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WINTER 2023

Sunderlanders and friends.

Winter is approaching although here in Victoria the weather which was exceptional, and unusually warm for Autumn has now turned very cold.

Anzac Day has come and gone and the Victorian Sunderlanders enjoyed a wonderful commemoration and acknowledged the 80th Anniversary of the raising of 461 Sqn. More details of all commemorations in Past Events.

This Newsletter includes a number of appropriate Anzac articles from various sources. Thank you to the providers of all the articles; Sqn Ldr John Rattenbury ex CO 10 SQN RAF; Jill Turner, daughter of Les Clough 461 Sqn; and the Victorian Shrine of Remembrance team.

PAST EVENTS

2023 ANZAC DAY MARCH – MELBOURNE

This year we returned to our previous form up area in Flinders Street East. 10 Sunderlanders lined up behind our combined Squadrons' Banner on an unusually hot cloudless April day to take part in the march. The march organisers excelled this year having the Air Force Cadets prepositioned so that the respective Squadrons or Groups could easily find their location in the FUP (Form Up Place). This reduced the usual confusion trying to set up banners in the correct Order of March. It was fortuitous that things were well organised as we stepped off 30 minutes early immediately behind the Ambulance Victoria Pipe Band who did a great job. It was wonderful to have our own band.

The 6 Air Force cadet banner bearers excelled and each one received a Sunderland lapel badge for their effort.

We also featured well on the TV coverage. See the ink below from 1hr 49min 35 sec to 1hr 51min 30 sec.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=j3ENseQKWxU&pp=ygUeMjAyMyBNZWxib3VybmUgYW56YWwMgZGF5IG1hcmNo>

Sunderlanders representing 10 Squadron were David White, Angus Scott, Mitchell Heyward, Pam Longe, Allan Stark, Ray Roger and 461 Squadron were Marilyn Marrows-Voullaire, Pam Gibson, Michael Amiss, and Ricky Hattam.

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After the march and a cup of tea from the Salvos we all visited the two Squadron memorial trees in the Shrine Memorial Gardens. Thank you Pam Gibson for the usual wreath at the 461 Sqn plaque.

A couple of our regular participants were away this year commemorating Anzac Day at other locations.



L to R. Allan Stark, Pam Longe, Mitchell Heyward, Angus Scott, Ricky Hattam, David White, Ray Rogers, Marilyn Marrows-Voullaire. Pam Gibson and Mick Amis also joined the march contingent.



Everyone in step thanks to the Ambulance Victoria Pipe Band leading us along St Kilda Road

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The Sunderland contingent at the Shrine of Remembrance.



10 Squadron Plaque at the Memorial Tree in the Shrine of Remembrance Gardens

Marilyn Marrows-Voullaire “daughter of Dudley Marrows” at the 461 Squadron Tree Plaque.

Thank you again to Pam Gibson for the Wreath she lays every year.



2023 ANZAC DAY MARCH – NSW, RATHMINES AND SYDNEY

The NSW Branch observed Anzac Day at services at both Rathmines and in Sydney.



Sydney Contingent

L to R. Denis Smith, Matt Prowse, granddaughter of a Catalina serviceman (sorry I don't know her name but she marched with us as there were no Catalinas represented); Pamela Urquhart, Anne Pike-Flaherty, Ophelia Pike-Flaherty, Samantha Flaherty, Greg Head, Jasmine Head.

Rathmines Contingent



Rathmines marchers

L to R. Tim Jensen, Dave and Prue Anthony, Ken Horrell (Uncle Les Tremble 461)

Also in attendance at Rathmines were Alison Horrell and Vivian Mold (widow of Tony Mold RAF Sunderland). The Service also included a fly past by an 11 Sqn P-8A Poseidon.

