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## Editorial

### An Experience In Living Dangerously

The recent decision of the Federal Government to despatch a Battalion of Australian Infantry with Auxiliary Arms to Vietnam is a very thought provoking exercise in world politics.

This present theatre of war—and no matter how it is viewed it is a theatre of war—has all the earmarks of pre-war China and the famous or infamous Japanese invasion. The Japs strove valiantly and unsuccessfully for over ten years to bring the "incident" to a successful conclusion. Frustrated for years by guerilla warfare by a peasantry which tilled the fields while the troops were breathing down their necks and fighting furiously the minute the enemy were looking the other way. Knowing friend or foe was impossible and that is just the situation in Vietnam.

The situation has some of the hall marks also of the early struggle in Korea where telling a South Korean from a North Korean was again an experience in living dangerously.

The fluidity of the battlefields, the impossibility of the terrain to make for a subjective battlefront, will test the ingenuity of the Australian troops to the utmost.

While it is admitted that the Communist forces were successfully ejected from the Malayan peninsular this is a very different situation in which the power pol-

itics of the whole world are en-joined in a small country. China is anxious to embarrass the West to the best of her ability without actual involvement.

The area does to some extent resemble the Spanish Civil War in which the battlefield of Spain was used as a testing ground by the Axis and Communist powers. This appears to be the case in Vietnam with China, Russia and the West meeting head on in a collision of ideologies purely for the purpose of arresting the attention of the other Asian countries.

The pro and con as to whether Australia has made a correct decision in being involved in this situation will only be settled by the future historians. The Australian troops who have to carry the burden have won themselves a bad marble (no reflection on the National Service ballot intended) as a more stench filled avenue would be hard to imagine and they are going to require the backing of all the people of this country to carry through successfully. For better or for worse the decision of commitment has been made, the dice has been cast and it now behoves the nation to stand four-square behind her fighting men and see they do not lack for the things which will make their intolerable task as a little more bearable.

—C. D. Doig, Hon. Editor.

# West Australian Whisperings

## Association Activities

### CRICKET MATCH AT HARVEY

Once again thanks to Arthur Marshall, we had our annual cricket match at Harvey.

This took place on Sunday, Mar. 21. Those making the trip from the city were Arthur and Beryl Smith, Jack and Norm Hasson and family, Bill and Jess Epps and family, Percy Hancock and family, Len and Dot Bagley, Ping and Margaret Anderson, Gerry and Margo Maley and family, Spriggy and Bet McDonald, Jack Carey and Col Doig.

Clarrie Turner arrived in time for the barbecue.

Marsh and his good wife pressed quite a few locals into service including "Cooky" and another chap known only to your scribe as "Ching" who also took part last year. By roping in the children and also two lasses in the form of Lynn Hancock and Audrey Marshall we were able to muster a couple of scratch teams under the captaincy of Spriggy McDonald and Arthur Marshall, our two crack cricketers.

Spriggy was the first to fall making a duck, but in his innings the Marsh didn't improve much being scrambled out by a flying full toss delivered by the redoubtable Doig for a paltry one. (Marsh now reckons he falls into the category of Wally Hammond who once fell to a full toss from Don Bradman.) The scores at the finish indicated that Spriggy's team won by one run with Jack Hasson taking the bowling honours with three for next to nil. Fred Hasson was top scorer with 22 followed in Spriggy's team by Lynn Hancock with 12.

A great piece of fun, especially seeing Fred Napier operating in Beryl Smith's hat and galloping up and down the pitch like a cow in full milk.

Prior to the game most of the gang met at Arthur Marshall's for a bit of practice on the private pitch then adjoining to the "local" for the session where with perfect timing Jack, Norma Hasson Col Doig and Jack Carey had just arrived as the doors opened.

Lunch was partaken at the Harvey Weir.

After the game Marsh introduced us to Logues Brook Dam which is a gorgeous sight and a perfect spot for a barbecue. This spot can be recommended to any requiring a nice Sunday trip.

Clarrie Turner and his good wife joined us at this time and we stuck it out around the nutmeg until nine o'clock. A truly wonderful day.

Thanks a million to Audry and Arthur Marshall for their terrific efforts. It was a pity that more of the country folk couldn't attend but as usual commitments around the farms at this time of the year made it well nigh impossible.

