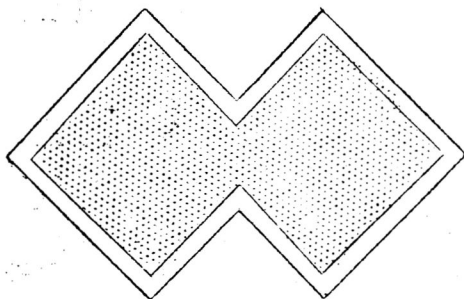


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OFFICE BEARERS.

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COMMITTEE
COMMENT

The Committee Meeting held on 19th June, was the first for the incoming committee for the ensuing year. A welcome was extended to new Committeemen, re Jack Carey, K. Bowden and H. Sproxtton.

Further advice was received from the Minister for the Army re Creardo's in Timor. We wrote him asking for publicity to be given in Timor, asking any natives who held notes or scraps of paper denoting that we owed them money, to bring them before the notice of the Consul. The Minister has replied stating that further consideration will be given this proposal.

Sub Committees were reformed for the year, and comprise: Finance:- President, Treasurer and Mr. Kirkwood. Social:- Messrs. Bowden, Carey and Ritchie. Editorial:- Messrs Doig, Epps and Hayes. and Meetings and Agenda:- President, Vice President and Secretary.

Much discussion took place on policy for the coming year, and programming the monthly meetings with a view to increasing attendances. It was decided to make a concerted drive this coming year to increase attendances. A campaign is to be conducted culminating in September to bring attendances to the desired standard.

The Committee decided to reintroduce the Attendance Book idea, and all persons attending meetings will be asked to sign this when coming to meetings.

It was decided to invite Mr. Len Hamilton M.H.R. who did so much for us in our claim for subsistence to attend our August Meeting.

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ASSOCIATION
ACTIVITIES.

The Meeting held on 5th of June, was the Annual General Meeting and the attendance was definitely below what should have been expected at this important meeting.

Presentation of Reports by the President, Treasurer, Auditor and the Financial Accounts took place, and these are published elsewhere in this edition.

Election of Office Bearers for the coming year took place and resulted in the following being elected :- President: J.C. Burrridge. Vice President: R.S. Kirkwood. General Secretary: C.D. Doig. State Secretary: G. Boyland.

ASSOCIATION
ACTIVITIES (Contd.)

Auditors: Messrs. W.L. Crossing and J. Haire. Committee: Messrs. W. Epps, J. Carey, H. Calcutt, K. Hayes, D. Ritchie, K. Bowden and H. Sproxton.

An Honourarium was voted to Miss L. Davies who is the person responsible for the Association's typing.

It was resolved that an effort be made through the Newsletter to obtain War Medals for Unit Members and that these be worn on Anzac Day and other such parades.

The Meeting to be held on Tuesday 3rd July, at Monash Club will be in the nature of a Welcome to West. Australia once again to Kevin Curran who has been selected to represent Victoria in the forthcoming interstate Football Matches.

Everybody who can possibly do so is asked to attend this function and show Kevin our renowned W.A. hospitality.

Also Kevin will be arriving by plane on Wednesday 27th at approximately 7-30p.m. and it is hoped that as many as possible will roll up and greet him on arrival.

The August Meeting will feature a talk by that Doyen of W.A. Football Coaches - Jerry Dolan so don't miss the August Meeting if you want to hear a good talk on the popular sport of Aussie Rules.

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PERSONALITIES.

"Nip" Cunningham was a caller during the month and looks a ball of health. Nip still works at a Club in Geraldton, and had just been on a fishing trip up the coast north of Geraldton, pulling in Schnapper in a big way.

Ren Sprigg also down in the Big Smoke for a visit. Ren is the proud father of a Son and we offer our congratulations on the happy event. Ren says he does not see many of the lads down Albany way, but sees Ken Mackintosh at Wagin occasionally and also Gordon Holmes at Cranbrook.

Norm Thornton sighted in Perth the other day, and looks extra well. Says he is flat out in the building trade at Denmark, but like most builders is experiencing material shortages. Norm says "Geordie" Smith is also in good fettle.

"Doc" Wheatley is to be congratulated on the birth of a daughter. I don't remember what the sex of "Doc's" previous children are so can decide whether to commiserate or otherwise on this birth.

