

to thank members of the 2/2 Commando Association who were present at the cremation of my father, Jack Penglase. What a wonderful tribute from his lifelong mates, their wives and children. I believe there were 17 representatives.

After my parents moved down south 8 years ago, dad made numerous trips back to Hollywood Hospital for treatment. Always, someone from the 2/2 Association would know of his whereabouts and visit him. This brought him so much joy. Colin Doig was one of those people who (although ill himself) would organise others to visit the sick. Reg Harrington was one of the visitors.

In my father's final year his dementia worsened, and for this reason I was unable to tell him of the passing of Colin Doig, in case he relived the sadness in his fragile state.

My father was a proud soldier and his final march took place in Esperance, Anzac Day 1996. After becoming ill in September he came to live with me. I accompanied him to the 50th Anniversary Dinner where he remembered your faces but not your names and silently shed a tear when the Ode was recited.

For Christmas we gave him Archie Campbell's book *"The Double Reds of Timor."* Dad had always loved to read but by now his poor mind could no longer concentrate. I started to read it to him but found he became too emotional. After another bout in hospital in January I found I could no longer care for dad so he was placed in Guildford Village Hostel where he received 24 hour care. Guildford was only 10 minutes drive from Swanview so I could visit him and take him out regularly.

On February 16th we had a special 81st birthday party for dad with all the members of the family. My brother Ray came down from Darwin. Even though dad was not well he laughed easily.

By May we knew dad had cancer of the kidney and did not have long to go. My mother travelled to Perth to spend some time with dad but had to return to Esperance.

His final two weeks in Hollywood Hospital were pain free. He ate well, having always loved his food (especially sweets). We watched TV together and he laughed happily at Sumo wrestling on the Sunday. He seemed to be improving but was unable to return to Guildford Village and I was too begin looking for a suitable Nursing Home. On the Tuesday dad was moved from palliative care to Ward 1. For some reason I visited dad twice in the one day, being there at meal times to help with his feeding. I took him his favourite chocolate frog and told him as it was my birthday next day I wouldn't visit again until Thursday. That night dad had a major bleed and we were

summoned to the hospital Wednesday and told 2 hours or 2 days. All the family came to say goodbye. My husband Tony and brother John stayed with me at dad's bedside until finally on Friday morning at 6.45am he passed away. Fortunately he was not alone and knew that we all loved and cared for him. Enclosed is a donation from the family on behalf of my dad.

Would it be possible Jack to get a copy of the article you mentioned that was printed in your newsletter in 1990 concerning dad. I would also like to receive the 2/2 Commando Courier on a regular basis. Please let me know of any costs.

I was a member of the "Womens Royal Australian Army Corp," survey unit for 3 years. My husband Tony is a returned soldier of the Ordinance Corp. A member for 20 years, now a Ranger. If there is anything we can do to help any of the 2/2 Commando's please let us know. Thankyou again and God bless you all.

Sincerely

Marlene Stanley.

Mr R. Snowden
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Just a note to enclose an obituary for Denny Dennis who died on May 14th after battling cancer for a number of years. Our Unit was represented at his funeral by Norm Tillet and myself. There was a good attendance of Legatees and RSL members as he had been very active in both organisations over the years.

It is always sad to see another Association member passing on.

Best regards to all Association members.

Bob

A prominent identity in the RSL and Legacy in Albury for many years, Mr 'Denny' Dennis, died on May 14th, 1997.

Berwin Francis Dennis, 78, was a former manager of Dalgetys merchandise department in Albury, but was also well known as a sporting shooter.

During World War II he served with the 2/40th Infantry Battalion, which was raised in Tasmania. The battalion was over-run by Japanese troops in Timor but Mr Dennis was among those who managed to evade capture and live to fight another day. He later saw action in a commando unit.

After the war, Mr Dennis became involved in the RSL and Legacy.

He joined the Albury-Wodonga Rifle Club in

1950 and became its longest serving member, serving as treasurer, secretary and captain.

A close friend, Mr Jim Kennedy, said Mr Dennis had served on the RSL sub-branch committee and was a former Legacy President. He said 'Denny did a lot of good work for Legacy and earned a lot of respect.'

Mr Dennis' wife, June, died two years ago and two sons also predeceased him. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs Suzanne Maxwell, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Albury Crematorium Chapel.

The "Border Mail" 19/5/97.

We regret to have to advise of the passing in July of **Edna Halse**, wife of Les, and **Jean Morgan**, wife of Mick.

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Mrs G. Tapper
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Dear Len,

On behalf of myself and my family I would like you to pass on our sincere thanks to everyone from the 2/2nd Commandos who attended Laurie's funeral or sent messages of comfort. We know that the representation and use of the flag would have made him extremely proud as his many friends made during the war were very important to him.

Our thanks also to you for everything. It was very comforting to know we said 'goodbye' to him as he would have wished.

Sincerely,

Grace

M. R. Coles
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Am enclosing a cheque for the Courier. Hope you are all well. I limp a bit on the right foot but still hope to be better soon.

Love, xxxx

Cisco

Mrs R. Moar
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Dear Mr Monk

The enclosed cheque for the Trust Fund is from my mother, Nancy Teague (widow of Babe Teague) and myself. I'm very pleased to

see such useful projects being carried out by the Fund and always enjoy reading my mother's Courier. I hope people continue to show support for the East Timorese. There was a little bit of joy in the courts recently.

Thank you for all your good work.

Yours faithfully,

Rosslyn

Syd Marsh
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Enclosing a donation for the Courier.

Hope you all had a happy and safe Easter. We had a few rough days weatherwise but enjoyed a quiet holiday.

Regards to all.

Swampy

Mr N. Tillet
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I am writing on behalf of Norman who, for several years, has had the 'shakes' from his medication for emphysema and is unable to write.

Norm noticed the Courier was \$50 down and his conscience pricked him for not having contributed for some time. Enclosed please find donation to cover deficiency.

Norman and I went to Griffith for Roy Martin's funeral and two weeks later Norman and Arch Claney attended Alf Hodge's funeral and last week Norman and Bob Snowden went to Denny Dennis' funeral in Albury. Denny was much respected for his activity as Legacy and RSL member and will be sadly missed.

Sorry to note the passing of many members, particularly Ernie Bingham whose fancy footwork on the dance floor and in the ring was such a pleasure to see.

Cheers for now. Best wishes and love from us both.

Fran and Norm

Mrs D. Latimer
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My husband, Don, passed away on the 20th April and I won't be wanting newsletter, thank you. It was sudden and we all will miss him very much.

All the best to your Unit

Yours sincerely,

Dulcie and Family