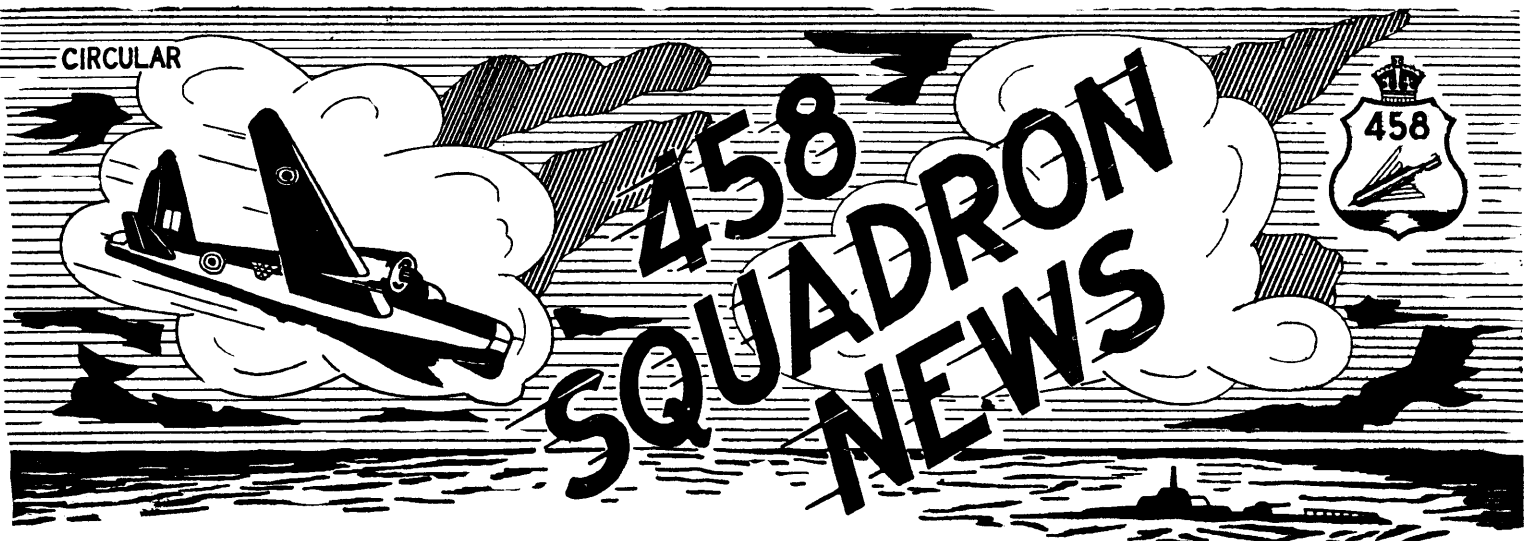


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#### MELBOURNE ALL-STATES REUNION, 1967.

Anzactime, 1967, saw 458 Squadron hold a biennial All-States Reunion in Melbourne. Interstate members started to arrive on the Friday and they were entertained that evening by the Air Training Corps at their Preston H.Q. Here, 458 Squadron W.O.D., Ern Laming, is a prominent personality. During an evening of warm hospitality they saw and admired some of the cadets' work and also saw the 458 Trophy which the Victorian Flight has presented to the A.T.C.

Saturday morning saw the arrival of other Interstate members and also the holding of the 458 Squadron Conference, which is reported elsewhere.

During the afternoon those interested went to Australian Rules Football games: the interstate members were interested in 'Footy' but perhaps not converted. Melbourne members needed no conversion.

#### The Kev. Guineys House Party.

Helen and Kevin Guiney entertained 458 and its wives in very large numbers that evening at their home at Mitcham. Hospitality, some of the best food in Australia (we particularly recall some Strawberry and Passion Fruit Pavlovas which had even the beer-drinkers coming back for more), and everyone's taste to drink.

#### Picnic at Lilydale.

On Sunday 458 went to the Hill country township of Lilydale for a barbecue-picnic. A Beer-keg, barbecued steaks and sausages were provided, and during the day Selwyn "Massa" Foote retained his custody of the Stewart Cup in the 458 Footrace. Here, too we were delighted to see Bernie Hughes, down from Queensland for the occasion. Interstaters were entertained at Melbourne members homes after the picnic.

Golf. The Melbourne weather was cool but mainly fine during the Reunion, but on the Monday it was perfect. This was the golf day, at Albert Park, where Squadron President Harry Ashworth added another title by winning the Anzac Cup in a splendid round. The Evening event was the Dinner-Dance, which is described below.

