



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER, 1986

A happy and lively time was had by all at the Barbecue at the Gibson's home on 9th November. Sue and Gordon always make us feel very welcome and their son, Dean, kept the chops, steaks and sausages coming with perfect timing. With beautiful weather, good food, pleasant company and delightful surroundings, it had to be a great success.

We had a brief period of silence when we remembered those we had lost since we last met, and then President Michael Casey welcomed new members Tony Carson (ex British Army) and John Laird (ex Aust. Army), and it was good also to have Helen (Frizell) and Jack Kenny join us for the first time. Helen has lent us drawings done by Betty Brymer in 1945, at the breakup of the Cipher Section at 21 Henry Street. You would think the war was starting, instead of having just ended! But partings are hard after years of working together in close comradeship.

It was also a pleasure to have Phil Dynes with us after the recent sad death of his wife. Phil has our sincere sympathy at this time. Alf Davis also advised us of the death of George Goldie, a RAAF officer well known and liked by W.U. personnel who served with him in the field.

The following 41 attended the Barbecue: Bruce Bentwitch, Syd & Norma Carey, Len & Margaret Carrigg, Michael & Joyce Casey, Tony Carson, Ron & Madeline Chidgey, Alf & Flora Davis with friends Joan and Albert Aaron, Phil Dynes, Bill Estep (we missed Florence who was not well), May Gerber, Gordon & Sue Gibson and Sue's sister Robyn de Lucey, Norma & daughter Jackie Keeling, Jack & Helen Kenny, John Laird, Alan & Pamela Langdon, Joy Linnane, Margaret McCafferty, Cliff & Barbara McIntosh, Reg & Molly Murphy, Lach & Noni McNaught, Doug Pyle, Athol Whyburn, Jim Williams & friend Sheila, Stan & Marion Winn.

We received apologies from Judy (Roe) Carson, Betty Chessell, Joyce Grace, Frank Hughes, Noel Langby, Allan Osborne, Percy Pledger, Diana Seymour, Arthur Sims, and John Shoebridge.

As well as being pleased to have 'new chums' Tony Carson and John Laird at the Barbecue, we are very happy to welcome new members Constance Carpenter and Judy Carson into the Association and look forward to seeing them in 1987.

Following the item in our last Newsletter regarding the possibility of holding a 'Special' Reunion for our Bi-Centennial year, we have not been overwhelmed with comments! However, it has been suggested that it would be great to be able to have a reunion in Brisbane. A Questionnaire therefore accompanies this N/L and your response A.S.A.P. will be appreciated so that members' preferences can be considered. If a 'Special' is to be arranged, your Committee will have to get on to the planning fairly soon.

We believe some of our American colleagues will be travelling to Australia in 1988 and will be here for Anzac Day but specific details of their plans are not yet to hand. We will keep you posted. Dr. Abe Sinkov is planning to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Luck, owners of 21 Henry Street write, "We would be most happy to accept your plaque for the entrance, and welcome anyone who was billeted here during WW2".

Betty Chessell has sent photos of Bletchley Park (formerly G.C.C.S.). Betty and her husband were travelling through Buckinghamshire and saw a signpost to Bletchley. A bit of clever detective work finally brought them to Bletchley Park, which is now the Telecom Training Centre. Betty writes, "It was a great thrill to see this place which was known so well to the girls in the Cipher Office as G.C.C.S. London. Thousands of messages must have been enciphered and deciphered between G.C.C.S. and C.B."

