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Editorial

AUSTRALIA-WIDE RE-UNION

The subject of an Australia-wide Re-union has again come to the fore.

The Annual General Meeting of the W.A. Branch gave tacit approval for the conduct of a Re-union from this Branch's point of view. The style of re-union approved was that of a Grand Safari as outlined in a previous Editorial. It now remains for other States to give their approval and the game will be on.

The suggested year is 1968 but to date no particular month has been settled upon as this will be dependent on the best time available to the greatest number of members.

To once again outline the idea of this Safari let me show how it is proposed to run it. The general idea is that W.A. members will depart by car from Perth calling at say Kalgoorlie for a minor re-union with members in that area. Any of these members can then join the contingent and the next spot for re-union will be in Adelaide where we get together with our South Australian brethren for a good time. It is hoped that some S.A. members will join the caravan on to Melbourne by a route still to be devised. At Melbourne the Victorian boys will take over and once again it will be a time of re-union for a period of say 5-7 days. The contingent would then move to Sydney added to by any Victorian members who can join in. Sydney would be the final spot for re-union and it is hoped that Queens-

land members could come down for the re-union to be held in that city. Members would make their separate ways home from Sydney.

The idea was originally brought up by Bert Tobin at a conference held in Perth in conjunction with the Commonwealth Re-union in 1962. He expanded upon it in a letter to the "Courier" some nine months later. This idea has the merit of bringing all members in all States into the picture and providing members and their wives and families with a really first class holiday. It will naturally take time and money but the gain will be terrific as no one could personally plan a holiday with so much potential entertainment and value in meeting old friends once again on their own home grounds.

There is no doubt the project would have the effect of enlivening branches in every State during the currency of the organisation and this in itself is nothing if not good in its effect upon the eventual strength of the Association as a whole.

Readers will be hearing a lot more on this subject in the months to come especially if the other States agree to co-operate as they undoubtedly will do as they will realise the terrific uplift such a travelling convention can do for the Association.

Keep this idea in mind and start saving your pounds or should it be dollars, so that you can participate when the actual event takes place.

West Australian Whisperings

Association Activities

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Despite Editorials upon the subject and all other forms of enveiglement, afraid the response was terrible. Only 20 starters for this most important meeting. Really, what can you do to get a roll up at these meetings? However, those who attended were at least enthusiastic and much business was transacted. The reports submitted were excellent and appear elsewhere in this issue.

Prior to the commencement of proceedings the retiring President unveiled a delightful photo of our old friend the recently departed Mick Calcutt and his panegric address was just the thing for the occasion.

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Gentlemen,

As you are aware Mick Calcutt passed away on Nov. 26, 1964, and this Association suffered a very great loss indeed.

We all knew Mick and liked him a lot.

Those of us who saw active service on Timor got to know Mick the soldier. We all admired him for his plain common sense, which was evident at all times, his ready wit and cheerful disposition, taking things as they came, the bad along with the good, and always he helped those who needed help.

After the cessation of hostilities Mick was one of our most ardent advocates, and an untiring worker to form this, our Association.

When this Association was formed Mick really showed us what he could do. Nothing, and I repeat nothing, was too much trouble for him. No task was too big and none too small. He worked ceaselessly and untiringly, using every avenue he knew. Mick was determined that this Association would succeed, and the fact that we have succeeded, and that today we are a strong and solid organisation, is in no small measure due to Mick's efforts, in our early years as an Association.

During that time he held nearly every position there is in our As-

sociation. He was Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, President and Committee man. In each and every position he accepted Mick gave of his best. So well did he carry out his many and varied positions that we, as ordinary members, showed how much we valued his services, by making him the third Life Member of this Association.

During the later years of his life failing health and a change of occupation prevented Mick from taking a more active part in Association affairs, but his interest never lagged, and he did what he could when he could.

The high esteem in which Mick was held by our members was clearly demonstrated by the numbers who were present to pay their last respects to him, when the last Last Post for Mick was finally sounded.

Gentlemen, this Association would be singularly lacking in appreciation of such unselfish service if we did not show some mark of respect and remembrance to a member who has served us so faithfully and well for such a number of years.