### LADIES' NIGHT

A great night on April 3 at An-Zac House Basement. Probably one of the most convivial evenings we have held for years. When it was over every one was clamouring for more of this type of night. Music by Syd Dixon on the piano and a mate on the sax, ably assisted by Neil Barnett and his mates on the electric guitars.

Never have I seen our mob dance so much. Somebody said: "We have hired the best bands available in the past and you can't get anyone on their feet. Just look at them to a piano and sax."

The supper was extra and the refreshments well and truly adequate and easy to handle thanks to Roger Segan of the R.S.L. Club, who fixed up the temptire receiving an electric shock for good measure.

To add to the real pleasure of the evening Bernie Callinan and his wife, Naomi, who were in W.A. for an Engineers Institute Conference brought along a party at about 10.30 p.m. and circulated among the gang. It was marvelous to see Bernie once again but it was an ultra pleasure to meet Naomi for the first time. I'm sure they enjoyed themselves in our humble surroundings especially after they had just attended a dinner party at the Adelphi!

I am not going to try an enumerate those present as owing to in-

take of alcoholic beverage the memory wouldn't be able to do justice and I wouldn't be game to miss out on any names, enough to say that we had one of the best crowds that have ever been present. Will advise that Arthur and Audry Marshall, Clarrie and Mrs. Turner, and Blue and Mrs. Pendergrast were present from the bush.

It has since been discussed that another of these evenings be held before the end of the year. That is praise enough for this particular show.

### MAY MEETING

This took the form of a film night with our newly acquired projector with Fred Napier and Arthur Smith at the helm (if that is the right term for steering a movie projector). We weren't away to a very good start but improved to perfection by the time the third film was shown. This projector is a great amenity for the Association and allows us to put on an evening's entertainment at the drop of a hat. The roll up was a bit on the meagre side which is understandable so soon after Anzac Day.

### ANZAC DAY

A terrific day was had by all despite the fact that Anzac Day this year fell on a Sunday. We started the day off by laying a wreath on the State War Memorial at the Dawn Service. This duty fell to Bill Epps, our Vice President this year. Others present at this service were Arthur Smith, Fred Napier, "Spriggy" McDonald and Col Doig.

Then came the march. One of the best musters of our crowd ever. We have always had quite an influx of other squadron chaps in the past to build up our numbers but this year they did not turn up in such numbers but we made up the difference with our own gang.

For once we had a band close to us on the march on, a children's band from East Victoria Park and it was a real pleasure to have a good step. This year the honour of leading the parade devolved upon Mick Morgan, while Fred Napier handled the banner to great advantage.

After the parade we adjourned with screaming alacrity to the Drill Hall in Bazaar Terrace where Jack Hasson, Arthur Smith and Co. had the refreshments at the ready. This was doubly appreciated this year as it was a very humid day and the sweat streamed out of us.

The luncheon provided by Jack Carey and Jerry Maley exceeded all previous occasions. Crayfish, chops, sausages, brawn, you name it we had it.

A truly terrific Anzac Day. There were the usual "carry ons" at various places after we broke up and reports were filtering in for days of jollifications that went on until the wee small hours.

### BERNIE CALLINAN'S VISIT

As stated earlier Bernie and his wife visited our fair State for a conference of the Engineers Institute. Unfortunately they were tied up with a tight schedule at the conference and were not very available to the Association for entertainment. However, both Bernie and Naomi were able to attend our Ladies' Night and meet a good bunch of the gang. Quite a few of the lads and their wives also put on a dinner party for Bernie at the Riverton Hotel but unfortunately due to a prior engagement Naomi couldn't attend. Ear bashing was the order of the evening and we were able to swap reminiscences. Bernie brought news of Mike Calvert who has recently written another book on his experiences in the army. This is called "Fighting Mad" and is excellent reading. Apparently Mike has recovered his health and is well on the way back.

Bernie and his wife were most impressed with the ceremony of opening the Cairn on Wilsons Promontory and were very pleased with the excellent roll up of our lads in Victoria.

