

WELCOME

to our

ALL STATES

REUNION



Vickers Wellington

HOSTED by THE N.S.W. FLIGHT

held at NELSON BAY N.S.W. 11th to 16th october 1987

PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1987

We do hope that your motel is all you expected and don't forget you will have to buy a carton or two, should you find the need, as most are dry.

Our reception is at the Nelson Bay R.S.L. Club (refer map). While at 6.30 p.m. start was indicated, reception will remain open until 8.30 p.m. Name tags will be issued at the reception area and any outstanding money collected.

MONDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1987

PORT STEPHENS BAY CRUISE departure at 9.00 a.m. from the pier (refer map). Arrival back around 4.00 p.m. We stop for lunch at the famous Moffat's Oyster Barn for a beaut fish lunch, including sweets and tea/coffee. For those interested in the oyster industry, a tour of the leases has been arranged. The cruise boats "Temboi Queen" and "The Myall Explorer" both seat 100 people.

Monday evening is free but there are plenty of clubs and good places to eat.

TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1987

BOWLERS today is the day, Stuart Ricketts is the man. Starting time to be announced at the R.S.L. Function.

NEWCASTLE VISIT travelling on a regular coach service, details also to be announced.

BEACH BARBECUE to be held at the Neil Carrol Park, details also to be announced (refer map). Bring your wife, your camera and yourself. Ladies . . . the barbecue is being catered for, so you don't have to put up with his lousy cooking.

Tuesday evening is free so follow up where you left off on Monday night.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1987

WILLIAMTOWN R.A.A.F. BASE CONDUCTED TOUR coaches depart from your motels at approximately 9.15 a.m. The tour will take a couple of hours in which you will be given the opportunity to study at close range the F.18 "Hornet" and other aeroplanes of the R.A.A.F. Sorry . . . they are fresh out of Wellingtons.

SQUADRON CONFERENCE will be held at 2.30 p.m. at the R.S.L. Club for the National and International Delegates.

DINNER AT THE BOWLING CLUB. Air Commodore Denis Robertson and his wife will be our guests of honour at this 458 Squadron occasion. The Air Commodore is O.I.C. Tactical Fighter Group. Coaches leaving motels at 5.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. and returning from club at 11.00 p.m. and 11.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1987

OUTSIDE FISHING is the first event of the day for the early birds. Departure about 5.30 a.m. from the wharf. Bob Lyndon is in charge of this event.

GOLFERS hit off is at 8.30 a.m. and local identity Loftus Chalmers will be your Officer-in-Charge.

ROSE GARDEN coaches will pick up from motels about 2.30 p.m. There will be a scenic trip around the many acres of garden, then cocktails in the garden area. This will be followed by a pig on the spit dinner and other fine foods. Most of our raffles will be drawn here, so don't miss out. Group Captain L. N. C. Dunn and his wife will be our guests of honour (Officer Commanding, Base Support Wing, Williamtown).

FRIDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1987

STAND DOWN! Some will stay on and enjoy the Nelson Bay area. We of the N.S.W. Flight have enjoyed your company, please come again.

As J. Wellington Wimpy says "Bye for Now."



AUTOGRAPHS

BYE
FOR
NOW



CALL THE ROLL

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THOSE
ATTENDING OUR 1987 REUNION
HELD AT NELSON BAY / WILLIAMTOWN N.S.W.



