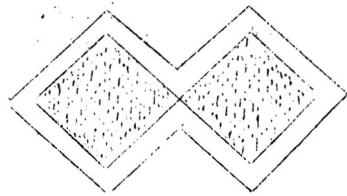


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Australia Wide Reunion

The Victorian Branch of the Association has raised the matter of an Australia Wide Reunion, to coincide with the Olympic Games to be held in Melbourne in 1956. Victoria to act as host State and to billet interstate visitors and generally provide entertainment the main cost to travelling personnel would be fares.

This suggestion has a ton of merit and it behoves us all to give it plenty of thought. The fact that the reunion will be held as far distant as 1956 will give everyone a chance to make long range plans and if necessary start immediately on a plan of saving, that would impose little hardship at the actual time of the reunion. If it was considered that an amount of £100 was adequate for the trip saving at the rate of 7/- a week for the next six years would put the trip within the orbit of quite a number of us. Anyone on Wages or Salary could quite easily make arrangements through the National Savings Groups to have this small sum deducted at Source by their Employers and paid to a Savings Bank Account and by rigid self discipline refrain from operating upon it for the period of six years the cash plus interest would be there to meet their expenses. Those of us who are in business or who are farmers could quite easily formulate some scheme of long range saving which would fit their particular case.

The whole scheme has plenty to recommend it and very little against it. It would give us a chance to once again fraternise with our comrades of the Eastern States and recapture the memories and glories that were ours in days of yore. Victoria being centrally situated would be in a position to draw folk from Queensland, N.S.W., Tas., S.A. and W.A., all at proportionally the same cost and having the Games, Melbourne and Caulfield Cups and other attractions at the same time could provide a Bill of fare unparalleled in Australian History.

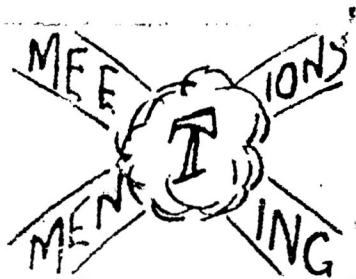
The idea strikes me as being particularly sound and I would welcome your suggestions as to your own ideas on the subject so that the Association can get down to facts and figures and try and make this dream come true.

C.D. DOIG.
Hon. Editor.



The usual monthly Committee Meeting was held on 19th September and a full attendance of committee members were there to do battle with the many and varied topics which came up for discussion. Further correspondence was received from England re the 2nd Commando (British) and it has been decided to send food parcels to dependants of deceased Commandoes. This British Unit had a most glorious career having been in most of the sticky spots in Europe and were

wiped out three times. Much discussion took place on the Photographic Scheme, and as the committee could not agree it was decided to refer the whole subject to the Monthly General Meeting, held on 3rd October, 1950. This meeting also rejected the scheme as it was considered that the amount of money involved was not warranted and if raised could be put to better use.



As stated earlier we held the usual monthly meeting at Monash Club on 3rd October, and a good attendance of about 25 took part. We would like to see even greater attendances at these meetings and once again I appeal to you to get behind your Association, and attend these meetings which are held for your benefit and Social intercourse. After a brief meeting, when many points of mutual benefit were discussed, the lads adjourned to the West Australian Newspapers where they were shown over the workings of a Newspaper, all who attended voted it a most interesting and enjoyable night and hope

that further such educational look overs can be arranged for future meetings.

The date for our next meeting to be held is November, 7th (Melbourne Cup Night) and this night is to be a Bucks Night when you are at liberty to bring along a friend to help you enjoy a convivial evening. The evening will be conducted much the same as a similar evening last December. Roll-up in large numbers and make this evening something special.



The Stork must be suffering from baby carrier's Cramp this last month as quite a few of the lads in widely differing areas have "come Good". Peter Mantle from Bombay is the proud and adoring father of a man child and as that is considered to be the acme of all things desirable in India Peter is quite the Lord of the Manor with the Indian Servants. Add our congrats to all the others Pete. Merv Ryan is also the Sire of a Buck don't know the sex of Merv's two previous children but a boy is always welcome, they tell me. Salaams Merv from the gang.

Peter Campbell who is about as far East as West Australians go at Southern Hills Via Norseman, started his family with a Son and heir, so I'll bet he is kicking the tail out of the sulky. Our congrats Peter. Bigg Drage is last but decidedly not least and Bill weighs in with a Doe. They tell me the Beer was free at Northampton that day and Bill inflated with importance. Best of luck and congrats Bill from all the gang.

