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Editorial

. . . THANKS . . .

Last edition made a request for a greater effort towards matters affecting the Association. This time we give thanks for a terrific effort in regard to the Annual Sweep conducted by the W.A. Branch on the Kalgoorlie Cup.

The overall result was a definite record and of course all credit goes to all members who assisted by selling or buying tickets. It shows that it doesn't matter how despondent one may get, every now and again a success like this lifts the morale and gives great faith in the future. The mass of correspondence which accompanied the return of sweep butts will assist in filling the "Courier" for quite a few issues and so lessen the strain on the Editor's imagination.

These letters are what readers look forward to and if they could be written twice a year instead of once how wonderful it would be.

Thanks also for the many donations to Association funds sent in by many members. These will be put to the best possible use. This year it is anticipated that we

will use such funds to properly kerb our area in Kings Park and thus make the Avenue a thing of beauty.

To organise such a successful sweep gives one a deep sense of satisfaction especially when the co-operation of members is so eagerly forthcoming. The members in the Eastern States who took up the challenge so wonderfully are to be commended as distance is such a factor. After all practically all that they get from our Association is the "Courier". It shows the marvellous spirit existing in our Unit that for so little return they weigh in in such a way

The gratitude of the Editor for the response knows no bounds at the moment and this will serve to keep him going through quite a few thin periods which will inevitably come as an anti-climax to the recent influx of news.

Thanks a million, fellows, and all the good luck in the world to you and I hope that having put pen to paper this time it will not be so long before you decide to do so again.

COMMANDO CABARET

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

West Australian Whisperings

Association Activities

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Thanks to the co-operation of B.P. (Aust.) Ltd. the Association was able to put on a film night at the September meeting held at Anzac House Basement on the 3rd.

Two great films were shown. The first titled "The Cattle Truckers" showed the trucking of cattle from the far north west of W.A. down to the Meekatharra rail head. This film shot by a special team on the spot has already received high commendation in New York as a documentary.

The second film was the official film of the Commonwealth Games in Perth last year. This was also a perfect piece of photography and excellent editing. The colour was gorgeous and the coverage could not have been better. If members anywhere haven't seen this film then they should get in touch with B.P. and arrange a filming as it is a beauty.

The opportunity was taken to invite the ladies along but the response was not very good, probably saving up for the Cabaret. Among the ladies present were Mesdames Epps, Hasson, Hancock and Penglase, and they really enjoyed the evening. It is a pity the response was not a little more adequate as we wish to encourage the ladies to take an interest in Association affairs.

Our thanks to B.P. (Aust.) Ltd. for putting on the films and to Mr. Richardson for coming along and projecting them.

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COMMANDO CABARET

The time is swiftly approaching for the Cabaret. Remember the date—Tuesday, 1st Oct. (Tuesday of Royal Show week). Venue as for last year, Cottesloe Surf Pavilion. This function was a huge success last year and there is no reason to think it couldn't be even better this year. Music will be supplied by Col Christmas' Orchestra, supper by Thelma Catering, and comper and vocalist will be the versatile Jim Willis well known to us all. Refreshments in the capable hands of Jack Carey and Bob Smyth who did such a great job in this department last year.

Tickets have already been forwarded to members and you are requested to return them as soon as possible if you can't make the function to enable them to be re-issued. As mentioned previously, you are permitted to arrange small parties of your friends, but please do not over do it as space could be a limiting factor.

This is your chance to give your self and the wife a great night out so be in it to win it.

COUNTRY CONVENTION AT GERALDTON

This will definitely take place this year at Geraldton on the long weekend in November from 9th to 11th. Already quite a few have signified their intention of going to the northern port and any others desirous of going should contact the Secretary as soon as possible to enable accommodation to be arranged.

It is a good thing to see these Conventions on the go again after a lapse of a couple of years as much good is derived from them and it does give the country members a chance to get over their point of view on Association matters.

Heard This?

There's a time and a place for everything and if a girl has the time the lad usually has the place.

Personalities

Vale Jeff B. (Rocky) Williams on 17th Sept., 1963. The death came with unexpected suddenness as Jeff had been on holidays and feeling some pain in the chest went to Fremantle Hospital where his death took place very suddenly. Jeff leaves a wife and four children and to these we extend our most sincere sympathy. "Rocky" was a boat builder employed by Dept. of Civil Aviation and had served a couple of spells on Cocos Island and also had served a term in Sydney. He was a good friend to the Association and attended many functions and his ready good humour made him beloved by all and we will miss him in a big way. He was only 42 years of age. We can only hope that the passing of time will heal the wound so deeply etched on the hearts of those so near and dear to him.

