



THE EDITOR.

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ANZACDAY WITHOUT AN ALL-STATES REUNION.

Following the decision of Squadron Council, on the recommendation of the Victorian Flight, to postpone the next All-States Reunion (in Victoria) till 1967, the various Flights organised their usual Anzac Day functions, each at full strength as those of their members who usually travel to the All-States Reunions were able to spend one in their home State. Reports from Flight Correspondents appear in this News. First off--Cyril Irwin:

N.S.W. Flight Report.

from C. Irwin, 17, Vincent Street, Canterbury, N.S.W.

Following the usual pattern, a wreath to commemorate the Squadron Dead was laid at the Cenotaph by Flight President J. "Curly" Hosking, in the company of a number of 458ers and their wives, on Anzac Eve. Next day, the March was well attended: there were approximately 45 marchers behind our Squadron Banner. John Hosking again led 458. This may well be the last time our present 458 Banner is carried at an Anzac March. The Committee is engaged in obtaining a new larger banner with twin poles. We marched between two bands which didn't keep the same time and this made step-keeping a problem; however the march went off well enough.

We then went up to our usual reunion locale at the Great Southern Hotel in George Street South. Here 40 bods gathered for a swap of yarns and a renewal of acquaintances. The Roll Call was:

Eric Munkman	Bob Bruce	John Preston	Doug Millard	Cy. Irwin
Jack Bevan	Cec. Nation	Kemp Beach	Stuart Ricketts	Jack Lusby
John Hosking	Peter Alexander	Col. Cortin	Jack Baker	Bill McBride
Norm. Skinner	Norm. Peachey	Henry Bryant	Les. Piggott	John McPhee
Alf. Hammond	Max Egan	George Unitt	Wal. Archbold	Noel Spurling
Bob. Osborne	Jack Aitken	Frank Ward	Joe Pratt	Dick Cook
Blue Lamond	Bob Millar	Don Bitmead.	There were also 5/6 visiting friends of squadron members.	

It was pleasing to have a few of our members from far afield--Doug. Millard (Humula), Jack Bevan and George Unitt (South Coast) and Wal Archbold (Gurimbah).

Annual Meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting in March, John Hosking was elected President of N.S.W. Flight for 1966-7. The regular committee was re-elected and, at the Reunion, Frank Ward was elected Flight Treasurer, on his welcome return from Fiji, and John Preston, Henry Bryant and Alf. Hammond added to the Committee.

Indoor Sports.

The Squadron has participated in two Indoor Bowls and Darts evenings in the Air Force Association Inter-branch Competition. We were downed in both, but have hopes for future games.

Regards to Squadron members in other States.

THE N.S.W. FLIGHT PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT WARWICK FARM RACECOURSE ON SUNDAY JUNE
ALL MEMBERS AND FAMILIES INVITED. 10.0.

SANDGROPPERS SAY.....

from. Peter Power, 145, Gildercliffe St. Scarborough.

Annual General Meeting.

This was held at the residence of Charles Geddes 2, Muriel Street, Leederville. Thirteen members attended. The election of officers for the current year resulted:

Flight President AL. Wheat,
Flight Vice President Len. Stewart,
Flight Secretary Chas. Geddes.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring President, Tim Dale, for the sterling work he had done during his term as President.

Anzac Day March and Reunion.

As usual, the weather was mild though rain had fallen on the day before. AL. Wheat attended the Dawn Service and laid a wreath on the War Memorial on behalf of the Squadron.

We had 24 on parade, with apologies from Tim Dale and Gordon Jones, who were working, from Ted. Jewell and Len Stewart who couldn't march through illness and from Chas. Geddes who was absent in Melbourne and was scheduled to attend their Reunion there; from Jim Palmer who couldn't get up to Perth from Kojonup and from Jack Parkin who is in Hollywood Repatriation Hospital.

AL. Wheat led the Squadron, and Bill Clues acted as "Sister Hannah".