To this end gentlemen, we the members of your Executive, have had Mick's photograph enlarged and suitably inscribed, and it is intended to hang it next to our Honour Roll.

Gentlemen, I now have the honour of unveiling this photograph.

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Mr. Dick Geere was elected a Life Member of the Association for his excellent work of Auditor and Treasurer of the Branch over many years. Bill Epps had the honour of proposing Dick for the honour which he did in really wonderful manner. It was left to Col Doig to second these remarks and the honour was bestowed with acclamation. Dick responded in his usual humble style and thanked the Branch for electing him a Life Member.

Before the election of officers took place Col Doig moved that the office of Past President be added to the list of officers and that the normal committeemen be reduced by one. This was passed.

The following officers were el-

ected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Jack Hasson; Vice President, Mr. Bill Epps; Past President, Mr. Arthur Smith; Secretary, Mr. Fred Napier; Treasurer, Mr. Dick Geere; Editor, Mr. Col Doig; Auditor, Mr. Joe Burrridge; Committee, Messrs. J. Carey, R. McDonald, G. Fletcher, L. Bagley, C. Varian, P. Hancock; Kings Park Warden, Mr. J. Burrridge, assisted by Mr. S. McKinley.

Country Vice Presidents: Kalgoorlie area, Mr. S. Rogers; Geraldton area, Mr. P. Barden; Midlands area, Mr. S. Sadlier; Great Southern area, Mr. R. Sprigg; South West area, Mr. T. Crouch; West Coastal area, Mr. C. Turner.

Under general business Col Doig brought up the matter of an Australianwide Convention to take the form of a Grand Safari. After considerable discussion this idea was approved by the meeting and Col Doig was empowered to try and organise the affair.

The area in Kings Park also was fully discussed and all agreed that terrific progress had been made in the past year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1964-65

Gentlemen, during the past 12 months your Committee met on 12 occasions to organise and conduct the various functions which took place during the year just past.

Our Annual Re-union and Dinner was held here in Anzac Club Basement, at the end of the August school holidays. This date was decided on to give country members returning children to school a chance to attend. The dinner as usual was a success.

The next day, Sunday, we held our Annual Commemoration Service in Honour Avenue. The time of starting this function was put forward to 2.30 p.m. to give country members the benefit of the extra half hour of daylight during their journey home.

For our monthly meeting in October we arranged a Sports Night with members of the Korean Veterans Association. This was well attended by both our own members and the Korean Veterans, and everyone enjoyed an excellent evening.

In November we were taken on a conducted tour of the A.B.C. Broadcasting studios, and also the

A.B.W.2 television studios. This was an excellent night, also a most instructive one.

Our Country Convention was held at Katanning over the long weekend in November. A good number of members, some with their wives, made the journey to Katanning on the Saturday. We were met by Alf Hillman and his wife and Ron Sprigg. Accommodation had been arranged for us at the Katanning Hotel and a get-together with members of the local R.S.L. also. That took care of Saturday. On Sunday morning some of us were taken for a tour of Bert Burges property at Broome Hill, and after lunch we held our convention at the Katanning Hotel. For the first time ever it was decided to allow the ladies to sit in at the Convention table. On Sunday evening a barbecue tea around a little refreshment was held at Mr. and Mrs. Hillman's property. This was an excellent evening, after which we made our way back to the Katanning Hotel. Monday saw us back in Perth after a wonderful weekend.

On Nov. 20 we had our Annual Bowls Evening at the Maimed and Limbless Club. This is always a good night and more members and their wives should avail themselves of it.

Our usual Christmas Party, the Bucks' Night, was held on Dec. 12. This was a very good evening, but it is felt could be improved upon by arranging a programme.

For our Children's Christmas Party we tried a new venue on Dec. 7. This party was held at Yanchep Park and proved to be quite successful, although the number who attended was slightly less than usual. Presents were sent to country children and to the children of widowed members.

Mr. Avon Payne donated a 16 m.m. movie projector complete with speaker to this Association, and in order to try it out we held a picture evening at our February meeting.

In March we held a very successful rifle shoot.

