Squadron members Eric (Rinso) Purcell and Junior (Sparrow) Hawke and their families have their homes and avocations in Orange (Rinso is in the Engineering game and Junior has a cherry orchard).

The Starters. From Sydney, 22 members and wives or friends drove up on the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning early. In Orange they were joined by various Country members from near or not so near-by towns. There would have been many more Country members but for the drought which had been necessitating hard feeding of stock. Among the city starters were the three Squadron officers, led by Squadron President Sam Barlow, as well as all the N.S.W. officers. The attendance list was:

- Sam Barlow
- Graeme Coonan
- Verdie Davie
- Dorothy Munkman
- Miramore Harris
- Jack Int
- Moolena Broyson
- Allan Walker
- Cy. Irwin
- Peter Alexander
- Alf. Hammond
- Junior Hawke
- Mary Ind
- "Dutch" Holland
- Tom Mitchell
- Yvonne Crompton
- Bob Lyndon
- Enid Hammond
- Nola Hawke
- Mary Crago
- Stuart Carrington
- Bob Miller
- Maiie Korr
- Allan MacMaster
- Noel Sprung
- Eric Purcell
- Ken Crago
- Mr. Harris
- Fred Strom
- Ray Davies
- Eric Munkman
- Tony Harris
- Lorna Purcell
- Godf. Burgess
- Johnny Broyson

Particular apologies were recorded for Dave Firth (Robinvale) and Bob Scholes.

Friday Evening. Those travelling from Sydney started on their way about 3.0 p.m. They rose all to have gone via Kurrajong and Lithgow to Bathurst and then across to Orange. They arrived between 7.0 and 9.30 p.m. according to the density of the traffic and whether they stopped or not for a few beers at Bathurst. After booking in at the Royal Hotel (very comfortable) they drank some glasses together before going on to Rinso and Lorna Purcell's home for an informal welcome party. After consuming many bottles of beer there, the 'Vino Vanners' were to be seen drinking Est---a popular White wine. And so to bed.

Saturday. In the morning, the Squadron explored the city and shops of Orange by car or on foot. N.S.W. President Peter Alexander, supported by Junior Hawke, Ken Crago and Moolena went round to the local Macquarie Network Radio Station and recorded an interview for subsequent broadcast---about 458 at war and in peace. After lunch at the Hotel, the Squadron moved off on the afternoon's programme. This started with a visit to the very
436 in Orange (cont.) beautiful Botanic Gardens in Orange and in particular to its Memorial Greenhouse filled with colour and scent. They then drove out to a Cherry Orchard. It is colder in Orange in the winter than in Sydney and lilacs thrive, which on the whole it does not in Sydney; the gardens in Orange at this time were filled with lilacs in bloom in all the many shades horticulturists can now produce. It was all very attractive.

After looking at the cherries—in the early, green, stage and being shown the well-card for garden of the owner,—where other cold weather flowers such as Tulips and Rhododendrons, commonplace enough in the British Isles but unusual to us, were growing—the party drove on to Mount Canobolas which looks out over many miles and several towns and settlements. On the summit Freddie Strem took a photograph of the party. We then drove down to the Barbecue site where Rinac and Lorna, Nola Hawke and Johnny Bryson had a Bush Barbecue under way for us.

The N.S.W. President's broadcast came over the air at this time and was heard over the car radios. Dutch Holland and Trepper Currington arrived from Wellington and Park Hill at this point. They wanted to know where Hal Coffill was. Dutch and Bob Lyndon went off with a couple of guns to look for some rabbits but, such are the blessings of myxomatosis, they found none. After everyone had eaten considerable quantities of steak, chops and sausages, barbecued and drunk a lot of bottled draught beer, we went back to the hotel to get ready for the Reunion in the evening.

The Reunion. This had been organised in a large house, formerly a private home, now set aside for entertainments and parties. It was all very nicely furnished and equipped. Guests were present who included the President and Secretary of the Orange Branch of the Air Force Association and the Editor of the local paper—an ex-459 who had already given the Squaw on this Reunion considerable space in his paper.