After the March the Annual Reunion was held at the Civilian Maimed and Limbless Hall at the corner of Murray and Havelock Streets, where members of 460 Squadron joined us. Len Stewart and Ted. Jewell who couldn't march joined us at the Reunion. As usual, it was a sit down lunch with plenty of liquid refreshment and in the initial stages quite formal with the recital of the Ode, and honouring of the usual toasts. Thirty five chaps sat down to lunch. The Reunion was an unqualified success and we finished 7 dollars and 38 cents in front!

To all those blokes in W.A. who read this summary, we say "How about 'coming along next Anzac Day?'"

To all our friends in the Eastern States and other places, a big Cheerio from the West. We look forward to seeing you at any time.

PERSONAL PARS.

AL. WHEAT made his usual trip from Geraldton to Perth to lead the Squadron on the Anzac March as President;

HENRY ETHERTON is now transferred from Geraldton to Perth where 458 is particularly happy to see him;

"TRIKE" WHEELER made the long trip from Kojonup to the Perth Reunion where (writes Peter Power) hearing his hearty laugh over the din was proof that he thoroughly enjoyed himself;

STAN "HASHKNIFE" HOPEWELL was on parade in Perth for the first time for years.

Welcome back to the fold, Stan, we are glad to have you with us;
JACK PARKIN is in Hollywood Repatriation Hospital where he recently had an eye removed. Jack has suffered considerable pain with a corneal ulcer and had lost the sight of the eye some time ago so the surgeon decided to remove it. We wish him a speedy return to health.

TIM DALE did not attend either the Parade or the Reunion in Perth. It is probably the first time he has ever missed out. He was working-- but was widely missed;

GORDON JONES was also working and another stalwart missing;

TED JEWELL could not march because of a bad ankle but attended the Reunion where with Don Daniels he appeared to enjoy himself thoroughly;

LEN "BINGHI" STEWART could not march because of an attack of enteritis and although he looked in at the Reunion he did not see the day out and consequently the rousing choruses of the Squadron ballads were missing at the Perth Reunion;

LOCKYER SIMPSON sent his apologies. He also sent a donation but we would far sooner have had him with us because, apart from anything else, he is the only W.A. bloke who knows the full rendition of "Lagos Lagoon".

STAN "SHORTY" LONG has now relinquished the wholesale shoe business to enter the retail market. He has recently made a trip to Bangkok;

BEN CORMACK has now become a government servant. He reckons there should be a Reunion every week;

Personal Pars. (cont.)