Bernie also brought news of Major Stuart Love who is still battling along in Victoria despite failing health. We send our good wishes to the marvelous gentleman

### JUNE MEETING

This will be held at Anzac House Basement on Tuesday, June 1, and at this meeting John Burridge will be our guest speaker

and will speak on his recent tour which embraced the Orient and Europe and England. This will be a real pleasure I can assure you as John is an excellent speaker with a fund of humour. Please make every endeavour to be present and enjoy yourself with your mates.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This brings you early warning of the Annual General which will be held at Anzac House Basement on July 6. This should be marked down on your calendar as a must. We have had a very eventful year and you should come along and hear it reviewed and also add your weight to the proposals for the coming year. At the meet-

ing it is proposed to hang a memorial photo of our late Life Member, Mick Calcutt, and this is another reason for your presence.

### Committee Comment

Since last we went to press your Committee has met on a couple of occasions. The main business has been to deal with functions arising such as Ladies' Night, Cricket Match, Anzac Day and the various monthly meetings. As usual Kings Park area has taken up a lot of time and we now feel that we are making real progress in our memorial area. There is not a great deal more to report under this heading and you will be further advised in future issues.

## Random Harvest

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

I am penning these "few" lines after having just returned with my wife, Joan, from the headquarters of the Geraldton R.S.L. Sub-Branch, Birdwood House. We had the pleasure of showing the Commonwealth Bank Chairman, Sir Warren McDonald, and Lady McDonald, of Sydney, over this imposing building, which they described as a fitting building for such an active and important organisation.

During the past week Joan and I had the pleasure of attending Civic Receptions in our Civic Centre (described by Sir Warren as an outstanding building which compares more than favourably with most similar buildings in the Eastern States) for not only this visitor but also for the Anglican Arch bishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsay, and the Anglican Bishop of the North-West, Bishop John Frewer, who is retiring after 36 years in charge of the biggest land-based Anglican Diocese in the world (more than 666,000 square miles, the covering of which has involved no less than 1,559 air trips by this reverend gentleman).

The wife and I have had a couple of pleasant evenings lately as a result of having coincidentally

chosen the same hotel as Nip and Mary Cunningham of a Friday night. After one of these meetings we had the pleasure of reading two letters of congratulation from Girl Guide leaders concerning the achievement of Nip's younger daughter, Francine, being made a Queen's Guide, the highest award in the Guiding movement. In one of these letters the Divisional Commissioner, Mrs. Ann Fong, said: "Heartiest congratulations, not only regarding the Queen's Guide award, but also on your excellent results in the Junior Certificate examination; we are mighty proud of you, and I know you can do whatever you set out to achieve." Francine has since been presented with her badge and will receive the actual Queen's Guide award at Government House later in the month. Congrats., Fran, and also Nip and Mary.

Before leaving Geraldton last night for Adelaide in a party of yachtmen and officials, Eric Smyth said he had recently had the pleasure of having a "few" drinks with "the big squatter", Don Young, who was reported to be "in the pink of condition". Made as many calls as he could on "Double Red Diamond" types while on his short visit and hoped to catch up with one Bill Drage, now

a "gentleman resident" of our fair town. Getting back to Eric Smyth he is a former crewman of State Yvonne Catamaran champion Barry Waller, and is making the trip to Adelaide no doubt to give some advice to that yachtman driving the Australian Championships at Easter. It no doubt will also provide the opportunity for Eric to meet up with some of the boys in the "Croweater" State.

I am still kept pretty busy as a result of the extra household chores brought about by the recuperating period of my wife, who however, is well on the road to recovery following a major operation late last year.

Please find attached my sweep butts and the money for same (I have taken most of them, so here's hoping).

Just had a yarn on the phone, with Bill Drage who says he and the family are well. He's doing plenty of fishing and has caught schnapper up to 14 lb. in weight during monthly visits to a spot 20 miles south of Shark Bay. Bill was delighted to read in the "Courier" of Jim Smailes' appointment as manager of the Shark Bay salt project and says he'll be calling on him when fishing in the area for a week or 10 days from April 16. Drage is also looking forward to seeing another old mate Ron, Kirwood, a Commonwealth Bank Officer from Perth, who is due here soon to holiday at Bill's beach cottage at Horrocks Beach near Northampton. Bill and his wife had the pleasure last month of seeing their elder daughter, Rosemary, of St. Mary's, West Perth, perform creditably to finish second to a member of the State squad in the 55 yards freestyle event at the girls' inter-school swimming championships.