ALEXANDER	Peter & Rita	46 Hawthorne Ave.	CHATSWOOD	N.S.W.	2067	(02)	419 5024
ALISON	Ian & Valerie	10a Black St.,	MONT ALBERT	VIC.	3127	(03)	898 5927
★ANDERSON	Don & Joan		MALVA BAY	N.S.W.	2536		
ARCHBOLD	Walter & Dora	3 Pasadena Ave.	BATEAU BAY	N.S.W.	2261	(043)	32 9228
ASHTON	Arnold & Jessie	80 Osborne Ave.	UMINA BEACH	N.S.W.	2257	(043)	41 1980
ASHWORTH	Harry & Nell	13 Harverson Drive	ROSEBUD	VIC.	3939	(059)	86 6604
BAILEY	Ralf	26 Parsley Rd.	VAUCLUSE	N.S.W.	2030	(02)	337 4401
BAILIE	Peter & Jean	95 Headland Rd.	DEE WHY	N.S.W.	2099	(02)	939 6276
BAINES	Harry & Nita	P.O.Box 179	MANLY	N.S.W.	2095	(02)	949 1295
BAKER	(Black) Jack	12a/11 Pembroke St.	EPPING	N.S.W.	2121	(02)	868 1357
BAKER	(Red) Jack	13 McLean St.	CESSNOCK	N.S.W.	2325	(049)	33 2295
BARLOW	Kevin	6-11 Kidman St.	COOGEE	N.S.W.	2034	(02)	665 7963
BARLOW	Sam & Maisie	9 Grayling Rd.	PYMBLE	N.S.W.	2073	(02)	498 4954
BARTRAM	Syd & Pat	U 65/18 McHarg Rd.	HAPPY VALLEY	S.AUST	5159	(08)	381 4593
BAXTER	John & Kitty	U 45/146 The Esplanade	BURLEIGH HEADS	Q'LAND	4220	(075)	35 0787
BEVAN	Jack & Lucy	7/14-16 Corrimal St.	WOLLONGONG	N.S.W.	2500	(042)	28 9912
BILNEY	John	8 One Tree Hill Rd.	FERNEY CREEK	VIC.	3786	(03)	755 1309
BITMEAD	Don & Beverley	11 Scarborough St.	MONTEREY	N.S.W.	2217	(02)	587 2007
BRAIN	George & Beatrice	9 Mazamet Cres	DENILIQUIN	N.S.W.	2710	(058)	81 1821
BROWN	Ken & June	17 Land St.	MULWALA	N.S.W.	2647	(057)	44 1822
BRUCE	Bob	P.O.Box 49X	WAHRONGA	N.S.W.	2076	(02)	476 1233
CAREY	John & Pat	20 Sprod Ave	TOORAK GARDENS	S.AUST	5065	(08)	332 5031
CHALMERS	Loftus & Zelma	P.O.Box 11	NELSON BAY	N.S.W.	2315	(049)	81 2393
CHAPMAN	William & Ann	67 Blue Gum Rd.	JESMOND	N.S.W.	2299	(049)	55 9049
CLOHESY	Vin	72 George St.	HAMILTON	VIC.	3300	(055)	72 3138
COOMBS	Graeme & Dulcie	114 Allchin Circuit	KAMBAH	A.C.T.	2902	(062)	31 0009
COUSINS	Keith & Cassie	38 Lynbara Ave.	St.IVES	N.S.W.	2075	(02)	449 1637
CRIBB	Bill & Pat	47 Jeffcott St.	NORTH ADELAIDE	S.AUST	5006	(085)	79 3209
CROWLEY	Laurie & Betty	"Vic Park" Temora Rd.	JUNEE	N.S.W.	2663	(069)	24 7252
CUTBERTSON	Gordon & Peg	44 Avanti St.	MERMAID WATERS	Q.LAND	4218	(075)	55 1157
DANGAARD	Bob & Vera	P.O.Box No.3	MAREEBA	Q.LAND	4880	(070)	92 2015
DUNN	John & Moya	92 General Holmes Dve.	BrightonLeSands	N.S.W.	2216	(02)	59 1593
ETHERTON	Henry & Vera	15 Chaffers St.,	MORLEY	W.AUST.	6062	(09)	279 2524
EVANS	David & Betty	1 Livingstone St.	RESERVOIR	VIC.	3073	903)	354 1684
EXCELL	John & Ruth	82 Swanport Rd.	MURRAY BRIDGE	S.AUST	5253	(085)	32 1843
EVERETT	Ken	"Kyoma "	LLANGOTHLIN	N.S.W.	2365	(065)	79 1493
FEREDAY	Colin	49 Coranderrk St.	REID	A.C.T.	2601	(062)	47 9278
FIDDES	Bill & Inge	40 Yoolaria Cres.	NELSON BAY	N.S.W.	2315	(049)	81 4980
FIRTH	Dave	P.O.Box No.46	ROBINVALE	VIC.	3549	(050)	26 3024
FLEMING	John & Dorothy	25 Manning St.	St.LEONARDS	VIC.	3223	(052)	57 1613
FOOTE	Selwyn & Joan	47 Thomas St. FlindersView, IPSWICH		Q.LAND	4305	(07)	288 8579
★FORMAN	Charles	35 Winslow Cres. S.W. CALGARY, ALTA , CANADA		T3C 2R2		(403)	242 5271
GILES	Ian & Beryl	17 Hill St.	BELMONT	VIC.	3216	(052)	43 3962
HAMILTON	Jack & Elsie	P.O.Box 16	TENTERFIELD	N.S.W.	2372	(067)	36 1216
HEMMING	Jeanette						
HOLLIDAY	James & Peg	43 Stella St	HOLLAND PARK	Q.LAND	4121	(07)	397 5209
HURFORD	Bill & Ann	1/9 St.Johns Ave.	FRANSTON	VIC.	3199	(03)	783 9181
IRWIN	Cy	3/23 Cecil St.	ASHFIELD	N.S.W.	2131	(02)	798 3585
JOHNSON	Bill & Gwen	P.O.Box 345	DENILIQUIN	N,S,W,	2710		
JOLLOW	Arthur & Tess	40 Nicholson St.	CHATSWOOD	N.S.W.	2067	(02)	419 3538
KENNEDY	Les & Flora	102 Rathkealel	BALLARAT	VIC.	3350	(053)	30 1867

