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WHO'S FOR RENMARK ?

458 Squadron members and wives have continued to apply to join the Squadron party on the Murray at Renmark later this year (July 12th-19th.) The names of the starters to date include with wives where applicable:

Sid Bartram, Clive Wyman, Don. Brandon, Bernie McLoughlin; Stan. Tarczynski. Harry Ashworth, Arthur Lehdey, Ian Alison, John Bilney, Jack Fleming, Ernie. Laming, Jim. Timms. B. McKinna, "Yank" Martin, Vin. Clohesy, Col. Hutchinson, Ray Turley, Bill Clues, Ted. Jewell, Peter McCarthy; Wal. Archbold, Eric Munkman, Stan. Longhurst, Sam Barlow, Fred. Strom, Noel Spurling.

It appears that there will be room for some family members to accompany the 458ers, including married children and their children. So, the organising committee invites applications--through Flight Secretaries. First come, first served. Of course, other 458ers will be joining the party in addition to the above-named.

This will be a great 458 occasion and thanks to the generosity of 458er Ian Showell, we are getting the use of the river boats without charge..

Application forms at the end of this News.

SANDGROPERS SAY

from Ted. Jewell, 65, Kirkham Hill Terrace, Maylands, W.A.

As I am now the new W.A.Flight Secretary I should really have plenty to report for my first newsletter, but things have been rather quiet over the Xmas period, have in the West.

At the end of November we had our usual Xmas Get-together with a Bar-B-Q at our home (Ted.and Elsie); about 30 members and friends came along and we all had a very enjoyable evening: the weather was warm and the beer was cold. But I would like to see more members make the effort to come along to future functions, meeting old mates and really enjoy themselves. Our next main roll-up will be on Anzac Day, with the service in the morning and the usual dinner with a beer or two in the afternoon.

Was talking to Bill Clues the other day, and he informed me that Ken. McLeod has now retired from the P.M.G. Henry Etherton has been in hospital for a gallbladder operation, but is now home, and coming along very well. All the best, Henry.

Sandgropers Say (cont.)

Am looking forward to our trip to Renmark in July:three couples are coming from the West. Could be we are all driving over.

Saw an article in the news about Junior Davies; haven't seen him since leaving Italy when we were on leave together. Wish to be remembered to him and hope to catch up with him, maybe on the way over in July.

Deepest sympathy to Rupert Chessell (Ches.) on the recent loss of his wife, Thelma, who passed away late last year.

Best wishes to all for the New Year. Ted. Jewell.

CROWEATERS' COMMENTARY.

from Jack Riseley, 38A Cooper Place, Beaumont, 5066.

Lofty Trewartha has asked me to take his job as scribe for the Croweaters this time round. He is off on a holiday for a couple of weeks.

Verna and I hosted a poolside party yesterday and although the attendance was not great, those who attended had a good time. Functions like these are very important, it is thought, because members are aware that something is happening and although they are sometimes unable to attend, like to have the opportunity from time to time to do so.

Flight President Bert Ravenscroft, and his wife Lorna; Madge and Bill Taylor, Pat and Syd. Bartram, Pat and John Carey with their daughter Julianne, Arn. Scholar and his sons David and Peter. and our daughters Donna and Gayle—the latter accompanied by her husband Brian and ourgrandson Justin graced the occasion. Many of them took to the water and had a splashing good time—enjoyed a hot chicken lunch with salads provided by the ladies, and a few grogs brought along by the boys. A raffle for a couple of bottles of icy cool champagne enabled us all to share a drink with the respective winners and put a few dollars in the Squadron kitty. Many apologies were received, among them being Ron. Badger, whose wife was off colour, Lofty Trewartha who had to visit a bowling club in the hills, Mel. Priest, Jack McGlasson, John Sherlock, who I understand is not too well, Ted. Creighton, and possibly others whose names have not been passed to me.

Lofty tells me he met a chap from 450 who ran into Curly O'Connor (my old "Sparring "Partner) while over in the West. Curly, he said, was suffering from arthritis and may have to retire early. If these facts are true we wish Curly "All the very "best, and sincerely hope you can get some relief in the immediate future."

With all good wishes from all of us here in S.A. to all the members in other States, I will sign off.

Q.FLIGHT ON PARADE.

from Jim. Holliday, 43, Stella St., Holland Park, 4121.

Joan and Don.Brandon again hosted the Xmas function for the boys and their wives of Brisbane City and surrounds. Sunday 7th.December was the day and it was a wet day. The rain poured down. But it didn't dampen the spirits. Indeed as the bottled spirits sank, the body spirits became more buoyant. Everyone was soon floating along on the high tide of festive fellowship, and we became as wet inside as we were outside. Of.course, we had to swallow a little water, and it is true that its taste improved with Teachers.

Hero of the day was Host Don., who battled with the elements to barbeque those beautiful Beenleigh steaks to a juicy brown perfection, despite the plop, sizzle, of the raindrops. The weather was defeated with a clever canopy of beach umbrellas that defied Jupiter Pluvius even more effectively than they do Old Sol. Moral, always keep a beach umbrella in the car boot ---you never know when it might rain..

The girls, under the skilful guidance of hostess Joan, turned up some superb trimmings that garnished the golden brown fillets to perfection. What a lovely way to say farewell to 1975. It was a good year --- the claret, we mean.

The McQuaid Wedding Parade.

Charlie Warren reports on the wedding of Tim.McQuaid's daughter up Barcaldine way. Charlie says it was not only the wedding of the year, but also the wedding of many a year.. Guests reported to him that it was one of the biggest and finest weddings of the district. The greatest pity was that Tim's elder

Q.flight (cont.) and most respected bachelor brother Danny ("Jacko") was stricken with a most painful illness that kept him from presiding over the wedding celebrations of his most favourite neice. Charlie was informed that 38 gallons were "lowered" plus sundry other liquids. Indeed, the count included some dozen of the best vintages forwarded by one of the town's most popular hoteliers.