Must be off now, as duty calls.  
Kind regards to all the boys.

#### **A further letter from Peter says:**

Anzac Day at Geraldton saw three Double Red Diamond types (Nip Cunningham, Eric Smyth and "Yours Truly") marching together in the main parade, to be joined at the civic commemoration by one Bill Drage, who obviously is enjoying his life of retirement at Geraldton. A record crowd of about 3,000 took part in the commem-

oration, a highlight of which was the laying of about 70 floral tributes by various organisations ranging from the R.S.L. and the Town Council, to Boy Scouts and Slow Learners (it certainly brought a lump to one's throat to see a Slow Learner boy of about 15 march forward when the organisation's name was called, accept the wreath proudly place it on the war memorial and then step back a pace to observe a period of silence before marching back to his place proudly wearing his late father's medals).

I think there must be a streak of the navy in one Nip Cunningham as none seemed to be enjoying the coffee and rum (or should it be rum and coffee?) at the gunfire breakfast after the dawn parade, than our friend Nip. I'm also sure there was no prouder man at the main observance than Nip, when he saw daughter Francine (aged 16) marching with the Girl Guides and wearing her recently acquired Queen's Guide Badge, the highest Guiding award. Fran will be accompanied by mother Mary, elder sister Jan and also her Guide Captain when she receives the actual award from Governor Sir Douglas Kendrew in Government House Ballroom on May 23. The Cunningham family has certainly been in the news over Fran's achievement, which resulted in her photo appearing on the front page of the local newspaper.

Eric Smyth recently returned after a three weeks visit to South Australia to give the benefit of his knowledge to young Barry Waller, of Geraldton, who justified that support by winning the Yvonne-Catamaran title at the national yachting championships at Victor Harbour, with "Co-re 6". Although Eric has given up competitive yachting, he sailed with Waller until this year and had the honour in 1962 of winning the Flying Dutchman State title at Cockburn Sound.

Eric received another delightful experience during his S.A. trip when he and his party had breakfast with "Shorty" Stevens on his Yallunda Flats farm on their way home. It was the first time they had met since the war so you can just imagine the great thrill it gave both of them and also the

reminiscences that ensued in the short time.

Eric was delighted to see "Shorty" developing his five year old farm at a pleasing rate, after having lost a lot of fencing and feed to bushfires that swept through that area a couple of years ago.

"Shorty's" only regret is that Eric Smyth is the only Double Red Diamond type to have called on him during his five years. How about some of you fellows, particularly South Aussie types, rectifying this situation, as a tribute to one who is helping to develop this great country of ours?

Now onto the Barden family. We are all enjoying good health and most of my spare time is spent in collecting subs for Brigades Football Club for which my son Ross is again playing after having recently returned from Exmouth as a plumber with the biggest building company outside Perth, the Geraldton Building Co. Pty. Ltd., which employs 300. Although West Perth has always been my favourite League team there is now added interest because Terry Park of Brigades is playing for that team while in Perth for a couple of months (they tell me he kept Ron Doig busy last Saturday, you South Fremantle-ites). Incidentally, I have some opposition in the Barden household, as my wife Joan's late father at one time captained South Fremantle.

Duty calls so I must be off.

**ALF HILLMAN, of Broomehill, W.A., writes:—**

Sorry I can't remember just who is secretary at the moment and have looked through several old "Couriers" without finding out. Herewith sweep butts and cheque for same, balance being for subs as I believe I have just about run out on financial status.

We had three quarters of an inch of rain here a week ago and if we get some out of the present threat we could be off to a good start but if we get another false start like last year we will all have to provide the stock with belts to pull in.

As I have just started lambing a bit of green feed would be appreciated.

Hope to be down in the big smoke soon for a few days.

**TOM YATES, of 224 Kyogle Rd., Kyogle, N.S.W., writes:—**

Just a brief note to return the ticket butts and money for same.

I'm afraid that I have no news to pass on to you so I will call it a day wishing you and the Association all the best.

**R. JOHNSON, of Box 7, Koorda, writes:—**

Please find enclosed butts for sweep tickets and money for same.

My children received their Christmas parcels alright and they all say thanks again.

One of "C" Platoon boys is in Koorda working now, Jack Wicks. Lots of luck.