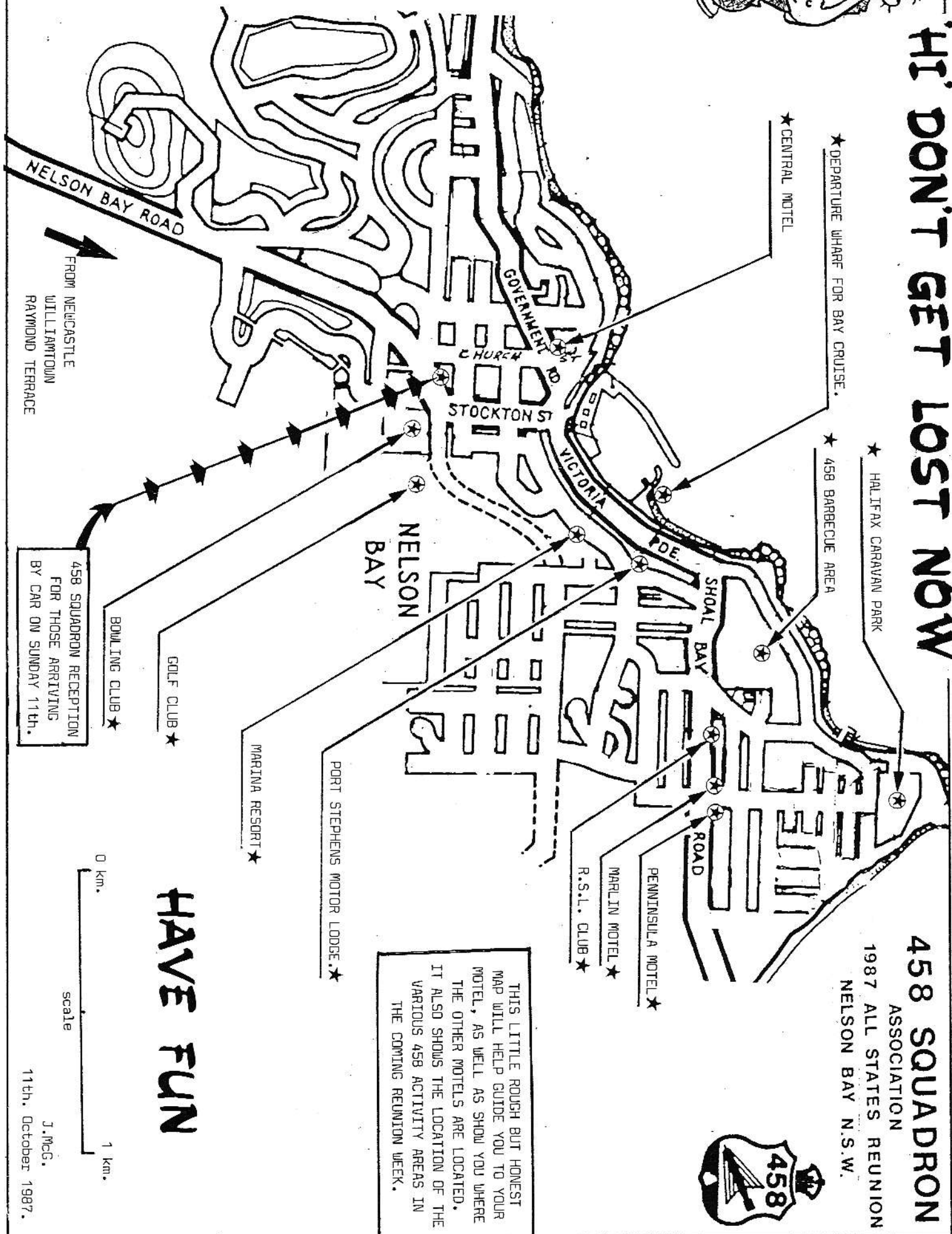
LAMI.	Ernest & Helen	35 Manton St.,	HEIDELBERG	VIC.	3084	(03)	459 9547
LEONARD	Peter & Eileen			U.K.			
LEWIS	Jack & Evelyn	5 Cupania St.	VICTORIA POINT	Q.LAND	4163	(07)	207 7984
LLOYD	Eric & Bridie	247 David Lew Way	PEREGIAN BEACH	Q.LAND	4573	(071)	48 1201
LONGHURST	Stan & Jean	29 Beattie Ave.	RYDE	N.S.W.	2112	(02)	809 4902
LYNDON	Bob & Pat	31/2 Birley Rd.	MANLY	N.S.W.	2095	(02)	949 3316
MERCER	Ken & Peggy	Burngate Cottage, Burton Ferry	MILFORD HAVEN, DYFED, WALES	U.K.	SA73 1NW		
MILLAR	Bob & Pat	23 Thompson St.,	GLADESVILLE	N.S.W.	2111	(02)	817 5877
MILLER	Ron & Enid	5 Mills Place	GRIFFITHS	N.S.W.	2680	(069)	62 2507
MOBBS	Walter & Betty	111 West St.	BALGOWLAH	N.S.W.	2093	(02)	94 3217
MOORE	Harold & Sandra	38 Austral St.	NELSON BAY	N.S.W.	2315	(049)	81 3809
MOORE	Tom & Val	P.O.Box 242	ORANGE	N.S.W.	2800	(063)	63 1336
MORKHAM	Ken & Beatrice	19 Terang Ave.	BURWOOD EAST	VIC.	3151	(03)	288 3116
MUNKMAN	Eric & Dorothy	15 Keldie St.	FORESTVILLE	N.S.W.	2087	(02)	451 0824
MURRAY	Cyril & Hettie	10 Hockley Rd.	EASTWOOD	N.S.W.	2122	(02)	85 4620
McGOWEN	Jock & Anne	119 Patrick St.	HURSTVILLE	N.S.W.	2220	(02)	502 1689
McKAY	Dudley & Enid	5 Marisa Ct.	CALOUNDRA	Q.LAND	4551	(071)	91 3059
★McDougall	Ray & Aileen	21 North St.	MARYBOROUGH	Q.LAND	4650	(071)	21 5060
McLOUGHLIN	Bernie	38 Ashgrove Ave.	ASHGROVE	Q.LAND	4060	(07)	38 1540
PALMER	Jim & Lucy	R.M.B. 473	KOJONUP	W.AUST	6395	(098)	25 3081
PEARCE	Rupert & Beth	46 Mt.Pleasant Rd.	NUNAWADING	VIC.	3131	(03)	878 2932
PETTIT	Pete	26 Dudley Ave.	ROSEVILLE	N.S.W.	2069	(02)	46 5464
PURCILL	Eric & Gloria	5 Hillcrest Ave.	ORANGE	N.S.W.	2800	(063)	62 2387
RAVENS-CROFT	Bert & Lorna	11 Thornton St.	HENLEY SOUTH	S.AUST.	5022	(08)	356 9442
RICHARDS	Max & Marje	48 Stockton St.	NELSON BAY	N.S.W.	2315	(049)	81 2635
RICKETTS	Stuart & Iris	3 Milling St.	GLADESVILLE	N.S.W.	2111	(02)	817 2414
RUSSELL	Ron & Joan	25 Harcourt St.	DONCASTER	VIC.	3108	(03)	848 3120
SCHOLAR	Arnold	74 Corruna Ave	EDWARDSTOWN	S.AUST	5039	(08)	276 6606
SCHOLES	Rob & Mary	65 Raglan St.,	TAMWORTH	N.S.W.	2340	(067)	66 4469
SHOWELL	Ian	P.O.Box No.1	REMARK	S.AUST	5341	(085)	85 1352
SILBEREISEN	Lou	74 Pellatt St.	BEAUMARIS	VIC.	3193	(03)	589 1401
SIMPSON	Lock	P.O.Box No.81	MOUNT HAWTHORN	W.AUST	6016		
SIMPSON	Stan & Marie	34 Kelly St.	SCONE	N.S.W.	2337	(065)	45 1845
SINGE	Mick & Mavis	26 Liston St.	BURWOOD	VIC.	3125	(03)	29 7637
SMITH	Bob & Dorothy	191 Wangee Rd.	GREENACRE	N.S.W.	2190	(02)	759 8924
STONE	Tony & Moyra	1 Somerset Ave.	BANDORA POINT	N.S.W.	2486	(075)	54 1845
STROM	Fred & Lil.McG.	48 Galston Rd.	HORNSBY	N.S.W.	2077	(02)	477 2121
TAIT	Kevin	16 Walker St.	SOMERTON	S.AUST.	5044	(08)	294 9927
TURIER	Bill & Dorothy	103 Gordon Ave.	HAMILTON	N.S.W.	2303	(049)	69 2014
TURLEY	Ray & Marjory	7/219 Marmon St.	PALMYRA	W.AUST	6157	(09)	339 6028
VERITY	Ron & Mary	80 Gayhurst Rd.	CHRISTCHURCH	N.Z.		(03)	85 8891
WARD	Frank & Thelma	50 Castle Hill Rd.	WEST PENNANT HILLS	N.S.W	2120	(02)	84 2443
WARREN	Chas & Pet Wil.	63 Brownsliip Rd.	ENOGGERA	Q.LAND	4052	(07)	355 4480
WHEAT	Al & Joy	5 Park Ave.	GERALDTON	W.AUST	6530	(099)	38 1710
WHITEM	Jim & Dorothy	10 Vest Place	WEETANGERA	A.C.T.	2614	(062)	54 2723
WILKS	Frank & Hilda	302 Hume St.	TOOWOOMBA	Q.LAND	4350	(076)	35 1582
WYMAN	Clive & Joan	121 Dewar Tce.	CORINDA	Q.LAND	4075	(07)	379 1187
WYMAN	Trevor & Berenice	10 Summer St.,	LAIDLEY	Q.LAND	4341	(075)	65 1523

