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## *Editorial*

### **AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCE**

The time has arrived when our Association should take another objective look at the problems besetting Australia in regard to defence. It is roughly 12 months since the subject was previously raised in these columns and nothing has happened in the meantime to allay the grave doubts raised at that time. The broad problem is no different today than it was four years ago and that is insufficient preparedness to meet a sudden danger. The Army is still largely in the architectural position with bundles of planning of a type and very little action. The Navy still is the most feeble of striking forces and the least said about the Air Force the better.

It seems we have a Government determined to cling onto office by any popular means in its power and an opposition determined to get onto the Treasury benches by the same means. Budgets are flagrantly vote catching and have no realistic view toward the ever growing problem of defence. Nobody seems to be game to grasp the nettle and tell the nation what is good for it. The recent State R.S.L. Congress in W.A. was a good case in point.

The Government thought sufficiently of the vociferous attitude of the R.S.L. to send the Chief of General Staff to tell the meeting in **secret**, certain facts. While it is admitted that the R.S.L. is an intelligent body of opinion capable of coherent thought on the subject its members generally are in the "too old" class as far as genuine defence is concerned. The fact that the Government saw fit to send one of its senior defence executives to a State Congress (not a Federal Congress) to get over its story, shows that it is worried by the vocalising of this body of opinion.

The touchiness of our neighbours the Indonesians on any and every subject should be a warning to everybody. The way their spokesmen jumped into the breach at the mere suggestion of our Prime Minister that Malaysia was a subject for the persons concerned shows how "trigger happy" they are.

Recent pressures on Portuguese Timor are other examples of their outward thinking.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Indonesians will not be satisfied until they dominate the whole of the islands to our near

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north. At the moment their strategy is based on the weakness of their internal economy and to keep their people's minds off matters at home they keep up intense pressure abroad. This is the well-known tactic of one well known to us in World War II—Hitler. The fact remains that irrespective of the reason for their tactics the threat is still there and we must prepare to meet it.

Just where do we stand with our partners in ANZUS and SEATO? Malaya has as much on her plate as she can digest in the next ten years New Zealand is unfortunately similarly placed to ourselves. India's problems will take a century to solve. Britain is riven with all sorts of trouble, both internal and external, and after all can't be expected to rush to our aid. That leaves us primarily with U.S.A., undoubtedly strong and mighty and probably better prepared for eventuality now than at any time in history. But do we in this island continent, thousands of miles away and a population of only 10 million, really mean anything in the true thinking and planning of America? Should we get into trouble during a Presidential election year the inward thinking of U.S.A. would leave us in a helpless position and we probably would be overrun before the thinking turned to our direction.

## West Australian Whisperings

### Association Activities

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting was held at Anzac House Basement on Tuesday, July 2, in the presence of a disappointingly small attendance of 22 despite the continued efforts of the Committee to try and rouse interest.

Reports were received from the President, Treasurer, Editor and Games Organiser. These reports will be presented elsewhere in this issue. Sufficient to say that they were received with acclamation and everybody present was agreeably surprised to realise that despite the fact that we incurred big expense

In the analysis of it all it boils down to the fact that we are on our own two big flat feet and we must accept the major portion of our own defence. American aid will flow much more freely and surely to a nation that shows itself capable and willing to get stuck into the problem and not come crying and snivelling for assistance immediately an emergency occurs.

We must do a lot more about our national defence than we have done in the past ten years. There is an undoubted case for some form of National Service Training, Civil Defence Organisation for home defence needs and our regular forces must be rapidly built up to proportions which are commensurate with the urgent need. The money must be found and the fact that a budget brought down last August for a deficit of £116,000,000 turned into a surplus of £16,000,000 at the end of the financial year, shows the strength of the untapped resources available if the Government be strong enough to have a go.

We as an Association, must at some time take a stand on this vital question and there is no time like the present.

What is your opinion?

—C. Doig, Hon. Editor.

in running the Games Re-Union we still managed a small surplus for the year.

On this occasion your retiring President, Bob ("Spriggy") McDonald, was, on the recommendation of the Committee, voted a Life Membership of the Association in recognition of his efforts as an Executive of the Association over a long period and especially as President during the Games Re-union year.

