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Editorial

SUPPLY OF COPY — YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

It is a disturbing factor to find that through lack of support by members, it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain the 'Courier' as a monthly journal, and at the commencement of another term of office for our Editor I compose this message with a very real appreciation of the value of our paper and at least some knowledge of the frustrations experienced by the man who is responsible for its publication.

At the 1957 Annual General Meeting Wilf March again accepted the office of Editor from a deep sense of duty and an awareness of the importance of the 'Courier' in stimulating interest in 2/2 Association activities. He also appreciated the necessity to improve the standard of the journal to strengthen the contact with members in other States.

Occupied as we all are, from day to day, with our own particular jobs and family ties, there are not many of us in a position to regularly supply-copy which is of general interest, but some 470 members are privileged to receive copies of the 'Courier' and we cannot escape the need to assist in its publication.

Let us come to grips with the problem by considering the difficulties which face the Editor and the means by which we can assist him. There are many difficulties in producing a monthly paper, difficulties first in obtaining a regular supply of copy and then setting up the material for each issue before the dead-line date for printing. Remember that your Editor is not a trained journalist and that the common interests of readers are the activities of the Association and its members. He can keep you advised on the management of the organisation, but unless he receives news from members he cannot report on their activities and problems.

I know that you are all proud of the high standard of conduct in the management of the 2/2 Association and that your keen desire is to preserve close contact between members. In these circumstances everyone should make a responsible approach to this matter and whenever they have any item of interest to members it should be their pleasing duty to inform the Editor. Through the columns of the 'Courier' your Editor writes to you each issue. He is entitled to expect a letter from each member at least once during his term of office.

The supply of copy is your responsibility! —FRED GARDINER

BUSY BEE, KING'S PARK, SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 9.30 a.m.
ANNUAL RE-UNION, Shenton Park R.S.L. Hall, AUGUST 10
COMMEMORATION SERVICE, King's Park, AUGUST 11

West Australian Whisperings

Committee Comment

May Meeting

Minutes of Committee meeting held at Monash Club on May 22.

Those present were Messrs. Green, McDonald, March, Smith, Carey and Pendergast.

The minutes of the previous Committee meeting were read and received on the motion of Mr. McDonald and Mr. Pendergast.

It was decided to invite Mr. Watson (one of our recent guest speakers) to our annual dinner.

Anzac Day: The 2/5th Commando Squadron marched under their own banner this year. The usual refreshments were partaken of after the march. The roll up was very good and for once a financial success.

Finance: Owing to the absence of the treasurer finance was held over to the next meeting.

June meeting: To be a Judo Exhibition or a rifle shoot.

Our Annual Dinner was discussed and held over to the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

June Meeting

Minutes of Committee meeting held at Monash Club on June 19.

Those present were Messrs. Green, McDonald, March, Smith, Napier and Pendergast. Mr. Doig and Mr. Dook attended this meeting by invitation.

The minutes of the previous Committee meeting were taken as read.

Our sweep was then closed and drawn. The prize winners were as follows: 1st, J. Garham, 30 Moss-st., East Fremantle; 2nd, F. H. Dale, 33 Colins-st., Nedlands; 3rd, N. Smythe, 1 View-ter., Geraldton. These were published in the "West Australian" on Saturday, June 22.

Annual Dinner: As this follows closely on our Annual General Meeting it was decided to do as much work as possible for the incoming committee.

Mr. Doig and Mr. Dook then spoke at length on this subject. Mr. Dook agreed to take over the catering, ordering and preparing of food and serving it up, also hiring of any assistants he would need.

Mr. Doig had drawn up a summary of what would be needed in the line of toasts, entertainers, quantity of beer, duties of various personnel and guests to be invited. These were discussed at considerable length, and it was decided to take action on most of them.

It was decided to open the first keg at 5.45 p.m. and dinner to start at 7 p.m. sharp.

The Commemoration Service to be held on Sunday, August 11, at 3 p.m., in Honour Avenue, was discussed and among other things it was decided to call for a busy-see on August 4. The matter of appointing a Warden for our Honour Avenue was also discussed and held over to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.45 a.m.

Personalities

Paddy Kenneally wrote a while back letting us know that Ron (Drip) Hilliard was on his way to England and would be passing through Fremantle. Unfortunately he wasn't able to let us know what ship he was sailing on and despite numerous inquiries this end we were unable to contact him. Thanks for letting us know Paddy, even though we were out of luck. I'll be looking forward to that newsletter old boy. Just write about yourself and what you do. Don't worry if you haven't run into any of the 2/2 of late. Cheerio, Editor. P.S.: Paddy Kenneally's address for anyone wishing to contact him: 28 Wilkins-st., Yangoona, N.S.W.

Don Turton was seen in Perth the other day but as usual he was trying to cram a week's work into a one day trip.

We believe Niel Brady is considering joining the air force and has already tried some low flying. One night early in the month he had a slight mishap with his truck and rolled it over. By all reports the damage to the truck was practically nil while Neil finished up with a few scratches and a damaged wrist which necessitated a sling for a couple of days. He is looking O.K. now so we hope to see him at the Re-union.

Association Activities

JUNE MEETING

As was anticipated by the Committee the miniature range target shooting proved very popular with the boys.

Many excellent cards were returned and that wily old fox Mick Calcutt really tore that "bull" to pieces. Whilst the competition was keen Mick was well in front and showed us that his eye is not quite as jaundiced as many of ours.

As an experiment, the rifle shooting has proved itself a success and we intend to conduct further evenings on this basis in the future. A little competition now and again keeps us on our toes.

Gerry Green and Jack Carey did an admirable job as fire officer and marker-scorer respectively. Jack wasn't giving anything away as regards marks, and stuck to his guns despite numerous friendly discussions re the merits of different scores.

We put it down to Jack's training as a committeeman—hence his miserliness in allotting marks.

A rattling good evening, a few yarns, biscuits and cheese, together with a keg made it one of the best meetings we have had.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This, our most important of meetings, was held on July 2. The attendance was anything but satisfactory and is a poor tribute to the hard work the Committee has put in over the past 12 months.

Those in attendance were Messrs. Burrage, Smith, Epps, Kirkwood, Campbell, Napier, March, Cantrill, McDonald, Green, Holly, Hancock, Doig, Gardiner, Bowden, Cash, Geere and King.

