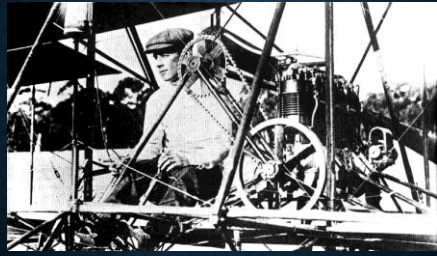


3 SQUADRON

110 YEARS

People and Planes.
Sacrifice and Service.
Since 1916.

Jack DUIGAN – built and flew AUSTRALIA's FIRST AEROPLANE in 1910.
(3AFC Flight Commander 1918. Military Cross.)

FIRST WORLD WAR – AUSTRALIA SENDS A 100% VOLUNTEER FORCE



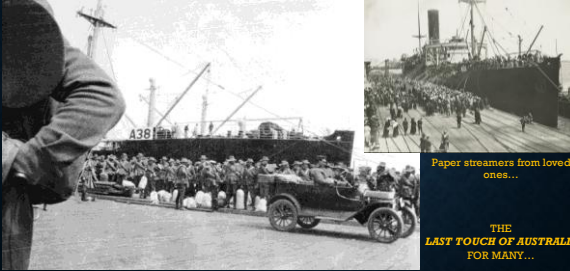
3AFC FORMED 1916

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS
POINT COOK



(Inadequate) TRAINING

August 1916 – 3AFC shipped out from Melbourne on the 'ULYSSES'.



Paper streamers from loved ones...

THE LAST TOUCH OF AUSTRALIA FOR MANY...

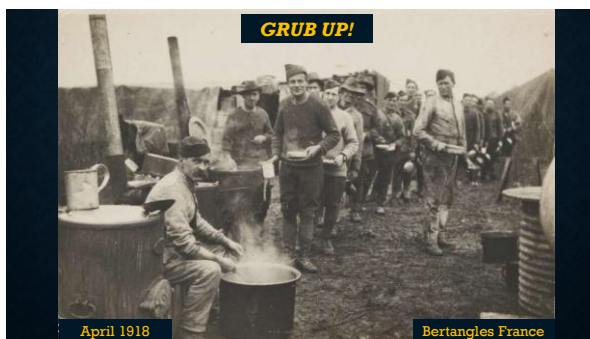
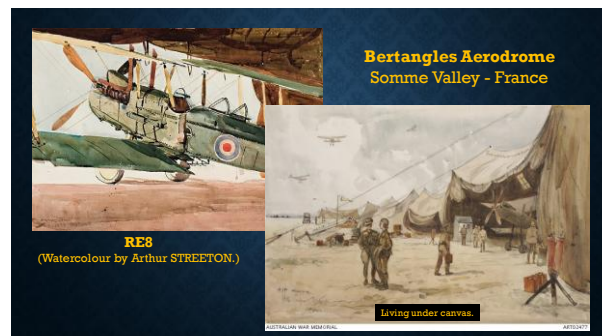
Jan-Aug 1917 - Training in England

South Carlton, near Lincoln.



AVRO 504

Engraved Teapot presented by 3AFC to local friends.



We buried the Red Baron – April 1918



"GET WELL" Photo sent to Jack DUIGAN

(3 bullet wounds, May 1918.)

"WE REPAIRED YOUR PLANE !"



We captured a German Halberstadt in flight !!! - June 1918



BATTLE OF HAMEL - 4 July 1918

AN AUSTRALIAN TRIUMPH, including 3AFC's AMMUNITION-PARACHUTING INVENTION!



3AFC aerial photograph of the Hamel trenches.
- Crucially important intelligence.



CAPTURE OF HAMEL VILLAGE JULY 4th 1918, BY AUSTRALIANS ASSISTED BY A DETACHMENT OF AMERICANS.
THE DUSTY, BRUISED, SMOKY, & DROUPEY, BUT THE AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND.
BY A. HARRIS AND OTHERS.

8 August 1918 - **BLACK DAY** of the German Army



AUSTRALIANS ADVANCING FROM VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, AUGUST 8th 1918
From Original specially painted for the Australian Comforts Fund
By Captain Will Longstaff A.I.F. War Artist

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Awarded to CO3 BLAKE - *By the Americans.*
- For breaking the **HINDENBERG LINE** !
October 1918.



AUSTRALIANS WERE CRUCIAL! ARTIST'S

3AFC SUFFERED 38 DEATHS in WW1.