Towards the end of March we held our second annual Cricket Match at Harvey. Arthur and Mrs. Marshall spared no pains to make this day a success and to just say they succeeded is to do them an

injustice. This was a day of days and is recommended to anyone who wants to get in a real good day's outing. It was gratifying indeed to see that more of our city members and their families made this trip.

For our Ladies' Night we came back to the old style of Unit Members and their wives only. The function was held here in Anzac House and was an outstanding success. We had an excellent roll-up including quite a few country members and their wives. During this evening Bernie and Mrs. Callinan and a party of their friends, all over from Victoria, managed to find time to visit us. It was an excellent opportunity for Bernie to meet a lot of us he hadn't seen for a long time. He also met the wives of everyone present and everyone met his wife and friends. This was indeed a bright spot in the year.

The following week we were able to give Bernie a dinner at the Riverton Hotel, which was quite successful.

A wreath was laid on the State War Memorial at the Dawn Service. The roll up for the march was one of the best for many years which of course meant a good turn up afterwards at the re-union. This was the success it always is.

During the past year unfortunately three of our members passed away. They are Warick Crossing, Mick Calcutt and George Carrier. Warick Crossing left a widow and five children, and your Committee has taken care of them. They are now all comfortably housed together. Mrs. Crossing is in receipt of a War Widow's Pension and all the amenities that go with it.

Mick Calcutt and George Carrier were unmarried.

Honour Avenue Kings Park

It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that this Association can look back on the past year's work in Honour Avenue. Firstly the timber for the rear kerbing was delivered to Mr. Rod Dhu's home at Subiaco. A busy bee was arranged to white ant proof this. A further busy bee was arranged to sight and lay this kerbing. Another busy bee was arranged to complete laying the wooden kerbing on the other side.

Mr. Bob Smythe had been working with the Main Roads Dept.,

with a view to getting cement kerbing laid down on the road frontage through our area. All at once his efforts bore fruit and an extra large busy bee was called for from our Unit. The results of that call is now history. We had one of the best and most gratifying results possible. All the work necessary to assist the kerb laying gang on both the Saturday and Sunday, was easily done, such was the manpower available. This was our major step forward, made easy by the number of members who turned up and really worked hard for those two days.

Since then the area has been sanded, necessary to hold the cement kerbing. A couple of busy bees were necessary for this. The grass has been top dressed with fertilizer and one section has been tried out with a different type of sprinkler which was successful.

All this work I am sure will be carried on by the incoming committee.

Gentlemen, as your retiring President may I say a few words of praise for the work done in the past year by the members of your Executive and Committee. Each member where circumstances permitted, performed his allotted task conscientiously and well. There has never been any thought of slacking or side-stepping, and so willing to work has this Executive Committee been, that it has simplified the job of President and made my role a very easy and simple one. To the members of my Executive and Committee I say "Thank You" for your excellent and loyal support during my term as President.

And in conclusion, gentlemen, I thank you all for bestowing on me the honour of being your President for the last two years. —A. SMITH.

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EDITORIAL REPORT

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

It is once again my pleasing duty to report on the annual activity of your journal "The 2/2nd Commando Courier" for the year just ended.

This is not an activity in which spectacular progress can be reported. It is purely a matter of sending a paper to all the members whose addresses we have and trying to keep these members abreast of Association doings and inter-changing various correspondents activities.

The mailing list remains fairly constant with odd additions and odd deletions. Every State is represented in the journal's issue with the following approximate figures: W.A. 193, Victoria 114, N.S.W. 116, Queensland 32, S.A. 19, Tasmania 7, A.C.T. 2, Overseas 5 — 488 in all.

As a result of the annual sweep the address list is kept fairly current, thanks to the efforts of Bill Epps who culls all correspondence for change of addresses.

In the year just completed eight "Couriers" were issued for a total cost of £124/19/- plus bulk postage of £4/3/-. The months omitted were December, February and April. The May issue will find its way into the next year's budgeting.

Cannot report that this was a wonderful year for assistance from readers in the way of letters and except for the influx during the recent sweep the bulk of the news was supplied by regular correspondents in the form of Harry Botterill from Victoria and Peter Barden from Geraldton. This leaves a terrific responsibility on the shoulders of the Editor to think up sufficient copy to produce a readable paper.

