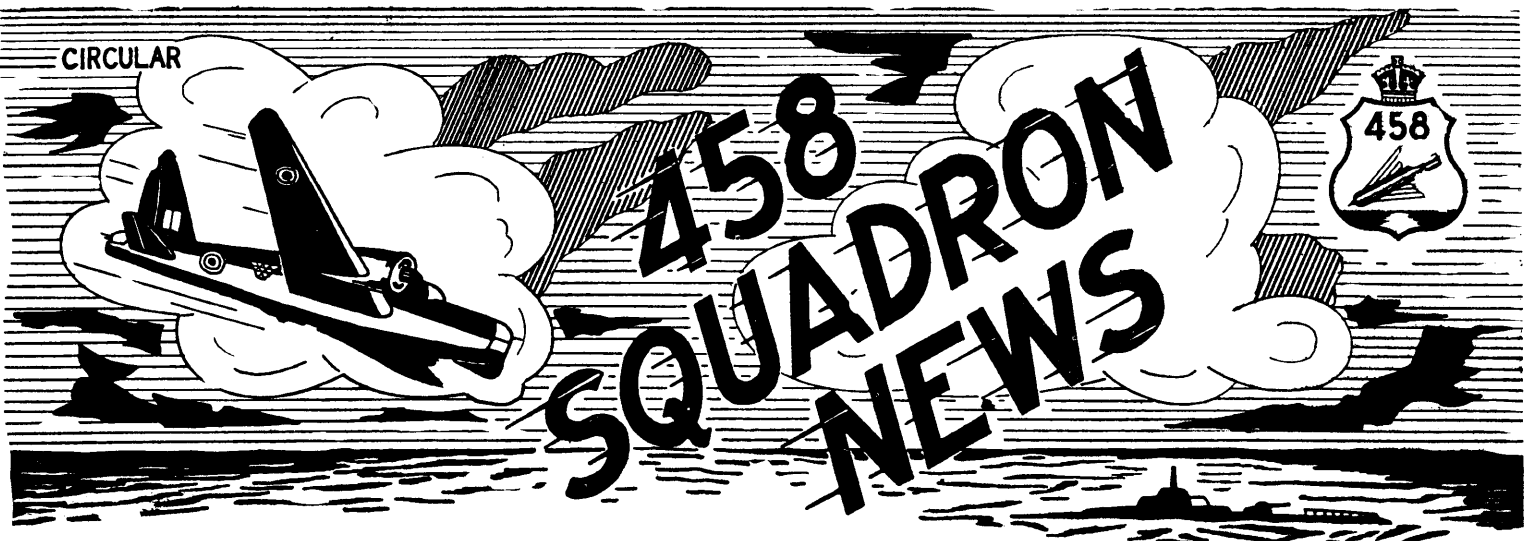


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MELBOURNE ALL-STATES REUNION, 1967.

Anzactime, 1967, saw 458 Squadron hold a biennial All-States Reunion in Melbourne. Interstate members started to arrive on the Friday and they were entertained that evening by the Air Training Corps at their Preston H.Q. Here, 458 Squadron W.O.D., Ern Laming, is a prominent personality. During an evening of warm hospitality they saw and admired some of the cadets' work and also saw the 458 Trophy which the Victorian Flight has presented to the A.T.C.

Saturday morning saw the arrival of other Interstate members and also the holding of the 458 Squadron Conference, which is reported elsewhere.

During the afternoon those interested went to Australian Rules Football games: the interstate members were interested in 'Footy' but perhaps not converted. Melbourne members needed no conversion.

The Kev. Guineys House Party.

Helen and Kevin Guiney entertained 458 and its wives in very large numbers that evening at their home at Mitcham. Hospitality, some of the best food in Australia (we particularly recall some Strawberry and Passion Fruit Pavlovas which had even the beer-drinkers coming back for more), and everyone's taste to drink.

Picnic at Lilydale.

On Sunday 458 went to the Hill country township of Lilydale for a barbecue-picnic. A Beer-keg, barbecued steaks and sausages were provided, and during the day Selwyn "Massa" Foote retained his custody of the Stewart Cup in the 458 Footrace. Here, too we were delighted to see Bernie Hughes, down from Queensland for the occasion. Interstaters were entertained at Melbourne members homes after the picnic.

