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Editorial

Empire and Commonwealth Games Re-Union

You would be a remarkably naive reader if you did not think that your Editor has not been trying to awaken Australia-wide interest in the Empire Games Re-union.

As this event is now a bare 12 months away the pressure will naturally become greater to try and trap your interest.

This major sporting event provides a unique opportunity for our spread membership to get together and see the great athletes of the Commonwealth compete and at the same time relive for a brief period the marvelous friendships engendered by a service together as a Unit. The word unique is used advisedly as in the normal allotted span of our lives it is most unlikely that a sporting event such as the Olympic or Empire Games will be staged in our Continent. With all the various nations willing and eager to stage the Olympic Games it will probably be at least 60 years before Australia can hope to be the host country again. As far as the

Empire Games goes this also applies but a more significant factor is will there be a Commonwealth in another 20 years? This is everyone's golden opportunity to provide the excuse to get together with their mates.

Interstate and country members can be assured that Perth as the host city and your Association in this State will leave no stone unturned to give you the welcome you will so richly deserve. The West Australian Branch has appointed the main officials to organise the Re-union and these together with the whole Committee are eagerly at work to make certain that persons coming to Perth either from interstate or the country have the time of their lives.

A most adequate programme of entertainment has been drawn up and this, although adequate in itself, has been so designed to interfere as little as possible with the main object, that being the Games themselves.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

at Place: South Perth Zoo, Sunday, Dec. 12, 1961, Time: 2.30
Give the wife and kids a great day out in wonderful surroundings. A plate of refreshments please, you good women folk

The main burden will of course fall upon the Perth metropolitan members in the provision of accommodation and this will not be misplaced as it is felt that no-one will pass up the opportunity of making their old mates welcome.

All are requested to co-operate to their utmost with the organisers who will have a very full handfull in the ensuing 12 months. Your attention is drawn to a notice appearing elsewhere in this issue asking country and interstate members

to advise of their needs and intentions and it is hoped you will give this matter your immediate attention. The further ahead the planning and organisation can get at this stage will make for more leisure for the organisers at a later stage.

This can be made into something that will be remembered to the longest day we live and all that is required is a bit of effort on you, the readers, part to make the effort bear glorious fruit.

West Australian Whisperings

Association Activities

NOVEMBER MEETING

A most enjoyable evening was spent at Anzac Club on Nov. 7, when John Burrridge gave an informal account of his recent business trip to the near and far East and also to Europe. Johnny is a most articulate speaker and held the assembly in rapt attention for about two hours while he took us on a verbal tour of Singapore, Malaya, Kuwait, Beirut, Rome, London, Scandinavia, Japan, and back again to Australia via Singapore. I'm sure that his first hand observations of such places very much in the news at the moment as Singapore and Malaya, Kuwait with its oil riches, Rome and London with his comments on the European Common Market, Scandinavia with especial reference to Finland, was most educational and assisted all to understand some of the complex political and trade implications which are occurring at the present time. We are most indebted to Johnny for coming along, enjoying the evening himself and at the same time giving us so much enjoyment. I really do think it becomes doubly enjoyable when it is possible for one of our own members to be our guest speaker. Nobody has any inhibitions and questions are fired right left and centre. One of our best evenings for ages.

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WORKING BEE KINGS PARK

About a dozen of the gang turned up at Lovekin Drive, Kings Park on Sunday, Nov. 19, and got stuck into the area like a mob of beavers and cleaned it up in no uncertain manner. With three motor mowers the area was soon mown and leaves and debris from the trees removed from the grass then the whole section was fertilised. Arthur Smith meanwhile got all the sprinklers working like a charm and when finished the area looked excellent.

This is a crucial year for us with the grass as adequate watering and mowing is an essential. Anyone who can assist with watering of the area is asked to get in touch with the Secretary or Editor as soon as possible. If you can shoot up to King's Park a couple of times a week and turn on the sprinkler system for an hour you are the bloke we are looking for. Don't be shy and hang back, shoot your name in as soon as possible.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This will be held at the South Perth Zoo once again this year in as near to the same spot as possible. The date, Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2.30 p.m. All the arrangements are well in hand and a good time is assured to all who attend. A visit by the genial old chap with the whiskers is a certainty and fun and games will fill in the afternoon with the usual drinks and ice cream.

Parents are requested to bring along a plate of eats to make afternoon tea a bit more enjoyable.

