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## NOW FOR THE WELCOME TO ADELAIDE!

The 20th ALL-STATES REUNION of 458 Squadron starts in Adelaide on October 9th. It begins with a welcome by the State Premier, the Hon. David Tonkin, M.P. at the Compass Room, Haven Motor Inn, Glenelg. This is a very honourable welcome as well as a warm one, and it will start at 6. p.m. -- a half hour earlier than advised. Thereafter, will follow all the grand events of a real 458 All-States Reunion: -- golf, a Dinner Dance, a wreath-laying, a tour of the vineyards of Southern Vale, various get-togethers, tours, and a farewell function. Altogether, one for your memories.

See you there!

## CROWEATERS WAITING.

S.A. Flight news from Geoff. Esau.

Forward planning for the Reunion appears to be completed. One alteration for the timetable has been found necessary due to the Royal Visit to South Australia, and John Carey has written to all those coming, advising that the Reception at the Haven on Friday 9.10.81 will now commence at 6 p.m. instead of 6.30 to enable the Premier to attend prior to greeting the Queen at Adelaide Town Hall, scheduled for a little later.

It would be appreciated if those attending the Reception would arrive at least half an hour earlier to enable registration details, issue of name brooches, etc., to be completed by 6. p.m.

We hope that all remaining to ensure an enjoyable weekend is a marked improvement in the weather. Some 114 people are expected to participate! Thought for the day, contributed by Alexander Woolcott, on my calendar for 9.10.81 is (I quote): "I must get out of these wet clothes and into a dry Martini." Perhaps the weather doesn't really matter!

Personal Pars. An item in the Advertiser (28-7-81) mentioned Ken Russell having retired from the position of Managing Director of Adelaide Steamship Co. Pty Ltd., after some 46 years association. Ken will be remembered as a rather quiet character on 458 with his latent talents reasonably well camouflaged. His retirement, which we hope will be long and happy, includes directorships on the

Croweaters Waiting (cont.)

Boards of some half dozen affiliated companies, so, no doubt, time will not hang too heavily! From Ken comes news of the passing of Lloyd Letcher, another 458er, while serving as Accountant with Adsteam. I understand that Lloyd was not married. I express our sincere sympathy to his relatives.

Looking forward to October 9th, and with hopes of fine weather and good sailing for the Renmark mariners. Regards,

Geoff. Esau

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CORNSTALK CHAT.

from Don.Bitmead.

U.K.Reunion. Peter Alexander advised at our last Committee meeting that he has been successful in obtaining a tentative booking of 40 seats with a well-known airline, at attractive terms, to leave Sydney on April 19th, 1982.

Plaques. A supply of Squadron wall plaques will be available at the South Australian Reunion at a cost of \$20 ea.

Vale. We were saddened to receive a letter from Mrs. Nichols to say that her husband, Jack, passed away on 18th. May, 1981, after a long illness. Many of us used to call in to have a chat with him, particularly when he worked, with Hendersons Hats, near Central Station in the early post-war years.

Tasmanian News. We have received a letter from our popular wartime Padre, the Rt. Rev. Bob Davies, to say that he has retired as Bishop of Tasmania but will be pleased to see anyone who happens to be down that way. For those who do not know, Bob became Bishop of Tasmania many years ago. 458 members were well represented at his consecration as a Bishop, at St. Andrews Cathedral, Sydney.

From New Zealand. Bev. and I were very pleased to have Archie Fell and his wife drop in whilst they had a short stop-over before going to Queensland to visit their daughter. Both looked very well.

Sick List. I've had a long 'phone chat with Alf. Hammond, who says he's feeling better every day and now enjoying a couple of drinks when he can walk to his Club. He is hoping to visit the Greek Islands with Enid next year, if well enough. After 13 weeks in Concord where he underwent heart, neck and leg surgery, he is now attending physio courses at the hospital, over 3 months. Keep plugging on, Alf.

Sorry to learn that Arthur Jollow has had to enter hospital for a short spell. As a result he has had to cancel his proposed Murray River cruise with the Squadron. Look after yourself, Arthur.

Ethnic Dinner. Another pleasant evening was spent, this time at the Rasputin Restaurant in the Glebe, when Russian food was served. Those in attendance were: Eric and Dorothy Munkman, Stan and Jean Longhurst, John and Moira Dunn, Merv and Rousha Hargraves, Peter and Rita Alexander, Lloyd and Betty Johnson, Graeme and Dulcie Coombes, Bruce and Linda Dean, Don and Bev. Bitmead. Any Squadron member/friends is welcome to attend these evenings. If interested, please contact me..