To these members the Committee are grateful for coming along and helping to elect a new executive and committee.

Unless a good roll-up of enthusiastic members takes place it is not always that a representative of opinion of the whole Association can be obtained.

The very fact that you attend does not mean that you have to stand for selection to a post on the

Committee. At the same time, new blood is always for the good as it breeds new ideas and keeps things on the move.

We know that family ties, night work, etc., can keep a lot away at times. I feel sure that a special effort should be made to be at the Annual General Meeting. It is here that the policy for the year is drawn up and your new Committee instructed on their duties for the ensuing year.

No doubt I tread on a lot of people's toes in writing in this manner, but I feel that the future of a great organisation is at stake and only YOU can keep it on the right track.

No doubt a lot of you feel that the Association is run by a few for only a few. That is only part correct. Your Committee while only a few in number work hard for the good of the Association as a whole and it is up to you to make it so as they are not working for a few. By regular attendance at meetings you can get into the swing of things and enjoy yourself too. Not only that, you can bring new ideas of entertainment along. There is always a willing ear on the Committee to these ideas.

Give it a go boys, help us to help you. If you cannot attend, drop a line to the 'Courier' and give us your ideas. We will work on them. —Editor.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Monash Club, King-st., Perth, on July 2, 1957.

Present: 18 members were present with Mr. Green in the chair. Apologies were received from Messrs. Carey, Dook, Calcutt and Boyland.

Minutes: Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Mr. Bowden and seconded by Mr. Doig.

Business Arising: There being no business arising out of the minutes the meeting proceeded.

Reports: The following reports were read:—

President's Report

The year 1956-57 has gone, and to me there lingers memories of tasks and persons—tasks being as worked out by your Committee and persons being those great members country and city, who supported each and every occasion.

With this great support your Executive was able to continue successfully and maintain a high standard by comparison with other associations, by standards I mean in our social functions, our official functions, our moral obligations, or as a job of work, each met with the same enthusiasm. Your Committee and myself express deep thanks to you, our members for your loyalty.

Although members are mainly the success of any association I would like to thank and congratulate the following members of Committee on their fine efforts throughout the past year.

McDonald, our vice president, for the excellent job he has done. Always at hand and a tiger for hard work.

A. Smith, our State secretary, on whose shoulders fall the worries of the association. He ably dispensed his job until illness compelled his hospitalisation. J. Carey, our stalwart, rescued us and continued as secretary in his efficient manner, until Arthur regained his health. Thanks again Arthur and Jack.

Fred Napier, our treasurer, approached his job well, always keen to see Association right financially. Also added a fair amount of humour "free of interest".

Wilf March, general secretary and editor, made history by being our official delegate to Melbourne Olympic Convention. He accumulated and edited our 'Courier' in a way that does credit to him.

Committee members Mick Holland, "Blue" Prendergast, Geoff Laidlaw, "Ping" Anderson, Jim Cantrill, Jack Carey and Dick Geere our auditor, all contributed something constructive for the betterment of this Association and to them goes the credit of the working side of our functions.

"Blue" Prendergast, who was our Warden for King's Park has now moved to Collie. I think you all know "Blue's" efforts in this sphere. Many thanks "Blue" and best wishes in your new venture.

I wish the incoming executive success for coming year and thank past executive members C. Doig and R. Dook for their invaluable assistance knowing whatever members are elected shall also receive their continued support.

—G. I. Green, President.

Secretary's Report

To the President's report I would like to add the following:

Committee Meetings: Your Committee met on nine occasions during the past year, attendance record of members being as under: Green, attended 9; McDonald, 8; March, 8, 1 apology; Napier, 7, 2; Smith, 7, 1; Pendergast, 8; Carey, 5, 3; Cantrill, 5 (working); Holland, 2; Anderson, 2.

Melbourne Cup Sweep: As last year's Melbourne Cup Sweep was conducted by permission of the Lotteries Commission, the sale of tickets was very good and I am pleased to report a very big improvement on the 1955 sweep.

Ladies' Night was quite a success and I don't think any change of date is needed, but perhaps a change of venue could be considered.

Country Convention: This proved a great success at Wongan Hills and where we have a team of members such as are at Wongan, then places like that are where we should hold future Conventions.

Olympic Re-union: At the Re-union in Melbourne a lot of Eastern State's members were contacted. An attempt to get the N.S.W. branch back into operation met with little success. However I think that the Vic. branch is now stronger than it has been for a long time.

As I was absent from the Children's Xmas Party and Bucks' Xmas Night I cannot comment on these.

Owing to the fact that our Annual Re-union has been transferred from February to August this year, a bowls evening was arranged for our March meeting. Our President donated a cup for this night and it is hoped that it will be contested annually.

Anzac Day parade and social were perhaps the best we have held.

A rifle shoot, a new venture for us, was held at the June meeting. Attendance was poor but should improve when more notice is given to members.

Our second sweep, run on very short notice, turned out only fair. Not good by any standard.

During the past year we also had two picture evenings at which members were allowed to invite guests. These proved very popular, and the films provided of an interesting and instructive nature.

In conclusion I wish to thank the President and the rest of the Executive for their co-operation during the past year. In particular I wish to thank Mr. Jack Carey for so ably carrying on my duties during my illness. —A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

Treasurer's report was read.

These reports were received on the motion of Mr. Doig and seconded by Mr. Cantrill.

Mr. Doig complimented the President, Secretary and Treasurer on their reports and moved that a motion of appreciation be placed on the books. This was seconded by Mr. Burrigge and carried.

Treasurer's Report: There was considerable discussion on the Treasurer's report. The Children's Party came under fire and Mr. Doig spoke regarding recouping some of our expenses, which, owing to rising costs and increasing families was becoming a major financial matter. Our Ladies' Night is to be considered with the object of getting more members and their wives to attend at no extra cost.

Mr. Burrigge then spoke on our accounting system, pointing out the difficulties and pitfalls associated with it. He suggested making a definite date for our fiscal year in order to give the treasurer a chance to have everything in order for our Annual General Meeting. Mr. Doig supported Mr. Burrigge and suggested May to May for our fiscal year. Mr. Doig then suggested that Mr. Burrigge prepare a special set of easy to follow books for use by the treasurer.