During the month we saw the passing of the parents of two of our members. Percy Hancock lost his mother at the ripe old age of 89 and Tom Nisbet also lost his mother. Mrs. Nisbet was one of the prime movers in establishing the 2/2nd Commando Welfare Association during the war and it was from this start that our present Association grew. Mrs. Nisbet was well and favourably known to the writer and always had the good of the Association and of the members in general at heart. For many years she managed to attend our Ladies' Night and also the Children's Christmas Party. We mourn the passing of such a fine person as this world is always the poorer for the demise of such upright and lovable people. We extend our sincere sympathy to Percy and Tom in their sad losses.

Don Turton and John Burridge and their families have been holidaying at the Murchison River during the school holidays and report a wonderful time plus extra good fishing and cray fishing. Don is a great believer in the future of this spot and says in time it could easily be the Gold Coast of W.A. blest as it is with great weather and such facilities for enjoyment.

Ray Parry tells me that in company with two or three other chaps he is producing a paper call-

ed "The Punter". Here is a chance for you punters to get the good oil right from the horse's mouth and assist one of your members. Good luck to your venture, Ray.

Arch Campbell has been a busy man of late arranging displays with the Legacy Wards. This together with his activities broadcasting football and the Gymnastic Association make vast inroads into his leisure time.

Ernie Dinwoodie is still recovering from his broken leg and this is taking some time to mend. We wish you a speedy recovery Ernie, and hope to see you about soon.

Saw Jack Fowler in the street the other day when he and his good wife were down to have a bit of medical treatment. This treatment has apparently been a great success. At the time of speaking to Jack he said that Lake Hinds near his property had overflowed for the first time in living history and he had to make a big detour to get home as roads direct to his home were unpassable.

Saw Hughie Meyer for the first time for ages just the other day. Hughie is working with Cyclone and lives at 68 Terrace Drive, Perth. He looked as fit as a fiddle and sends his regards to the mob.

Congratulations to Norm Nicolay on winning the sweep and to "Dusty" Studly on taking out the third prize. Norm told me that in a moment of weakness and not knowing much about horses he told his wife she could have the prize if it bobbed up and so there was no option but hand over the cheque when it arrived. -

Nice to have a few noggins with Terry Paull and Rod Dhu recently. Terry was in town on a spot of business and assures me that both he and his wife will make the Cabaret. Rod Dhu had just returned from a trip to Geraldton. He is driving a tanker for Colfix the bitumen contractors.

Heard This?

Lady: "But why should I sell my frigidaire and start buying ice from you?"

Iceman: "Well, lady—half of the women in this town can't be wrong."

SWEEP RESULTS

1st Prize: No. B574, N. Nicolay.
 2nd Prize: No. A1832, W. Brown
 c/- F. Griffiths.
 3rd Prize: No. B1713, R. Studdy
 B805, Gay Dante, G. E. Pender-
 graast, 10 Gibbs Road, Collie.
 B1381, Civityson, Ron Rowley,
 Denmark.
 C164, Jehu Law, D. Stevens, Yal
 lunda Flat, S.A.
 C1163, Night Air, P. T. HARRI-
 son, P.O. 271, Bega, N.S.W.
 C1576, Grecian God, May Peat-
 tie, 11 Deane St., Tamworth, NSW.
 A2679, El Samari, Helen Rae,
 Kalgardin.
 B2934, Maranalgo, A. Tannock,
 c/- Col Doig.
 C1079, Lady Lizzie, H. Garland,
 N.S.W.
 A775, Miss Redeitha, M. Calcutt
 C346, Petite Amie, R. Doran, 6
 Laggen St., West Mackay, Qld.
 B2539, Lisolou, Wilkes, Bruns-
 wick Junction.
 C998, Paperbury, Angus Evans,
 Galathera, Narrabri, N.S.W.
 A972, P. Jeffries, c/- M.R.S.,
 Perth.
 A2334, Lilly and Mill, c/- B.H.
 Hotel.
 A2814, P. Lawrence, Northam.
 1464, R. Illingworth, Shenton
 Park.
 A736, J. C Burridge.
 A1706, L. Glasson, Wyndham.
 A964, J. W. Morphett, c/- M.R.
 Co.
 A983, N. Timms, M.R.S., Perth.
 A2630, Mrs. Griffiths, Canning
 Vale.
 B675, Bob Palmer, Cowaramup.
 B294, J. R. Menzies, 65 1941.
 B625, B. O'Connor, Busselton.
 B2276, J. R. Coombes, Tuart
 Hill.
 B2122, M.T.T., c/- C. Varian.
 B1927, N. Thornton, Denmark.
 B1714, R. Studdy.
 B2048, 117, M.F.T.
 B2800, We, Us and Co., c/- S.
 King.
 C629, Bill Bennett, Dee Why,
 N.S.W.
 C1876, Mrs. T. J. Yates, Kyogle.
 C1997, Anne Richards, Latrobe,
 Tasmania.
 C1689, T. P. Snowdon, Canberra
 C1121, J. Griffiths, Urana, NSW.
 C269, D. McKenzie, East Perth.
 A1905, Miss B. Haire, S. Perth.
 A2105, Perry Larsen, Canning-
 ton.
 A2927, Wilf March.