Another problem associated at all times with the publication of our journal is the matter of Editorials. The scope available is so limited having regard to the fact that our Association is non-sectarian and non-political. The residue left is largely Association matters which have been dealt with so often that the subject becomes boring by repetition and does not serve its true purpose of enlightening the reader. Perhaps some thought might be given to form-

ulating an Editorial Committee to bring new and brighter ideas to bear on this aspect.

Thanks to Bernie Callinan the feature "Historically Yours!" has been continued with a series based on a naturalist's travels in Timor in the 1870s. This served to show the Timor we knew was little changed in 70 years. This was a very well written and highly enlightening chapter from what must have been a great book in its day.

No report could possibly be complete without due reference to the wonderful work done on our behalf by Bill Epps and of course his family. Bill, firstly in his capacity as machine operator for the "Swan Express" sets the paper and sees that it is ready on dead line, then he prepares the wrappers, folds and wraps the paper and sees to its despatch. This function together with keeping the address list up to date is a fantastic amount of work and the Association owes a deep debt of gratitude. As Editor I must give my most sincere thanks to Bill for his marvelous efforts on behalf of the Association in seeing the paper so proudly produced.

My thanks also to Keith Hayes for assisting Bill Epps by the provision of stencils for the addressing machine. Thanks to Harry Botterill of Victoria for the consistency and quality of his Victorian Vocal Venturings and of course to Peter Barden for his excellent coverage of news from the Geraldton area. As mentioned earlier without these two stalwarts the "Courier" writing would be largely a one-man affair.

Once again I would like to thank our publishers, "The Swan Express" for a wonderfully produced journal on time all the time.

In conclusion let me wish the Association and its journal all the best for the ensuing year.

—C. D. DOIG, Hon. Editor.

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Committee Comment

The first meeting of the new Committee took place on July 20 under the chairmanship of our new President, Jack Hasson, who took the opportunity to welcome members and hoped for a good year.

The Treasurer's report showed that the finances were in a healthy state and that the Association should have little difficulty in financing its various projects.

It was decided to go ahead and purchase a new mower for use in our area in Kings Park and Bill Epps and the President were empowered to buy a suitable machine.

The Committee decided to have a rifle shoot at the August meeting and that the September meeting be a film evening. The Annual Reunion is to be held on Sept. 25 (Saturday of Show Week).

After considerable discussion it was decided that 1968 appeared to be the best year in which to try and organise the Grand Safari but that the matter of the best month to hold it be left to a poll of members. Col Doig was empowered to negotiate with the Eastern States Branches on the whole matter.

The Calcutt Trophy came up for discussion and some considerable progress was made in this matter which it is hoped will be available for competition this year.

It was decided to try and arrange a picnic at Parkerville on Gerry Maley's block in the near future.

Personalities

Nice to see Ron Sprigg at the Annual General Meeting. He was promptly pooled into the job of Returning Officer which he carried out with much aplomb.

Also at this meeting was Charlie King and Robbie Burns who were making an appearance for the first time for quite a while. Charlie looks extra fit as does Robbie.

Syd McKinley was a welcome attendant and he promptly volunteer-

ed to assist the Warden in keeping Kings Park in order for the ensuing year.

Since last we went to press have to record the death of one of our original members in the person of Geo. Carrier. Geo will be well known as an original Lance Corporal in 5 Section. He had been in poor health for some time and his death was something in the nature of a happy release. Geo was a real good bloke and was most agreeable person to work with as your Editor knows, having commanded 5 Section. During later years Geo was working on a farm at Wyalkatchem and we did not see very much of him. Our sympathy goes out to any of his relatives in Australia.

Our sincere sympathy to our President, Jack Hasson, on the loss of his mother. Mrs. Hasson Snr. had also been ill for a long time although she remained most cheerful right through her illness.

Saw Geo. and Colleen Strickland at the footy when Swans got well done over by Subiaco. Both looked fit but of course disappointed at the footy result. Geo told me that "Doc" Wheatley had recently been in an accident with his utility at Northam. He got badly shaken up and his ute was a complete wipe off. Sorry to hear of your bad luck, Doc. Hope you are 100 per cent ere this.