#### The Anzac March and Reunion.

Harry Ashworth led 458, marching behind its banner to the Shrine, on the Anzac March, and afterwards made his business premises available for a well-attended Reunion where members drank, ate and talked over old times and Victoria Flight held its Annual Elections. After that, the Melbourne Bowls Club became the scene of further warm hospitality for both members and wives until it was time for interstate members to leave to catch their aircraft. An account by Bill Carr, who as Victorian Flight Secretary bore the executive responsibility for Reunion events with his usual skill and devotion, follows.

#### The Melbourne Reunion

by Bill Carr, 36, Harbury St., Reservoir, Vic.

Looking back at the recent All-States Reunion conducted in and close to Melbourne, one is surprised to recall that so many Squadron members were able to attend all or the major portion of the seven separate functions which comprised the reunion and occupied the period from Friday 21st. to Tuesday 25th.

All-States Reunion (cont.)

and remain reasonably fit at the end. It is not easy to suggest which of the functions was the culmination of the overall reunion. Perhaps the Supper-dance held on the Monday evening? Or was it the House Party on the Saturday? At any rate all were well-attended and each appeared successful.

Preliminary Fund-raising.

A drive during the previous 12 months was vigorously pursued with the purpose of building local funds to a level sufficient to finance the whole Reunion. This was almost achieved: members were only asked to pay for drinks consumed at the Supper-dance. Costs of all other Reunion events were covered from the previously acquired funds, and we have had many to thank for this. Shortly before the Reunion we held an evening at the Trotting (Harness racing). 272 members and guests enjoyed a full programme of racing and also sat down to a dinner and assorted drinks. The profit was \$ 304. The evening was most popular and one we hope to conduct annually.

To the above-mentioned earnings we had monies from Social dance evenings, donations, etc. Our Bank a/c reached a peak of \$ 1,600 and our current balance is \$ 226.

Apart from much hard work by each member of our Committee and Helen and Kev. Guiney, we must acknowledge donations from the following members, who collectively gave almost \$ 300: John Bilney, Tom Burgess, Ken. Brown, Gordon Cuthbertson, Bill Carr, Doug. Colquhoun, Jack Carter, Stan Cartledge, Dave Firth, Jack Fleming, Kevin Guiney, Ian Giles, Ian Higglett, Ted. Kennedy, Ern. Laming, B. Moon, Father John McNamara, Cec. Percy, George Riddoch, Jack Ramsay, W. Raftis, Les. Russell, Lloyd Simpson, Mick Singe, Tony Stone, Bob Sherrah, Stan Tarczynski, Jim Whittem, Lock Simpson (W.A.), and Sam Barlow (N.S.W.). Apologies if other donors remain unacknowledged. The Reunion workmen must also be listed. They were Harry Ashworth, Ian Alison, Ern. Laming, Norm and Nancy Cugley, Ken. Brown, Jim Timms, Don Johnson, Harold Martin, Bob McKinna, Bob Smith and many more. Each was "really there" when needed. Particularly, we must praise Helen Guiney for her House Party work.

Q. Flight There.

It was a pleasure to welcome Selwyn Foote, Charlie Warren and Bernie Hughes from Queensland. Selwyn and Charlie haven't changed too much, and their old mates from Squadron days would recognise the three Queenslanders. Judging by Selwyn's speed over 100 yards he only gets younger by the year. Charlie was the guest of Ron Russell, whilst Selwyn with Wal Archbold was Norm. Cugley's guest for the long weekend.

And N.S.W.

N.S.W. was represented by a much bigger group, which comprised Ross and Pat. Burgess, Peter Alexander, Bob Bruce, Fred Strom, Bill Chapman, Arthur Lehdey, Doug. Millard, Sam Barlow, and Wal. Archbold. Dave and Gladys Firth, Gordon and Peg. Cuthbertson, Ian and Mrs. Giles, Jack Carter, Ted Kennedy, Lloyd Simpson and George Riddoch represented the country districts of Victoria. We were disappointed that no one represented South or West Australia or Tasmania.

The Roll Call.

Those seen at some or all events were:

F. Strom	S. R. Bruce	P. Alexander	L. J. Barlow	W. Archbold	R. Burgess	S. Foote
A. Lehdey	C. Warren	D. Millard	B. Hughes	I. Alison	H. Ashworth	J. Bilney
E. Bradshaw	K. Brown	W. T. Carr	J. Carter	S. Cartledge	G. Cowan	N. Cugley
G. Cuthbertson	J. Ellis	D. Firth	J. Fleming	I. Giles	A. Green	K. Guiney
B. Henry	I. Higglett	H. Jenkins	D. Johnson	T. Kennedy	E. Laming	B. McKinna
H. Martin	G. Matthews	T. Primrose	G. Riddoch	R. Russell	M. Singe	Bert Smith
S. Tarczynski	T. Weir	J. Whittem	F. Wilson	J. Timms	B. Sherrah	B. Hurford
H. Young.						