The Deans, Munkmans and Alexanders later dined with Lloyd and Betty Johnson, at the Sydney Business Club, of which Lloyd is President, as representatives of 458, to join in celebrating the Club's 25th anniversary.

Cheers for now.

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SANDGROPPERS SAY.....

from Ted. Jewell.

Not much to talk about at the moment. Here in the West we have had a cold and wet winter; but the last week things are starting to look better. Everyone here is looking forward to the All-States Reunion in Adelaide next month. We have ten couples who should be there for the functions. Bill and Joan Clues, Ted and Elsie Jewell, Tim and Poss Dale, Peter and Doreen McCarthy, Jim and Lucy Palmer, Bob and Kath. Shearman, Tom and Betty Howard, Ray and Marg. Turley, Charlie and Betty Davis, Henry and Vera Etherton.

For the International Reunion in Britain, Bill and Joan Clues, Ray and Marge Turley and Ted and Elsie Jewell have already booked and paid their fares--so reckon we are half way there.

Sandgroppers Say.....(cont.)

Our last function was a day out at the A.F.A. H.Q. at Bateman, with pre-luncheon drinks, followed by a nice smorgasbord lunch, which was most enjoyable. When we eventually got everyone mobile again, we went through the Aviation Museum, which is very well put together and brought back some old memories. We had about 30 at the luncheon which was very pleasing, though sickness prevented some couples from coming along.

Our next outing will be an Xmas fundion yet to be arranged. It has been very heartening with good roll-ups at all previous functions during the year. If there are any other members interested in attending future functions, please contact Bill Clues or myself. We are always glad to see old mates again. All the best, Ted.

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NEXT COMES THE 2nd. INTERNATIONAL REUNION OF 458 SQUADRON--LONDON, April, 1982.

With this copy of the Squadron News, most members will receive a copy of the planned itinerary for our return to the United Kingdom around Anzac time, 1982. While the final form of the itinerary may vary a little it will present a well organised and interesting combination of Squadron interest and general tourism interest. Reunion with the U.K. Flight, visit to Holme-on-Spalding Moor, travel with 458 friends--and freedom to do ones own thing afterwards. Provided one leaves with the organised party, one gets the advantages of being with the Party but can arrange to return separately at a different date if one wishes. The fare (at present fare level) will cover all travel during the official period, all accomodation, all meals, all sight-seeing --- as nominated in the Itinerary. It is \$1795 (variable until ticketed, if there are fare rises announced).

Will members, families and friends interested, and we hope there will be many, please contact our authorised travel agent, Mr. Vic. Williams, RSL Travel, 215-217, Clarence Street, Sydney, 2000 (Tel. 331 3121) DIRECT. All States catered for.

It will greatly help if they will do so before the end of October 1981.

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QUEENSLAND IN FULL FLIGHT. Q.Flight News from Jim. Holliday.

We had another wonderful Sunday lunch barbeque with the Baxters. The lovely home of Kitty and Jack on one of the canals on the Gold Coast is not only delightful but ideal for a winter's day in the sun. Sel Foote supplied the 'juicy steaks' from a specially selected beast from his own beef fattening property. Sel's barbeque sausages achieve new heights in taste. As usual, Kitty and the girls turned on some really delicious "trimmings". The boys didn't occupy all their time consuming refreshments. Jack taught them all a lesson in both billiards and snooker. Incidentally, Jack has a luxury liner with another which was once the pride of the Commodore of the Port Phillip Yacht Club. A most delightful day deserving every word of the thanks spoken by President Jack Lewis on behalf of the boys and girls.

Retirements. Two further retirements have been announced. Ian Higlett has finally passed the pressure on to younger folk and retired to enjoy the Moreton Bay breezes at 47 Kalimba Avenue, Clontarf. Eric Lloyd after establishing a most successful Real Estate business at Coolumb on Queensland's rapidly expanding Sunshine Coast, has sold out to Brisbane's most popular radio personality, Wayne Roberts. Eric Lloyd seeks news of K.J. Mellor, the first commander of A.Flight when 458 was established at Holme-on-Spalding Moor. W/Cdr. Mellor has given up his poultry farm in Tasmania. Eric believes he has moved to Newcastle, N.S.W., Eric welcomes any news.