Baillieu War Cemetery



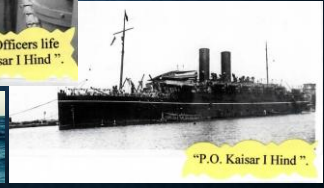
8 Influenza Victims

Albert John WALKER (14.10.18)
Alexander William CORNWORTHY (28.10.18)
Stanley Herbert HASTON (24.10.18)
Edward Joseph MAHER (1.11.18)
Arthur William FIDEL (16.11.18)
George FIDEL (21.11.18)
John Edward HIRST (24.11.18)
Thomas Grant DICKSON (4.1.19)

HOME! 1919.

On the *Kaisar-I-Hind*.
("Emperor of India")

3AFC disbanded in Melbourne.



NIGEL

Nigel LOVE (ex-3AFC)

- 1919/20 Founded Australia's **FIRST** Aircraft Factory!
- Founded Sydney Airport!
- **FIRST** SYD-MEL Commercial Passenger Flight!



3SQN - ESTABLISHED within the RAAF in 1925. - **FOUNDED** Richmond Air Base - arriving with a rainbow!

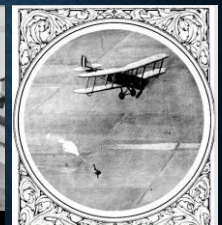


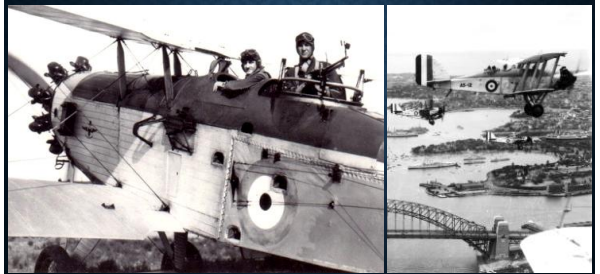
(Only 3 of 13 planes made it from Point Cook. The rest got bogged halfway...)

3SQN RAAF - **First Fatal Accident** - February 1926. Aerial Survey of Canberra.



Australia's **FIRST Free-Fall Parachute Jumps**. Richmond - May 1926.



CANBERRA PARLIAMENT OPENING - 1927*3SQN "Managed" the Aerial Cavalcade!**Whoops! - A FATAL CRASH in front of the future King...***1929 - 3SQN CREST Designed***This is the original winning entry from the Design Competition!***GREAT DEPRESSION 1932 - Life goes on at Richmond.***Wapzis led by CO3 BOSTOCK. (later a big wheel in WW2.)**RAAF Ball***HARBOUR BRIDGE OPENING***Flypast 1932***TRAINING THE CITIZEN AIR FORCE****1933****Volunteer Reserves**
[CITIZEN AIR FORCE]
dominate 3SQN personnel numbers.**1935 - WAR CLOUDS LOOMING**
3SQN pioneers new planes - Hawker Demons.

"DEMONS DOWN" - IN THE DEVILS' DEN!

February 1937 - Two Demons lost in fog over Waratah, Tasmania.



< Preserved relic in Waratah Pub!

DISASTROUS DEMONSTRATION! 1937

- Energetic display for Army at Townsville.
- 3SQN Demon *LOSES WINGS!*
- Flight Commander **Donald ASHTON-SHORTER** killed.



WORLD WAR TWO



3SQN's *FIRST CASUALTY* of WW2.

- 23 November 1939. Near **KIAMA NSW**.
- Pilot-Officer **Jack OHLMEYER**.
 - Solo pilot on training flight.
- Demon broke-up during aerobatics.
- Parachute torn - fell to his death.



ARRIVAL in the MIDDLE EAST - 23 August 1940



Orontes from Sydney to Bombay

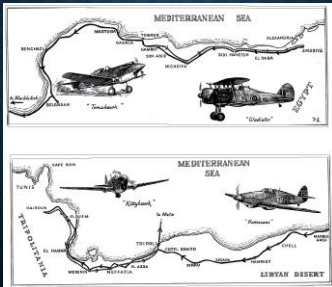


Dilwara Bombay to Suez



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

3SQN's **ADVANCES & RETREATS** in the North African Desert 1940-1943.



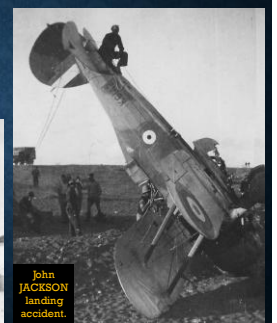
BIPLANE WAR! November-December 1940.