Laurie Tapper called to see me for a brief chat the other day. Laurie is quite a tubby nowadays and tells me he is earning a crust selling insurance.

Had some very enjoyable moments with Alf Hillman and "Barney" Barnes at the R.S.L. Congress. Both are very keen R.S.L. men, Barney being President of Rocky Gully Sub-Branch.

Afraid "Yours Truly" didn't do much good at the Congress as I was a nominee for the State Executive but finished 20th in a field of 20. Still can't say I'm worried as after attending my first Congress I'm afraid it's not for me. Give me our Association any day.

ANNUAL RE-UNION

ANZAC HOUSE BASEMENT
SATURDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER

This is the Saturday of Royal Show Week

Random Harvest

GEO. E. WILSON, of Braebrise Rd., Cannington, W.A., writes:—

Please find enclosed raffle butts and cash. Sorry I was so long-winded with them.

I'm very busy on a boat I'm fixing up to go fishing and it takes up all my spare time. Still it is nearly finished now, thank goodness.

Hope to see you Anzac Day.

Regards to all.

CHARLES KING, of Wilfred Rd., Canning Vale, W.A., writes:—

Please find enclosed butts and cash.

The wife and I had a jolly good time last week at Ladies' Night. It was nice to meet the boys. Had not seen some of them for ages.

Trusting you are in the best of health. Regards to all.

S. C. JARVIS, of P.O. Muchea, W.A., writes:—

Please find butts and cash for sweep.

All the best to all.

FRED JANVRIN, of 10 Nanawie St. Marnee, writes:—

How about this—Fred looks as though he may make the draw for this particular sweep. I won't take credit for it. It was the good old "Courier" that made it possible. A grand paper, the "Courier" and I love to read it letter by letter or is it word by word. Not that it matters either way just so long as it keeps on coming.

There's an extra quid with the sweep money. Don't know if I owe anything or not. If I don't it doesn't matter as I know it won't be wasted.

Was nice to read letters from a few of my extra good friends like Bernie Langridge, Fred Ottway, Les Collins and Les Isenhood. Would love to be able to meet you boys one of these days. What a laire that Collins is. "Potts Point". How long have they been calling Woolloomooloo Potts Point? Oh, brother. How about giving us a ring, Les, 53 4872, and say hello. I'm afraid Fred and Bernie live too far away to give me a ring so "Hello Fred and Bernie".

Les, I was up in Newcastle a few months back on business and while

there I looked up our old mate, Eric Chapman. The "old" cow didn't even know me at first. It was nice to see him and he told me you lived at Cardiff so next time I'm up there I'll look you up. I'll bring my "working tools" with me. I believe you use the same type in your job.

Does anyone ever hear from Ken Jones? I would like to read a letter from him in the "Courier" one of these days and I'm sure there are quite a few more of his mates who would love to hear from him.

Well, friends, will say cherrio for now and I hope you boys that get the "Courier" together don't mind me using it to say hello to a few of the boys. I guess you won't hear from me until the next sweep. Myself and a few dozen others should be ashamed of ourselves as we sure don't help much do we? Maybe we will improve with age. Let's hope so.

Good luck to you all and may the best man win the sweep. I sure need the dough.

All the best.

GORDON HISLOP, of Corrigin Hotel, Corrigin, W.A., writes:—

Please find enclosed sweep tickets and cash for subs.

Give my regards to all the boys and best for Anzac Day.

T. SNOWDON, of 112 Matina St., Narrabundah, Canberra, writes:

As is practically always the case this will only be a few lines as I am in a bit of a hurry. However I promise that one day I will take the pen in hand and scribble you something worth while.

My reason for writing is of course to return the sweep butts and I am only very pleased to assist in this respect as the "Courier" is something I look forward to receiving and may I congratulate you good people who keep on compiling it, as it is by no way any easy task.

My wife and three children are all in good health and I am happy to say that I am likewise. I have two boys, Warren, aged 15 years, and Brian, 12½ years. Also a girl, Maureen, 6½ years old. They all like school which is a very good

thing these days. The boys both go to college, Warren being in fourth year and Brian in first year.

I never see any of the 2/2nd boys up this way. Allan Stewart lives up here but I have only met him the once. He and Jim Wall called on me one evening last year.