Golf. The Melbourne weather was cool but mainly fine during the Reunion, but on the Monday it was perfect. This was the golf day, at Albert Park, where Squadron President Harry Ashworth added another title by winning the Anzac Cup in a splendid round. The Evening event was the Dinner-Dance, which is described below.

The Anzac March and Reunion.

Harry Ashworth led 458, marching behind its banner to the Shrine, on the Anzac March, and afterwards made his business premises available for a well-attended Reunion where members drank, ate and talked over old times and Victoria Flight held its Annual Elections. After that, the Melbourne Bowls Club became the scene of further warm hospitality for both members and wives until it was time for interstate members to leave to catch their aircraft. An account by Bill Carr, who as Victorian Flight Secretary bore the executive responsibility for Reunion events with his usual skill and devotion, follows.

The Melbourne Reunion

by Bill Carr, 36, Harbury St., Reservoir, Vic.

Looking back at the recent All-States Reunion conducted in and close to Melbourne, one is surprised to recall that so many Squadron members were able to attend all or the major portion of the seven separate functions which comprised the reunion and occupied the period from Friday 21st. to Tuesday 25th.

All-States Reunion (cont.)

and remain reasonably fit at the end. It is not easy to suggest which of the functions was the culmination of the overall reunion. Perhaps the Supper-dance held on the Monday evening? Or was it the House Party on the Saturday? At any rate all were well-attended and each appeared successful.

Preliminary Fund-raising.

A drive during the previous 12 months was vigorously pursued with the purpose of building local funds to a level sufficient to finance the whole Reunion. This was almost achieved: members were only asked to pay for drinks consumed at the Supper-dance. Costs of all other Reunion events were covered from the previously acquired funds, and we have had many to thank for this. Shortly before the Reunion we held an evening at the Trotting (Harness racing). 272 members and guests enjoyed a full programme of racing and also sat down to a dinner and assorted drinks. The profit was \$ 304. The evening was most popular and one we hope to conduct annually.

To the above-mentioned earnings we had monies from Social dance evenings, donations, etc. Our Bank a/c reached a peak of \$ 1,600 and our current balance is \$ 226.

Apart from much hard work by each member of our Committee and Helen and Kev. Guiney, we must acknowledge donations from the following members, who collectively gave almost \$ 300: John Bilney, Tom Burgess, Ken. Brown, Gordon Cuthbertson, Bill Carr, Doug. Colquhoun, Jack Carter, Stan Cartledge, Dave Firth, Jack Fleming, Kevin Guiney, Ian Giles, Ian Higlett, Ted. Kennedy, Ern. Laming, B. Moon, Father John McNamara, Cec. Percy, George Riddoch, Jack Ramsay, W. Raftis, Les. Russell, Lloyd Simpson, Mick Singe, Tony Stone, Bob Sherrah, Stan Tarczynski, Jim Whittem, Lock Simpson (W.A.), and Sam Barlow (N.S.W.). Apologies if other donors remain unacknowledged. The Reunion workmen must also be listed. They were Harry Ashworth, Ian Alison, Ern. Laming, Norm and Nancy Cugley, Ken. Brown, Jim Timms, Don Johnson, Harold Martin, Bob McKinna, Bob Smith and many more. Each was "really there" when needed. Particularly, we must praise Helen Guiney for her House Party work.

Q. Flight There.

It was a pleasure to welcome Selwyn Foote, Charlie Warren and Bernie Hughes from Queensland. Selwyn and Charlie haven't changed too much, and their old mates from Squadron days would recognise the three Queenslanders. Judging by Selwyn's speed over 100 yards he only gets younger by the year. Charlie was the guest of Ron Russell, whilst Selwyn with Wal Archbold was Norm. Cugley's guest for the long weekend.

And N.S.W.

N.S.W. was represented by a much bigger group, which comprised Ross and Pat. Burgess, Peter Alexander, Bob Bruce, Fred Strom, Bill Chapman, Arthur Lehdey, Doug. Millard, Sam Barlow, and Wal. Archbold. Dave and Gladys Firth, Gordon and Peg. Cuthbertson, Ian and Mrs. Giles, Jack Carter, Ted Kennedy, Lloyd Simpson and George Riddoch represented the country districts of Victoria. We were disappointed that no one represented South or West Australia or Tasmania.