Committee Comment

Since last we went to press two Committee meetings have been held one a special meeting on Oct. 31 to discuss the Empire Games Re-union and the other the normal Committee meeting held on Nov. 21.

At the first of these all the essential preliminary business regarding the Games Re-union was discussed at length and a good ground plan was formulated. The matters of urgency were considered to be the booking of suitable venues for any functions, the booking of tickets for the more important games, and the appointment of organiser and assistant organiser.

Before booking of venues could be decided upon it was necessary to decide what the functions should be held and when and where they should take place. It was finally decided that the two major functions be the Re-union Dinner and a Ladies' Night. The dates for these were decided as: Annual Re-union Friday, Nov. 23, 1962, and Ladies' Evening, Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1962. The first function will be held at Anzac Club Basement and the second at the A.N.A. Aquatic Club. Both venues have been booked. The tickets to be booked for games events were also decided upon and mainly concern a sufficient number for opening day, closing day and the swimming events.

C. D. Doig was elected organiser and Don Murray assistant organiser and both are at present stuck into the job of early organisation.

This was a most successful meeting and much business of importance was transacted.

The usual Committee meeting was held on this occasion at Bob Smyth's office in King-st., and Committeemen took the opportunity to pack and prepare for the Children's Christmas Party. Most of the business transaction had to do with organising the Children's Party and the December meeting. Some discussion took place on the necessity for providing watering for Kings Park as at present it fell rather heavily on a very few persons. Mr. Smyth and Mr. Doig undertook to look into the matter and see if some workable plan could be evolved.

The Committee is once more deeply indebted to Bob Smyth for his tremendous efforts regarding the Children's Party and other events. Ron Kirkwood has proved to be an excellent assistant to Bob and these two have put in an amazing amount of work to make this function tick.

"LEST WE FORGET"

NOVEMBER:

Kemp, Tpr. L. B., killed in action New Guinea, Nov. 12, 1943.
Thomas, Pte. J. E., killed in action Timor, Nov. 11, 1942. Age 29.
Smeaton, Pte. A., killed in action Timor, Nov. 11, 1942. Age 24.
Ludlow, Cpl. S., killed on service W.A., Nov. 18, 1945. Age 28.

EMPIRE GAMES RE-UNION

FOR INTERSTATE MEMBERS

If it is your INTENTION at the present to visit Perth for the Games Re-union from Nov. 22 to Dec. 1, 1962, send your particulars as under to Box T 1646 G.P.O. Perth, as soon as possible:—

1. Name and address.
2. Number in your family group that will be coming.
3. Will you require accommodation?
4. Main sporting interest (athletics, boxing, etc.).
5. Method of travel (rail, road, air)
6. Approximate length of time you would like to stay.
7. What troop did you belong to in the Unit (Sigs., Engs., A, B, C, etc.).

FOR COUNTRY MEMBERS IN W.A.

If you intend to be in Perth for Games period and will require accommodation please advise Organiser, Box T 1646 G.P.O. Perth, as soon as possible.

To enable a sufficient number of tickets to be obtained for the Opening Ceremony Day ALL COUNTRY and CITY members are asked to advise if they intend to be present.

Personalities

Sorry to hear that Ning McCaig has had quite a stretch in Hollywood. We hope that by the time this gets into print he will be on the mend and able to get home again once more.

Others in Hollywood at present are "Woock" Crossing and "Ajax" Harrison and we wish both of these a speedy recovery. Speaking to "Ajax" the other night he seemed as bright as a button and expected to be out in a few days. He is at present employed by the T.A.B. at Cottesloe.

A little bird told me that the proud driver of a vehicle in that huge metropolis Melbourne with number GGL 001 is none other than Geoff Laidlaw currently managing Ampol in that State. If my information be correct I see a little more than the hand of coincidence at work.

Bob Smyth looking extra well after a lengthy trip through the north selling any form of goods that his clients want to buy. Bob sees "Buck" Peters on most of his trips through the north and reports "Buck" to be driving a grader for the Main Roads Board.

Rumour has it that "Dusty" Studdy has returned from his sojourn in the north but can't confirm as haven't sighted the body yet.

Had lunch one day with Don Turton and he reported himself more than happy with the outcome of the Field Day. Has been busy assisting with the running of the Golf Ball

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at Wandering which was a great success.

Sight my old mate Alf Walsh very frequently and he looks fit and well. About the only place we don't see Alf is at meetings. What about it, Alf?