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

Just a few lines returning cheque and sweep butts. I am a bit late but went away down to Denmark for a spell and forgot to send them in before going. My first trip down that part and it is a good spot for anyone looking for a fishing holiday. They really pull them in there. All sorts from salmon down and the climate is good. Wishing you best of luck.

**C. BOWERS, of R.M.B. 593, Kojonup, W.A., writes:—**

It might not be a bad idea if you had a little speech with A.G.

I hope these reach you in time.

**JERRY HAIRE, of 59 Monk Street, South Perth, writes:—**

I am enclosing butts and money for the sweep with good wishes for its success.

Just a reminder—I hope to call in to pick up those February "Couriers" for Sid Calcutt if you would be kind enough to put them on one side please.

**J. R. SMITH, of 42 Queen Street, Bayswater, W.A., writes:—**

Please find enclosed butts and money. Wishing you success.

**F. WILKS, of Brunswick Junction, W.A., writes:—**

Just a few lines to let you know I'm still in the land of the living and am keeping O.K. and hope all the gang are the same. I'm enclosing the butts and cheque for tickets and hope it turns out a great success.

I hope one day to make it to one of the gatherings, and meet the old gang again, but I'm afraid I wasn't cut out to be a city slicer, and seldom go to Perth.

I'll draw this to a close now, wishing you a great success in the sweep and all the very best.

**WYN THOMSON, of Forestry Department, Ludlow, W.A., writes:—**

Please find enclosed sweep butts and money to cover tickets. Hoping you have a bumper crop of sold butts.

Alex is still working on the bulldozer, etc., in Forestry, and looks very fit. We have one daughter left school this year, but still unemployed. Hoping to fluke her a job in the office here but they are hard to come by.

Well I am in a rather hurry just now, so will have to sign off.

**P. ALEXANDER, 48 York Street, Boulder, W.A., writes:—**

Please find sweep butts and money enclosed, leaving the posting of these a bit late as usual.

There is not much news from up this way. Met up with Arch Campbell at the local fair and had a good yarn over a few ginger beers. Arch was once again up to give a commentary on the rock-drilling over the loudspeaker and as usual did a mighty job. Best wishes to Keith Hayes, Merv Ryan and Harry Holder.

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

Herewith enclosed ticket butts and money for same.

Things have been fairly quiet over this way. Have only seen Bill Bennett. He looks well and says he has recovered from his accident.

Hope to make the Anzac Day meeting here in Sydney if I am not on duty.

My time in the army is up in January and I am looking around for a job in civvy street so any info on that topic will be gratefully received.

My regards to all of the boys.

**R. MACKEY, 18 Folkestone Rd., South Brighton, Adelaide, writes**

Please find enclosed money for raffle tickets and I hope the raffle is a success. I misplaced the

tickets and am sorry if it causes any trouble but I can't find them anywhere.

I receive the "Courier" and it's good to read about the others and their doings.

**STAN SADLER, of Wongan Hills, W.A., writes:—**

Enclosed are the raffle butts and cheque to cover same and subs and so on.

Not much news to report up here. Shearing is over and we are now fairly busy doing all the necessary jobs to prepare for the big rush of seeding, such as burning off grass, fire harrowing stubble, carting super, lime pelleting clover seed and sowing same later, preparing machinery, as well as dipping, drenching and inoculating sheep. So we are not really keen on rain for another month.

While we were holidaying at Rockingham, we have a half share in a house there, the Boylands came down and spent the day with us and George and I went out to the parachute dropping area. We met and had a yarn to Col Criddle who is secretary of the show and an active participant. However he wasn't feeling up to dropping that day as there had been a celebration the previous night and the hangover had caught up.

I saw Wendel Wilkie and had a couple of beers with him but no session. Royce was on his best behaviour as Merryl was at the races and he was in charge of the children. Also ran into Freddy Griffiths at the "Wiakiki". We had been fishing without much success as usual and Fred gave me the drill on how to get them. I'll try it out next time, Fred.

When I'm down in Perth and have a few moments to spare I usually take a drive through our memorial area in Kings Park and this year was very impressed with the improvements. It's really looking something now and reflects great credit to the chaps that have done so much work on it over the years.

Our children, Peter, 16, and Margaret, 14, are away at school. Pete got his Junior last year, nine subjects, much to our surprise and pleasure. He is about 6ft. 2in. now and I think has got even bigger feet than Jim Smailes, size 11.

