

2/2 COMMANDO ASSOCIATION.

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Well we have another year behind us and look forward with anticipation to another year of progress in 1949. The year just ended has been another of steady progress for your Association and now I think we can proudly boast that as an Association we are out of the swaddling clothes and most definitely at the walking stage. Membership has grown by leaps and bounds until now we are well over the 80% mark and only the few stragglers have failed to join. Our financial position is very sound and showing healthy improvement monthly. We have been able to do goodly amount of work on behalf of members in all spheres and have managed to do most of the things that we initially set out to do. There still remains a few uncompleted tasks which were on our original agenda, but we have either deferred them to a more propitious moment, we hope to have them completed ere this year is out. I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all members the very best for the New Year and I hope that the Year fulfils all your requirements.

Now for some General News. As we did not hold a meeting in January owing to Power Restrictions, and I must apologise to members for not advertising the cancellation, as I remembered to do it at the wrong time and forgot it at the right time and was consequently too late - there will not be any of the usual tit bits from the last meeting. With power restored to normal the February meeting will be held as usual at Monash Club, 10A King Street, on the 1st So Don't Forget be in for a good night with the gang. Any country members can be assured of a cordial welcome and a little grog if they turn up, so if you have finished harvest or are spending your holidays in town be at Monash Club on Tuesday February 1st.

I have already noticed quite a few country lads in town. Saw Roy Watson and Don Hudson up from Collie the other day, both looking extra fit and apparently doing well. They told me that Eric Thornander was also at Collie. Roy has been Captain and Coach of Mines Rovers Football Club and I believe did an excellent job. Wendel Wilkie was another I noticed also. Wendel says he had a good harvest this year and is hopeful of branching out on his own next year as he has been share farming with his Dad in the past.

We bid a temporary farewell to a couple of our city members as Ray Aitken has been transferred to Onslow by the Education Department and departs per the "Kybra" on the 27th January, - All the best to you Ray in your new location and don't forget to blitz those fish while up there. Joe Poynton is to try his luck at the Long Range Weapons Range at Woomera "Centralia" as a carpenter. Joe says the wages are tops and he believes the conditions not too bad. Both these lads would welcome any correspondents who care to write.

Since the last News Letter, have had a couple of very interesting letters, one from Dave Dexter who has been in the tail of the Evatt Comet at U.N.O. Conference in Paris. Dave reckons Paris is a great spot to frig around in, but says it is a battle to take the Frogs seriously. He is most optimistic about the future of U.N.O. and believes that despite the spate of words vomited out by all and sundry that at last it is showing signs of real achievement. Anyway Dave next time you are heading round the World in the Wake of Friend Evatt and you want a batman, here is number one applicant. Also had a most interesting letter from Peter Mantle, which I have mislaid or some miscreant has failed to return to me, so I will try to find it and give you

the details next month. Am afraid other than that, correspondence has been a bit on the light side. Ernie Hoffman writes from Kanowna that he still managers to get his fair share of the three Bs. Beer, Bread and Butter. Can't get the strong of that Bread and Butter stuff Hoffy, but have a fair idea what you mean. Anyhow he is going along alright and sends his best wishes to all the gang.

Practically everybody I meet or who write in, express regard for the Newsletter, but I would like you to give me more news of everybody's doings. If you have met anybody or know of anyones movements etc. let me know by writing or ringing B6531. so that I can make these Newsletters as interesting as possible for all concerned. It is only by the news I receive from you that I can make these letters do the job they are intended to do and that is purvey the happenings of members of the Association.

Starting from next months News Letter I intend to give a brief thumb nail sketch of what various members are doing, as so many have been out of touch with one another for so long that they may not know where their mates are located. So if you have any information on your cobbbers that you would like printed send it in and I will do my best to include it in that particular sketch.

Just a small matter of outstanding subscriptions, a couple of months ago Mr. Dook went to the trouble of informing all those who were behind with their subscriptions, but am afraid the response was not as expected. We now have 160 financial members and we are eager to make it 100% result, so will those few outstanding, please send in their "Oxford Scholars" to Ron and let us make it a bumper year.

Well chaps, I will close on that note for this month and bid you Au Revour till next month.

Cheerio,

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Hon. Editor.