A motion of appreciation of the efforts of the Treasurer was also recorded in the minutes.

The election of Officers for the ensuing year saw the following elected, the retiring President intimating a desire not to stand for that office this year: President: Mr. Ar-

thur Smith; Vice President: Mr. Smythe; Secretary: Mr. Jack Cary; Treasurer, Mr. Dick Geere; Editor, Mr. Col Doig; Auditor, Mr. John Burrige; Committee, Messrs. R. McDonald, C. Varian, W. Epps, G. Maley, J. Penglase, J. Hasson, C. Hodson.

Country Vice Presidents: Northern, P. Barden; Midlands, J. Fowler. Goldfields, P. Campbell; Great Southern, D. Turton; South West, W. H. Rowan-Robinson.

It was good to see new blood on the Committee in the persons of Jack Hasson, Jack Penglase and Col Hodson.

The meeting apparently was sufficiently happy with the Executives handling of business in the past to confine general business to a few minor matters.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To Members:

The successful year of 1962-63 brings to a close another eventful period for your Association and it is with pleasure that I submit my report.

The year started off with a very shaky start, but with the help of our Treasurer, Dick Geere, and helpers, things were soon sorted out and our bank account ended up in fine shape as you will see in the Financial Statement.

To my way of thinking this has been the year that we, the Committee, have waited and worked for. Here are just a few of the activities of the Association.

The monthly meetings were held as usual and they were attended by a greater number over the 12 months.

Activities through the year which were held were such nights as Sports Evening, Rifle Shoot, Bowls, Guest Speaker and Film Night, also to add to the attraction we had the one and only "Curly" O'Neil and his wife. Bernie Callinan was another to attend.

#### Games Re-Union:

This was ten days of packed action and to start with there was the billeting of our Eastern States' visitors, but this had been thought out four years back when W.A. was given the Empire Games, and I take this opportunity to thank all those people who took them into their homes and made their stay so welcome.

The Annual Dinner was held and attendance was 100 per cent, the greatest ever, and they all enjoyed it to the utmost. Then came the rest of the hectic week. The welcoming party at Col Doig's, the Barbecue organised by "Dutchy" Holland and his South of the River band. I say thanks again to them.

Then came the night of nights—the Commando Cabaret—and what an evening! Here again I must pause and thank yet another of the Committee for the great work that he did, Bob Smyth. Also the sub-committee that helped and worked so hard to make a success of the night.

For me it was a never ending ten days but things must come to an end. This came with the last of the activities which was a trip to Don Turton's farm. A very enjoyable day, but to me a sad one too, for it was here that I had to say farewell to most of our Eastern States' visitors who I had got to know again after 20 odd years. I cannot stop here as I must say thanks to Col Doig for the way that he organised a lot of the Games Re-union. Also thanks to the Committee that helped.

#### Commemoration Service:

This service was held in Kings Park and the roll up was very good about 70 people turning up. Ray Aitken kindly consented to handle the service and his delivery was a credit to him. This service should be attended by many more of our members in the future.

#### Anzac Day:

This was attended by far less a number than on other years, but all in all it was a successful day.

#### Working Bees Kings Park:

These have been held through the year and quite a lot of work has been done. The placing of two rustic boards, one at each end of our area, has brought comment from many people and for this I must give credit to Bob Smyth as he has had a lone hand here. There are many more names that I should mention but the list would be too long so to all those who helped me work and run the activities of the Association, I thank you.

This is my third year as President and it is my intention to step down and to let someone else have the honour to serve the Association. I take this opportunity to

thank the Committee who were a great help to me, and I gained great experience from the office and at all times have done my best to further the Association's cause.

Finally I would like to personally thank the members for their support over my three years as President. —R. H. McDONALD.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The overall position for the year ended 31st May, 1963, showed an increase in funds of £41 compared with a decrease of £52 for the previous year—mainly caused by more Donations £30, Subscriptions £25, less expenses Courier £97, Christmas Tree £92, against increased expenses for Cabaret (Ladies' Night) £42, Turton's Day £18, Re-Union Dinner £27, Games Entertainment £14, loss on sale of Commonwealth Bonds £13.

