

458 SQUADRON NEWS.

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SINCE OUR LAST NUMBER:

The first Squadron Golf Day was held at Campbelltown Golf Links on Sunday, August 27th, and was really enjoyed by those members and their families who attended. The party arrived by train about 11.a.m., walked out to the Links (it being a pleasant day) and played a round in the morning. They then had lunch together in the very attractive club house. It was a fine and sunny day, and it would have been hard to think of anything much nicer than the very cold beer the Club had waiting for us. After lunch another nine holes were played - scores being rather lower - and members returned to the Clubhouse for an hour's relaxation before going home. Incidents of the day? Well, there were none, though we admired the magnificent non-comment of the Squadron Treasurer (who incidentally returned the best score) after driving two successive golf balls off the course. We also noticed, (we couldn't help it) the number of golf balls the Squadron Secretary put into the creek that crosses the Links several times.

Tennis.

A Challenge Match was played at Bellevue Hill against the Air Force Club all day on Sunday, September 3rd. We had a fine but windy day. Scores were:

<u>Men's Doubles</u>		<u>Mixed Doubles</u>	
<u>458 Squadron</u>	<u>A.F.C.</u>	<u>458 Squadron</u>	<u>A.F.C.</u>
Millar ) Alexander )	(Emmerson (Evers, H. 6	Burgess ) Miss Routledge )	(Ross (Mrs. Evers 3
Piggott, L. ) Burgess )	(Jagger (Evers, W. 3	Doman ) Miss Machin )	(Jagger (Mrs. Calver 4
Doman ) Barlow )	(Ross (Vivian 4	McKay ) Mrs. McKay )	(Emmerson (Mrs. Millar 5
McKay ) Alexander )	(Calver (Wignall 6	Piggott ) Mrs. Piggott )	(Calver (Mrs. Cooper 2
Piggott ) Burgess )	(Emmerson (Evers 2	Barlow ) Miss Machin )	(Vivian (Mrs. Evers 4
Alexander ) Millar )	(Jagger (Evers 3	McGrane ) Mrs. McKay )	(Mrs. Cooper 3
Doman ) Barlow )	(Calver (Wignall 4		
Doman ) Burgess )	(Ross (Jagger 4		

A number of Women's Doubles were also played. Overall, the Air Force Club won the challenge. We hope to have a return match later.

Squadron Reunion.

The Twelfth Reunion was held at 330 George Street on Friday, September 22nd. These fifty-five members attended: Bob Smith, Jack McPhee, Doug. Bennett, Stuart Ricketts, Col. Corten, Cliff. Hayward, Lofty Chalmers, Jack Bevan, Laurie Kew, Noel Griffiths, Eric Munkman, Cec. Nation, Fred Strom, Black-Jack Baker, Ernie Doman, Pete Campbell, Tony Harris, Peter Alexander, Geoff. Danby, Geoff. Cannon, Dick Healey, Jack McDonald, Wal Clarke, Tom Moore, Graeme Coombes, Red-Jack Baker, Alf. Hammond, Sam Barlow, Harry Baines, Jack Aitken, Col. Campbell, Bert Thompson, Geoff. Burgess, Wal. Archbold, Bob Lyndon, Bob Bruce, Bob Millar, Frank Mullane, Bill Hull, Alan Piggott, Lofty Bracker,

Dick Cattenach, Tom Mitchell, Ray Davies, Fred Ridge, Allan Macmaster, Bill Perkins, Merv. Hargraves, Allan Walker, Snowy Piggott, Dud. McKay, Goldy Bartlett, Henry Bryant, Jimmy Wren, Fred Ayres.

