New South Wales	264	164
Victoria	84	39
Queensland	59	33
South Australia	50	17
Western Australia	38	20
Tasmania	1	2
Northern Territory	2	2
New Guinea	2	2
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458 SQUADRON ADDRESSES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA. A-I.

Sid Baker	180, Lockhart Street, Como, W.A.
F. Barnett	154, Victoria Avenue, Nedlands, W.A.
Alec Barras	23, Marradong Street, Mt. Lawley, W.A.
Geoff. Burgess	154, Clive Street, Katanning, W.A.
N. Carpenter	258, Grand Parade, Dianella, W.A.
R.C. Chessell	47A, Ganning Beach Road, Applecross, W.A.
Bill Clues	179, Kooyong Road, Rivervale, W.A.
Jack Cobb	52, Calais Road, Scarborough, W.A.
A. (Tim) Dale	122, Eton Street, North Perth, W.A.
Don. Daniels	13, Wood Street, Inglewood, W.A.
Chas. Davis	30, Milne Street, Bayswater, W.A.
Les. Dickerson	151, Albany Highway, Albany, W.A.
Clarrie Eagle	70, Lockhart Street, Como, W.A.
J. Edwards	5, Bridge Street, Albany, W.A.
Henry Etherton	245, Sixth Street, Wonthella, via Geraldton, W.A.
Ron. Featherby	23, Oceanic Drive, City Beach, W.A.
Ron. Gannaway	27, Duncan Street, Victoria Park, W.A.
C.W. Geddes	2, Muriel Street, Leederville, W.A.
Alec Glassford	78, Third Avenue, Mt. Lawley, W.A.
Laurie Grigsby	115, The Strand, Inglewood, W.A.
H.F. Harper	22, Greig Street, Willagee, W.A.
R.A. Hatton	133, Wilson Street, Kalgoorlie, W.A.
H. Hemy	37, First Avenue, Mt. Lawley, W.A.
Stan. Hopewell	40, Wichman Road, Attadale, W.A.
H. S. Hortin	Young's Siding, via Albany, W.A.
Gordon James	53, St. George's Terrace, Perth, W.A.
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Noel Humphries	c/o Brisbane and Wunderlich Ltd, Lord St., Perth, W.A.
Gordon Jones	5, Birdwood Street, Melville, W.A.
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ANNUAL DUES.

We are asked to remind 458 members that their modest annual subscriptions should now be sent to their Flight Secretaries.

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