Mal Herbert is big news this month. Mal is over East in Anzac Range, Liverpool, N.S.W. representing W.A. in the Rifle Shooting business. Mal tells me that he had bad luck early in the local Prize Shoot and was a couple of days getting into the money, but he finally finished twelfth in the "Kings" and so earned his selection which had taken place earlier in the year. Our hopes for a successful shoot go with you Mal, in your quest for honours among our Eastern Brethern.

Have not had much news from the Sport-front for some time, so what about a note or two to tell me of your exploits at Footy, Cricket, Baseball, Swy etc.

At this stage I take up space to acknowledge your most generous donations to the Jack O'Brien appeal. This Appeal has been an eye opener to me and further demonstrates the extreme generosity of the lads when matters of this type are brought to their notice. The Appeal in this State has topped the Forty Pounds mark and making tracks for the half Century, which is most gratifying. Since last Newsletter donations have come forward from Dick Geere, Kev Waddington, Syd Jarvis, Joe Brand, Ron Sprigg, Doug Fullerton, Slim James, Dud Tapper, Joe Poynton, Bill Willis, Wilf March and Peter Mantle, bringing the list of subscribers to 64.

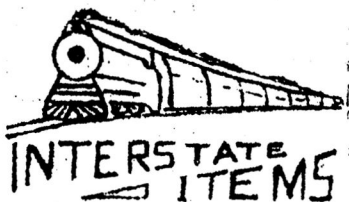
A matter that has escaped me, in previous Newsletters was the fact that Ray Parry and Jack Stafford have joined the Korean Force from this State. Geo Patterson, "Twilight" Collins and Charlie Anderson also joined

up again from N.S.W. We have quite a reasonable representation in such a small force so we can be justifiably proud of our gang in this recruiting effort. We wish all these chaps good luck and good hunting.



Had a visit from Jack Fowler and his good wife. Both looking well and appear to be enjoying life. Jack had had a letter from "Buller" Tate from North Queensland. "Buller" has left the Railway and is now in the farming business Sugar Cane, I guess. Alan Soper of Ayr, North Queensland is also going well a married man with a family these days. Don Turton also sighted in town meeting his wife who has just returned from a trip to Sydney, Brisbane, and Melbourne. Mrs Turton brings news of Tony Adams who is now stationed at Toowoomba with the Union Bank. Tony had the misfortune to lose his father recently. That reminds me - Dave Dexter also lost his father recently. Mr. Dexter senior was a most remarkable man having held his ticket for sail and steam in the shipping world and then became an Anglican Clergyman at one time had three Parishes in Footscray. He was a D.C.M. from the Boer War (In the line), D.S.O. M.C. and M.D. as a Padre in World War 1. The highest decorated Padre of the War. As I said previously a most amazing character.

Had brief letter from Dick Geere, who is in the Union Bank at Victor Harbour. S.A. Dick says he is living a very quiet life with a little golf thrown in for relaxation. He hopes to be in the West shortly and renew acquaintances with the mob. A nice long epistle from Rod Dhu who is now with Department of Civil Aviation, Broome. - At present building a 'Drome at Cape Seveque and says it is a nice place to work, with plenty of fish, crabs, oysters and of course swimming. Says he is trying to make the job last as long as possible. Rod was playing footy this year at Broome, with Commonwealths, but they had to lower their colours to Meat Works, who had some pretty good ballers. Peter Campbell is among the correspondents this month. Thanks for the suggestion re map with names on Peter, will see if it is practicable. Peter says he saw Tony Davidson a bit ago, he was looking fat and sleek and doing well. If any body is doing the overland trip, Peter invites them to stay a night or a week. Joe Brand wrote to say that all was well with him and that Big Bill Drage and Slim James had had a night out recently. Joe brought news of the little stranger expected by the Drage Duo. Ron Johnson writes from Koorda and sends his regards to the mob. Says he sees quite a bit of Jack Denman up Koorda way. John expects to be down York way for a couple of months Dam sinking. Peter Alexander sends his regards to everybody from - 48 York St., Boulder. and hopes to see us all at the Reunion in February. Ron Sprigg has just started his holidays, and is going to Wagin for a while to see his people and hopes to be in Perth for the Footy Grand Final. Ron says he saw Tom Nisbet in Albany, when Tom was spending his holidays and had a most enjoyable evening with him. Ron sees Warwick Crossing occasionally, at Katanning, where Wack is stationed for Wesfarmers. Joe Cynton writes from the Rocket Range, Woomera to send in some sweep butts, and a fat donation to the O'Brien Appeal. Joe says he appreciates the Newsletters and sends them to Paddy Kenneally who is now in New Zealand. Joe wishes to be fondly remembered to all the gang, and hopes to see them all early in December. The game is still treating Joe O.K. but, its a case of beware of the cops. Charlie Gorton writes briefly to say Cheerio to the lads and says he hopes to make a meeting or two in the near future. "Slim" James dropped in from Geraldton the other day to say "How do" he very much belies the monicker "Slim" these days.