We have held our Reunions in at least five different places since the end of the war, but these basement premises, formerly occupied by the Air Force Club, seem to have been as well liked as any. A particular effort was made to get as many members as possible who were at Foggia and Gibraltar to this Reunion and a Special Summons was sent to a number of such members, most of whom came or sent apologies. (Some did not, which was disappointing as a Special Summons is not sent out lightly). Near the entrance was a special "Gibraltar" Decoration (which, by the way, someone seems to have souvenired). A report by the Committee was handed to members on arrival and this was amplified by the President (Peter Campbell) in a brief speech. He reminded members that 458 Squadron was probably the most active organisation of its kind in Australia. Ray Davies, speaking during General Business, said that he himself had only recently started to attend Squadron functions. He recommended members to go to these functions as he could assure them they'd have a most enjoyable day. The Squadron Treasurer (Sam Barlow) reported that Squadron funds which had started at 30/- about eighteen months ago were now over £100. A brown leather brief case was presented during the evening to the Secretary who was too taken aback to say more than "Thank you very much" - but that will all his heart. Peter Campbell expressed the Squadron's thanks to Fred Ayres and Maca for arranging the beer, of which 27 gallons were laid on. The Reunion finished about midnight.

Cricket.

Cricket gear has now been purchased, at some expense, in readiness for the coming season. All that now remains to get is boundary flags in the Squadron's colours (light blue, midnight blue and aquamarine) and Peter Campbell is now taking care of that problem. Our cricket critic reports the opening games of the season below.

CRICKET COMMENTS BY "RUN-TO-COVER".

458 began what looks like being a full cricket season with a practice game in September. It quickly became apparent that last season's shortage of bowlers, which threw the whole weight of the attack onto Terry Waldon, had been overcome. Three new medium-paced bowlers in Eric Munkman, Jack Baker and Ray Davies all bowled accurately. It also became apparent that the bulk of batting responsibility would again fall on Dud. McKay and Geoff. Burgess, though possibly Darcy Crompton and Loft Chalmers will become available during the year. Pete Alexander kept wickets for both sides. He seemed to find it a painful business - at any rate by the end of the day he was standing well back and concentrating like Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner" on stopping one in three.

The first match of the season was played against the Air Force Club on October 8th and resulted in a convincing win for the Squadron. The A.F.C. batted first for 96. Eric Munkman bowling accurately on the middle and off stumps took four wickets. Sam Barlow and Doug. Bennett opened the batting for the Squadron. They neither of them looked at ease against some hostile medium paced left-arm bowling and after Geoff. Burgess (who had been re-elected captain) was out early the situation looked shaky. However, Dud. McKay playing a "Sheet-Anchor" innings in which he watched the bowling carefully and hit anything loose to the boundary, and he being supported with a forceful innings by Tony Harris, the necessary runs were made and the Squadron took its total to 166. The next game is against 3 SQUADRON on November 5th (No.1 pitch, Centennial Park, 10 a.m.).

Scores were:

<u>458 SQUADRON</u>			<u>AIR FORCE CLUB</u>		
Barlow	b. Carter	6	Calver	b. Munkman	13
Bennett	c. McLean	b. Carter 11	Parkes	LBW b. Munkman	17
Burgess	LBW b. Carter	9	Dover	c. Harris b. Barlow	13

<u>458 SQUADRON</u>			<u>AIR FORCE CLUB</u>		
McKay	LBW b. Carter	35	Kannard	b. Munkman	8
Harris	b. Dover	30	Coates	b. Munkman	9
Munkman	c. Dover b. Parkes	28	Baker	Run out	11
Baker	b. Baker	14	McLean	b. Waldon	9
Ridge	Run out	6	Carter	c. McKay b. Harris	8
Alexander	c. Calver b. Baker	7	Emmerson	b. Harris	4
Waldon	c. & b. Baker	5	White	st. Alexander b. Ridge	0
Phelan	not out	1	Bruce	Not out	0
Sundries		14	Sundries		4
		<u>166</u>			<u>96</u>

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NOTESFROM BRIAN WOODHEAD.

The Squadron in South Australia is at present concentrating on getting a new 458 Banner - to vie with the N.S.W. Banner which it will resemble in design. Mel Priest is due in Melbourne on the Dominion Monarch - on six months leave from Kenya - on October 21st. He is expected to make a trip up the East coast, so you may expect to see him. You will be sorry to hear that "Anzac" Douglas died early this year after being ill for some time. Our sympathy has been expressed to his widow by the S.A. President, Bill Taylor. "Sailor" Wheatley was in Adelaide on Anzac Day and of course marched with 458. He then adjourned with us to lunch and not a few noggins. Ken Russell, who flew with Leo Armstrong, has been transferred to Adelaide. He is with the Adelaide Steamship Company. Our good wishes for the Squadron Photograph Album being collected in Sydney.