In order to finance purchase of Games Tickets, it was necessary to sell Commonwealth Bonds of face value £350, which resulted in a loss of £12/18/2. However this was offset by interest earned. Since then £300 has been re-invested in Commonwealth Special Bonds.

I wish to record my thanks to the members of the Association for their financial support by way of subs., donations, sale of sweep tickets, etc., and attendance at the various functions held, as it is really to their credit that the financial position of the Association is as sound as it is. —D. GEERE.

### EDITORIAL REPORT

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

It is once again my pleasure to report on the activities of your journal, the "2/2nd Commando Courier" for the year just past.

This report can once again report progress and the journal continues to thrive. Contributions were much the same as in previous years, namely a glut during the currency of the sweep and then practically nothing for the rest of the year. Letters from members in the Eastern States were probably greater than in previous years and were much appreciated.

For the year just completed 10 "Couriers" were issued, the months omitted being December and March Total cost approx. £150. Bulk postage is in the vicinity of 10/-

to 12/- per issue. It must be admitted that the Association is receiving excellent value for money in this publication. Enquiries regarding costs of similar papers published by other Units indicate that they pay at least four times the above amount for a similar journal.

The mailing list is practically the same as in previous years, namely the following approximate figures: W.A. 190, S.A. 10, N.S.W. 130, Victoria 120, Tasmania 10, A.C.T. 2, Overseas 3.

During the year the opportunity was taken to bring the Address List as up-to-date as possible and we can now be quite happy with this aspect.

Unfortunately the feature "Historically Yours!" has not exactly blossomed during the past year and if further assistance is not forthcoming it appears that this feature which started so well will die for want of nourishment.

During the year the Association was able to produce an Address Book containing all the known addresses of members on our mailing list. This was largely due to the wonderful efforts of Bill Epps who collated all the material and produced an excellent book. This book was despatched as a supplement to the "Courier" and the saving in postage was considerable.

My thanks once again to Bill Epps for a magnificent job in printing and despatching the "Courier". Without this excellent co-operation I am afraid my Editorial duties would be impossible.

Thanks to my regular correspondents Harry Botterill in Victoria, and Peter Barden in the Geraldton area. The standard of contributions has been excellent throughout the year and has been quite a feature of the paper.

To all others who have contributed material I would also like to extend my thanks and hope for continued assistance to the Editor in years to come.

To our publishers, "The Swan Express", of Midland, I would like to say a sincere thank you for a job well done and a paper well produced. The way in which the various dead-lines have been met has saved me a considerable amount of worry and we can be thankful to have such an excellent firm doing our publishing.

My efforts over the past year have been minimised to some extent by my dual capacity as Organiser of the Games Re-Union and Editor. After the Games the natural reaction set in and "Couriers" were difficult to produce and occurred largely by perspiration rather than inspiration. Should you see fit to re-elect me to the Editorial position I will endeavour to carry out the duties to the best of my ability.

Mr. President, I wish the "Courier" all success in the years to come. —C. D. DOIG.

### SWEEP

Members are requested to make every endeavour to return butts and cash to the Organiser at Box T1646, G.P.O. Perth, as soon as possible and so avoid costly and tedious follow up action just prior to drawing of the Sweep. Although the finances are in fair shape it is the success of the Sweep which ensures that we will not go backwards in each year. Please do your best to help the Organiser by early return of books.

### KINGS PARK KERBING FUND

Attention is once again drawn to this fund which has been opened to try and have our area in Kings Park properly set off with a decent kerbing. A small donation from most members will make an absolute certainty that this wonderful area fittingly fulfills the purpose of memorial to our war dead.

### AUGUST MEETING

This will take place at Anzac House Basement on Tuesday 6th and will take the form of a Rifle Shoot. These evenings have always been extremely popular in the past and this should be no exception so be in it and have some great fun.

### ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER

This is always one of the great events of the calendar. Remember the wonderful dinner last year? There is absolutely no reason why we shouldn't do as well this year.

The date: Saturday, August 17, at the same venue, Anzac House Basement. Catering arrangements this year in the hands of our old

friend Jan Wicki and he has promised us something special.