★ WITHDREW AT THE LAST MOMENT DUE TO PERSONAL REASONS.



458 SQUADRON

ASSOCIATION
1987 ALL STATES REUNION
NELSON BAY N.S.W.



THIS LITTLE ROUGH BUT HONEST MAP WILL HELP GUIDE YOU TO YOUR MOTEL, AS WELL AS SHOW YOU WHERE THE OTHER MOTELS ARE LOCATED. IT ALSO SHOWS THE LOCATION OF THE VARIOUS 458 ACTIVITY AREAS IN THE COMING REUNION WEEK.

HAVE FUN

OK.

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scale

J. McG.

11th. October 1987.

BLESS 'EM ALL



<i>johnno</i>	W/CDR. LOU JOHNSTON C.O.
<i>the colonel</i>	COLONEL MCKENZIE S.A.A.F. C.O.
<i>the big dig</i>	W/CDR. RODNEY MACKAY
<i>ceasar</i>	BAIRD
<i>the black panther</i>	GORDON VALE
<i>buster</i>	BALMER
<i>crutchie</i>	HUTTON
<i>otto</i>	MANN
<i>tear arse</i>	BAKER
<i>bubbles or butch</i>	POWER
<i>pontooney</i>	PIGGOT
<i>slappy</i>	HAMMOND
<i>doc</i>	ANGOVE
<i>timber</i>	WOOD
<i>skeeta</i>	STAVELEY
<i>donga</i>	DANIELS
<i>curley or huckelberry finn</i>	O'CONNOR
<i>black jack</i>	BAKER
<i>red jack</i>	BAKER
<i>goldie</i>	BARTLETT
<i>flash</i>	BATTON
<i>ned</i>	KELLY
<i>ace</i>	O'LEARY
<i>pop</i>	NATION
<i>frenchie</i>	LeGRAND
<i>pop</i>	LEWIS HUGHES
<i>unk</i>	McCARATHY
<i>red</i>	McRAE
<i>lofty</i>	TREWATHA
<i>dicer</i>	W/CDR. DOWLING C.O.
<i>yank</i>	MARTIN
<i>red</i>	MELLOR
<i>tweetie</i>	BIRD
<i>chico</i>	MERCER
<i>ding</i>	CONWAY
<i>matron</i>	JENKINS
<i>ugley</i>	CUGLEY
<i>junior</i>	DAVIES
<i>dizzy</i>	DEAN
<i>champ</i>	FABIAN
<i>pud</i>	MERIDITH
<i>bluey</i>	FIRTH
<i>rinso</i>	PURCILL
<i>pappy</i>	RAE
<i>smiler</i>	RAVENS CROFT
<i>hi ho silver</i>	LOU SILBEREISEN
<i>the chow</i>	MICK SINGE
<i>linghi</i>	STEWART
<i>shorty</i>	WILSON
<i>wuzel</i>	WURR
<i>massa</i>	FOOTE
<i>toosie</i>	TAYLOR
<i>tich</i>	GRIFFITHS
<i>boozie</i>	BOTH
<i>farmer</i>	GILES
<i>dusty</i>	MILLAR
<i>lofty</i>	CHALMERS
<i>snowy</i>	FENNELL
<i>sharkey</i>	EDWARDS
<i>the gentleman welder</i>	BILL FIDDES

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SOME OF THE IDENTITIES OF 458 SQUADRON, BY NO MEANS A COMPLETE LIST.

R.A.A.F. SLANG

NOT PECULIAR TO 458 SQUADRON.