Peter Barden is still churning out news for the "Harvey Murray Times" at Harvey, and also is the local correspondent for the A.B.C.

Bill Cooper wrote briefly forwarding his sub. Bill I believe is still in the Baking trade at Shenton Park.

Haven't seen Eddie Graghill around for awhile. Eddie is an electric welder with the Tramways Dept. and works mostly night shift, so of course is a social slave.

Warwick Crossing has gone north with a shearing team, and last news was that he was doing pretty good tallies.

Jim Ritchie is another away shearing, but to date have no knowledge of his exact whereabouts.

"Blue" Wilkes writes again from Brunswick Junction to say that nothing ever happens in his neck of the woods. He says the Potato growers are experiencing difficulties in getting diggers for their bumper crop. Am instituting enquiries re your subsistence claim Blue and will let you know of results later.

Noticed that Laurie Tapper has become the parent of a daughter. Haven't seen hair or hide of Laurie for ages, he has gone into smoke properly.

Tom Towers is another to come good with a Son. Our congrats Tom, and what about seeing a little more of you at a meeting or two.

Fred Griffiths is toiling strongly up Onslow way in the lead-mining business. Mrs. Griffiths says he is well, but working hard. Fred and his syndicate hope to clean up big money this year.

Ron Dock is still trying to keep order among the Balts and others at the Migrant Workers' Hostel at Dunreath, and preserving the balance of power is quite a problem.

Eric Smyth is now with Ford Agency at Geraldton, as Secretary Account and I believe has an excellent job. Eric is also in the throes of trying to build a home.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT :

We have now completed our fifth year as an Association, and it is pleasing to record that this last year has been the most successful ever. The main reason for our success must be attributed to the strong and conscientious Committee which has served the Association over the last twelve months. Keen interest was displayed by every Committee member, and attendances at the monthly Committee Meetings have been exceptionally good. The Committee met on eleven occasions during the year, and the average attendance of every member was a little over nine times. Taking in to consideration sickness and absence from the city, it can almost be stated that attendance was 100%. Our thanks, therefore, go out to the old Committee members, and a warm welcome to is given to three new members . . . Messrs. Bowden, Spraxton and Carey, who have been appointed as Committee men for the next twelve months.

The best way to recapitulate the details of last year is to divide our activities into two sections - (a) the benefits we have enjoyed, and (b) the achievements we have attained.

On the enjoyment side, first and foremost, must be mentioned the very successful list of guest speakers who have addressed us during the year. We have enjoyed talks on such diverse subjects as midget submarines, pre-war China, espionage in Poland, and many other interesting subjects. Those members who regularly attend our monthly Meetings are unanimous in their praise of this arrangement. Through the co-operation of Mr. Ritchie, we have enjoyed two one-act plays which were shown in conjunction with our Ladies' Night. On two occasions picture shows have been produced for us at our normal place of meeting, and these have also been appreciated by all who attended. We visited the "West Australian" and were afforded the opportunity of seeing the amazing machinery which produces our morning newspaper. We held a most successful Christmas party at Mr. Alf Walsh's home, and we do thank his wife for her courtesy in making her house available to us. Lastly, the annual re-union and dinner was once again an unqualified success, and all those who participated, voted it as a most memorable night.

Our achievements have been many, and we have been able to assist several members when help was asked for. There is no necessity for me to enlarge, and suffice it is to say that the aid which was forthcoming from our Association was deeply appreciated by the recipients. After a long battle we succeeded in snatching £15 from a reluctant Federal Treasury on account of subsistence for our Timor members. This achievement has been given quite a lot of

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Contd.)

publicity, but it is not amiss to again thank our virile Committee for their unceasing efforts which were finally rewarded. We have instituted a system of food parcels to the dependents of deceased members of the No.2 Commando in the United Kingdom. Our duties from the Legacy angle are not onerous, but we have carried out our small task in a willing and satisfactory fashion. We have now a most attractive and fitting Memorial Plaque, and our thanks go out to Don Murray and Mr L. Duffy, for their generosity and hard work in making this available to us.

