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After eighteen months of editing these newsletters, the task instead of simplifying, is swiftly becoming more complex. More and more items warranting attention come forward every month, and with limited resources, trying to cope with them is rapidly sending me nuts. However, the fact that every month brings more evidence that these epistles are appreciated by members, makes the job really worthwhile.

Enough of the cackle and down to business. The usual monthly meeting was held at Monash Club on Tuesday, 7th September, and quite a good roll-up resulted. Much business was conducted as a big carry-over from the August meeting resulted, as this meeting, as you know, was devoted to social activities in connection with the Curran welcome. Firstly, there was a reply from Mr. Dedman which gave us the final wipe-off, so your Committee has now to explore other avenues to get this claim eventually satisfied. You can rest assured that the fight is not over, in fact, it has only just begun. And, if we pursue it with the same tenacity of purpose as we have all other things, I have no qualms as to the eventual outcome.

Another matter of interest was the holding of a Working Bee to assist Percy Hancock clear up his block. It is hoped to be able to assist other members along this line in the future, so don't be afraid to get on our backs if you have any problems of this nature.

It was decided at this meeting to have the Association incorporated with the Associations Incorporation Act. The main underlying reason for this is to give the Association legal standing in pursuing any claims etc., also in the most improbable chance of the Association becoming insolvent. If we are Incorporated, then claims cannot be made against individuals, which is not the case if the Association remains as it is. Individual members can be sued at law and be held liable for Association debts, - so, you see we have all to gain and nothing to lose by taking this step.

Mr. Burrige brought up a matter which gained the immediate support of the meeting. It was the matter of Blood Donors to the Red Cross Blood Bank. It seems that now we old Malarials can donate blood, which is made into serum and used in a multitude of cases. It was decided at the meeting to do this on a unit basis, and to that end an enrolment form is included with this newsletter. I would like to point out that this concerns only metropolitan members at the moment, but later we hope to include country members in the scheme. We are appealing to as many metropolitan folk as can, to assist with this scheme, and I think that you will agree with the worthiness of the cause. Now for the method: Fill in the enrolment form and go along to Red Cross Blood Headquarters, 254 Adelaide Terrace, - any day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Mondays to Fridays, or, Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and be tested. It is hoped that you will do this as soon as possible. We then hope to get the crowd together one evening and get the actual bleeding done as a team. This sacrifice is very little to ask of you and with over a hundred members in the City area we should be able to make a pretty brave show.

One great big reminder about that Annual Re-union to be held at Monash Club on Tuesday, 5th October, 1948. This is going to be a cracker-back show and a bumper roll is called for. Keoghs are the caterers, and they say they will put on the best show ever. Plenty of grog is assured and you are at liberty to lug bash anybody who will take it. All this will cost only ten bob, so be in it with your old china plates. Don't forget the date - Tuesday, 5th October, at Monash Club, 10a King Street.

An item of importance to Kalgoorlie boys is that Jim Smailes has consented to act as Association representative in that area. So, when sub. time looms around again Jim will be on your backs - also anything of importance which requires attention, will be given to Jim to attend to.

Another flat month with the Births, Deaths, Marriages etc.. Only birth I can find is a daughter to Jack Sheehan in June. Congrats. Jack from the Association.