The matter of recouping some of the expense in publication of the 'Courier' was then discussed. Several ideas were brought forward and these were carried over to general business.

Mr. Doig then moved that the reports be adopted, the treasurer's report, subject to audit. Seconded by Mr. Cantrill and carried.

Election of Officers: Mr. Gardiner was appointed Returning Officer. President: Mr. Green, proposed by Mr. Doig, seconded Mr. March. There being no further nominations Mr. Green was elected unopposed.

Vice President: Mr. McDonald elected unopposed.

General Secretary: Mr. March elected unopposed.

State Secretary: Mr. Smith elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Mr. Napier elected unopposed.

Editor: Mr. March elected unopposed.

Committee: The following members were elected to the committee: Messrs. Doig, Kirkwood, Carey, Campbell, Geere, Bowden, Gardiner.

General Business: The President then declared the meeting open for general business.

Mr. Doig moved that this meeting instruct the auditor to prepare a simple set of books for the purposes of the Association, and that the fiscal year of the Association end on May 31. Seconded by Mr. Bowden and carried.

Mr. Burrigge then moved that: (a) Treasurer forthwith render accounts to our Victorian and New South Wales branches for amounts outstanding on the 'Courier'. (b) that Treasurer henceforth render accounts to these branches on June 30 and December 31 of each year.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Napier and carried.

Mr. Doig then moved that the 'Courier' be published quarterly. Information re our monthly meetings to be done by postcard.

Mr. Burrigge then spoke at some length against this motion. He suggested writing to the Eastern States before taking such a retrograde step.

Mr. March spoke as Editor on the difficulties of producing a 'Courier' without news. Mostly the 'Courier' was based on W.A. news as the Victorian Branch did not always manage to render copy on time. News from New South Wales branch was nil.

Mr. March preferred to be able to publish a 'Courier' monthly.

Mr. Epps then spoke against Mr. Doig's motion, on costs of printing, postage, etc.

Mr. Napier spoke on the lack of news from Eastern States' branches and suggested a letter to these branches regarding the matter.

After considerable discussion on the 'Courier', editorials, etc., Mr. Epps moved that the 'Courier' be discussed fully by the incoming Committee at their first meeting. Seconded by Mr. Napier and carried.

Mr. Doig then withdrew his motion.

The Committee decided to hold their meetings on the third Tuesday in each month.

A discussion then took place on the subject of appointing country vice presidents. Decided to appoint a vice president in five different areas in the country, as follows:

Goldfields, to cover Esperance, Norseman, Southern Hills, Salmon Gums, etc.: Tony Davidson.

South-West: Bernie Langridge.

Great Southern: Bert Burgess.

Midlands: Jack Fowler.

Northern: Eric Smythe.

These officers to be elected year by year.

Busy Bee: It was decided to hold a Busy Bee in King's Park, 9.30 a.m. on August 4.

Warden: As our previous Warden Gordon Pendergrast, has moved to the country it was decided to elect a new Warden. On the motion of our President, Mr. Green, and seconded by Mr. Napier, Mr. Holly was elected as Warden for the ensuing year.

A lengthy discussion on raising membership fees then took place. It was finally decided not to alter our membership fee.

The subject of editorials for the 'Courier' was then brought up and after much talk the matter was left over for the Committee to deal with.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 12 p.m.

ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE FOR 1957-58

President:

GERRY GREEN, entering into his second term of office. A tireless worker and one whose wisdom should guide us through another successful year.

Vice President:

"SPRIGGY" McDONALD, another member who sets himself a task and achieves it. A very able foil for Gerry and has taken the chair in Gerry's absence with ease.

General Secretary:

WILF MARCH, can usually be found about the place when there is a job to do. Keenly interested in all Unit matters and also serves as Editor.

State Secretary:

ARTHUR SMITH, one of our staunchest members, and is serving another term in this very important post. A great organiser and one of the backbone of the Unit.

Treasurer:

FRED NAPIER, proven as an executive and can always be relied upon to save a "dollar and make one" when Unit funds are at stake. In Fred's hands we can rest assured that we will have a successful and financial year.

Editor:

WILF MARCH, has served on this position for some time. Keen to build the 'Courier' into a great little paper. Also serves as General Secretary.

Auditor:

JOHN BURRIDGE, a grand "old" worker for our affairs and has served in many different positions of trust on the executive. From President to committeeman John can be relied upon to give of his utmost in whatever job he is selected for.

Committee:

COLIN DOIG, like Johnnie Burrige, we could hardly do without his sagacity. Colin is one of the most popular men in the Association and just couldn't keep out of the running of the show if he tried—needless to say he doesn't try to keep out.

RON KIRKWOOD, another stalwart who has served in many different positions on the executive. Now that Ron is domiciled in Perth we can look forward to some new ideas.

JACK CAREY, fancy even trying to estimate the amount of work Jack has done for us. It is too vast a job to even think about. As a secretary he was second to none—as a committeeman he will be of invaluable assistance.

ARCH CAMPBELL, has done great service in both W.A. and the Eastern States. Now that we have him back with us we will be surely looking for some of those bright ideas he is noted for.

DICK GEERE, until taking position as a committeeman he has been our auditor so should have a firm grasp on what the financial side of things amount to. A worthy selection for the post.

KEN BOWDEN, Curly has served on the committee many times before and has proved a fountain of knowledge and a very level headed man when faced with our problems. We hope to have him for a long time on the committee.

SWEEP

At the wind-up of our recent sweep we assessed the profit at £75. As our aim had been £150 this was only considered fair. A terrific amount of work goes into the organising of a sweep like this and a poor response is not the healthiest outlook. Still, perhaps we will have a bumper Melbourne Cup Sweep when that comes up to compensate.

BUSY BEE

At the annual general meeting it was decided to hold a Busy Bee in King's Park at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, August 4.

The area around our trees needs a clean-up before the Commemoration Ceremony on Sunday, August 11. There's no need for me to blab blab about the importance of this working bee as we are all proud of our area and want it to look well when the ceremony is held.

WORKING BEE BEFORE RE-UNION

Anyone who can pop along to Shenton Park R.S.L. Hall at 2 p.m. on the afternoon of the Annual Re-union (August 10) are asked to do so. Several jobs are to be done and your assistance will be appreciated.

