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Editorial

As a Man Thinks

A man is literally what he thinks, his character being a complete total of all his thoughts.

Man is made or undone by himself: in the armory of thoughts he forges the weapons with which he either makes or breaks himself. He also fashions the tools with which he builds for himself the qualities of Joy and Strength and Peace.

Everybody is where he is by the law of his being: the thoughts which he has built into his character have brought him there, and in the arrangement of life there is no element of chance; all is the result of a law which cannot err.

Man does not come to the pot house or the goal by a tyranny of fate or circumstances, but by the pathway of underhand thoughts and base desires. Nor does a pure minded man fall suddenly into crime by stress of any mere internal force; the criminal thought had long been secretly slinking in the back ground awaiting an opportunity to reveal its gathered power.

Circumstance does not make the man; it reveals him to himself.

A man only begins to be a man when he ceases to whinge and whine and revile and commences to search for the hidden Justice which regulates his life. As he adopts his life to that regulating factor, he ceases to accuse others as the cause of his condition; he builds himself up in strong, vile and noble thoughts, ceases to kick against circumstances, begins to use them as aids to his more rapid progress and a means of discovering the hidden powers and possibilities within himself.

It is well to remember the oft quoted words of F. Spencer Chapman, "Nothing is bad except that thinking makes it so".

West Australian Whisperings

Committee Comment

Association Activities

Your Committee met as usual on Sept. 15 and owing to many unforeseen difficulties the attendance was well below normal. Dick Geere was welcomed along as a visitor and appeared to enjoy the idea of attending a Committee meeting.

Bill Willis advised that his efforts to obtain an air rifle for target work at meetings was gradually meeting with success and he hoped to be able to say at the next meeting that he had obtained the rifle.

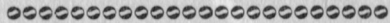
A letter was received from the Metropolitan Water Supply Dept., informing us that it was prepared to give us two 3/4 inch tappings off their mains in Kings Park. We are to pay the cost of tappings and also the normal charge for metering, and, of course, any excess water charges. It was decided to go ahead and get the tappings done and to make further enquiries about the best type of sprinkler system to install. Members will be advised when a start is to be made on this project and the necessary working bees will be called.

Much discussion took place on the final details for Ladies' Night and finally an excellent evening was planned. There still remains quite a bit of work to be done but the details are sufficiently in hand to assure success.

The secretary reported that the sweep was well in hand and that all books had been issued and that follow up action was well in mind.

The matter of the Country Convention at Wongan Hills was debated and it was decided that in view of the favourable answers to date that this Convention take place on the weekend of Nov. 14, 15 and 16, 1953. The main functions to be held on Sunday afternoon, 15th, to allow anybody who is detained in the city over Saturday to attend and be able to return to the city on the Monday. It was decided to ask Jack Fowler to make tentative bookings for a hall and also for refreshments.

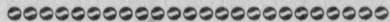
The normal September meeting held on the 1st at Monash House, was once again well attended and took the form of a film night. To make the evening function properly we are indebted firstly to Jack Carey and W.A. Meat Export Social Club for providing and operating the 16m.m. projector and also for a couple of films. Secondly, to Mr.



CORRESPONDENTS

Will you lads living in the country drop a few lines to your Editor, Wilf March, Lot 81 Bricknall Road, Aitadale, and tell him of the health, wealth, happiness and otherwise of the different ex-members of your Unit living in your district. It is only by your co-operation that our "Commando Courier" can function properly. Don't just leave it to the other chap to do—do it yourself. I am sure that the lads will appreciate a personality or two about their cobbers up country. Now think about it chaps, and make this job a little easier.

Thanks,—Wilf.



Avon Payne for supplying some very nice colour films of the Swan River and also a trip through the Eastern States and a black and white film of Singapore pre war. All present seem to have had a very pleasant evening.

