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Editorial

THAT HARDY ANNUAL

It appears to be essential every year at this time to draw the attention of W.A. members to the fact that an Annual General Meeting of the Association is about to be held. This takes place at Anzac House Basement on Tuesday, July 6.

Each year when this most important meeting takes place members stay away in droves apparently not desiring to hear the reports of past activities and having an ardent desire to avoid taking office in the Association for the ensuing year. The cumulative effect of this phenomenon is that year after year the same broad backs have to bear the strain of keeping the Association alive. This state of affairs cannot continue indefinitely and new blood is an essential to keep the organisation from stagnating. Also it is not a fair deal to leave the work to so few year in year out.

Although it is admitted that our Association is probably the most alive of all such organisations in this State the fact remains that it can get the "go backs" just as quickly as any other show if the few who have been doing the graft

over the past 20 years decide to call it a day and quit.

It behoves ALL members to at least come along to the A.G. Meeting and show their appreciation of past efforts and bring new suggestions to the table for consideration in the forthcoming year.

This year in particular the President's Report will show a tremendous activity by the Committee and the Association in general in furthering Association affairs. Probably the year just past has seen more real progress in many spheres than in any other year, apart from the Games Re-Union year of 1962-63. You, the reader, should come along and hear this report.

You should also become conversant with the financial situation of the organisation and decide how these funds should be expended for the betterment of the show.

Many matters of future importance will be discussed at this meeting, including the possibility of a big re-union of some nature somewhere in Australia within the next three years.

The election of office bearers naturally also will take place and

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ANZAC HOUSE BASEMENT
6TH JULY, 1965**

Since a Management Committee was formed in about 1948 members have not been bored to death at ordinary monthly meetings with

Association Activities

The President, Arthur Smith, thanked Col for his talk and suggested it be repeated at a later date when more members were in attendance to gain the benefit of the advice proffered.

Please make sure you mark your calendar to be in the swim on TUESDAY NEXT, JULY 6, and if possible bring along a member who has not attended for some time. Make this particular A.G. Meeting the representative gathering that all such meetings should be. Remember that after all you are only assisting YOUR Association to move forward at the pace and tempo that it deserves.

This is the Annual General Meeting and readers are requested to read the Editorial in this regard. For your further information the date is July 6, 1965. Make this a MUST.

At the conclusion of ordinary business the President, Arthur Smith, who had already signified his intention of resigning this year, thanked the Committee for their support during his period of office and wished the Association every success under his successor.

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Funds as at 31/5/64:				Annual Re-Union	92	19	0
Com. Savings Bank	508	11	1	Less Receipts	50	0	0
Com. Reserve Acc.	163	0	10	"Courier"	129	2	9
Com. Bonds (Face Value)	500	0	0	Less Pro. by Victoria ...	24	0	0
Sydney Cup Sweep (1964)				Meetings	90	6	9
Sydney Cup Sweep (1965)	292	6	4	Less Receipts	49	0	6
Less Prizes and Expenses	84	0	11	Ladies' Night	73	7	4
Donations				Less Receipts	46	2	0
Subscriptions	92	14	1	Children's Picnic, Presents ...	44	14	0
Interest—Bank Accounts and Bonds	44	15	0	Less Sale Surplus Drinks ...	1	10	0
Anzac Day	39	10	10	Kings Park	101	13	10
Less Expenses	72	0	11	Less Working Bee Col. ...	2	17	0
Kings Park Kerbing Fund	12	0	10	Purchase Typewriter	98	16	10
(Total: £207/18/-)	5	0	0	Wreaths, etc.	20	0	0
				Country Convention, Katanning	9	19	3
				Cricketer Day, Harvey	23	4	6
				Projector, Spools and Repairs	9	0	0
				Administration	3	18	4
					11	2	6
					435	18	9
				Funds as at 31/5/65:			
				Com. Savings Bank	477	10	9
				Com. Reserve Account	167	18	7
				Com. Bonds (Face Value)	500	0	0
					1145	9	4
					£1,581	8	1

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Although the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st May, 1965, shows a drop in funds of £27, when comparisons are made with last year's Statement, there is an overall decrease of £334 caused mainly by the facts that only one sweep was run during the year and further donations to the Kings Park Kerbing Fund were not called for.

Main items are:

Decreased Funds or Increased Expenditure:

Sweep £188. Kings Park Kerbing Fund £185. Subs £22. Kings Park Expenses £67. Purchase of Typewriter £20. Expenses Country Convention £23.

Increased Funds or Decreased Expenditure:

Less Loans Written Off £45. More Donations £39. Less Expenses o/a. Children's Christmas Party £35. Less Nett Costs o/a. Ladies' Night £27. Less Purchase of Flags £20.

R. GEERE, Hon. Treasurer.

Personalities

Being a bit on the wintery side have not sighted many of the boys recently.

Gordon Holmes called in recently and left with me some very nice colour slides of the Promontory which he acquired on his visit to Victoria. The opportunity will be taken to show these at a meeting one of these evenings. Thanks a million Gordon for your gesture.

Another from the southern provinces sighted was Gordon Barnes down from Rocky Gully on a business trip. Said the season to date had been a beauty and he was hopeful that it would continue and so increase his income. He is much more hopeful now of making a real success of his War Service farm in the area. Gordon is President of the local Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. and said he would be in the big smoke for the Annual Conference of the R.S.L.