<i>adj</i>	ADJUTANT
<i>ammo</i>	AMMUNITION
<i>apron</i>	CONCRETE AREA IN FRONT OF THE HANGAR
<i>bale out</i>	HIT THE SILK, LEAVE THE AIRCRAFT BY PARACHUTE
<i>belly landing</i>	TO LAND WITH WHEELS UP
<i>blackouts</i>	W.A.A.F. ISSUE KNICKERS, DARK COLOUR FOR WINTER USE
<i>bought it</i>	KILLED IN ACTION, SHOT DOWN
<i>browned off</i>	FED UP, BORED TO TEARS
<i>belt up</i>	SHUT UP
<i>binding bastards</i>	THOSE WHO CONTINUALLY COMPLAIN, ABOUT NOTHING MOSTLY
<i>blue [up the]</i>	FAR UP INTO THE WESTERN DESERT.
<i>bint</i>	FEMALE NATIVE
<i>bung</i>	MALE NATIVE
<i>chai</i>	CUP OF TEA, OR SO THE N.A.A.F.I. CALLED IT
<i>chiefly</i>	FLIGHT SERGEANT, SOMETIMES CALLED OTHER NAMES.
<i>clue less</i>	IGNORANT, VERY DULL, NO BRAINS
<i>clapped out</i>	WORN OUT AIRCRAFT, UNSUITABLE FOR OPERATIONS
<i>do a bunk</i>	LEAVE WITHOUT PERMISSION, GO A.W.L.
<i>in the drink</i>	TO CRASH LAND IN THE OCEAN
<i>deck</i>	THE RUNWAY OR GROUND IN GENERAL, " HIT THE DECK "
<i>dicy</i>	DIFFICULT OPERATION, "A DICY DO"
<i>desert happy</i>	BONKERS DUE TO TOO LONG UP THE BLUE (see above.)
<i>desert lily</i>	A COMPLEX ARRANGEMENT OF ANGLED KEROSENE TINS, WITH SUITABLE HOLES, AND MANY FLIES. USED AS A URINAL THROUGHOUT THE DESERT
<i>erk</i>	ANY OF THE GROUND CREW
<i>fizzer</i>	A CHARGE, TO BE PUT ON A FIZZER, TO BE CHARGED WITH AN OFFENCE
<i>flip</i>	A SHORT FLIGHT IN AN AEROPLANE
<i>gong</i>	A MEDAL FOR BRAVERY
<i>ground loop</i>	AN AIRCRAFT SWING ON TAKE OFF OR LANDING
<i>gen</i>	INFORMATION
<i>pukka gen</i>	GOOD INFORMATION, " STRAIGHT FROM ORDERLY ROOM "
<i>duff gen</i>	POOR INFORMATION, VERY DOUBTFUL SOURCE.
<i>george</i>	AUTOMATIC PILOT
<i>good gutz</i>	THE BEST INFORMATION, LIKE PUKKA GEN
<i>close the hangar doors</i>	STOP TALKING SHOP
<i>kite</i>	ANY AEROPLANE
<i>mae west</i>	LIFE SAVING INFLATABLE VEST
<i>on your knees</i>	VERY TIRED
<i>pack up</i>	CEASE TO FUNCTION
<i>pancake</i>	LAND WITH WHEELS UP
<i>piece of cake</i>	AN EASY ASSIGNMENT OR OPERATION
<i>pull your finger out</i>	GET ON WITH IT
<i>prang</i>	CRASH LAND
<i>piss poor effort</i>	AN UNSUCCESSFUL OPERATION
<i>queen mary</i>	A LONG SEMI TRAILER TO CARRY AEROPLANE FUSELAGES AND WINGS
<i>ropey</i>	VERY POOR, AS IN "ROPEY LANDING."
<i>rookie</i>	A NEW RECRUIT, STILL WET BEHIND THE EARS.
<i>shit storm</i>	A " KHAM SIN ", OR DESERT DUST STORM, BLOODY AWFUL.
<i>scrounge</i>	TO OBTAIN BY ANY MEANS, MOSTLY FOUL
<i>scrub</i>	TO CANCEL, AS IN OPERATIONS
<i>shaky do</i>	DANGEROUS OPERATION
<i>shoot a line</i>	TO BOAST ABOUT ONE'S DOINGS, DRINKING, FLYING OR FEMALE
<i>sprog</i>	A NEWLY COMMISSIONED OFFICER
<i>latrine rumour</i>	GENERALLY A SOURCE OF VERY GOOD INFORMATION
<i>shoofty</i>	" LETS HAVE A LOOK "
<i>sacred acre</i>	THE PARADE GROUND, " THOU SHALT NOT WALK ACCROSS "
<i>twilights</i>	W.A.A.F. ISSUE KNICKERS, LIGHT COLOUR FOR SUMMER USE.
<i>wimpy</i>	VICKERS WELLINGTON AIRCRAFT OF ANY MARK, CALLED AFTER THE "POPEYE" CARTON CHARACTER, " J. WELLINGTON WIMPY."

there are many more of these, but most do not stand up in front of the ladies.

WIMPY TOPICS



★ WHEREAS THIS LIST OF TOPICS CAN NOT BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE, IT IS SUPPLIED IN ORDER TO GIVE YOU A FEW EXTRA PIECES OF KNOWLEDGE WHICH MAY NOT BE KNOWN TO YOU.

THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM MANY BOOKS, ALL OF IT CAN BE CONSIDERED WELLINGTON HISTORY AND EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO SEE THAT IT IS 100% CORRECT, NO RESPONSIBILITY CAN BE TAKEN FOR ANY ERRORS OR INCORRECT FIGURES, HOPE YOU AGREE.

★ DIMENSIONS OF THE WELLINGTON COMPARED WITH A BOEING 747 AND A F.18 HORNET.

SPAN	85 ft. 2 ins.	195 ft. 4 ins.	37 ft. 6 ins.
LENGTH	64 ft. 7 ins.	231 ft. 4 ins.	56 ft. 0 ins.
LOADED WEIGHT	30000 lbs. approx.	775000 lbs.	47000 lbs.
RANGE	1500 miles.	5000 miles.	633 miles.
CEILING	18000 ft.	45000 ft.	? ft.
SPEED	235 m.p.h. (max)	582 m.p.h.	1370 m.p.h.
PAY LOAD	4000 lbs.	250000 lbs.	18000 lbs.

★ WHEN A WELLINGTON HIT 235 m.p.h., IT HAD TO BE PRAYER TIME FOR ALL ABOARD.