A505, G. M. Drage, Northamp-
 ton.
 A401, K. G. Bowden.
 A1203, H.P., Douglas Ave., Sth
 Perth.
 A2778, Alex Langridge, Donny-
 brook.
 A1747, S. Gorton.
 A49, A. Shores, 37 Collins St.,
 Kalgoorlie.
 B1086, G. E. Rowley, Manjimup
 B1842, P. Thompson, Wanamal.
 B1608, Kerry Sproxton, Emble-
 ton.
 B763, L. Henson, Boyup Brook.
 B154, S. McKinley.
 B1397, G. H. Smith, Denmark.
 B263, K. R. Rorster, H.M.A.S.
 Leeuwin.
 B1474, Bob Smyth.
 B1943, Tom Towers.
 C2447, T.H.O., c/- Ray Shaw.
 C2380, F. Smith, Rivervale.
 C473, Mrs. E. G. Rowe, Canun-
 gra, Qld.
 C413, A. MacLachlan, Brisbane.
 C576, D. Voevodin, Camp Hill,
 Brisbane.
 C2372, G. Glassen, Nollamara.

Heard This?

FURNITURE BY THE PIECE

The young bride was outlining
 her plans to the interior decorator.
 "And I want a loveseat under
 the window, a loveseat in the cor-
 ner and another loveseat against the
 wall."
 "Ye gods!" said the decorator,
 "do you call this a living room?"
 "If that ain't living, I don't know
 what is!"

VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

Office manager: "I took that new
 stenographer out last night. I
 bought her an expensive dinner,
 took her to a show, and after that
 to a night club. Do you know
 what she said then?"
 Sales manager: "No."
 Office manager: "So you've been
 out with her too!"

FAIR QUESTION

Where do mothers learn all the
 things they tell their daughters not
 to do?

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 Midland, W.A.)

Random Harvest

**PETER BARDEN, of 6GN, Gerald-
 ton, W.A., writes:—**

Just a few lines to let you know
 all is well. However, as stated in
 my previous letter, I have not
 done anything about the Geraldton
 Convention, because the Hon. Sec.
 said not to do anything about it
 until he had contacted me again.

I am experiencing a busy time as
 the other two A.B.C. chaps at Ger-
 aldton have gone to Carnarvon for
 a week and our typist is in hospi-
 tal. However, before I forget,
 I must tell you about our R.S.L.
 meeting the other night. We had
 finished the business part of the
 meeting (we've got a motion on
 the books that the meeting must
 be finished by 9.30) and were be-
 ing given a talk on Legacy by a
 former President of the R.S.L. Sub
 Branch, Dr. Beaumont, when some
 one appeared at the door, rather
 noisily. It turned out to be one
 Double-Red-Diamond type, Jerry
 Edwards, whom I had never seen at
 a meeting before. However, after
 the guest speaker had finished,
 Jerry began to play his harmonica,
 and continued to do so while we
 enjoyed a beer or two and some
 cheese and biscuits. (Jerry, of
 course, interspersed his playing
 with a noggin or two!) He has
 been working for a builder at Mor-
 awa and said he had an enjoyable
 time with Irish Hopkins and his
 wife (my sister, Betty).

Getting back to the Convention.
 A colleague of ours at the bowling
 club (my wife, Joan, has had a few
 rolls but I am waiting until the
 footie is finished), Mrs. Jean Bar-
 ker, says she is looking forward
 to the visit by Bill Epps for the
 Convention (apparently they are
 old friends).

As far as footie is concerned,
 my team, Brigades (1962 prem-
 iers) are out of the finals this
 year. We lost our star coach of
 last year, Barry Walton, and cen-
 treman Ray Lawrence, both of
 whom returned to Perth Club, the
 latter to win the Prendergast Med-
 al for best and fairest in the "Sec-
 onds" competition of the W.A.-
 N.F.L.

