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## *Editorial*

### *THANKS!*

This issue of the "Courier" is the twelfth since the publication was placed on an Australia wide basis and as such marks something in the way of an Anniversary.

The success of the periodical since first produced has been most evident. Letters have come from all quarters praising the excellence of the news value which is printed therein. It is hoped that the standard will be increased as the years roll by and our means of inter-communication brings to its readers all they desire in the way of views and news of their many friends spread right throughout this vast continent.

A publication of this sort is dependent on the hard work of its many contributors and compilers and this is a most appropriate time to give thanks to all those who have done so much towards our first year's success with our monthly newspaper.

Firstly our thanks are due to those interstate contributors Jack Hartley, Arch Campbell and Bert Toben who have striven mightily to send news of their particular States' activities to every issue. Without their efforts all others would have been so much waste. It is hoped that they will be spared many years to continue the good work already so well begun.

Thanks are due to those many folk all over Australia who have written in to provide material for publication. It is these letters which are the very life blood of a monthly paper and a continuation of these letters in an even greater quantity will assure the success of our venture.

Then to all those chaps who have provided Editorials over the past year our thanks are due. These Editorials are not easy to write as the subject matter is limited as we strive to be non-political and non-sectarian thus narrowing the field of topics. These people have saved the Editor from going slowly mad trying to rack his brain for a new subject each month. The work of the Editorial Committee comprising Keith Hays, Bill Epps and Colin Doig, in collating and compiling material for publication is deserving of our thanks. Theirs is the onerous task monthly of seeing that the "Courier" gets out to time especially when it is necessary to make certain that members are appraised of some event or social activity before it actually occurs.

Lastly our thanks to "The Swan Express" and Bill Epps for their excellent job in printing and despatching our paper. We could not wish for a more co-operative firm in our effort to make our paper something worthwhile and in producing it at practically a minute's notice on various occasions.

We can only hope that the good efforts of all in the past year are carried on to even greater heights in the year to come. Once again to all who have helped in any way we say: "Thank You". —C. D. DOIG.

# West Australian Whisperings

## Committee Comment

The first meeting of the incoming committee was held on June 17 1952, and a very full attendance was noted. Jerry McKenzie, our new President, was in the chair, and certainly acquitted himself ably.

Sub-committees were formed to carry on for the ensuing year comprising Social, Finance and Editorial, and a job was found for all committeemen. With these chaps working on the various sub-committees things should go with a bang this year.

Programmes of both editorials and monthly meetings were drawn up to December and some interesting events are listed.

It was also decided to change the date of the Annual Re-union and Commemoration Day to the 7th and 8th February respectively to meet the wishes of country members who are worried about the fire hazard in burning season which opens in most districts on or about February 15.

Another event decided was a Xmas Tree for the youngsters to be held on December 14. This, together with a New Year's Eve Party should cater for all tastes at Xmas and New Year. Several suggestions for the betterment of country members were brought forward by the President and these will be further discussed at the next committee meeting.

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## Association Activities

The Annual General Meeting was held at Monash Club on June 3, and quite a fair roll up of about 26 took part. Reports by President, Secretary and Treasurer showed that the Association in W.A. had had another good year both socially and financially. Once again the success of our Annual Sweep made it possible to carry on the year and show a handsome profit which will further consolidate our position against possible bad times.

Here let me put in a word of praise for the executive officers who have so ably carried on your

Association in the past year. All have worked very hard to bring the organisation to its present fine level and our thanks are due to them in a big way.

Your President, Mr. John Burridge, intimated his desire to retire from the position this year and his resignation was reluctantly accepted. The meeting elected Mr. Burridge your second Life Member and he now joins Colin Doig as one of the only two Life Members we have. Mr. Burridge thanked the meeting for conferring this honor upon him and assured us that he would continue to work for the Association to the best of his ability.