ANNUAL RE-UNION

We've waited quite a while for this—one of our great events of the year. Your Committee is fully confident that this will be one of the best Re-unions held. All our past experience will hold us in good stead to put on a grand show.

Ron Dook and Bill Hollis will be holding the catering reins so we should lack nothing on that score. Past efforts of these two have proved their worth in this field and we are greatly thankful for their assistance.

The venue will be as last year at the Shenton Park R.S.L. Hall with subscription at 15/- per head. Kegs will be tapped at 5.45 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. sharp. As a hot meal will be served it is essential that you are all on time.

What about a bit of liaison between you lads in the back blocks? If you could contact a few of the

FRED GARDINER, whilst Fred may not be known to all members he has been working for our Association for longer than any other of the committee. Back in the days when we were still overseas, Fred interested himself in the original association which was organised in Perth by our parents and friends. This association became the nucleus of our present Association and Fred has watched our interests throughout all these years. While young in years, Fred has a great deal of useful knowledge to impart to us and we welcome him onto our committee.

Warden:

"SLIM" HOLLY, can always be relied upon to turn up and help with the dirty work. That is the working bees, etc. A first class attendance at meetings proves his interest and he should be a worthy successor to Gordon Pendergrast.

OUR LOSS—COLLIE'S GAIN!

It would not be fitting if this 'Courier' was to go to press without paying a tribute to the work which Gordon "Blue" Pendergrast has accomplished for the Association. Gordon is now at Collie where he has taken up business interests in his field as a plumber.

The Committee desire to thank Gordon for the unselfish way he gave so much of his valuable time and knowledge in the planning and execution of the King's Park Water Scheme. What may have only been a dream, became a reality under the guidance of his skilful and tireless hands.

The hours he spent in King's Park installing pipes and afterwards on the watering of the young grass could hardly be estimated.

Also Gordon's little wife, Edie. She rose to the occasion and catered for us in a grand manner. We very much appreciate all you did for us Edie.

May your stay in Collie be a very happy one. Quiet as you both are, Collie will certainly know you have arrived.

Good luck to you both.

lads in your area it might be possible for some of you to make the trip who would otherwise be barred by transport difficulties.

A special effort should be made by those in the metropolitan area. Get cracking on "organising Mum" for the evening. Surely you can manage this super night.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

On Sunday, August 11, in King's Park at 3.15 p.m., our Annual Commemoration Service will be held. You are requested to make a special effort to attend and pay homage to our fallen comrades. Anyone with transport who can help a fellow member is asked to do so.

An Address You May Need:

Editor,
Wilf March,
3 Bricknall Road,
Attadale, W.A.

(Printed for the publisher by "The Swan Express", 10 Helena Street, Midland Junction, W.A.)

Random Harvest

Reg Harrington, of Wyening, in a letter to Arthur Smith, writes:

Well here I am late as usual, but am cutting it much too fine for comfort this time. You know all the excuses we farmers think up so I'd only be repeating what you already know to offer any. However I have a friend and his wife going to Perth tomorrow so if they post it then it should get there. These friends incidentally are off on Wednesday for a world tour of five months' duration. One way or another it seems I might be able to land them there in time. You will understand me wiring Fred when I didn't have your address. The 'Courier' gave President, Treasurer and Editor's addresses but no Secretary.

So much for that. If they don't get there the only other one besides ourselves who bought any tickets was the parish priest and I think I can handle him. The seeding is slowly drawing to a close. We only have another 300 acres to go over. It got a bit wet but it would be hard to have a growl about it in

2/5 COMMANDO LADIES' NIGHT

On June 22 the 2/5 Commando Squadron held their first Ladies' Night, at the Nedlands R.S.L. Hall. Our President, Mr. Green, and Mrs. Green, and my wife and I were invited to attend this function. It was with great regret that I had to tender apologies for Gerry and his wife and my own wife.

All guests were met at the door by the 2/5 President and his wife, also the Secretary and his wife.

A very bright two piece orchestra supplied music for those who wished to dance. The non dancers or shirkers had the back room where good cheer was freely dispensed.

During the evening the President called all present to order, read the Honour Roll and observed the usual silence in remembrance of departed friends.

After this, games were played, and a chocolate wheel came into action, with excellent prizes.

Congratulations 2/5, this was a really good effort.

view of the good season for feed. While there is rain about there are no frosts, and when there are no frosts everything grows. In our area it is much more important that feed grows than crop.

Please find enclosed a cheque for tickets and an extra half a quid for sub or subs or deposit on a sub. It is so long since I paid same I really don't remember whether I am financial or not.

Would you mind passing my kindest respects on to Wilf and thank him for the presentation of a daughter per the 'Courier', but I'm afraid that is the only daughter we have tried. In actual fact we have managed five boys, but nary a girl—lots of times nothing at all of course. I'm sorry to say he has also credited me with a little more energy than I possess in giving me credit as still playing football, but I'm afraid I have been relegated to that staid game they call golf. Why it is called a game I don't know as I have used more swear words in that than ever I did at work. However after breaking my handicap by

13 last year I spent 30/- on a lesson from Harry Goddin today hoping it is good for the soul. Mind you in our club they give you 36 to start with.

Well, I had better be off and catch up on a bit of sleep something I've had little of since seeding started.

Do hope the butts are in time.

(Well, Reg, I certainly have put my foot in it this time. So I have credited you with a daughter, have I? My source of information while usually a very reliable one has let me down. As Kirwan Ward in his column in the 'Daily News' would say, "I'll have to speak very sharply to my spies and put them on their toes." As for the football, well I suppose I just forgot that we are all getting a bit long in the took and have to let up on the more vigorous sports at sometime or other. You certainly seem to be doing well with your golf, so keep up the good work and we may have a champ in the making.—Ed.)

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU

Joan Hamilton-Smith, of Box 2, Denmark, writes:

Herewith the butts and £1 as required, the lord and master having writer's cramp as usual. If all your mob were as reluctant as correspondents as Geordie is the 'Courier' would consist of blank pages.

Tom Towers, of 4 Suffolk-st., Fremantle, writes:

So sorry I am running late with my sweep tickets but guess its better late than never.

Would you please let me know how much I owe as I would like to bring my fees up to date.

V. Swan, of Salmon Gums, writes:

Please find tickets etc., enclosed. Sorry I'm running late but you know how these things get shelved.