A "little bit" of extra work has
 come my way, as I have been ap-
 pointed to help compile an R.S.L.

Sub Branch magazine, to be intro-
 duced next month and to be print-
 ed a couple of times a year. We
 will of course not hesitate to in-
 clude the various achievements of
 the Sub Branch (including runner-
 up in the Collett Cup this year, af-
 ter having won it the five previous
 years as the outstanding country
 Sub Branch), to let the unacquain-
 ed know that we do much more
 for the benefit of the community
 generally than the "Four Corners"
 television people believe. (Ignor-
 ance is the only word I can think
 of when considering the false im-
 pression of the R.S.L. that this pro-
 gramme has presented to the pub-
 lic.) They might have their "one-
 armed bandits" and "beer swills"
 in Sydney R.S.L. Clubs, but my
 experience in W.A. is that the
 R.S.L. does much good work for
 many people—and not only ex-
 servicemen. Take the Geraldton
 Sub Branch for instance. We ran
 the procession of floats for the
 recent Sunshine Festival which is
 aimed at telling everyone that as a
 tourist centre we are second to
 none (my wife and I had the pleas-
 ure of judging for about the fifth
 year), and also organised the pro-
 gramme of entertainment that fol-
 lowed at the recreation ground.

Kind regards to all the boys.

P.S.: Am awaiting further word
 from the Hon. Sec. re the Con-
 vention so that I can have a meet-
 ing with Jack Denman and Eric
 Smyth.

**"BASHER" ADAMS, of A.N.Z.
 Bank, Southport, Qlds., writes:**

Herewith cheque and ticket
 butts. Please give balance to the
 "Courier" fund-which continues to
 be the best read paper that comes
 into the house.

As I haven't written to you since
 Christmas I will probably ramble
 so excuse disjointedness (that's a
 well coined word!).

During the early part of the
 year I made contact with Eddie
 Mills, ex 7 Section, "C" Troop,
 known to all as "Millie". He is
 anxious to receive the "Courier".
 His address is: C. E. Mills, 27 Ann
 St., South port, Qlds. He gives
 me a ring now and again and we
 spend a couple of bob together.

Would you put him on the mailing list, please, and in the next amendments to the Address Book?

Saw Andy Beveridge one day at the golf links and we subsequently got together for an hour or so. Andy hasn't changed a bit. Still in the timber business and driving a nice Humber wagon. He was holidaying here but I was very busy at the time. However next holiday we will really get together.

That about fixes the visits from ex-2/2nd types. When we go to Brisbane it is either on business or to get Paul from school and I have little chance of contacting anybody.

Paul is still at boarding school. He passed the Junior last year and is working well. He sits for Senior next year and then what? Depends a lot on his pass and if he can win a scholarship. The young folk have a fair battle today—jobs are hard to get—everything seems so unsettled.

Judy is well into her secondary education. Seems to be coping. When education worries are behind us Iris and I will definitely be wending our way to W.A.

My sporting activities are confined to the golf course and surfing beaches. Have a good club here and enjoy the company a lot. My game holds together reasonably—well enough to win a few golf balls. Iris also plays and as I commence two weeks' holiday next week we will get in quite a lot of golf—too cold to swim yet.

The Gold Coast is still growing. Southport population is now about 17,500, whole coast about 50,000 holiday makers all the time. There could be 365 Christmas days here if you wanted it that way. We lead a very quiet life, economically dictated, a few books and T.V. and carpet slippers suit me.

Cheers for now. My kindest regards to all the boys and trust all is well with you.

"SHORTY" STEVENS, of Yallunda Flats, S.A., writes:—

I have a bit of time to fill in waiting in the car, so will catch up with a line or two.

They say more rain, more rest. Well we have had enough rain. Have recorded rain on 19 days out of 23 for July so far but I seem to have less spare time than us-

ual, probably waste time trying to find something to do. I need a good boss I think.

Anyway apart from the moisture angle I have little news of my own. Still have not finished seeding and won't for awhile. Have been filling in a bit of time riding a young horse and at the moment can just about bog him anywhere on the grass ground and I'm not game to have a look at the worked up land. I have been lucky and have very little washing in the paddocks but there has been a lot around here. Quite a lot of gutters in between contour banks on some farms.

Had a letter from Dignum a week or so back and he appears to be O.K. I saw in the paper last week where his wife had presented him with a daughter—quite good news.