The election of Officers resulted in the following being elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. C. F. G. McKenzie; vice president, Mr. H. H. Calcutt; general secretary, Mr. C. D. Doig; State secretary, Mr. G. Boyland; treasurer, Mr. A. Walsh; auditors, Messrs. W. L. Crossing and J. Haire; committee, Messrs. J. Carey, K. Bowden, D. Ritchie, A. Smith, F. Napier, J. C. Burridge and K. Hayes. We were pleased to see new blood in the way of Messrs McKenzie, Smith and Napier on the Executive. It was also pleasing to see the number of chaps who were nominated for office and who were prepared to accept if elected. This is a vast change from the past. We were sorry to lose Mr. Bill Epps from the committee but he finds the job of building a home a little too much at the moment and it requires all of his spare time. Frank Freestone and Henry Sproxton will also be very much missed from the Executive councils.

Mr. Bert Burges who was present at the meeting, brought up the matter of change of date of the Annual Re-union and Commemoration Day as the fire hazard in the country made any date after February 15 a bit precarious. This matter was referred to the incoming committee to adjust.

The working bee at Kings Park was held on Sunday, June 8, and only a small turn up of Mick Calcutt, Jerry Haire, Colin Hodson, Colin Doig, Geo Boyland and Dave Ritchie, got there. This was particularly bad and this area of ours

warrants a better attendance than this. After all any one of us could be one of those names on a plate and it behoves us lucky ones to do a little about keeping the area as it should be kept. One side of the avenue was done but the other side remains to be completed, also the plates require repainting. With this end in view it is intended to hold another working bee on Sunday, July 6, at 9.30 a.m. Those with transport should meet outside the United Service Hotel and this will be the meeting place. Anybody with a paint brush is requested to bring it along.

The July meeting will take place on the 1st at Monash Club when the pictures of the Davis Cup interzone finals and challenge round will be screened, also a film of the last Wimbledon Championships. The committee decided this should be a guest night and you are requested to bring along a male friend and help swell the crowd. This should be a really good night so be in it.

Now here is a matter for the wives! I know it will be a waste of time asking the menfolk to write me this information so I'm putting it up to the good ladies. As stated earlier we intend to run a Xmas Tree and party for the kiddies in December and to get some idea of how many children to cater for in the way of toys, etc., would you be so kind as to forward me a short note telling me the ages and sex of your children. Address it to C. D. Doig, 9 Barrack-st., Perth, and I'll be your friend for life.

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## Personalities

Jim Ritchie is the latest to land in hospital. He was involved in a bad accident at Big Bell when his vehicle turned over. His condition was most grave for over a week but when I saw him the other day he was the liveliest looking corpse I've ever seen. Latest reports say he continues to progress and complete recovery is just around the corner.

Jack Spencer is making a slow but sure recovery from his leg injury and he also expects to be up and about again in the very near future.

Bert Burges was down in Perth

and present at the Annual General Meeting. It is good to see a country face at these meetings and then they can bring up any ideas they think worthwhile and also get some idea of the work that is put into the Association by the Executive. Bert as usual looks well and reports that he expects big things from his rotary wool winding table.

Seen in town one Saturday morning not so long ago were Ted Loud, Tony Bowers, Eric Smyth, Bert Burges, Joe Poynton, Frank Freestone, "Dutchy" Holland and Colin Hodson. The re-union was quite like old times.

Ted Loud looks extra well, not as beefy as of yore. He had been holidaying at Geraldton and was then heading back to Manjimup to start work once more.

Tony Bowers still the big timber Baron at Kojonup and cutting plenty of sleepers.

Ernie Bingham the proud father of another bouncing baby. Our congrats. "Bing". Just as well you are up the bush and away from the butter shortage.

Jack Fowler came down especially to see Dave Dexter (more about Dave in Random Harvest). Most pleased you could make the trip, Jack. He has just finished seeding and is anxiously awaiting further rain. His district has not been too well treated in this manner as yet.

A letter to hand from Don Young from "Three Rivers" Station, Meek atharra. He wishes to be remembered to all the old gang. Says they have had a wonderful season up north, plenty of rain with the resultant lush feed and fat stock. You are still up with the field as far as your sub. is concerned, Don. Don is thinking of the Annual Re-union already, so look out, boys!