We drank beer, chatted, danced (dancing on a felt box carpet may not sound easy but is a soon acquired art), had a splendid supper. During the evening, a presentation was made to Groozen Coombes as a small indication of appreciation for his work as N.S.W. Treasurer. Eric Purcell presented the N.S.W. President and Secretary each with a souvenir of the week end in the form of bottle-openers bearing the Orange coat of arms. It was after midnight before we finished. It was a memorable evening.

Sunday. In the morning we were booked to play golf for the Country Cup at Duntrary lawn Golf Club but found we were in competition with a major interclub tournament, so that was impossible. So, by invitation of the Club, we played bowls. Apart from Alf Hammond and Cyril Irwin, none of us had played before but we did alright. We noted Groozen Coombes, Noel Sparling and Jack Ind as accurate bowlers. Also we saw Enid Hammond and Dorothy Munkman putting bowls alongside the jack time and again.

After a leisurely lunch at the Club, we were invited to a Garden party at Junior and Nola Hawke’s home in Blotchington to say good bye. We sat in their sunny garden on the lawn, had tea and talked over the week end. The N.S.W. President talking over the events commented that two of the notable things which had happened had been Ray Davies getting himself marooned halfway up Mount Canobolas and Maca's promising undertaking, under strictly defined conditions, to give up beer. Maca, lifting his glass, promptly redefined the conditions.

On behalf of the party, the President then warmly thanked the Orange Squadron members and their wives and asked Nola and Lorna to accept a large box of chocolates each from 459. And so, after visiting a friend of Sam Barlow’s in Orange for a stirrup cup, back to Sydney or the home town.

IN HOLIDAY MOOD.

Q Flight Notes.

by Jim Holiday.

My sincerest apologies for missing "Q" Flight news from the last issue of "Squadron News". I did send the report to Headquarters but it arrived after the issue had been published. July and August are my busiest months and spare time just doesn't exist. Next year, if I am too busy, the news will be forwarded by some other member of the Committee.

To catch up on the news for the previous issue: There were two Functions—Social and Dance on the first Saturday in June, and the Flight's Annual Reunion on the 10th August.

The June Social was declared to be the best yet. The number who came to enjoy the festivities totalled 119. A good band, a good supper, plenty of the right spirit added up to a lot of good company. Those who attended declared it the best yet. Wives, in particular, were most appreciative of their husband's thought in providing this entertainment for them. With this happy mood we look forward to our next Social and Dance, set down for Saturday 20th November.

ARE YOU GOING WEST??

THE PERTH ALL-STATES REUNION NEXT ANZAC TIME IS THE SHOT!!
In Holliday Wood, (cont.)

The Flight’s Annual Reunion was most disappointing from the point of view of members, only 34 attending. August seems to be a bad month in Brisbane. It brings with it coughs, sneezes, URTI, and flu. The Committee is giving consideration to altering the date. The principal reason for the disappointment in the attendance was the fact that the Squadron’s President, Mr. Sam Barlow took time off from his many army activities to attend. We would have liked to have seen many more there to welcome him. However, Sam, with his usual diplomacy, generously thanked the Flight for turning out in such numbers and stated that he was as pleased to be with the Flight as the Flight was to have him. It was a magnanimous gesture, Sam, and "Q" Flight thank you.

The Annual Election of officers held in conjunction with this Reunion saw the election of Len Macdonnell as the new President of the Flight. It was a popular choice and long overdue. Of course, yours truly was refused permission to withdraw the nomination of him as Secretary. Needless to say, he was elected unopposed. However, yours truly was duly embarrassed by the presentation made to him in recognition of services rendered. The gift was accepted in the spirit in which it was given and will be among his treasured memories.

Points of interest at the Reunion were the attendance of Mr. Bill Cottle. Sam Barlow’s friend and fellow-traveler, a genial gentleman whose presence added immeasurably to the hilarity of the occasion; and the presence of John McMullar, whom it was very good to see again after these many years. John is still flying for T.A.A. Another welcome face was that of Terry Walden of Grafton who was invited to attend by Squadron President Sam on his way north. We were pleased to see Terry and hope that he will find it convenient to come again.

The only function since August has been "Q" Flight Melbourne Cup sweep which gave an excellent financial return. The winners are as follows:

1. W.A. McDougall, P.O. Box 95, Maryborough, Q.;
2. W. Major, Department of Civil Aviation;

Anticipating these splendid returns from the Cup Sweep, Q. Flight has given donations to the Fund for the restoration of St. Clement'sensa Church, London, and to the Sir Charles Kingsford Smith Fund, to house his old 'plane, the "Southern Cross" at the Brisbane Airport.