- SID BAKER Councillor Baker, who is a member of the South Perth Council, is also very active with the Red Cross; his brother Dudley is an Associate member;
- CHARLIE DAVIS Charlie, a great stalwart of 458 in W.A., was at the recent Reunion and with an Associate member (Hughie Crocker) looked after the cleaning up of the Hall after the Do—a job the Flight was congratulated on;
- BILL CLUES made an excellent "Sister Hannah" at the Perth March and looks like having a permanent job
- RON GANNAWAY was on the Perth March but did not attend the Reunion. He never misses the March;
- ROB ELLIS, BEV. DAVIS, are two welcome Associates from 459 and 456 Sqdns. Bev. was on the Johannes van Oldenbarneveltdt with a draft of 458ers;
- JACK PRESTON recently co-opted to the N.S.W. Flight Committee is with the District Contract Board of the Department of Supply in Sydney; he has a son of 21 as well as younger children;
- DOUG MILLARD says the drought is bad in the Riverina where he has a property. His elder son is visiting New Zealand with the Riverina Rugby Union team. His other son has recovered from his bad car smash;
- MAX EGAN is now working in Air Conditioning. Is active in Rugby League administration;
- KEMP BEACH with the Clearing Dept. of the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney; working much overtime and expects this to continue for 4 years due to the pressures of computerisation;
- NOEL SPURLING this N.S.W. Committeeman works in French polishing and grows orchids;
- LES PIGGOTT may move to King Island where he has a brother. His back is better but his leg still 'crook';
- CEC. NATION in Sydney; making the car trade a paying hobby. His daughter has recently remarried—new name Mrs. Murphy;
- JACK LUSBY a welcome returner to active 458 participation; is a freelance journalist—artist. His post-war career summary is: 1943-5 test-flying in N.S.W.; 1945-51 grounded after a crash, worked with the Courier-Mail and Bulletin; 1953 Gibbes-Sepik Airways; 1955 on Journalism. Now T.P.I. Has a family; see below;
- BOB MILLAR Credit Manager for Larke Hoskins, Sydney Servicing. Hobby—golf;
- JACK BEVAN Maintenance Supervisor with the Flat Products Div'n of Australian Iron and Steel, in Wollongong;
- JACK LUSBY Jack has two teenage daughters—one at the Mona Vale Convent School, one a children's nurse. He wishes to be remembered to Johnno and Dizzy. Saw Jack Bond's parents. Address—c/o Homebush R.S.L.; If anyone wants caricatures drawn, see Jack;
- DICK CATTENACH in Display work—has his own business. Recently joined the 458 branch of the Air Force Association and also the Air Force Club, Sydney;
- JACK McPHEE working in Material Control with W.C. Stephens, Arncliffe. Has been married for 18 months;
- NORM. PEACHEY is Sales Supervisor with F.J. Walker Ltd, Meat Wholesalers. Has two girls (17-13) and a boy (9);
- JACK BAKER Black-Jack is with the N.S.W. Railways Drawing Office. Flight Commander of 17 Flight, A.T.C., N.S.W. Squadron with H.Q. at Hickson Parade, having been with the A.T.C. over 12 years. His eldest son is 18;
- COL CORTEN with the State Crown Solicitor's Office in Sydney, doing conveyancing. His eldest son is 20 and teaching at Orange. His eldest daughter is teaching at Wollongong;
- NORM. SKINNER is in charge of Maintenance at St. Mary's Munition Factory with the Department of Supply. Has a married daughter and two grandchildren;
- TOM RIDGEWAY ex-38 Squadron, R.A.F. is Headmaster of Guildford West School;
- BLUEY LAMOND has been sick and having tests at Yaralla Repat. Hospital —works with Bramhall Foundry on the Stove Making side. With two married daughters he has two grandchildren. His son is with the School Cadets and on the Anzac March;
- ERIC MUNKMAN still in the Building business with his brothers. His daughter Beryl is to be a debutante at this year's Air Force Ball. So also, is
- OWEN CROMPTON's daughter Patricia, we hear;

Personal Pars (cont.)

- DICK COOK is with the Government Insurance Office, Sydney. Wishes to be remembered to Jim Perry and the members of the Transport Section;
- BILL McBRIDE still with the Envelope Dept. of W.H. Smith after 11 years. Son Keith, who has been very ill, is recovering. Eldest daughter Kay who is i/c Punch Cards with Unilever has visited Noumea; son Ted is in 3rd year at the University of N.S.W. doing Mechanical Engineering;
- JOHN HOSKING "Curly" is a furniture removalist in the Southern side area of Sydney. Daughter Judith is 15, son Gary 13. Says he is deeply honoured at election as N.S.W. Flight President;
- FRANK WARD has returned, because of his young daughter's health, from Fiji; is now in Public Accounting in North Sydney;
- NOEL GRIFFITHS "Tich" is still with the Income Tax Assessing Dept. in Sydney. We recently met him with his neck in a brace. He has spondylitis. His eldest son is at the University doing engineering;
- JOCK THOMPSON Jack Preston wants to know Jock's whereabouts. Thinks he may be in Ayr. Perhaps Alf. Peake might know;
- MILO MILOSAVLJEVIC a former member of the Royal Yugoslav Air Force, who flew with 55 Squadron R.A.F. from Foggia was a visitor at the N.S.W. Reunion. Says he is glad he and his French-Egyptian wife came to Australia; they have a daughter and two sons and live in Revesby.

CROWEATER ITEMS.

BY Lofty Trewartha, 60, California Street,
Nailsworth, S.A.