Had intended going to Sydney for Anzac Day but have had to cancel that engagement (can't stand getting real sick these days).

The country over here is terribly dry and doesn't look like getting any rain, besides the cold weather is upon us which means that all growth will remain at a standstill now until the spring. With the result the poor old farmer is not going to have a very prosperous period for some time in the future.

Must sign off now with cheers to all the boys, especially Mick Morgan and his Section.

WILF MARCH, of 3 Bricknall Rd., Attadale, W.A., writes:—

Herewith sweep butts and cash. Hope the sweep will be the success it usually is.

I am at present on afternoon shift and then go on night shift for three months. Will have to make an endeavour to get up and see you and the lads when I get back on day shift again.

ILMA MARTIN, of Box 40, P.O. Miling, W.A., writes:—

Enclosed cheque is to cover raffle tickets and subs. I thought Tom might have written a note to enclose but he knows that if he approaches anything looking like a pen he will have to fill in his statistic papers, which is the biggest bug in his year.

However he had a reasonably good year with his crops, sheep, and pigs. Gaining two grand champs at the Perth Royal with his pigs.

We have a 17 year old son working on the farm now, a daughter at St. Hilda's in her junior year, and the youngest boys starts Guildford next year.

Saw Reg Harrington and family during the holidays quite a lot. I think Reg went home for a rest.

Tom received a very welcome letter from Kel Carthew a few months back which he has every intention of answering, that is if

he still remembers how to write.

Best wishes to all and hope the sweep is a success.

TED LOUD, of Forestry Dept., Pemberton, W.A., writes:—

Received your reminder today. You had no worries everything was under control. Enclosed butts and money to cover. Trust sweep will again be successful.

Hope you are in the best of health and wealth as you were the last time I saw you during and after the Katanning Convention. I missed the "Courier" with the Katanning turnout in. No doubt there was a mention about it, but I missed out, so if you could forward one I will be very thankful.

Mentioning for the benefit of those who missed out, what a mighty show it was. Made so by the very good chaps and wives who went along. My only complaint (too good a time). It took a week to get over it but was well worth it and I'm looking forward to the next one that I'm able to attend.

Have not seen any of the boys for some time. Doug Fullarton still at Northcliffe. Receive a message from him now and again.

Give my regards to all. How is Les Dingle going? No doubt I'll meet him with you at the usual place next time I'm in the city. Also hope to meet Jack and Norma Hasson as well.

I'm in the best of health myself, must be the hard work. Teeth still intact.

L. BROOKER, of 110 Goodwood Parade, Rivervale, W.A., writes:—

Am returning sweep butts and money. Sorry for being a bit late but have been off on compensation for a while and haven't been getting around much, so there's no news to spread around. Am back at work again now. I will probably have to go to hospital before too much longer. Anyway hope this finds you and the gang all well. So long for now.

ALF BLUNDY, of 41 Amber St., Katanning, W.A., writes:—

I sold this book of tickets but afraid I'm in a hurry getting them posted. Left it a bit late as usual. I'm going to Perth in a few minutes so will post down there.

I'm a bit behind in my subs so will add a pound to the cheque. I don't know if this will bring me up to date or not, but it will help for the time being.

Sorry to trouble you the other night but I'm still in trouble with the welfare. Would like to have seen you this weekend but doubt if I will be able to make it now.

I must hurry off now, hoping the tickets are not too late.

Regards to all.

COLIN CRIDDLE, of 124 Nanson St., Wembley, W.A., writes:—

Enclosed please find cheque for butts and subs if any outstanding. Wishing the Association every success with the sweep.

We must apologise for not attending the Ladies' Night at the R.S.L. owing to a long range wedding falling on the same date, which reminds me, we have another on April 24. I only hope my eldest doesn't decide to get married this year, although he turns 21 in December. Time sure does fly, since I first came home on compassionate leave to see the first edition in the family, before leaving on the first of three missions across to Timor with the S.R.D.

I'm hoping to go across to South Australia at the end of this year with a team of parachutists representing this State in the Australian National Championships, so will make a few contacts through the Address Book.

