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NEW 458 SQUADRON TIES BEING ISSUED.

458 SQUADRON ties, in specially woven terylene, are now available to members, and to members of their families who may wish to buy the 458 member a Christmas present, from the 458 Squadron Council in Sydney. The ties are in R.A.A.F. blue, with the 458 Winged Torpedo emblem (a little smaller than in the old, discontinued, design, with the figures 458 below the emblem.

No one will be able to take the new tie for anything but a 458 tie, nor can they be 'pirated' and sold to the public, as happened to the old ties.

The new ties are a much better job than the old, being of terylene, instead of rayon, and of a more sophisticated design. They are available at 22/- each, posted, from Box 5289, G.P.O., Sydney, N.S.W.

Members who have to date bought new ties are the following:

T. Moore	C. Nation	J. C. Baker	F. Strom	J. Hosking	S. Ricketts	C. Irwin
M. Hunter	I. Higlett	J. Lynch	L. L. Johnston	C. Wyman	B. Moon	S. Parker
P. McCulloch (2)		P. Alexander (2)		C. Campbell	L. Teale	J. Carey
L. Crowley	H. Galvin	L. Chalmers	A. Rackham	J. Bevan	M. Priest	L. Simpson.

Only 200 ties were ordered.

VICTORIAN VIEWPOINT. from "Shorty" Wilson, 78, Carnarvon Rd., Strathmore, Victoria.

August Cabaret Night.

The early signs of spring saw the end of the annual hibernation of the members of this Flight, when we held our Cabaret Night at the Melbourne Bowling Club. The attendance was not as large as usual—possibly due to the proximity of the School term holidays—but everyone had a most enjoyable time. 458ers we saw there were:

Bob Smith	Ron Russell	Norm Cugley	Bob McKinna	Jim Timms
Bill Carr	Gordon Wise	Harry Ashworth	Frank Wilson.	

These members, with their wives and friends made up a total of 56 people. The formalities of the evening were ably conducted by Harry Ashworth, our Senior Vice President, in the absence of Flight President, Gordon Cuthbertson. In addition to expressing our appreciation of Harry and Nell Ashworth for hosting us so nobly, we take the opportunity of thanking Harry for obtaining for us such an ideal setting. Apologies were received from:

G. Cuthbertson	Shearing
G. Riddoch	Shearing
L. Wurr	Slipped Disc
J. Fleming	Annual leave interstate
I. Alison	Val was ill (but now recovered)
H. Martin	Kath was ill (but now recovered)
E. Laming	Previous engagement of equal importance
D. Johnston	Ettie was ill (but is now improving)

Victorian Viewpoint (cont.)Show-Eve Reunion.

Spring festivities were continued at this Annual Reunion once again held at the Officers Mess, No.2 Flight, Air Training Corps, R.A.A.F. Those attending were:

Ian Higlett	Norm. Cugley	Harold Young	Don Johnston	Bob McKinna
Kev. Guiney	Bill Carr	Arthur Green	Frank Wilson	Ian Alison
Bill Hurford	Yank Martin	J. Goss	J. Moran	

During the course of the evening the 458 R.A.A.F. Squadron (Victorian Flight) Trophy was presented to F/Lt. Knapp, Commanding Officer of No.2 Flight by H. Martin, Junior Vice President. Yank very ably gave a thumbnail outline of the background of the Squadron and its traditions. It was very fortunate that last year's winner of the Trophy and the Victorian Flight Award was in attendance. Apologies were received from G. Cuthbertson, D. Firth, K. Cupper, H. Ashworth and J. Fleming.

Childrens' Christmas Party.

The Childrens' Christmas Party will probably have been held by the time this News is delivered. It is to be held at the home of Woozle and Pat Wurr on Sunday 5th. December. This will be the last time we will be able to enjoy their hospitality at this particular place. Woozle has been promoted and takes charge of a school near Castlemaine. Therefore we will take the opportunity at the party to give them a send off as well. I formally place on record the grateful thanks of members, children and friends who have been entertained and pleased by the efforts of Woozle and Kath. over the past years at this event.