Country folk, do your best to make up a car load and come down and city boys there appears no valid reason why you shouldn't put in an appearance and enjoy a great night with your mates. This is a must and even if we never see you for the rest of the year you should take advantage of this yearly opportunity to meet your friends.

### COMMEMORATION SERVICE

This will be held at our area in Kings Park on Sunday, August 18, and warrants your every endeavour to be present. The service will be in the capable hands of your President, Arthur Smith, and will commence at 3.30 p.m.

### COMMANDO CABARET

Keep this function well in mind. It will be held as last year in conjunction with 2/5th Cdo. Association at Cottesloe Surf Pavilion on Tuesday, October 1. This is the Tuesday preceding People's Day at the Royal Show and therefore it is most possible that quite a number of country folk will be in the city. What a beauty this function was last year. We could even improve on it this year so book up your parties early and enjoy the wonderful night we will put on.

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## Committee Comment

The first meeting of the newly elected Committee took place at ALZAC HOUSE on Tuesday, July 16. The President took the opportunity of welcoming the Committee and especially the new members, Jack Hasson, Jack Penglase and Col Hodson.

The major business of the evening was the arrangements for the Annual Dinner and the Commemoration Service.

Mr. Doig reported that he had arranged with Jan Wicki to handle the catering at the same figure as last year, namely 12/6 a head. He was sure that this arrangement would prove to be excellent as Mr. Wicki was anxious to do a good job.

The Secretary reported that other arrangements were O.K. and that there seemed no reason for doubt regarding the success. It was resolved that this year guests be confined to those we were boundedly responsible to ask.

Mr. Smith advised that arrangements for the Commemoration Service were in hand. Mr. Smyth offered to arrange for suitable flag poles. It was resolved that Mr. Smyth obtain quotes for the purchase of an Australian Flag and a Union Jack as these had always proved to be difficult to obtain for our various functions.

It was resolved that a Convention be held at Geraldton on the long weekend in November. It was decided that it was better for a small contingent from the city who were certain to go was better than trying to arrange for a big number who dropped out at the last minute. Five members present intimated that they were as good as certainties to go and these included Col Doig, Jack Carey, Jack Hasson, Bob McDonald and Jack Penglase and President intimated that it depended on certain circumstances but that he would make every endeavour to go.

A letter was received from Mr. Bruce McLaren, President of the Victorian Branch, intimating that he was taking up the matter of Battle Honours for the Unit with the appropriate authorities and would further advise when something concrete came out of it all.

Mr. Smyth raised the matter of the kerbing at Kings Park and it was resolved that this be further reviewed after the sweep had been concluded and we were in a better position to know the state of our funds.

A sub-committee comprising R. Smyth, J. Carey, R. Geere, R. McDonald and C. Doig was formed to arrange the Commando Cabaret in liaison with the 2/5th Association. A tentative date for this first meeting was set for July 30.

A further sub-committee comprising A. Smith, C. Varian and J. Penglase and R. Smyth was formed to arrange for the Kiddies' Party at Christmas time.

It was decided that a monster working bee be arranged at Kings Park on September 22 when areas not doing so well be planted with buffalo grass.

## Heard This?

Shoulder strap usually keep attraction from becoming sensation.

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### SOLDIERS ARE MADE, NOT BORN

The sergeant was interviewing inductees at the basic training camp.

"You," he said to the first man in line, "what did you do in civilian life?"

"I was a watch maker," said the man.

"Good," answered the sergeant, "we can use a skilled man." He turned to the next in line and asked him what he did before joining the Army.

"I was a baker," was the reply.

"Good, we can use a skilled man."

The sergeant then observed the next in line, a slender, fastidious individual with marcelled hair.

"What did YOU do in civilian life?" the sergeant wanted to know

"Me? Why I was an interior decorator!"

"What good is that to the Army?" the sergeant cried. "We gotta make a soldier out of you. Tell me something: could you actually bring yourself to KILL a man?"

"Oh my yes!" simpered the willowly recruit, "but it would simply take days and days and days!"

## Personalities

It is with regret that we record an accident to Daryl, son of Alby Friend. The last news we heard was that Daryl was in a critical condition and we hope that ere this he has improved and Alby and Daphne are relieved of their anxiety.

