Dear Mark,

Thank you very much for your interesting letter, greetings & the good photos of various parts of our area. My memory of course is not as good as it used to be, but your letter revived it somewhat.

I am of course rather upset on the reversal of our original idea of the Guelph looking after themselves. Now I think too much is done for them & not enough done by them, in the practical sense. They are quite capable. Now too much money, without earning it, is given to them.

Do you know Peter K-allaghaan of Whiteman? I have been in touch with him over a few years & have just recently replied to a letter from him.
He sent me a black & white photo of the same tank found on Echo. I suggested to him that it could have been an auxiliary fuel tank, which is jettisoned when the fuel is used up.

Regarding the Gannet - in August 1942 we were told of the Gannet crash landing near the S.E. corner of Bathem Bay. It was on our way back from Geraldton where we were delivering stores to the Missionary there, we called in at the sight of the landing. We could see the wreck from quite a distance as a fire had gone through the area some time after & cleared the grass away. We, that is, the Geraldon crew & myself salvaged the two engines & the twisted fuselage, after many fires over many years I wouldn't expect anything would be left of the Gannet.

We sent the engines to A & F at G. head quarter in Darwin & eventually received a letter of thanks from them. I still have the letter.
I have a copy of the book written by one of
the crew of the Garagnet letting of their problems of
getting to Melingimi. The book is called
'33 Days'. We did not meet the crew as we
were on our way to goinha at the time from
Melingimi. The book is written by George Booth
who was the wireless operator. If you would
like a copy of his book write to him & he could
supply you with one I think. He gave me my
copy. He now is a very sick man.
His address is

George Booth,
14 Coral Road,
Berrinna W.D. 2230.

Another book just being published in Darwin
of Ethel D. written by Mrs. Elizabeth Guy, the
title being 'Only a Wife, Kimberley 1945-1952'.
It should be quite interesting, I hope to get a copy.
The price I believe is about $15.00 & should be
available in Darwin.
She & her husband were part of my staff for a few years.

My Wife's book is only $5.00. So I will return the amount over paid, thank you.

Her Guy's book is written in a different style from my Wife's book & I should think very readable.

All the best for your new Health Association. I hope you have complete success in its operation.

I'll look forward to hearing from you again when you have time to write.

Regards & Best Wishes for the New Year.

Bapa Sippy.

P.S. I am enclosing with 'Haffu berti mi student' another small booklet which you might like.