To Stan Tarczynski, congratulations on winning the Darts Trophy. Incidentally, he assures me he has no intention of complicating his surname by changing it to Smith-Jones. We were sorry not to see several regular 458ers.

Harry for King.

Approx. 12 members competed at Albert Park for the Anzac Golf Cup. They had to admit that Harry was King. Flight and Squadron President Harry Ashworth being the Harry concerned.

Victorian Flight Elections.

During the Reunion Victoria elected the following office-bearers for 1967-8:

Flight Presidents: Harold (Yank) Martin,  
 Snr. Vice-Pres: Ron Russell  
 Jnr. Vice-Pres: Frank (Shorty) Wilson,  
 Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Carr;

Committee: H. Ashworth, Bob Smith, J. Fleming, I. Alison, K. Brown, N. Cugley, E. Laming, J. Timms, B. McKinna, D. Johnson, Bert Smith, A. Green.

CROWEATER ANZAC.from Lofty Trewartha, 60, California Street,  
Nailsworth, S.A.

As usual, the 9.0 a.m. Service was held at the Adelaide Airport where, in the presence of many Squadron members and friends, a wreath was placed at the base of the 458 Memorial Tree. Padre Shepherd conducted the Service that followed.

The March.

After 5 days in bed with a crook hammer and tack I eventually made it into the Big Smoke where, undaunted by the fact that weather conditions were definitely on the nose, 458 Sqdn. as usual marched as a separate unit. Bill Taylor led the Squadron and, although his step is still firm I guess our ages must be shewing because this year we had a sprightly young A.T.C. cadet to act as Sister Hanna. I don't know if it was because of a bit of extra poundage or if the girls were careless with the irons, but more of the boys, including the Flight President, turned out this year in civies. After the March we headed for the Clubrooms (Earl's Bar—Hotel Talbot). Seen in the ranks included:

Bill Taylor	Bob Drinnan	Eric Baker	Bill Cribb	Sid. Bartram
Bert Ravenscroft	Jim Perry	Mel Priest	Ron Badger	"Flash" Thomas
Jack Riseley	Lloyd Letcher	Reg. Priest	Ted Creighton	J. Fisher
Norm. Trewartha	and many welcome Associates of 458.			

We were happy to see Gerry Young (T.P.I.) swapping yarns with old Squadron identity Walter Sullivan, appearing currently with the "Funny Girl" show in Adelaide.

Annual Meeting.

A meeting was held at Bill Taylor's residence at Beaumont on the evening of March 31st. to elect officers and discuss the next All-States Reunion. It was unanimously agreed that South Australia should apply to be the host State for 1969, and plans were formulated to ensure that the high standards set by our sister Flights will not eclipse what we in South Australia can offer.

Those present were:

Flight President	Bill Taylor,		
Secretary	Bob Drinnan,		
Treasurer	Mel Priest,		
Scribe	Norm. Trewartha,		
Harry Bartram	Jack Riseley	Reg. Priest	Brian Woodhead
Syd. Bartram	Arn. Scholar	Col. Draysey	Ted. Creighton.

Personal Pars.

Croweater Personal Pars are included with other items of 458 news--see below.

New Flight Secretary.

Our new Secretary, Bob Drinnan, is very pleased with the response to notices sent out to members recently and wishes to say "Saieeda" to:--

Pat Enright	Geoff. Esau	Bert Oliver	
Ian Showell	Roger Rodwell	Johnny Sheerlock	Col. Bowley
Junior Davies	Padre McNamara	Padre Davies	Padre McKay.

See the Treasurer.

Our new Treasurer is amazed to think that we have got a few quid again to start a bank account with. If you enjoy hearing about Squadron personalities, send a donation to Mel at South British Insurance, Currie Street, Adelaide, and really make his eyes light up.

Apology to Butch.

In conclusion, my sincere apologies to Butch and Amy Power for losing the correspondence related to their visit to the East. What annoys me most, Butch, is that I suppose you had a case of that lolly water you call Swan Lager with you.

Regards to all, Lofty.

SANDGROPPERS SAY.....from Peter Power, 145, Gildercliffe Street,  
Scarborough, W.A.

First of all, I would like to extend to all the chaps who welcomed me at the Air Force Club, Sydney, my grateful thanks for a most enjoyable evening.

Sandgroppers Say....(cont.)

It was great to see everybody looking so fit and well and may I say that I hope the years ahead continue to deal kindly with you all. My and I enjoyed our stay in your fair city; there is always a spare room for any couple who make the long haul to Perth; they would be very welcome. I conveyed the ties to Chas. Geddes and they went on sale at the Anzac Day Reunion.

