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14th. ALL-STATES REUNION FOR ADELAIDE.

Report from

Bill Taylor, 26, Pirie St. Adelaide.

As ever our first and foremost problem is to know how many people are likely to come to Adelaide and in particular those who wish us to book accommodation for them. We have nominated the 31st. day of March as the last day on which we can be responsible for booking people into medium-priced Motels. We are trying to get as many people as possible into the one Motel and for this reason we request the co-operation of those members likely to attend. To facilitate matters we shall be glad if each person would forward with his booking \$5-00 as a deposit to be handed over to the place of accommodation. This matter is of importance as it will be much more enjoyable if we can book all the visitors into one place. Ten Units have been reserved at the Zoneff Motel which is about two miles from the City, at Glenunga. The Tariff is \$7-30 for a double unit and 60 cents extra for a light breakfast. There are more expensive Motels available if desired.

John Ringwood i/c.

John Ringwood is in charge of the accommodation and his home address is

640, Glynburn Road, Beaumont, S. Aus. 79-3182: ---or his office
address is c/o Mutual Life and Citizens Association Co. Ltd, 185, Victoria
Square, Adelaide, Sth. Aus. 51-0241.

Naturally, if a late booking is received we shall do our utmost to secure the accommodation required.

The Programme.

The programme provides for interstate members to be met on arrival, probably Thursday night or Friday morning. Private entertainment will be provided on Thursday night.

Anzac Day.

On Anzac Day (Friday) it is usual for the Squadron to lay a wreath at the War Memorial at Dawn and again at the Airport at 9 a.m. The March through the City starts at approximately 10 o'clock, after which Squadron members will have lunch in the City at the Hindmarsh Hotel. The Ladies will be entertained to lunch by the Ladies Committee. Friday night will be free to allow people to recover and gird their loins for the next few days fun and games.

Squadron Conference.

On Saturday morning the Conference will be held in the Boardroom of the South British Insurance Company by favour of Mel Priest.

Saturday afternoon will be free. A Hills drive will be laid on for those interested. On Saturday night brings a dinner-dance at the Arkaba Castle Hotel at Edwardstown where we shall have a separate room for our five-course dinner and those able will dance in the main hall and see the floor show.

COME TO ADELAIDE

WRITE NOW!

14th. All-States Reunion (cont.)Barbecue Picnic, Golf and Tennis.

For Sunday,

a Barbecue-Picnic has been organised at National Park and two Tennis courts will be available. Don't worry about the weather as a large Pavilion has also been hired so there will be no reason to get wet outside, even if you do get wet inside.

The golfers will hit off about 8.30 a.m. on Sunday at the Flagstaff Hill Golf Course per favour of Ken Russell. We should like to know how many intend to play as it may be necessary to lay on another course. After the game the players will be driven to the Barbecue to relate their unlikely stories to their mates.

The Organisers.

Our members have worked very well and we have had a lot of fun making all the arrangements. The last meeting was at Jack Riseley's swimming pool and thus we were wet all over. The Programme is in course of printing, with the full details as to times and people to be contacted, and these programmes will be forwarded to those interested and additional copies to the Secretary of each Flight. Our fellows are really looking forward to meeting as many as possible of their old mates, and we are very pleased to hear that Victoria has briefed the Commissioner of Railways to provide a full train. Photographs of the Zoneff Motel have been forwarded to each Flight. The members of S.A. Flight are really looking forward to the Ding. Be in it.

Kind Regards,

Bill Taylor.

Q.FLIGHT NEWS.from Jim Holliday, 43, Stella St. Holland Park, Q.

While we received many messages of good cheer per Christmas Cards from our members, there has been a remarkable dearth of news about their activities. Perhaps the activities of many members may have been beyond the sedate station in life which they have now achieved by reason of their age and this may account for the secrecy.

However, no news is good news, so apparently nothing deleterious has befallen "Q" Flight members to weaken the strength of the Flight.

The Jubilee.

Your Committee is busy working out the Jubilee Reunion programme in depth and by the next issue of Squadron News, will be able to have a programme for the information of members.

May "Q" Flight suggest to other Flights that they take the opportunity at their respective Anzac Day Reunions, to make arrangements for convoys of members to proceed to the Gold Coast for the weekend commencing 5th. June, 1970.

Not only will this be a visit to commemorate the stand-down of the Squadron, but also a holiday at Australia's most famous and best-equipped playground.

SANDGROPPERS SAY.....from Henry Etherton, 15, Chaffers St., Morley, W.A.

We called a meeting for Monday 17th. February to discuss arrangements for Anzac Day. Only three, myself included, turned up; however, we had eight apologies. Our thanks to Al. Wheat who rang from Geraldton to apologise and to the others who also rang. Bill Clues, Sid Baker and I met on our front lawn and discussed the situation over a beer. We decided that from comments we had heard (after the "Do" we had for Bruce and Christina) that maybe a change in the Anzac Day reunion may be called for. As you realise, everyone present at that occasion voted it a great turnout, both from the roll-up of Squadron members, their attitude to the whole affair; and the fact that our wives were able to take part.