Bernie McLoughlin officiated on behalf of "Q" Flight at the Shrine of Remembrance during the Battle of Britain ceremony on the 15th September, when the Flight contributed its annual wreath.

TO ALL OUR READERS -- A MERRY CHRISTMAS; and MAY THE BEST BIDDIE US ALL IN 1958 !

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

ARNO SCHOLAR, accompanied by his wife has recently made a holiday journey from his home in Adelaide as far east and north as Newcastle where he met Ross Burgess and the Powellts. Returning via Orange (just after the Reunion) where he saw Binna, he foregathered with the boys in Sydney one evening at the Air Force Club. A game of darts, plenty of beer and the pleasure of old acquaintances renewed led to an excellent evening. Arno is a Public Servant—with the Post Office.

RUSSELL writes from Cairns in North Queensland that he often sees JACKIE DON in Townsville, where he has a thriving electrical business. Bill says he is contacting JIM MCKAY at Redlich;

THEO BAVERSCROFT is the father of a son, now 19 months old, and is very comfortably installed in his newly built home. He regrets being unable to make the Anzac Day in Brisbane;

DOUG BENTON recently paid a visit to Sydney, accompanied by Thesear and their two boys after some years away, latterly in London. We spent an evening with him in the Air Force Club. It was extremely nice to see him again. He may be returning to Sydney soon. We’re all for it.

JIM PLUNKETT is Treasurer of the Air Force Association in Cairns. He writes (to the Queensland Secretary) that theirs is the biggest membership outside Sydney. Plunk is exceedingly active in R.S.L. affairs. He had "kittens" the other day when asked to deliver a speech before Rotary;

BETT GARLAND was very happy at the last Queensland Committee meeting. Mrs. Garland gave birth to a bonny boy that morning;

ERIC BIRD writes to his Flight Secretary from Coorabinda of plenty to do, or illness, when the "Q" Flight do a come around. Better luck next time, Eric!
FRED KLEICHAM is at Dari in New Guinea and doing well. EILEH HETHERINGTON writes to the Queensland P.H.I. that he has been in touch with Fred. He tells us Fred's wife is now holding her own.

ERIC COX has been in the Royal Hospital in South Australia again. Eric—A Get-well greeting comes to you from us all with all the friendship of "Auld Acquaintance".

ROCK BARTER is now Director of Postal in the R.A.A.F. He is a member of the Victorian Committee.

GISELE KAMER has attended a Moral Leadership Course conducted by the R.A.A.F. Chaplains at Ballarat.

BILL BAILEY has a coal and cartage business in Melbourne.

TED KENNEDY has a Garage at Ballarat, Victoria, at the corner of Merr and Peel Streets. Ted is one of the relatively few remaining 438 bachelors; Ted sends remembrances to Snobby Ferrall and Tony Hanco.

GORDON CUMBERSON was at the recent Melbourne Reunion. He has a sheep property, and we gathered, had recently been shearing. Cathy has four sons. Sends his remembrances to Ron, Percival, Arthur Jollity and Athol Kerr.

GEORGE HUGHES was also at the Melbourne Reunion, down from Burrum Heads. He has one son. Sends his regards to Russ.

TEDDY LLOYD tells us he also is shearing. He is an Estate Agent.

FRED BAY is with the Victorian State Electricity Commission. He is now married. Tells us to ask Snobby Pigott who the White Wag was.

JOHN BANNY is still in the Jewellery trade. He has one girl and two boys.

IAN ALISON is a Freelance Commerical artist. He now has two sons. Sends regards to Ralph Bailey and Bill Perkins.

SHOOGY WILLCOCKS is with the Department of Civil Aviation. Sends regards to Graeme Cooks, Stuart Hackett, Fred Strong, and to Les Pigott and family.

YANK MARTIN sends regards to Kemp Beach in Sydney. He wants to know how Kemp recovered from Thursday and Friday. Our notes are somewhat illegible but there seems to follow some reference to a bottle of Granta Liqueur Whisky and 12 bottles of beer.

NORM WAGLEY now living in his new house in Melbourne is looking for some letters from Curly Muldown, Sneller Ravenscroft and Wally Archbold.