Both sides - British and Italian - operate **OBSOLETE** aircraft.

The Italians are beautiful flyers.
But 3SQN is aggressive and makes many **victory claims!**



Pilots with Gloucester Gladiator



John JACKSON
landing
accident.

(BRIEFLY) SUPERIOR!
January 1941

"New" **Hawker Hurricanes** defeat German *Me110s* and *Stukas*.




Local labourers clear an airfield in Libya.



Jack PERRIN DFC
3SQN Hurricane 'Ace'.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL 01 0004

June/July 1941

BATTLE of SYRIA

- Successful air operations against the Vichy-French.
- 3SQN newly-converted to *Curtiss Tomahawk* fighters.

< Peter TURNBULL and John SAUNDERS at Rosh Pinna, Palestine. [Both pilots were killed later in WW2.]



CONVOY!
War in North Africa.
• Huge distances.
• Frequent movement.

3SQN had more than 100 vehicles.

"Two En Up" Ted TUNBRIDGE




"THE DESERT STAKES"



- Listening to the *Melbourne Cup* November 1941.

DESERT "ACES"

Alan RAWLINSON & Pete TURNBULL




"Woof" ARTHUR



"Old John" JACKSON

Curtiss Kittyhawk - from January 1942.

"BEHIND THE LEGEND"
Ground Crew work was hot, dusty, dirty and dangerous.
- But we always stepped up!





Jim KINNEAR - Cook & GREAT Photographer.

PRECIOUS WATER
If you wanted a "**BATH**", the allowance was only **half a water-bottle**.



Toss a coin for who goes first!



"Curly" **MORRISON** - Cook.
[And Vicki's dad!]

Kittyhawks at EL ALAMEIN - October 1942



(And not much Protective Clothing!)

Tommy RUSSELL
Kittyhawk Pilot 1942-43




Desert Dust

RUSSELL & RIGHETTI

Major
Müncheberg's
Two "Kills" !
(22/1/1943)



- They were still here to tell the tale in 2013!

GROUND ATTACK
Most of 3SQN's work involved low flying, with many hazards.



Arthur **DAWKINS** collects a German tarpaulin!



Strafed German anti-tank gun in El Hamma battle.

EVADERS
Shot down, but evaded capture.

Dave **RITCHIE** 1942
- 3 days away.
- Arrived back on a donkey!



CO3 Bobby **GIBBES** 1942.

- Four days away.
- Walked back across the desert.
- Found a German coat!




"Goolle Chir" in Arabic.

RESCUES

- Several times, downed pilots were "picked up" in single-seat fighters.



Soon after,
Bobby received the
*Distinguished Service
Order.*

CO3 Bobby GIBBES rescues Rex BAYLEY (later also CO3), December 1942.

BULLET PROOF...



Pilots **Jim McIntosh**
and **Eric Bradbury**
examine bullet strikes on the
armoured windshield of a
Kittyhawk.

JIM was **killed** 11 days
later. - 22 January 1943.

ERIC was shot down on the
same day - in the middle of a
tank battle! He had a
nervous breakdown, but
recovered back in Australia.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Captured Italian Aircraft



Caproni GH35 - for bees runs to Cairo.



Danny BOARDMAN's Ca-164 "Kitten" runabout.



Flying boats at Syracuse Harbour, Sicily.



Macchi MC205 Veltro "Greyhound" - pilot Arthur DAWKINS.

"BLACK 6" Captured Messerschmitt 109G



- Found by 350N Engineering Officer
Ken McRAE, November 1942.
- Now in Imperial War Museum, UK.



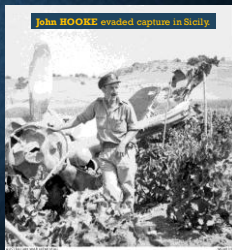
MALTA & SICILY

Stepping stones on the way to ITALY!



Valletta Harbour MALTA

John ROOPE evaded capture in Sicily



PLASTERED!

AGNONE base in Sicily hit by German bombers!

German night bombers guided by flares.



www.awm.gov.au

MEA0412

Many aircraft damaged.



3SQN INVADES ITALY! - 14 September 1943. FIRST Allied Squadron to Attack from a Mainland Italian Base!



"EAGLE WITH BOMB" Logo first used by CO3 Brian EATON on his own plane.



"THE THREE PADRES" 1942-1945.