Charlie's girls, Joan and Kay, also had success. Joan got her Leaving, seven subjects with three distinctions, and Kay, seven subjects in her Junior. So there must be some brains in the Sadler family. Perhaps it's imported.

That's all for now. Kindest regards from Blanche and I.

**BOB WILLIAMSON, of 2 Goldsworthy Crescent, Nth. Glenelg, S.A., writes:—**

Enclosed please find butts and cheque for same, which includes subs.

You will be amazed that I am early. I am too.

Regards to all the boys.

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

Enclosed find cheque to cover tickets and subs.

Things are much the same here, plenty of work to keep one out of mischief. At the present we are in the middle of the lambing season and losing quite a few because of seasonal conditions being against us.

I received Arthur Marshall's letter re cricket match but couldn't make it because it is very difficult these days to get anyone to take over while we are away.

Anyhow I wish you every success in the sweep and my regards to all.

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

Enclosed please find the butts and cash for raffle. I wish you big heaps of success in results or same.

I am still brick laying for a living and getting slower every day. My pleasures are much the same, still enjoy a few beers, and boating in large quantities: only deep water craft. We made Kangaroo Island for Christmas, spending 14 days fishing and sailing, etc., The weather was not kind to us, it blew a 40 knotter for six days, but we managed to find a cul-de-sac and really had a good time, fishing, craying and drinking. We had three other boats with us and we really did have a ball.

I still see Keith Dignum regularly. He doesn't seem to change much with the passing years. His

boat is nearly ready to drop into the water. I have not seen any of the other lads for ages so can't pass on any information.

Regards to all.

**SPUD MURPHY, of 37 Bentham St., Mt. Gravatt, Brisbane, Qu., writes:—**

Sorry I am a little late in returning butts. I am enclosing money for the sweep and the remainder to help towards the "Courier".

I will drop a line later on as I want to catch the mail.

The house number is 37 not 28.

**IVAN J. BROWN, 333A Macquarie St., Hobart, Tas., writes:—**

I sincerely trust that the enclosed will to some small extent, relieve the pains of your ulcers.

Personally, I am enjoying perfect health and, just in case you do not hear from Max Loveless, I met him in Hobart a couple of days ago, and he informs me that he's feeling pretty good—and he certainly looks a picture of health, when compared to years ago—Max was a very unhealthy customer, but now he's tops.

That's all for now.

**ERIC SMYTH, P.O. Box 80, Geraldton, W.A., writes:—**

Enclosed are my sweep tickets. For once I am not running late.

I am planning to go to South Australia for the Australian Yvonne Catamaran sailing championships to be sailed at Victor Harbour over the Easter holidays. We hope to arrive four or five days before Good Friday to get in some practice in the local conditions. I am the spare crew only (weight makes me the heavy weather hand) so may have time to see something of the surrounding district. I will take the Address Book with me and maybe call on a few of the chaps.

**J. P. KENNEALLY, of 28 Wilkins St., Yagoona, N.S.W., writes:—**

I hope these arrive prior to ulcer pangs. Sweeps always tend to give me ulcers previously because of my bad habit of putting the tickets in the wardrobe until close to expiring date, then the frantic search is on. This sweep was no

exception. Neither was the one on the Melbourne Cup. However on that occasion I didn't locate the sweep tickets until months after the event. Jim Wall knows all about it. Anyway here's yours. If anything goes astray after this blame the P.M.G.

At your next meeting drink the health of that intrepid bunch of cricketers, the 2/2nd. We managed at long last to defeat Arncliffe R.S.L. team. From memory here are the bunch of heroes who succeeded in the difficult task: J. English (capt.), Bill Coker, Jack Keenahan, "Irish" O'Brien, Snow Went, Curly O'Neill, Jack Hartley, Ron Hilliard, Don Woodhouse, Bill Hoy and Paddy Kenneally. We really shocked them, also ourselves, and all the spectators. I nearly forgot, Eric Herd and Alfredo de Santos rendered invaluable assistance from the stand. Jimmy English and Bill Coker really set about the bowling, each scoring over 70 runs. The rest of us managed to scrape up another 70. Fine bowling by Went, Hilliard, O'Neill, Woodhouse, J. English and Bill Coker let the opposition see what an array of bowling talent we have. The captain made a blue. He kept me on for four overs which helped the opposition to get up around the 200 mark. A good day was had by all, players wives and kids. The tucker was excellent. I don't know what the beer was like, but the kids and myself can vouch for the lemon squash.