Saw Junior Davies recently in Port Pirie where he is employed as a Plant Operator with the S.A. Gas Coy. Junior and his wife June have three boys. They want to be remembered to Eric Munkman, Fred Strom and Bob Drinnan.

The Taylors at Home.

Bill and Madge Taylor's home at Beaumont was the scene of a 458 gathering on Sunday morning April 3rd to meet Jack and Enid Dowling and renew friendships begun when Jack was C.O. of 458 Squadron at Bone in 1943. Now Air Commodore, commanding Edinburgh Station, Jack informed us that Billy the Goatshead, souvenired at Holme-on-Spalding Moor from the Coach and Horses Hotel, has been returned to that hotel where a silver plaque commemorates his four years of Active Service. Those present around a keg provided by Bill and Enid were:

Brian and Joan Woodhead	Mel and Ruth Senn	Bill and Pat Cribb
Jack and Kath Bax	Sid and Pat Bartram	Bruce and Maisie Thomas
John and Jean Sheerlock	Jack and Enid Dowling	Bill and Madge Taylor
Ken and Molly Russell	Jack and Verna Riseley	John and Barbara Ringwood
John and Pat Carey	Reg and Jan Priest	Barry Handcock
Ted Creighton	Ron Badger	Joyce Bertram
Arn. Scholar	Lofty and Marg. Trewartha.	

Aitken and Pettit Passing through.

These two N.S.W. 458ers were in Adelaide for a few days and were entertained by Ron Badger, Arn. Scholar, Bob Drinnan and Mel Priest.

Sports Night at A.F.A.

The Air Force Association entertained 458 members at its Clubrooms in Finnis Street, North Adelaide, on Friday evening April 15th, at a Sports Night. Although our numbers were small all agreed that it was a most enjoyable night. Those present were Ron and Jackie McRae, Reg and Jan priest, Lofty and Marge Trewartha, Arn. Scholar and Glad Kelly.

Charlie and Alice Geddes.

On their way to Melbourne by Jet from Perth, they stopped off for a few days to say "Hello". "Mum" was looking extremely fit and sporting a crewcut and was given one of our after-work reunions at the Talbot Hotel—we get thrown out at Six here. Those in attendance were: Jack Riseley Ron McRae Bert Ravenscroft Sid Bartram Brian Woodhead and Lofty Trewartha.

Christmas Picnic, 1966.

Arrangements are in hand to organise a beach picnic on the last Sunday in November (More later).

Croweater Items(cont.)Airport Service.

A service was held at Adelaide Airport by Padre Shepherd, and was well attended by families of ex-Air Force men. Wreaths were placed on individual Squadron Plaques placed there--Bill Taylor did the honours for 458 Sqdn.

Anzac Day March.

In perfect marching order the Squadron, led by Bill Taylor, swung along in their usual nonchalant manner, oblivious to the fact that this year our ranks were somewhat smaller than usual. At the intersection of Pirie and King William Streets, the girls left no doubt as to which was the best unit marching. From his position on the saluting dais Jack Dowling must have had mixed feelings as the boys gave a smart eyes right. After the march we met at the Talbot Hotel for the usual Anzac Day lubrication. Subscriptions collected from members for the News-letter have been remitted to the Editor (\$ 8-00 acknowledged--Ed). Members marching were:-

Ron Badger	Bill Taylor	Arn. Scholar	Bill Cribb	Bert Ravenscroft	Bruce Thomas
Sid Bartram	Bob Drinnan	M. Allender	Brian Woodhead	J. Riseley	Reg Priest
Jack Threadgold	Dave Firth	Mel Priest	Jack Fisher	Ted Creighton	John Carey
Jack Sheerlock	Bert Oliver.				

Regards to all.

BRITISH BULLETIN.

by Sid Thompsett, 369, Downham Way, Bromley, Kent.

At the Peanut Club.