Have to record the death of Mrs. Airey, mother of Don, who was killed with the Unit on Timor. Mrs. Airey had quite a tragic life as apart from Don being killed on service with us her other son, Bob, was killed soon after the war in an accident at Kalgoorlie and her husband dropped dead in Hay-st. during the war. The funeral was attended by Arch Campbell and Col Doig representing the Association.

It seems that every month I record something about Don and Vida Turton, probably this is because I see more of Don than most of the members. He is good enough to look me up whenever he hits town. This month we had dinner together, Vida, Don, Maxine and myself and very enjoyable too. It appears that on the Turton property at Wandering a Dryandra (wild shrub) turned up that had been lost to Botanical Science for 100 years. The variety was taken into Pingelly School by Diane Turton and the Headmaster realising that this was something special got in touch with Ray Aitken who was able to classify it as the type thought to be extinct for about 100 years. Ray was able to get some plants and seeds of the Dryandra and has handed over a couple of plants to the Director of Kings Park and has quite a few seeds some of which have gone as far afield as New Zealand. Don has had many visitors to his property as a result of the finding and tells me it is starting to interfere with his golf. Always good to be able to chronicle something of outstanding interest occurring to our members.

Saw Gordon Holmes briefly during the month but unfortunately he caught me in a busy moment and I couldn't spare the time to get all his doings but he assured me that he was going well. He and a mate have arranged a shooting expedition in the Northern Territory and he thinks he might miss the Re-Union. Hope you have a bundle

of luck with the shooting, Gordon. Jim Smalles has sold out his business at Williams and has now bought a property at Roleystone. Jim had a short session in Hollywood early in the month but has now returned home. He hopes to go to Malaya in an advisory capacity for a mining firm in the near future.

Another of our members on the move is John Burrige who has been to Singapore on a business trip. He has now returned and audited our books which he considered to be well kept.

Stan King was in town recently and spent an evening with Bill Epps. Stan requested that he be forwarded further sweep books as he has no difficulty with sales in his area. Wish there were more like you, Stan. It would make the Organizer's job a piece of pie.

Tom Nisbet has been East for a Conference of Country Sales Managers of Ampol. You will see in the Victorian Notes that he was able to meet a few of the lads in Melbourne during his trip East.

Rod Dhu is now working with Colfix a firm dealing in bitumen for road work. He is a tanker driver and says he is happy in the service.

Saw Frank Freestone for a while the other day. Despite numerous more grey hairs I thought he looked well but he told me the old health was nothing out of the bag. Reckons old father time is catching up. Well you are no orphan Frank, we are all slowly getting into that boat.

After a propitious start the idea of a photograph of a family of one of the gang seems to have fallen by the wayside. Come on boys, especially those in the Eastern States, send in the family group with a few notes about yourselves so that the rest of the gang can get an appreciation of what you are like now.

## Heard This?

### NOT FOR SALE

The well upholstered little thing walked over to the section manager and inquired: "Pardon me, do you have notions on this floor?"

After a visual tour of her physical assets he replied: "Yes Miss, but we have to suppress them during business hours."

## Victorian Vocal Venturings

We had a little get-together two weeks back when Tom Nisbett was in Melbourne for the weekend on his way to Sydney. Geoff Laidlaw looked after Tom for the weekend. Geoff rang me up earlier in the week to say Tom was coming so we contacted as many as we could in the time available and met at the London on Saturday at 12 noon for a chat and a few beers, then Tom and Geoff went off to the Collingwood-South Melbourne game

George Kennedy, Pete Krause, David Dexter, Bert Tobin, Geoff Laidlaw and self were present with apologies from Bruce McLaren, Jim Wall and Bill Davidson. Tom looked extra well and it was good to see him again. I didn't know until after when I read it in the "Courier" that he had been in a car accident. He certainly didn't show any effects of it. I hope Tom enjoyed the football, to see the experts in action and see how club games should be played.

I tried to contact Baldy about Tom's visit in the hope that he may be able to make the trip up from Geelong, but I phoned three times and there was nobody answering each time, so I'm sorry, Baldy.

I have just come back from a week in Tassie where I contacted all except Tex Richards, who is too far out for me.