Christmas Greetings and best wishes to all members of 458, wherever they may be scattered, are extended by members of the Victorian Flight.

Associate Membership Application.

Application is made for Associate membership for Ashley William Carr, weight 7 lbs. 9 ozs, 36 Harbury Street, Reservoir, born in October to Bill and Rosa Carr, after 12 months of married bliss. A nice wedding anniversary present, and our congratulations to the Carr family.

Stop Press.

Members will be sorry to learn that Bob McKinna was recently admitted to Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital for a further series of skin grafts arising from skin cancer caused by an exploding battery when the Squadron Detachment was based at Amiriya in Egypt. We trust everything is progressing alright, Bob.

SQUADRON COUNCIL MEETS: All-States Reunion Postponed.

458's Federal body, the Squadron Council, met in Sydney on November 5th principally to consider a report from the Victorian Flight that Victoria did not wish to accept the invitation of the last Squadron Conference to hold the next All-States Reunion in Victoria in 1966.

After noting Victoria's comments, Council decided to accept the suggestion that the Reunion be postponed till 1967, still to be held in Victoria. Councillors heard with regret that Victoria did not think it feasible to hold the Reunion outside Melbourne. Conference had thought Geelong or Ballarat would be interesting places to hold the Reunion for a change.

Council heard from the Squadron officers of progress in the Squadron Tie and Squadron Plaques projects.

On the suggestion of the Chairman (Squadron Vice President Peter Alexander) Council asked Squadron Secretary Bob Bruce to send its good wishes to the Squadron President (Bruce McKenzie) in Kenya.

KENNY CAHILL KILLED.

Very many members indeed of 458 Squadron will remember Kenny Cahill well from his long time with the Squadron in the war years, when he was a Fitter, rising to senior non-commissioned rank, and also from his loyal and active membership of Q Flight in the post-war decades. The News deeply regrets to tell his friends that Kenny was accidentally killed during November.

He had for some years run a garage business at Landsborough and he was called out to attend to a car smash. While he was under the crashed vehicle attending to it, a semi-trailer came along and ran into the crashed vehicle and caused Ken's instantaneous death.

Many remembrances come to mind. We will mention just one. Some years ago we were in Queensland for an All-States Reunion, which included a picnic excursion led by Chas. Richardson. Ken, being busy, wasn't coming; but the convoy happened to pass near where he was working. That was enough for Ken. He downed tools and joined his 458 mates for the rest of the day. He and his wife also came down to Surfers Paradise for the recent All-States Reunion.

The Squadron's very deepest sympathy to his widow.

CROWEATER ITEMS.

from Lofty Trewartha, 60, California Street, Nailsworth, Sth. Aust.

In Renmark.

On a recent visit to Renmark, I called in and paid my respects to Ian Showell and family. He was flat out with work on his river boats (luxury catamarans) but Ian took time off to buy me a few beers, and informed me that he and Meg. were due to leave on a combined business and pleasure trip to America, U.K. and Europe.

Riseleys Off West Again.

Had a yarn with Jack Riseley the other night and am pleased to report that Jack is feeling more like his old self again. Jack, Verna and family will be spending Christmas in W.A.

Whitey Returning.....

Murray White, back from holidaying in New Zealand is seriously considering returning there in the near future (Wedding Bells?)

Carey Going South.

John Carey is now in South Australia, being Manager for Eric White and Associates. We may let you carry the banner Anna.

Russell Fit--After Japan.

Ken Russell is reported to be looking 100% fit after his recent trip to Japan. Ken is Assistant General Manager of the Adelaide Steamship Co.

I will take this opportunity of wishing all the mob a happy Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

(The News welcomes Lofty to the position of Sth. Aust. Correspondent--a position possibly onerous and certainly entirely honorary. It is nice having him!)

N.S.W. FLIGHT NEWS.

from Cy. Irwin, 17, Vincent St. Canterbury, N.S.W.