We are all well here and very busy seeding. Looks like the promise of a good season now although it was a bit late starting.

Best wishes to all the boys.

(Hope you managed to finish the seeding. It's certainly a busy time for you cookies. There's been plenty of rain around so you should not be short on that score.—Ed.)

Peter Alexander, of 48 York-st., Boulder, writes:

Thought I had better get busy and return the sweep tickets, usually leave these things till the last minute. The wife is always going crook about my not writing, always threatening to put me to shame and write herself.

Well, the only one of the Unit I see much of these days is Paddy Doyle. Pat and I work on the same mine. Run into Tony Davidson now and again.

Haven't seen Geoff Laidlaw up this way lately, last time I met him up here a few of us got together and visited some of the local beer houses. Must have consumed quite a few schooners, I for one couldn't face up to work the next day.

Haven't sighted "Boy" Hewitt for quite some time, but think he is still working on the mines.

The wife and kiddies want to go to Fremantle for the holidays this year instead of Esperance, so I will probably be seeing a few of the boys around Christmas time.

Was pleased to hear Merv Ryan was out of hospital. Tell Merv I will write him a few lines one of these days.

I would like to be remembered to Keith Hayes, Ron Dook, Mick Calcutt, Arch Campbell and Ron Kirkwood.

Could you drop me a note as to the amount of subs I owe?

(Thanks for letter Peter, and certainly hope you manage to see some of us when in Perth next. Will pass on your regards to the boys.—Editor.)

Roy Watson, of 19 Raymond-st., Collie, writes:

Please find enclosed butts for sweep also pound.

Could you please take note that house number is 19 and not six. We don't receive our letters until late and we have only just received book of tickets.

Could you also inform me on my sub fees as I haven't a clue as to what I owe.

Keep up the good work as although we are unable to attend meetings we enjoy monthly letter.

(Have noted new address and hope 'Courier' arrives without any delay. How about the Re-union this year, Ray—do you think you will be able to make it?—Editor.)

Dick Crssing, writes:

Enclosed a bit of sugar for the sweep tickets. Just about finished seeding and have had the bomb. Will have in 700 wheat and 200 oats and that's plenty for this boy. All the best.

(Cheque received O.K., Dick. You have also been kept out of mischief from all accounts. Quite a lot of work behind you and still more ahead.—Editor.)

Bob Palmer, of Cowaganup, writes:

Seems as though the only time I trouble you with my scrawl is when I am sending back ticket butts, but guess that is about often enough for you to strain your eyes.

Very sorry to learn of the passing of Jack Servante and Don Lacey. Don was in the same hut as myself at Northam in my early days of army life. Our ranks are much the poorer for their passing.

Many thanks to all those concerned for the continued arrival of the 'Courier'. It is very much appreciated by both Barb and myself. If it wasn't for that I would lose all contact with members of our Association. I know that I do little to keep it in circulation but was never gifted with the pen. Maybe several more members like myself would like to be in a position to pop in and help a little with the many jobs you city chaps do, but from this distant spot it is impossible.

Notice that the annual dinner is in August. Unfortunately for me that date is out of the question but may suit quite a number who can't make it in the summer months. Hope all goes well and that you have a bumper roll up. You can count on me being there in spirit.

Having a great season down here this year. Probably the best start to a season since I have been down here. Enough cows to keep us out of trouble as regards getting out much. All we need is the price to rise to cost of production and we may get somewhere someday. Have just completed a new milking shed which cost quite a packet.

Still find time for a spot of sport. After a period of 19 years have returned to play badminton again and feel the years now. Also have a round of golf each week—broke my handicap by four a fortnight

ago, while during the summer I still make an odd run or two. The trouble is I usually collect a job in the clubs—President of cricket and badminton, and Vice President R.S.L.

Well, Wilf, I guess that will do to test your eyesight for the time

Hope the £1 note arrives O.K. Find we are out of cheque forms so can only trust to luck.

Regards to all the gang and may see some of you one day if I ever make the trip to Perth again.

(Bob, your scrawl is always welcome. Even though I don't hear from you often I am beginning to understand all those loops and scratches which eventually develop into an interesting missive. Bad luck not being able to make the Re-union but you may be able to hit the big smoke later in the year.—Editor.)

In Letter to Arthur Smith Stan Sadler, of Wongan Hills, writes:

Please find enclosed raffle butts with cheque to cover same. Just as well it rained all day today. I decided to do the mail and amongst it of course the raffle tickets. I'd forgotten all about them.

How are you now? Coming good I believe. I called in at the hospital to see you one day while I was down on holidays but you had gone home a day or so. I was sorry to miss you but pleased to hear you were well enough to go home.

Things are going along well here. We've had too much rain for comfort. We haven't started the actual seeding yet and the ground will not take much more without becoming waterlogged. The sheep feed is coming very quickly with warmth and rain and we have no worries on that score. Lambing is over for us, about our average, over the past few years, 65 per cent. Very poor really but with big paddocks, big mobs and wheat to grow, very difficult for us to improve on. That's all for now. Regards and best wishes from Blanche and I to Beryl and yourself.

(No doubt by now all your seedling worries will be over. All it will have to do then is grow. Bad luck about only a 65 per cent lambing. Still as you are satisfied that is the main thing. Unfortunate that you missed seeing Arthur when down last.—Editor.)

Ron Sprigg, of 60 Hill-st., Albany, writes:

A few lines in with the raffle butts. I apologise for being right on the knocker but I have been on holidays and away for three weeks only returning on the train this morning, however if the P.O. do their job you should receive this by or on Monday.

The little extra can go towards my subs if in arrears or towards any thing else you would like to put it to.

My holidays consisted of a few days in Wagin with my parents and then three weeks helping a friend on a farm out of Mt. Barker. I had one day in Perth but had quite a bit to do so was unable to contact any of the boys.

Things are much the same with us down here, still making a living as a shunter with the W.A.G.R., not unduly worried over the controversy going on over them.

I was shocked to read of Jack Servante's death. I did not know until reading the 'Courier' on my return today, having missed the 'West' with it in.

I have not seen any of the boys in this area for many months evidently no visitors to this resort last summer. I really expected to see some of the Saddler boys.

I must close now wishing you every success with the sweep and regards to all the boys.

