



NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 1986

Since our last Newsletter, we have lost three of our members, and also Shirley Bentwitch, wife of member Bruce.

### AUSTIN GOLDBERG

L.G.S.M. (London), A.Mus.A., L.L.C.M. (T.D.)  
Music Master of St. Andrew's Cathedral School 1947-1976

One of Sutherland Shire's best known music teachers, Mr Austin Goldberg, died on May 23 as Concord Hospital.

Mr Goldberg's career spanned 40 years, during which he taught at his Cronulla studio and as a master at St Andrew's Cathedral School, Sydney.

During the 1950s and 1960s he was very active in many of the artistic endeavors of Sutherland Shire, in one or more of his roles as lecturer, writer and critic.

Mr Goldberg travelled widely and had a keen interest in the music of all countries.

Since his retirement he had been researching a biography of his close friend, the Australian composer John Antill, on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.

On June 19th, a service of thanksgiving for the life of Austin was held in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, and was attended by a large crowd of his friends and colleagues in the music world.

C.B. members who attended were Charles McCafferty, Allan Osborne, Gordon Gibson, Madeline Chidgey, Stan & Marion Winn, and Canon Alan Langdon, who had known him well in C.B. and since, gave a most moving and eloquent tribute to Austin in his address.

It was appropriate that at a service honouring the memory of a former Music Master of St. Andrew's Cathedral School, the singing and music were both beautiful and inspiring.

### KENNETH HENDERSON

The death of Ken Henderson occurred on 23rd August at Neringah Hospital, Wahroonga. Ken had only recently retired and moved from Canberra to Manly, and was in good spirits at our last Anzac Day Reunion, although looking far from robust. In June his medical report was re-assuring but in August, Helen (Frizell) Kenny advised us that he was suffering from cancer of the liver. Association members visited him at Manly and then during his last few days at Neringah. He remained alert to the very end and exhibited a strength of spirit remarkable in one so physically weak.

Ken had worked with the A.B.C. and then spent a number of years in Switzerland before returning to work in Canberra as editor of "Hemi sphere" magazine, a fine publication. He had no family so that his wide circle of friends became his 'family' and were very important to him. The tributes paid to him at the graveside ceremony at the Northern Suburbs Cemetery were very moving, and even

from overseas there were acknowledgements of Ken's guiding encouragement in pursuance of literary and media careers. A good friend indeed, who will be missed by many. Among those at the graveside were Allan Osborne, Charles McCafferty, Alan Langdon, Stan & Marion Winn.

#### CHARLES McCAFFERTY

We were saddened to hear of the death of Charles McCafferty on 8th September. Charles was a valued member of our Executive Committee for several years, and will be greatly missed. We extend our sincere sympathy to Margaret and her family in the sorrow they are experiencing.

A Requiem Mass was held in Charles' parish church on September 12th. Amongst the hundreds of his friends in attendance at the service were Association members Mick Casey & Joyce, Gordon Gibson, Allan Osborne, Jim Williams & Shirley Chuck, Ron Chidgey, Frank Hughes, Norma Keeling, and Marion Winn.

Not many of us are likely to receive published tributes equal to these from Charlie's work mates:

**McCAFFERTY, Charles Joseph.** — September 9, 1986 (suddenly), of Kingsgrove. The federal executive and officers of the Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia express their profound sense of personal loss at the unexpected death of office manager Charles McCafferty. A man of the greatest integrity, a respected colleague and a valued employee.  
"Happy is the honest man who walks by the law of God." Psalm 119.

**McCAFFERTY, Charles Joseph.** — September 9, 1986 (suddenly), of Kingsgrove. The staff of the Sydney and Melbourne offices of the Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia wish to convey their great sadness at the death of Charles McCafferty — a man of patience and good humour, a shining example to all of a Christian life.  
"You will be merciful with the merciful, you will be honest with an honest man." Psalm 18.



#### SHIRLEY BENTWITCH

Bruce Bentwitch's wife, Shirley, passed away on 13th May after a heart attack. Shirley had been in ill health for some time, but made the effort to come to the Anzac Day Reunion, with the aid of a stick, and we are particularly pleased that she was with us on that happy occasion. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Bruce in his loss of Shirley.

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Let us continue to remember these friends and all others we have lost since our days in Central Bureau.