The Association entered a floral Colour Patch in the Annual Flower Day celebrations on Sept. 11, and although we were not placed we managed a "Highly Commended" Certificate. This Colour Patch took the form of a map of the northern portion of Australia and of the islands in which we operated, namely Timor, N.G. and New Britain, with the colour patch in the top left hand corner and the words 2/2 Commando Sqn. across the top. A

tremendous amount of work was put into this effort and a great deal learned as a result of this year's entry. In apportioning credit for the work firstly we have to thank Miss Winnie Jones for working out the design for us then to the Frank Freestone family for transmitting the design onto hessian, also to Frank for his work on the job itself, then to Mick Calcutt, Ken Waddington and Geo. Boyland for supplying flowers and also working on the job and to Alf Walsh, Keith Hayes, Col Doig and Dave Ritchie for their efforts in connection with the manufacturing of the masterpiece and, of course, to 'Curly' Bowden for making the mounting. The whole effort was a lot of work and a lot of fun and we learned a lot which will make any entries in the years to come a much more simple matter.

THE THOUGHT OF THE MONTH:

The mentality of ordinary human slaves is terrible—their minds like dead leaves in the wind. Don't be a slave have a mind of your own.

As mentioned in Committee Comment the Country Convention will be held at Wongan Hills on the weekend of Nov. 14, 15 and 16, and any who can attend are asked to get in touch with the secretary, Mr. Jack Carey, 73 King-st., East Fremantle, as soon as possible. The Convention held at Bridgetown last year was enjoyed thoroughly by all who managed to attend and we hope to muster greater numbers this year especially city chaps and their wives. Please advise us of your intentions early so that we can plan accommodation.

The sweep is well under way and you are asked to do your best to sell the tickets that have been sent to you. Please do your best to return butts early either to Jack Carey, or to Col Doig, at Box R1273 G.P.O., Perth. As you know the sweep is the life blood of the Association and it is only by the success of this that we remain sol-

vent. The competition is terrific with Melbourne Cup sweeps but if you step in early you can avoid a lot of this and save embarrassment in the latter stages when tickets at the same price offer better prizes. So sell up strongly boys and return your butts as early as possible.

Bernie Callinan's book, "Independent Company" should be on the market towards the end of October and have been lucky enough to peruse the gally proofs. This book is a very sound and well written factual history of our stay in Timor told by one who knows what we did in the fighting line and also the background of why we did things. It is something which every member should own. Bernie is arranging to autograph considerable numbers of copies which will be sold slightly excess of list price and the additional amount will go to the Victorian Branch's Provident Fund. The actual price of the book has not yet been published but you will be advised as soon as possible and if you require an autographed copy please advise C. Doig as soon as possible and your copy will be sent to you. The publishers expect this book to sell well and therefore get in early to avoid disappointments.

Owing to the small number of entries received to date it has been decided to extend the closing date of the "Motto Contest" for another two months, that is to Nov. 30, 1953, that will allow some of you chaps to send in a "Motto" as well as your sweep butts. Please treat this contest a little more kindly and do your utmost to send in an entry. The prizes of books by Callinan and Calvert and Chapman should be of interest to you all and a nice adjunct to your library. After all, all we require is a pithy phrase which describes your Association and its objects and surely you get a brain wave along these lines occasionally, just jot it down and send it on to C. Doig.

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Personalities

Saw Jack Hanson and his good wife recently and both looked particularly well. Jack is now in the crayfishing business and was busy putting a new engine in the boat which he is to skipper next season. Says he likes the life and wouldn't swap for his old job as motor trimmer. He and his wife are both hopeful of making Ladies Night.

"Ajax" Harrison is now running a wine saloon in Victoria Park and when last seen was looking very prosperous.

"Slim" Holly has been on a holiday to Geraldton and reported seeing Gordon Hislop at Carnamah dispensing grog at the local hostelry. "Slim" says that Gordon looked well and that he liked the job. Gordon was running a small business there but sold out and went back to work for wages.

Tom Nisbet is in camp as C.O. of 16th Battalion Cameron Highlanders. This is the annual camp for the brigade and therefore quite a few of the boys will be in camp including "Blossom" Lawrence who is a Company Sergeant Major with 44th Bn.