An appeal was made to this State for contributions towards the "Jack O'Brien Memorial Fund", and here again our State was not found to be backward. Your Editorial Committee has produced a bigger and better news letter, and it is sufficient to say that the news letter is one of our outstanding successes. Enquiries were made to the War Crimes Commission to make certain that the Timor criminals had not been overlooked. It was gratifying to receive official assurance that this was not the case. With such a healthy group of men, our hospital visitations have not been numerous, but on several occasions visits have been made to sick members, and they were appreciated. We are now in the throes of trying to arrange remuneration for our old "Creadoes" in Timor, and we have hopes that some official recognition will be afforded them. Our Sweep this year was a pronounced success, and it is necessary that future Sweeps be equally as well patronised, as of course the bulk of our funds are raised in this fashion. Our financial position is extremely sound, and details will be referred elsewhere in this news letter. Our two group visits to the Blood Bank have resulted in a large number of our members being on regular call. It might not be out of place to suggest that some other members might take an interest in this worthy cause, and get themselves enrolled with the Blood Bank.

Anzac Day this year was successful from the point of view of the members who attended, and the usual sequel had the usual result!

Lastly, and I think most important, was the well attended Commemoration Day in King's Park. It is fitting that we should regard this particular day as the most important in our Association year. The majority of us who returned from the War are able to take advantage of the facilities and pleasures afforded by our comradeship. Therefore, it surely behoves us on this one day of the year, to make a very small sacrifice in joining together in remembrance. Next year it is hoped that the attendance on this sacred day will be bigger than ever before.

2/2 COMMANDO ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE YEAR / 1950/51.

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<u>DONATIONS:</u>	Xmas Presents Legatees				5	17	-	BY <u>BALANCE FORWARD:</u>	Current A/c.	84	14	5					
<u>SWEEP:</u>	Prize Money.	49	-	-					Bank A/c.	215	14	7					
	Printing.	6	18	8					Treasury Bond.	200	-	-		500	9	-	
	Incidental Expenses.			7	6	56	6	2						43	5	-	
<u>PETTY CASH:</u>	Postages.	25	7	7					<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS:</u>					228	3	-	
	Stationery.	10	14	5					<u>SWEEP:</u>								
	Advertising.			10	6	36	12	6	<u>DONATIONS:</u>					10	8	-	
	Balance Petty Cash unexpended.	1	19	5	1	19	5		<u>ANNUAL DINNER:</u>	-	Subscriptions.			39	15	-	
<u>ANNUAL REUNION:</u>	Catering	18	10	-					<u>MONTHLY MEETINGS :</u>	Refreshments.	28	4	-	28	4	-	
	Rent and Cleaning.	1	6	8					<u>SPECIAL NIGHTS:</u>	Refreshments - Ladies Night.	5	5	6				
	Printing.	5	7	-						- Xmas Party.	6	10	6	11	16	-	
	Refreshments.	22	16	3	47	19	11		<u>ANZAC DAY:</u>	Refreshments.				12	15	-	
<u>MONTHLY MEETINGS:</u>	Refreshments.	43	3	2					<u>O'BRIEN APPEAL:</u>					43	9	6	
	General Expenses.	2	12	10	45	16	-		<u>SMAILES POEM:</u>					11	6	-	
<u>ANZAC DAY:</u>	Refreshments.	18	8	8					<u>LOAN REPAYMENTS:</u>					32	-	-	
	Wreath	1	5	-	19	13	8		<u>INTEREST ON BANK BALANCE</u>								
<u>LOANS:</u>	C. King.				29	12	8		<u>TO 1950.</u>								
<u>SPECIAL NIGHTS:</u>	Ladies Night.	20	15	11					Bank.	4	2	6					
	Xmas Party.	21	3	8	41	19	7		Loan.	6	5	-		10	7	6	
	Alterations to Flag.				1	7	6		<u>SALES REFRESHMENTS:</u>					20	1	2	
	Busy Bees - Refreshments.				10	1	-		<u>DISHONoured CHEQUES</u>								
	Purchase Refreshments.				20	1	2		<u>REPRESENTED:</u>					4	5	-	
<u>HONORARIUMS:</u>	Typist.	5	-	-													
	General Secretary.	10	10	-													
	State Secretary.	5	-	-	20	10	-										
<u>FOOD PARCELS:</u>					2	-	-										
<u>O'BRIEN APPEAL:</u>	Donation.	5	5	-													
	Collections.	43	9	6	48	14	6										
<u>DISHONoured CHEQUES:</u>					4	5	-										
<u>CREDIT BALANCE:</u>	Treasury Bonds.	546	10	-													
	Bank A/c.	3	10	-													
	Current A/c. £106.5.7.																
Less unrepresented Cheques -	53.14.6.	52	11	1	602	11	1										
					£996.	4.	2.										