The Roll Call.

Those seen at some or all events were:

F. Strom	S. R. Bruce	P. Alexander	L. J. Barlow	W. Archbold	R. Burgess	S. Foote
A. Lehdey	C. Warren	D. Millard	B. Hughes	I. Alison	H. Ashworth	J. Bilney
E. Bradshaw	K. Brown	W. T. Carr	J. Carter	S. Cartledge	G. Cowan	N. Cugley
G. Cuthbertson	J. Ellis	D. Firth	J. Fleming	I. Giles	A. Green	K. Guiney
B. Henry	I. Higlett	H. Jenkins	D. Johnson	T. Kennedy	E. Laming	B. McKinna
H. Martin	G. Matthews	T. Primrose	G. Riddoch	R. Russell	M. Singe	Bert Smith
S. Tarczynski	T. Weir	J. Whittem	F. Wilson	J. Timms	B. Sherrah	B. Hurford
H. Young.						

To Stan Tarczynski, congratulations on winning the Darts Trophy. Incidentally, he assures me he has no intention of complicating his surname by changing it to Smith-Jones. We were sorry not to see several regular 458ers.

Harry for King.

Approx. 12 members competed at Albert Park for the Anzac Golf Cup. They had to admit that Harry was King. Flight and Squadron President Harry Ashworth being the Harry concerned.

Victorian Flight Elections.

During the Reunion Victoria elected the following office-bearers for 1967-8:

Flight Presidents: Harold (Yank) Martin,
 Snr. Vice-Pres: Ron Russell
 Jnr. Vice-Pres: Frank (Shorty) Wilson,
 Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Carr;

Committee: H. Ashworth, Bob Smith, J. Fleming, I. Alison, K. Brown, N. Cugley, E. Laming, J. Timms, B. McKinna, D. Johnson, Bert Smith, A. Green.

CROWEATER ANZAC.from Lofty Trewartha, 60, California Street,
Nailsworth, S.A.

As usual, the 9.0 a.m. Service was held at the Adelaide Airport where, in the presence of many Squadron members and friends, a wreath was placed at the base of the 458 Memorial Tree. Padre Shepherd conducted the Service that followed.

The March.

After 5 days in bed with a crook hammer and tack I eventually made it into the Big Smoke where, undaunted by the fact that weather conditions were definitely on the nose, 458 Sqdn. as usual marched as a separate unit. Bill Taylor led the Squadron and, although his step is still firm I guess our ages must be shewing because this year we had a sprightly young A.T.C. cadet to act as Sister Hanna. I don't know if it was because of a bit of extra poundage or if the girls were careless with the irons, but more of the boys, including the Flight President, turned out this year in civies. After the March we headed for the Clubrooms (Earl's Bar—Hotel Talbot). Seen in the ranks included:

Bill Taylor	Bob Drinnan	Eric Baker	Bill Cribb	Sid. Bartram
Bert Ravenscroft	Jim Perry	Mel Priest	Ron Badger	"Flash" Thomas
Jack Riseley	Lloyd Letcher	Reg. Priest	Ted Creighton	J. Fisher
Norm. Trewartha	and many welcome Associates of 458.			

We were happy to see Gerry Young (T.P.I.) swapping yarns with old Squadron identity Walter Sullivan, appearing currently with the "Funny Girl" show in Adelaide.

Annual Meeting.

A meeting was held at Bill Taylor's residence at Beaumont on the evening of March 31st. to elect officers and discuss the next All-States Reunion. It was unanimously agreed that South Australia should apply to be the host State for 1969, and plans were formulated to ensure that the high standards set by our sister Flights will not eclipse what we in South Australia can offer.

Those present were:

Flight President	Bill Taylor,		
Secretary	Bob Drinnan,		
Treasurer	Mel Priest,		
Scribe	Norm. Trewartha,		
Harry Bartram	Jack Riseley	Reg. Priest	Brian Woodhead
Syd. Bartram	Arn. Scholar	Col. Draysey	Ted. Creighton.

Personal Pars.

Croweater Personal Pars are included with other items of 458 news--see below.

New Flight Secretary.