LILLY JURE, who is a School teacher, has recently become the father of a second son. He bought Dizzy Dean's car when Dizzy recently went overseas.

"DUCK" HOLLAND recently looked us up when he paid Sydney a visit on business. He has a Station at Wellington, N.S.W. He and his wife have three children.

"DUCK" HICKORY who is with the R.S.W.V. General's Dept. has been promoted as Valuer.

"DUCK" MILLER has moved with his family from Yenda to Griffith, N.S.W., where he is a Partner in a General Engineering business. The family has two boys and two girls now.

"CUBBY" BARTLETT hopes, in the near future, to commence a new house at La Perouse, near Sydney.

"CURLY" HICKORY has been hospitalised for an operation but is now fit.

CLIFF HAYWARD has had a trip to Cairns, going by air and returning by Pioneer Coach. He looked for Bernard McNally in the way but missed him. Had some gong with Bill Ernst at the Cronen Hotel.

BRIAN LORD is now Assistant Secretary to British Paints in Sydney.

COL CORMER who lives at Jervis Bay is Solicitor to the Warringah Shire Council and Secretary of the Warringah SWC Society. He and his wife have five children and have maintained a boy-girl sequence.

BOB BRUCE is managing the Mount Wilga Rehabilitation Camp near Hornsby, Sydney.

BILL PERKINS is with the Bank of New South Wales. He would like news of Fred Ayres; the Editor's thanks to the Squadron Treasurer, Eric Monkman, for collecting items of N.S.W. news during the Sydney Reunion during the Editor's absence in Melbourne.

"SMILLY GETS A GUN." Squadron member and distinguished Sydney actor, Leonard Teale, is currently taking a part in the sequel to the film "Smiley" which is now being filmed. He proposes to wear the 438 Squadron Tie in his part. The film is, we gather, tentatively titled "Smiley Gets a Gun". However, whatever the title we have no doubt that 438 crews will be very interested to see it in due course.
OUR SYMPATHY. To well-known and greatly liked Squadron member Cec (Pop) Nation on the recent death of his wife, Mrs. Claudia Nation.

Claudia was well known to many 456ers and their families in Sydney and her passing is the deeply regretted passing of a loved friend.

N.S.W. FLIGHT NEWS

Reunion in Sydney. The half-yearly Reunion of the N.S.W. Flight was held at the Air Force Club on Friday September 20th. The N.S.W. President was intercepts on business, so the Squadron President, Sam Barlow, who is also N.S.W. Senior Vice President, welcomed the 35 members who came along.

It was very nice to see Bob Bruce again attending a Reunion. After living at Jarvis Bay, Bob is now back in Sydney again, having been appointed Manager of the Department of Social Services Branch at Hornsby. So we were also very happy to see Wal Clarke, who was attending his first Reunion since his return from an overseas visit.

Golf. The result of the recent battle, out at Campbelltown, for the President's Cup Golf Trophy was that the Cup will now stand, for a second time, for a year on a shelf in Eric Mander's home in Willoughby. This was the second time Eric has won the Cup and he turned in a very fine round of 64 net. In fact, good scoring were the order of the day—Alf. Hammond had a net 65 and there were several others whose net scores were below par. The Force Trophy, played for annually between Squadron members and Anzac Old Boys won by the Squadron and the win was celebrated in the usual way.

Legacy. The N.S.W. Flight has decided to hold a yearly function of which the net proceeds are to be donated to Legacy in N.S.W. More details in the next copy of the News.

Sam Barlow's Accident. We are pleased to report that Sam and his friends escaped serious injury in their recent nasty car smash. Sam's Holden was involved in a collision with a truck one night. He has an injured knee and a passenger suffered a broken arm, the other some cracked ribs. However, they are all recovering—and Sam, we wish you good and your passengers a complete recovery soon.

Geoff Nation. We have all been shocked and saddened by the untimely passing of Geoff Nation. We extend to Ged our sincere sympathy.

The Valuers. We congratulate Cy, Irvin on his election to the Board of Commonwealth Valuers and Frank Hickey on his promotion as Valuer. Frank is now driving a Volkswagen.