I called in and saw Ivan Brown who is looking as well as ever and is happy at this time of the year as he does a lot of skiing. Says it is becoming a very popular sport now, especially with quite a few European experts who are working in Tassie now.

I rang Joe Loveless while I was with Ivan and had a good chat with him. He has got himself a new Holden car and is busy planning future trips to see some of Australia now that he has long service due so he could pop up anywhere.

On the plane going over I had Theo (Mussels) Adams as companion. He works for Ansett-A.N.A. and was having a free trip on the firm to have a look at Hobart and Launceston. Theo looks the same as ever—fit and well. Olive happened to see him on a T.V. pro-

gramme "Take A Hint", one afternoon, so I chatted him about it, but he assured me that he was not taking up T.V. as a profession but merely trying to win himself some boodle. Said he enjoyed it very much. He has just recently had a three weeks relieving stint in Darwin and enjoyed it very much. Also had a look at Alice Springs and flew out, over and around Ayres Rock.

I spent another pleasant evening with Vic and family. Youngest daughter has just started teaching in a local school. They grow up very quickly which must mean that we are getting older but looking at Vic and others they still look the same as years ago.

I looked Mark Conway up in Launceston (I had spoken to him earlier on the phone in Hobart). Mark is on the switchboard at the H.E.C. in Launceston. Thought he looked a lot fatter but was quite well. Had a good chatter about the boys I met in W.A. that he knew, mostly Sappers, and he sends his regards to all of them with the promise that he is going to write Bill Epps and let him know all about his doings, etc.

Spent two evenings with Gordon (Blue) and Joan Stanley. The first very pleasant but the second unfortunately I went down suddenly with an attack of the shakes. When they promptly put me to bed and called in the doctor who said I had influenza—and I was due back in Melbourne next day. The doctor gave me an extra big dose of penicillin and the promise that I would go to bed when I got home—in fact I am writing this from home as I'm recuperating.

My thanks to Gordon and Joan for all they did for me. It's very nice to have friends like this around.

Incidentally, Gordon's new address is 9 Fairway Crescent, Riverside, Launceston, Tas.

Well folks, that's about all the news I can think of for now so until next time, all the best.

—HARRY BOTTERILL



Gold digger similar to insurance policy—both have cash surrender value.

## Random Harvest

**STAN SADLER, of Wongan Hills, writes:—**

Enclosed are ticket butts and a cheque. Balance, half to go to Christmas Party for Children and the other half to Kings Park.

We are having a wet old year up here, in common with most of the rest of the agricultural areas. We managed to seed about 65 per cent of our intended acreage of wheat, but don't expect a very good yield as a lot of it has been waterlogged for weeks. Most farmers about Wongan have been badly affected, some worse than others of course, depending a lot on their land. Some country is very shallow and bogs out quickly. I should say we are about average with 65 per cent crop in.

The dirt roads in the district have been very badly washed about and some people have been isolated for periods. I can never remember a worse year since 1926 when we first came here.

Ran into Bill Cooper while he was working on the cool room at the local hotel. I didn't recognise him for a kick-off. He was covered with dust and had a battered hat on.

Also saw Jack Hasson in Hay-st. the other day. I was just about to brave a crosswalk when I saw a taxi coming and hesitated, but the driver courteously waved me over. Then I recognised him, Jack Hasson. He picked a good year to get out of the farming game.

I periodically see Jack Fowler, of course. He is a local Shire Councillor now. Having a bit of trouble with his seeding I hear.

All the best to you and the other hard working guys down there.

**M. L. "Doc" WHEATLEY, of Hills Road, Byford, W.A., writes:—**

As I write this the rain is pelt-ing down just like it did in the tropics. We are not quite flooded out but it's awful sloppy over most of the property. Not much produce for market these days but plenty of work to keep me busy. What with the pruning, more underground drains and laying bricks for a tank.

I've not seen any of the boys for a while, not even Wendel Wilkie.

I think he must be hibernating. Never fear, I'll dig him out in time for the Re-Union.

Am enclosing butts and cheque with regards to all you chaps doing the good work which makes these re-unions possible.

**GLORIA ISENHOOD, of 9 Evileen St., Cardiff, N.S.W., writes:—**

Please find enclosed ticket butts and postal note.