Have not heard from Litch for ages and a day but he should be enjoying a good season. The Frome River has been running this year and it goes through his property. Litch would have been reasonably near Campbell's activities re the speed attempt and would have been sharing the rain with Campbell up to a point.

Am enclosing sweep butts and cheque. Not living in a populated area I have taken all tickets myself and am quite happy to do so and hope you have a successful sweep. Cheers till next time.

M. FIELD, of 206 Hudson Parade, Taylors Point, N.S.W., writes:—

In my husband's absence I am sending along the butts for the sweep, together with cheque.

Unfortunately I have mislaid the original letter and trust I am sending this to the correct address.

HAROLD NEWTON, of 4 Church Avenue, Westmead, Sydney, N.S.W., writes:—

Enclosed please find ticket butts Cup.

(1461-1480) and Money for the annual sweep on the Kalgoorlie

I intended to have these in before this but I think you will receive them in time for the draw. It's to be hoped that the sweep from a financial point of view meets with your most optimistic expectations. The "Courier" is always looked forward to at our address, and there's no doubt that down the years it has been the

strongest single factor in keeping everybody in touch and the old show together.

Earlier this year I spent a couple of months on the job in Lismore, and had the good fortune to meet up with Col Knight and Arthur Birch. The passing years appear to have dealt kindly with both of these gents, and judging by the pleasant evening they accorded me at their local R.S.L. Club I would say that both still pack a fair zest for living it up.

Had a phone call from Jim Fenwick one day last week to announce the happy and safe arrival of a new daughter in his household.

Being an ex-WX I naturally follow the Golden State segment of the "Courier" with particular interest. From time to time word appears from the No. 6 Section bunch. Reg Harrington from his property "Ainaro" (familiar) seems to manage a few lines every now and again. I noticed a mention of that rugged character John Cyril Penglase, in a recent edition. Thought at the time how pleasant it would be to help him prop some bar again and bat the breeze a little

P. J. HARRISON, of P.O. Box 271 Lands Office, Bega, N.S.W.:—

Thanks ever so much for the very keen interest you have taken in my welfare since the Games. Apart from the Games there's only one State I've any ambition to visit in Australia and that is of course, your State.

I have had many and varied or perhaps varied and many jobs since I've left the army, which by the way I should never have.

This is the third time tonight I have tried to write this epistle and my biro has run out of ink. I'm determined however to write.

Re your "Courier". You have no idea how much people like me appreciate the wonderful news you give us. I am one of the few who are left "single", so you can imagine how much I appreciate your "Courier".

I read Paddy's version in the last "Courier", or har nessa, de eccahai, "cordi cascarn", colarn feneri. I have no idea whether or not the spelling is correct but you will know what I mean.

I've never heard anything from

E. Rowe Bunny Anderson. We all know about Charlie. If you have not got Jackie Keehahan's address I have it some where.

I went down to the Games in '56 and met most of the Victorians and what a time they gave us.

I've been thinking this is a very disjointed letter but I don't want you to think I'm complaining because I am.

What do you think about the Kiwis? Ask Ted Loud. How's he going? Alec Thomson, Ray Parry, Dave Young, Harold Brooker, Geo Merritt, and a hell of a lot more. Gerry Green, give him my very kindest regards if you see him.

For the last five years I have been down the south of N.S.W. and I never seem to have enough £.s.d. to go any further but if you have any jobs that would suit a fairly tired old man let's know.

Enclosed please find cash for tickets and 10/- for another book for the "Courier". I'll leave that part of it to you.

ALAN LUBY, of Box 82, P.O. Grafton, N.S.W., writes:—

As the time for the return of our Cup Sweep tickets draws close I'll make a start on what will probably be a serial letter to enclose with them.

On the "Old Mate" front I have not struck as many of the boys as in previous years but we are still pleased to see any of them at any time.

I was sorry to miss Kevin Cable when he called just before our return from holidays in the early New Year. It would be interesting to meet up with someone from so far afield.

We did have a visit from Frank Press and family some time back, also his neighbour Ted Cholerton. I see Arthur Birch periodically when he has a run through here in his firm's pantechicon. I had recent news of Russ Symons when one of his opposition travellers was out to see me.

A couple of months ago I attended an Ambulance School in Sydney and Bill Bennett was the only one of the crew I was able to contact. Bill is one of those ageless characters who doesn't look a day older than he did 20 years ago.

Ron MacArthur was up from Victoria a short while back when he lost his mother. Ron has not had very good health and is now on the T.P.I. list.