A very welcome letter from Mrs Weller, wife of Eric. She says that she might be able to shame Eric into writing a postscript, which she did. The Wellers are caravanning it up north and were at Geraldton at the time of writing and moving to Morawa. While at Geraldton the stork paid a visit and deposited one son. Our congratulations, Eric. Just as well you didn't get the move before Eric, or that son might have been a daughter. Thanks Mrs. Weller, for your letter, it all makes your scribe's job

a little easier so if any of you other wives who may sneak a glance at this column feel like trying yourselves out as correspondents we will be only too happy to receive your effusions.

Ted Loud reports seeing Joe Brand at Geraldton and that worthy is doing as well as ever. Quite the opulent cocky.

Dick Darrington has given the bush away and is punching dough with the Peerless Bread Manufacturing Co. in Perth. He reckons it all adds up to experience and a sojourn in the Big Smoke won't do him any harm.

Doug Fullerton spent the day with Dave Dexter while he was in port. Doug looks real fit and well and reports that he is going along nicely in his job as Yard Manager for Bunning Bros.

"Slim" Holly was at our Annual General Meeting. "Slim" is getting to be a greater misnomer than ever—he is as big as a bullock. Must be a good paddock out Bayswater way "Slim". He is still a salesman with Bairds.

Bob Smyth is a traveller in a big way. Takes in the whole of Northern Australia from Carnarvon to Cloncurry selling anything and everything. Latest reports place him at Tennants Creek.

"Doc" Wheatley sighted in the

street the other day looking like "Yon Cassius" lean and hungry. He still manages to wrest a living from the soil out Byford way growing beans, tomatoes, etc., interspersed with a bit of firewood cutting. He asked me to remember him to all the gang.

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## Reminders

Your attention is, once again drawn to the July meeting on the 1st. This is the Picture Night and is open to guests. We put on the fare you have only to come and enjoy it.

The working bee at Kings Park on Sunday 6th merits your earnest intentions. The pick up spot—the United Service Hotel at 9.30 a.m. and bring a paint brush if you own same.

For the ladies only! That news about the ages and sexes of your families would be most welcome, so do your best please, lasses. Address once again, C. D. Doig, 9 Barrack-st., Perth.

The sting in the scorpion's tail. Subscriptions for 1952-53 are due again and of course so are those that are outstanding from previous years and we will be most pleased to receive them at your earliest convenience.

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## Random Harvest

Firstly a letter then a visit from David Dexter. Dex wrote advising that he was going to Colombo in the "Stratheden" leaving Melbourne on June 10 and would be pleased to see any of the gang and asking for any information we could give of "Bena Force" for his guidance with the War History.

He duly arrived at Fremantle on Monday 16th and was met by Doug Fullerton, Mick Calcutt and Colin Doig at the ship and then we proceeded to show him the place that he had had bashed down his ear for five years while in the army. The welcome party was later joined by Tom Nisbet, John Burridge, Dick Crossing, Jerry McKenzie and Jack Fowler and believe me a good day was had by all.

Dex looks extra fit as does his wife and family. He is going to

Colombo for a couple of years to the High Commissioner's Office as First Secretary and thinks he will find the post enjoyable. He is well on with his writing of the War History and was most anxious to get material of our Unit's doings in New Guinea. We have been able to supply some of the stuff that he requires.

Dave was shown over the University grounds, our Honor Avenue and Honor Roll and of course several ancient hosteleries along the ocean front from Scarborough to Fremantle and was duly impressed especially with the ample supplies of amber fluid now available in the West. He recommends a holiday in the West by any lager-starved Easterners just to see what beer looks like in its native habitat. All we hope is that the voyage out of

Fremantle was not too rough as it would be a pity to waste all that good grog.

The only couple of the gang Dave could report upon were Arthur Hirst who is at Canberra and doing well, and Rolf Baldwin who is in wonderful trim and settled well into life at Geelong Grammar. By the way Bernie and Baldy, what about a trip West? We can guarantee the welcome and assure you the greatest time you're had since Promontory Days.