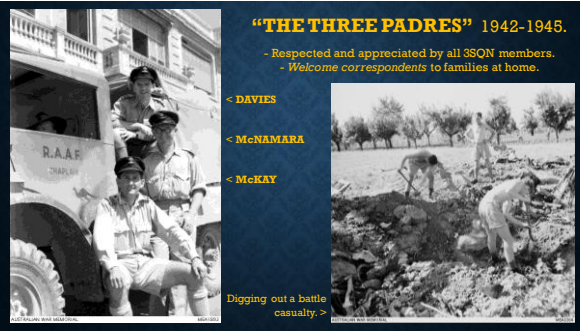
- Respected and appreciated by all 3SQN members.
- Welcome correspondents to families at home.

< DAVIES

< McNAMARA

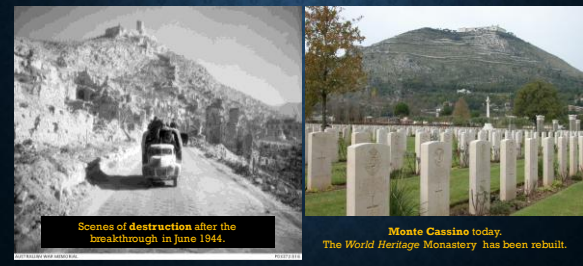
< McKAY

Digging out a battle casualty. >



TOUGH OLD BOOT!

January-May 1944 saw the Allies bogged down at MONTE CASSINO.



CUTELLA ITALY. Adriatic Sea beach-side.

3SQN stayed longer here than any other overseas base.



20 WEEKS...

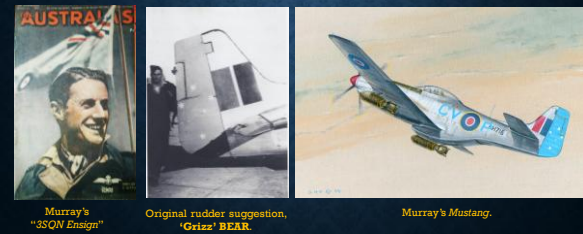
January 1944
to
May 1944

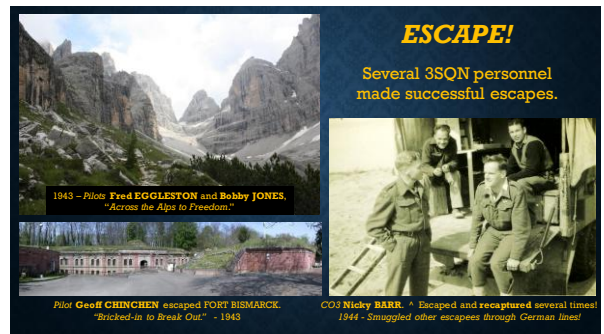
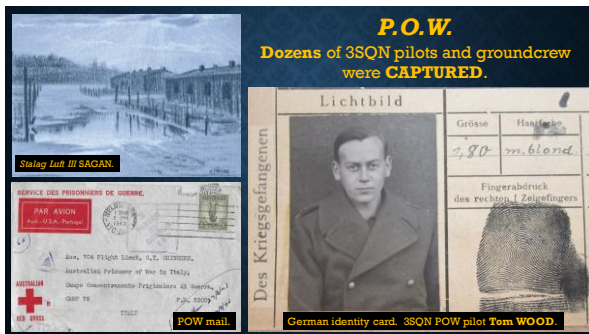


November 1944

"Southern Cross" Rudders

Introduced by CO3 Murray NASH on 3SQN's new Mustang aircraft.





"Victory in Europe"
May 1945

79
3SQN PERSONNEL
SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES
IN WW2.

< RAAF Memorial Book,
ANZAC Memorial Sydney.



War graves near Mt Etna, Sicily.



One pilot comes home to a full life.
One stays in Italy forever...

HOME COMING

On the "STRATHEDEN" September-October 1945.




3SQN "Demobbed" in Melbourne mid-1946.

Arthur PARDEY
3SQN Mustang Pilot 1945.

"Baby" of the Squadron.
- Returned as a hero to Australia, before age 21!



A very successful businessman in later life...



1948-1953. CANBERRA.

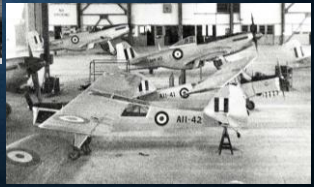
- 3SQN re-established after WW2.
- "Tactical Reconnaissance" Aircraft.
- **KOREAN WAR** - The pressure was **ON** to supply replacements for 77 SQN.