I frequently see Ron Orr and Harry Fredericks. George Mathieson is the most recent convert to the game of bowls and it's nice to see him enjoying a roll on the greens. We had a game lined up on Anzac Day but wet weather changed our plans and we finished up with a day of steady eating, ear bashing, watching the toss of the coins, and tossing off a few grogs instead.

We had the misfortune to lose Kevin Garvey, 2/4th Squadron, last December. After many years as accountant with the Northern Rivers Country Council (Electric), Kevin decided to have a change of scenery and was appointed to Prospect Country Council near Sydney. He left here on a Thursday, started work on the Monday, and the following Friday collapsed and died at his desk. He was a great chap and a keen member of our Legacy group. He left a widow and an adopted daughter who have now become Wards of Legacy.

On the family front I am happy to report again that we are all well. Edith is of course kept busy with two growing daughters, now aged 9 and 12 who are both doing well at school. Garrie turned 18 on the 16th and will be sitting for his Leaving Certificate in a few weeks time. At present he hopes to qualify for a Teacher's College Scholarship—so here's hoping. He recently won the High School tennis singles championship for the second year in a row and is playing "A" grade in the district competitions.

Fortune has favoured me in our Club Bowling Championships and I have to play off in finals of fours and singles next weekend.

That happens to be all of my news for this time. Sorry we couldn't make the Games Re-Union but certainly enjoyed reading up on it in the "Courier". The good organising appears to have paid dividends in a wonderful time had by all.

You might make a note to send me more books in next year's sweep—up to six at least. Even so far away they are easy to sell.

All the best for now. Keep up the good work with the "Courier" which is much appreciated.

Ron Orr's address now is: 15 Vere St., South Grafton.

P. J. DOYLE, of 31 President St., Kalgoorlie, W.A., writes:—

Butts back and just making it. How are you, I hope the health is O.K.?

No news is good news. He's a liar who wrote that.

JERRY HAIRE, of 59 Monk St., South Perth, W.A., writes:—

I am enclosing butts and P.N. for the sweep. Wishing the sweep good luck and kind regards to all.

BILL BENNETT, 18 South Creek Rd., Dee Why, N.S.W., writes:

A few lines to accompany butts for sweep. Find a cheque enclosed for tickets plus a few bob extra which can be put to whatever use you decide.

All goes well with myself and family. My son is now working in the Bank of N.S.W., and daughter is sitting for the Intermediate this year.

Sorry to have missed the Re-union at Games time, but circumstances would not permit at the time.

Had a few beers with Alan Luby last month while he was in Sydney for ambulance examinations. He never seems to change, except that like all of us, he is not a chicken any more, and he still cannot play crib.

Have not seen any more of the boys since Anzac Day, but never know when you will run into one or two of them.

Regards to all in W.A.

DICK DORAN, of 6 Lagoon St., West Mackay, Qlds., writes:—

Find enclosed P.N. for sweep and the "Courier".

Saw Eddie Timms a few days ago. He was on his way north to Cairns or some place further. He certainly gets around that bloke.

One of the Carew's crew men was in Mackay a few weeks ago but I missed him. I'll probably see him next time he's up this way.

My No. 1 son is over in the West. He's at Leeuwijn Naval Base in his first year as a J.R. I'd like to be back there myself.

Ed Timms was telling me he ran into "A" Platoon's poisoner, "Frying Pan" Smith in Brisbane. Keep the "Courier" rolling it's good to keep in touch.

DUD TAPPER, of 54 Collingwood Ave., Flinders Park, S.A., writes

Enclosed please find sweep butts etc. I hope the result is as we all wish it. Would like to be there to draw the winner.

S.A. news is not plentiful. Up-to-date we have had more rain than we really cater for. We have an average of 21 inches and to date have had 17 inches with five months to go. We will probably have dry periods to come.

A very important news item—Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dignum are the proud parents of a baby daughter, and a prouder father you have never seen. He even bought me a beer and when he comes off cloud nine may even buy me another, in the near future.

Yours truly has not much in the way of news to impart. I read a letter from "Shorty" Stevens to Dignum a few weeks ago. He is apparently going alright on his property. Expects to indulge in the luxury of electric power in the very near future. He is camped approx. 250 miles away so we do not see very much of him.

