

2/2 COMMANDO ASSOCIATION.

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In the words of that famous modern punster "Cowyard Rippling", "Amigo's, Grog Guzzlers, Wheat Wrestlers, Apple Auto-crats, Teat Teasers, Lend me your lugs whilst I punish same", because here comes all the news of the past month in a mighty surge of pseudo eloquence.

Firstly the April Meeting has come and gone and proved to be one of the most enjoyable held for some time. The roll up was on a par with past meetings but noticed several new faces, notably Paddy Kenneally, who is now in W.A. working on the Wharf and enjoying large quantities of the amber fluid so rare in Sydney. Another face not seen for some time was Merv. Ryan.

Before getting on with the business of the evening Mr. Watts from the Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction gave us a talk on Rehab. and the benefits open to Returned Men. This developed into a question and answer quiz and all present gained considerable valuable information about Rehabilitation and such.

An innovation not practised in the past was inaugurated at this meeting. Thanks to the efforts of "Slim" Holly we were able to put on supper in the way of sandwiches, pickled onion, gerkin, etc. This proved very acceptable and will be a permanent fixture for future meetings.

Now a word about Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, falls on a Sunday this year and the parade will be held in the afternoon. The fall in will be at 2.15pm and all members are requested to be outside Anzac House by 2pm. We will be quite close to the head of the column and there will be no missing us this year as we will have a flag carried in the elongated arms of one Mick Morgan. Tom Nisbet is to be in charge of the parade. Please make every effort to be present and swell the ranks of the Double Diamonds. We hope this will be an absolute record roll up. If you have any friends who were in other Squadrons please invite them to come along and march with us as we will make them doubly welcome. After the parade the usual do will be held with a little of the dings to help loosen tongues to talk over old time. Just where this do will be held has not yet been decided, but we will be able to let you know on Anzac Day.

Mr. Aitken's notice of motion for the rescinding of minute 5 of the 5th May 1947, came forward at the last meeting. This you will remember referred to the tenure of office of Executive positions. The motion was carried so now persons can hold office for an unrestricted period.

You will remember that in the last newsletter I promised to give you particulars of the projected method of conducting a postal ballot for the Annual General Elections. A report by the Committee has been adopted by the Association and will be put into operation for this year's election. Nominations were taken at our last meeting for all positions and are appended herewith. If you wish to nominate anybody not already nominated send them into me to reach me not later than 4th May, when nominations close, and ballot papers will be prepared. These papers will be prepared in strict order of priority of position starting with General President, Vice President General Secretary, State Secretary, State Treasurer, Auditors (2), and Committeemen (5). The nominations so far received for these positions (with the present holder in brackets) are as follows:-
PRESIDENT: (J. Denman), J.C. Burridge, J. Denman, T.G. Nisbet. VICE PRESIDENT: (J.C. Burridge), J.C. Burridge, J. Denman, C.D. Doig, H.A. Martin, T. Nisbet. GENERAL SECRETARY: (C.D. Doig), C.D. Doig, H. Calcutt. STATE SECRETARY: (H. Calcutt), H. Calcutt, J. Carey. STATE TREASURER: (R. Dook), H. Calcutt, J. Corney, R. Dook. AUDITORS: (R. Kirkwood, A. Walsh), J. Carey, R. Kirkwood, A. Walsh. COMMITTEE P (J. Carey, J. Corney, A. Martin, H. Morgan and A. Smith), R. Aitken, G. Boyland, J.C. Burridge, J. Carey, J. Denman, R. Dook, W. Epps, J. Haire, H. James, P. Kenneally, A. Martin, H. Morgan, T. Nisbet, A. Smith.

As you will see this is a very complete list and will give voters a chance to discriminate. Also quite a few names appear in quite a few positions, the reason for this is obvious as if they miss in one position it does not debar them from being elected to another position. Full details as to how to vote will accompany the ballot paper. Mr. Fred Gardner has been appointed returning officer, with Mr. T. Murray as his assistant.

The Association has been able to obtain excellent quote for the printing of the Rules and Constitution and also the Jim Smailes Poem. Mr. W. Epps, has been empowered to go ahead with the printing of these efforts and they will be available to members very shortly. We hope to post the Rules out with the May Newsletter. The poem is to be sold at 2/- a copy to augment Association funds. The poem is to be printed in a most attractive manner and suitably illustrated and will be a most worthwhile souvenir. As we are only having a restricted number printed to serve the whole of Australia, you are advised to write in and book early and thus avoid disappointment.

Because of the noise factor it has been found necessary to change our meeting night. We have been able to book Monash Club on the first Tuesday in the month as from the June meeting (Annual General Meeting). Next meeting will take place at Monash Club on Wednesday 5th May then the June Meeting will be Tuesday 1st June, also the Annual Reunion will be held at Monash Club on Tuesday 5th October, 1948, as this will replace the normal October meeting. Please keep these changes in mind and alter your plans accordingly.

The Sweep has been cleaned up and I am afraid the profit of approx. \$20 is not up to our usual standard. Possibly money is a bit tighter than in the past. But I suppose we can't grumble at a profit of that figure.

Last Month I was only able to chronicle one birth. This month the stork has worn himself to a frazzle carrying the goods to our members - Keith Beacham has become a father of a boy as has Jim Cantrell. Ron Dook and Percy Hancock kept the balance of things even by producing girl children. Anyhow our congrats to all concerned.

Once again it is our sad duty to record a Death - This time Horv. Cash has had the misfortune to lose his mother. We offer our sincere condolences to all concerned.

Now for some information from the various correspondents. A letter to hand from Geo Lewis. Geo has changed his domicile from Lewdegate to Lake Grace to take up share farming. Ping Anderson also wrote in during the month - Pingvis in the Pink. A letter from Ron Sprigg at Albany. Ron gave news of Paddy Kennecally who was then with Norm Thornton and Geo Smith at Denmark. Bert Burgess writes from Yanget Station where he is now Overseer having given away the building trade. Much luck in your new job Bert. Keith Beacham writes giving details of the birth of his child. Sparky also a correspondent last month. Sparky appears to be as fit as ever. A circular from Bert Tobin in Victoria, Victoria are holding their Annual Reunion on Anzac Day this Year. Bert says Tom Snowden has just completed a tour to Brisbane and return in which he met the "Drip" and "Drop" and finished up good and blind. N.S.W. appears to be moving apace according to the latest effort from Jack Harley. Jim Dont is now Mine Host of the Commercial Hotel, Murrumburrah. Blue Jones has drawn a block in the Land Settlement at Narrabri, Bunny Anderson is down at Bulli and still manages to keep fit so look out you fighting men. Joe Morrissey is at Wollongong and recent married. Jim Smith (Ex. 5 Sec). is a Commercial Traveller with Davis Gelatine and doing well. Believe Jack Stafford is back at White Bay Grog dispensary. Kiwi Harrison is thinking in terms of visiting the West.

Well lads that is about the issue of the correspondence and also completes my news for the month.

Don't forget Anzac Day bc along, also the next meeting at Monash Club, Wednesday 5th May. Send in any nominations you may have for the Executive positions by that date. Remember your advance orders for the Smailes Poem.

I will say Cheerio for now and good luck to all.

(C. D. DOIG).
HON. EDITOR.