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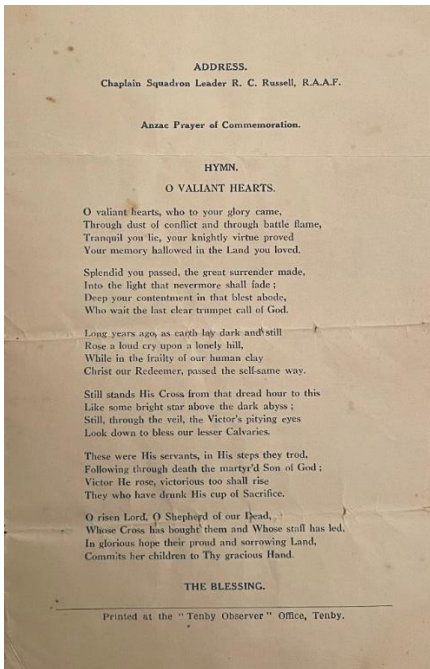
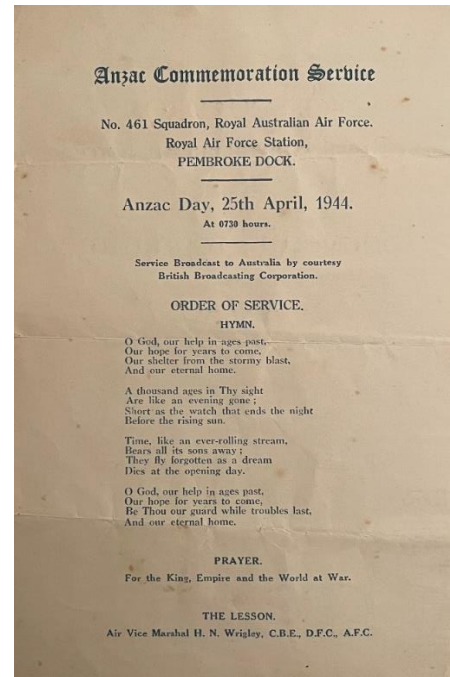
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1943 ANZAC DAY – PEMBROKE DOCK, 461 SQN RAAF



This copy of the 1944 461 Squadron Souvenir Programme of Anzac Day Commemoration Service at Pembroke Dock was kindly provided by Jill Turner, Daughter of Les Clough, 461 Squadron



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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461 Squadron Officers, Anzac Day, Pembroke Dock 25 April 1944

Back row, left to right: Paul Bird; Ron Morse; Ron Prentice; 5594 Owen Horsley Lewis; Trevor Lowrey; 417788 Jeffery Phillip Bills; Jim Amiss; Roger Newton; 401562 Ricky Hattam; P C (Jimmy?) Leigh; Richard 'Dick' Lucas; Doug Hughes; unidentified; R (Bob) Bennett; John Dobson; Ross Watts.

Middle row: John Livermore; Don 'Darkie' Goode; E 'Ed' Willis, probably 419103 Flying Officer (FO) Edwin Brand Willis, (lost on operations off Bergen, Norway on 1 October 1944); unidentified; Graeme Conning; F Peake; N Sheehan; unidentified; 429427 Flight Lieutenant Herbert Marshall 'Marsh' Godsall (lost on operations over the North Sea [off Bergen Norway] on 1 October 1944) ; Russ Catts; L F McInnes; 418211 Henry Hume Turnbull (killed over the North Sea on 1 October 1944); A W Crompton; Bruce Crools; Alan Davies; George Done; Peter T Jensen; Jim Sharpe; John Creighton.

Front row: B Higgins; 420047 Merv Pike; 418577 R Allardice; 416005 FO Paul Gotthelf Pfeiffer (killed in a flying accident in Scotland 3 January 1945); Don Sinclair; J Nicholls; Arch G Richmond; 'Wonk' Kennedy; Harry Cooke, flight commander; D L G Douglas, commanding officer; K McCaffery, adjutant; Vince McCauley; Roberts; William "Bill" Dunn; Alan Hannam; Jack Kennedy; Bruce Crooks; Bill Moffit; Frederick Melton; Derek 'Derry' Syme; Jack Sheehan.

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BIOGRAPHY

1785 SGT. GORDON JAMES GOULD, 10 SQUADRON RAAF

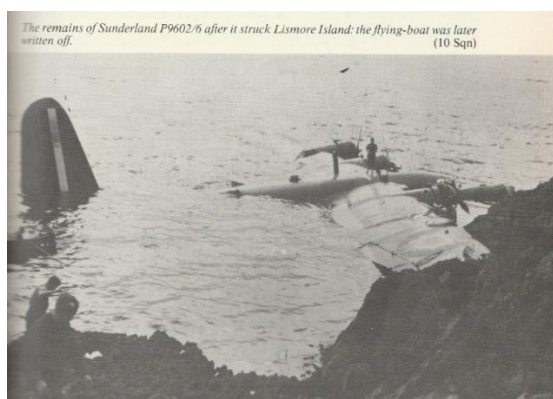
Gordon James Gould was born on 4th July 1913 at Ballarat, Victoria, Australia.