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Next on the Random list is Geo. Lewis who has removed himself from the West Australian register for domicile in S.A. He has settled down at Kulpura, a small hamlet 70 miles from Adelaide on the Pt. Pirie Road at the top of Yorke Peninsula. He has acquired a nice little home with an acre of ground and some fruit trees. He is working with the local builder doing all sorts of jobs also will work on the Barley Stack in season. He says there seems to be plenty of work ahead to keep him busy. They have had ten inches of rain in six weeks and the place is a bit water-logged and he says after Lake Grace that is a bit tasty. Geo. while on the subject of Lake Grace, says that he just missed out

on the best 10 acre plot of improved pasture sown with seed obtained from Don Turton, missing out by only one point. But as compensation won the award for the best twenty acres of natural pasture receiving a set of salad servers as a trophy. He also won the Lake Grace Cup with his racehorse so he has a couple of souvenirs of Lake Grace to take to S.A.

Geo had quite an eventful trip to S.A. as he went by road drawing a caravan behind a Ford ton truck, what with a dragging brake drum, a badly cracked head in the engine and two broken front springs, he really had the "joys of motoring." They travelled to Adelaide via Kulin, Norseman, Fowlers Bay, Terowie, arriving on April 9 after leaving Lake Grace on March 28. Geo was agreeably surprised at the lack of barren country along Eyre Highway as opposed to the trip by rail says the amount of good country was astounding. He says we would not know Terowie now as it has grown immeasurably.

Thanks very much Geo. for your interesting letter and I hope it will only be a forerunner of many more from you as the years roll by. All the very best of luck to you in your new venture. May you have a ton of deserved success.

## *Victorian Vocal Venturings*

Firstly, on behalf of all the local lads I must record the appreciation felt by all to Arch Campbell for the fine work he has put in during his term of office, and also express our regret that he feels he must stand down for a short period. As is well known, Arch has for some time been building up a business which has now grown to the extent that it takes up a lot of the night as well as all the daylight hours, and it was only because he felt he might allow Association matters to slip that he regretfully tendered his resignation.

It will be my earnest endeavor to foster the spirit which grew through our service together, and to promote the feeling of camaraderie which our Association activities engender. Previous experience may help me in my aims, but I will certainly rely on the efforts

of our keen and hard working committee to pull me through and to keep our Association on top of the world.

Arch Campbell tells me he had a visit from Rod Dhu, but as luck would have it was not at home at the time. Rod is on a leisurely tour of the East. Gordon Stanley is unfortunately having a lot of worry over his baby daughter's health. We all hope to have good news from you soon, Gordon. Peter Mantle was in town not so long ago. Same as ever, I personally had not seen Peter for 10 years, but had no difficulty in recognising him. He had lunched with Alby Martin, but had not been able to contact anyone else. Bernie Callinan tells me you were trying to catch him, Peter, but unfortunately at the time the youngest Callinan was seriously ill, having

blood transfusions, and the household was naturally seriously disorganised.

On Thursday last the Committee, eight strong, paid a visit to the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service, and contributed approximately 1 gallon of pure 2/2 blood. It was a really worth while experience, and all who participate will agree when I say that we left with the feeling that we had witnessed in operation a service which warrants the support of all. Our thanks to Arch Campbell for handling the arrangements. We are right behind you in your campaign to get all the boys interested.

In case of need I am asking Col. Doig to publish my address: 10 Agnes Street, Noble Park. It was brought to our attention that some did not know to whom to address letters. I guarantee an answer, and also to see that all news is passed on to Col for publication. The more the merrier, and all will be appreciated.

Hereunder are committeemen's reports received in time for inclusion in this issue.

**BRUCE McLAREN.** Capt. Jack Fox, of the Victorian Scottish Regiment, sighted tripping the **heavy** fantastic at the Lord Mayor's Ball attired in full dress, kilt and scarlet dinner jacket.

Spent an enjoyable evening talking over old times with Bob Smyth at the Commercial Travellers' Association Club.