I don't see much of the lads these days. We may take off Christmas time and drink Max and Grace and Peter under the table again, but I won't promise to do either, getting there would be easy
RUSS SYMONDS, of Marne Road, Albion, Qlds., writes:—

Enclosed please find sweep butts and cheque to cover same. Extra is for subs which must be due again. Many thanks for the regularity of the "Courier". Always look forward to it. Post it on to Bob Smith when I have finished with it. He still hasn't told me if he is getting them direct as yet. His address is Lighthouse, Point Perpendicular, Via Nowra, N.S.W.

Fred Otway called to see me, unfortunately was on my winter trip to Cairns. Fred has been trying to get the boys together here in Queensland. Must contact him. Only a few miles away but never seem to make it.

Pleased to say family are all well. Our young fellow got into

the last 50 in the trials for the State Schoolboys Aussie Rules team. Hoping he will make it next year as he will still be under the age limit. Daughter leaving school this year and going nursing. They certainly grow up quickly.

Kindly give my regards to all my friends in the West, especially Herbert, Harrison and the boys from 6 Section.

DORIS DHU, 10 Venn St., North Perth, W.A., writes:—

I have just discovered raffle tickets should have been in by Sat. Although too late for the draw I am enclosing money to go into the funds.

Rod has been at Geraldton since last Monday. Should be home early this week. Although that is no excuse for not having butts returned in time.

GEORGE BAYLISS, of 20 Armada St., Bayswater, W.A., writes:—

Please find enclosed cheque for raffle books and year's subs. Sorry I could not be at last meeting owing to shift work.

CHARLIE WILLIAM, of Hily Ave., Fennell Bay, N.S.W., writes:—

Enclosed please find butts and cheque. However I'm very much afraid the sweep will be drawn, if so make it a donation towards the "Courier" and many thanks for forwarding the monthly epistle. I look forward to receiving the monthly issue and I can assure you it brings all the chap's names back and with a memory like I have these days it is a necessity.

Unfortunately I never see any of the ex-members in this State. It is nearly impossible for me to get down to Anzac Day meetings, still one of these days I'll get myself down and meet up with all the boys again.

Would you get them to note the change of address. I am now residing in the Newcastle area.

All the best to you W.A. blokes.

MARK CONROY, of 19 Legana St., Launceston, Tas., writes:—

I was on my tenth page of a letter to Bill Epps some weeks ago when I heard of the football thrashing handed to the Swans by the Taswegians. Knowing of Epps's thin skin I have deferred the epis-

tle until wounds are healed a little. Tex Richards has become an A.A. since his return from the West, and rightly so. Gordon Stanley is sporting the latest screw cut. Saw Harry Botterel recently and gave me the low down on the Sapper Section which makes me determined to visit the West when circumstances permit. See Vic Pacy fairly regularly. He weighs 18 stone the same as my good wife. I still have the necessary vitality to increase the family regularly.

BOB NOAKES, of "Ballater", PMB 203, Narracoorte, S.A., writes:

Must apologise for being so long in writing also for delay in returning the sweep butts. I am enclosing them in this also an extra quid for you to take out in tickets in the name of the Association.

Would it be possible for me to have a little information on the Association regarding subs, membership fees or what have you? I have been out of touch with any of the mob for so long that I'm pretty much in the dark. I think the only one I've seen since discharge is Noel Buckman and have often wondered where Roy Martin is. I have only been in S.A. for a couple of years, coming from N.S.W. originally but decided on a change and now manage the above property. Also got married some 12 years ago and have two kiddies—Lynda and Robert, aged 10 and 8.

Anyhow herewith my regards to anyone receiving this note and will write more at a later date.

P.S. Pat Kenneally cheer St. George on for me.

W. F. BRYANT, of 319 Stanley Rd. Carina, S.E.7, Brisbane, writes:

Herewith please find cheque enclosed for the sweep and extra for you to do with as you feel fit for the Association use in the matter of printing the "Courier" which I receive an enjoy greatly. I know what a great job you and your fellow mates are doing and wish I could do the same over here in Queensland, but somehow they do not seem to respond to the needed call and space and distance seems to be our worries, let alone the very few we have here. Still I have made quite a few contacts with various ex-members and on a couple of occasions have had some

at my home to those I have contacted I've made it known that my home to be H.Q. at any time they wish to have a gathering and occasionally I drop a note letting those know whom I contact any new faces, etc., trying to get them interested after all these years seems quite a job, but if I keep trying perhaps some good will come by the effort.

You will notice that my letter will accompany this parcel mainly to send you what letters I received from some of the lads I contacted and for you to form your own opinion what I am up against in the matter of trying to form an As association. Anyway at least you will know I have tried. Also you will notice an old "Army" I've sent you that may be in your historical section. You may use what is printed in it. When you have finished with it may I have it back, please, for really it belongs to my wife and it was she who sent it to you.