(Notice your address has changed from 42 to 60 Hill-st. Have noted this and will alter your 'Courier' wrapper accordingly. Received butts O.K. Bad luck we missed you when in Perth. Next time make sure to give one of us a ring and we could have a chinwag if only for a few minutes.—Editor.)

Ivy Cooper, for Bill Cooper, of 42 Ostend-rd., Scarborough, writes:

Am writing a short hurried note to return the raffle tickets. Sorry I've not been able to sell any but as Bill has been away up Lancelin Island and I'm expecting a visit from that very well known bird any day I'm afraid we've not had much chance. Bill has not been home very long and hasn't got himself settled down again as yet. I will have to be firmer next time he wants to go A.W.L. for six months. I think I'll be going too as there is accommodation and school for the

children. Bill hopes to see the boys in the near future if not a meeting he hopes to make it to the Re-union. Well as I've my son in bed sick I'm afraid I must close for now.

(Thanks for letter Ivy. Don't worry about not being able to sell any tickets. Your work has been cut out attending to family affairs. Please let us know when your little visitor arrives so as we can enter 'him' on our Christmas party list. Also advise us when you change address so as your 'Courier' can be forwarded without any delay.—Ed.)

In Letter to Arthur Smith, Jack Fowler, of Box 73 Wongan Hills, writes:

Enclosing butts and cheque for £2 being £1 for tickets and £1 for my sub which must be long overdue.

Please give my thanks to Wilf for sending me those Olympic re-union photos, also my apologies for not having acknowledged receiving them before this. Am up to my neck with the seeding. The season is very late, and now we are hoping for a few fine days to let us get on with the job. The tractor is hopelessly bogged at the moment, and have to get another tractor to pull it out. Such are the joys of farming.

Saw Alf Brady in town last week, no change. Just received and read the interesting 'Courier'. Thanks for all the news. Regards to the gang.

(Letter received O.K. Jack, and glad you received the photos. Bad luck about the tractor but you can expect plenty of that sort of thing this time of the year. See you at the Re-union.—Editor.)

In Letter to Arthur Smith, Bert Burges, of "Burlands," Broome-hill, writes:

Herewith sweep butts and note to cover same. Best wishes for a successful sweep.

Marie has asked me to apologise for not having answered Beryl's letter. We were sorry that you were not able to visit us and particularly for the reason. We hope that you are now well on the way to full recovery and that in future you enjoy a better run of luck.

Looks like being a pretty good season here. Feed got away early

to a good start and growing well. Red mite is in plague form however and will have to be sprayed.

With the help of share croppers have 600 acres of wheat, oats and barley seeded and most of it is up and looking healthy. Very lucky to have got it in as in many places the ground was too hard for farmers to plough and now it is slippery and boggy in parts.

Just let us know any time you can pay us a visit and we will organise a welcome.

(Arthur says he would certainly like to pay you a visit some day. You seem to have a fair amount of crop in, Bert, so should be busy for quite some time.—Editor.)

Rip McMahon, of Commercial Hotel Dowerin, writes:

Forwarding £1 and butts with this letter to cover sweep. News at the present time is very scarce and 2/2 faces even more so. Jim Williams, of Dowerin, sends his regards to Mick Morgan.

(Passing on your message, Rip, and hope to see you at the Re-union.—Editor.)

Ron Brooker, of 110 Goodwood Parade, Rivervale, writes:

Just a short note to let you know I'm still alive. I haven't any excuse except a severe attack of laziness, but will be getting along to some meetings very soon. Am enclosing sweep butts. Still working at the zoo. If I don't watch out I'll never get out of the place.

I will be writing to Norm Tillet soon so he may have some news.

If and when I get an answer I will pass it on to you after I have censored it. Well bye now.

(Don't forget to pass on that letter, Brook old boy, as I am sure the lads would like to hear from Norm Tillet.—Editor.)

In Letter to Arthur Smith, Jack Hassen, of Ballidua, writes:

Am enclosing cheque and butts. How are you keeping now? Well on the way to being a new man I hope.

Regards to Beryl and yourself from us all.

(Thanks for letter Jack. Can assure you Arthur is well on the way to being 100 per cent again and sends regards to yourself and wife.—Editor.)

Jim Corney, of 1306 Albany Highway, Cannington, writes:

Just a few lines to return sweep tickets and cheque for £2. You can make up my subs for coming year and any balance can go towards refreshments.

At present I am unable to go out much at night as am under treatment for chronic bronchitis so have to dodge the night air as much as possible. Also have to keep out from any dusty conditions so was pleased to have a bit of damp to stop that.

(Hope the old bronchitis has cleared up by now Jim, and that we will be able to see you back at the meetings in the near future.—Ed.)

Clarrie Turner, of "Killora Stud," Elgin, writes:

Just a hurried note enclosing the raffle butts and cheque to cover same and 10/- to go to subs.

Am really snowed under with work just now as it is our busiest time. But I suppose we can't growl as it has been a wonderful season for everyone down this part of the world. I haven't seen anything of any of the boys down here and my trips to Perth are just up and back in a hell of a hurry.

This leaves me and my family all fairly well just now and hope all is well with the rest of the boys.

Cheerio for the present.

(Received butts and cheque OK Clarrie and we are pleased to hear that you have had such a good season. Quite a change from the usual growls from the poor old man on the land. Hope that you can manage a trip to Perth when there is a meeting on. Such a long time since I saw you.—Editor.)

Heard This?

The young bride was asked what she thought of married life. "Not much difference," she replied coolly. "I used to wait up half the night for Harry to go home . . . now I wait up half the night for him to come home."

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"Pardon me, madam," he began. "I just had to ask you what keeps that dress up?"

"Just two things," she replied, "your age—and my discretion."

GLOSSARY OF WEST AUSTRALIAN MEMBERS

Printed hereunder is a glossary of W.A. members. These are facts as far as we know them. At any time this proves to be wrong please write to the Editor and he will amend accordingly.

ALF HILLMAN: Broomehill. Married with several step-children. Farming the family property at Broomehill with a very nice Merino flock. Still plays tennis and golf and a real leader in civic affairs at Broomehill. Like his near neighbour, Bert Burges, is one of the best supporters the Association has. Never fails to propose a toast at all Annual Re-unions to the Editor of the 'Courier', for which Alf is genuinely grateful.