Dudley Tapper has a few words to say from S.A. and sends along his subscription. Our Annual Subscription is 5/- Dudley and we don't ask for retrospective payments, so you are now financial up till 25th May, 1952. Dud enjoys the Newsletters, but says time must be catching upon him as he finds it hard to put a face on some of the names mentioned. You haven't got that on your own Dudley! Dud says S.A. is going through an era of semi-prosperity at the moment with large Public Works and he is wondering how long it will

last.

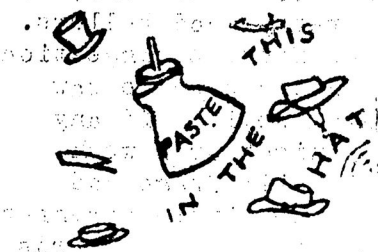
A very cheery Newsletter from Arch Campbell in Victoria. Arch mentions the Olympic Reunion, which has already been treated

in the Editorial. Victoria has just had a most successful meeting with an attendance of thirty and a ton of business attended to. Finances are quite bouyant and membership increasing. Victoria are concentrating on a Provident Fund to be administered by Trustees. The Red Cross Blood Bank is also among their "Good Deeds".

It was good to hear of "Smash" Hodgson, once again, and know the old warrior was still alive and kicking. Jack Renehan another well known to us Westerners who is reported to be 100% and falling away from a Spring Cart to a Waggon. Kev Curran, unlucky to have his jaw broken again. Have to see to the Calcium "Bort" to grow that jaw bone good and strong.

Bert Tobin is the proud parent of a son - Toby has hopes of him of running a mile in 4 minutes! Why wish that on the "Billy Kid" Toby? Incidentally, Toby is no mean athlete himself and competes in all his clubs races from 100 yards to a mile. Jack Sevante just acquired a new home, Harry Bottrill looking on with envy and high hopes. Max Davies has fallen away to a mere 18 stone after a trip to Sydney. Sailor Ward in Melbourne, after a trip around the Islands where he ran into Doc McInnerny who was flying planes around. Gordon Stanley lives out at Noble Park and has Gerry Maley for a neighbour, no doubt about these sibs, they are clannish! Arch Campbell is a bit crooked as pressure of work stopped him rushing off to Ski on Bogong High Plain. Arch still revels in that muscle stuff, God, I get into a muck lather just listening to Arch talk about P.T.I.

Had a letter from Alan Tuby, who as you know is the President of N.S.W. Alan is going well in the Ambulance Business and finds time to look after his garden etc. Alan brings news of Doc McInnerny too. Says he is back in Sydney doing a spot of work at various hospitals, but the bedside manner is similar to as yore.



Sweep! Sweep! Sweep! Dont forget those butts, must be in my hands by 28th October, to enable us to make the draw and advise all concerned of the result. So boys, into it and sell your tickets and return them pronto, as it will make my task twice as easy.

That next meeting - the Bucks night is calling to you, so select your friend and bring him along and have a good night with the rest of the gang.

There are still a number of outstanding subscriptions which we would be glad to receive at your earliest. If you are in doubt as to whether you owe your sub, or not, refer to the August newsletter and that will tell you how you stand.

The O'Brien Appeal will remain open for another month or so, so if you wish to contribute, please send your donation to me for forwarding to Jack Hartley.



A comely coloured girl had just been baptised in the river. As she came to the surface she cried "Bless de Lawd I'se saved! las' night I was in de ahms of Satan, but tonight Ah'm in de Ahms of de Lawd!"

"Sistah" came a baritone voice from the shore "how is yo fixed up for tomorrew etening?"

And then there is this one.

A traveller was questioning Rastus about his home town.

"How many people live in this town?" he wanted to know. "Bout four thousand people suh. It's been that way for forty years".

"You mean to tell me that there were four thousand people here forty year ago and only 4 thousand now". Haven't any people moved in & any babies born here?"

"Yes, suh, babies been born alright, but every time a baby is born somebody leaves town!"

P.S.: Sweep - Sweep - Sweep! Those butts as soon as you can, please.

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DRAW - MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP 1950.