I have received the cheque from Cyril Irwin for the Peanut Club and have sent it off to Aunt Agatha. The reason for the appeal was because they had a new building, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Blond who live at East Grinstead for extra-special burn cases at a cost of £ 160,000 and the Peanut Club undertook to equip it at an estimated cost of £ 13,000. To date they have raised all but £2,000 of that amount. Not bad going, eh ? in four years. This new Burns Unit, and I quote one of the plastic surgeons at East Grinstead "This magnificent new centre "the most advanced of its kind yet constructed, marks a new era in the "care of burn patients; it will alleviate suffering and I believe it will "also save more lives." So you can see that the money which was donated will be put to very good use. Gus Charlwood was the original Squadron member who sponsored the Peanut Club but I have no further information about him.

London Reunion.

A very successful reunion was held on April 30th at the Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury Way, W.C.1. It was very nice to see a new member who for reasons beyond his control has not been able to attend before. This was Bill Harry who was a cook in the Officers Mess. He was very well and had a thoroughly good evening. He now has a Guest House at Whipton, Exeter. To get back to the Reunion, I must tell you about a curious incident which as it turned out was very interesting indeed. Tom Hicks who had travelled up from Truro in Cornwall was getting into a taxi at Paddington Station when a gentleman asked him if he was going to the Reunion to which he replied yes. When they got to the hotel they found out that more than one Reunion was taking place there but, before they parted the name of Bruce McKenzie was mentioned, so Tom said he would mention it to me when we met. Well, to cut a long story short, after we had had our meal, etc, it was decided we would go and hunt this chap out. Not knowing who he was we went barging into this room to have a natter to him to find it was a Malta Officers Garrison Reunion dinner, and that he was Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Pughe Lloyd who was in the Mediterranean Area and was and is a good friend of Bruce McKenzie. Tom Hicks had a small tape recorder with him and we managed to get him to say a few words. Will send it to you when I get it from Tom Hicks.

From Cyprus to Oxon.

Have had a letter from Harry Wise, who after being stationed for some time in Cyprus is now back in this Country and is living in Oxon. Another one of our members has had a move, being Norman Gilbert who has been posted to Ghana.

All members in U.K. send their very best wishes to all in Aussie, with the reminder that if any of you do get this way, notify me (Sid Thompsett-Tel. HIT 6653) Once again that brings me to the end of my news, so for the present, cheerio and all the best.

Q. FLIGHT NEWS.

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

The One Day of the Year.

Quite a lot's been happening in "Q" Flight. First of all, we had an excellent rally on Anzac Day. With the March in Brisbane changed to the morning and hotels open in the afternoon for the first time in the history of Anzac Day there was a more vigorous spirit and more ex-servicemen marching. "Q" Flight had its biggest rally for years. Behind the Banner marched 37. Beside the usual stalwarts from Brisbane, we had Frank Wilks down from Toowoomba and Lew Johnston and Jack Baxter up from Southport. Most of the boys wore reefer jackets with the Squadron pocket and the new Squadron tie. Wives and relatives on the sidelines said we looked the smartest of all the airmen who marched.

After the march we adjourned to Chas. Warren's garage for the Reunion where we were joined by several more members and associate members who were on duty elsewhere in the morning.

"Q" Flight were also at the Air Force Association wreath-laying ceremony at the crypt beneath the Shrine of Remembrance in Anzac Square. A very impressive ceremony which is attracting more each year.

In Paradise (Surfers).

On Friday 6th. May, a bunch of members headed by our President Chas. Richardson visited the R.S.L. Surfers Paradise branch to present a Squadron Plaque to the Club as a gesture of thanks to the Club for allowing those who attended the All-States Reunion in 1965 to participate in their Anzac Day celebrations. The Club turned on a very good crowd of members and wives and gave us the freedom of the Club. We weren't allowed to shout and there was plenty of it. President Chas. Richardson did a splendid job and his speech was a real classic. We have been invited to return with wives to the opening of a lounge bar which will greatly increase the already splendid facilities of the Club.

Bingo !

Evelyn and Jack Lewis kindly opened their home for a Bingo party on Saturday 21st. May to boost Flight funds. Evelyn gathered numerous of her golf associates and Charlie Richardson rounded up quite a few of his personal friends. It was an excellent night topped off by an excellent supper in the traditional style of the Lewis'. We even made a few dollars.