Since the last Squadron News issue, the Flight is pleased to report on a number of evening functions and weekend outings.

At the Air Force Ball.

Held at the Trocadero on Friday September 17th. We had a table party of 18 attend. It was a very good night--voted one of the most enjoyable Air Force Association Balls to date. It was nice to have Graeme and Dulcie Coombes' daughter Susan with us. Susan made her debut at the Ball last

New South Notes (cont.)

Year. Thanks are extended to Kemp and Joan Beach for preparing a very decorative table for us. Kemp, incidentally, had quite a bit to do with the Ball arrangements generally as a member of the Ball Committee.

Dinner for the Ladies.

To express the Squadron's thanks to our ladies, we held a dinner at the Air Force Club on Saturday 23rd. October. We were a little disappointed at the attendance (20) but those present had a superb evening—a nice dinner followed by a sing-song and dance on the Club's 3rd. Floor Functions Room. We express particularly warm thanks to Lew Turner a friend of Curly Hoskings who was our pianist.

Flight President Stuart Ricketts thanked our Ladies for their support of 458 over the years. Dulcie Coombes responded for the Ladies. It was generally agreed that we should hold more such functions.

President's Cup Golf Day.

This we combined with the Annual Family Holiday Weekend and held at Waikiki Holiday Resort, The Entrance, Tuggerah Lake, on 30/31st. October. Our party was accommodated in 12 Holiday Family Cabins. The weather was perfect and the Mums and Dads and Kids had a good break for the weekend. The Cup was held at Wyong Golf club on the Sunday and attracted 18/20 starters. Winners were:

President's Cup	Wal Archbold
Runner Up	Ross Burgess
Visitor's Trophy	Ron Gubbins.

John (Snowy) Fennell, who lives in the area kindly assisted in the local arrangements. Thanks, John.

Annual Guessing Competition.

This was again held successfully—our thanks to those who took part and congratulations to winners.

Drinnan, Crew, and Priest.

Sydney had a visit from Al. Wheat, from Geraldton, Bob Drinnan, from Eden Hills (S.A.), Mel Priest, from Adelaide and Ken Brown from Katunga (Vic.). To the best of my knowledge, Al met up with Bob and Mel in Adelaide and they travelled by car to Ken Brown's farm. Mel's Valiant blew up on the way and they travelled on to Sydney in Ken's car. In Sydney Bob Lyndon took care of the party. There was a night at the Pitt Club (Bob is a committeeman there)—Pete Pettit came in. On the Saturday, with Sam Barlow, Bob Smith and myself at the Air Force Navy Club in Lakemba and afterwards to Cronulla (a heavy night). On the Sunday, they visited Bob Bruce at Mt. Wilga, had lunch with Sam Barlow and a barbecue tea at Bob Lyndon's.

Good Wishes for Christmas to all Squadron members and families. Will see members in the Air Force Club about 5 o'clock on December 17th for that Christmas drink.

PERSONAL PARS.

Rex Tyson is now living at Mt. Colah, north of Sydney. He is with I.B.M. Sales;

Harley (Harpo) Marks is now at Belmont, N.S.W.;

Keith Austin is Assistant Director, Dept. of Works, in Brisbane. He is responsible for control of planning and design and all construction and main tenance in Townsville and Rockhampton districts;

Walter Sullivan, the noted actor, has been touring the outback of Queensland and the Northern Territory with plays, for the Arts Council. The company had on occasions to put up their own stages, being both architects and builders;

Alf. (Slappy) Hammond is working in the Head Office of the Dept. of Main Roads, Sydney and playing bowls;

DICK WATSON'S MERDEKA.

458 Pilot Dick Watson has come back to live in Australia after about 17 years in Sukarno's Indonesia. He managed the Sun Insurance Coy's office in the capital Djakarta, until early this year, until the Indonesians applied the practical part of Merdeka (Freedom) by seizing the business. Dick now works with his company in Sydney and has a flat in Cremorne. He has 'got together' with Sydney (and Melbourne) members on

Dick Watson (continued)

several occasions and is most welcome back among 458ers. He has had some interesting comments to make on affairs in Java and on the august inspiration behind the recent attempted coup there.