A long screed from Gordon Rowley to let me know that he is still alive. Gordon is currently working for Tony Bowers at Kojonup but is hopeful of starting his own sleeper mill very soon. Gordon and his family have had a bad trot of health recently but are now hopeful that the worst is past. Gordon has seen Geo. Timms on a couple of occasions and says he is a bit on the lean side but has a very nice place at Kojonup. He has also sighted Jim Gallagher who is in good nick. Gordon says Tony Bowers is putting in a new mill and that it is a very nice job and should enable Tony to take it a bit easier in future. The Rowley had had letters from "Blue" Sargeant and Tom Coyle recently and was extra pleased to receive same. He wishes me to tell "Blue" and Tom that he will be writing shortly but in the meantime start getting a supply of the good stuff in ready for

the Olympic Re-union which the "Swede" is hopeful of attending. Gordon will also be a starter at the Country Convention at Wongans and is anxious to contact the Sadler boys again.

Haven't laid eyes on Ray Parry for that long it doesn't matter. He must be properly in smoke. What about coming up for air Ray, and letting us see that smiling countenance once more.

A letter from Jack Fowler to say that the Wogan Convention would be O.K. with him. He has been busy shearing and with two good shearers on the job he has little spare time. Although Jack only got in half the crop he expected he says it looks very well and all he wants is a bit of finishing rain to have a good harvest. Jack says they have no water problems this year and that Lake Hinds and Lake Nenau are both full.

A brief note from Ivor Goodall sending in his sweep butts and wishing everyone good luck. Ivor as you probably know is Traffic Inspector at Albany.

A nice long report from Bert Burges. He wishes to extend his appreciation to the chaps in Vic. and Tassy who so kindly looked after him on his recent trip, especially Max and Grace Davies and Joe Loveless and his good wife who so kindly played host and hostess to Bert and his fiance while Bert was over East. Hard work has been Bert's portion since he returned and has been shearing madly and coping with a dose of flu at the same time. He is very pleased with the results of his shearing. Bert saw Ken Mackintosh briefly at the local ram sales at Katanning but he had nothing to report. The sales were most successful but both the rams and quality varied considerably. Bert brings news of an infant daughter to Geo. and Mrs. Timons. Our congrats., Geo. Also Bert reports that he had a short note from Arch Campbell who expects to visit Perth at Xmas. Bert regrets missing Tom Foster as if he had known he was in town he would have found an excuse to visit the Big Smoke. Bert enclosed a descriptive billhead of his

newly patented "Burgess Rotary Wool Table" which is on sale by Elders and Goldsbroughs. It looks the bees knees to me and should fill a long felt want on most small sheep holdings.

Arthur Smith has been in hospital once again for further treatment to his injured arm and is now out of hospital once again. Says he feels O.K.

Saw Clarrie Varian for the first time for an age the other day. He was in making enquiries about the Callinan book and gave me a few details of how he was making out. He is still driving for the Tramway Department and does a bit of motor mechanics in his spare time. Says he will surprise us all one of these nights by turning up at a meeting.

A brief letter from Johnny Moore with his sweep butts. Says well in health but things are very quiet at Dwellingup.

Saw a chap in the pub the other day whose face looked familiar and lo and behold it was Frank Cahill in the uniform of a Sergeant of Signals and just back from three years

in Japan and Korea. Looked real well and said he liked the army in Japan extra well. He has promised to come and see me again and give me more particulars but expects to do his future army work in W.A.

Don Turton is another who has just finished shearing and is pleased to have it behind him. Don's family has been having quite a spot of sickness lately and he will be pleased to see the winter over.

It was good to see the faces of Charlie King and Harry Sproxton at our last meeting. Both looked real well and "Sprocky" reports good business and plenty of work.

Mick Calcutt has changed his address and is now at Parmelia Court 14 St. George's Terrace. I don't know what we would do without Mick in this Association he is always on top when there is any running about to do and he does it with such good grace. He is a most worthy Life Member and vice president.

Anybody got any cures for "Lawn Planter's Back"? Can assure you I've got a heavy attack right now.
—Col Doig.

Reminders

Your sweep butts as soon as possible please, to Jack Carey, 73 King Street, East Fremantle, or C. D. Doig, Box R1273, G.P.O., Perth. Make life a bit easier for the organisers by getting on with the job right now.