Anzac Day will be our next meeting.

We are at present in the grip of a pretty serious drought. The boys on the land will probably give you more news on it. Two-thirds of the State has been declared a drought area. If decent rains do not come shortly the man on the land will be really up against it.

Sydney is still booming. Anyone managing to stay unemployed is a genius. Believe me there's no shortage of them.

I'm off to the cot. I can hardly keep my eyes open. It's all of 8.10 p.m.

My regards to all in the Golden West.

One good thing about sweeps they are followed by plenty of correspondence and the letters are

good to see even the characters who say: "Enclosed butts and a cheque, no news". We at least know that that particular hermit is still alive.

Good night, good luck and God bless.

**FRANK PRESS, of "Bobanaro", Carcoar, N.S.W., writes:—**

Attached is cheque covering the sweep tickets that you sent along. Keep the rest as my subs.

I see that you keep your finger right on the pulse of things over there and I assure you that although you do not hear much from we folk over this side, we are all glad to receive the "Courier" and learn just how things are going with the conscientious ones who do keep in touch.

That published address of Arthur Smiths, was a beauty and I would like you to extend my congrats. I was particularly pleased to have been able to read it because some little time afterwards it was my pleasure to give an address to a meeting of ex-service-men and I must admit pinching quite a lot of the meat that was in his article and using it. If it is any satisfaction to Arthur the address I gave was well received.

Ran into Cliff Paff and Tom Martin at last years R.S.L. State Congress. Both are, or I should say were fit and well. Apart from them Ted Cholerton is the only other 2/2nd type I see. Ted as you know is my next door neighbour, and is to all appearances still the same as when you all knew him so well. I hope to see a lot more of the boys this years Anzac March in Sydney which looks as if it will be the biggest march ever. The State Government has granted free rail travel to Sydney for it, so the expectations are for a very big gathering of returned men.

I rather like the idea put forward in a recent "Courier" for arranging of another Unit gettogether. I am afraid that I haven't any particular ideas on how to arrange it. Perhaps the suggestion of a meeting in Victoria is the most practical and I assure you that if this one is held I won't miss it.

As is the case with all of us, my family are all growing up and get-



ting away. John, my oldest son, is at present doing an Officers' School at Portsea, Victoria. He decided after some years with a wool firm that he wouldn't mind a stint in the army. Made application for enrollment and was accepted. Seems to be settling in O.K. Michael is home here on the place with me, and this year another son Paul commenced working in the Auditor Generals Dept. in Sydney. He got his Leaving last year.

Things are getting to be a bit desperate over this way. Had no rain for months and things are very dry. It will have to come soon or we will be going into the winter with no feed and that is something we cannot do in this area.

Give my regards to all the gang.

**MRS. J. J. MOORE, of Dwellingup, W.A., writes:—**

I am enclosing money and butts for tickets. Hoping the sweep is a success.

Regards to all.

**A. SANTOS, of Goodchap Street, Surry Hills, Sydney, writes:—**

Here I am again with my ticket butts.

No news but I am looking forward to Anzac Day as I see a lot of the boys.

Best regards to all from self and family.

**E. H. CRAGHILL, of 169 Vincent St., North Perth, writes:—**

Please find enclosed postal note for the sweep tickets.

**P. CAMPBELL, of Gibson, writes:**

Enclosed butts and cheque to cover same, subs, etc.

All well down here. Do not see too many of the boys this way. The district is going ahead fairly slowly but am afraid with the damn Yanks and the north will be a long time before all this area is under way.

Am going to Singapore in June for a trip so might see some of you down in Perth then.

**J. T. RITCHIE, of 106 Renou St., East Cannington, W.A., writes:**

I'm writing this letter in a way-side pub where the light in the room is very stingy, so hope you can decipher it.

Unfortunately, I lost the book of tickets for the Sydney Cup Sweep but fortunately I had not sold any tickets. I think I burnt them in an old pair of greasies when I was shearing down at Esperance.