Sighted Tom Nisbet and Don Murray at the footy on a couple of occasions. Both are looking extra fit and obviously happy in the Am-pol Service.

Another sighted on my wanderings in the search of a good footy match was "Boomer" Giles who is now domiciled at Ashfield. Had a few noggins with him at the Bas-sendean Hotel. "Boomer" said he had seen Don Hudson on a few occasions and the "Huddy" was still top of the morning.

Time we saw a bit of Joe Brand at Association meetings. You've been in Perth long enough now Joe to come along to a meeting or so. Make it the Annual General.

I see Rod Dhu too frequently. He and Doris play host to me on quite a lot of occasions when Rod and I decide to take in a footy match. I always finish up in trouble.

Serving notice on Gerry Green. What about a sighter mate? Have not seen you for an age.

Another who has disappeared into the limbo of the lost is Bill Hollis since he sold his farm. Believe he has a place at Herne Hill but not too sure. Thought we would see him Anzac Day for sure but it was not to be.

Believe the timber season has treated Terry Paull quite well with his mill at Boyup Brook.

Hope to see Jack Penglase at the Annual General Meeting. He is usually one of our regulars at this show.

Alf Walsh is one who seems to have dropped out of things recently. What's wrong, Alf? Come on Sylvia, hunt him along to a meeting or so.

Rumour has it that "Doc" Wheatley is doing a stint on the Standard Gauge Railway.

Heard This?

USE YOUR PERSUADER

A young couple on their honeymoon trip had taken an upper berth on the Niagra Limited.

Shortly after they climbed up and about every two minutes there after the bride was heard to exclaim in a loud voice: "Arthur, I just can't convince myself that we are finally married."

After about an hour of this, someone piped up from the end of the car: "For Pete's sake, Artie, will you convince her so we can all get some sleep?"

Random Harvest

TOM MARTIN, 670 King George's Road, Penshurst, N.S.W., writes:

Find enclosed money for sweep tickets (about time I drew a prize) and rest for whatever you may like to do with it (might cover cost of postage for "Courier").

I now lead a very quiet life, hold no office in the R.S.L., but up to my eyes in the political field and as we are getting ready for a State election you can realise that means work. I will not bring parties into my discussion but I feel quite sure we will still continue in Government in N.S.W.

Don't see much of the "boys" of the Unit these days, but do on occasions have a "small glass" with various ones. No. 1 menace is "Snowy" Weir, who is now in the P.M.G. Dept. and seems to be enjoying life as men of our vintage can. It is still debatable if "Snow" ever wears socks and there is a standing offer of £1 among our gang to anyone who finds them in his shoes.

Some time ago Jack Hartley, Bill Cohen and myself attended the funeral of the late Mr. Laidlaw, father of our well remembered "Bull". Unfortunately Geoff was unable to be there for the final rites, but we three on behalf of the Unit laid a wreath and conveyed the respects of the Unit to the family per medium of Aub Laidlaw, the well-known life saver at Bondi.

A couple of weeks ago I ran into the "Arch Menace of Trouble", in the person of one "Curly" O'Neil, pity he wasn't still riding that horse from Darwin. Up until then I always thought Jim Griffin was the master of words when he castigated O'Neill, but I can assure you Griffin knows what he is talking about.

I accidentally ran into him and a team of his reporter friends in Elizabeth St., and, of course, his usual form of address was: "Have you time for one?" At my age I knew he meant grog. We retired to the nearest "Resch's" bowser, and it was on. I got the rundown on his life in London, but I will say no more, because if Betty is like my "ball and chain", she will read the "Courier" also.

Luckily for me it was "Curly's" pay day and he had to be back by 3 p.m. to collect this ill gotten gains. Myself, I am still squaring up to my boss for my overstay of an early lunch break.

Despite my criticism of him, it was a delightful interlude and I know one and all will agree it is what makes the old world tick.

I am not going to mention anyone by their correct name but only as we knew then and I know "Curley" and I both had a knot in our throat when we spoke of the names such as Charlie, Brownie, Doyley, Baldy Mark II, Patto, The Bosun, Boony and others you will remember.

"Hagan Axe" (Angus Evans) is one I see a lot of when he comes to the City, but thank goodness he hasn't been down for a few months Lord deliver me, I have just realised the Easter Show is very close, so it will be on again.

Trusting the Sydney Cup sweep will be a great success and good luck to the winners.

Regards to all the boys and thank you Col for keeping my name on the books. Forever in debt.

KEITH CRAIG, of Box 234, P.O., Young, N.S.W., writes:—

Hoping this is at the least some slight remedy for your ulcers old chap, and a slight help towards the "Courier" which is most appreciated this side of Aussie, by us Craigs anyway.

At the moment I'm having a few days in bed, so I've no excuse for not having time to get the sweep butts and a few lines off to you.

Bushfires are on everyone's mind hereabouts and a chap has to be careful not to stubb his boot on a rock for fear of causing a spark. Everything is tinder dry, it would only need the least thing to kick it off. Some people are very conscious of the danger, having prepared fire breaks, etc., whereas others have grass and rubbish up to back doors so to speak.