An informant tells me Joe Poynton and his wife had recently been on a trip to Esperance. My mate said that he saw a bloke with his head under the bonnet of a car looking at a radiator and on inspection it proved to be the one and only Joe. Hope you got home all right Joe.

Haven't laid an eye on Ray Parry for so long that I'd have to greet him with a "How do, stranger," if I did see him. What about coming out of hibernation Ray and saying a cheerio to the gang over a grog at a meeting or so?

It was with considerable regret that owing to lack of response by metropolitan members that the Country Convention scheduled for Geraldton on Queens Birthday weekend had to be cancelled. I would be most remiss if I did not publish a note of thanks to Peter Barden and Jack Denman for the work they put in arranging for this convention which went for nought. Thanks very much Peter and Jack and I give my personal assurance that the next time we have a convention it will be at Geraldton and it will succeed.

If you are thinking of buying a Mini Morris Gerry Maley is your man as Maley's Ampol Service Station of Morley Park have received a franchise for this vehicle.

This unfortunately, has been a "flat" month as far as personalities go so you will have to be satisfied with this short list this time and my fervent hopes for something better next edition.

LOST

Addresses of members who are at present on the "Missing Believed Departed from Previous Address" are required for the names as listed below. Surely their whereabouts are known to some member or other who is asked to write in and advise.

The West Australian Branch is at present assembling material to print an address book containing

Heard This?

A coloured church was organising a Society of Virgins. One applicant came up carrying a baby in her arms.

"But, Sister," queried the secretary, "how come yo' figger yo' is able to join this here society?"

"Well," replied the woman, "I was only foolin' when this happened and I 'lowed as how I could get in as one of dese Foolish Virgins."

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The McCoy had just married the Martin of the Hill Country and off they went to a cabin in the mountains for a honeymoon. He had only been gone one day when he suddenly stormed into his pappy's cabin.

His pappy said: "Where's your woman, son?"

McCoy countered: "I done shot her."

"What fer?" asked the old man.

"She was a virgin, paw."

"Ya done right, son. If she weren't good enough for her own fold she ain't good enough for usen."

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PRIVATE WARD

"Tell me, Tom," asked the visitor in the luxurious private hospital room, "since you can afford all this plus the services of a full time private nurse, why did you pick such an ugly old bat to look after you?"

"Well," Tom answered, "when she begins to look good to me I know I'm getting well!"

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NOT GREEDY

An insurance agent was trying to interest an Indian woman in an endowment policy with which to supplement her social security when she retired, and told her that she would get 50 bucks a month when she was 65.

"Listen, mister," she replied, "when I get to be that old, one buck a month will be more than enough for me."

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CONFUSCIUS SAY:

Man like auto. Perform better for girl who give right kind of oil.

the names and addresses of all persons at present known to have served with the Unit. Before proceeding with the task it is hoped to get the address list as up to date as possible.

This address book will be distributed to all persons whose name and address is known at the time of publication. Members will no doubt agree that this book should be an excellent medium to keep in touch with one another. If you can assist with any of the undermentioned members' addresses you will earn the undieing thanks of those trying to collate this address book.

It is hoped to publish the book early in the new year so please write in quickly if you can assist.

South Australia:

BACHE, H. E.
WOODHEAD, L. J. (Lionel).

New South Wales:

BAGNALL, K. (Sketta).
DIXON, D. (Douglas).
HANSON, J. (Jackie).
HARRISON, P. J. (Kiwi).
HOGG, D. (Dave).
JONES, A. F.
MAHER, C.
MARTIN, R. D.
MORRISEY, J. W. (Joe).
PRESS, F. A. (Frank).
PRIOR, J. (Jack).
SIPPLE, J. (Jack).
THORPE, F. J. (Slim).
WATERS, K. (Keith).
WEIR, B. J.
WILCOX, E. C. (Wally).
WILSON, K. G. (Keith).
TIERNEY, T. (Tom).
O'BRIEN, T. L. (Tom).
LAFFY, Capt. J.
ANDERSON, W. S. (Bunny).

West Australia:

COUPLAND, A. (Alf).
McLAUGHLIN, J. R.
BRADY, N.
COOPER, W. G.
DODGE, C.

Queensland:

CUBIS, C. F. (Col).

Last State Unknown:

BARNES, J. E.
BURNS, J. L.
BURTON, R. A. (Dick).
PERKINS, A. L.
SNOWDEN, T. (Tom).