A Questionnaire.

All this prompted us to send out a circular to members asking them if they would prefer to have a Reunion as we have had it in the past or a Get-together with our wives included. Bill Clues has kindly offered his back lawn for a barbeque and eats, and we will also have the traditional keg. So, we are hoping members will co-operate and answer the questionnaire promptly so that the Committee can get organised and do something for Anzac Day, after the Parade.

Sandgroppers Say....(cont.)"Unk" McCarthy in Australia.

Well, I had the good fortune of speaking to Charles "Unk" McCarthy by phone the other night, as he is back in W.A. But from what I gather it is only a holiday from the Keeling Islands in the Cocos Group. He is still with the department of Civil Aviation.

Best of luck to all 458ers and their families from
Henry Etherton (W.A. Flight Secretary).

New South Note.

Like other Flights, we have been quiet here since the last News issue--after the considerable activity of the previous few months. But we have plans for our usual round of 458 activities and we are looking forward to Anzac day both in Sydney and in Adelaide. Squadron Secretary Bob Bruce and Sam Barlow and their wives are going to drive over to Adelaide for the All-States Reunion there.

One very pleasant episode was the visit of Victorian members Bob McKinna and Jim Timms and their wives to Sydney in the Christmas/New Year period. We had a gathering at the Air Force Club one evening and quite a few Sydneyside members and their wives met them and renewed old times. There should be more of it.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters to the Editor.

From Bryan "Junior" Quinlan, Box 70, P.O., Kinnaird, British Columbia, Canada.

All Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all the old friends who served with 458 in the Middle East (Malta, Algeria and Tunisia) in 1943.

I would very much like to obtain a copy of "We Find and Destroy" and have my name placed on the subscribers list for 458 Squadron News. If you will let me know how much to remit I will reimburse you accordingly.

Thank you,

Bryan Quinlan.

From Jack Carter, "Strathbry", Katunga, Victoria, 3640.

Dear Peter,

Thanks for your letter. Yes, I would like to join the 458 Squadron branch of the Air Force Association and subscribe to Wings. I hope to see you in Adelaide.

Sincerely, Jack Carter.

From Col. Fereday, 49, Coranderrk St., Reid, A.C.T., 2601.

Dear Peter,

Just a short note to thank you for advising me of the visit of Bruce McKenzie and his wife to Canberra on November 20th and 21st.

Unfortunately the other Canberra Squadron members were unable to meet Bruce (Geoff. Hyles of Bungendore, for example, was away for the day at Orange, Keith (Austin is now stationed in Brisbane, etc) but I was able to arrange a small party as you suggested of people connected with Kenya to meet him at the Canberra-Rex on the Wednesday.

Although it was a brief meeting, as Bruce and his wife were due at a dinner date at 7.45 p.m. we had a very enjoyable little gathering in the McKenzies' suite for about three-quarters of an hour. Bruce seemed to be enjoying his stay in Australia and especially meeting the old Squadron people. Both he and his wife referred to the happy time they had in Sydney, meeting you all.

It was indeed great to meet Bruce McKenzie and his very charming wife.

Best regards, yours sincerely,

Colin Fereday.

Correspondence (conc'd)

From Bruce McKenzie, Rhodes House, Kenyatta Avenue, Nairobi, Kenya.

My dear Peter,

A very short and hurried note on my arrival home and prior to my departure for Europe on a quick trip to say that it was ever so kind of you to have arranged the dinner party in Sydney on the night of 19th November. It was a great pleasure in meeting a lot of 458 people again, especially Caesar Baird and Dick Watson.

I will be writing at greater length when I get back from Europe

Kind regards,

yours sincerely,
Bruce.

NEWS NOTE.

Don Bitnead was awarded the Cadet Forces Medal for long service with the Air Training Corps in N.S.W., recently. 458's hearty congratulations.

NEW SQUADRON CAR BADGES AVAILABLE SOON.

Acting on a decision of the last (Melbourne) Squadron Conference, the Squadron Council is arranging for a limited supply of special plastic 458 Squadron Car badges. These will be of a special durable plastic which adheres, by contact, with car windows, etc and can be removed and replaced at will for cleaning, etc. This plastic has been found most successful with other Car badges and is used by both the Air Force Association and the R.S.L.

Those members who will want one of the new badges, which will sell for \$1-00 each, post free, should send in the application form which appears at the bottom of this page. Delivery is expected around Anzac Day.

Congratulations.

Warmest congratulations from 458 Squadron News to regular Reader, Doug Orchard, of South Australia, on his recent award of the O.B.E. for many years distinguished service to the interests of airmen and ex-airmen, through the Air Force Association.

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To the Squadron Secretary (Bob Bruce),
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