Charlie's summing up: It was really worth the 1410 miles round trip to witness the great pleasure and pride of Tim.and Mrs.McQuaid in this most important event of their daughter's young life. And Charlie says she was beautiful.

CORNSTALK CAUCUS.

from Arthur Jollow, 40, Nicholson St., Chatswood, 2067.

I am sure that all 458 members everywhere will join in sending best wishes to Deborah Alexander, eldest daughter of Peter and Rita, who married Raymond Atkinson of Muswellbrook on Saturday January 24th. Reception was held at the bride's home:—and the official photographer was Frederick Strom, Esq., just to keep it in the 458 family. Deborah and Raymond have proceeded overseas to the U.K. where they will be based for about two years.

We were delighted to receive a cable of Christmas greetings from Bruce McKenzie, through the Squadron Council, It is always a pleasure to hear from or about Bruce. I wonder how many C.O.s have such a cordial relationship with those they commanded, after all this time, and are held in such deep and affectionate regard? All the best, Bruce, Christina and family, from all of us.

The Xmas ding at the country estate of Cy.and Elaine Irwin was,I am told,a great success. There was a good roll-up and as usual the host and hostess were wonderful. Thank you,Cy.and Elaine. Unfortunately,I was not able to attend,as the day coincided with the christening of my new grand-daughter.

We had a family Xmas; and early monday morning after Maureen amd husband Roy with 2 babies in back, were heading home for Coolah, just short of Mudgee they rolled the Peugeot 504 down a hill about five rolls, wrote off the car, and nobody got a scratch. The only dmage suffered was weals from the seat belts. Somebody up there likes us!

We have just received a dossier on the members of the Federal Executive of the Air Force Association——which contains names of three 458 members. Graeme Coombes, Cy. Irwin and Peter Alexander. A resume of professional and ex-service activities is given, and Peter's is so extensive one wonders how he ever found time to beget three daughters. They are all dedicated men and we are proud to be associated with them. They have brought great credit to 458 Sqdn.

Tess and I went to Mt.Isa for New Year—our first visit to the area—and found it most interesting. They are proud to have 47 nationalities there, living harmoniously. I went on a tour of the mine underground, which was quite an experience. Laden with heavy safety boots, lamp and battery, and safety hat, it is a day's work just to walk about carrying the weight. Temperature underground reached 40° C. plus and every opportunity to stand in front of a ventilator fan is grabbed with joy.

Had a letter from son, Michael, from West Berlin. He says the season in Europe is quite remarkable—they are like migratory birds. One week nothing, the next they descend in hordes. He says one thing he looks forward to when he returns in July, after three years, is lack of crowding. In Europe, wherever you go in the season "to get away from it all", the place is crowded with people "getting away "from it all."

I have run out of waffle, so will now shut up. Best wishes to all 458ers everywhere for 1976. Arthur Jollow.

CORRESPONDENCE:Letter to the Editor.

From Mrs. Hinsley, 12, Gramp Avenue, Angaston, South Australia, 5353.

Dear . Mr . Alexander ,

As my husband always looks forward to your 458 Squadron News that you send him from time to time ,I am writing some news. You know him as Paul

Correspondence (cont.)

Hinsley. Well, his daughter, Shirley Anne, was married on October 18th to Mr. David Webb, from Jamestown, S.A.. As Shirley had been a Cub Leader for 9 years, the Angaston Cubs formed a guard of honour for her. Paul was a very happy father that day. I hope you will be able to print this some time in your 458 Sq. News.

Yours sincerely, Mar Wineley.

to the young couple-and to Paul and his wife. We well remember Paul)

VALE.

JACK IND. 458 er of Orange, N.S.W.

458 Squadron News reports with deep regret the passing of another wellremembered 458er. Jack Ind a long time Fitter member of 458 in North Africa and elsewhere died in Orange recently. He had been ill and quite badly incapacitated, following a stroke, for some time.

In the post-war years though Jack lived in the country mostly he was nevertheless seen at quite a few 458 functions, including country and All-States Reunions. His quiet friendly personality remained as it had always been.

We shall miss him but will remember him. To his wife our sympathy. She was in hospital with a broken hip at the time of his death and pluckily attended the funeral in a wheelchair.

ON THE EX SERVICE FRONT.

Hotel, George St., after the Anzac March.

With the change of Australian Government and the longawaited presentation of the Toose Report on the repatriation system, many new
problems will confront the ex-service organisations. While the previous Government
did much good for ex-servicemen in its early days (thanks, we thought, to Lance
Barnard, a loyal ex-serviceman), in its closing days we thought the then Minister for
Repatriation, Senator Wheeldon, not easy to work with—indeed to meet at all. The
Australian Services Council, which is the joint consultative Federal body for
interested ex-service bodies, including the Air Force Association, has made very
early steps to meet and talk to the new Minister——Tasmanian Kevin Newman. Kevin
Newman has visited Sydney especially to be with the A.S.C. and to open its Annual
Meeting. Earlier he came to Sydney to be with the A.F.A. and also another ASC
member Association—the T.B.Soldiers Assn. We have appreciated these instances
of the Minister's wish to co-operate.

One of the things the Minister assured us, following our representations, was that it is Government policy that pensions, including repat.pensions, will be indexed with the cost-of-living. This is a promise we shall look to the Federal Government to keep.

As to the Toose Report, we shall study it with close attention and take any action necessary. P.C.A.

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