Russells Returning.

On Wednesday 24th. May, a few of the boys gathered at the Brisbane R.S.L. Club to toast a welcome to Ron Russell up from Melbourne with Joan and family, on holiday at Surfers Paradise. Ron looks well and says that Melbourne weather seems to be doing him good! He was also scouting around for a big contingent from "Q" Flight to attend the next All-States Reunion in Melbourne.

From New Guinea.

Also on the wednesday Fred Kleckham passed through Brisbane from New Guinea on his way to Rockhampton where his wife was to undergo an operation the following day. We do hope everything went well and that the worry is now behind Mrs. Kleckham.

McQuade's Barcaldine.

Charlie Warren paid an unscheduled visit over Easter to Tim McQuade at Barcaldine. Charlie says there never was a more surprised person than Tim. He turned the town on for them. Charlie and his mate were guests of honour at the races, the race ball, at the football next day. Tim really turned it on. Charlie says Tim is in splendid order and seems to run the whole town.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters to the Editor.

From Mrs. Hilda Swann, 5, Oak Road, Fareham, Hampshire, England.

Dear Mr. Alexander,

In one Newsletter there was mention of Associated Members, so that the "458" would never die. If this is continued with, our son would appreciate the honour of becoming an associate member. He is now 18½ years, a W.O. with the A.T.C. and a glider pilot and is considering making the R.A.F. his career on completing his electrical apprenticeship.

yours sincerely, Hilda Swann (on behalf of Bill Swann)

From Jack Lusby, 72, Abbotsford Rd., Homebush, N.S.W.

Dear Peter Alexander,

Yesterday Cec. Nation handed me the current 458 News and I was sorry to read of Canuck Wyne Walker's recent death in an accident.

Correspondence (cont.)

At the same time the obit. recalled a couple of lighter occasions, concerning Wyne, during my brief time with 458 toward the tailend of '42.

The day I saw my first dawn at Shallufa W/Cdr. Johnston in a rather dicey-minded moment decided to take me forward as 2nd. dick to Benghasi. The others in the crew were F/S. "Squatter" Gell, Sgt. Sagers, Sgt. Smith and P/O Walker.

At Berca (Benghasi) the Winco advised us to dig a ditch by our tent. "The 88 s do the place over a couple of times a night" he said.

"Well, the ground was pretty hard and when we'd dug something which might have shewed up as a slit trench in an arial photograph we downed tools.

"We'll take another foot out of her to-morrow," Gell said.

After watching the pretty lights for a while during the first raid we suddenly went to earth and found our ditch far too shallow. Ditto the encore performance.

Disturbed by the sound of frenzied shovelling in the morning we emerged from the tent and saw Wyne Walker at work in the trench.

Gell: "What the hell's going on?"

Walker: "I'm diggin a hole--put my head in like an ostrich."

Apart from this fondness for earth-moving, Wyne had another eccentricity. An affection for sandshoes as the fashionable footwear of the season.

On December 19th. Wellington "B" with the above-mentioned crew, was sub-stooging 1,000 feet over the Med.--Berca-Shallufa. The only thing that happened to disturb the tranquility was a bit of oil trouble in the starboard Pegasus. Lew Johnston told me to go back and start pumping from the reserve. I kept up this exercise, with breaks for a breather, till I felt I was pumping the Wimp home like a railway trolley. Finally I returned to the bridge and reported "No more oil."

Johnston said "That's alright. That engine's just had it." He asked "Squatter" Gell for nearest course for land.

Aroused from a deep dream of peace Gell said "180° to be going on with, hastily fixed our position and gave a slight course correction.

We were slowly losing our 1,000 feet of clearance and Johnston said "Ditching stations."

During this change of plans Wyne Walker continued to stare steadfastly into his Asdic doover as though he could see the deep brown eyes of his beloved, completely oblivious to minor distractions.