The Ladies' Night is looming up quickly on Tuesday 6th (Royal Show Week) so mark it in red on your calendar. The venue—16th Battalion Drill Hall, Bazaar Terrace, Perth.

Your subscriptions would be handy right now so send them in with those sweep butts.

Those "Mottos" are still wanted do your best to send in at least one entry by 30th November, 1953.

If you haven't nominated, either this year or last year, your family for the Xmas Kiddies Party, do so before you put this issue away.

Random Harvest

Had a letter the other day from Paddy Kenneally in N.S.W. Paddy tells me that since he was last in the West he has travelled about 50,000 miles. That's getting around, isn't it? During this tour Paddy visited his place of birth, Ireland, and took unto himself a wife. Since then Paddy has improved on that and is now the proud pappa of a daughter, three months. Congrats. to both Mrs. Paddy and yourself.

Paddy sent in a few entries for the Motto Competition and hoped that his were the only entries so as he would have a chance to win.

"Twilight" Collins was seen by Paddy the other day—looking amazingly fit—and still the same old easy-going "Twilight". He is now working with the Aimberl and County Council.

Others who Paddy has run into recently are Merv. Jones, Harold Newton and Curly O'Neill. Curly is on the staff of the Sydney Daily Telegraph churning out the usual "bull" for the unsuspecting public.

Ted Challerton was also spotted when "down from the selection" recently.

"Hagan Axe" Evans, "Drip" Hillia and Neill Bray are also in the mention from Paddy. All are keeping O.K. and prosperous. Thanks, Paddy, for a very interesting letter.

Here's Paddy's address for any of you lads wishing to renew a very old friendship: J. P. Kenneally, 104 Wilkins Street, Yagoona, N.S.W.

I ran into Tony Bowers the other day. Tony was down in Perth having a bit of a holiday—a month, I believe.

Tony tells me he is going to look up Peter Campbell and spend a few days with him.

Peter and his brother have a sheep station out at Southern Hills. This is out from Norseman, so Tony will be in a different type of terrain to which he has been used in the recent past. Tony, as you know, is down in the timber country at Kojonup and has a timber mill.

Comes our star show for the year—LADIES' NIGHT!

This has always proved to be "the" social function of the Association year and believe me this year is to be no exception.

The venue for this year is changed and it should be for the better as it is more central. The 16th Battalion Drill Hall is to be the spot.

Everything for a great night's enjoyment has been organised and you can rest assured the evening will be one to remember. Now don't forget the date, TUESDAY, October 6, the night our usual get together is held—the first Tuesday in the month.

Being Show Week there should be plenty of country folk in Perth so do try and get along to this show.

Maybe it will be the wife who is the lucky one—maybe it will be the mother—and maybe it will be the lady friend. Never mind, bring the lot!—It's going to be swell.

Victorian Vocal Venturings

Am once again very late with the news and owing to my still being in Heidelberg, news is also on the scarce side. I feel quite confident that by the time this is in print I will be home once again. Things have been fairly successful and I am hopeful that it will prove my last period of hospitalisation.

Have had several letters, from Blue Sergeant, Smash Hodgson, Ken Monk, Ivan Brown, and Lionel Newton. Thanks a lot to you boys, I certainly appreciated them.

Also a letter in from Leith Cooper, who by the way is going to the Commando Ball on Sept. 24. I think with Bert Tobin. I don't know of any other starters. I would have liked to be in it, but will be still in custody on that night.

George Kennedy was in one afternoon to see me and told me that Sep Wilson also was in here. I

An Address you may want:

J. F. HARTLEY,
Creek Road,
Berowra, N.S.W.

haven't seen or heard of Sep and can only hope he is up and about again.

Terry Paul also spent a period in Heidelberg, but was out again before we knew he wasn't well. I trust you too, are fit again now Terry. I also heard that you were anticipating an addition to the family. Best wishes to you and Mrs. Paul.

As far as visitors are concerned I have been very well off. Max Davies popped in one afternoon before shooting through to Nelson's Bay, N.S.W., for a fishing and drink holiday. We all hope it leaves you even fitter than before your recent illness, Max.