Visitors Here. We have had the pleasure of entertaining three Squadron members from out of town. Firstly, Dutch Holland down from Wellington for a brief break. Secondly, Doug Bennett down from Deniliquin where the N.S.W. Public Service has him domiciled at the moment. Thirdly, Arnold Scholz from South Australia. It was very nice indeed to see them, and we hope they enjoyed their stay.

Christmas Drinks. The usual, informal, gathering of 456ers to exchange good wishes in honour of the coming of Christmas, will be held over a few glasses of boor in the Long Bar, Hotel Australia, Sydney on Thursday December 19th from 5.00 p.m. onwards.

Let's see you there.

THE BRITISH BULLETIN

from Sid Thompson and Harry Bishop,

Anzac Day in London. On April 25th, the U.K. Flight were represented at the Cenotaph in Whitehall at an official wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate Anzac Day. Nick Rusin laid a wreath of poppies enclosing the Squadron badge on our behalf. Others attending included Woman Gilbert, John Druce, Bob Love, and Harry Bishop. In the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Anton, Harry and Mrs. Bishop, Bob and Mrs. Havers and Sid Thompson attended a tea party organised by the Anzac Fellowship of Women at Australia House, where we were entertained by Joan Sutherland. Short talks by the High Commissioner for Australia and New Zealand (the former commenting on the undisciplined lot you Aussies are, or were) were followed by community singing. So, on leaving, we split up and made our various ways to wherever we wanted to go.

The Reunion. On the following Saturday, we held another Reunion at the Feathers Hotel, Westminster, during which we held our Annual General Meeting. After
British Bulletin (cont.) seeing that all our glasses were charged, the President, Johhno Johnston, reported on the various activities of the Flight since our last A.G.M., including the reunion last November, the visit to Holme-on-Spalding Moor and the events on Anzac Day. Johhno announced that he was leaving us before the next A.G.M. and therefore would not offer himself for re-election. Nick Mason was unanimously then elected as our President. Lee Armstrong was elected to fill the position of Vice President, and Sid Thompson re-elected Secretary. Harry Bishop is Treasurer, Vincent Theateis being elected Assistant Secretary.

It was then proposed to increase the Committee, to which Eric Brown and Charles Hambles were elected.

It became known that Johhno was getting married in June. Some time later we were able to give Johhno and his wife a set of clocks—alarm, kitchen, and cooking—not forgetting the greetings telegram.

A Visitor to London. Quite by chance we saw Bruce McKenzie on T.V. at the Royal Show at Norwich. Finally after a number of phone calls, Harry Bishop succeeded in contacting him. Bruce conveyed his best wishes to the Squadron boys and hopes to be over here again with more free time.

September Reunion. We received the Tape recording from the Sydney Reunion just in time for the half yearly reunion, again held at the Feathers Hotel, Westminster. How nice it was to hear so many familiar voices again! Some of the members who had messages on the tape were not there to hear for themselves, but we will be playing it over again at future reunions. Those who made it included, Johhno and Mrs. Johnston, Nick Mason, Harry and Mrs. Bishop, Sid and Mrs. Thompson, Eric Brown, Vincent and Mrs. Theateis, Bert Sleight (first time), Charlie Hambles, Roy Springall, Norman Gilbert, Lee Armstrong, and Bill Prater. We had numerous apologies. It was very nice to see Bert Sleight for the first time and Bill Prater who is still serving as a W.O. crew chief; quite unexpectedly.

Smaller Pockets and Ties. Our Mason pockets do look outstanding due to the fact that we are now able to get them finished in gold wire. Our Squadron Ties are of very fine woolen material with the Squadron badge hand embroidered on them. Tell Peter Pettit I will be dropping him a letter. I have just got back from my holiday which I (31d) spent in Jersey with my family. Cheerio.

459 Squadron in Victoria. We had occasion to pay a business visit to Melbourne during September and, of course, got in touch with Arthur Green. There is no doubt about it; getting in touch with Arthur is an immediate passport to the warmest and most kind hospitality.

We found ourselves at once in a party of 459ers having a few hours prior to a Committee meeting to discuss arrangements for a reunion the next Friday. After a few, quite a few, glasses of Melbourne beer we were very kindly invited to sit in on the Committee meeting as a visitor (at Jim Munday's office) and afterwards to adjourn with the Committee to the well-known Hardware Club. Afterwards we went on to Arthur's home. That was on Monday night. Thereafter we seem to have spent most of our non-working time with 459ers.