NAPALM



"Operation Thor", Darwin. (Skip the Canberra Winter!)



1950
3SQN Canberra

Recruiting Drive!

Join the **RAAF Citizen Active Reserve**
Serve in **CANBERRA** with
115 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.
Vacancies in all mustering
Pay + Free Uniforms

For particulars write or phone 601
Squadron Commander, 3 SQN Canb



ARMED PILOTS FIFTERS SPORT PHOTOGRAPHERS INSTRUMENT MAKERS

SABRE PIONEERS

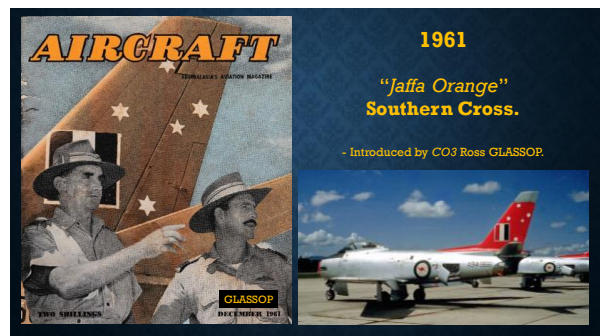
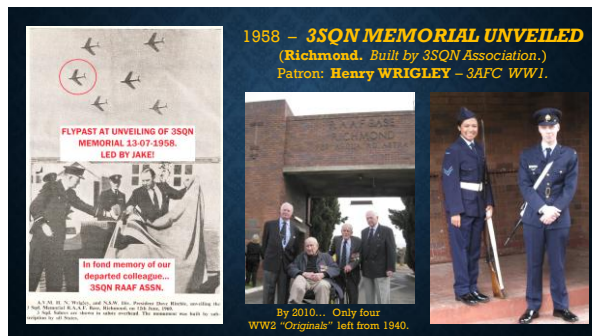
In **1956**
3SQN re-formed
at Williamtown.

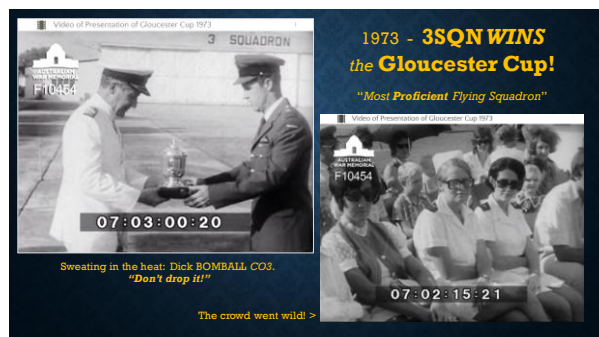
The **FIRST**
Operational RAAF
Sabre Squadron!

DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT BY RAAF AVON SABRES

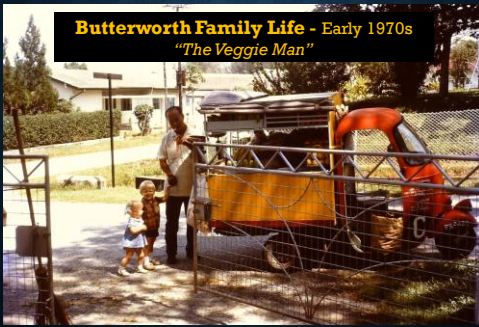


The first RAAF Squadron to be equipped with the Australiandesignated Avon Sabre fighter is No. 3 Squadron of No. 18 Fighter Wing at Williamtown, N.S.W. It marks the start of the Squadron's transition from tactical reconnaissance to fighter operations. The photo shows them over Melbourne. The photo shows them over Melbourne. All three Squadrons of No. 18 Wing (Nos. 3, 75 and 77) will be fully equipped and battle-ready by the end of the year. Two of these squadrons will go to Hong Kong, Malaya, and other areas.





Butterworth Family Life - Early 1970s
"The Veggie Man"



1976

Ground Engineers and Pilots at the end of a long day.



"MIRAGE FUN" - Cartoon by **Bill CHAMBERS**



1976 - 3SQN's "LAST"
Operational Loss.



Perry KELLY killed
in landing collision.



MALAYSIA 1986
FINAL Mirage Year
"Air Superiority Grey"

31 March 1986

A **"NEW 3SQN"** started-up at
Williamtown
under CO3 **Bruce MOUATT.**

A GREAT NEW AIRCRAFT:
Bruce and Ross FOX deliver 3SQN's
first two F/A-18s on 29 August 1986.