The One Day of the Year.

On Anzac Day, the Flight President (Billy Clues) duly laid the Squadron Wreath on the State War Memorial at the Dawn Service. The March was very well attended. Billy Clues led the Flight and Henry Etherton made an effective Sister Hannah. Trike Wheeler made the long trip from Kojonup and Al. Wheat from Geraldton. Two new but very welcome faces on parade were 'Sonja' Hemy and 'Chess.' Chessell, neither of whom had marched for years. As per usual the weather was beautiful, if anything a little on the warm side, and the parade and attendance in excess of last year.

The Reunion.

The Annual Reunion (held in conjunction with 460 Squadron) was at the Civilian Maimed and Limbless Association Hall. Forty-three chaps sat down to a formal lunch and the usual toasts were honoured. Adequate supplies of liquid refreshment were on hand and everyone present voted the Reunion as very successful.

All the old local stalwarts of 458 were present though Chas Davis was held up at work and made a late but nevertheless welcome appearance. We were also most happy to see an excellent roll-up of Associate members. Our thanks to Chas. (Mum) Geddes for a fine job of organising a very enjoyable get together.

The Silent Ones.

To those W.A. Flight members who receive the Squadron News and who do not attend the Anzac March and Annual Reunion, we say

"What about making an effort to be with 458 in 1968!"

Greetings.

On behalf of all the W.A. Flight I send a big cheerio to all other 458ers throughout the world--and congratulations to the newly elected Federal Officers.

A.R. (Peter) Power.

NEW SOUTH NEWSNOTES.

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

Anzactivities.

On Anzac Eve a wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate the Squadron Dead took place at the Cenotaph, Martin Place; afterwards the party of Squadron members adjourned to the Air Force Club.

On Anzac Day 458 members marched, approx. 40 strong, behind the Air Force leadership of Air Marshal Sir John McCauley. After the March a Reunion and dinner was held at the Great Southern Hotel, George Street. By way of interest, those at the March and Reunion were:

Alan Piggott	Les. Piggott	Barry Menser	Roy Gilkes	Bob Millar	Tom Mitchell
Ray Davies	Alf. Hammond	Col. Corten	Geoff. Cannon	Lance Wood	Henry Bryant
Gordon Balmer	Peter MacManamey	Frank Ward	Bob Lyndon	Ron Hills	Graeme Coombes
Cy. Irwin	Bob Osborne	Bruce Dean	John Hosking	Tom Moore	Cec. Nation
Norm. Peachey	Red-Jack Baker	George Unitt	Jack Bevan	John McPhee	Eric Munkman
Harry Baines	Stuart Ricketts	Noel Spurling	Jack Aitken	Kemp Beach	Dick Cook
Don Bitmead	Stan. Longhurst	Bill McBride	Jock McGowen	Jack Preston.	

Absent from N.S.W. attending the All-States Reunion in Melbourne were stalwarts Fred. Strom, Sam Barlow, Peter Alexander, and Bob Bruce. From reports they were very well hosted by the Victorian Flight.

Office-bearers.

Elections for 1967-8 were as follows:

Flight President	John Hosking,
Vice Pres	Stuart Ricketts and Kemp Beach,
Secretary	Cy. Irwin,
Asst. Sec.	Kemp Beach,
Treasurer	Frank Ward.

Committee: Bob Bruce, Fred Strom, Noel Spurling, Cec. Nation, Eric Munkman, Tom Moore, Graeme Coombes, Don Bitmead, Sam Barlow, Jack Baker, Jack Aitken, Peter Alexander, John Preston, Alf. Hammond, and Henry Bryant.

Hon. Auditor: Bert Thompson,

New South Newsnotes (cont.)Wine Tasting for Sam.

The Flight held a Wine-Tasting evening during May--on the 18th.--at McWilliams Cellars at Pymont. About 40 members, wives and friends sampled McWilliams Hock, Lexia, Sauterne, Claret Burgunday and Champagne and had a very excellent Buffet dinner--with explanations of the characteristics of the wines. This occasion was taken by the Squadron to mark its appreciation of what Sam Barlow has contributed to the continuing success of 458 Squadron. The Squadron Council, through Squadron Vice President Peter Alexander, and N.S.W. Flight, through Flight Vice President Stuart Ricketts, jointly presented Sam with an inscribed silver salver and expressed 458's appreciation of Sam's work and enthusiasm for 458, on both Squadron and Flight levels. We were delighted to have the Victorian Flight President Harold (Yank) Martin and his wife Kath., present at this function.

A.F.A. Assembly.

This year's State Assembly will be held at Taree and we hope to be represented and have our say.

Kemp Hospitalised.