In the mountainous country rain is the only answer, not to say of course the open grass country needs it as well.

Stock water around Young district has got to a serious stage. It

is not good holding country and dams seem to lose a good deal from leakage into the underground.

The news tells of a cyclone off the W.A. coast so one could get what's left over after you chaps get your share. Anyway spare us a drop. It will tame the "red steer" a bit and give the fire fighters a respite.

I will close this note for this time, hoping all is well with you and hope to hear through the "Courier" of your doings. All the best to W.A. members.

Please find enclosed sweep butts and a few bob to keep the good oil flowing east.

E. ROWE, of Pine Creek, Canungra, Qld., writes:—

Received your letter and tickets. So sorry I'm slow at answering.

We are all well here, still battling along with the cows, as we are in the midst of a drought, being the driest March in Brisbane for 50 years. Guess we'll get over it somehow.

I had a few beers with Jack Stafford before he went to Vietnam. He is a W.O. Looks extra well, big and fat.

Mum is very sick in the Moree hospital. Had her third stroke. Lost her speech and the use of her right arm. Guess she can't go on for ever. She is 82.

I'll close now hoping this finds you and all the gang in the pink of condition.

BERT MATTHEWS, of 185 Ravenscar St., Double View, writes:

I am going away for the weekend looking for rabbits up Mukinbudin. It's a long way to go but we have quite a few traps and a good spotlight for some night shooting. Always a good weekend spent by all.

Enclosed is the butts with money for same and I hope the sweep is another successful one.

J. GRIFFIN, of Cocketgedong, Jerilderie, N.S.W., writes:—

Enclosed please find postal note. I received book of sweep tickets and sold same. Deduct this amount for the sweep and the balance for the "Courier".

Trust you are all well over there. I am getting a bit anxious about Pommy O'Neil. I have not heard

from him for ages. It's about time he came back. I miss the Pommy very much.

Things are pretty bad over here, rain wanted badly.

All the very best to you all.

J. RICE, of Keithleigh St., South Lton, Tas., writes:—

I am enclosing sweep butts and money. I still have the film but will bring it back later on in the year if I can scratch up enough pennies. I made one attempt to send it back. Someone rang me from Hobart and asked me to send it down as he was from W.A., this I did but had it returned by a friend after being there for a fortnight.

I also wrote and sent a donation for Kings Park but never heard whether you got it or not.

Well hope to see you all later on in the year.

R. K. PALMER, of Cowaramup, W.A., writes(?):—

Am here to worry you once again as I will enclose Tribunal form for you to deal with if possible. Don't worry unduly about it. If you are unable to fix same. I know of course that if anyone can do anything to get results, C. D. Doig is the one to do it but as I was very reluctant to report to the M.O. at any time during my army career I haven't anything of much value to you on my records. The only times I can recall having affected my back are certainly not recorded. The first time was when we left Bobanaro in a hurry in September 1942 and I departed there carrying a case of .45 ammo which I had to dump after about half an hour and the second was getting out of the ambush at the Aminik saddle on March 22, 1944. I will remember that date as it was my first wedding anniversary. As you well remember reporting sick was not possible on either occasion at the injured times. Anyhow I leave it all to you but don't let it worry you.

How are things with you? Going well I hope. I was in Perth for a day about a fortnight ago and dropped in and saw Dave Ritchie, but didn't have time for anything else. The main reason for the trip was to see the Dad who had a stroke a short while ago, but is

making a good recovery. Don't know whether you met him during the war or not. A lot of the boys did. Am trying to get a W.S.H. for him in Busselton but not meeting with much success as yet. He was 77 this month.

Well I will not try your eyes any longer but will give you a pleasant surprise by returning the sweep butts on time for once.

Thanks a lot for taking on this task for me. I am indeed most grateful and trust you achieve the result we both hope for.

Regards from us all and good luck.

STAN KING, of Pingaring, W.A., writes:—

Sorry, but as you can see by the return of my sweep butts I have been unsuccessful in disposing of more than half. This year for some unknown reason people just don't want them. (Never has one been knocked back by so many.) The Sydney Cup is not popular at all up here and I would like to suggest that we go back to one of the local cups or Melbourne Cup.

Things are pretty dry up here. Am carting water for the sheep at present and really want rain bad. Still, I'm not the only one, I suppose.

That's all. Regards to the mob.

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

As the actress said to the Bishop this is what you have all been waiting for. A letter from your very own Co Respondent. Sorry, I mean correspondent.

Having had the doubtful pleasure of running into Blue Harris at our mutual mechanics workshop, I thought maybe a word or two would not go astray about the latter and one or two others I have seen and heard about.

Blue, of course, is managing to control his itchy pinchy fingers behind one of Grace Bros. counters much to the benefit of his health and well-being although he gets an occasional queer feeling but his doctor does not seem to think it is anything to worry about. Angus Evans was down recently and called to see me, election day to be exact. We had tea here at the avenue then went to vote, then on to my local R.S.L. for two quick

beers as Angus had to go on to another appointment.

I was sorry I could not make Arncliffe to see Bert Tobin but I started earlier than usual that day and worked later than expected. It's rather nice to meet folks you read so much about and whom you do not already know or can't recall their faces.