Well I will close now, hoping this finds you and your willing workers in the best of health and my regards to all the lads of the old Unit.

T. P. SNOWDON, of 112 Matina St., Narrabundah, Canberra, A.C.T., writes:—

Just a brief note this time to wish you all well over there and to thank you for publishing our "Courier". Am enclosing sweep tickets and cheque to cover same.

I am in a great hurry just at the moment but one of these times I will really take to and write you an epistle worth while. Hope everybody is well over there as this note leaves myself, wife and three children.

Trust sweep will be a huge success. Kindest regards to everyone especially Mick Morgan, Norm Thornton and Section.

BOB WILLIAMSON, of 2 Goldsworthy Cres., North Glenelg, S.A., writes:—

I am enclosing the butts together with a cheque to cover them and a quid for subs. The amazing part of this is that I am getting the tickets back on time. Usually it is a last minute rush.

I have been receiving the "Courier" on time and must say I always

enjoy reading about the boys, especially the old Sapper Dept. I often have the intention of writing but somehow the flesh is weak or I am too lazy or something.

I had the pleasure of Tex Richards' company for a few days when he was returning from the Games in W.A. and I must say he was in good form. I also see Jim Veal and Carl Marks at intervals and we always enjoy a few beers.

Everything is going reasonably well with us and we are enjoying life, although looking forward to the warmer weather as Adelaide has had a bleak wet winter.

Clarice has had a tough spin this year with a couple of operations, but is now O.K. and back to the old form. I am keeping extra well and looking forward to the summer and the water skiing. It must be getting closer, as I got around to varnishing the boat last Saturday. I had a bit of luck recently and was promoted to Superintendent, which I thought was a good thing, to say the least.

Clarice and I intend to come to the Golden West one day, so will probably see you when you least expect us. We have intended this for some time but keep postponing the business.

That's all for now, so regards to all.

G. R. LEWIS, of Newdegate, W.A., writes:—

Enclosed find ticket butts with cheque to cover same, plus subs.

Things are much the same here, plenty of work and not enough time to complete it. The season has not been very kind to us, too much rain and consequently we only got half the cropping programme completed. We have been shearing for the last two weeks, and the good clip partly makes up for what's been lost in the cropping.

The wife and I had a trip over to Adelaide and Melbourne back in February, but there was that much arranged for us when we got there I had no time to look up any of the boys. On the way back we only spent half a day in Perth before leaving on the bus for home. I thought I might be able to make the re-union but sheep have to be dipped and got ready for sheep sales and it made too much of a

rush, so I have given the idea away

We hope to have a trip to Perth late in October or early in November. Depends on the state of crops, and whether we are up with the work. I would like to see what's been done in Kings Park and possibly by that time the kerbing may be completed.

Well I must come to a close. My regards to everybody.

L. COLLINS, of 128a Dowling St., East Sydney, N.S.W., writes:—

Just a short note to say I have sold the tickets and now am returning the butts and money.

It's great to receive the "Courier" and read about a lot of what the boys are doing. When you mention their names it brings back memories of what they did or what they have done.

I wish to say I'm sorry to the fellows for not being there on Anzac Day as I was away in camp, but I was thinking of them, mainly when they were drinking that horrible beer while I was out sleeping under the stars in Singleton.

There is not much to tell about myself. I'm still working for the City Council big time now as an Inspector in the Cleansing Dept. Still a member of the C.M.F.

I have as a family one wife, who's a darling, her name is June, and a son Bruce who also works for the City Council.

I'm sorry I can't write more as I'm a shocking writer but I do like reading the "Courier". All the best

TOM YATES, of 224 Kyogle Rd., Kyogle, writes:—

Just a few brief lines to return the sweep butts. I am enclosing money with this note to pay for the tickets and the rest would you put into the fund that you think best.

I appreciate the "Courier" very much as it is my only way of knowing what is happening to the mob these days. Each Anzac Day I meet with Jim Cullen and we decide that the next Anzac Day we will have in Brisbane, but so far we haven't been able to make it.

For me it has been a quiet year and I'm afraid that I have no news to pass on to you. So I will just have to close down and send you my hanks for the "Courier". All the best to you and the rest of the boys over there in the West.

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TUESDAY, 1st OCTOBER
COTTESLOE SURF PAVILION

Get your extra tickets from the Organiser as soon as possible

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Geraldton Convention

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SUNDAY, 8th DECEMBER
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