COMMANDO COURIER.

BALANCE SHEET - YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1951.

Liabilities.

Subscriptions in Advance - £17.15.--
 Capital as at 31/5/51. = £547.17.--)
 Nett Profit = 98. 9.2)
 Unpresented
 Cheques = 5. --.)
 Sydney Branch = 48.14.6)

646. 6.2.
 53.14.6.

£717.15. 8.

Assets.

Loan Account = £15. 8.--
 " " = 29.12.8.
 Arrears of Subs. = 11. --.)
 Reunion Arrears 1950. = --.10.--
 Contributions
 Arrears 1951. = 3. --.)
 Petty Cash Balance = 1.19.5.
 Bank Commonwealth
 Bonds = £546.10.--)
 Current A/c. = 106.5.7)656.5.7.
 Savings Bank 3.10.--)
 Account =

£717.15.8.)

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT - AS AT 31st MAY, 1951.

Subscriptions in
 Advance 71. = £17.15. --.
 Nett Profit = 98. 9. 2.

£116. 4. 2.

Gross Profit = £101.14.2.
 Subscriptions in
 Arrears = 11. --.)
 Due Contributions
 1951. Reunion 1950. = 3.10.--)

£116. 4.2.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1951.

Success has once more been achieved on the financial side of our activities. This is the result of increased effort by members and their Committee. As times are good, such success is to be expected and provision should be made for the future, when times may not be good and most certainly, Members fewer and perhaps in need.

Again we were dependent upon Sweep monies (to the extent of about £70) in order to balance the books. We should look forward to the years in which we cover all expenses from ordinary income. From the point of view of attendances at meetings, a few extra on each occasion would have covered expenditure in this direction. What really makes the Treasurer tremble is a grand total of 16 or so at monthly meetings planned to accommodate a bare minimum of 30.

Membership has again risen. We now have 182 members on the books, of which 151 are financial, 31 in arrear to the extent of 44 subscriptions and 71 subscriptions in advance. As the efforts of the Association have been fruitful, the few remaining without the fold may still show 5/- worth of appreciation per annum.

In conclusion, I thank the Members for their co-operation which is much appreciated.

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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!"

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

I have to report having audited the books of the 2/2 Commando Association and all vouchers and receipts have been produced to me and I have received all the explanations I have required. In my opinion the Income and Expenditure Account exhibits a true and correct statement of the affairs of the Association.

The healthy financial state of the Association with £602.11.1 in Bonds and Bnk reflect great credit on the financial management of the Association. The nett profit for the year of £98.9.2 shows a good effort for the year.

Economies suggested last year for functions such as Ladies Nights, Monthly Meetings and Anzac Day, have been effected and have helped considerably in improving the financial position this year.

Some effort should be made to collect subscriptions which are in arrear. This amount has grown to £11.--- in the financial year, just concluded, and members should realise their responsibility to the Association and try and have this amount cleared by next year.

Finally I would like to congratulate the Treasurer on the excellent manner in which he has kept the Books and records of the Association. The simple and straight-forward manner of Bookkeeping has made the Annual Audit one of extreme simplicity.

Signed. (J.W. CAREY).

Hon. Auditor.

He: "Mind if I turn off the hall light?"
 She: "Not at all."
 He: "The Ceiling light?"
 She: "Why of course not."
 He: "The floor lamp?"
 She: "Yes, Jimmy."
 He: "Now that it is dark in here, may I ask you
 a question?"
 She: "Yes, dear."
 He: "Do you think this luminous watch was worth five
 guineas?"

THIS SHOULD
INTEREST YOU.

HAVE A CARE ...
DANGER'S THERE

No more timely or sensible words have been penned than those quoted hereunder. They were recently published by an industrial concern in a leading U.S.A. journal, with a view to minimising motor accidents and fostering courtesy on the road:-

Not the "right of way" when driving,
But the simple way of right,
And never once forgetting
To be courteous and polite.
A little bit of patience
As behind the wheel you sit:
And you'll never lose a fender,
And a child you'll never hit.