Random Harvest

ROCKY WILLIAMS, of Box 16, Rose Bay, N.S.W., writes:—

As Christmas and the Association Children's Party are fast approaching I would like to submit my children's names for the party. As I am in Sydney and may not be able to make the show my wife will be taking them. Their address is still 21 Simpson St., Applecross. I would be grateful if you could let my wife know the date, etc., of the party. Enclosed is £2 to cover any costs, as they have been such great successes in the past, I would hate the kids to miss out and so would they!

I have now been in Sydney for the past eight months and have enjoyed the stay but you can't beat the West and I will be pleased to get back around Christmas.

Wishing you and the Association all the best for Christmas.

B. J. "Peter" BARDEN, of Box 310, Geraldton, writes:—

As mentioned in my reply to Jack Carey, we were all so sorry that the Geraldton Convention had to be postponed. A few days before receiving Jack's letter, I wrote to you to see how many would be coming from Perth, as Jack Denman and myself had met and discussed the accommodation side of the convention, as well as other aspects. In addition, I had personally made quite a number of our members in this area aware of the convention, and they were all looking forward to seeing the boys from "down under".

Jack Denman has now told the two hotel and motel with whom he had made tentative inquiries, that we will not be needing any accommodation as the convention has been cancelled.

Irish Hopkins phoned me from Morawa the day after I got Jack's letter, and was indeed disappointed to hear the news as he was looking forward to meeting all the boys.

Eric Smyth recently returned from a trip to Canberra during which he forcibly submitted Geraldton's case for inclusion in Income Tax Zone "B" with the Federal Treasurer, Mr. Holt, and the

Taxation Commissioner. A number of Geraldton organisations paid for Eric's trip, and he reckons we have got a good chance of success. It would mean a saving of about £20,000 to £40,000 a year as a result of the taxation deductions which would result from such a change.

Harry Botterill met Eric in Melbourne and they had lunch and a few grogs together. Harry, of Signals fame, is reported to be well and as fit as a fiddle. Ex-signaller George Kennedy and Jim Wall also joined in the happy little re-union at Melbourne. Eric also saw Bert Tobin, who is secretary of two radio and T.V. stations run by the "Argus" newspaper company in Melbourne. Bert is also fit and well and he and Harry Botterill have booked their train passages for the Commonwealth Games Convention in Perth in November of next year. Fortunately they were able to take over two cancellations. Eric Smyth was the guest of Ralph Baldwin at Geelong.

Sorry to report that Jack Denman has been a bit off colour of late. Jack has been having a busy time with raffles and what-not in his capacity as President of the High School P. & C. and following all this running around he found himself in bed for several days with the old complaint, rheumatic fever.

Eric Weller is again building houses in Geraldton and intends making his home here. I ran into Eric and his wife the other day, and they and their family are all well. The next time I struck Eric was on Sunday of last week when I was next to him in the processoin in honour of Christ the King, which drew a record crowd of about 3,000 to the grounds of Geraldton's famous Cathedral, St. Francis Xavier's.

I ran into Brush Fagg, of Northampton, in Geraldton recently and while he was enjoying fair health, Mrs. Fagg was not too good. Brush is now driving a school bus at Northampton.

My elder son Ross (he will be 19 in January), who is an apprentice plumber with the Geraldton

Building Co. Pty. Ltd. (which employs about 250 men) is spending six months (that's the minimum) at Koolan Island, near Cockatoo Island, north of Derby, where they are erecting 54 homes and 10 16-man billets for Broken Hill Pty. Ltd., at a cost of £400,000 (it's not much if you say it quick). This job is part of a £6-million undertaking to develop the iron ore deposits on Koolan Island. Having won two football trophies in the recently concluded season at Geraldton, and also a best and fairest basketball trophy, Ross is playing basketball at Koolan Island and his team has just won the premiership in a competition between teams from Koolan and Cockatoo Island.

I'll be having my holidays in January-February, so I hope my visit coincides with one of your meetings. In any case, I will look you up in the hope that we can have a couple of quickies together.

Regards to all.

RON TRENGROVE, of 46 Hillcrest Ave., Mona Vale, N.S.W., writes:

When one doesn't see anyone it is rather hard to write something that would interest anyone, however as I have met recently Jim English and have seen and spoken a few words to Bill Coker I guess I should be able to make up something.