Snowy Went I have heard, has gone in for tearing up pound notes into confetti much to the annoyance of the local gendarmes who can't understand why nobody will trust them these days. Things are getting so rough in this State that it's hard to draw a line between the latter gentleman, politicians, and the professional unlawabiding persons.

Saw Bill Coker industriously tearing into the garden the other day. More visitors, Bill? or just squaring off to Coral? I wasn't game to stay too long after Coral came to the window. Kettles you know.

Sorry Bloss, but the more one sees and hears the more one becomes convinced the state of the services as a whole are, to put it mildly, bloody awful. Excuse the language, girls, but the children know a lot more these days than we give them credit for.

I was pleased to see a word or two from Smash in a recent "Courier" and I at least know of three people for sure who read my letters, Heather Herd, Smash and myself.

Hey! Have you heard O'Neil's back in town. At present he's still in hiding. There may not be the slightest truth that Griff is looking for him with a double barrel, but one can never tell. They are never the same once they have been away or outside their own country.

I have heard some good jokes about the local scandal but as we can't print 'em, they may also be sub judice, also some of the evidence might not stand up in court. You understand fellers.

By the way, met any of the 200 Indonesian scientists lately. Aint eddication wonderful. In a few short years from lap lap to boom boom, mushroom kind.

I may post this right away or hold it for a few days. Maybe I'll get some more fashionable mater-

ial to mention from up your north where all our front line boys will be.

With a few hours' break since the last full stop, I have just heard that our illustrious Prime Minister is about to visit us again before he returns to London or New York or wherever it is he runs Australia from. He arrived today to be exact. Portly Paltridge has signed for some hundred odd million worth of phantoms or some such gear. It will probably be like all the other gear we should have—just like phantoms in the dark.

Going to work in the bus the other day I thought of half a dozen things to say in this short note (say that again) short note. Well you know how it is, you start to say hello, before you know it you are saying hello Dolly, hey there Harry, and you have written an opus, if you're lucky that is.

Well, where the hell are you all going Anzac Day? Here or there? Make it a date for Sydney. No butts. Travel's free and you won't get another chance for 50 years to make it an anniversary year, if you know what I mean.

Well, before I run out of something to say I had better sign off. Before I go, it's so dry in this State that even the politicians' heads are shrinking.

A. MACLACHLAN, 37 Arrowsmith St., Camp Hill, Brisbane, writes:

Sorry that I am running late with these butts. Had good intentions.

As usual I don't know if I owe the Association any money so I will include a few extra dollars.

Have no news to pass on about any of the boys as I have not sighted any for quite some time. As for myself I have given up my life long job in the building trade and have joined the Customs Dept., as a Preventive Officer (sounds as if I'm selling the "Pill"). Have been in my new job about three months and find it very interesting. Our job covers the prevention and detection of smuggling, illegal importing and exporting and immigration. I am just starting to find out how clever these honourable Chinese are. They are re-educating me.

That's all for now. My regards to all the boys.

V. TIMMS, of 5 Arrowsmith St., Camp Hill, Brisbane, writes:

Just a note to go with sweep butts plus cutting re Eric Davies. I am still travelling the State with the P.M.G.

Only members seen lately have been Neil Hooper at Roma, Dick Dorham, Mackay, and Bulla Tait at Bandon near Aye.

Best wishes to all.

JIM ENGLISH, of 11 Richards Ave., Peakhurst, writes:

Enclosed will find ticket butts. Don't worry if drawn before you receive letter as they are all in my name.

W. A. DRAGE, of 20 Boronia Ave., Geraldton, W.A., writes:

Sorry about the tickets, which you will find enclosed with cheque I was in Perth on the 9th to a wedding. Had the tickets with me but as usual nothing in the scone to think with so brought them home again.

I saw the Kirkwood the other day. He was on his way to Horrocks Beach for a few days, staying in our beach camp.

There is not much news up this way. I don't seem to be able to keep up with things, what with golf, bowls and of course fishing and a little of the old amber coloured stuff, I have a very full time.

JOE TELL, of 8 Carrington Ave., Mortdale, N.S.W., writes:

We had a welcome visitor to N.S.W. in the person of "Bloss" Laurence. He turned up at Arncliffe R.S.L. with two other officers, Capt. Tom Heffernon and Lt. Dennis Nickols. They are at North Head doing a course in Engineering.

They were welcomed by Tom Martin, Jim English, Bill Cocker, Paddy Kenneally, Ray Handley, "From the West".

George Warnes represented the Arncliffe R.S.L. He spoke very well of the 2/2nd boys.

Curly O'Neill had his mother with him. Nearly all the boys had their wives with them. Also Jim English had his mother.

We broke "Bloss" in to our pints over here. We had a three course dinner, and the beer flowed by the jug.

Before the night was over we

had "Bloss" on the dance floor doing the twist. So you can see a very good time was had by all.

For some reason I don't know, "Bloss" had his plans changed, and Jim English, his wife Jean, his daughter Pauline, and his neice, also myself, went to Mascot Airport to bid Barry goodbye on his trip back to the West. His plane left at 9.25 a.m. 15/5/65. We will miss him but now we might get some rest.

