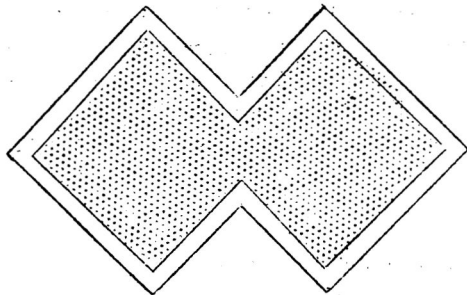


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This first edition of Commando Courier marks the start of another period in the communications side of our Association.

EDITORIAL

The step towards making the Newsletter into a periodical has not been taken without due consideration and it is thought that it will be a forward movement in regard to news and its presentation to you the reader.

Rising costs have forced us to try and adopt some measures which will still give members the same or a better news medium at approximately the same cost as previously or possibly allow the Association to effect a saving. By the use of Bulk postage and the elimination of costly and ever rising envelopes, it is hoped that the tide of inflation will be stemmed as far as our paper is concerned.

It is hoped also to add further features to this periodical and eventually to publish it on an Australian Wide basis and so put all members irrespective of State in the one picture.

The editorial Committee think that the present departure is a step in the right direction and another cog in the machine of progress. It is hoped that you the reader will be of the same opinion and that you

will show added appreciation of the Associations efforts in this direction and send in better and greater Contributions towards our newly embarked paper 'Commando Courier'.

The toast is "Gentlemen the Commando Courier" may you live long and honourably in the Service of the Association.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

This edition brings news of two committee meetings those of April and May.

Firstly it is with regret we chronicle the resignation of Don Murray from the Committee owing to the fact that he has taken up farming pursuits at York. Don has been an excellent committee man and we are sorry to lose him from the committee table.

April meeting saw the finalisation of arrangements for Anzac Day. Geo Boyland was appointed to lay the wreath on the Associations behalf at the dawn service, while Tom Nisbet would marshall our parade for the Esplanade Service.

Attendances at Monthly meetings were a sore point and ways and means of increasing them were under lively discussion. Finally it was decided that notice of meeting cards be sent to all metropolitan members to attempt to bring the matter before members at the right time in the month. This experiment will be given a three months trial.

May meeting saw a review of the Associations financial position. After lengthy discussion it was decided that too much of our capital was tied up in the Savings Bank and Current Account and it was decided to place a further £350 in the Loan to enable the greater part of our Assets to earn money.

A communication from the R.S.L. re Act of Grace payments for estates and next of Kin of personnel Killed after leaving Timor was discussed. This matter has already been taken up by the Association with the Government, but as yet no answer has been received to our case. It was decided to co-operate with the R.S.L. with the object of at least proving a Test Case and so make later cases easier.

ASSOCIATION  
ACTIVITIES

Anzac Day has come and gone and it must be recorded as being the most successful ever. The Dawn Service saw the laying of the Associations wreath on the State War Memorial by Vice President Geo. Boyland.

The March was a record roll up of over 50 members of our Association and Kindred Commando Squadrons. After the Service on the Esplanade refreshments were partaken of on the lower end of the Esplanade and by midnight 55 gallons had gone down the many gullets. It is admitted that only players and Stayers saw out the midnight hours, but the form of those who stayed is considered to be well up to previous years.

The May Meeting was most poorly attended and it was a pity as a great night was in store for those who did attend. Mr. Cedric Stump a friend of Dave Ritchies turned on a picture show for the boys and it was of outstanding interest. Our thanks to Mr. Stump for his kindness. It is hoped that future meetings will get a better response from members as it is most disheartening to both the guest and the chap who goes to all the bother to arrange for him to come along and entertain us.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the meeting to be held on Tuesday 5th June, is the Annual General Meeting and it behoves all those who can possibly make it to be in attendance. This is the meeting which elects the office bearers for the ensuing year and also lays the policy of the Association for the year. If you think that you know of any innovations which will improve your Association, bring them along to the Annual General and air them for the mutual benefit of all. Remember that you don't want to leave all the work on the shoulders of a few or you will wear them out, be prepared to do a job yourself and make the Association prosper.

PERSONALITIES.

News is to hand that Jim Smailes is furthering his studies in the Mining World with a trip to Collie. Jim to date has had a most successful time at

the Kalgoorlie School of Mines and we all wish him

the Kalgoorlie School of Mines and we all wish him further success.

Percy Hancock is on Annual Leave and is spending portion of it with Jack Fowler at Wongan Hills. Percy will probably be a bundle of news from that quarter on his return.

"Boyo" Hewitt has been down in the City from Kalgoorlie having a holiday. He was with us in the Anzac Day March, but is very much on the square and had but a few Lagers before departing. Boyo mixes Horse Training with Mining and is the proud owner of "Ale Done" with which he has won a couple of Races.