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>TICKET NO.</u>	<u>NAME & ADDRESS DRAWER</u>
COMIC COURT	703	J. Corney, Cannington.
STAR FALCON	1565	E.M.C. York Hotel, Kalgoorlie.
LENVOLO	2874	T. Hinchorn, Cresco.
DARK MARNE	3211	D. Heiden, 31 Weroonga Road, Claremont.
PLAYBOY	763	A. Hayes, C/- E. Craghill.
BEAU GEM	1530	K. Slaywood, Geraldton.
CHIQUITA.	3693	Lt. Evens. C/- F.C. Sparkman, Bridgetown.
IRON DUKE	1856	R. Harrington, Wyening.
ACHILLES	4118	J. Barry, Denmark.
BHUTAN	5010	F. Taylor. B.8341.
SAXONY	2408	R. Bowles. 71 Ward St. Kalgoorlie.
THRACIAN LAD	2792	Lewi Heslen. Osborne Park.
HOYLE.	4792	E. Kingsword C/- Bairds.
DASHING BEAU	4687	A.A. Tweeddale. WM.1384.
PERLESS FOX	5037	E. Richings. Byford.
CENTURION	1966	Mrs. Clayton Broomehill.
CHITRAL	4619	"Boozers" Dunreath.
CONDUCTOR	3016	Mol'air, Bazaar.
BOLD JOHN	288	W. Stacey. Social Services Perth.
GLENVUE	3682	D. Crowley, Bridgetown.
INDIAN CHIEF	3773	Mrs. T. Wilson, C/- 53 Normanby St. Inglewood.
SILVER BUZZ.	1551	Dan Darran, Geraldton Building Co.
ROCKET GUN	4840	C. Colvin Shoe Dept. Bairds.
KING COMEDY.	1649	Mrs. N. Griffiths. 9 Bourke St. North Perth.
WANDILOW	2837	E. Quinn, Wharf Fremantle.
GREAT TREK.	4695	Bill O'Neil. Dept. Labour & National Service.
ALISTER	1867	B. Winton "Genass"
CARAPOOE	4686	G.V. Fogarty, 9 Barrack St.
MORSE CODE	1947	"Horner" C/- M. Herbert.
POTENTATE	1541	B. Giles. Geraldton.
FRENCH CAVALIER	226	C. Chapple. Brunswick
SAXONIAN	2381	Mr. H. Golding. Pemberton.
BLANK MUSIC	580	Pat Mayhew C/- Boans.
LEPIDUS	5196	H.M. Smith, Rural Bank, Perth.
PURDEY	935	J. Curran. C/- K. Curran, Victoria.
TRUE COURSE	3829	"Vancy" Saloon Bar Adelphi.
MATTERHORN	3192	J.L. Jenes E.S. & A. Bank.
EVENTUATE	4270	J. Colreavy 1002B Beaufort St. Inglewood
FIRST FLYER	2191	D. Stanley R.G.H. Hollywood.
HUNDI.	1675	Pat Hill, Leonora. (30 Canning Highway, Sth. Perth)
LONDONDERRY	5007	I. Dook Perth Hotel C/- E. Craghill.
MIDWAY	3296	B.J. Goddard, 97 Marmion St. Mosman Park.
SAVILLE ROW	4628	"BadLuck" C/- 32 Barlonk (R. Dook).
BRUIN	3573	M. Carroll, 116 Lyall St. Kalgoorlie.
LUCKY MASCOT.	5104	S. Tremlett. Tammin.
ROSS	1900	Mrs. A. Brewer, Watley Cres. Hayswater.
RUMYLE	5028	Mrs. L. Little, BYFORD.
WIRANYA	951	G. Dunstan. Post Office. St. Geo. Tce. Perth.
DOUBLE SCOTCH	2573	E. Fiddes, "Sunday Times".
BEWITCHED	2104	W. Hudson, Geraldton.
GALLIVANT	2127	W.J. Weymouth, Koorda.
PENTHRILLUS	1621	L. Briscoe. Fremantle.
ROYAL IRISH	3954	Joe Barron, Flash Cycles. Midland Junction.
GOLD BAR	2194	B & A. C. Lorud C/- Syd. Jarvis.
PRINCE HUSSAR	4275	Car Barn "10"
PURPLE PRINCE	1482	N. Haddon Post Office, Ballidu.
DUAL CROWN	4931	G. Kelly, Manjimup.
GLEN IAN	2328	E.W.M. Trigwell, Donnybrook.
GRAND CHEVAL	5101	H. Tremlett, Tammin.