As we scraped in over the coast somewhere about Sollum Bay, Walker broke his sphinx-like silence.

"There's a ship 14 miles to port!" he announced with all the triumph of a forelorn angler at last hooking a big one.

There was a Wimpy stuck in the sand and Johnston calmly circled it for a shufti before heading for distant Shallufa. Being new to the strange resilience of the Wellington, I felt he was beng a bit over-confident, but it turned out to be a completely uneventful arrival.

May all your arrivals be likewise, and all the best,
Jack Lusby.

From Ian Showell, Renmark, S.A.

Dear Peter,

I notice in November issue that Lofty said I was going to England with Meg. This sounds alright to me but I finally had to take my wife whose name is Fee.

Glad to see you are still waving the banner for the Squadron.

We had a good trip, semi-business, spent a month in America looking up the latest in the citrus industry and a lot of time checking up on a houseboat and finally went up the Mississippi to its source.

Didn't get a chance to visit the old stamping grounds in Italy but spent some time in Spain and went on a few of the old dromes in England (and some of the Pubs too) but its not quite the same.

Kind regards,

Ian Showell.

Correspondence (concl.)From Colin Hutchinson, 6, Daisy Street, Murrumbidgee, Melbourne, Vic.

Dear Peter,

Receiving February's "News" gave me the usual prick of conscience. I don't remember when last I sent in a sub. To make up, I will send \$5. That should make up the leeway and maybe there'll be enough left over for a Squadron Tie. Please note the new address--the previous one was probably Ashton, S.A. I am sending as many names as I can get for inclusion in the Squadron Roll.

I haven't met any Melbourne or Vic. Flight fellows yet but would like to do so. Perhaps you could help. Phone nos. Home 56 6878; Office 63 2477.

Regards,

Col. Hutchinson.

Vic. Flight please note.)

From Ken Crago, Unit 94, "Oceana", 108, Elizabeth Bay Road, Elizabeth Bay, N.S.W.

Dear Peter,

I was sorry to read in the News of your recent illness and hope you are fully recovered....(Yes, I think I am, thanks--Ed.).....

Since moving from Gunnedah to Sydney I have had a lot of tripping about the State with frequent trips back to the Mill at Gunnedah and also to the head office of our company in Melbourne.

We had a very bad year in 1965 for the wheat season in the North-West of N.S.W. due to the drought but we were fortunate in obtaining most of our wheat supplies from Queensland. It is to be hoped the drought breaks soon although on present indications it could affect the coming wheat season also, as the country is a dust bowl.

Had a card from Junior Hawke at Orange for Christmas. He still works very hard indeed on the orchard, and the lack of rain doesn't help matters.

Enclosed please find my name for the 458 Nominal Roll, also that of our Navigator Steve Search in England, whom I hear from each Christmas also. He and Mabel, his wife, are both well, and their daughter Brenda is nearing her School Final exams. How time seems to fly.

Enclosed also is a cheque for \$10 for a tie and the balance towards Squadron funds as you think fit.

I look forward to seeing the boys I know,

Best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely, Ken Crago.

EDITORIAL.

There is something remarkably fitting about the return of Billy, the Goat's Head, back to the Pub at Holme-on-Spalding Moor from which he left suddenly one night for active service in Egypt. We are glad his service has been commemorated with a silver plaque. How he returned is something we do not know. Can anyone enlighten us?

No mystery surrounds his leaving Holme. We refer the curious to Alf. "Slappy" Hammond for details anytime they like to ask. In fact perhaps he or Alan Piggott would like, in this year of grace 1966, nearly a quarter of a century later, to write a letter to the Editor about it all?

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For N.S.W. Members at the request of the Flight Committee.

THE Flight Treasurer,

Box 5289, G.P.O., Sydney, N.S.W.

I enclose herewith my Annual Sub. for 1966. It represents \$2-50 for membership of the 458 Sqdn. branch of the Air Force Ass'n AND/OR \$1-00 for 458 Squadron Ass'n OR 50 cents for the Squadron News. Amount.....

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