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A letter from Dr. Abe Sinkov of Phoenix, Arizona, tells of a trip to Japan and China in April/May. He writes, "It was a very interesting tour, especially the China part of it which was splendidly guided and organised by a Chinese jewel merchant who spends part of his time as a travel guide". Dr. Sinkov also commented: "The sad news of the death of Professor Room brought back memories of that distinguished man. The brief obituary failed to mention that he was a world famous mathematician and a Fellow of the Royal Society, the highest honor England can grant to a scholar".

Letters from Peter Tankard and Ray Eddols have helped identify a few more faces in our "Sergeants" photo (May Newsletter) — Bernard Boivin, Dave Lawson, Charles Baker, Rupert Fenn, Bill Eggington, Andy Rutherford (who won the M.M. in New Guinea before joining C.B.). Does anyone else remember them?

Norma Keeling recently had a great time in Melbourne - dining with Lester and Kay Truex, and a happy day with Coral and Sandy Hinds who took her sightseeing. Norma also contacted Irene Chesshire, Betty Murray and Joyce Sandars, all members from Victoria. In fact, Norma is becoming a good unofficial Liaison Officer, and it is good to hear news of members who cannot get to our functions in Sydney.

Books to read: "The Enigma War" by Jozef Garlinski (Scribners) 1980 and "Double Edged Secrets" by W.J. Holmes (Naval Institute Press, Annapolis) 1979.

At our Executive Meeting on the 15th September, a date was fixed for the social gathering at the Pymble home of Gordon & Sue Gibson. Details in the accompanying sheet. PLEASE advise Gordon & Sue EARLY of your intention to attend, as they go to a lot of trouble to give us an enjoyable day. We observed One Minute's Silence at this meeting in memory of Austin, Shirley, Ken and Charles.

Peter Hastings wrote suggesting that we try and make arrangements for a brass plaque to be put up somewhere in 21 Henry Street, if the owners are agreeable, with some details of C.B., so now enquiries are under way.

Mac Maroney sent a letter with some good ideas for our 1988 Reunion following Les McClean's suggestion that we make 1988 a 'Special' for the Bi-Centennial year.

Mac suggests that we arrange events to be held on three days - Barbecue on Saturday; Formal Dinner on Sunday; Anzac Day March and Reunion at Phillip's Foote on Monday - 23rd, 24th and 25th April, 1988.

Our aim would be to bring together as many as possible from Central Bureau, with husbands and wives of course. So to all those of you far distant from Sydney, we make a special appeal to start planning now to give us the pleasure of your company in 1988. And there are those in Sydney also who have not yet attended our functions. How about coming along next month, next year, and then to our 'Special' in 1988?

Where possible, we feel that Sydney members would 'billet' interstate and N.S.W. country friends for a few days - others may prefer hotel or motel accommodation. A suggestion is that visitors who prefer hotel accommodation could all stay in the same hotel which could possibly be the venue for the formal dinner. These are details which can be considered when we can assess the response to Mac's ideas.

It is hoped that all members will consider these suggestions and make some comment. If not in agreement, other positive suggestions will be appreciated for a 1988 'Special'. Definite arrangements will have to be finalised by next Anzac Day at the latest. So ..... use some of the old grey matter that got you into C.B. in the first place, and let us see what we can come up with!

Sydney is a great place to visit, even if you wouldn't want to live here!

A warm welcome to new members Doreen MacPherson, Woollahra; Olive Barlow (nee Williams), Toowoomba; Clarrie Hermes, Hughes, A.C.T.

Change of address: In our January Mini-Newsletter, we changed Ken Price's place of residence to Runcorn, Qld. That was quite wrong. It is another K. Price who lives there. Our member Ken still lives at 13 Dutton Terrace, Medindie, S.A. 5081. Ken & Ann are well and happy, and Ken is very busy and active in Local Government.

Sick Parade: Bob Burnside spent longer in Concord than he reckoned on but sounds pretty good now, and has had a week away for the wedding of his second son. Our best wishes to him. Alf Bobin from Gympie, Queensland, has been spending some weeks in hospital in Brisbane for further treatment - this time to correct the shoulder trouble resulting from the radio therapy he had earlier. Our good wishes also to Alf.

Isn't there anyone out there who remembers and/or knows anything of Steve, our RAAF photographer? We have had an enquiry also as to the whereabouts of Charles T. (Ted) Johnson, S.I.S. News of both is wanted in the U.S.A. It seems possible that Ted Johnson settled in Australia with his Australian wife. If you can help, we will be pleased to hear from you.

Rita (Taylor) Balin, who retired to her home town Brisbane from living in New York, rejoined the work force for 18 months and has now retired for the second time. We wish her well in her second attempt at a more leisurely life!