First things first. I have been sending on John Rose's copy of the "Courier" and as they haven't come back I guess that man is getting them as I address them to Hillston, N.S.W. No doubt he is well known if for no other reason than that he was reared there, and if he cuts his lawn like he did when he was at Harbord he would be known as the man with the longest grass in (I did say grass) the west. So any mail, however sketchily addressed, would find him.

I am very sorry to hear Max Davies has been so ill and guess that one of the things he will have to stay away from is beer, as I believe that the old kidneys won't stand abuse after one has been afflicted with hepatitis.

My apologies to Harry Botterill for not sending cup tickets back but I never saw them until after the cup. It's not worth telling why, but sufficient to say with me

out of sight out of mind, even had I seen them in the first place.

It is a bit late but I would like to offer my sympathy to Bill Coker on his recent loss and if my information is correct it was most unexpected as his mother was in good health.

We, that is the Trengroves, would very much like to see you all next year but short of winning a substantial prize in a lottery we will be among the missing.

Talking to Jim English the other day he advised me not to move away from the pole I was leaning against as one or both of us might fall down, but after informing him that I was actually working he was most apologetic as you all can imagine. Unfortunately his news about his daughter is no better than when I last spoke and told you about her.

I guess television is probably one of the worst enemies to associations like ours who are rather thinly spread over a large area and have not the benefit of a clubhouse or use of permanent meeting house with facilities to draw one out and away from a comfortable chair, etc., so I guess one must be thankful for the die-hards that do turn up when something is arranged. But how disheartening for those who hope and arrange in anticipation that this time they will turn up. Even as I write these few lines I am trying to watch and listen to the story of Ernest Hemingway.

Well I guess as I am not doing either of the latter things successfully I will close wishing everyone who reads this "Courier" a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year and may Miss English have your prayers answered.

"DUSTY" STUDY, of Freezing Works, Broome, writes:—

Just a few lines. I have decided to buy all the tickets myself as it is in the air whether I will see the season out. Over the last three weeks eight jokers have left this dump. Today we decided not to go to work unless the tucker improves which it did at lunch time. For Sunday night's tea and this morning's breakfast there was no butter on the table. Some of the meat you get you would need a pair of tiger's fangs to chew it. About six

weeks ago we had a strike for the same reason. Well that night whilst some of the boys were cooking some tucker who should appear but buff-head himself. He is the owner of this outfit. Believe it or not he pulled out a .45 and with the butt he then smashed the plates, saying: "You are not going to eat on my plates." He must have thought he was acting in the Three Bears.

Another night two of the fellows came home about 11, full. They then had a race to see who could climb onto the roof first. One was not satisfied with that he then got a stick, running from one end of the hut to the other scraping the roof after him. After a few laps he must have missed his footing as head over he went and out went the bloody lights.

This place up here should be renamed the wild bloody west. Last Thursday I had to get my clearance from the doctor as I had dropped a 60 lb. carton of meat on my big toe. Yours truly did not go back to work. I then went to the pub. About 4 o'clock who should walk in but the toughest bitch I've seen. She was flat chested, wore a ten gallon hat, a coloured handkerchief, narrow green trousers, elastic side boots with high heels and even rolled her own cigarettes. About eight o'clock after drinking a fair amount of grog she turned her glass upside down. Just then who should walk in but a copper. She called him everything. I think he had a bit of the tom tits as he rang for the other two coppers and after a struggle they finished by carting her off in a taxi.

Well, give my regards to the boys on Saturday night. Hope you can understand my writing as I'm bloody hopeless at it. Cheerio.

(Since writing this "Dusty" has returned to the metropolis.—Ed.)

Adultery is a triangle made up of one bed and two fools.

Write to Your Editor:

Col. Doig,
Box T1646,

Address All Your Correspondence:
Box T1646, G.P.O. Perth

RUSS SYMONDS, of 43 Legget St., Windsor, Queensland, writes:—

Firstly please find enclosed sweep butts and cheque to cover same plus some of the back fees I must owe.

I can assure you the amount of work you good folk in the West put into the "Courier" is really appreciated by the isolated few in this State. After digesting my copy this last 18 months I have been posting it on to "Beaky" Smith. This poor bugger along with "Harry the Hawk" Hancock, are sitting on their behinds on 11 acres of rock 16 miles of Coffs Harbour supposedly looking after a lighthouse but the buggers spend most of their time fishing.

Had quite an evening here 'about 12 months ago Sailor Ward, Kel Carthew, Eric Davies, Bob Smith (on holidays at the time) and myself. To be honest haven't sighted Sailor or Eric since then but both were 100 per cent then. See Kel Carthew ever so often. Hasn't altered a day.