Freddy Sparkman is another who made it for Anzac Day and looks in the pink. He brought news of Rowan-Robinson who is President of the R.S.L. at Bridgetown and who was conducting the local service on Anzac Day.

Mick Morgan once again officiated as Banner Bearer on the March and one thing our Banner does not lack for show with big Mick in the van.

Bill Willis has been up at Nungarrin with the good friend of the Association, Arthur Emery, building a home for Mal Herbert who incidentally was married at Easter Time. Good luck in double harness Mal, from all your mates.

Geo Strickland is another who has jumped the broomstick. Geo was married just before Anzac Day and was away down the South-West Honeymooning on the big day. Our sincere congrats Geo.

Dave Ritchie who is managing to get about much better these days, is now the proud owner of a Hillman.

Don Turton has taken delivery, I believe, of a Land Rover and a New Fordson Diesel Tractor. The farming game must be looking up Don.

Noticed that Dave Dexter has had a rise in his job with External Affairs and is now a First Secretary in Charge of a Section. Dave is still busy writing his Volume of the War history.

Les Glasson was down in Perth during the month and called into see me. Les is as big as the side of a mountain and looks really prosperous. Les is a maker of wooden overcoats among other things at Kalgoorlie.

Slim James is back in the City again after a sojourn at Geraldton. Slim is awaiting a Shop at Doubleview, so any of you chaps who live in that direction rally around and become customers.

Haven't heard a word of Paddy Kenneally for an age. Last news placed him in New Zealand. With the Rugby Season upon us we can expect to see Paddy any tick of the clock.

Rip McMahon is once again serving schooners at East Perth Hotel, after a brief stay at Busselton.

Have news that Ted Loud is now with the Forestry Department at Pemberton driving a truck. Ted has given away the 'Dozer Driving and is putting on beef in a big way.

Fred Napier has been in Hollywood again for treatment to his back. He is out again, I believe, and back at work which we are all glad to hear.

Neil Scott is now a fully fledged School Teacher and is Chalking it somewhere in the Metropolitan. Neil has just completed his own home and reports say it is a great job too.

Herbie Thomas is working on a Farm at Belgart and liking it very much. Reckons if things keep going like they are he will have a race horse next year. They tell me you want about 1,000 sheep to keep a prad going Herbie.

Gordon Hislop is doing well at Carnamah I'm told, has the local S.P. business sewn up. Hope the results are O.K. Gordon.

Any of you birds noticed a two story house going up on Stirling Highway, just over the Leighton Crossing? Well that is being erected by none other than

Pere McPhee in his spare time. Pere is also making cement brick machines which I believe are unrivalled. So if you are considering making cement bricks see Pere.

Haven't seen Pop Harding for a month of Sundays, but I believe he is still at Hollywood Hospital as an orderly.

Alf Longbottom has deserted the City for the Country and is working on a timber Mill at Yornup.

Tony Bowers in town recently on a holiday, looking very well and reports good business from his Timber Mill.

Doc Wheatley is another I've seen recently and he says the tomato growing game is starting to pay dividends up at Byford.

Reg Harrington writes and gives news of Mal Herbert's wedding, which he had the pleasure of attending. Says it was a great show and Mal locked on top of the world. Reg is another addict of that sport fox hunting. Not with Horse and Hounds - No Sir, Truck and Spot Light and Rifle is the story.

If you see a debonair and efficient Policeman on points in the City, you are probably looking at Ivor Goodall who is doing a good job for George Rex in that direction.

Jack Hasson once again has a Taxi on the Rank at the Railway Station, so you train travellers look out for Jack, if you require a Taxi.

Perhaps some of you will remember Norm Nicholay the Sigs Officer with No.4 Coy on Timor. Norm is the father of a daughter for the third time and he is not amused.

SPORTING.

Reg Harrington is still playing football at Wyening, says the first game or two is a bit tough and it wouldn't take much to turn his mind to the Royal and Ancient game.

Tom Nisbet has given away playing Baseball and is now coaching Wests. His coaching is either extra good or the team has improved out of sight as after four games they remain undefeated.

Bill Epps has also given away active

participation in Baseball and is now an Executive member. Look out you coves, he is a moral to have a pocket full of tickets to sell.

Jack Carey still takes a keen interest in football with East Fremantle Amateurs. Looks after their interest on the Executive and I believe still plays.

Arthur Marshall is again playing footy at Harvey, I'm stold, but like us all is finding Anno Domini catching up.

Kevin Curran once again playing with Hawthorn in Victoria and I note has been picked in the Victorian practice squad to find the team to play South Australia, and therefore we have big hopes of the "Bort" finding his way West again this year. A big welcome awaits you Kev if you come over again.

INTERSTATE  
ITEMS.

Jack Hartley sends along another news letter full of interesting items.

N.S.W. like ourselves is suffering from poor attendances at meetings. The boys over there are on to the job of increasing attendances and are of high hopes of a successful year.