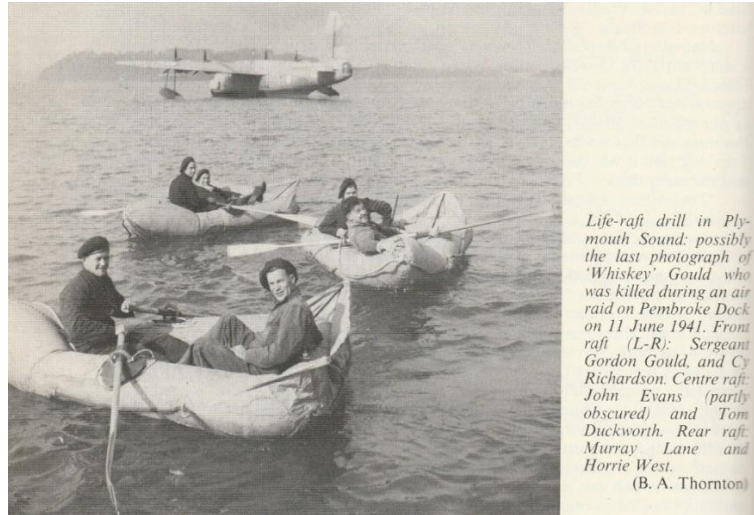
He first enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force at Laverton Victoria on 25th March 1935 for 6 years and re-enlisted on 25th March 1941 for a further 6 years.

	Postings		Promotions
No. 1 A.D.	25 th March 1935	A.C.1	25 th March 1935
S.H.Q. Laverton	20 th April 1936	W/T Op. Mech	26 th June 1936
Richmond	3 rd August 1936	L.A.C.	1 st October 1939
No. 3 Squadron	31 st July 1936	W/T & Elec. Mech	14 th Feb 1940
No. 23 Squadron	23 rd February 1939	Corporal (t)	1 st April 1940
10 Sqn (O'seas)	11 th November 1939	Air Gunner	24 th Sept 1940
		Sergeant (t)	1 st January 1941

In 1940 he was variously stationed at RAF Mount Batten, Plymouth and Pembroke Dock taking part in U-boat hunting, convoy patrol and air-sea rescue. On 25th June 1940 he was part of the crew that flew in P9602 to Rabat, French Morocco carrying Mr Duff-Cooper, Minister of Information and Lord Gort, Allied Commander-in-Chief, in a mission attempting to contact French Ministers sympathetic to the Free French. They were prevented from doing so by Vichy sympathisers and narrowly escaped with a challenging take off for which the captain Flt Lt Cohen received a DFC. On the 2nd September 1940, Gordon Gould and others survived the crash of the same Sunderland P9602 on to Lismore Island, Oban due to fog and flare path drifting.

He drew Air Gunners pay from 24th September 1940.





Life-raft drill in Plymouth Sound: possibly the last photograph of 'Whiskey' Gould who was killed during an air raid on Pembroke Dock on 11 June 1941. Front raft (L-R): Sergeant Gordon Gould, and Cy Richardson. Centre raft: John Evans (partly obscured) and Tom Duckworth. Rear raft: Murray Lane and Horrie West.
(B. A. Thornton)

He was killed on 11th June 1941 whilst on marriage leave in Pembroke Dock in an air raid on Pembroke Dock and was buried on 14th June 1941 with full military honours in Section T, Non-conformist Service Plot, Grave No. 198, Pembroke Dock (Llanion) General Cemetery.

Gordon' wife was slightly injured in the incident.

See below for more details of the air raid.



AIR RAID ON PEMBROKE DOCK 11th JUNE 1941.

The following is an extract of a report in the Pembroke County and West Wales Guardian of 13th June 1941 of an air raid probably refers to the raid in which he was killed.

ANOTHER AIR RAID ON COAST TOWN SOME PEOPLE KILLED

Husband Sacrifices His Life For His Wife

A large number of high explosive bombs were dropped in the latest raid on a Welsh town.

KILLED WHEN PROTECTING WIFE

One of the men who was killed, a stranger to the town, undoubtedly saved the life of his wife by a very gallant deed. They were hurrying to shelter when a bomb screamed down near them. The husband threw himself upon his wife on the ground, was caught in the blast and killed. His wife, protected by his body, was uninjured except, of course, for shock. At the hospital where she was taken for treatment the young wife told her story. "My husband is dead, he saved me," she said simply. It is understood the couple had been married for only a short time.

There were other tragedies during this raid. Two youths aged 18 and 13 were killed while they were putting out incendiaries in a field and also a middle aged man. Four women, mothers and daughters were killed when their house received a direct hit in a village. Some miraculous escapes were also described.

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This report refers to the death of Sgt Gould. The place and timing of the raid were withheld by the reporting restrictions of the time. He was described as 'a stranger to the town', and his name was not reported, because he was a serviceman, although the names of the civilian victims were given. There is also an account of the air raid in 'Pembroke Dock' by Phil Carradice page 183, though this account, mistakenly describes the service victim as RAF.



Thank you to Sqn Ldr John Rattenbury 10 Sqn RAF for this article on Gordon James Gould.