Bert Tobin has been a regular visitor and a most welcome one, too. Bert has all the Cup sweep tickets out now and it is up to all members to do their bit and sell a record number.

Arch Campbell has been gogged with bad luck. Now a grass widower, Arch recently had a nasty bout of malaria, and on top of that

a spot of knee trouble. To cap it all off he had sixty pounds worth of goods stolen from his van. However Arch has come up smiling and has been out a few times. He has recently been up to Bendigo and swapped yarns with Kevin Curran. Arch has teed up a spot of painting on one of the Legacy Homes for us, to take place about the third week of October. Arch will be in Perth for Christmas.

An Address You May Want

G. MALEY,
10 Agnes Street,
Noble Park, Victoria.

Would anyone seeing Tommy Mildern please ask him to drop a line. We have been getting mail returned lately and would like his new address.

Harry Botterill has been a regular visitor I am happy to say. All Harry's family are well, and he himself looks so healthy he makes everyone else look a bit sick. Jack Servante has also been out. Jack's family are home again now after a holiday up Mildura way.

Show Week is always a busy week for Bruce McLaren, and the fortnight before also. Bruce however has been out each week, and also brought his most charming wife, Lorraine, out one night. Their young lad had to have an operation a few weeks back, but after a fair-

NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

As no N.S.W. Notes had been received up to the time of our going to print, we were reluctantly compelled to go ahead without them. —Editor.

ly grim period I am happy to say that he is now more himself again.

Had a card from Gordon and Joan Stanley for which I am very grateful. I hope the girls are all well and stay that way, Gordon.

Have seen quite a bit of Alan Munro also, and one day he brought the "champ" along too. What a mighty man he is going to be. Those who remember him from the Christmas Party and the barbecue will recall what a fine boy he was, and I think he is even taller now.

Our October meeting is to be in the form of a re-union and the amber fluid will be on from the word go. We will shortly be letting you know the location, the date is Thursday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m.

We still require the form sent

out at the end of June returned by many of our members. If the forms have been lost please mail me the names of wives and names and ages of kiddies. As this is to do with the Christmas Treat, please give it the works.

I would like to thank very sincerely all who have written and visited me during my stay in Heidelberg. I appreciate very much the many good wishes I have received.

Cheers 'n beers,
GERRY MALEY.

Have You Heard These?

"Doctor, my son has cholera and worst of all, he admits he caught it from kissing the maid."

"Well, well. Young people do thoughtless things don't they?"

"Yea. But Doc., I've been kissing the maid myself."

"Too bad."

"And what's more, I've been kissing my wife."

"What! Oh my gosh! Now we will all have it."

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The golf enthusiast died and went to hell because he had used such bad language on the course. When he arrived at the gates, Satan met him, showed him a marvellous golf course, and gave him a lovely set of clubs.

"This is wonderful," said the enthusiast. "I'm glad I came here. Where's the ball?"

"Ah," replied Satan, "that's the hell of it."

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"My girl friend is certainly conductive."

"You mean 'seductive', don't you? 'Conductive' is something that transmats heat. You don't know your science."

"I mean 'conductive'—You don't know my girl."

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"I've stood about enough," said the humorist as they amputated his legs.

Mrs. McGinnis came home from the Doyle reception.

"How was the party?" asked a neighbour.

"Oh, it wasn't much," said Mrs. McGinnis. "It was very stiff and formal. Mrs. Doyle was formal and Mr. Doyle was stiff."

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"Yes, Grandmother, I'm a model and the artist I pose for does painting, sculpturing and etching."

"But, of course dear, he does one thing better than anything else, doesn't he?"

"Oh, yes, Grandmother, but nevertheless, he's pretty good at painting, sculpturing and etching."

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It was a beautiful evening, and John, who was very shy, was carried away by the magic of the night.

"Helen," he whispered softly, "will you marry me?"

"Yes, John," she answered tenderly.

He lapsed into a silence that at last became painful to her.

"John," she said with a note of trepidation in her voice, "why don't you say something?"

"I think," he replied, "I've already said too much."

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Opportunity knocks only once, but temptation bangs on the door for years.