We had 43 boys at Anzac March Ron Hilliard, Jack Hartley, Snowy Went, Alfredo Dos Santos, Joe Tell, Curly O'Neill, Bill Hoy, R. Langford, W. Buck, Pat Costello, Frank Stevens, Fred Jarman, D. Crofts,

All best wishes.

W. H. ROWAN-ROBINSON, of Bridgetown, W.A., writes:

We are having a few days at Busselton, the second small holiday for this year, so I thought I would drop you a few lines while I had the chance. Actually we will be going back this afternoon and no doubt there will be plenty of work to do as soon as we get back.

We have taken a beach house here, it has most mod. cons. which makes things easier. I don't do much more than just take things easy. Fortunately I now have a son who can look after the farm while we are away, this makes things much easier as far as taking a holiday is concerned.

The same son did the Y.M.C.A. pioneer course, you might have seen a bit in the papers about it. Something like Foster with a bit of canoeing, yachting, underwater swimming, cliff climbing and what have you thrown in. Although almost the youngest there he managed to top the course.

Not much news, we see the Langridges every now and again,

but have not seen anyone else. However my main reason for writing is to congratulate, and thank, all those concerned with the Kings Park kerbing effort. It so happens that I took a run up there before getting the last "Courier" and was very surprised to see that the job was done. A mighty effort and once again thanks to all concerned.

MISS L. JOHNSON, of Box 7, Koorda, W.A., writes:

I am writing this letter to thank you for the lovely necklace you sent me. Do you know that Trevor has a broken arm? He was playing with some friends when suddenly he slipped in some wet mud and fell on the cement.

That is all I have to say for now.

Sister YVONNE writes:

I am writing this letter to thank you for the nice brush and comb you sent me for Christmas.

Lorraine got a brush and comb for Christmas.

John, Norman and Trevor thank you too.

Trevor broke his arm just before the Christmas tree.

ALAN LUBY, of Box 82, Grafton, Queensland, writes:

Most humble apologies my friend, for not returning the sweep butts in time—I did receive them, and set about selling them, and if you gave me £100 each for the butts, I'm damned if I'd be able to claim a cent. They have just disappeared. I guess my backers will claim that I welched on them and perhaps I'll be placed on the "black list" of the organisers henceforth but even so I can only say I'm sorry pal and weigh in a quid.

It is good to hear from you and we still get a great amount of pleasure out of the "Courier" with its news of the fellows—not always good news, but the passage of time must bring its tragedies to our group as well as its pleasures.

I still receive, and mostly manage to reply to, an annual letter from Jerry Haire and Dr. Dunkley. Occasionally I might hear from one of the other fellows, and periodically we have a visit from someone passing through on holidays. Not many this year, but some.

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Those of us here manage to maintain fairly close contact and will get together next Sunday to celebrate Anzac Day.

George Mathieson has been troubled recently with an ulcer—think he's been chewing too much ceiling plaster. Ron Orr is the proud father of another son, surprise, surprise. Harry Fredericks still slapping the paint on and taking life very quietly. Ron MacArthur has been a T.P.I. for the last couple of years but still manages to pilot his little Vanguard around town. George (Happy) Greenhalgh well settled in at Maclean and I'll bet that he'll take some moving from that spot.

Our girls are growing up and will soon be 14 and 11 years. Peta is in second year at High and Marcia doing sixth form—both nice kids and enjoying life as only schoolgirls can. Barrie has been working at Port Kembla with B.H.P. since February 64, as a trainee metallurgist and likes it very much. I saw him in Sydney last weekend when down there for a conference but didn't have time to contact any of our fellows on the limited time available.

Edith and I both manage to keep fairly well and enjoy a game of bowls whenever we can. I expect to be coming to Perth for the Legacy Conference in October and will advise you further when plans are final.

That's all for now. There are dozens of things to write about but time is the thing that beats us all. Kindest regards and best wishes to all.

A Further Letter from Alan:—

At the risk of the mail box overflowing I have been detailed by those concerned to add a further surate to that of last week, and I admit it gives me a great deal of pleasure to do so.

Following the Anzac Day celebrations yesterday and luncheon at the South Grafton Ex-Servicemen's Club, we local fellows decided to join the bowlers in the annual Diggers v. The Rest competition which is competed between the above club and South Grafton Bowling Club whose green is adjacent.

Diggers won on the day by 15 points and our team, comprising George Mathieson, Ron Orr, George Greenhalgh and myself were lucky

enough to take out the major trophy with a 34-17 win. We were ably assisted by Harry Fredericks as a barracker, who spurred us on with battle cries of "Up the Reds!" "Diakonna" and such like. Anyway a good day was had by all and the prize of sets of steak knives and forks assures us of a leave pass for next Anzac Day.

Unfortunately there were no carow or bibi rus lurking in the nearby villages so we will have to save the christening of the eatin' irons for another day.

Trust everyone had as enjoyable a day as we did.

JACK PENGLASE, of 18 Queen St. Bentley, W.A., writes:—

I have been up to Kalgoorlie for Easter and have at last caught up with the elusive Jack Spencer.