**BERT TOBIN.** Very pleased to meet Peter Mantle for the first time when Peter was down from Canberra for a few days. It always strikes me as rather intriguing to be introduced to a chap who left the Unit before you joined it and to find that you are nevertheless already well on the way to a strong friendship with him. This seems to arise quite naturally from the apparently insignificant point that you were members of the same Unit, though at different times. Guess it's a good thing for the Association's unity though.

Was extremely gratified to see Bob Smyth when he was over from the West on a business trip. Bob looks as prosperous and well as ever and is full of good fellowship as usual. His personal greetings from old friends in the West were particularly well received. Bob

also brought news of the one and only Harold Goode. It appears "Goodie" is back in the army, has two stripes and is stationed at Darwin where he also has wife and two kiddies living.

Arthur Hirst has been in Melbourne for the last seven or eight weeks and is staying at Charlie Browne's home. It appears very likely that Arthur will get a permanent posting to Melbourne with the Air Board. We look forward to Arthur becoming one of the regulars at our gatherings.

**JACK SERVANTE.** Met Ray Splatt, one time Sig., and now a departmental manager with the Myer Emporium at Geelong. Ray apologises for his non-attendance at the Anzac Re-union and has given a firm promise to be along to the next do. Sends his kind regards to old friends throughout the States.

**MAX DAVIES.** Having only met one 2/2 chap for the last month I'm afraid my news will be brief. Bumped Leith Cooper a few days ago, perhaps better known as Coop. He was with Carn Rodd's boys in N.G. He enquired after several of the boys and promised to roll up to the next get together. Welcome back to the fold, Coop.

Must take advantage of this, my first effort as a scribe to refute a previous statement by Arch Campbell. I'm definitely not 25 stone and did not cause the recent beer shortage in Vic. I'm only a mere 18½ stone and practically (?) T.T.

**DES WILLIAMS.** I haven't a great deal of news to write but the boys are very conspicuous by their absence when it comes to sending on news. Anyway I had a trip to Ararat over Easter and saw Tex Martin. He is still a heavy elbow bender and tells me that Digger McDonald still doesn't wear sox, but can still consume his share of the grog.

In closing off for this issue I would like to express on behalf of the Victorian members, our gratitude to the Editorial Staff of the 'Courier'. It is filling the needs of our Australia wide Association in a sterling manner and is looked forward to by not only the lads, but also their wives and friends. Congratulations on the resounding success of the 'Courier'.

Cheers 'n beers, —Gerry Maley.



## New South Wales News

"The world is made up of circles," the old "Bosun" used to say, in that whimsical philosophical way of his, "Circles that work around one another from our own little focal point, and where ever we go they work back to us."

I've had two very pointed reminders of that saying during the last couple of weeks and the tale might provide some little interest as both instances concern someone we all know.

Firstly, on the night of Tuesday, May 6, I was talking to a friend and during the conversation he asked me what the drill was for the Ambulance Service in the event of a big rail smash. Little did I know that the first thing next morning I was to see, and take part in, the drill being put into operation when two trains were tangled up at Barala railway station.

One of the casualties we transported to Parramatta Hospital was a grimy, bloody faced character who seemed to be fairly badly injured, in fact, he was on the critical list for some days. I understood his name was Hay until Jack Hartley rang me and asked if I knew that Bill Hoy had been concerned in the accident. There was no possibility of me recognising him in the condition he was in and Bill was too dazed to recognise me. I kept in touch with the hospital then and was all set to visit him on Sunday afternoon last—luckily I phoned the hospital first, to be advised that Bill had been discharged. So here's wishing him a speedy recovery.

The other incident concerns one F. Spencer Chapman, the man who used to take the mountains in his stride. For a long time I've been trying to buy that book of his "The Jungle is Neutral", and been unsuccessful. Happened to mention his name one night during a conversation on cold places—guess where I was talking about?—and a friend of mine said, "Oh, I've got that". It was immediately borrowed and have only just finished the reading thereof. One of "Chappy's" main offsidiers in Malaya hit the headlines in Sunday's Telegraph—it appears that the Chapman tuition helped him to become

the No. 1 Communist up there and instead of being a "goody" he's now a "baddie". His Order of the British Empire earned in wartime has now been changed to "Order Be Executed".