Les hopes to be able to write a book to you boys soon.

**J. CORNEY, of 10 River St., Cannington, W.A., writes:—**

Just a few lines to return butts for sweep. I am enclosing cheque. I think I must owe some subs as I don't remember paying last year.

Sorry I am unable to come along to meetings as I do not go out at night owing to failure of eyesight, and the years are starting to tell a bit now.

Trusting the sweep will be a success.

**B. J. BARDEN, of 6GN, Box 310, Geraldton, W.A., writes:—**

I have just returned from football and have decided to pen you a "few" lines whilst awaiting tea from the best cook in W.A.

The Northampton team (Bill Drage's famous home team) defeated our Brigades team, which after winning the 1962 premiership has only seven of the premiership team left. However, no excuses. Northampton team played good football and thoroughly deserved the victory.

My eldest son, Ross, has just returned from Mt. Magnet where he did the plumbing on the nurses' quarters. He had a yarn with Bernie Giles, who is a building contractor at the nearby town of Cue. Bernie appeared to be in the pink of condition. They apparently are very keen with their football at Mt. Magnet, because they wanted Ross to stay and play on the Saturday on the understanding that they would fly him to Geraldton the next day. However, he is now playing again for his old team Brigades.

A temporary resident of Geraldton, Allan Stephens, wishes to be

remembered to Arthur Burns and Johnny Moore. Allan is a good supporter of Brigades Football Club. He is cook on the dredge "Sir James Mitchell" which is deepening the Geraldton Harbour and they tell me he's a cook and a half. I do know that he's a good entertainer because he has rendered a number of pleasing vocal solos at our football socials.

Please find attached the butts of my two ticket books, together with the 'dough'. Talking about "dough", I was at a civic reception for the Minister for Customs, Senator Henty, the other night when he mentioned the millions of pounds that are received as duty on beer. However, it is not that aspect of beer that "worries" us at Geraldton, but the "excessive" price we pay for bottled beer—no less than 7d. a bottle on the Perth price. Never mind, that is just one of the "small" things we have to contend with, in return for having the privilege of living in such a delightful place as Geraldton.

I haven't seen Jack Denman for some time, but I had a yarn with Eric Smyth the other night after a Town Council meeting where he was in the public gallery watching the interests of a client in connection with a meat industry development proposed for the town. Eric always looks 'fighting fit'.

I spoke to Nip Cunningham last week when he was riding home from work at the Mercantile Club and the way he pushes that bike would do justice to Hubert Opperman!

Well, tea is ready so I must be away for now. Kind regards to all the boys.

P.S.—We've had such a lot of rain that it reminds me of Harvey. However water restrictions on our lawns should not be necessary next summer because the biggest covered dam in the southern hemisphere Wicherina, has been overflowing for some weeks and more than 80 million gallons have already been pumped down old boreholes as a conservation measure.

**JOHN J. POYNTON, Snr., of 63 Thames Prom., Chelsea, writes:**

Herewith cheque for a book of sweep tickets. If more will forward.

**BERT BACHE, of "Orana", 34 Edward St., Cumberland Park, Adelaide, S.A., writes:—**

As your circular said "A letter from members in the Eastern States is probably the best form of news to other readers" hence this note.

Other than an occasional meeting on Anzac Day we see all too little of one another—even those who live in S.A.

Duties prevented an intended meeting with Curly O'Neill on his epic travels.

Those fortunate enough to go West (or East) and need a stop-over in Adelaide are assured of a warm spot of hospitality should they care to phone 719515.

Davis Cup matches in December could mean that a few will be in Adelaide and need an "odd bod" to call on.

Special greetings to Bob Smyth, whose cheery countenance we saw occasionally.

Bert Tobin loaned me the Re-Union tape (vintage '62) which I played over and over again. An excellent idea. Wonderful means of conveying messages either individually or as a group.

Enclosed is a small contribution towards running expenses.

**PETER MANTLE, of P.O. Box 120, Biloela, Queensland, writes:—**

I suppose when the sweep butts come in you'll have plenty of letters, so I'll write now when there may be a shortage. Not that there is much news.