They have just had their Annual General Meeting and the following Officers have been elected for the ensuing year. President: Alan Luby. Secretary-Treasurer: Jack Hartley. Committee: M. Mannix, J. Martin, F. O'Neill, B. Weir, and R. Trengrove. Social Committee: F. O'Neill, R. Hilliard and J. Ward.

Personal Items called from Jack's Letter are as follow:

Charlie Anderson, now out of Hospital and is A.I. again and expects to go back to Korea again soon. Talk about the willing Horse!!

Believe Skeeter Bagnall is also in Korea. This absolutely amazes me as I would have thought that Skeeter would have definitely been one who had had enough.

) ) Jim Fenwick is now a Corporal in the Army at Cabarlah, near Toowoomba.

) ) Ron Goodacre is at Canowindra and in the painting trade.

) ) Les Isenhood and Snow Turner still at Newcastle.

) ) Bob Smith got a mention in the Press recently for rescue of a couple stranded on a Cliff face at Pt. Perpendicular Lighthouse.

) ) Peter Mantle writes from Bombay to say that things are definitely on the move with him. His successor has been appointed and he hopes to be back in Aussie by July.

) ) For your advice Peter meeting dates in June, July and August are: 5th June, - 3rd July, - and 7th August.

) ) Peter says there were 599 undetected murders in Bombay last year. - That's a lot of homicide in my humble opinion. Burglaries are also well up on the list of undetected crimes and most of them are not even reported. Shows just how well we are off in Aussie on the crime basis.

) ) The belligerent prosecutor was almost insulting as he questioned the young pugilist on trial for assault and battery. And under the verbal onslaught, the fighter finally admitted he'd given the plaintiff "a little push."

) ) "A little push, eh?" repeated the prosecutor, as he hit upon an idea that would certainly incriminate the boxer. "show me exactly what you did."

) ) "Y'mean," asked the pug, "that you want me to show you just how hard I pushed him?"

) ) "That's right," nodded the prosecutor.

) ) The fighter's eyes gleamed. He leaped from his chair and landed against the prosecutor with all his force, knocking the prosecutor cold.

) ) "Gentlemen," said the fighter, turning to the jury with a bland smile, "about one tenth that hard!"

THIS SHOULD  
INTEREST YOU.

The Other Fellow's Job.

The man behind the barrow, with his  
jersey full of dirt,  
Locks with ever-growing envy at the merchant's  
Laundered shirt;  
But the man behind the counter feels the nagging of  
the trade  
And would swap his polished scissors for the farmers  
rusty spade;  
In the night the sleeping doctor hears the clanging  
of the phone,  
And "I wish I were a lawyer," is his aggravated groan;  
But the lawyer in his nighty hears the doctor's car  
go past,  
And he says, "That lucky fellow must be making money  
fast."  
The man upon the vessel sees the coastline slowly  
dwarf,  
And he longs for terra firma, with the man upon the  
wharf,  
While the other marks the vessel moving out alone and  
free,  
And he longs for the boundless freedom with the man  
upon the sea.  
The little boy in rompers thinks his daddy first in  
grace,  
And he wishes he were grown up, with some whiskers  
on his face;  
And his daddy feels the burden of the mortgage and  
his debts,  
And wishes he were Willy, in his pantalettes.  
The young man sees his sister, with her money-spend-  
ing beau.  
And he says, "If I were sister I could save a heap of  
dough";  
But the young girl sees her brother, with his vola-  
tile finance,  
And she longs to be the owner of the ballot and the  
pants.  
Says the peasant in the cottage, "What a grand and  
happy thing,  
To have the mighty sceptre and the station of the  
King."

Yet I have heard it whispered that the man upon the throne  
Would rather be the peasant, with a spirit of his own.  
So if your lot is irksome, you can get your pulse a-throb,  
Just by musing on the virtues of the other fellow's job.

MORAL: "By diverting and devoting as much thought to  
your own job as you do to the other fellow's,  
you will make your job as attractive to you  
as the other fellow's appears."

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REMINDERS

That Annual General Meeting on  
June 5th at Monash Club, demands your  
attention. Make sure you attend.

Subscriptions for the ensuing year  
are now due. If you are not financial do the right thing as  
soon as possible.

There are still plenty of Photos of  
the Annual Reunion available and you can have same for 3/-.

Still some copies of the Smailes  
Poem for sale at the humble price of 2/-, so if you desire a  
copy send me the florin and I'll oblige by sending you a copy.

If any one has not received their  
Act of Grace payment for Timor you should fill in a Statutory  
Declaration as soon as possible. I still have plenty of  
Stat. Declarations on hand.

THIS MONTHS BEST.+++++

An Indian was transmitting a message by smoke  
signal to his tribe in New Mexico when a terrific  
explosion not only interrupted him, but sent him flying  
20 yards away.

It was the atomic bomb experiment and the Indian  
pulled himself together in time to see a tower of smoke  
billow out into the sky.

"Gosh," he said admiringly, "wish I'd said that!"