★ THE FIRST WELLINGTON FLEW ON 15th. June 1936.

THE LAST WELLINGTON MADE, FLEW ON 25th. October 1945, a Mk.10, No. RP 950.
AFTER 19 YEARS IN PRODUCTION, 11461 WERE MADE, MORE THAN ANY OTHER BRITISH BOMBER.

★ No. 99 SQUADRON R.A.F. WAS THE FIRST TO BE EQUIPPED WITH WELLINGTONS, 10th. October 1938.

THE LONGEST SERVING WELLINGTON SQUADRON WAS No. 38. FROM 1938 to 1946.
JUST BEFORE ALEMAIN, SOME OF 458 GROUND CREW SERVED WITH No.38, JUST OUT OF ALEXANDRIA.

★ 458 SQUADRON WAS EQUIPPED WITH WELLINGTONS DURING ITS WHOLE ACTIVE LIFE.
FROM AUGUST 1941 AT HOLME ON SPALDING MOOR TO JUNE 1945 AT GIBRALTAR.

★ OUR FIRST CODE LETTERS WERE "F.U." LATER CHANGED TO "M.D."
"F.U." WAS USED WHEN WE WERE WITH BOMBER COMMAND IN ENGLAND EARLY IN OUR CAREER.

★ IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO FIND AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF BUILDING A WELLINGTON BOMBER, THE NEAREST WE CAN COME UP WITH IS 15000 POUNDS.

★ THERE WERE SOME 70 WELLINGTON SQUADRONS, MADE UP APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS:

R.A.F.	48, DEPENDS ON POLISH AND CZECH NUMBERS.
R.N.Z.A.F.	1
→ R.A.A.F.	3, only 458 remained on WELLINGTONS.
R.C.A.F.	12
S.A.A.F.	1
POLISH	4, not really clear just how many.
CZECH	1, not really clear just how many.
FLEET AIR ARM 6, over and above the R.A.F.	

★ IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT ORDERED A SQUADRON OF WELLINGTONS , BEFORE THEY COULD BE SUPPLIED THE WAR HAD STARTED AND THEY WERE LEFT IN ENGLAND AND THUS WAS BORN No. 75 SQUADRON R.N.Z.A.F.

FROM No.75 SQUADRON CAME SGT, J.A.WARD, THE ONLY WELLINGTON VICTORIA CROSS WINNER OF THE WAR. BY CLIMBING OUT ON THE MAINPLANE HE PUT OUT AN ENGINE FIRE WHILE HIGH OVER ENEMY TERRITORY.

★ ON THE DAY WAR BROKE OUT, 3rd. September 1939, THERE WERE ONLY 175 WELLINGTONS EXISTING. OF THIS NUMBER ONLY 160 WERE ON ACTUAL SQUADRON STRENGTH.

★ COMPARATIVE TOTAL PRODUCTION OF R.A.F. BOMBERS FOR THE WAR PERIOD.

→ WELLINGTON.	11461.
LANCASTER.	7377.
HALIFAX.	6176.
BLENHEIM.	5371.
STIRLING.	2381.
WHITLEY.	1814.
HAMPDEN.	1585.

→ WIMPY TOPICS. ←

★ THE WELLINGTON WAS PROBABLY THE ONLY, IF NOT THE ONLY AIRCRAFT TO OPERATE IN ALL COMMANDS OF THE R.A.F., EXCEPT FIGHTER COMMAND.

THERE ARE NO DOUBTS SOME PILOTS WHO WOULD CLAIM THE WELLINGTON SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN FIGHTER COMMAND, AS THEY AND THEIR CREWS FOUGHT THEIR WAY OUT OF SOME PRETTY TIGHT CORNERS.
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★ DESPITE THE MASSIVE TOTAL OF 11461 WELLINGTONS MADE DURING THE WAR PERIOD, ONLY THREE SURVIVE TO-DAY.

A MARK 10 WHICH IS IN HENDON R.A.F. MUSEUM IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, No. MF 628.

A MARK 1c WHICH CRASHED INTO LOCH NESS ON 31st October 1940, THIS WAS No. N2980, AND WAS RECENTLY RECOVERED FROM THE LOCH, AND IS NOW BEING REBUILT, THIS AIRCRAFT WAS FROM No. 20 O.T.U.

WITHIN THE LAST FEW MONTHS YET ANOTHER WELLINGTON WAS RECOVERED FROM A HILLSIDE AT BRAEMAR IN SCOTLAND, THIS AGAIN A MARK 1c, AND WAS No. L7775, IT CRASHED 23rd. OCTOBER 1940. ONCE MORE IT WAS BEING FLOWN FROM No. 20 O.T.U..

WE DO OWE No. 20 O.T.U. A VOTE OF THANKS, AT LEAST THEY DID THEIR BEST TO SAVE TWO WELLINGTONS.

NO ONE ELSE SEEMED TO BOTHER, THE BRAEMAR MACHINE IS WINGS, ENGINES, REAR FUSELAGE AND TAIL ASSEMBLY AND THE YORKSHIRE AIRCRAFT MUSEUM IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN BUILDING THE MACHINE UP INTO A STATIC DISPLAY AND IS LOOKING FOR BITS AND PIECES..
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★ THE VARIOUS MARK NUMBERS OF WELLINGTONS AND THE NUMBERS MADE IS SET OUT BELOW.