A very much belated Annual General Meeting was held at the Gallipoli Legion Club Rooms on May 30th, and taking the lousy weather into consideration, the roll up was fairly good. Considering also the usual tepid interest of our mob in anything but the keg, the meeting was a lively one and I thought I'd be dragging out the boxing gloves at any tick of the J. Farren Price.

The only thing there was no argument about was the election of officers and committees for the ensuing year. Nominees were given no choice in the matter and the below listed slaves were forcibly elected. President, Mr. A. S. Luby elected unopposed. Vice Presidents, Mr. T. Martin and Mr. R. Field, elected unopposed. Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. Hartley, elected unopposed. Auditors, Mr. R. Field and Mr. J. Rose, elected unopposed. Trustees, Mr. A. Luby, Mr. R. Field and Mr. J. Hartley, elected unopposed. Committee, Mr. T. Martin, Mr. F. O'Neill, Mr. J. Rose, Mr. E. Herd, Mr. R. Hilliard Social Committee, Mr. J. English, Mr. M. Mannix and Mr. B. Weir.

Congratulations to the new office bearers and committee members and commiserations to the old ones. From the President and myself a vote of thanks to the retiring committee and all members for their co-operation in running the affairs of the Association over the past year.

A brief resume of the meeting business was as follows:

Apologies, M. Devlin and W. Hoy  
Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Balance Sheet for the previous year was presented and adopted. One item concerning certain monies was queried and a further report was called for and will be made at the next meeting after consultations with other States.

Election of Officers, as reported above. It was also decided to ask

the Governor, General Northcott, to become our Patron.

**General Business.** After a long and tedious search Alan Luby has finally run the Timor film to earth, and has learned that it can be obtained at a fairly reasonable price. After discussion it was decided to leave the problem in the capable hands of Bill Coker for further string pulling before we finally decide to spend any money on it.

**Bank Account.** It was moved that in future any two of the three trustees be empowered to operate on the account, and the motion was carried.

**Dinner.** It is felt that it is high time we indulged in another of those gorge and grog affairs which were so popular in our infancy and late October will probably be the time decided upon.

**Provident Fund.** For some time now it has been becoming increasingly evident that full consideration should be given to the establishment of a Federal Provident Fund. It would appear from the way in which members from the other States dug into their kicks when we needed he'p for N.S.W. members a couple of times that they regard such cases of misfortune as the responsibility of every man who belonged to our Unit. Quite rightly so, too, and now that all members are completely in touch with Association doings in all States through the 'Courier' I think we should take steps to ensure that the onus for these cases is shared fairly by all. The proposed fund seems to be the answer to this, and the meeting agreed that the idea should be put forward to the other States for their consideration.

**Cup Sweep.** We are very delighted with an offer made to us by the Victorian Branch and we thank them kindly. They intend promoting a sweep on the Melbourne Cup this year and have asked us to participate in it. The idea is that we in N.S.W. sell tickets and share in the profits on a pro-rata basis. Naturally we accepted the offer, so practise up on your salesmanship boys.

It was decided that we should follow up the case of Des Lilya's mother and attempt to gain for her the full amount owing to her from the fifteen pounds Timor sub-

sistence money. The Army has only paid Mrs. Borland eight pound instead of fifteen, claiming that Des was not on Unit strength from August, 1942.

**Games Night.** We have an invitation from the Arncliffe R.S.L. Club to take a team of our chaps out there on July 17th, a Thursday night, to engage the club members in various games of skill. There will be snooker, billiards, darts, bowls and other forms of entertainment, and I can thoroughly recommend it for a good night out. Now chaps, this club, through Jimmy English has been mighty good to us in the past, and it is only common courtesy to them for us to field a good team. Please make a special effort to come along and make the night a success. Ring Curly O'Neill a few days beforehand, JB 3673, for any details you want, and give us a definite answer whether you're coming or not.