The Airbus and other craft. On the last day of August, the Brisbane Courier-Mail published a large article on the "Jolly Giant"---T.A.A.'s new Airbus. Bang in the middle of the article was a giant sized photograph of smiling Johnny Rosenberg. It seems that John had flown the TAA Airbus from France direct to Brisbane. The only hitch in the flight, via Bahrain, Madras, and Singapore was to dodge a flight of Saudi jet fighters over Middle East airspace. John says "I've flown everything from Tiger Moths to 727s, and the Airbus is a magnificent aeroplane. It handles extremely well "it's flexible and economic and its nice to fly." He comments that the engine design of the two General Electric engines is a significant improvement over the DC 9s and 727s.

Personal Pars. Bernie Hughes has already commenced his pilgrimage to the Melbourne Cup, and after that he carries on to the Adelaide Reunion. Tony Stone has been plagued with a persistent and yet to be detected chest ailment this winter. Laid him up in hospital a couple of times. He's praying for an early return of Summer.

Chas. Warren, too, has been "chesty"; a condition arising from some chest trouble a couple of years ago. The prang at Malta has been catching up with Jim. Mackay. The old



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back has been playing up. It seems the years are catching up with us old codgers.

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VICTORIAN NEWS

from Stan.Tarczynski.

Would ViC.Flight members please note that payment of subscriptions and any other monies and correspondence should be forwarded to Ken.Morkham,19, Terang Avenue, Burwood East, 3151--our Flight Secretary.

A telephone call was received from Ray Jackson, 16, Neave St., Hawthorn East, 3123, Tel. 823835 enquiring the whereabouts of Geoff.Wright, believed to be in Sydney. Ray is Hon.Sec. of the RAAF Rhodesia Association and trained with Geoff in Rhodesia (Answer:843 Pittwater Road, Collaroy, 2097, NSW--Ed.)

As there is no other news, we will continue with a run-down on the backgrounds of Vic.members:

Ted and Grace LOVE. 8, Scotts Parade, Ivanhoe. They have two married boys with five children and another son and daughter still living at home. Ted enjoys good health, and having retired varies his interests, with golf and horse racing, and is a member of Rotary and Legacy.

Vin and Nancy CLOHESY 72, George Street, Hamilton. Here is a couple we see regularly at the Interstate Reunions--and no wonder; after 29 years with VicRail and payola after five years retirement! however he has not been idle. President 1978/9 Hamilton RSL sub-branch and now a committeemember; doing plenty of gardening, fishing and bowling. He says he is keen on house-boating. Would this be a reminder for Renmark in October? Daughter Lynette and husband conduct a local newsagency with the assistance of three sons, and son David has a pigeon pair, also living at Horsham. Vin occasionally sees Roy Rabone and Alan Brown--both local residents;

Bill and Ann HURFORD. 20/18 Golden Avenue, Chelsea, 3196. Retired over a year ago and with continuing good health enjoys home life, social golf and, in his own words, "caravan (also one of Shorty Wilson's mob); Life Member, Chelsea Meals on Wheels Auxiliary. His three sons are well established: Brian, 23, in the R.A.A.F.; Geoff, ex-Army, Fitter Helicopters; Ian, maintenance engineer with Rheem.

Ian and Val ALISON. 10A, Black Street, Mont Albert, 3127. Ian is a self-employed Advertising Artist and hopes to retire by the end of the year. With this in view he is building a retirement home in the country; does painting (on Commission), plenty of travel in a caravan, enjoys bowls at Harry Ashworth's club, Melbourne Bowling Club. He complains of a very bad back "Not from the usual 458 reason". His younger son, Jeffrey, has graduated as a doctor, now at Prince Henry's and eldest son, Chris., is a chemist at M.M.B.W.. Daughter Katherine, 20, is hoping to join the workforce; and none are married;

Ernest and Jean LAMING 28, Barwon Avenue, Reservoir, 3073. We all know Ernie but he put a question mark against his nickname in the Questionnaire. Although retired over three years, he is still Hon.Sec. of the Reservoir Old Boys Football Club and active in the Regular Defence Forces Welfare Association, Masonic Lodge, and Corps of Commissionaires. Ernie's health is fair, aggravated by blood pressure, and Jean is suffering from loss of memory. He is looking forward to a visit from daughter Joy, with her two sons for the school holidays. His son, Peter, is now working for the Northern Territory Government, after 15 years in New Guinea.