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The International Bomber Command Centre, Lincoln
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National Archives of Australia

With thanks to John Evans, Pembrokeshire Aviation Group

*John Rattenbury
April 2019*

BIOGRAPHY

418211 FLYING OFFICER. HENRY HUME TURNBULL

Henry Hume Turnbull was born in Melbourne on 27 February 1923.

He enlisted in the RAAF on 25 April 1942, ironically the day that 461 Sqn was raised.



He commenced his initial training in Australia at No 1 Initial Training School (1ITS) at Somers then an Observers course at Wagga Wagga, NSW. He graduated in December 1942 and was sent to Canada under the Empire Air Training Scheme for further training as a Navigator

On arrival in the United Kingdom he was posted to 461 Squadron RAAF.

Studio photo when he was an Observer depicted by the winged "O" brevet.

On 1st October 1944 Turnbull and the crew of Sunderland ML735 UT-A comprising four officers and seven airmen took off in appalling weather from Sullom Voe in the Shetland Isles, Scotland to undertake a box patrol off the Norwegian coast. The aircraft was posted missing off Bergen Norway after they had come under attack by three Messerschmitt Bf 110 heavily armed long range fighters.

It was published in the London Gazette on 1 January 1945 that he had been Mentioned in Despatches.

Henry is commemorated by Panel 258 at Runnymede Air Forces Memorial, at Cooper Hill Lane, Englefield Green, between Windsor and Egham, in Surrey, United Kingdom.

The crew of ML735 UT-A lost on 1 October 1944

426427 Flt Lt H. M. Godsall, Captain; 419103 Flg Offr E. B. Willis, Pilot; 408152 Flg Offr D. J. Jennings, Pilot; 418211 Flg Offr H. H. Turnbull, Navigator; 619992 W Off L. G. Remblance FME/Air Gunner RAF; 619357 Sgt F. Reed, Flight Engineer RAF; 42365 F Sgt J. C., Cottier, Wireless Operator/Air Gunner; 417621 F Sgt P. H. Brewin, Air Gunner; 1147382 SGT J. Cottam, FMA/AG, RAF.

Flt Lt H. M. Godsall, Flg Offr E. B. Willis and Flg Offr H. H. Turnbull are all in the Squadron photograph above.

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Following his son's death, Henry's father commissioned a stained-glass window in his son's memory at the Toorak Presbyterian (Now Uniting) Church. The widow remains on display in a wall mounted light box.

The widow depicts the Ascension of Christ and a Sunderland flying over the Norwegian fjords.

The dedication reads –

Sacred in the memory of Flying Officer Henry Hume Turnbull and the members of the crew of the Sunderland aircraft, who gave their lives off the coast of Norway on 1st Oct 1944.

“Greater Love Hath No Man”

Sacred to the memory of flying Officer Henry Hume Turnbull 1953

*By William Kerr Morgan (1896-1967)
Stained Glass Department, Brooks, Robinson & Co. 236 x 870 cm.*

Courtesy of the Coastal Command Display, Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, 2019.

COMING EVENTS

2023 DUDLEY MARROWS MEMORIAL TROPHY DINNER

For your long term diary, the 2023 Dudley Marrows Memorial Trophy Dinner has been scheduled for Wednesday 29 November 2023 in the Air Force Room at the Navy, Military and Air Force Club, Hutt Street, Adelaide. It would be great to once again see a good attendance of Sunderlanders at this special occasion.

ELECTRONIC REFERENCES AND CONTACTS

Short Sunderland/Hythe, Sandringham & Seaforth/Solent. Face Book Group

Facebook group that might be of interest to some Sunderlanders – Short Sunderland/Hythe, Sandringham & Seaforth/Solent. It's a Private Group, but often has Sunderland, RAAF 10 and 461 Sqn content. Worth following.

Websites –

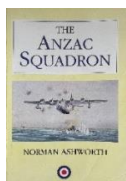
www.pooleflyingboats.com

www.ayemaam.com

<https://aviationmuseumwa.org>

SHOPPING SECTION

“ANZAC SQUADRON”



This book contains a wealth of information about Squadron members and relates the story of 461 Squadron the “ANZAC SQUADRON” by Norman Ashworth. Copies are available from the Secretary at a cost of \$55.00 per copy, postage and handling.

“MARITIME is NUMBER 10” Book – Currently out of stock

Sunderland Lapel Badges – “Sunderland” lapel badges are available from the Secretary at \$8.00 ea. packaging and postage paid.

10 and 461 Squadron Plaques

We now have both 10 and 461 Squadron Plaques in stock. The cost is \$70.00 including GST, postage and packaging.

VALE – 1785 SGT. Gordon James Gould, 10 Sqn. 418211 FO. Henry Hume Turnbull and the Crew of Sunderland ML735 UT-A, 461 Sqn RAAF.

LEST WE FORGET