Members will be sorry to learn that Kemp Beach is in hospital (Western Suburbs--Todman Ward)--the result of a fall recently. Kemp will be out of action for four or five weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Through the News--our sympathy to Tom Moore whose Father passed away on May 17th. C.P.I.

NEWS FROM Q.FLIGHT.

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

After Melbourne.

Chas. Warren and Sel. Foote have returned from Melbourne full of praise for the faultless organisation and the open-handed hospitality. Both say that Vic. Flight did them proud but that it was difficult if not impossible to pay 'thanks' with a return shout. Chas. and Sel. thought every one of the Vic. Flight did a marvellous job of hosting the interstate members. Everyone bucked in and did a wonderful job; and, while not wishing to single anyone out, could not help noticing Bill Carr buzzing about--quietly, of course, like any good Carr does--attending to the 101 things all secretaries do efficiently, unobtrusively and naturally.

Fleet-of.....

Sel (Fleet of) Foote is tickled pink to win again the 100 yards Members' Race. He's already booked his air passage to Adelaide in 1969 to defend his title and make it a hat trick. Training rigidly too. Foote's 27 miles to Brisbane every meeting night, and laps the local race course pre-dawn with a fast stop-watch in one hand and a goad in the other.

Pensioners' Club ?

Our two envoys brought back welcome news of many old tent mates and canteen coppers to the boys they left behind them. And, if you will be indulgent to two old greybeards who claim the privilege of age, Bill Garland and Jim Holliday, and to a further two baldy-headed old b.....s, Len Macdonnell and Keith Campbell, we four would like to thank Ian Higlett for his kind regards.

Bernie Going South.

Chas. and Sel. were pleased to meet Bernie Hughes and his neighbour in the "Never-never", in Melbourne. Every Hughes--Bernie or otherwise--is good news.

Reunion in Brisbane.

As for our Brisbane Reunion: well, we marched well, all 15 of us, Johnno Johnston striding ahead behind the banner borne by two A.T.C. cadets who volunteered ("impressed" by Johnno in admirable form). Adjourned to Chas. Warren's premises where 15 men put two fives to rest and 13 bottles. It was a long and thirsty day. Not bad for a few old blokes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters to the Editor.

From Frank Garvin, H.M. Customs and Excise, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, N. Ireland.

Dear Ed.,

Perusing through 'Air Mail' the other day, I observed a Reunion of 458 Assn. Having served with 458 (Foggia and Gib.) I wrote the U.K. Sec., Sid

Correspondence (cont.)

Thompsett, who very kindly sent me a copy of 458 News. I was heartened to find the Squadron had a virile Assoc'n, as most of the Assns. only existed for a few years after the war and then faded out through lack of interest.

Looking over the News, I recognise some of the names, though I am finding some difficulty linking names with faces; I suppose that is to be expected after 22 years. My job brings me into contact with a lot of Aussies and I have always been hoping that an-ex 458er would turn up but so far I have only met one, George Atkin, who worked, or scrounged, with me in the Electrical Sect.

If you happen to be in contact with any of the following, give them my regards:--Mick Singe, Ron Hooke, Ken. Morkham, Dave Kessler, Hank Ewens, K. Blackley, and L. Piggott.

In conclusion, I send good wishes to all 458ers, Cheers for now,  
Frank Garvin.

From Roy Bell, 745, West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your most informative letter and the February issue of 458 Squadron News.

During my visit to Britain in May I will most certainly say 'Hello' to Sid. Thompsett now that you have provided that contact.

My contact with yourself was through Micky Reid of Toronto, who had been in touch with Bruce McKenzie.

Yesterday evening I dug out my logbook..and this is a brief run-down-December 1942:--Arrived LG 224 Ghiza with a Wellington Mk VIII purportedly en route to India. Our aircraft appeared to us to be confiscated and we were posted to Almaza;

January 1943:-- Posted to 458 Squadron, Suez. In tents at a satellite camp. Names culled from entries during following months: Reid, Moran, Goodwin, Gavin, Humphries, Kernot, Crooke, Hazeldine, Ryan, Shierlaw, Munday, Firth, Bradnam, Mark, Thorvaldson, Budd, Cock, Ley, Tipping.....