Elsie and I visited the Thornanders and Eric suggested we leave the women to natter and see if the Spencer was home, and he was. So it was around to the Albion Hotel, Boulder City, to have a Hannans or two and walk the Timor hills again. Eventually took Jacky back to Eric's and squared off to the girls. We all had a night out on Easter Saturday night and dinner at Eric's on Easter Sunday. I returned on Monday.

Jack asked many questions as to the whereabouts of different chaps and particularly sends his regards to 6 Section. Names I recall through the haze are Jerry Haire, Reg Harrington, Tommy Martin, Mal Herbert, Jack Hasson.

Jack has been as far as the Ord River in his travels. How long will he be in Kal? Who knows. He is still interested in boxing and is doing a bit of tuition at the Police Boys Club. He asked me if I could procure an Address Book for him. Also Eric Thornander has lost his. I am passing this on with Jack's address.

Hoping all members had as pleasant an Easter as I had. Regards.

A. JAMIESON, Loomes Street, Narrandern, writes:—

Please find enclosed ticket which won a consolation prize. I see where it is my name but on account of my writing it is Narrabeen instead of Narrandern.

Will have to close now as I am on my way to work.

KEITH CRAIG, Box 234, Young, N.S.W., writes:—

A very hurried note to say you may be 10/- out in your balance on tees, as you have added 10/- to the amount we sent you. Receipt No. 936, dated 19/3/65. I am sorry I have only just noticed this and you may have had a search for the 10/- before this. We don't expect to hear from you in reply to this but thought it may make things balance.

It is still very dry although we had 7.5 pts. rain a few weeks back and a little grass has grown. We still need heavy rains to run water into dams and for house tanks. It will be too late soon for wheat sowing.

Keith very busy with stock feeding and lambing time and hasn't had a break at all. He did go to Anzac march and dinner in Young. It was a very nice day and a really wonderful service. The guest speaker at the dinner was Commander Hume and Keith said gave them something to think about. He finished off the day by playing bowls and voted it all very good. First break he had had for weeks so enjoyed it.

Best wishes from Keith and hope the 2/2nd had a wonderful reunion on Anzac Day in W.A.

L. (Litchy) LITCHFIELD, of Mundern Stn., Marree, S.A., writes:—

Sorry I am so late in returning money for the sweep butts, better late than never. Enclosed cheque.

Still intend to write a long letter one day. Never seem to get around to it.

In the midst of shearing just now. Reckon to cut out by Friday next. Very dry around these parts but have seen it a lot worse.

Best wishes to all the boys and a big pat on the back to you chaps who keep things going.

F. P. CUNNINGHAM, of 182 Augustus St., Geraldton, writes:—

I am enclosing a money order with sweep butts. The extra being to assist in the running of the Association. I trust the sweep will be a huge success and send my best wishes to all members.

We of Geraldton consider ourselves very lucky this last 12 months as not only were we favoured

with the convention but also had the good fortune of a visit from Barry Lawrence and Merv Ryan. Merv's trip was a bit rushed and organising a get together was rather disappointing. As just when he thought he would have a few spare hours he would have a go to work. Nevertheless after he had left on top of Barry's visit hangers were beginning to seem the order of the day.

Closing with all my best wishes.

KEITH BEER, of Private Bag, Swan Hill, Victoria, writes:—

Please find ticket butts enclosed for your Sydney Cup sweep, also postal note. Hope she's a big success.

Am trying to talk Kev Curran in to a trip to the West but Kev has big alterations coming up for the pub and says he can't make it for a while yet. I would like to find the whereabouts of Dutchie Holland. He was in No. 8 Section in Cam Rodd's Company with me. I believe he was in Melbourne recently looking for me. If you could round up his address I would be much obliged.

Give my regards to all the boys over there. Hope they are doing good and in the best of health. (Dutchie's address: M. J. Holland, 270 Orrong Rd., Carlisle, W.A.)

JIM SMAILES, of Shark Bay Salt Pty. Ltd., W.A., writes:—

Enclosed please find butts for books of tickets and cheque covering three more. I will buy them in my own name and take a chance on a decent prize.

I wrote you a few weeks ago about a few things but am now not sure about the box number at the G.P.O. I even sent you a few lines for an Editorial, so do hope you got it all O.K.

I am now up here on a management job for this Co. It is a subsidiary of Adelaide Steamship Co. and in a rather big way up here.

More next time and every success for the sweep and general activities.

Lew THOMPSON, of Warnamal, W.A., writes:—

Herewith butts.

Remember me to all. Started to rain thank God. Yes, out of rain water. All the best.

CLIFF PAFF, of 24 Dennison St., Glouster, N.S.W., writes:—

Regret not having returned the butts, but have been somewhat disorganised lately owing to the most severe drought in history prevailing here at the moment. Have mislaid the tickets you sent, but I am forwarding a cheque to aid Association funds.

I hope to be coming over to the West in September or early October to a Legacy Convention. If I do I hope to spend three or four weeks so should be able to look quite a few of the boys up.

My regards to all the gang.

R. SPRIGG, of 60 Hill St., Albany, W.A., writes:—

I normally beat the reminder, but not so this time. As usual have taken them myself so please find butts and cheque enclosed. The little extra to go to the most needy cause.

Things much the same in this neck of the woods. I have given up the running up and down on trains away and back shunting. Not quite such a social outcast now.

