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ANZAC DAY.

MESSAGE FROM THE SQUADRON PRESIDENT (Ern. Laming)

Gentlemen--What is Anzac Day ?

In this our squadron we regard it as the day above all days when we remember those who did not return to receive the thanks of our nation.

It is the day when we remember those who sleep where they were left--amid the holly scrub in the valleys and on the ridges of Gallipoli and on the rugged terraced hills of Palestine, and in the beautiful cemeteries of France.

It is the day when we remember those who lie asleep beneath the shimmering haze of the Libyan Desert--at Bardia, Derna, Tobruk; and amid the mountain passes and olive groves of Greece and Crete; and on the snow-capped hills of Syria.

We remember too those who lie buried in the rank jungles of Malaya and New Guinea, and in the distant isles of the Pacific.

We also remember those who lie in unknown resting places in almost every land; and those gallant men whose grave is the never-ending sea.

Especially do we remember those who died as prisoners-of-war, remote from their homeland and from the comforting presence of their own kith and kin.

We recall too those staunch friends who fought alongside our men on their first Anzac Day--men of New Zealand, who helped to create the name ANZAC.

We cherish the memory of all those who gave their lives in the Navy, the Army, and the Air Force; and we think, too, of all the men and women who paid the supreme sacrifice in order that the lights of freedom and humanity might continue to shine.

May they all rest proudly in the knowledge of their achievement, and may we and our successors in that heritage be worthy of their sacrifice.

For they shall grow not old, as we who are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we shall remember them.

LEST WE FORGET.

NEW SOUTH NOTES.

from Cy.Irwin,32,Rose Street,Ashfield,2131.

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Much to relate since the last N.S.W.Notes.

Anzac Day in Sydney.

A wreath-laying ceremony took place on Anzac Eve. A Squadron party of twelve or so assembled at 8.p.m.to honour the squadron dead, and Flight President Eric Munkman placed a remembrance wreath on the Cenotaph. Afterwards, at a short and impressive ceremony a sheaf of flowers was placed in the Memorial Room in the Air Force Association Chapel.

On Anzac Day, squadron members (about 30 strong) marched with the Air Force contingent. The Reunion, with lunch and trimmings, was held, as usual, at the Great Southern Hotel, George Street. The Rollcall:--

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| Eric Munkman | Norm.Peachey | Henry Bryant | Frank Ward | Sam Barlow | Bill McBride |
| Noel Spurling | Bob.Bruce | Pop Lewis-Hughes | Cy.Irwin | Bob Millar | Keith Cousins |
| Tom.Ridgeway | Stan.Longhurst | Bill Astlwy | Allan Walker | Jack Preston | John Hosking |
| Peter Alexander | Jack Baker | Jack Bevan | John McPhee | Jock McGowen | Alf.Hammond |
| <u>At the March</u> | Col.Corten | Fred.Strom | Gordon Balmer | Steve Gilkes | Frank Keith |
| Joe Pratt. | | | | | |

During the afternoon a brief and at all times coherent annual meeting was conducted by Flight President Eric Munkman. A message was conveyed to members from Squadron President Ern.Laming. Reports were presented, and an election of officers for 1972-3 resulted:--

- Flight President: Eric Munkman
- Vice Presidents: Sam Barlow, Stuart Ricketts,
- Treasurer: Frank Ward,
- Secretary: Cy.Irwin---plus a Committee of ten.

Past Functions.

A Squadron party of 14 attended a very pleasant Dinner-Dance evening on 25th.March to help celebrate with our St.George branch friends their 21st.birthday. It was held at the Air Force Memorial Club, Rockdale.

On 17th.March, the Flight was represented at another birthday celebration--at the Crest Hotel, Kings Cross, for the 51st.birthday of the R.A.A.F.

And yet another dinner, on 14th.April, a function for the Air Force Association Branch Presidents and Secretaries. We were represented.

Some General News Items.