No doubt a dozen other people around the country thought of the same joke at the same time, but in our little neck of the woods it was me/I who started the rumour when it was announced that the Russians had launched a lady into space, that she and the male astronaut were going to rendezvous in space and have a cosmonauty.

It's a bit chilly at nights here now, but at the moment—afternoon—I'm sitting in open necked shirt, short sleeves.

I see that Indonesia threatens to swallow Portuguese Timor, and that the Portuguese aren't getting it so easy in their African possessions.

T.V. is rearing its ugly head here. September transmissions start from 48 miles away, commer-

cial. And December A.B.C. The experts say that we will get good viewing here in our valley.

Possibility of a third hotel in our town. I don't remember how they do it in W.A., but Queensland has some fool notion that the number of licences for hotels must never increase. So it's only when a licence is forfeited that it can be "removed" to a new place. The effect is, among other things, to put an artificially high value on licences and the fees that owners can charge licencees, so that the licencee must either go broke or persuade people to drink more than they can afford.

When the Government Gazette announced the possible "removal" the Temperance League received a telegram asking them to come to Biloela and help organise a petition for a poll against it. The telegram was sent by a gentleman who spends a great deal of time in the bar—but is under a certain obligation to one of the existing hotel licencees. I happened to be in the shop when the Temperance boys from Brisbane walked in and started to chat about the meeting they aimed to hold that night. Very funny to see this chap trying to shut them up so that his customers (who might have roared with laughter) would not know his connection with Temperance, and trying to hoosh them out of the shop without getting their backs up.

What say some of you city slickers get together and pool your experience as buyers and users of T.V. sets, and publish some DO's and DON'Ts to guide we country bumpkins as viewing areas engulf us?

**K. G. MACKINTOSH, Belair House, Winding Way, Belair, S.A., writes:—**

Your recent circular enclosing tickets for the Kalgoorlie Cup, which I am returning with this letter, was an apt reminder that the Mackintosh family have now been in Adelaide for 12 months.

We purchased a home in a comparatively new suburb named Belair, that is situated some six miles south east of the city in the foothills. With an elevation of 1,000 feet we are afforded magnificent

panoramic views of the coastal plains and gulf.

At night the view is quite spectacular and one which you would never tire. Belair itself has retained a somewhat rural atmosphere in that as much natural timber and plant life has been left as was practical.

As you know Betty and I have two sons, Grant 19 and Lyall 16. The eldest boy is with a firm of chartered accountants and consequently still has some years of study ahead of him.

The youngest boy who remained at school in Perth until the end of last year, joined the Bank of New South Wales on his arrival in Adelaide. He also has a considerable amount of study in front of him as he hopes to obtain his leaving and matriculation over the next two years.

The interests of the two boys outside of work and study, are surf board riding, and they are such enthusiasts that even in recent weeks when the maximum temperature has been in the low fifties, they have not missed a weekend at one of the beaches, even though they may have to travel upwards of 100 miles to find suitable surf.

Since my arrival here I have not met a member of the Unit, but if my memory serves me correctly I think that there were possibly fewer South Australians than there were from any other State.

I have noted mention in the "Courier" from time to time of an address book. Should you have a spare copy would you please be good enough to forward it to me, so enabling me to make contact with those Unit members who I may have known.

In closing I do hope that the results of the sweep are highly successful to the Unit. Please extend my kindest regards to the troops.

**LYLE LITCHFIELD, of Mundowdna Station, Maree, S.A., writes:**

Am enclosing a cheque and the sweep butts.

Hope to get around to writing a letter for the "Courier" one day, but unable to do so today. Have had good rains here and am kept very busy.

All the best to all the boys.

***Remember These . . .***

**Return Sweep Butts**

To Box T1646, G.P.O. Perth, before August 30, 1963  
DO IT NOW!

**AUGUST MEETING**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6th — RIFLE SHOOT

**ANNUAL RE-UNION**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

**Commemoration Service**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

**SEPTEMBER MEETING**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

**COMMANDO CABARET**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1  
COTTESLOE SURF CLUB PAVILION

**NOVEMBER MEETING**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

**Geraldton Convention**

WEEKEND — NOVEMBER 9 - 11

**Children's Christmas Party**

DECEMBER — AT A DATE TO BE ARRANGED