Our new Secretary, Bob Drinnan, is very pleased with the response to notices sent out to members recently and wishes to say "Saieeda" to:--

Pat Enright	Geoff. Esau	Bert Oliver	
Ian Showell	Roger Rodwell	Johnny Sheerlock	Col. Bowley
Junior Davies	Padre McNamara	Padre Davies	Padre McKay.

See the Treasurer.

Our new Treasurer is amazed to think that we have got a few quid again to start a bank account with. If you enjoy hearing about Squadron personalities, send a donation to Mel at South British Insurance, Currie Street, Adelaide, and really make his eyes light up.

Apology to Butch.

In conclusion, my sincere apologies to Butch and Amy Power for losing the correspondence related to their visit to the East. What annoys me most, Butch, is that I suppose you had a case of that lolly water you call Swan Lager with you.

Regards to all, Lofty.

SANDGROPPERS SAY.....from Peter Power, 145, Gildercliffe Street,
Scarborough, W.A.

First of all, I would like to extend to all the chaps who welcomed me at the Air Force Club, Sydney, my grateful thanks for a most enjoyable evening.

Sandgroppers Say....(cont.)

It was great to see everybody looking so fit and well and may I say that I hope the years ahead continue to deal kindly with you all. My and I enjoyed our stay in your fair city; there is always a spare room for any couple who make the long haul to Perth; they would be very welcome. I conveyed the ties to Chas. Geddes and they went on sale at the Anzac Day Reunion.

The One Day of the Year.

On Anzac Day, the Flight President (Billy Clues) duly laid the Squadron Wreath on the State War Memorial at the Dawn Service. The March was very well attended. Billy Clues led the Flight and Henry Etherton made an effective Sister Hannah. Trike Wheeler made the long trip from Kojonup and Al. Wheat from Geraldton. Two new but very welcome faces on parade were 'Sonja' Hemy and 'Chess.' Chessell, neither of whom had marched for years. As per usual the weather was beautiful, if anything a little on the warm side, and the parade and attendance in excess of last year.

The Reunion.

The Annual Reunion (held in conjunction with 460 Squadron) was at the Civilian Maimed and Limbless Association Hall. Forty-three chaps sat down to a formal lunch and the usual toasts were honoured. Adequate supplies of liquid refreshment were on hand and everyone present voted the Reunion as very successful.

All the old local stalwarts of 458 were present though Chas Davis was held up at work and made a late but nevertheless welcome appearance. We were also most happy to see an excellent roll-up of Associate members. Our thanks to Chas. (Mum) Geddes for a fine job of organising a very enjoyable get together.

The Silent Ones.

To those W.A. Flight members who receive the Squadron News and who do not attend the Anzac March and Annual Reunion, we say

"What about making an effort to be with 458 in 1968!"

Greetings.

On behalf of all the W.A. Flight I send a big cheerio to all other 458ers throughout the world--and congratulations to the newly elected Federal Officers.

A.R. (Peter) Power.

NEW SOUTH NEWSNOTES.

from Cy. Irwin, 17, Vincent Street, Canterbury, N.S.W.

Anzactivities.

On Anzac Eve a wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate the Squadron Dead took place at the Cenotaph, Martin Place; afterwards the party of Squadron members adjourned to the Air Force Club.

On Anzac Day 458 members marched, approx. 40 strong, behind the Air Force leadership of Air Marshal Sir John McCauley. After the March a Reunion and dinner was held at the Great Southern Hotel, George Street. By way of interest, those at the March and Reunion were:

Alan Piggott	Les. Piggott	Barry Menser	Roy Gilkes	Bob Millar	Tom Mitchell
Ray Davies	Alf. Hammond	Col. Corten	Geoff. Cannon	Lance Wood	Henry Bryant
Gordon Balmer	Peter MacManamey	Frank Ward	Bob Lyndon	Ron Hills	Graeme Coombes
Cy. Irwin	Bob Osborne	Bruce Dean	John Hosking	Tom Moore	Cec. Nation
Norm. Peachey	Red-Jack Baker	George Unitt	Jack Bevan	John McPhee	Eric Munkman
Harry Baines	Stuart Ricketts	Noel Spurling	Jack Aitken	Kemp Beach	Dick Cook
Don Bitmead	Stan. Longhurst	Bill McBride	Jock McGowen	Jack Preston.	

Absent from N.S.W. attending the All-States Reunion in Melbourne were stalwarts Fred. Strom, Sam Barlow, Peter Alexander, and Bob Bruce. From reports they were very well hosted by the Victorian Flight.