Oh, the worst of phrases ringing
All through motordom to-day
Is that selfish bit of wording
That is known as "right of way."
It has filled the graves of many
Who have sped some road along-
Since Death never asks the question,
Is the driver right or wrong?

Just a little thought for others;
Just remembering to be kind;
Just the willingness in traffic
To slow down and stay behind;
Just the show of gracious manners
Which all gentlefolks display,
And the accidents that happen
Will be fewer day by day.

Just control that flash of temper
When another sounds his horn;
In the car may be a mother
Soon to have her baby born.
Be considerate in your driving,
And be courteous and kind,
And you'll reach your dwelling safely -
And you'll keep your peace of mind.
If motorists in this country would only give
heed to the above, what a welcome difference
it would make to the safety of our highways.

COMMANDO COURIER.

INTERSTATE
ITEMS.

Interstate news is a bit on the blink this month. Can only muster a letter from that indefatigable correspondent Peter Mantle from Bombay, India.

Peter expects to reach Australia in July, travelling by the Strathmore. Peters movements are still somewhat in doubt, but he has hopes of a brief stay at least in W.A. We will be most pleased to welcome you home Peter, so please get in touch with me on your arrival in W.A.

The Mantles are getting a bit worried over the prospect of turning from Sahibs of India to plain Mr. & Mrs. Mantle of Australia, with all housekeeping duties thrown in.

Apparently Bombay gets its most valuable water supply from Tarse Lake, where the retaining wall is in grave doubt. An expert from overseas gave the opinion that the wall required strengthening, but one of the locals considers that this is not required. The next step appears to be a Select Committee to investigate the investigations and report. In the meantime the Water Supply is in jeopardy. But at least India is showing these "Foreigners" that she can do without them !!

Peter has a very high opinion of Prime Minister Nehru who he says is trying to maintain at least a few Western Standards in the face of opposition from the crowd who wish to return to Indian Standards of filth and squalor.

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REMINDERS.

Your subscriptions for the ensuing year are now due and prompt payment would be appreciated.

That welcome party to Kevin Curran demands a bumper Roll Up. Be in it boys and show what W.A. is made of.

Still a few Smailes Poems and Photos of the Reunion available, if you require same. Prices :- Poems 2/- and Photos: 3/-.

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STORIES.

This one made us laugh -
Dave took unto himself a wife, and
away they went to their farm. The
first year they came to town to get
groceries, they had a new baby with
them. The next year they had
another baby along. The third
year rolled around and they showed
up with a third baby. When the
fourth year arrived, Dave came to
town with his wife and the three
children. Looking them over the
storekeeper said: "Well Dave, no
new child this year?"

"Nope Y'know - my wife and I
finally found out what was causing
that".

Hearing a scream in a corridor,
guests of a Cairo hotel discovered
a damsel in negligee being pursued
by a nude gentleman.

Investigations proved him to be
a British Army major, and a court
martial promptly followed.

The defending officer, however,
managed to win his acquittal by
quoting that paragraph of King's
Regulations which states that it
is not compulsory for an officer
to wear uniform at all times, pro-
vided that he is suitably garbed
for the sport in which he is
engaged.

The tired battery traveller
asked for lodging at the
small farmhouse.

"Yeah", said the farmer, "We'll
put you up for the night,
if you don't mind sleeping
with a red-headed school-
teacher."

"What!" said the shocked
battery man, "Listen! I'll
have you know I'm a gentle-
man."

"Keep you shirt on", said
the farmer, "So's the
schoolteacher."

"What!" exclaimed the lady,
"you charge me 10/- for that
loose leaf scrap-book?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied the
polite stationer. "That is
the very lowest price we can
sell it for."

"How it is that I can get
one just like it at Brown's
for 7/6?"

"I cannot say, madam. Per-
haps Mr. Brown has taken a
fancy to you. He is a widow-
er and you are very beautiful
and - yes, madam 10/- --
Thank you".

I keep appointments on the
dot,
and spend time waiting-
hence this rhyme.
Promptness is the thief of
time.