Mark	1	prototype	1 made	Pegasus engines	Prototype
Mark	1		181 made	Pegasus engines	Medium Bomber
Mark	1a		183 made	Pegasus engines	Medium Bomber
Mark	1a	(D.W.1.)	4 made	Pegasus engines	Anti Magnetic Mines, ["wedding ring WIMPY"]
Mark	1c		2547 made	Pegasus engines	Medium Bomber
Mark	1c	(T.B.)	138 made	Pegasus engines	Torpedo Bomber, used by 458 early in Middle East
Mark	II		401 made	Merlin engines	Medium Bomber
Mark	III		1519 made	Hercules engines	Medium Bomber
Mark	IV		220 made	Pratt & Whitney	Medium Bomber, used by 458 in England.
Mark	V		3 made	Hercules engines	High Altitude Bomber, experimental, 37000 feet.
Mark	VI		64 made	Merlin 60 engines	High Altitude Bomber, with longer wings 40000 ft.
Mark	VIII		65 made	Pegasus engines	Medium Bomber
Mark	VIII (T.B.)		271 made	Pegasus engines	Torpedo Bomber with A.S.V. Radar.
Mark	VIII (Leigh.)		58 made	Pegasus engines,	Anti Submarine, with Leigh Light.
Mark	X		3803 made	Hercules engines	Medium Bomber
Mark	XI		180 made	Hercules engines	Torpedo Bomber
Mark	XII		58 made	Hercules engines	Coastal Rec, Bomber.
Mark	XIII		844 made	Hercules engines	General Rec. Bomber.
Mark	XIV (Leigh)		841 made	Hercules engines	General Rec. Bomber, used by 458 at Gibraltar
Mark	XVIII		80 made	Hercules engines	Crew Trainer.
		TOTAL.	11461 made		

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★ SOME INTERESTING HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT THE WELLINGTON.

WHEN FIRST ORDERED FROM VICKERS IT WAS KNOWN AS " THE CRECY " THIS CHANGED TO " WELLINGTON ".

PLAIN MR. BARNES WALLACE , LATER SIR BARNES WALLACE INVENTED THE " GEODETIC " METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION, IT HAD THE ADVANTAGES OF LIGHTNESS, EASY CONSTRUCTION, TO PROVE THIS POINT A COMPLETE WELLINGTON WAS MADE IN ONE DAY, TO ANSWER THE SCEPTICS.

WALLACE FIRST EXPERIMENTED WITH "GEODETICS" IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE R100 AIRSHIP.

THEN WHEN HE JOINED VICKERS HE DESIGNED THE WORLDS FIRST " GEODETIC " AEROPLANE,

THIS WAS THE SINGLE ENGINED (Pegasus) LONG RANGE BOMBER OF ABOUT 1935, CALLED " THE WELLESLEY". AN OUTSTANDING MACHINE IN ITS DAY, IT QUICKLY CAPTURED THE WORLDS LONG DISTANCE RECORD FROM THE RUSSIANS BY FLYING FROM ISMAILIA, EGYPT TO DARWIN.

A DISTANCE OF 7157 MILES, THIS RECORD WAS NOT BROKEN UNTIL WELL INTO THE '50's HAVING STOOD FROM 1938, ONE OF THE TWO WELLESLEYS WAS RECENTLY FOUND IN NORTHERN TERRITORY.
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★ FOLLOWING THE WELLESLEY, CAME THE WELLINGTON, AND THE GEODETIC DESIGN PROVED ITS WORTH IN COMBAT, WELLINGTONS STAGGERED BACK TO BASE WITH ENORMOUS DAMAGE AND THEY EARNED THE LOVE AND AFFECTION OF THOSE WHO FLEW THEM AND THOSE WHO WORKED ON THEM. ALTHOUGH AT TIMES SOME OF THE GROUND CREW REALLY BELIEVED THEM TO BE HITLERS SECRET WEAPON.
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→ WIMPY TOPICS. ←

★ AT THE SAME TIME, IN FACT A LITTLE BEFORE, THE WARWICK WAS CALLED UP BY THE AIR MINISTRY, THIS WAS A LARGER VERSION OF THE WELLINGTON, BUT OWING TO THE NON AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE HIGH POWERED ENGINES THE WARWICK WAS HELD SO FAR BACK THAT IT SOON WAS OVERTAKEN BY THE NEW GENERATIONS OF FOUR ENGINED BOMBERS WHICH BECAME THE FRONT LINE OF BOMBER COMMAND.

HOWEVER THE WARWICK FOUND A PLACE IN THE COASTAL COMMAND SERVICE AND WENT ON TO SAVE MANY AN AIRMAN FROM A COLD FATE IN THE OCEAN BY DROPPING LARGE LIFE BOATS AND OTHER LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT, THERE WERE NOT A LOT MADE, BUT AGAIN IT PROVED GEODETICS.
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★ FOLLOWING THE WARWICK WAS THE WINDSOR, THIS WAS THE LAST OF THE GEODETICS, IT WAS A FOUR ENGINED MACHINE WITH A WHEEL UNDER EACH ENGINE NACELLE, AND FITTED WITH REMOTE CONTROLLED 20 mm GUNS MOUNTED TWO EACH SIDE IN THE INBOARD MOTOR NACELLES. IF THE WAR HAD CONTINUED THIS GUN DESIGN WAS TO BE FITTED TO LANCASTERS. PROBLEMS EXISTED WITH THE HIGH SPEED PERFORMANCE OF GEODETICS COVERED WITH FABRIC AND ONLY THREE WINDSORS WERE MADE, BEFORE HOSTILITIES CEASED.
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★ WHEREAS NOT OF GEODETIC CONSTRUCTION IT WAS AN UNUSUAL VICKERS DESIGN AND DESERVES A MENTION. AND THAT WAS THE VICKERS 432, HIGH ALTITUDE FIGHTER, THIS MACHINE WAS A LONG WAY AHEAD OF OTHERS HAPPY AT 37000 FT WHICH WAS TERRIFIC IN 1941, THIS MACHINE THEN FITTED WITH 6 CANNONS, ALL 20 mm. WAS THE HEAVIEST ARMED FIGHTER AT THE TIME BY FAR. ONLY ONE PROTOTYPE WAS BUILT AS THE R.A.F. CONSIDERED THAT THE ENEMY WAS NOT GOING TO USE HIGH ALTITUDE BOMBING.
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SOME OF THE WELLINGTONS WARTIME FEATS.