The only one of the boys I have seen in months is Keith Hayes on one of his short visits. Unfortunately only had time for a few words.

I think since last communicating with you my eldest daughter Kathleen left school and started work with the R. & I. Bank. Quite settled down now and keeping the house of course.

Here's wishing you every success with the sweep.

TOM BATEMAN, of Wilfred Road, Canningvale, W.A., writes:—

I haven't had much time to sell tickets this year but nevertheless I am with you in spirit and will endeavour to attend a meeting or two before the end of the season.

I am doing a bit of swat at the moment and it doesn't go to well with the grog.

F. STEWART, 85 Regat St., Kogarah, writes:—

Sorry so late sending back butts To be honest I forgot about them this last week, as we had a death on my wife's side of the family and one on mine.

Will drop a line later on.

Best of luck to all.

SNOWY WENT, of 32 Wyong St., Canley Vale, writes:—

Enclosed butts and money. Wish the Association every success. Many thanks.

A. VOEVODIN, 50 Brinawa St., Camp Hill, writes:—

Thanks for the "Courier" and sweep tickets. It's good to read how all the troops are making a go of it, even the family side. I've stopped at four. The years must be slowing me down.

Mum and I hope to make a round tour when the kids grow up a bit, so I'll be seeing that Melbourne town and Perth, so keep active 6 Section, and one day I'll be down to cheer you up.

All the best to the Company.

E. HOFFMAN, of P.O. Porphyng, via Kalgoorlie, W.A., writes:—

How are you all?

Please find enclosed a cheque for the butts, fees and a fine, and please take another book for me.

The fine is for not being in a position to write a decent letter. Regards to all.

F. FREESTONE, of 29 Reserve St., Claremont, W.A., writes:—

As per usual I am late with the butts. Some of us certainly give you a bit of a torrid time. I have good intentions when they first arrive but I always seem to require that last nudge to remember. Please find enclosed money for tickets and subs.

Hope you are O.K. Regards to all the boys and will surprise by turning up some day.

The wife is nearly 100 per cent again. She has a great interest in a grand daughter, Cindy Jane Walker, and really some little pet.

At present I am busy putting up a front wall. The old wooden one fell down. Quite a job getting angles, levels and digging up roots. I think there are more where my bricks have to go than there was in Roe Street. Wooden ones, I mean.

REG HARRINGTON, of Ainaro, Wyening, W.A., writes(?):—

Herewith ticket butts and cheque. It looks like I won't be scrambling at the last this time. I'm afraid I took the hint from

one of the members and used the rubber stamp.

We must apologise for not making it to Ladies' Night as I am Adult Leader for the local Junior Farmers and they had a field day plus a dance at night in aid of the Sister Kates Home we were both involved. Unfortunately there were several counter attractions with the result that we only managed to scramble home with about a fiver. However they will be doing a bit more on it yet.

If it hasn't rained by then I will make a big effort to get to the Anzac march his year.

O. K. DIGNUM, of 24 Selkirk Ave., Seaton Park, S.A., writes:—

As you can see by the date of this letter it will have to move to make it on time. If I can get a horse to move as fast I'll be a sitter.

As usual I have delayed writing until the last minute, and now that I have decided, news seems very scarce. What news has happened here you have read it in the papers with the exception of Dud Tapper's doings. They don't make the paper. Dud is my only link with the Association and I suppose I am his here.

Dud doesn't appear to alter much, gets a bit older and more argumentive. His leisure pastime is taken up with sailing. Is a crew member of boat of sorts. I won't enlarge on that as I could buy myself an argument. Men in sails don't speak to powerboat men.

You will have to excuse this scribble but I am racing against time. I enjoy reading the "Courier" but I didn't know there were so many men in the Unit that I don't know. I would hate to blow in on a meeting over there. I think I would be tossed out.

Well, I will have to end now. Sorry I am so late with the butts but I think air mail will make it.

Remember me to any of the chaps out of 4 Section who happen to be around, including "Stone Cody".

JEAN FOWLER, of Box 73, Wongan Hills, W.A., writes:—

Enclosing butts and cheque. Hope we aren't too late. Have been wanting John to write this but he's rather busy on crutching,

burning off and having the electricians changing over ready for the 240v. power when it comes.

Everything O.K. up here and hoping for an earlier start to the season.

Regards to all the boys.

DULCIE RYAN, Cr. Wrexham and Murray Sts., Bicton, writes:—

Enclosed please find ticket butts and money for same. Hope you pull out a winner for us.

Must thank you on behalf of Merv and myself for a most enjoyable Ladies' Night. We both really had a terrific time and although we didn't hit the bed till 3.30 a.m. there were no hangovers. What about two Ladies' Nights a year? Am sure most would be in favour of it.

We are both very interested in the Eastern States Safari but like others it would take us about four years to save our cents and dollars.

BILL WALSH, of 34 Sea Street, Kempsey, N.S.W., writes:—

Please find enclosed sweep butts and postal note for same. Sorry I'm late in returning the butts. If it's too late for the draw please place the money in general funds.

A few weeks ago I was fortunate to have the pleasure of a visit in the one Curly O'Neill. In the company of our wives we had a very pleasant evening at our local R.S.L. Club. Curly was looking a picture of health, maybe turning a little grey on top but nevertheless the same Curly O'Neill we all knew in days gone bye.