Bruce and Ross enjoy a glass of champagne with Dick BOMBALL.
[Commanding Williamtown base at that time, but also a former CO3.]

1987 - Exactly **50 years** after it crashed and burned in Tasmania,
Demon A1-8 has been **RESTORED**.



The HORNET PIONEERS

Again, **3SQN** was the **FIRST** RAAF OPERATIONAL HORNET SQUADRON.



By 1989...

"FULLY OPERATIONAL"
- Helping other squadrons to start-up...
[Sounds familiar!]

CO3 Bob TRELOAR.

Outstanding Engineering Officer
Jenny FANTINI

[RAAF regulations stopped her wearing trousers! A true pioneer, she helped 3SQN win the RAAF Maintenance Trophy 1989. AND eventually wore trousers!]

"Going to Guns!" - Mig-29 Fulcrum in the sights of a 3SQN Hornet!
1999 "Five-Power Defence Exercises", Malaysia.



2002 - **'OPERATION SLIPPER'**
DIEGO GARCIA - The Back Door to the Gulf War!

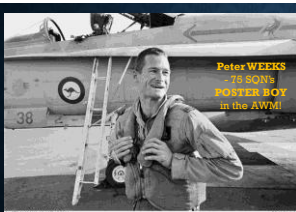


Action? A few radar scares,
but basically,
"Nuthin' Atoll!"

2003 IRAQ ACTION! 'OP FALCONER'

Peter WEEKS
- 19 SQN's
POSTER BOY
in the AWM!

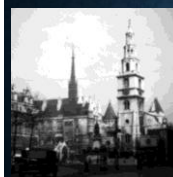
3SQN loaned several pilots and planes
to help 75 SQN win their
Meritorious Unit Citation!



20 years later - FALCONER personalities at ANZAC Day Sydney.

A21-82 flies the 3SQN flag over Iraq

2009 - **3SQN Memorial Plaque** in LONDON.
"St Clement Danes" Church. - Bombed-out in WW2.
Restored as an AIR FORCE MEMORIAL. (Suggested by 3SQN's AVM WRIGLEY.)



"BERSAMA PADU 2010" Malaysia. [BETTER AVIONICS, following Gulf War experience!]



"BLACK DAGGER" - 2013 Bombing Exercise, Townsville / Black Range QLD.



"Celanne de Bomb"
[LACW Celanne MONCADA.]

2014 - CO3 to CHIEF OF AIR FORCE.



Ian BROWN looks after Princess Kate's health & safety.



SSQN Hornets started!

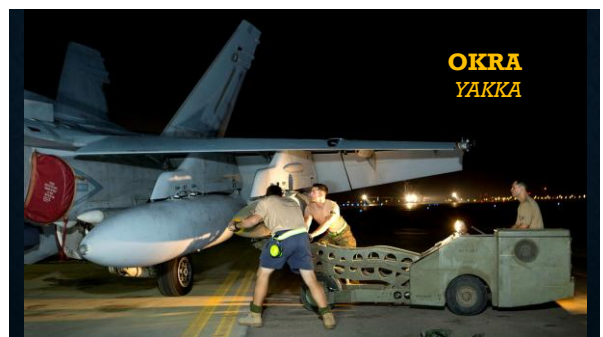


Modelling the Air Force's NEW UNIFORMS.

OPERATION OKRA - Iraq/Syria 2016
The **HEAT** is on!



- 3SQN's first bombs dropped in action since 1959!
- 50°C tarmac temperatures.
- Ice vests and an air-conditioned hangar!
- Highest Operational Tempo of any RAAF Hornet deployment.



OKRA YAKKA





2018 – The grandsons of 3SQN Mirage Pilot **Lloyd SMITH** set a memorial plaque on the **highest mountain** in Malaysia, where he crashed during a night solo in 1972.



December 2018
FIRST F-35 Operational Delivery to Williamtown



FAMILY DAY
Williamtown - 2019



MERCH – “Hold my Stubby...”



PANDEMIC! Don't Panic!



2020 **LIGHTNING SPEAR**, Florida.

2021 **RED FLAG**, Alaska.

3SQN ALUMNI

Feature in
**RAAF CENTENARY
CELEBRATIONS**
31 March 2021



Air Commander Australia, Joe IERVASI.

Chief of Air Force, Mel HUFFELD.

< Joe at Sydney ANZAC Memorial.

O.A.M. for Felix SAINSBURY, our last surviving WW2 Veteran.

