

20th August, 1947.

Herewith the latest effort to keep you in touch with all the doings of the gang. The last month has been quite a busy one with a ton of sporting activities for those able to enjoy them. Quite a few of the country lads have been visitors to the "Big Smoke" since last you were circularised.

The last meeting of the Association was held at Monahan Club on 6th August with a good attendance of well over thirty participated. A five-gallon side things go with usings. Meetings are now beginning to get the attendance they deserve but there is still room for improvement. When you reflect that there are over a hundred members in the Metropolitan area you can well see what I mean. So everybody, do your utmost to be in attendance at the next monthly meeting.

A very interesting feature of the meeting was the reply by the R.C.L. to our case for subsistence whilst in limbo. A huge bunch of correspondence, which has passed between the Federal Executive of the R.C.L. and the various Government Departments, made very interesting reading. The sum total of it all is that our case has reached the Treasurer and it is expected that finality will be reached in the very near future. So boys, here's hoping and I've got my fingers crossed.

Now a word about those applications for "Lost Kit". Although quite a few have sent back their applications (approximately 50) still more have failed as yet to send them in. Surely everybody is not so flush that they can afford to pass up the chance to get a couple of snackers. So boys, do it now.

The mail bag has been particularly heavy last month, I don't know whether it is the result of the "Lost Kit" forms or whether the newsletters are starting to bear fruit, but no fewer than 24 letters were received. Also quite a few callers, including Dick Geere now domiciled in Adelaide and over here on leave. Dick tells us that Tom Pauline and Freddy Grouney are also in Adelaide. Tony Dowers was also in the city looking very big and fit. Tony is now a farmer on his own account. Bill Rowan-Robinson was also seen in town recently getting himself a new tractor for his new property.

Now for a few points from the various letters. Firstly, a lengthy epistle to hand from Jack O'Brien in Sydney giving quite a few details of happenings in N.S.W. Jack tells us Nora Parker is now in Sydney, also that Jack Wicks and McInally are playing football with St. George, Doug Nixon with Bondi and Arch Campbell and Freddy O'Leary for Mortons so you will see that we are well represented in Aussie rules in Sydney. Ray Cole is also now domiciled in Sydney and working with Occidental Gold Coy. Joe Brand writes that things up his way are going well and that Bill Brage is now on the road to recovery which is very glad to hear. A couple of letters from Jim Waller who is farming at Aval-katchin, he is entering the Metropolitan fields shortly. Geo. Lewis writes from Newdegate and also included a donation to the Association's funds. George is keeping well he tells me. Jack Finglass, now at Mopetoun, writes that the fishing is a bit good down his way and although the trail is long it is well worth while. Stan Payne informs us that he has a truck on the main road at Merredin, but that house building is as tough up his way as down here. Bill Rowan-Robinson also is among the correspondents. Bill has the bright idea that members should give the two and five pence to the Association's funds. We are all for it Robby. A nice long letter to hand from Gerry O'Toole giving addresses of quite a few Algoorlie lads. Gerry is heading for Melbourne temporarily so we wish him Bon Voyage. Also from the Goldfields, a letter from Ernie Dinwoodie who appears to be going quite well. Ernie tells us that Eric Thornander has given up the pen for the shovel and is now working on the lines. From another part of the fields, a letter from Steve Rogers who is also in the Pink. Another

letter from Bernie Langriggs who is one of my best correspondents. Bernie is going very well on the land in his first season. A letter from Tony Bowers who tells us that Jack Gallagher is also down Kojonup way. Alex Boast also among my correspondents this month. Alex is contemplating going to Melbourne early in the new year. Also a lengthy note from Reg. Harrington telling us that Leo Criddle is up his way (Pithara), also Tommy Martin who is still playing good football. Doug Young writes that he was in hospital, incidentally he forgot a couple of things with the letter including the stamp. Ron Sprigg, who is at Albany, gives us quite a bit of the Albany doings. Ron says Spunky is a Pooja, it's a son, a dead ringer of the old man. Also a short note from Eric Weller to let us know he is well. Brush Fagg, who is at Kalannie, also counted among the writers. Last but not least, a letter from Tom Foster from South Australia. Tom is hopeful of being in Perth either this Showtime or next. So rally around you Ron Buyers. Most of the correspondents state their intentions of trying to be present at the Annual Reunion.

You will probably remember that at the last meeting, your Association asked Mr. Johnson, the Minister for External Affairs, to pass on its thanks to the Portuguese Administration and the Natives of Timor. Mr. Johnson has written that he will be very happy to comply with our wishes. We are now awaiting the outcome of his visit to Timor.

Just another word in season about subscriptions. Although these are rolling in very well there are still quite a number outstanding, so don't forget that Ron Dook will be only too pleased to send you the necessary receipt.

A word about the Sweep on the Kalgoorlie Cup. Will everybody please try and get their sheets back to either myself or Ron Dook, C/o Department of Labour and National Service, 9 Barrack Street, Perth, by 23rd August. As the Cup is run on September 3rd, we wish to hold the draw and send the result out to all concerned before that date so we have set August 23rd as the absolute deadline for the return of the sheets. We hope all are doing their utmost to make this money raising effort an outstanding success.

Tom Nisbet, who represented W.A. in Adelaide at the recent Baseball Carnival, has returned and reports a grand trip to all our old haunts. Says he met Alan Hollow who is looking tip top and that the Doctors have done an excellent job on him, which is good listening you will agree. Although W.A. did not win, Tom had quite a personal success as he was selected in the All Australia team and also carried off the batting average; we all join in congratulating him.

Don't forget the next meeting, 3rd September, at Monash Club, 10 King Street. Be in it with the mob and enjoy a great evening with a little grog to send you home in a good mood.

Well, everybody, that is about all for now, so until next time, good luck and good hunting and please keep those letters rolling in.

Cheerio,

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Hon. Editor.