Of interest to any 2/3rd chaps you may be in contact with. It concerns Dudley Woods, ex-2/3rd, who was drowned in January at a place 13 miles from Kempsey, named Crescent Head.

Dudley had been duck shooting at the time of his drowning. He had shot some ducks in a lagoon behind the beach and waded in to retrieve them but unfortunately he slipped into a deep hole and was overcome by weeds as there being only his wife and small son with him it was too late when his son had returned with assistance.

Dudley had a very large funeral. A guard of honour was formed by approximately 60 returned men. Jack McCabe, ex-2/5th, and my-

self represented the Commando Sqd. and had a wreath sent to represent the Commando Association.

Dudley had been a member of both the Macleay R.S.L. League and Club.

His wife was assisted with both the Club and League, the Club giving £75 and the League £25 towards expenses. The League has now made Dudley's children wards of Legacy so his family has been and will be well looked after.

There is lots I could tell you of our R.S.L. Club but saving time I'm enclosing the last annual report also a snap of the Club building from that you will understand why each member is so proud of his Club.

I shall finish off now wishing you hard workers for the Association the very best of success with the sweep.

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

Good luck to you and all the boys.

NORM THORNTON, of Box 81, Denmark, W.A., writes:—

Enclosed find ticket butts and cheque, the remainder for any other worthy cause.

Things are going quite good down here. I occasionally see some of the ex-commandos. Most of them look pretty well, as I feel myself.

Could you send me another Address Book as Don Young took mine in his drunken stupor last time he was down here.

Regards to all the boys. See you at the next Re-union.

MICK DEVLIN, of 181 Pennant Pde., Epping, N.S.W., writes:—

Please find enclosed cheque re sweep tickets which I hope arrives in time. I must extend my congratulations to your Association for their mighty effort in the publication of the "Courier". It sure is appreciated by everyone in this corner of the globe.

I am still looking forward to the day when I can make it over to the West. Perhaps in a year or two when the family leaves school. For sure it shall be one day.

I'm still associated with the Tele-Comm. field being a foreman tele-graph mechanic of the Exchange

Equipment Division at T.E.I. and this September marks 28 years of service.

My family consists of two boys aged 15 years and 13 years and one daughter aged 11, and their sporting activities keep the wife and I going full time, along with their normal studies.

Must close, wishing everyone over there all the very best.

JACK PEATHIE, of 11 Denne St., W. Tamworth, N.S.W., writes:—

Enclosing butts and cheque. Hope it doesn't bounce.

The last year has been pretty busy as far as work is concerned and quiet in other respects. However with the health of the family and myself still holding, have no cause to complain. The kids look like downing me at tennis any day now so it won't be long before I'll have to admit that the grey hairs are taking their toll.

I haven't sighted any of the boys up this way for over a year now so still really appreciate the "Courier" with its news.

All the best to the gang.

VERA CHAPMAN, of 85 Francis St., Swansea, N.S.W., writes:—

Enclosed please find P.N. for butts for sweep.

Eric suffers from writer's cramp I'm afraid, never gets round to writing.

Wishing you all the best and success in the sweep, not forgetting to thank you for the "Courier" which Eric and I both enjoy.

BOB "Beaky" SMITH, of Point Perpendicular Lighthouse, via Newra, N.S.W., writes:—

Only a note with ticket butts enclosed. I hope they arrive in time, for I am afraid I have been rather tardy in returning them. I am enclosing a few bob extra to the butt money.

Just after Christmas I had a very pleasant surprise visit by Jack Keenahan and Jimmy Hallinan. As I was just about to leave for an appointment in town our meeting was brief, but on my first available free day Joyce and I travelled to Huskisson where Jack and Jim were holidaying and renewed our meeting over a few glasses of fluid. The following weekend also saw us with Jack (Jimmy had returned to

Sydney) and his wife for another great chin wag. It had been 19 years since I had seen either of them so I can assure you there were not any silent moments during our meetings.

Although I had not seen either of them all those years, recognition was instant the moment they both stepped out of their cars. The years have passed lightly over both and even though older in years the youthful look and actions are still there. I can assure you that over all these years these (all too few) encounters with former mates give me the greatest pleasure and afford me the chance to relive moments of former happenings. My occupation makes it impossible to join in ordinary meetings like many of our Unit. I suppose that, in one sense, is why these chance meetings give me great pleasure. Anyhow the upshot of our meeting was that if Jack and Jim are down this way again, another gettogether would be a certainty.

I don't know if you have been informed from the Queensland Branch, but a very close friend of

mine (and yours), Eric Davies, otherwise known as "Porky" and a member of the Sapper Section, passed away in January and the funeral was held in Brisbane. I was a friend of Eric's for many years and we had corresponded and visited each other spasmodically for some years as well. During our army days Eric and I were very close and the news of his passing was a great shock to Jim and myself.

By the way I haven't read a "Courier" for some time. Have they still been producing monthly? These news letters give me great pleasure and I look forward to them and their non-arrival either means they have not been produced for some time or they have gone astray.

Being isolated as I am not much in the way of news, so will close with kind regards to yourself also to the Unit as a whole and special regards to all the "Saps".

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