WHAT'S TO COME IN N.S.W.Golf.

There will be another Golf Day at Campbelltown on October 22nd. Members and their families are invited to attend. A train leaves Central at 9.30a.m. for Campbelltown.

Tennis.

There will be a tennis day at Strathfield during November. Members interested will be advised (so if we don't already know you are interested, tell us).

Cricket.

Games have been arranged against 3 Squadron, 460 Squadron and the R.A.F. Branch of the Air Force Association.

Christmas.

It has been decided to make the Long Bar at the Hotel Australia a meeting place at 5p.m. on December 19th.

458 Squadron News.

This issue will be going out to members in all states, including S.A. by invitation of the President and Committee in that State. This could be a big job but the Committee feels we shall then be helping to do the job we exist for - keeping 458 in touch wherever its members are. We shall be glad to have addresses of members in Victoria, Tasmania and West Australia.

Squadron Badges.

The Squadron has approved a design (done by Doug. Bennett, to whom our thanks) for a Squadron Badge (a winged torpedo on a light blue background). Badges will sell at 4/- each. It is hoped to have delivery by the next Reunion.

Squadron Mutual Aid Scheme.

Following a suggestion made at the last Reunion, the Committee has decided to adopt this scheme. The idea is that some members may be able to supply other members with goods in short supply or difficult to get, or to supply goods at a discount. Moreover members may be able to give each other advice in difficulties or help in such things as clearing land. To keep a strict control on the operation of the Scheme it will be watched by a special sub-committee. Members able to help will in suitable cases be put in touch with each other. Those in need of any aid should notify the Squadron Secretary. At present we have one member able to supply electrical goods.

The Photograph Album.

Is progressing well and was produced at the Reunion. Photographs are still needed so, once again, if you have any spares or any prints we can get copied, please let us know. The Committee acknowledges with thanks photographs from the following: Jack Aitken, Graeme Coombes, Tom Moore.

458 Squadron Branch of the Air Force Association.

The following have joined or transferred to the Branch: Graeme Coombes, Frank (Wacco) Wilson, Bob Smith, Laurie Kew, Harry Dorge, Rinso Purcill, Jack McDonald, Roy Gilkes, Allan Walker, Sailor Wheatley.

Squadron Committee.

A vacancy recently occurred on the Committee. The following were nominated for election: Jack Aitken, Les. Piggott, Ken Knaggs, Jack Baker and Tom Moore. After a close vote Jack Aitken was declared elected and welcomed to membership of the Committee.

Air Force Association State General Committee.

As three members of the Squadron are on the Association Committee, readers may care to know something of its proceedings. There are twenty members of the Committee elected for two years, half retiring each year. The President this year is John Waddy (recently appointed a Citizen Air Force member of the Air Board). Among members is Group Capt. Duncan who will be remembered as Liaison Officer in Cairo. Meeting monthly the Committee discusses at length the organisation of the Association, the welfare of ex-airmen, national defence, and kindred matters referred to it by Central Office or the Branches.

Christmas Cards.

The Association is printing Christmas cards with designs by such artists as Emile Mercier, Bancks (of Ginger Meggs), Gurney (Bluey and Curly), Brodie Mack and J. Pike. With envelopes, these may be purchased for 6d. each. As there is a percentage in it for the Squadron, members wanting Christmas cards should fill in and return to the Secretary the form at the foot of the back page.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Graeme Coombes. Accountant with the A.J.C.

Snowy Atherton. Has recently joined the C.M.F. and is now a Lieutenant.

He is also President of his Branch of the R.S.L. Asks after Bob Lyndon and Ted Fabian.

Harry Dorge. Hoping to finish a C.R.T.S. Carpentry course in the New Year. Living with his family in Toowoomba, Harry expects to visit Sydney in the New Year.

Bob Smith. With the Taxation Dept. in Sydney.

Jim Whitten. Recently left for a two year stay with his family in Minnesota, U.S.A.