After contacting Gerry Abraham at the Department of Air, we met him and his wife at their new and very attractive home at East Bentleigh and talked of old times and Squadron friends of other days. Gerry does not change in any way; it seemed to us.

Another evening was spent with Arthur and Elaine Green and Norm and Mrs. Ogley.

Friday evening, of course, was the evening of the Victorian Reunion. This was at the Air Force Association building in Flinders Lane. It was quite a moment to walk in and be able to Peal once more at a Melbourne 459 Reunion. Incidentally, Johhno, we can still recall how nice that first glass of beer tasted.

During the evening, the first Tape recording sent out by the U.K. Flight was played over and sounded remarkably good and clear. There were several 459ers present whose friends in London were calling them. Particularly Bill Bailey (Old Bowley), and George Riddoch. That recording carries a real punch as a 459 link. There must be more exchanges. No understanding Arthur Green proposes to organise one at the next Victorian function.

Squadron friends saw there were: Jim Munday, Arthur Green, John Jenkins, Don Johnston, Norm Ogley, Ian Alison, John Milton, Fredly Ray, Ted Kennedy, Ernie Laming, (who is leaving the Air Force), Nick Mother, Cathy Outhartson, George Riddoch, Bill Bailey, Yank Martin, Shorty Wilson and others. It was a late and an enjoyable evening.

Next day back to Sydney. Arthur saw us off. Good luck and thanks to the Victorian Flight!

A 459 Squadron Tie in a 1st. Class Christmas Present. I2/- at Boots 6/- from Box 5289. G.P.O., Sydney.
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE 458 SQUADRON COUNCIL.

Sam Barlow presided. Squadron President Sam Barlow presided at his first Squadron Council since his election at the last Squadron Conference in Sydney last April. Council met at 390, George Street. After hearing reports from the Squadron Secretary and Squadron Treasurer and from delegates representing the Flighta, Council gave some consideration to reports from three of the Flighta of falling off in attendance at recent Reunions and decided to convey its thoughts on the subject to Flight Secretaries. Council noted the success of the Squadron Tie project. It also expressed strong support for the interchange of Tape recordings between the Flighta—particularly with the U.K. Flight.

The Squadron History. The Squadron Historian (Peter Alexander) reported that final typing was complete and the History would be in the hands of the sub-committee in the very near future. Council decided to obtain quotations from possible publishers.

All-States in the West. The Western Australian Flight Committee submitted a full and thorough report on plans for next Anzac Day and the All-States Reunion and Squadron Conference in Perth, which Council adopted and expressed its appreciation of. (Details of the Programme are set out below in this Issue). Council particularly hopes a Tape recording will be made at the Reunion and also plans to have the U.K. recordings played over again (the first is now in Adelaide).

After completing a full and varied agenda paper, Council adjourned. Delegates congratulated Sam Barlow on his conduct of the meeting as chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters from members.

From Bruce (Dizzy) Dean, 40, Dandy Street, Brighton, Victoria.

Dear Peter, On approx. 16th September, Linda, David and myself will be leaving Australia, per the "Triastic" for the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. Our address will be simply Taranu, Gilbert Islands. I enclose my subscription to the newsletter for future editions. I was in Sydney recently to clear up business etc, and regret I couldn't make time to contact you. However I saw Graham Coombes and he can give you the full story.

Briefly, I'll be managing the Colony's Wholesale Society which is the only organisation there to handle all imports (from food to ships' anchors) and exports (copra) for the two groups of islands. 29,000 natives, 500 odd Europeans. We'll be back in two years time for 16 weeks leave and then return for another period of 2 years. I'll certainly want to see the boys on my first leave. Give my best wishes to all Squadron members......

When the Squadron History is published, please forward me a copy immediately. I'd hate to miss one.

All the best,
Bruce Dean.

From Dusty Miller, 27, Boonah Street, Griffith, N.S.W.

Dear Sir, Please note change of address. Have recently moved from Yenda and am now a partner in a general engineering business here in Griffith. Sam Barlow, Peter Alexander, Bert Thompson and others may pay me a visit one of these days? — so I'd be grateful if the change of address were inserted in the News.

