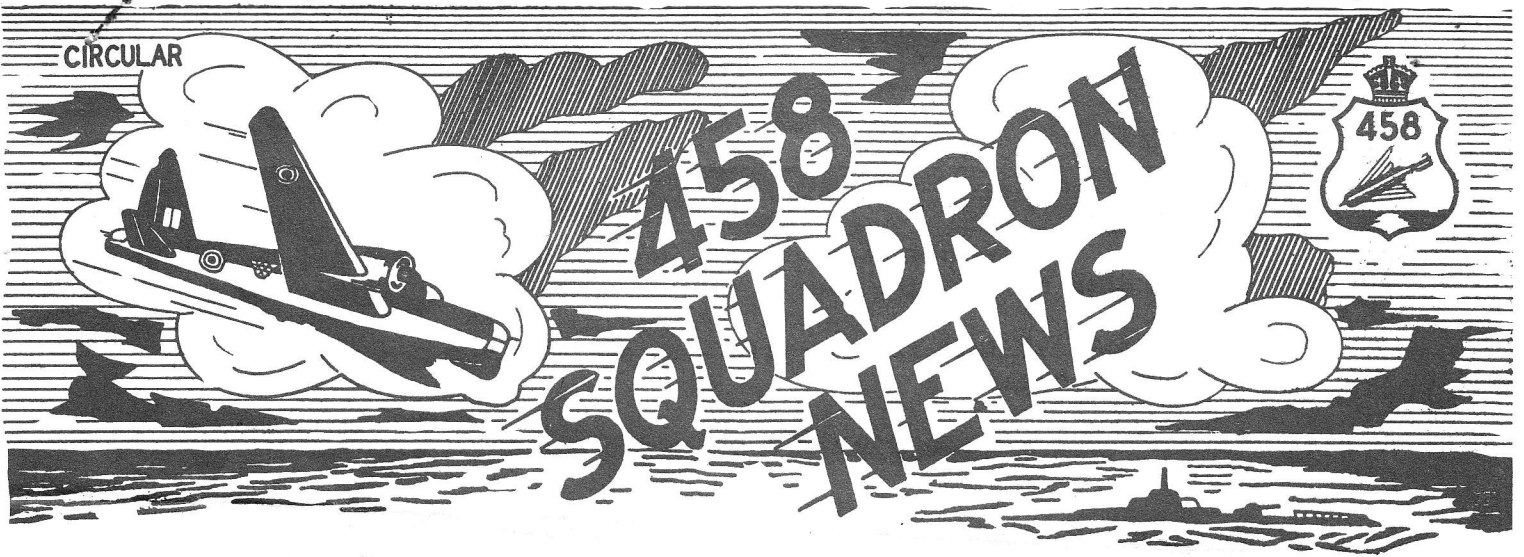


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SANDGROPPERS SAY.....

from Henry Etherton, 15, Chaffers St. Morley, W.A., 6062.

Newstime again, and I would like to say thanks to Bill and Joan Clues for helping us out while Vera and I were on the sicklist. We are back on deck again to take over our duties.

Our Christmas Do was a great success. We invited the wives and families along, and had a good roll-up: in all about 45 to 50 attended a barbeque at Bill and Joan Clues place. The young folk seemed to enjoy themselves and we are hoping to repeat the same next Christmas.

We are having the same type of Do, at the same address on the 23rd. Jan. to welcome to West Australia, Tom and Joan Hicks and family, who have migrated to this State under the Landalls Scheme. As far as I can trace it, Tom joined us at Protville as 2nd. Dickey to F/O Wells; and was in Douglas' Flight. He came out to see me, but, as he said he was going for a 5 minute run, he couldn't stay as we are about 12 miles from where he was staying. His address is only temporary so will let you know when he gets settled. We are hoping to meet them next Sunday night.

Charlie McCarthy and his wife, Ettie, have now retired and have left Cocos Island (in the mid Indian Ocean) and live at 84, Solomon Street, Fremantle. I haven't seen "Unc." yet, but had a note from him saying that he could not attend our Do on Sunday owing to previous arrangements, but I hope to keep in touch with him for future Get-togethers.

As you know, Ken McLeod has re-joined our ranks after being in Darwin for many years, and he would like to get in touch with Jack Parkin who is now in North Dandelup with a cheviot sheep stud, and I am passing on the address.

At this stage, we should like to wish Mrs. Chessell a speedy recovery as she has been "on Sick Parade" for a long time now. We hope to see her back at the Do's again soon.

Ron Gannaway, one of our stalwarts, is holding his own and shows this by his regular attendance at every function we have.

Cugley in the West.

Norm Cugley and his good lady are at present visiting W.A. but, as yet, we

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have not been able to contact them as they are on a conducted tour, but we hope to have them at the barbeque.

That is about all this time, so will wish all 458ers and their wives and families the best for the New Year.

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CROWEATER COMMENTS.

from Lofty Trewartha, 60, California Street,
Nailsworth, S.A., 5083.

Order of the Day.

Back at work, fit as a scrub bull and twice as dangerous. Thanks for the cards which I received and did not answer, and thanks to Jack Riseley for his prompt assistance with the Newsletter.

Garden Party.

In an effort to try and get some of the mob together for an earbash, Joyce Bertram, now Joyce Austin, and her husband, Dud, held open house at their home just before Xmas, on a Sunday morning.

From the amount of food prepared by Dud and Joyce, the attendance was somewhat disappointing. However, it was not until I had downed my sixth jug and latched onto Bert Ravenscroft's lug that I realised just how long it has been since we had a day together around a keg.

The Austins are for doing it all over again and I hope that a more enthusiastic response is made when the word goes out. Remember, it's later than you think! In attendance were:

Joyce and Dud Austin	Reg. and Jean Priest	Sid. and Pat Bartram
Lofty, Marg., and Sherri Trewartha		Harry and Floss Bartram
Bert and Lorna Ravenscroft	Arn. Scholar	Joan Dixon
David and Peter Scholar.		

Condolences.

Condolences are extended to Tom Phillis on the recent sad loss of his wife, Rose, who passed on recently.

Wedding Bells.

recently pealed out for Donna, youngest daughter of Jack and Verna Riseley. Donna was hitched up to young Adelaide stalwart, Dick Wheatley.

Travelling Taylors.

Bill and Madge Taylor have completed their plans for a holiday abroad. Bill informs me that he and Madge plan to do most of their travelling by air, and will include U.S.A., U.K., and Europe in their itinerary.

Anzac Day.

This year will probably be no different from other years inasmuch as we will probably have to rely on ring-ins to make a quorum. If you can get a leave pass, join the mob at the Assembly point, Victoria Square, and afterwards at the TALBOT HOTEL.

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IN HOLLIDAY MOOD.

O. Flight News from Jim Holliday, 43, Stella Street, Holland Park, Q.

(Title by the Editor !)

"Christmas comes but once a year"--so the old saying says.

Pity. We of the Brisbane contingent would like more frequent excuses so that we could go to Pres. Donny Brandon's home more often for those more often excuses we're wishing for. Great night. Great hospitality. Ideal conditions. Moreover, marvellous hosts, Joan and Don