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#### PERSONODDITIES

The on'y news I have for this month comes from Kel Carthew in Brisbane. Kel is a member of the Combined Commando Association in Brisbane and says that about 14 days before last Anzac Day the City Council opened a new Crypt in Anzac Square there, and the Association put on a plaque which cost £60. All the squadrons have their colors on the plaque and the double reds stand out well. Kel joined the 9th Btn. C.M.F. last July. Also in it are Fred Powell, now a Sgt. in the M.G. Pin., Capt. R. Stephens of the 2/7th, and Capt M. Foley of the 2/5th. I knew Capt. Stephens, Kel, also know McCabe. He was on Timor and later got a commission because of his linguistic ability. Kel also reports seeing Curly Wintour who is with Shell Oil, and Harry Handicott who carries on as a plumber. If you want to contact Ron Host, Kel, his address is 29 Gladstone Road, Highgate Hill, S.I. Brisbane. Thanks for your letter, Kel, and I hope to see you when you make the trip in August. Kel sends regards to all. —JACK HARTLEY

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**REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**Year Ending 31st May, 1952**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE 1951/52**

	Balances 31/5/52			Balances 31/5/51		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Current Account .....	145	10	6	52	11	1
Commonwealth Bonds .....	546	10	0	546	10	0
Savings Bank Account .....	13	16	2	3	10	0
Petty Cash and Postage c/forward		3	2	1	19	5
	Payments			Receipts		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest Loan and Savings Bank .....				10	6	2
Interest Loan .....				5	9	1
Sweep Contributions 1951/52 .....	63	9	0	264	7	0
Sweep Contributions 1950/51 .....				3	0	0
Petty Cash .....	9	7	7			
Postages .....	21	6	6			
Stationery .....	3	9	7			
Annual Re-Union .....	71	0	4	44	5	0
Monthly Meetings .....	46	19	3	17	17	6
Anzac Day .....	22	15	0	19	6	0
Anzac Day Wreath .....	1	5	0			
Ladies' Night .....	21	9	0	7	10	0
Xmas Party .....	47	6	0	42	11	0
Guest Night .....	15	9	5	5	12	6
Annual General Meeting .....	5	13	5	2	16	0
Working Bee, Mrs. Ludlow .....	4	8	0			
Working Bee, Honor Avenue .....	5	7	6			
Honorary Typist .....	5	0	0			
Publication "Commando Courier" .....	82	1		56	17	7
Glasses .....	3	10				
Table Cloth .....	4	9	6			
Donation Sipple Fund .....	10	0	0			
Affiliation 8th Div. Council .....	4	7	6			
Legatees .....	8	17	9			
Purchase Beer Tap .....	8	10		1	12	6
Beer Purchases and Recoups .....	28	7		28	7	3
Donations .....				6	3	6
Loan Repayment, C. King .....				29	12	8
Sales Smailes Poem .....				2	0	0
Subscriptions .....				48	5	0
	£1200	9	3	£1200	9	3

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT as at 31st May, 1952**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Subs. in advance .....	27	5	0	Gross Profit .....	103	14	9
May issue "Courier" .....	9	5	0	Subs. in arrears .....	16	0	0
Nett Profit .....	91	16	7	Due contributions			
				1951/52 .....	1	10	0
				Due May meeting			
				1951/52 .....	1	12	6
				Int. Loan to 15/5/52 .....	5	9	4
	£128	6	7		£128	6	7

**BALANCE SHEET Year Ended 31st May, 1952**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Subs. in advance .....	27	5	0	Loan Account .....	15	8	0
<b>Capital as at 31/5/51:</b>				Subs. in arrears .....	16	0	0
Nett profit .....	91	16	7	Cont. Arrears 1951 .....	1	10	0
C/wealth Bonds .....	546	10	0	Petty Cash Balance .....		9	2
Bank Current Acc. ....	52	11	1	C/wealth Bonds .....	546	10	0
Bank Savings Acc. ....	3	10	0	Bank Current .....	145	10	6
Loan Acc. ....	15	8	0	Bank Savings .....	13	16	2
Swan Express, "Cour- ier", May 1952 .....	9	5	0	May Meeting Arrears .....	1	12	6
	£746	5	8	Int. Loan to 15/5/52 .....	5	9	4
					£746	5	8

I hereby certify that the above Balance Sheet as compiled from the books, Vouchers, and Accounts of the 2/2 Commando Sqn. Association is correct.