G. (Slops) HISLOP: Carnamah. Married. Barman Carnamah Hotel. **COLIN HODSON:** 89 Hampshire-st., Victoria Park. Married with two boys. Pantagraph operator with Cumpstons Metal Engravers and badge makers. Spare time activity as candid cameraman. Colin served for quite a few years as a Committeeman for the Association and has assisted quite frequently on the art side.

ERNIE HOFFMAN: c/ Roadside Mail, Edugina. Unmarried. Runs his own small mining show at Edugina which is a small hamlet miles out from Kalgoorlie.

C. J. (Slim) HOLLY: 67 Shaftsbury Avenue, Bayswater. Married, five children. Cleaner at East Perth Girls School for Education Dept. Most regular attendant at all Association meetings and a keen supporter.

GORDON HOLMES: Cranbrook. Unmarried. General farm hand and contract worker in Cranbrook area. Never misses an Annual Re-union.

J. P. (Irish) HOPKINS: c/- Shepherds Hotel, Geraldton. Unmarried. Barman at above hotel. Still the same old irresponsible Irish of army days.

BILL HOWELL: In smoke. Address Mandurah.

W. D. HUDSON: c/- P.M.G. Lines Party, Roebourne. Married (I think). Linesman with P.M.G. at Roebourne. Usually turns up at Annual Re-unions when the latest gen is available.

FRED HUMPHRIES: Brunswick Bakery, Brunswick Junction. Unmarried. Baker with above bakery.

H. E. (Slim) JAMES: 13 Beatrice-st., Scarborough. Married, two children. Licensed Starting Price Bookmaker at Scarborough (our one and only).

R. (Johnno) JOHNSON: Koorda. Married, two children. Farmer on his own account at Koorda, mostly wheat and sheep.

SYD JARVIS: Evelyn-st., Gosnells. Unmarried. Poultry farmer at above address. Does part time cooking for army.

CHARLIE KING: Wilfred-rd., Cannington. Married, three children, two boys, one girl. Weighbridge attendant for Houghton Motors, Cannington. Charlie was unfortunate enough to lose an arm in a motor accident and was disbarred from his usual occupation as truck driver mechanic.

STAN KING: Pingaring, via Lake Grace. Unmarried. Wheat and sheep farmer on his own account at Pingaring. Still plays cricket. Mostly makes the Annual Re-union. Great ticket salesman for Melbourne Cup sweeps.

RON KIRKWOOD: c/- Commonwealth Bank, Kalgoorlie. Married, three children. Clerical worker with Commonwealth Bank at Kalgoorlie. Ron was State Secretary for two years and Vice President of Association for one year. Still manages to make an odd Annual Re-union although at such a remote locality as Kalgoorlie.

BERNIE LANGRIDGE: Box 14, P.O. Donnybrook. Married, three children, two boys, one girl. Dairy farmer and orchardist at Donnybrook. Keen stud breeder of Jersey cattle and British Breed sheep. Maintains good contact with Association affairs.

B. (Blossom) LAWRENCE: c/- Fire Station, Fremantle. Married, two children. Fire Officer with W.A. Fire Brigade Board. Lieut. in 44th Batt. and still keen on army activities.

RON LAWSON-DOOK: c/- Migrant Workers Hostel, Graylands. Married with two girls. Manager of Migrant Hostel, Graylands. Was Vice President of Association last year after quite a number of years on Committee. Has been caterer to Association for years. Life member of Association.

ALF LONGBOTTOM: Whereabouts unknown.

TED LOUD: Forestry Dept., Manjimup. Married, no children. Forestry worker with State Forests Dept., also in conjunction with his wife he conducts a small business of cafe type in Mangimup. Just had a lengthy spell in Hollywood for a bone graft on his foot.

CHARLIE McCAFFERY: Moore-st., Bunbury. Married. No knowledge of his occupation.

R. H. (Spriggy) McDONALD: 81 Walter-rd., Bassendean. Married, with one step-child, a boy. Wood machinist with Swan Wood Machinery Co. Present Vice President of Association and has been a most keen member since inception.

KEITH McEASTERN: Address unknown. Linesman with P.M.G. but just where he is unknown. Married with two children.

SYD McKINLEY: 39 Ashburton-st., Bentley Park. Married, four children. Transport driver with Shell Oil Co. At present employed at Cocos Island refuelling planes.

JIM McLAUGHLIN: 18 Robin-st., Mt. Lawley. Married, one girl. Clerical worker, but whereabouts unknown.

B. (Rip) McMAHON: 10 Murchison-tce., East Perth. Unmarried. Barman by trade at present at Wongan Hills but as he changes jobs with great rapidity he could be anywhere by the time this is printed. Has followed the fortunes of the Association keenly.

PERCY McPHEE: 105 Stirling Highway, North Fremantle. Married, one boy. Drum and case merchant at North Fremantle. Usually bobs up with a cheque every time somebody jogs his elbow.

BERT MATTHEWS: 185 Ravenscour-st., Killarney, via Double View. Married, two girls. Metal moulder with Metters Ltd.

KEN MACKINTOSH: c/- Elder Smith & Co., Perth. Married, two children. Stock auctioneer with Elder Smith & Co., at Midland Junction sale yards and assistant stock manager.

WILF MARCH: Lot 81 Bricknall-rd., Attadale. Married, two children, one boy, one girl. Newspaper operative with Western Press Ltd., in fact in charge of Advertising Layout and Composing. Has been one of the Association's hardest workers. Has been Editor of 'Courier' for the past three years and also General Secretary for last two years and the Association's accredited delegate to Olympic Congress.

ARTHUR MARSHALL: Peet-st., Harvey. Married with three children. Truck operator and hay baling contractor in Harvey-Brunswick area. A good correspondent to the 'Courier'.

TOMMY MARTIN: "Harlex", Miling. Married, two children. Farming on his own account at Miling. Still plays cricket as a hobby.

DON MAY: 52 Anstey-st., South Perth. Married, one child. Clerical worker with West Australian Government Railways.

HUGHIE MEYER: 69 Watson-st., Carlisle. Unmarried. Labourer in various capacities. Present job unknown.

KEV MILLINGTON: Union-st., Donnybrook. Married. Clerk at Donnybrook.