ERIC W. THORNANDER, of 10 Robert St., Kalgoorlie, writes:—

Find enclosed sweep butts and cash to cover same. The extra is what I could owe for subs.

Archie Campbell was up to cover a couple of items of sport at our Kalgoorlie Fair. Archie certainly looks in the pink. I did notice he was not knocking the Hannans Lager back. Yes, we had quite a few. Peter Alexander was also in attendance.

Locally, most of the boys seem to keep pretty well. I bump into them all from time to time and haven't seen any in a wheel chair as yet.

The Huddy blew in from the desert a few weeks back and reckons on being in Kalgoorlie for Easter. This is going to be a doubtful pleasure.

Well the kindest regards to you and yours and the very best to all the boys.

W. F. BRYANT, 319 Stanley Rd., Carina, Brisbane, writes:—

Herewith please find cash for the sweep and for the "Courier" I receive and greatly enjoy. I am very sorry I don't write very often as I am kept pretty busy with my job as chef at the National Hotel in Brisbane all hours of the day and when wanted called upon if one of my cooks takes a sick day off. However I seem to revive and able to keep it up. If it wasn't for the dough I wouldn't do what I do.

Had a few weeks in Melbourne in February and saw "The Bull". He looked real well and I doubt if he has changed. It was too short a notice for him to arrange any meeting with the other lads but he did turn it on for me and we had quite a great yarn about the old days of 20 odd years ago. Yes, we did have a great mob of boys, didn't we?

Had to go to Rockhampton during last year and I came across Frank Craigie (Wimpy) C.S.M., QX17840, W.O.1. His address is Pennycruck Street, West Rockhampton. He told me that he has the original contact message of Timor to Australia so perhaps you may get it from him.

Also I noticed that Eric Davies has died on Jan. 10, 1965, in the paper. I went to the funeral. I did not know he lived in Brisbane. You will remember him. He was a Sapper and quite a nice fellow.

Well, lads, hope this finds you all well and hope that some day I'll see some of you. My address you have in Brisbane so if over please call for you will find the old Fred Bryant the same chap you knew of old, always able and willing to bend the elbow for the amber flow with any of you.

Cheerio for now all.

JOHN J. JOYNTON, of Great Western, via Stawell, Vic., writes:—

Just a line to advice I have removed to above address. We would be pleased to see any of the boys going through by road. It is a small town between Gravat and Stawell on the main road and rail Melbourne to Adelaide.

Had a visit from Joe and Bruce (son). They both look well. Still hoping to get over next year. Got a bit closer.

JIM DENT, of Werrinya, N.S.W., writes:—

Enclosed cheque and butts for sweep and put an extra bit for the Association which you might accept now for if this dry weather keeps up I may have to put the fangs in for two back. The present period is one of the driest on record here. After a dozen bumper years it's hard to take.

I see by the "Courier" that most of the gang are doing all right. Regards to all.

TED CHOLERTON, of Bookra, Carcoar, N.S.W., writes:—

Sweep butts, etc., enclosed. I hope they reach you in time.

Helluva dry around these parts but am glad to say we have not had any bushfire trouble here.

All the best and regards to the boys.

JIM FENWICK, of 35 Picnic Pt. Rd., Panania, N.S.W., writes:—

It is about time I dropped you a line but with one thing and another I have been kept fairly busy.

As I am due out of the army in January much of my time has been taken up looking around for a job. So far have not settled on anything

in particular. Anybody knowing of one could contact me at the above address.

In May I went on a bit of a holiday. We drove up to Grafton the first night and there had a few beers with Alan Luby, Ron Orr and Harry Fredericks. Those three look extra well.

Next day, slightly the worse for wear, we travelled on to Brisbane. On the way called in to see the new Postmaster at Maclean only to find he (Happy Greenhalgh) was on leave. Nothing daunted went round to his house and caught him at breakfast prior to trying his luck at the fishing festival at Yamba. George hasn't changed a bit since I saw him last. Still got a grin and good for plenty of fun. His wife Rene reckons that Maclean will do them for a while yet.

After that onto Bangalow to see Russ Blanch. Russ now is the owner of his own business in Bangalow. Looks well and anybody going up the coast way to Brisbane will easily see Russ's shop. Russ has put on a bit of weight, trying to catch me I think.