Now for that correspondence, - and, believe me there was plenty last month - so you will have to excuse me if I deal with it briefly. A letter from Reg. Harrington says he will be unable to attend the Annual Re-union and that the crops up his way are looking quite well despite the light season. A long letter from Jim Smailes giving some Kalgoorlie news. Boyo Howitt has leapt the broomstick about three months ago to a Melbourne girl. Jim is doing very well with his course in Mine Surveying and hopes to do even better in the future. Don. Young writes from Bridgetown and he also will be among those missing from the Annual 'Do' - reckons the price of butter fat is too good to leave the cows that long. Don. says he saw Dick. Darrington at a dance escorting a luscious looking lass - good for you Darry! Ted. Cholerton's address Don., is "Bundemar", Trangie, N.S.W.. Gordon Barnes writes from Prospect, S. A., and gives news of a few of the South Australian lads. Gordon has settled down to a good job with a carrying firm in Adelaide and likes it very much. "Barney" says he has seen Mark Jordan in Adelaide and Mark is a married man and has a job as a Wood Machinist. Alby Martin's address "Barney" is - c/- Makower McBeath, Adelaide. Johnny Moore is another of my correspondents, and says things are pretty good in the timber game at Dwellingup, except for a shortage of men. Johnny says his boss is prepared to assist any good axeman who wishes to buy a truck and go into the timber carting business. If anybody is interested, get in touch with - Johnny Moore, Dwellingup. Tom. Bateman also writes from Kalgoorlie, giving his regards to all his old mates. Peter Bardon from Harvey, writes that he will be unable to make the Dinner, but that Arthur Marshall will be down. Peter tells me that Marsh has just become engaged. Congrats. Marsh. Also Peter and Arthur have both been selected for the Harvey-Brunswick team in the South-West Carnival. While on the subject of Football, I have to inform readers that Roy Watson has won the Award for fairest and best player in the Collie Association.

Peter Hearle writes from Queensland that the Association in that State has just had its fourth meeting, and the attendance was not as good as usual. The five gallon Keg was just beyond their capacity, and, much to their chagrin, they had to leave a wee drop in the bottom. Pete. says they had a wonderful car bash on the campaigns with the assistance of Tony Adams' photos. However, his big news is that McQueen had a third share in the winning ticket in the Golden Casket and was the richer by \$2,000, and, arrived at the meeting in a new "Standard" car. Lucky Dog!! Pete's "Hatch" column reads this way:- "Fred. Powell, a boy born in December, 1947; Eric Davis, a girl born July, 1948; Col. Andrews, girl, January, 1948; Neil Carthew, girl, July, 1947, Voevedin, girl, January, 1947; McLachlan, girl, January, 1947." Jack Hartley is another inter-State correspondent. Jack sent over quite a few of his photos for my perusal, and if necessary, inclusion in the eventual Photographic Scheme. Jack was saying that most of the Sydney-siders are members of the Gallipoli Legion Club, and enjoy the evenings spent there very much. Jack was hopeful of winning one of the titles in either Snooker or Billiards at the Club. Ray Cole asks to be remembered to all his old mates.

Lew. Marchant, who is secretary of the Commando Association in South Australia, (not to be confused with 2/2 Commando Association) writes asking for information on certain of our activities in this State, which I will be answering direct. Lew. also gave quite a few addresses of our chaps in South Australia. He is hopeful of getting

such distinguished guests as Brigadier McArthur Onslow and Mr. Arthur Harrop for the British Forces. Geoff Laidlow was unable to attend and sent his apologies. We believe that the Bull is back in the Army (Militia, I presume not permanent) and we wish him luck. Allan Stewart must be the unluckiest of all as he broke his leg the day of the event but was thoughtful enough to send along a bottle of whisky that he had promised - nice effort Allan.

A few notes from Jack Hartley's correspondents - Bill Tomasetti writes from Morobe, N.G., where he is a Patrol Officer, says it's a great life. Jack Prior, who is in the Bank at Temora, states he has been married fifteen months and liking it very much. Bunny Anderson says he ran into Norm Parker with a very nice lady friend who was wearing a sparkler. Ron Trengrove sends his regards to Wendell Wilkie and any other West Aussies who remember him. Jim Cullen has moved his domicile to Queensland and has a property in the D'Agular Ranges. "Shadow" Olde sends his regards to all. Cliff Poff is a successful farmer at Belbora and has become the proud owner of a new Chev. Utility. Ted Cholerton made the trip to Sydney from Trangie for their Annual Dinner.

Once again this brings me to the end of the chapter so until next month I will say cheerio and remind you to be present at our next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 7th September, and have a good time.