Stuart Ricketts, on leave from the Anzactime functions, celebrated his 25th.wedding anniversary with a trip to Cooma and the Snowy Mountains. Squadron congratulations to Stuart and Iris.

The Air Force Association State Assembly will shortly be held at Taree, on the weekend of June 10th-11th. Any squadron member (and wife) wishing to participate will be very welcome and assured of an enjoyable weekend.

Passing of Ron Hills.

The Flights's deep sympathy to Nancy Hills, and Ron's children, on the passing of our old squadron mate, Ron.Hills. Ron, of course, suffered a major mishap when in the Air Force, and has been in poor health for some time. He died after some time in the Repatriation Hospital, Concord. 458 attended his funeral service. We shall miss him.

Regards to Flight members in other States from N.S.W.Flight. C.P.I.

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NOTE FROM THE N.S.W.PRESIDENT TO N.S.W.MEMBERS.

I have arrived home from yet another Anzac Day and a 458 Squadron gathering rather a disappointed man. On looking over our attendance, which was far below average one begins to think--what is wrong with these fellows who we considered we knew so well--surely that comradeship still exists to-day !

From the N.S.W. President (cont.)

I realise we have all taken our different directions in life since those days but surely we are not selfish enough not to be able to give at least one day of 365 away just to be with those fellows who helped to form our future manhood in the years then still to come.

In all sincerity, I say to you--give it a thought, and help to rekindle that comradeship and understanding which existed in those days of patriotism.
Eric Munkman.

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VICTORIAN VIEWPOINT.

from Jim Timms, 39, Frank Street, Vermont, 3133.

On Anzac Day.

Anzac Day saw 32 in attendance at the March and Reunion at Harry Ashworth's. Catering was in the capable hands of Harry and Ian Alison; they did a great job.
Election of officers resulted as follows:

- Flight President: Bob McKinna Tel.286-6142
- Senior Vice President: Ron Russell Tel.848-3120
- Junior Vice President: Ian Alison Tel.88-5927
- Committee: Ken Morkham, H. Ashworth, E. Laming, G. Cuthbertson, W. Carr, H. Martin, F. Wilson, N. Cugley, R. Rodwell, J. Fleming, S. Tarczynski.

Others in attendance were Ron Yates, T. Wishart, H. Young, Bob Smith, Arthur Green, Mick Singe, Russ. Connelly, Tom Primrose, D. Johnson, Ted Kennedy, L. Wurr, C. Bradshaw, Col. Hutchingson. The raffle for a 12" portable T.V. was drawn and was won by Robyn Riddoch, daughter of George and Thelma of Burrum Beet.

Our Ladies Committee, under the presidency of Joan Russell, is doing a sterling job as far as fund-raising is concerned for the All-States Reunion next year.

Personal Pars.

Phil Morkham is recovering slowly after a major operation; recover soon, Phil., as we have some good do's coming up.
 Ern Laming has received an Award of Merit gong for ten years good service with the Corps pf Commissionaires.
 Elsie Green is also recovering from a serious operation. Get well soon, Elsie.
 Harry Ashworth and Ian Alison will be in Sydney over Queen's Birthday weekend. Staying at Kings Cross Motel, Kings Cross, for bowls events.
 Bob and Beatrice McKinna are holidaying in Western Australia, visiting their daughter Jill and her husband.
 Don Johnson has been promoted to Branch Manager, of Motor Spares, in Mildura---Good luck, Don.
 Lisle Wurr was discharged from the Repat. Hospital, Heidelberg, where he has been a patient for some weeks.

We are already in the process of drawing up a preliminary programme for the All-States Reunion next year, and can promise great entertainment for everyone who attends.

yours, Jim Timms.

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D. FLIGHT NEWS.

from Jim Holliday, 43, Stella Street, Holland Park, Queensland, 4121.

Quiet Reunion.