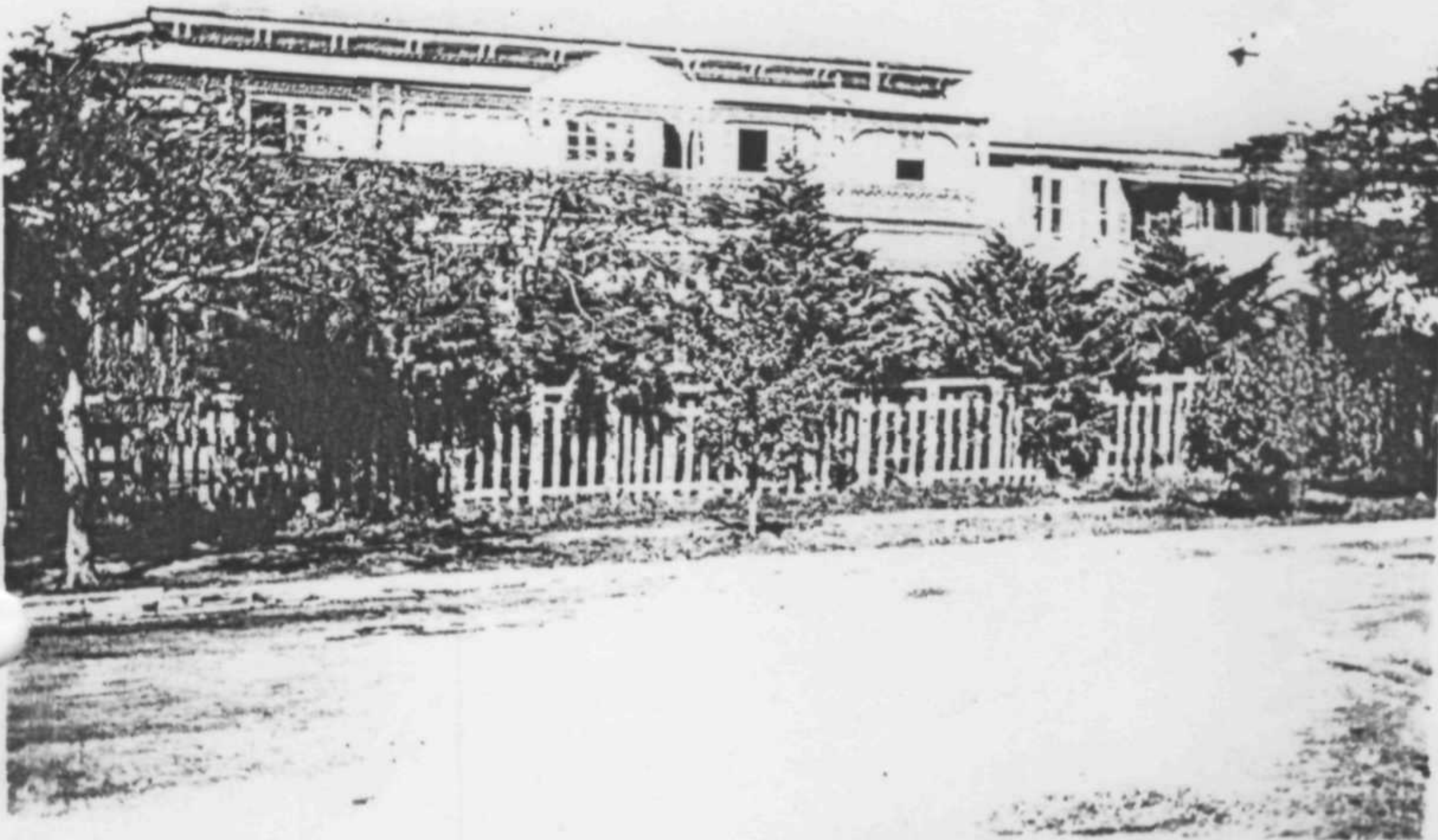
Dennis Moore and his wife have just returned from seven months overseas. Notwithstanding tight security everywhere - the U.S.-Libyan crisis, Chernobyl, bombs in London and Paris (they had to get special visas for France, then submit to being searched when going into department stores or post offices), extra tight security going into Yugoslavia, Ireland and on the hovercraft, and in spite of a heat wave in Scandinavia, they managed to have a marvellous time! (The six weeks around Kent, Cornwall and Scotland, and the spring daffodils would make it all worth it).

Alf Bobin and Percy Pledger are on the sick list at time of writing, so our sincere good wishes are with them.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Combined Services Club, Sydney, 2nd February, 1987, 1930 hours.

President Michael Casey wishes to convey Season's Greetings to all members, and peace and good health for the coming year.

Madeline Chidgey
Publicity Officer



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BETTY CHESSELL
STANDING AT DOOR.

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