★ WELLINGTONS OF No.9 and No.149 CARRIED OUT THE FIRST BOMBING RAID IN WORLD WAR II, 14 AIRCRAFT BOMBED WARSHIPS IN BRUNSBUTTEL.
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★ A MARK Ic DROPPED THE FIRST BLOCKBUSTER, 4000 POUND BOMB OF THE WAR, ON EMDEN 1st APRIL 1941.
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★ DURING THE FIRST 1000 BOMBER RAID ON COLOGNE, GERMANY, ON 30th. MAY 1942, THERE WERE SOME 599 WELLINGTONS INVOLVED.
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★ WELLINGTONS WERE CLEARED TO TOW GLIDERS BEFORE "D" DAY, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME LONGITUDINAL STRETCH PROBLEMS WITH THE GEODETICS.
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★ DURING THE SEIGE OF MALTA EXPERIMENTS WERE CARRIED OUT USING WELLINGTONS TO TOW BOTH HURRICANES AND SPITFIRES TO THE BESEIGED ISLAND, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS TASK ACTUALLY HAVING TAKEN PLACE, THE FIGHTER PROPELLORS WERE REMOVED AND THE TOWLINE WAS ATTACHED TO THE PROPELLOR BOSS, AND THE PROP WAS STOWED IN THE WIMPY.
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★ FROM THE FILM " THE DAM BUSTERS ". THE WELLINGTON WAS SEEN OFF THE COAST OF SCOTLAND DROPPING THE FIRST EXPERIMENTAL SPINNING BOMB, WHICH LATER BREACHED THE GERMAN DAMS.
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★ DURING 1942 A WELLINGTON WAS MODIFIED TO HAVE A WHITTLE JET ENGINE IN THE REAR TURRET POSITION. AND MANY EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHTS WERE UNDERTAKEN AROUND ENGLAND., THESE FLIGHTS CAUSED MUCH CONSTERNATION AMONGST THE WATCHING POPULATION AS AN AEROPLANE FLYING WITH BOTH ENGINES FEATHERED WAS NOT ALTOGETHER AN EVERYDAY SIGHT.
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★ WELLINGTONS FOUND THEMSELVES BEING USED FOR THE TESTBED OF THE ROLLS ROYCE DART ENGINE AFTER THE WAR. THIS WAS THE ENGINE THAT POWERED THE VICKERS VISCOUNT, AN AIRCRAFT WELL KNOWN TO MOST AUSTRALIANS.
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★ THE WEDDING RING WIMPY, MENTIONED IN THE LIST OF MARKS EARLIER WAS FITTED WITH A STANDARD FORD V-8 ENGINE TO POWER THE GENERATOR FOR THE MAGNETIC MINE RING EXPLODER, THIS ENGINE WAS LATER CHANGED TO A GIPSEY MAJOR AS THEY MUCH LIGHTER THAN THE FORD UNIT.
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★ EXPERIMENTAL WELLINGTONS WERE FITTED WITH A 40 mm CANON IN THE DORSAL POSITION AND SOME HAD TWIN TAILS TO AVOID DESTRUCTION OF THE TAIL AND TO INCREASE THE FIELD OF FIRE.
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Mark XIV's WERE FITTED WITH UNDERWING ROCKETS, ALTHOUGH 458 NEVER GOT ANY OF THESE ON STRENGTH.
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★ WELLINGTONS WERE MODIFIED AS 18 SEAT TROOP TRANSPORTS.
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WICKERS WAS AND STILL IS A FAMOUS NAME IN BRITISH WARTIME AND PEACETIME AVIATION.

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11th. October 1987.

J.McG.



BOOKS PUBLISHED ON THE VICKERS WELLINGTON.

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★ WELLINGTON SPECIAL [our raffle prize]

by Alec Lumsden.

This is probably the "WELLINGTON BIBLE", first printed 1974, this book has been out of print for many years, only available from Second Hand Bookshops, very hard to get, price around 25 pounds.

★ ACTION STATIONS. No.4

by Bruce Barrymore Halpenny.

This volume No.4 deals particularly with Military Airfields of Yorkshire and gives some good information and photos of Holme on Spalding Moor. published 1982 Being reprinted now, price about 12 pounds.

★ WELLINGTON WINGS.

by F.R.Chappell.

This is an R.A.F. Intelligence Officer's day by day story of his time in the Western Desert, first published 1980, it deals mainly with 205 Group, of which we were not members. This book is now out of print, was 9 pounds approx.

★ WELLINGTON AT WAR.

by Chaz Bowyer

A very good general story of the WELLINGTON, it could be said to be nearly as good as WELLINGTON SPECIAL, first published in 1982, priced then at 10 pounds, it is currently being reprinted.

★ VICKERS WELLINGTON CRASH LOG. 1937-1942.

by David J.Smith.

This is a compilation of all WELLINGTON crashes that took place, it would appear to deal with flights out of United Kingdom airfields, it lists 458 Squadrons' first loss as;

22/10/41 No.R1765, Near Aldershot, Hants, Ran out of fuel, crew abandoned

currently out of stock, price about 5 pounds.

★ THE WELLINGTON BOMBER

by Chaz Bowyer.

Just published (1986), this delightful book gives some incredible and often hair raising accounts of action in WELLINGTONS , highly recommended, available now ex stock. price 13.50 pounds, (by Air Mail \$ aust 55.00 !!)

★ THE VICKERS WELLINGTON I & II

by Profile Publications.
C.F.Andrews.

A very interesting lot of information dealing with the Mark I and Mark II WELLINGTONS, has lots of illustrations some in colour, Only 16 pages but well worth finding a copy, if you can. Printing date not known, but had to be 197?. original price only two shillings.

★ WE FIND AND DESTROY.

by Peter Alexander.

Our own 458 story, this is the second impression, the first is now getting to be a collectors item, [priced about \$ 50.00], there will not be another printing. On sale at the reunion, " DONT GO HOME WITHOUT IT "

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