During this time I flew as co-pilot to F/L. Moran on a couple of trips to Crete. I recall...Lofty Kernot particularly;

February, 1943:--Attached to 5 M.E.T.S., Shallufa. I dont recall what the letters signify (Middle East Torpedo School--Ed.) but remained billeted with 458 On completion of this course my crew consisted of; P/O Venables (co-pilot), Sgt. Thorvaldson (Navigator), P/O Forster (Radar Op.), Sgt. Brown (Gunner), Sgt. Fawson (Gunner);

April 1943:--Sgt. Cock and myself and crews with two Wellingtons departed for Malta as replacement crews for 458, via Benghazi (Berka). On arrival at Malta we were advised that one crew was required for 221 R.A.F. Squadron. Since Sgt. Cock was an Aussie, I made the sacrifice and was posted to 221. Thereafter 458 and 221 operated from the same base, Luqa

On Detachment a flight of 221 went to Protville and for a time I actually was with 458 once again sharing the same Mess and bunked in with some of my 458 friends. I recall this period in North Africa as a particularly happy time. On return to Malta Sgt. Quinlan, a Canadian with 458 and myself and crews shared the torpedo-sinking of a troopship in the Straits of Bonifacio.

October, 1943:--Posted to England. Thence to Turnberry, Limavady, Canada and Transport Command--so to discharge 1945.

On discharge, I articulated with Price Waterhouse & co., graduating as a Chartered Accountant in 1950. In 1951 commenced public practice in Vancouver. With two partners still engaged in a busy but modest practice. I am married and have two daughters 22 and 19. My great interest is in Thoroughbreds. and I am currently engaged in a very modest breeding and racing hobby. ....

I would like to join 458 Squadron branch, receive a 458 badge and purchase a copy of the Squadron History.....

It was most pleasant hearing from you and I even enjoyed writing this long letter. I hope all my 458 friends have better memories than I and will remember me--happily or, at least, pleasantly. My very best wishes to all

Sincerely, Roy Bell.

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EDITOR'S NOTE :

The Squadron History "We Find and Destroy" is now out-of-print. Can any Reader let us have a copy for Roy Bell? Full retail price will be paid

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Correspondence (cont.)From Basil (Sailor) Wheatley, c/o Oceanic Transport Corp Ltd, 63 Robinson Rd. Singapore.

Dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter of Feb. 20th; letters usually catch up with me somewhere, sometime but the above address has some degree of permanence so you can pass it on to the 458 boys. When one reads your roll-call one realises how time gradually beats us all. In another month I will be 56 although I am getting younger everyday in this warlike climate and since I have taken the veil I have had no major complaints and forget what a hangover is like, so after my misspent youth I can be thankful for my present good health. I have had a letter from Kennie McClellan's widow in Canada; she has married again, and as all her family is grown up and left home she will no longer be lonely.

We had the doubtful distinction of seeing Air Marshal Ky at close quarters, about 50 yards from my ship. As usual glamorously clad in a black flying suit with the purple silk scarf round the neck in fighter-pilot style, and accompanied by two portly VN generals. His glamorous lady was not with him she is worth looking at.... He was staying at the house that used to belong to the sacked general who staged an abortive coup and nearly plunged the country into civil war. That General is now, like all unsuccessful coup leaders and ex-premiers except Diem, living abroad on his country's payroll--as a military attache.

The Saigon River passage becomes more dicey each trip and I have the wheelhouse heavily sandbagged, mostly for the psychological effect. Prior to our passage upstream, forty miles, ships had been hit on the three preceding days with 75mm. But the main menace at the moment are mines, magnetic, contact, and limpet with the situation expected to get worse--sweepers and frogmen everywhere. We have been lucky so far but got caught in a crossfire two months ago: choppers and VC each firing 50 mm at each other, PRBs firing 50 mm and a guy in the waist firing something with a sickening grunt like an elephant gun--a grenade launcher--and a couple of flak ships got into the act. All very confusing and terrifying. My siamese cat shot under the bed. Unfortunately there wasn't room for me. Got clear in about 25 minutes and could all become brave again. A powerful antidote to apprehension is a few lovely green dollars. But when I look back to 1943 as a member of the "Mad Belgians" crew when we prowled the moonlit Mediterranean looking for a fat inoffensive merchantman to hit in the guts with a 2,000 lb torpedo, I realise the wheel has taken a full turn for now I am the inoffensive merchantman. If I hadn't a sense of humour I'd start thinking about "Poetic Justice" or something. A nostalgic picture of those days. I flew one night with Peter Thompson in a Goofington and we were up there in the gods looking down on our flares burning in the approved "L" pattern and watching the torp.kites hurtle in on the convoy with the E Boats being very rude to them. It reminded me of a torchlight tattoo I once saw at Wembley. Now we have the flares every night--but they are ours and we watch them being dropped by the choppers.....

A vignette from the DMZ, from an English engineer of a Japanese tug which got caught in the crossfire between US Marines and the VC who were using the tug as cover. The Marine Commander told them to get to hell out of it as he would sink the tug. This they did and arrived in Singapore with what they stood up in. They presented themselves to the charterers and were met with a stream of abuse for prejudicing the insurance by leaving the ship. The Norwegian skipper pointed out they were ordered to by the Marine Commander. Their reply was "Did you get it in writing?"