Our family is now 2 boys and 2 girls and we're quite satisfied.

It was impossible for me to attend the Orange Reunion, but I hope to be settled and in a position to attend the next N.S.W. Reunion.

yours faithfully,
R. (Dusty) Miller.

COL. HENRY'S CREW. In talking a couple of issues ago about Sam Barlow, the new Squadron President, we said that he had been injured in the crew's prang at Aligarh. We also said that other members of the crew had lost their lives in the prang. We meant, of course, some other members. But our attention has been called to the fact that the phrase may have been ambiguous. Apart from Sam, Jim Croft, Johnny Bryson, and Col. himself were survivors. Col. incidentally is with the State Grants Commission in Canberra these days. Johnny Bryson is with the Commonwealth Bank in Orange. Jim Croft is, no doubt, somewhere in England. We would like news of him.
ALL-STATES REUNION IN PERTH—APRIL, 1958

THE PROGRAMME

The following is the programme for the Perth All-States Reunion next year. It is, of course, subject to adjustment in detail but represents a full and attractive five or six days which will well repay members for making the journey.

Wednesday April 23rd. 1958. The official date for the arrival of visitors who will be met and welcomed and escorted to a selected hotel or to the home of a W.A. member. Members are urged to avail themselves of the offered hospitality. Those arriving before the 23rd will be most welcome.

Thursday April 24th. Morning: Tour and inspection of the new Broken Hill Steel Rolling Mill and the Kwinana Oil Refinery. Lunch at Rockingham Hotel. Proceed through model housing area at Kooding, to the Darling Ranges, and back to Perth. An interesting and pleasing trip which includes the coast south of Fremantle. Rockingham is a sheltered holiday resort that used to be an old timber port associated with the very early colonial days. The run back through the foothills of the Darling Ranges is also worth seeing.

Evening: Squadron Conference at Air Force Association, Perth. Visiting ladies will be entertained by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Friday April 25th. 1. Dawn Service. Squadron President to lay a wreath at the State War Memorial.
2. Anzac March. Start at 9.30 a.m. We hope 458 will lead the march. We also hope to arrange to reserve a block of seats near the official Dais for the Ladies for the March Past.
3. Luncheon. The march finishes. Adjournment to the East Perth Tennis Club for the Anzac Reunion. Finish about 6.00 p.m. Ladies entertained by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Saturday April 26th. The Day. For visitors--free
The Evening. Squadron Ball.

Sunday April 27th. Morning. Anzac Cup for golf over 9 holes. Those not playing golf will go to Yanepi, about 36 miles north of Perth—a local scenic resort with a well-appointed hotel. Excellent picnic facilities and some really good caves; picturesque lakes and gardens. The golfers will call afer the game. The official Reunion will end after the picnic. However all visitors stopping over after this period will be entertained by individual W.A. members. Some W.A. members have arranged to take their holidays so that they will be available for this pleasant duty.

That is the programme proposed. All that remains is for plenty of members and their families and friends to come to Perth. For those who come there will be no regrets. For interstate members it is certainly quite a long way to Perth. But the fact is that probably everyone intends to visit the West with his family at some time during his life. And no better occasion than this is ever likely to offer. Go in 1958—to the 458 Anzac Reunion.

It is known that a party of at least 10 will be travelling from W.A.—mainly by rail. We understand that Victoria will be well represented, as usual, by a party approaching, if not passing double figures. South Australia will be represented. All this looks like a remarkable effort in response to a remarkable opportunity. It will be a major 458 Occasion.

To Mr. A. POWER (W.A. Secretary),
I45, Elderslie Street,
Scarborough, Western Australia.

I shall be coming to Perth for the All-States Reunion in April, 1958. I shall be accompanied by..................

I expect to arrive in Perth at..................p.m./a.m. My point of arrival will be..................

As to accommodation, I would be very glad if you would arrange this for me. Will you please arrange:

- Private accommodation with a W.A. member for me and my party from........ till........ inclusive.
- Hotel accommodation for me and my party from........ till........ inclusive. For the hotel accommodation I enclose the amount of ....... at the rate of £2 per head for my party, as a deposit.

I am particularly hoping to see the following 458 ers while I am in Perth:

I am very much looking forward to seeing you all in Perth.

With my thanks,

From..................