We arrived in Brisbane later that day.

In the next day or so I contacted Fred Otway. Fred met me on the Friday night and took me out to see Angus MacLachlan and his family. From there we went over to see Freddy Bryant and there

Alex Voevodin caught up with us. Unfortunately time was short and I really only had a short time talking with them all. They all look well and I hope next time I make the trip will have longer and be able to see more of the Brisbane chaps.

Wherever one goes and looks up any 2/2nd chap he is always assured of a welcome and it is like walking into your own home. That is how I have found it over the years of my wanderings with the army and being able to look up the 2/2nd chaps in the different places I have been in.

On arrival back in Sydney I ran into Tom Tierney. He has misplaced his address book but will

give him Ron Sprigg's address if he hasn't got it out of the June "Courier".

Anzac Day in Sydney was a wonderful roll up. Saw Roy Martin, Tom Yates and Jim Cullen for the first time since the war. Others I had not seen for many years were Cliff Paff, Neil Bray, Frank Press, and a few others whose names escape me at the moment. I had hoped to see F. Newton, ex Westmead, but looks like he piked it again. Never mind Newt you will make it one of these days.

Well must away now. Hope to write again before Christmas. My regards to all.

For any 2/5 Sqd., my Adjt. in the unit is one Capt. Vic Crawford.

Victorian Vocal Venturings

Committee meeting held at Bert Tobin's office on Tuesday, June 1. Present Bert Tobin in chair, Jim Robinson, George Kennedy, Alan Munro, Smash Hodgson, Bill Tucker, John Southwell, Jimmy Roberts and Harry Botterill. Apologies were received from Jim Wall, Bruce McLaren and Bernie Callinan.

The main business of the meeting was to discuss the Melbourne Cup sweep which is the life blood of the Association and it was tidied up with the job being spread around committee members to lighten the load.

I have just been on a business trip to Tasmania and saw quite a few of the boys. Had a night with Vic and Esse Pacey and their daughter Jan who is studying to be a teacher. Vic's eldest daughter, Gaye, had just made Vic and Esse proud grandparents with the birth of a daughter. All well and happy.

Vic and I had lunch with Joe Loveless. Joe is looking particularly well, has put on weight since I saw him last a few years ago. He has a married daughter in Perth and his eldest boy has just started work in the P.M.G. Joe is seriously considering going over to W.A. as he can get a transfer in his job with the P.M.G. and he thinks his boy can too. He is wondering what the accommodation position is like in Perth. I

told him to write to Col Doig asking for the information he wants.

I also called in on Ivan Brown who is still sign writing in Hobart. Still looks the same. Has just completed a year in the chair with his lodge. Still takes keen interest in skiing and swimming. Called in on Mark Conway at Launceston. Mark is on the switchboard of the Hydro Electric Commission. He is looking very well although his legs give him a bit of trouble. His wife has been very ill and is just getting over it. His two children a boy and girl, are both working. Mark loves his football and horse racing. Told me his boy knows more about Victorian football than Tassie football as it seems most Tassie people take a great interest in our football.

Talking about football, our congratulations to both the Swans and the Sandgroppers for their good wins over the Victorians—but do not get too excited when these games get real dinkum if they ever do, you won't see which way the Vics go.

Well, that is about all the news I have for now. I will be going up to stay with Happy Greenhalgh at MacLean (N.S.W.) during the September holidays and I hope to see some of the boys during the trip. Cheerio for now.

—HARRY BOTTERILL.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5th, 1965

Car Trial and Barbecue

Start Point: Parking Area, West End of Causeway

Start Time: 10 a.m.

Finishing Point: Jerry Maley's Block at Parkerville.

Turn off Highway at 19 mile peg then follow signs

Bring your own barbecue meat or this can be arranged with Jack Carey

If you want to be in this piece of fun ring:—

Col Doig, 23 0161 (work), 87 2764 (home).

Jack Hasson: 67 2044.

Jack Carey: 5 3961 (work).

Fred Napier: 21 0181 (work), 87 9266 (home).

SEPTEMBER MEETING

ANZAC HOUSE BASEMENT

TUESDAY, September 7th

FILM NIGHT



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