From here I return to Saigon, CamRanh Bay and Singapore, where I expect to be relieved for a spell until the new ship is ready. She is being bought in Germany and I may go and bring her out with a German crew ....

Well, Peter, I do ramble on..but t's port is where I catch up on my correspondence as I don't have somebody knocking on the door all the time. The Assistant Captain is well and has taken to a gin tippie instead of the amber fluid. I can't get her to share my halo. Her answers are very coarse on the subject --I cant imagine where she learns such things. The sampan girls call her "Mama San No 1" and this pleases her so she gives them cigarettes.....I may be down in 68/9, maybe. But what the hell is the use of a wowsar coming back to Aussie? In the meantime best wishes to all 458ers and any other odd body who may remember me (Take the bow, Doug.--Editor) yours, Sailor.

BRITISH BULLETIN. from Sid Thompsett, 119, George Lane, Lewisham, London.

I received your letter on Tuesday and had to go out early on scout business when who should ring but Roy Bell. He was off early on Wednesday but will be returning in about two weeks so hope to see him then. Any day now

British Bulletin (cont.)

I am hoping to hear from Ken Everatt .

Anzac Day in London.

On Anzac Day a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph by Harry Bishop and on Saturday April 29th. a get together in London. But this year not very many could attend for one reason or other but nonetheless those of us who did attend had a very enjoyable evening.

Sorry that this news is no longer but my blokes don't seem to let me have any.

Cheers for now, Sid.

PERSONALITIES.

- Jim Timms is Vehicle Division Manager with Broon's Industries in Melbourne;
- Harry Ashworth apart from being the newly-elected 458 Squadron President is Vice President of the Melbourne Bowling Club. Has a plumbing business;
- Don Johnston is in a motor spares business. His Long Service Leave is due;
- Ron Russell with Repco Head Office Merchandising Group. Living in Balwyn;
- Ken Brown now in Melbourne with the Soil Conservation authority. Lives in Heidelberg. Does a lot of travelling;
- Stan Tarczynski still with the Melbourne Age, on the Distribution side;
- Geoff Matthews in the office of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria;
- Doug Millard farming at Humula. Having a son recently married announces that he is looking forward to grandfatherhood;
- Ern Laming still very active with the A.T.C. in Melbourne. Has a son as a Patrol Officer in New Guinea and a married daughter in New Zealand ;
- Wal Archbold is a Builder in Ourimbah, N.S.W.;
- Ian Alison in commercial art. Designs book covers and magazine ads. His specialties include Glow Weave Shirts, and glass--"Good Things Come in Glass";
- Kevin Guiney is a Tennis coach--working in Schools and Clubs for 6½ days a week;
- Reg Hansell we hear, Reg., a well-known N.S.W. 458er, had a coronary occlusion some time back. We wish him renewed and continuing good health;
- Jack Carter whose journey by mini-moke round Australia, clock-wise, was reported in the News recently is talking of two further projects: firstly, round Australia the 'other way'; secondly, a journey down the Murray/Darling river systems from source to outlet;
- Arthur Lehday is a 'Mixed Farmer' on his property 16 miles west of Henty, N.S.W.;
- John Bilney is Manager for Victoria and Tasmania for the Agfa film distributors; he has recently had a successful ear operation;
- Jack Fleming who lives with his family in Melbourne is flying with A.N.A. in Boeing 727s;
- Bernie Hughes is wheat farming and cattle fattening at Springshaw in Queensland;
- Dave and Glad Firth have a grand-daughter;
- Snow Fennell and his wife, we hear, recently had their fourth boy. Congratulations!
- Bob Sherrah is in Wool Futures. His wife was in hospital during the Anzac reunion. Bob has two sons;
- Ted Kennedy still centred in Ballarat in a garage business. Has two girls and a boy;
- Bob and Bea McKinna are now living at East Burwood, Melbourne;
- Mick Singe is a project manager with A.V. Jennings in Victoria and says he needs more than 24 hours in the day. Wishes to be remembered to all friends, specially mentioning "Rinso". Has heard from Hugh Hamlet;
- Bert Smith aforetime of the orderly room and the husband of a Holme-on-Spalding Moor W.A.A.F., Bert is doing clerical work with Albright & Wilson in Melbourne. Lives at Frankston and has two boys and a girl;
- Tom Primrose has three grandchildren. Is with Melbourne City Council--Electrical supplies;
- Lloyd Simpson is with Johns and Hattersley--water valve manufacturers. Has a girl of 18;
- Harold 'Curly' Young has his own frock manufacturing business in Flinders Lane, Melbourne where he employs 27 girls; wishes to be remembered to Tom Moore;
- Harold 'Matron' Jenkin is a Senior Male Nurse with the Repatriation Dept., being in charge of the Male orthopaedic ward in Melbourne, which has 60 beds;
- Gordon Cuthbertson wants to be remembered to Athol Kerry and Arthur Jollow;
- Norman Cugley was prominent in the All-States Reunion arrangements, where he was seen with his wife and daughter. Would be remembered to all old mates;



Personalities (cont.)

