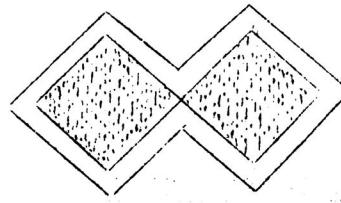


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EDITORIAL. This is but an apology for an editorial, so please do not hope for any pearls of wisdom. I wish to only offer my excuses for the brevity of this Newsletter. Owing to pressure of work, the exigency of the service and of course the current heat wave this Newsletter will be but a shadow of former letters. Another reason for brevity is that I hope to see as many as possible of you at the Annual Reunion to be held at Monash Club on Saturday 24th February. Hopes run high for a record attendance at this Annual function and of course we hope that the Commemoration Service to be held in Kings Park on Sunday 25th will find everyone who possibly can make the effort to be there and pay their respects to those of our friends who have paid the supreme sacrifice. With that apology and couple of reminders I bid you Au Revour and hope to see you at the two above mentioned functions.

C.D. DOIG.
Honorary Editor.

MEETING MENTIONS. Once again have to report a most successful monthly meeting with our guest speaker Mr. Colin McDonald. All those present thoroughly enjoyed the speakers outstanding exposition of current affairs in China and Korea and his background knowledge of modern day power politics. We have to thank Mr. McDonald once again for coming along and telling us of his fruitful experiences.

The usual meeting will be held on March 6th and will take the form of a sports evening, so if any of you good folk own darts and dart boards, we would be most pleased if you would bring them along so as to add to the number who are able to play.

As mentioned above the Annual Reunion will be held at Monash House, Cnr. King and Hay Streets, on Saturday 24th. Please publicise this as much as you can so that a bumper roll up is assured.

The Annual Commemoration Service will be held at Kings Park on Sunday 25th and you are all urged to make this Service a Must. Those owning cars are asked to assemble at Perth Railway Station by 2.45p.m.&so assist in taking people who are not in the happy position of owning transport.

STORK STAKES. A small batch of happy couples are once again chronicled for the month. Clarrie Varion is proud father of a daughter, this brings Clarries clutch to three, Two boys and a girl. Arthur Marshall has a son, his first I think, Geo Boyland's last but not least and is happy in the possession of a daughter. This makes Geo's second daughter. Our congratulations to all the above.

CORRESPONDENCE

CHRONICLES

Only a couple of local letters this month. One from Dick Pepper who is the local Store-keeper-cum-Post Master at Moonyoonooka, and says he is happy in the service and battling along finely. Dick has hopes of being in the City shortly and I will be most glad to see him. Steve Rogers writes from Brunswick once again and hopes to be down for the Annual Reunion and bring Blue Wilkes along with him. We will be all most pleased to see you Steve after all these years.

Had a visit from Stan Payne who was holidaying in the city. Stan has a War Service Farm at Nukarnie and is most happy about his prospects. Eric Smyth was also a visitor. Eric also hopes to be at the Reunion and brings news of the Geraldton folk who hope to be in town for the big occasion. Bill Drage and Bruss Fagg are hopefuls as are Jack Denman and Slim James.

INTERSTATE ITEMS. A letter from Tommy Foster from Tommy Foster from South Aust. Tom is now a Lieut, in the 27th Bn, Militia and says he is enjoying the fun of Militia Training. Thanks for your suggestions Tom, I hope a few others have the same ideas. A brief note from Rus Symons who is practising

Physiotherapist in Sydney. Rus was requesting Mal Herberts address - so this should meet you eye Mal, drop a note to Rus, Address : Suite 22, 1st Floor, National Mutual Building, 350 George Street, Sydney. Glad to receive Circular Newsletter from both Arch Campbell in Victoria and Jack Hartly in N.S.W. Arch brings news of Victorian personnel including "Smash" Hodgson, now domiciled at Nyora. Smash would appreciate a few letters from interstaters. His address : C/- Nyora Post Office, Victoria. Jack Fox is still in the Army a Capt. with Victorian Scotties. Geo Warfe is his C.O. Victoria had a Reunion at Xmas quite a good show. Kev Curran and Geo Kennedy and EO did a good job with the last "niner".

Jack Hartley says Charlie Anderson is back from Korea and is in Hospital. Charlie was wounded in the side by a slug and will be discharged C.3. John Greig is a W.O.2 with B.C.O.F. in Japan. You will remember John as the grey haired old Gentlemen who was with us on Timor. He was a veteran of the Boer War so he must enjoy his soldiering. Jack brings news of Alan Garry who is a Capt. in the Army also Tommy Pulliene who is a Corporal both with 15th Cadet Training Bn. at Young.

A long letter from Peter Mantle from Bombay. Sorry cant quote it in full as it is full of interest. Apparently prohibition is playing havoc with the white populace in India and generally making life unbearable for the pukka Sahins. Just to show one of its effects the Taj Mahal Hotel Sacked 1200 employees. Fancy having 1200 employees let alone sacking that number. Peter says the Picture shows in India are pretty punk, the good ones just never seem to find their way to India.

Scotty Taylor writes from Bristol, England and says that things are not so hot there at the moment. Prices sky high and money tight. Scotty is still in the sports goods business and manages to knock out a crust despite food rationing and meat shortages, says he is on intimate terms with the local butcher. He still plays badminton and Tennis, but has given away soccer as Anno Domini has crept upon him. Scotty wishes to be fondly remembered to all his mates in Aussie. Good luck to you Scotty from all the folk in the Antipodes.

That Reunion! be there for a marvelous night with all your pals.

PASTE THIS IN YOUR
HAT.

The Commemoration Service is beckoning to you, make it a Must.

Subscriptions would be most welcome from those lagging. Timor Claim Forms should be sent in immediately.

not Gratuity Payments are due on 3rd March (My Birth-day) so if you have filled in a form nominating a bank, do so immediately.

The next monthly meeting at Monash Club on 6th March.
The Darts Night, so if you have any spare Darts bring them along.

THIS MONTHS BEST The owner of a big furniture store was in Sydney
 to buy some stock and he met a really beautiful girl in the
 lounge of the hotel.

But she was French and they couldn't understand
a word of each other's language. So he took out a notebook and drew a sketch
of a taxi. She nodded her head and laughed and they went for a ride in the
park. Then he drew a picture of a table in a restaurant with a question mark and
she nodded so they went to dinner. After dinner he sketched two dancers and
she was delighted. They went to a night club and danced and had a lovely time.
At length she asked for the pencil and drew a picture of a four-posted bed.
He was dumbfounded. He's never been able to figure out how she knew he was in
the furniture business.