Was fortunate enough last trip to Melbourne to meet a number of the lads down there. Thanks due to Jock Campbell and Bert Tobin.

Noticed in June issue where Mal Herbert is coming to Queensland in August with the W.A. Rifle Team. I would appreciate it if you would forward enclosed on to him. May be able to put a couple in the fridge for him but as I'm travelling for a drug company must know when he will be here so I can make the effort to be in Brisbane. My travelling takes me from Tweed Heads on the N.S.W.-Queensland border to Thursday Island including Western Queensland, virtually still living out of the old kit bag.

Kind regards to all the boys in the West.

R. C. FIELD, of "Manderley," 206 Hudson Parade, Taylors Point, N.S.W., writes:—

Greetings and salutations, old friend. It has been a long, long time no see—or any other old Unit friend with the exception of Ray Cole, who at last has been rescued from bachelorhood and is now the proud father of a bonny bouncing boy.

I must thank you for forwarding copies of the "Courier" so regular-

ly. It is always of interest to learn of the doings of old friends and associates.

I had hoped to visit Perth later this year, but time, that elusive Pimpernel, is running out and next month will find me off on my annual trip to the East. Please convey my special regards to all members of 9 Section, particularly my old friend Arch Campbell. Incidentally, my new representative for W.A.—Jack Watson—tells me he went to school with Arch.

Cheque to the amount of £1, with butts for the Kalgoorlie Sweep are enclosed. By the way, I have moved from Wahroonga on the North Shore line to Taylors Point—situated on Pittwater, behind Avalon. This is a most delightful spot, with a beautiful view of Pittwater. Having a waterfrontage, I have secured a small boat and have my own slips. I find this new interest occupies most pleasantly all my spare moments. I have gone so far as to join the Volunteer Coastal Patrol, and now I find myself endeavouring to cope with the intricacies of navigation, logarithms, etc., principles of which have long since passed from my mind.

My boys are growing up, too. Robert, now 13, and David, 11, and although time seems to be passing very quickly I personally feel no different than I did 20 years ago, and occasionally get out and kick the footie with the boys, which brings back pleasant memories of old times and that physical-fitness enthusiast Arch Campbell again.

At the moment, however, I am dictating this to my good wife from a prostrate position in bed, with a head like a melon. I had the good fortune to be successful in winning the Sports Goods and Toy Retailers' Gold Shield yesterday and the 19th appears to have been a little too much. So, old friend, I must close this as I require a new ice pack.

Wishing you and all my friends in the West all the very best.

COLIN CRIDDLE, of 124 Nanson Street, Wembley, writes:—

Please find enclosed sweep butts and postal note to the value of £2/10/-, the extra 10/- being for subs.

No activities to report except for

Len Read who came into the depot last Friday in the regular army as a Staff Sergeant. Reports he's enjoying life immensely and wouldn't be a civilian for quids.

Regarding the annual re-union on Saturday, 19th, I would like to tender my apologies for not attending, the reason being it's the wife's birthday and there's a party organised for the occasion.

I sincerely hope in the next few years the date may be altered, or even next year for the Empire Games. It would be a nice wind-up for the Eastern Staters to have the dinner after the games.

Trusting these few lines find you in good health, and best regards to all the gang.

A Later Letter from Colin reads:—

Received cheque for £10 on second placing in Kalgoorlie Cup. Quite a surprise and I can assure you, very much appreciated.

My apologies once again for not being in attendance at the Annual Re-union for it always coincides with the wife's birthday, being the 20th August, and the right thing has to be done in the way of an evening at home.

I would like to make a suggestion at this juncture, not to cover my own excuse but how would the last day of the Show Week fall into line for our Annual Re-union, say Friday night. Having most of the country chaps in town may have reason for a larger attendance.

With Show week coming up, and my good fortune of running into some of the boys, I will most certainly chew it over with them.

Well, I'd better away and buckle down to do some work for the company.

BILL BENNETT, 18 Southcreek Rd.

Deewhy, N.S.W., writes:—

Thank you very much for the £25. Looks as though I am having a bit of a lucky run.

Please forgive me for taking so long to acknowledge receipt, but have been through a trying period over the last few weeks. As I mentioned in last writing, my mother was very ill, and unfortunately she passed away recently, and with the sorrow of the loss and all subsequent arrangements, etc., I have not had much time or inclination for other matters.