Findlay (Mick) and Frances HUNTER. 34 Rundell Street, Ararat, 3377; Mick retired over five years ago and enjoys reasonably good health. His main interests are fishing, bottle collecting (hopefully, not the kind over which some Melbourne residents have trouble with their Garbos), rock polishing and landscape painting. His eldest son works in a Bourke Street, C.B.A. Bank; No.2 son is a Telecom Sales Manager, and the eldest child, a daughter, is married to a farmer. Collectively, there are seven grandchildren. Mick also sends news of Reg. Hansell, of Mona Vale, N.S.W. who retired last Xmas and is now O.K. after heart surgery.

George and Ann COWAN 12, Kent Court, Toorak; will be retiring in a couple of years as Managing Director of Nathan Hearing Aids, Pty Ltd., He has two sons, with one married, and a grandson. We don't see a lot of George, but he does spend a lot of time on Legacy, of which he is a past President in Melbourne. His interests are golf and fishing.

Jack and Joy GUTHRIE --and during the '39-'45 period Jack was known as "Gussy". They live at 14, Balfour Street, Doncaster, 3108, and he is enjoying life as a five-year retired Headmaster. He is obviously a family man as his interests are gardening, his home and family, which comprises two sons, a daughter and five

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Grandchildren. After all those years we trust he is happy with the copy of the genuine libretto of "Lagos Lagoon".

Kenneth Blackmore and Beatrice Lucy MORKHAM "Chiefy" and Bea live at 19, Terang Ave., East Burwood, 3151. This chap has been the backbone of Vic. Flight for many years, and without his efforts it is doubtful if this organisation in Victoria would still be in existence. Not so long ago he retired from Ferguson Transformer Co. Pty Ltd., as Victorian Company Manager, and after one month was recalled to the same job. In addition to being Sec-Treasurer of Vic. Flight, he is on the Committee of the 3000 strong R.A.A.F. Europe, of R.A.A.F. Jubilee, and a member of Doncaster R.S.L. To contain his high blood pressure, he plays, with Beat., one of the less strenuous sports--croquet. His other hobbies are electronics and records. However he doesn't mention the wonderful colour film he made at the Perth Reunion, with sound track, including a censored version of one of "Yank's" specials.

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BRITISH BULLETIN

from Sid. Thompsett.

--Harry Bishop, Norman Duke and I have had meetings about your Party's visit to the U.K. One of the trips I feel you must make is a visit to Hendon, where I believe one of the very last Wimpeys is on view. I have heard from the 3 West Australian members about accomodation but you are arranging that from Aus.

The programme as we see it includes 23rd April--an informal Get-together at your hotel; 24th April Squadron Conference and that Evening Squadron Dinner at the St. Ermins Hotel; 25th Wreath on the Cenotaph and then visit to Knowle (Bruce McKenzie's old home)--and then next day to York and Holme-on-Spalding Moor.

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W.P. Adams	82, Alma Road, Padstow, 2211
W. Addinal	19, Camira Street, Maroubra, 2035
J.S. Aitken	286, Taren Point Road, Caringbah, 2229,
D. Anderson	Ravensworth, Hay, 2711
P.C. Alexander	46, Hawthorn Avenue, Chatswood, 2067,
W. Archbold	"Cross Creeks", Ourimbah, 2258,
A.N. Ashton	Yanderra, 2691,
F. Ayres	109, Cecily Street, Lilyfield, 2040,
A.J. Baillie	95, Headland Road, North Curl Curl, 2099,
R. Bailey	26, Parsley Road, Vaucluse, 2030,
H. Baines	New Brighton Hotel, The Corso, Manly, 2095,
W.D. Baird	90, Whale Beach Road, Whale Beach, 2107,
E.J. Baker	22, Lukes Avenue, Kenthurst, 2154,
L.J. Barlow	9, Grayling Road, West Pymble, 2073,
D. Bennett	25, Sparkle Avenue, Blacktown, 2148,
C.J. Bevan	5/12, Marr Street, Wollomong, 2500,
D.G. Bitmead	11, Scarborough Street, Kogarah, 2217
M. Bracker	52/36A Macleay Street, Potts Point, 2011,
G.M. Bradd	72, Doyle Road, Revesby, 2212,
G.S. Brain	"Glenanbra", Nesbits Road, Deniliquin, 2710,
T. Bridge	Wandandian via Nowra, 2540,
S.R. Bruce	10/1679, Pacific Highway, Wahroonga, 2076
H. Bryant	2, Maitland Avenue, Kingsford, 2032,
R. Burgess	222, Parkway Avenue, Hamilton, 2303,
D.J. Cameron	83, Mossman Street, Armidale, 2350,
A.E. Campbell	3, Horace Street, St. Ives, 2075,
C.A. Campbell	64, Bundarra Avenue, Wahroonga, 2076.,
H.C. Campbell	Bangalow Road, Ballina, 2478,
G. Catchlove	28, Victoria Avenue, East Willoughby, 2068,
L. Chalmers	Box 11, P.O., Nelson Bay, 2315,
W.H. Chapman	67, Blue Gum Road, Jesmond, 2299,
N. Christie	16, Bradden Street, Blacktown, 2148,
H.G. Clarke	Flat 7, Penshurst Court, 202/204, Penshurst St., Willoughby, 2068,
H. Coffill	"Starsight", Condobolin, 2877,
D. Cook	10, Homer Street, Winston Hills, N.S.W.,
G.F. Coombes	5, Par Close, West Pymble, 2073,