If you have any items of news which would be of interest to members, please contact our Secretary, Gordon Gibson, 7 Lindsay Close, Pymble, 2073, or me at 1 Daphne Street, Dolan's Bay, 2229. Your help will be much appreciated.

All for now -- see as many of you as can make it at the Barbecue on Sunday, 9th November.

Madeline Chidgey  
Publicity Officer.

ANZAC DAY 1986



← Michael Casey, our President

The Marchers, in Martin Place,  
Sydney



JOYCE GEACE  
AWAS.

MADELINE CHIDGEY  
AWAS

NORMA KEELING  
WAAF

## ESTEP, MORELAND, ALLEN JOIN OFFICERS' RANKS

In the past week three of SIS' oldest members were directly commissioned as Second Lieutenants. With their collar points firmly holding up under their shining new bars William Estep, Joe Allen and Don Moreland gladly handed over their old stripes to friends and immediately celebrated with a very "satisfactory" party at the Club. Consensus among the remaining enlisted men who attended indicates anyone else who gets behind bars can do the same thing and nobody will get sore.

All three grew up with SIS. Bill was one of the first eight enlisted men to arrive in Australia, and who formed the nucleus for the present SIS enlisted personnel. Before his enlistment in the Regular Army in 1941, Lt. Estep was studying at the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy. In the devious routes of Army life known to most of us, he finally ended up in Melbourne and then here.

BILL ESTEP ↑

NORMA KEELING →

LESTER TRUEX ↓

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## MEMORIES FOR OUR MEMBERS

Extracted from the SIS Magazine "Clamor"

April 14, 1945

## THE WAAAFS CELEBRATE THEIR FOURTH ANNIVERSARY



Some of the WAAAFs serving in the Park got together on March 14th to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the founding of the auxiliary air service.

Seated on the grass left to right: Cpl. Jean J. Chamberlaine, ACW Phyllis P. McLeod, ACW Peggy P. Prowse.

Seated, left to right, in second row: ACW Pauline P. Barlow, ACW Sybil J. Beck, ACW Joan J. Schmidt, ACW Norma N. Scarffe, Cpl. Enid E. Horner.

Standing, left to right: Sgt. Jessie J. Storey, Cpl. Heather H. Barclay, ACW Yunah Y. Murphy, Flt/O. Ethel E. Leadbeater, Sgt. Lee L. Parker, and ACW Val V. Miller.

(The other WAAAFs in the park not shown in the picture include F/Sgt Paton, Cpls. Cynthia C. Hickey, Melva M. Huntley, Betty B. Langley, and Rita R. Taylor; and ACWs Joan J. Martin-Thomas, Elsie E. Washington, Mavis M. Stewart, Nyrene N. Svenson, Effie E. Frost, Jean J. Donohue, and Mary M. Young.)

April 30, 1945.

## AN AUSTRALIAN BELLE FOR ADONIS



← MAURIE COOMBS

Pictured above are newlyweds Lt. and Mrs. Lester S. Truex signing the marriage papers immediately following the ceremony in St. Stephen's Cathedral on Wednesday, April 18, 1945. The wedding was highlighted by a reception for officers at Gregory Terrace and for enlisted personnel at the SIS Club. Also shown in the picture are the bride's sisters, Yvonne McClelland and Mrs. Erleen Blowes (bridesmaid and matron of honor respectively). The best man was Lt. Ralph R. Barch, and Capt. M. R. Coombs acted as groomsman.



Norma Peel

Anne Moon

Linda Paton



Winning the War at Domain Road, South Yarra

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SOCIAL FUNCTION

Dear Member,

Your Social Committee has arranged the next "get-together" by way of a

MID-DAY BARBECUE

FROM 11.00 A.M. ON SUNDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1986

VENUE: Gordon & Sue Gibson's home, 7 Lindsay Close, Pymble.

MENU: B.Y.O. steak, sausages, or whatever you like barbecued.  
Salads, Coleslaw, etc. provided, also crockery and cutlery.

DRINKS: B.Y.O. (and remember the 0.5 test).  
Tea & Coffee provided.

R.S.V.P.: To assist with catering arrangements, please reply no later than 3rd November!

Phone Gordon or Sue Gibson 449 9450.

A fine day has been ordered, but it will be on irrespective.

Of course, it goes without saying that wives, husbands, friends and relatives are all welcome.

Note the date on your calendar, and come along and make it a happy occasion.

Be seeing you.

6th October, 1986..

Gordon Gibson  
Hon. Sec.