Perth, 3rd June, 1952

R. W. L. CROSSING, Hon. Auditor.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



In reviewing the year which has just passed, it is safe to summarise our activities as being unspectacular but satisfactory. The very fact that it yielded no outstanding achievements made it, in one respect, a difficult year. Membership which is perhaps our greatest concern, is directly dependent upon sustained interest by the individual in collective affairs. Therefore, the past year can be looked upon as satisfactory because membership and more particularly, meeting attendances have not fallen back.

Our financial position is sound, disclosing funds of £700 in hand—an increase of some £90 over last year's figures.

The "Commando Courier" is a pronounced success. Our thanks go to the indefatigable Colin Doig, the Editorial Sub-Committee and all correspondents. An editor, particularly an honorary editor, has a thankless task. For those of us who for various reasons are unable to give tangible support to Association affairs, here is an opportunity available to all. Send in letters or other contributions; all will be very gratefully received by the overworked Colin.

Our portion of Lovekin Drive is a credit firstly to those hardworking few who always turn up to working bees, and secondly to us as an Association. Our thanks go wholeheartedly to Don Turton for the loan of his machinery and his donation of the super. Here also lies another avenue of practical assistance to the would-be supporter. How about some new bees at the working bees?

The Annual Re-union was a successful function but attendance dropped back slightly. Our social activities have been well patronised and all monthly meetings have been fairly well attended. We thank the various guest speakers and also many others whose musical items and other forms of entertainment have contributed so materially to the success of these evenings.

Finally, we are grateful for and we congratulate the committee. Being a Working Committee it must make the decisions as well as carry them out. Committee attendances have been exceptionally good and all members have shared the responsibilities and hard work.

Intruding a moment with a personal matter, the death of a very experienced and valuable member of my Company has resulted in my being unable for the last twelve months to devote sufficient time to honor the obligations of a President. Therefore, I am not nominating for the position this year. I am very grateful and honored at having had the opportunity of serving the Association in this capacity, and in conclusion I thank the retiring office bearers and committee members for their loyal support. To the incoming personnel—congratulations and best wishes.

—J. C. BURRIDGE.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



As pointed out in your President's report, this has not been a year of spectacular performances, but rather one of steady progress and consolidation of our position.

This does not mean that your committee has been inactive during the past twelve months.

As usual, one of the big jobs of the year was the running of the Melbourne Cup Sweep. The success of this is attributable to your energetic General Secretary, Col. Doig, but all other committee members ably assisted. In addition, we ran a small Xmas raffle to help defray the expenses of our Xmas Party.

Your President has already mentioned the two busy bees held during the year to clean up and grass our Honor Avenue in King's Park. Two more busy bees were held of which the country members have heard little. They were to assist the widow of our late member Stan Ludlow, to move into her new home and establish lawns. Latest reports indicate that the lawns are now well established.

Although attendances at our monthly meetings continue to be disappointing, this, I am sure, is not due to any lack on the efforts of your committee. Much time and thought is given to the provision of Guest Speakers and other forms of entertainment, and those who attend will agree that these evenings are a great success.

The social side of our activities is one which cannot be too highly stressed and several highly successful functions were held during the year. The usual Bucks' Night in November was a great show and the Ladies' Nights held at Crawley Bay in October and at Xmas were well up to standard.

The Annual Re-union and Commemoration Service were only marred by disappointing attendances. Country members were well represented, but the response from city members was comparatively poor. It is to be hoped that this will show a marked improvement during the coming year.

This year it is intended to hold a Xmas Tree for the young ones and a New Year's Eve Party for the not so young. Preliminary discussions have already taken place and the matter has been passed on to the incoming committee.

In conclusion, I would like to impress on you that your committee has worked hard in the past year and will no doubt do so in the new year now commencing, but it is up to every one of you to see that their efforts are not wasted.

—GEO. BOYLAND.