N.S.W. Addresses (cont.)

C. Corten	2, Arcadia Crescent, Berowra, 2081,
K. Cousins	38, Lynbarra Avenue, St. Ives, 2075,
C. K. Crago	2, Elizabeth Street, Avalon Beach, 2107,
B. Crawford	39 Thompson Street, Cootamundra, 2590,
L. Crowley	Glengarry, N.S.W.,
L. Dawes	12, Poitrel St., New Lambton, 2305,
B. Dean	69, May Street, Longueville, 2066,
A. S. Dombkins	282, Woollooware Road, Cronulla, 2230,
J. Dunn	92, General Holmes Drive, Brighton-le-Sands, 2216,
M. Egan	4, John Dwyer Road, Seven Hills, 2147,
K. Everett	"Kyoma", Llangothlin, 2362,
J. Fenwick	26, Wakehurst Parkway, Seaforth, 2092,
C. G. Fereday	49, Corranderrick St., Reid, A.C.T., 2600,
W. Fiddes	200, Brighton Avenue, Toronto, 2283,
D. Fields	Awaba, 2301,
H. F. Galvin	47, Lewin Street, Canberra, A.C.T., 2600,
R. Gilkes	30, Townson St., Blakehurst, 2221,
C. L. Green	920, Pittwater Rd., Deewhy, 2099,
K. Gunn	17, Johnson Street, Forbes, 2871,
J. Hamilton	P.O. Box 16, Tenterfield, 2372,
W. Hamilton	University College, Aust. National University, Canberra, A.C.T., 2600,
A. Hammond	11, Jarrett St., Campsie, 2194
M. Hargraves,	79, Beach Street, Coogee, 2034,
J. S. Hawke	P.O. Box 511, Orange, 2800,
C. Hayward	189, Evans Parade, Cronulla, 2230,
R. D. Healey	5, Greenfield Place, Forestville, 2087,
F. Hickey	106, Perouse Rd., Randwick, 2031,
D. G. Holland	"Ungula", Wellington, 2820,
H. Holmes	"Tilparoo", Obley Park, Dubbo, 2830,
J. A. Hosking	67, Eton Street, Sutherland, 2232,
W. G. Hull	8, Wingrove Avenue, Epping, 2121,
G. Hyles	"Sharrow", Bungendore, 2621,
C. P. Irwin	9, Clifford Road, Leura, 2781,
H. Jenkins	181, Galoola Drive, Nelson Bay, 2315,
W. Johnson	P.O. Box 345, Deniliquin, 2710,
A. W. Jollow	40, Nicholson Avenue, Chatswood, 2067,
A. J. Kerry	85, Galston Road, Hornsby, 2077,
W. Laughlin	P.O. Box 114, Deniliquin, 2710,
A. Lehdey	Clover Hills, Pleasant Hills, Henty, 2658,
S. Longhurst	29, Beattie Avenue, Ryde, 2112,
J. Lynch	2, Monash Street, Dee Why, 2099,
E. W. Lyndon	31/2-6, Birkley Road, Manly, 2095,
W. McBride	68, Quigg Street, Lakemba, 2195,
C. W. McCrae	123, Broadarrow Road, Beverley Hills, 2209,
P. McCulloch	6, Allison St., Dubbo, 2830,
W. McFadden	Imperial Services Club, 33 York St., Sydney, 2000
A. J. C. McGowen	119, Patrick St., Hurstville, 2220,
D. McGuigan	15, Richard Rd., St. Ives, 2075,
Very Rev. J. F. McKay	65, Baroona Rd., Northbridge, 2863,
J. MacKellar	c/o T.A.A. Operations, Mascot, 2020,
A. S. McLean	148, Kyle Parade, Kyle Bay, 2221,

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