Bill Wilkinson. Living in Burnie where he is Secretary of the local Branch of the Air Force Association.

Bernie Hughes. Hopes to visit Sydney next year from Warwick, Queensland. Wants to be remembered to Ross Burgess, Geoff. Danby, Blue Forsyth, and says Don McNeil owes him a letter.

Tony Stone. It was nice again to hear from Tony who is in Brisbane. He asks after Jock McGowan and Geoff. Hyles.

Wal Archbold. Is very busy doing a carpentry and joinery course at the Meadowbank Tech. Lives with his family at Ourimbah.

Harry Eastwood. Living in Lancashire, Harry has written to acknowledge a Food Parcel sent by the Squadron. In a most interesting letter Harry says he is indebted to Cliff Hayward for putting him in touch with the Squadron again. Harry also says he used long ago to hear from Willie Hull but supposes he has gone "Bush". Come out of the wilds of Balgowlah, Bill, and do some letter writing!

John Carey. In Melbourne with Greater Union Theatres.

Lock Simpson. Has a plumbing and engineering business in Dalby, Queensland. Has two sons. He sends us news which we value of

Ned Kelly. Carpentering in Brisbane. Recently married with a child.

Bill Honan. With Woolworths. Also married and with a child.

Gerry Ring. Living in Bristol and in orders as an Anglican priest. Married with a child.

Guy Johnson. Living in Yorkshire.

- Chas. Richardson. Shell Co. representative at Clifton, Queensland.
- Hal. Coffill. Living in Condobolin, Hal. has been affected by the floods. He has a sheep property and is trying to build a house.
- Laurie Kew. Living in Strathfield and working very hard.
- Doug. Millard. Has drawn a block of land at Humula in a recent ballot. Has about 1300 acres of good grazing country.
- Gerry Abraham. Living with his wife in a flat in St. Kilda, Melbourne. Gerry is working with the Dept. of Air. He intends to visit Sydney next year.
- Dick Boydell. Dick, living in Newcastle, has been a bad sufferer from the floods. He asks for news of Robin Knight.
- Ron Ricketts. Has moved into his own home in Bankstown.
- Snowy Fennell. Stationed in Bourke. Tells us he recently met Vic. Cover whom Blue Draft members may recall. Vic is now a Flying Doctor pilot.
- Roy Gilkes. A builder and contractor in Bexley. Married with a young child.
- Dick Watson. Sun Insurance manager in Djakarta, Indonesia.
- Sailor Wheatley. Back at sea and an officer with the Melbourne Steamship Co. Asking after Harry Mark.
- Cliff Mannion. At Maleny, near Landsborough, Queensland.
- John Hamilton. Living in Tenterfield.
- Gordon Postle. A Real Estate salesman and Hotel Broker in Brisbane.
- John Kenyon. John, who was a R.A.F. member at Foggia, has recently written asking for particulars in connection with his intention of migrating to Australia. Now living in Cheshire.
- Geoff. Morgan. In Singleton. Coming to the next Reunion.
- Jim Palmer. Married and living in Kojanup, W.A.
- George Cowan. Married to a Melbourne girl and living in Melbourne. Sends his regards to Ralph Bailey.
- Jack Aitken. Flying with Butler Air Transport.
- Tony Harris. 2 I.C. Commonwealth Bank, Bellevue Hill.
- Col. Corten. A solicitor living in Harbord.
- Col. Campbell. In Insurance with the A.M.P.
- Red-Jack Baker. Agent for electrical goods.
- Dick Cattenach. Advertising Display man.
- Frank Mullane. In a plumbing and engineering business.
- Announcements.
- Births: Congratulations to the following:-  
 Jack and Mrs. Baker - a son (David John),  
 Ned and Mrs. Kelly - a daughter (Carmel),  
 Tom and Mrs. Moore - a daughter (Carolyn Joan),  
 Jack and Mrs. McPhee - a daughter (Christine).

Marriage:

Jo. Colclough. Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Jo.

Engagement:

Geoff. Burgess and Gwen Davis. All good wishes to 458's Cricket Captain.

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 at 6/- per doz. with envelopes. I enclose \_\_\_\_\_

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Address .....

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