Office-bearers.

Elections for 1967-8 were as follows:

Flight President	John Hosking,
Vice Pres	Stuart Ricketts and Kemp Beach,
Secretary	Cy. Irwin,
Asst. Sec.	Kemp Beach,
Treasurer	Frank Ward.

Committee: Bob Bruce, Fred Strom, Noel Spurling, Cec. Nation, Eric Munkman, Tom Moore, Graeme Coombes, Don Bitmead, Sam Barlow, Jack Baker, Jack Aitken, Peter Alexander, John Preston, Alf. Hammond, and Henry Bryant.

Hon. Auditor: Bert Thompson,

New South Newsnotes (cont.)Wine Tasting for Sam.

The Flight held a Wine-Tasting evening during May--on the 18th.--at McWilliams Cellars at Pymont. About 40 members, wives and friends sampled McWilliams Hock, Lexia, Sauterne, Claret Burgunday and Champagne and had a very excellent Buffet dinner--with explanations of the characteristics of the wines. This occasion was taken by the Squadron to mark its appreciation of what Sam Barlow has contributed to the continuing success of 458 Squadron. The Squadron Council, through Squadron Vice President Peter Alexander, and N.S.W. Flight, through Flight Vice President Stuart Ricketts, jointly presented Sam with an inscribed silver salver and expressed 458's appreciation of Sam's work and enthusiasm for 458, on both Squadron and Flight levels. We were delighted to have the Victorian Flight President Harold (Yank) Martin and his wife Kath., present at this function.

A.F.A. Assembly.

This year's State Assembly will be held at Taree and we hope to be represented and have our say.

Kemp Hospitalised.

Members will be sorry to learn that Kemp Beach is in hospital (Western Suburbs--Todman Ward)--the result of a fall recently. Kemp will be out of action for four or five weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Through the News--our sympathy to Tom Moore whose Father passed away on May 17th. C.P.I.

NEWS FROM Q.FLIGHT.

from Jim Holliday, 43, Stella Street,
Holland Park, Q.

After Melbourne.

Chas. Warren and Sel. Foote have returned from Melbourne full of praise for the faultless organisation and the open-handed hospitality. Both say that Vic. Flight did them proud but that it was difficult if not impossible to pay 'thanks' with a return shout. Chas. and Sel. thought every one of the Vic. Flight did a marvellous job of hosting the interstate members. Everyone bucked in and did a wonderful job; and, while not wishing to single anyone out, could not help noticing Bill Carr buzzing about--quietly, of course, like any good Carr does--attending to the 101 things all secretaries do efficiently, unobtrusively and naturally.

Fleet-of.....

Sel (Fleet of) Foote is tickled pink to win again the 100 yards Members' Race. He's already booked his air passage to Adelaide in 1969 to defend his title and make it a hat trick. Training rigidly too. Foote's 27 miles to Brisbane every meeting night, and laps the local race course pre-dawn with a fast stop-watch in one hand and a goad in the other.

Pensioners' Club ?

Our two envoys brought back welcome news of many old tent mates and canteen coppers to the boys they left behind them. And, if you will be indulgent to two old greybeards who claim the privilege of age, Bill Garland and Jim Holliday, and to a further two baldy-headed old b.....s, Len Macdonnell and Keith Campbell, we four would like to thank Ian Higlett for his kind regards.

Bernie Going South.

Chas. and Sel. were pleased to meet Bernie Hughes and his neighbour in the "Never-never", in Melbourne. Every Hughes--Bernie or otherwise--is good news.

Reunion in Brisbane.

As for our Brisbane Reunion: well, we marched well, all 15 of us, Johnno Johnston striding ahead behind the banner borne by two A.T.C. cadets who volunteered ("impressed" by Johnno in admirable form). Adjourned to Chas. Warren's premises where 15 men put two fives to rest and 13 bottles. It was a long and thirsty day. Not bad for a few old blokes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters to the Editor.

From Frank Garvin, H.M. Customs and Excise, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, N. Ireland.

Dear Ed.,

Perusing through 'Air Mail' the other day, I observed a Reunion of 458 Assn. Having served with 458 (Foggia and Gib.) I wrote the U.K. Sec., Sid