Q.FLIGHT NEWS.

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

It is difficult to describe the shock to our members that Ken's death was.... A young lad of 17 was driving the truck. His first trip. It was loaded with refrigerators. Apparently the lad couldn't control it. The two police officers attending the smashed cars were lucky; one was knocked 50 feet. By 8.0 a.m. on the next morning most of us knew. Fred Kleckham at Port Moresby got a newspaper by air and immediately rang Chas. Warren. Even Associate members rang; and Tim McQuaid at Barcaldine 750 miles away immediately set off for Brisbane. Tim and Ken grew up together at Barcaldine.

Ken took up this garage and petrol station shortly after the war. Landsborough is 54 miles north of Brisbane on the main highway. He built up a reputation as a good hard-working and honest mechanic; well liked by everyone in the district. As he worked selling petrol to the touring public at the weekends, we didn't see much of him. When we called on him, he was always flat out, head buried in an engine.

However, a realignment of the main road, cut off the weekend petrol selling, and we began to see a lot more of Ken at our socials. He and Maureen were to have come to our Christmas Social.

Unfortunately I was gone from the Squadron before the unit became a fighting force so I didn't know Ken. But when the Squadron became active post-war I got to know Ken for the good bloke he was. I can appreciate the high regard his mates on the Squadron had for him.

At the funeral were Tim McQuaid from Barcaldine, Frank and Mrs. Wilks from Toowoomba, Jack Baxter and Lew Johnston from Southport, Chas. Warren, Jack Lewis, Don Brandon and Eric Kelly from Brisbane--and many others.

Chas. Warren says that this was the biggest and most moving funeral he has ever attended. The crowd couldn't get into the church; three parts were outside. Three priests were there including a monsignor. Maureen's sister, a nun, flew up from Sydney. Chas. Warren counted 176 cars--as far as he could see. He thought there were some 35 to 40 more.

At the graveside, the R.S.L. Ceremony was held. About 300 ex-servicemen lined the path and placed poppies on the casket.

As a final, unrehearsed gesture, before Kenny was laid to rest, Frank Wilks stepped forward and dropped his own 458 tie and badge on to the casket. The badge fell with 458 upwards.

And so passed one of our best members.....

Chas. Richardson Elected.

It was pleasing to all in Q.Flight to see Chas. Richardson elected into the office of President of Q.Flight at the Annual Meeting in September. Chas. has been a sterling supporter and worker for 458 in Queensland. The elevation was a popular one with one and all. We wish him a happy and trouble free year.

Our Melbourne Cup sweep was very well supported. We're sorry everyone who contributed couldn't win a horse. First, second and third prizes were won by Miss D. Bull, K. Foote, and I. Lamke respectively. Among those present at the M.C.S. Drawing was Erle Hetherington, down on holidays from Cairns. Bronzed, looks very well and drives a Jaguar 120. Sees Stan Parker often. Kel Kellam is now very well and sends all his regards.

We've lost Peter Hemingway. Letters to Mary Kathleen have been returned.

Eric Kelly has changed jobs from pushing Jack planes to pushing pens. Putting on a little weight.

Others we've heard from in recent weeks include Bill Snowden (still with State Immigration), Bob Coles, Jack Hobbs, (at Cooroy), Bernie Hughes (Erskineville, Springsure), Cliff. Mannion, Bob Male, Bob Helyar, Jack Dew, who is an electrical dealer at Tully, George Connors, Alfie Peake, and Bob Dangaard.

Jack Baxter has sold the "Guinea Gold"--and is now living off the gilt.

CORRESPONDENCE Letters to the Editor.

From Alan (Snowy) Atherton, Ernestina Plains, Oorindi, G.N.R., Queensland.

Dear Peter,

Just a note to keep in the picture and also to advise a change of