W. E. C. (Ted) MONK: Latham. Married, number of children unknown. Farming on his own account at Latham. Sheep and wheat.

JOHNNIE MOORE: Dwellingup. Married. Forestry worker at Dwellingup.

H. J. (Mick) MORGAN: South Fremantle. Married, two children, boy and girl. Tally Clerk and labour supervisor on Fremantle wharf. Keen South Fremantle supporter at footy as a hobby.

DON MURRAY: Poole-st., York. Married, three girls. Country traveller for Ampol Petroleum Ltd. At one time a Vice President of Association.

FRED NAPIER: 65 Branksome Gardens, City Beach. Married, four children. Sun Print machine operator with Public Works Dept. Drafting Section. Fred has served on the Committee of Association practically continuously since inception. At present is Treasurer.

MAL NICHOLS: c/- P.O. Burracoppin. Married, three children, one boy, two girls. Clerical worker at Burracoppin. Capacity unknown.

ERNIE NICHOLLS: c/- Municipal Council, Albany. Unmarried. Gang worker with Albany Municipal Council.

TOM NISBET: 179 Stubbs-tce., Daglish. Married, three children, two boys, one girl. Manager Yellow Cabs Ltd, a subsidiary of Skipper Bailey Motors Ltd. dealing mostly in used cars and repairs to motor vehicles. Brigadier with 13th Headquarters Group Western Command. President of W.A. Baseball League.

BILL O'CONNOR: Marybrook. Married. Dairy farmer at Marybrook.

BOB PALMER: Cowaramup. Married, three children. Dairy farmer at Cowaramup. Still plays active cricket. Rarely misses Annual Re-union of Association.

RAY PARRY: Wembley. Married, no children. Newspaper machinist with West Australian Newspapers Ltd., working in process engraving section. Quite a keen supporter of Association.

STAN PAYNE: "Timane", Nukarne. Married, two children. Farming on own account at Nukarni, wheat and sheep.

G. E. (Blue) PENDERGRAST: 16 Henry-st., Subiaco. Married, three children, two boys, one girl. Plumber and sheet metal worker on his own account. Extra keen worker for Association. Largely responsible for laying of King's Park water scheme. Present Warden of King's Park area. Wife acting as caterer to Association at present.

JACK PENGLASE: c/- P.O. Coolgardie. Married, three children, two boys, one girl. Miner at Coolgardie.

DICK PEPPER: Geraldton. Unmarried. With 6GE wireless station.

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ANZAC DAY RE-UNION

For the first time for many years Melbourne Anzac Day was bright and shiny, the weather being most pleasant and without the usual few showers during the march.

Most of us assembled at the usual time, but due to some delay, the Commando units did not move off until 3 p.m., approx. 1½ hours late.

A short time before we were due to move we found the Commando banner was missing and many were amiss as to where to form up (the banner is like a bright beacon to help guide the boys to the form up place). It appears that the night before the Commando Association held their usual re-union, and some trusty colt was given the job of looking after the banner, with instructions to bring it along the next day. On ringing this fellow's wife we found that he had not yet arrived home from the re-union the

night before. After a last minute rush up to the William-st. Drill Hall (scene of the re-union) the banner was found under one of the tables (but the trusty colt wasn't). With the able assistance of Gerry O'Toole the banner was raised and we duly moved off.

After the march we assembled at our old place of meeting, the George-st. Drill Hall where all was in readiness by the time the marchers arrived back. Gerry McKenzie must be congratulated on the fine way he arranged for the necessary equipment, such as tables, etc., with white cloths, and two very slick barmen to handle the beer, which I am sure all will agree, is the best way to run these Anzac shows to allow all members to have their fill, without worrying who is to pull the beer. I think the eats were up to the usual good standard by the way Allan Munro and Sep Wilson devoured a 5lb. pork sausage between them.

Gerry McKenzie deputised for our worthy President who was away from Melbourne (Bernie was giving the address at a R.S.L. service at Leongatha) and after holding our usual Anzac service, Major Love said his few very well spoken words, and we then retired for the eating and drinking.

Ken Monk was with us again, he never misses which is what we like so much about his keenness, and he was saying he met Mick Wellings up in Gippsland working on one of the many Housing Commission projects there.

It was nice to see a few new faces again which is what we really like, even if the chaps only appear once a year it really helps to hold the Association together.

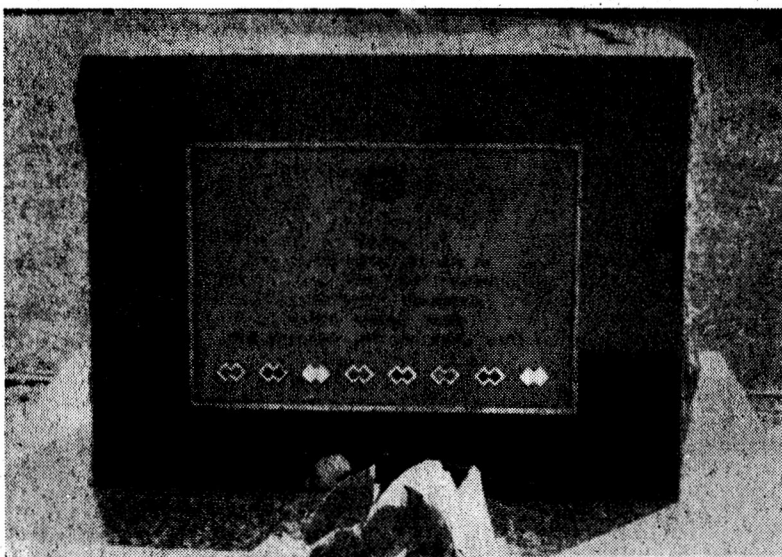
Jack Fox turned up looking very fit. He is now attached to the 3rd Div. Headquarters.

Alan Dowers of 2/4 Unit was a visitor. We read a lot of Alan's articles in the 'Herald' on which paper he is the crime reporter.

We were all in good form by the time we had to leave, and I would say that it was once again a most enjoyable night.



Photo of Shrine in Melbourne on Anzac night with guard in foreground



Plaque erected to the honour of fallen members of Australian Commando Units by Australian Commando Association. Situated near Shrine. This is the first plaque to be erected in this area to honour the fallen of any individual section of the Australian Forces.