It was a quiet reunion, probably because it was a working day following. Very few marched. Indeed, it was our smallest ever. However, some of our regulars had very good reasons. Still it was a wonderful day. Not a cloud in the sky;-- and the kids were wonderful. But we've got to do something about that non-existent band.

At the Reunion afterwards, Don Brandon was re-elected President; Jack Lewis again as Treasurer; yours truly was unable to find anyone to take up his pen. Jack Lewis provided the most elegant vittles in a most beautiful fashion. Provide for Jack, we call him, Don, President Past and Present, and our most handsome and youngest grandfather, brought forth our spirits. Charles Warren, guardian of the glasses, arrived well in time to hand us

Q. Flight News (cont.) refreshment as we puffed our way in. Afterwards there was the traditional game of poker. Who won? I doubt if anyone knows.

Where did we hold it? The Army came to our rescue. No. 3 Casualty Clearing Station, Water Street, some of our best pleasant nights. Central, quiet, good parking, nice people--and as clean as a whistle.

We missed Johnny this year. Son, Nigel, in the school cadets, and Dad had a part to play too. The Gold Coast has never seen such a display of precision and polish.

The Sick List. It's been hospital for two of our stewards. Gordon Postle first. A painful affair, and a little shorter now in the digestive area. Fitter than ever though. Nothing to worry about, says Gordon. Charles Warren was the other. Came unstuck somewhere, so the stitch in time was needed. Waited until he retired though. Couldn't let the customers down. Looks fit in fact, so fit, plus his remarks about nurses, we wonder.

But we are peeved. Neither Gordon nor Chas. said a word about their going to hospital. We never knew until they came out. Of course Gordon flits off here and there so if he's not around we don't wonder. Chas. did a cunning one. Said he was going on a trip. That really fooled us. Just think of the lovely time we missed seeing them in hospital, slipping them a medicine bottle--and then adjourning to the nearest local afterwards.

Fishy Story. Some people have enthusiasm, particularly fishermen. Do you know where Bert. Garland's going for a quiet fish? Port Douglas. Look that up in your atlas!

Bill Snowden couldn't make the march but sent his usual apologies in his usual magnificent handwriting. I'm thinking of entering it in the local Show, and the prize I collect I'll send to Legacy

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CROWEATER NEWS.

From Lofty Trewartha, 60, California Street, Nailsworth, 5083.

Anzac Day As if to make amends for the wettest Anzac Day ever recorded, the March this year was carried out in brilliant sunshine with weather as near perfect as possible. Sid. Bartram led the Squadron, and although the onlookers were small in numbers, I feel it was one of the best marches I have ever participated in.

The Reunion as usual was held in the bar at the rear of the Talbot Hotel but I am afraid I cannot comment on this part of the celebration as I saw the light and went bowling.

Marching were:

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| Sid. Bartram | Harry Bartram | Frank Hall | Keith Foreman | Lofty Trewartha | |
| Brian Woodhead | Ann. Scholar | Poul Hinsley | Ken. Miller | John Carey | Geoff. Esau |
| Bruce Thomas | Reg. Priest | Mel. Priest | Bert Oliver | Jack Riseley | Ron. Badger |
| Ted. Creighton | Tim O'Reilly | Diver Dunn. | | | |

Safari pending Preparations are going ahead at the Trewartha camp for a safari north. We hope to leave Adelaide on 1st. July and call at the Alice, Darwin, Wyndham, Broome, Carnarvon, and Perth.

That's Life. Or the Gospel According to St. Trewartha.

It seems that when the creator of man was making the world he called man aside and bestowed upon him 20 years of sex life. Man was horrified - only 20 years! But the creator did not budge. That is all he would grant him.

Then he called the monkey and gave him 20 years. "But I don't need 20 years, 10 is plenty" said the monkey.

Man spoke up and said "Can I have the other 10 years?" The monkey agreed.

Then the creator called the lion and gave him 20 years. The lion said he only needed 10.