- Tony Weir wants to be remembered to Dizzy Dean. Tony may be moving to Queensland;
- Bob Lyndon Recently visited South Australia from N.S.W. where he is employed by the Transport Dept., to study the new computer installed by the S.A. Tramway Trust. He was entertained at the "Club"--the Talbot Hotel on 7th. February;
- Brian Woodhead has been on the sick list. His many friends wish him speedy recovery;
- Ted Creighton has S.A. Flight's thanks for the very fine job he did preparing and printing the programmes used in the Anzac Day ceremony at Adelaide airport;
- Padre Shepherd The Squadron's South Australian padre is up and about again after an operation at Daws Road Repat. Hospital and is well on the way to recover again. He was installed as Canon of St. Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide, on April 23rd. He has our sincere congratulations;

S.A. Flight's SPORTS EVENING.

Lofty Trewartha reports that a Sports Evening has been arranged at the Air Force Association's Club rooms, North Adelaide, for Friday evening, June 16th. For further particulars, contact Lofty--65-4169.

SQUADRON CONFERENCE APPROVES 1970 JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

At its biennial meeting in Melbourne the 458 Squadron Conference approved a Queensland application to hold an All-States Jubilee Celebration on June 9th., 1970, twenty five years after the Squadron was disbanded.

With Squadron Vice President Peter Alexander in the Chair, at the request of Senior Squadron Vice President Dave Firth, who was indisposed, Squadron Conference received reports from the Squadron Officers and from each Flight on the maintenance of 458 Squadron's progress since the last Conference in Queensland in 1965.

Car Badges.

Samples of a plastic car badge material, out of which a new 458 Car badge might be made for sale to members, was produced by Squadron Secretary Bob Bruce. Conference gave its general approval for Squadron Council to progress the suggestion.

No Annual All-States Reunions

After considerable discussion Conference rejected renewed moves by Q. Flight for 458 to revert to Annual All-States Reunions, instead of biennial. It decided after debate that nominations for the Squadron Presidency should be sought from all Flights three months before future Conferences.

The News for Greetings Exchange.

Conference noted with pleasure the increasing extent to which 458ers were using the News to exchange greetings.

Elections.

After deciding that the next All-States Reunion should be in Adelaide in 1969, Conference proceeded to elections of Squadron Officers, as follows:

Squadron President:	Harry Ashworth (Vic. Flt),
Vice Presidents:	G. (Bill) Taylor (Sth. Aus. Flt), P. C. Alexander (N.S.W. Flt.),
Squadron Treasurer:	C. P. Irwin (N.S.W. Flt),
Squadron Secretary:	S. R. Bruce (N.S.W. Flt),
Hon. Squadron Auditor:	A. H. Thompson (N.S.W. Flt).

Conference recorded its thanks to Victoria Flight and also to the Melbourne Bowling Club for the use of the Club's premises for the Conference.

PASSING OF 458 ers.

The Squadron News reports with sorrow and with 458's sympathy to the next-of-kin, the death of Alec. 'Bluey' Lamond of Sydney.

Bluey came to 458 from 451 Squadron in the Middle East at Amiriya. He served as a D.M.T. until his repatriation from Alghero and was well-known for his friendly nature. After the war he worked in the wood-working div'n of Beale's Pianos Coy. He married and he and his wife had a son. He died

Obituary (cont.)

following on an operation for abdominal cancer. Squadron members Joe Pratt, Sam Barlow, Cy. Irwin and Peter Alexander represented 458 at the funeral. Joe Pratt, who knew Bluey on both Squadrons says "We have lost a good mate."

Ken 'Jock' Philip

As was mentioned in the previous issue of the News, Jock Philip, of Sydney, died some months ago, after many years of poor health. Jock who spoke with strong intonations of his native Scotland came to 458 as a Fitter-M.T. after service with 3 Squadron. He was kindly, capable and well-regarded. We shall miss him. To his widow and son, our sympathies.

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Have you yet got your copy of the wartime Nominal Roll of 458 Squadron? If not, fill in the attached coupon (we suggest).

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The following is a brief (because of space) start to fulfilment of our long-standing intention of publishing for the information of 458ers generally and of interstate travellers in particular of current 458 addresses as known to us.

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L.B. Cameron	Deloraine, Tasmania;
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If anyone knows a more recent address for any of the above, will they please let the Editor know and so help to keep 458ers in touch.