However will enclose £1 for the sake of old acquaintances whom I hope are still on their feet, like Basher Adams, Max Davies, "Closs Toss", and many others.

**J. HALLINAN, 72 High St., Cabramatta, N.S.W., writes:—**

I am afraid I never got any book of tickets this time so enclose a cheque for tickets and subs or all subs as this may be running late.

Not a lot of news over here of late, but a couple of weeks back the boys had a victory over Arncliffe R.S.L. at cricket, so with Anzac Day coming up they will have something to crow about.

**RIP McMAHON, 43 Kooyong Rd., Rivervale, W.A., writes:—**

Enclosing sweep tickets, butts also £1 for subs, and hope that the sweep is an outstanding success.

Have migrated to Onslow these days and will be here for six months. It is a quiet little burg with a population of about 200 whites and almost the same of natives. Was here during the cyclone which was not a severe one and the top speed was 100 miles an hour—but for only a very short period. The winds were mostly around the 70 mark. Practically no damage was done except to trees and fences.

The fishing here is good and it is no trouble to land decent sized skippy, rock cod and albacore. My best effort has been a 28 lb. rock cod. Not bad for a mug fisherman.

Well, so long for the present, and if you have a spare address book could you send it along to the above address.

**N. BUCKMAN, 206 Dunbar St., Stockton, writes:—**

Just a couple of hurried lines to send the sweep butts back. Sorry I am so late.

Hope to see all the boys at Sydney on Anzac Day.

I am enclosing another address. I haven't seen in the "Courier". It is: C. K. Martin, 97 Cannal St., Griffiths.

## Victorian Vocal Venturings

A Committee meeting was held in Bert Tobin's office to finalise arrangements for the Anzac Day Re-union. We had a good roll up, these present being Allan Munro, George Veitch, Jim Robinson, Smash Hodgson, Johnny Roberts, Bert Tobin, Bill Tucker, George Kennedy, Jim Wall, Harry Botterill. It was good to see some new faces, Apologies from Johnny Southwell and Bruce McLaren.

Final arrangements were made for the Re-union and it was hoped that we would get a good roll up and it was on a Sunday and there was no sport on this day to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Anzac Day.

This was a very good meeting and several matters were discussed to help make the Association functions better and having new faces we also got new ideas.

Anzac Day turned out a glorious day, lovely and sunny. A good roll up of members to the march and then on to the Re-union and it was good to see such a good roll up. More like old times with a good roll up of our boys and visitors from other Commando Units and boys from the No 2 Commando Coy. swelled the numbers.

The procedure was changed this year. The march was in the afternoon, so our Re-union started at 5 p.m. after the march. We had our short impressive service to honour our fallen at 6 p.m. Rolf (Baldy) Baldwin gave the address and a very good one too, and Ken Monk laid the wreath at the foot of our Honour Roll, and Bert Tobin our President, read out the list of the fallen which was followed by two minutes' silence.

I made a note of the boys who were there, but as I had to leave at 7.30 p.m. I hope I have not missed anybody. Kevin Curran made the march but as he had to get back to Bendigo early he could not come on to the Re-union. Ken Monk, Baldy, Bill Tucker, Geoff Laidlaw, Boy Coates (good to see Boy, he is domiciled in Melbourne now and we hope to see a lot of him), George Pancho Humphries, Johnny Roberts, Alan Munro, Bert Tobin, Jim Wall, Bernie Callinan,

Tommy Coyle (good to see Tommy as he had to come up from Traralgon), Bluey Southwell, Alf Grachan, Jim Robinson, Sandy McNabb of 1st Company (Sandy has given up the farm life at Athlove and is now a city slicker, Sandy's boy Rodney is on the Melbourne Football Club senior list and is trying to crack the firsts team), Jim Bland, George Kennedy, Smash Hodgson, George Robison, Leigh Cooper, Paul Costello, M. A. M. Smith (good to see Mam after his bad smash, unfortunately it has left him with neck trouble and he can hardly turn his head, had to give up his teaching job and has been superannuated. I believe he is suffering quite a bit, but the old Mam doesn't let on), Alan Mitchell down from Bandiana, actually he is attending an army school at Puckapungal and could not stay long as he had to get back early. Jack Fox, good to see old Ho Ho. Pops up every so often looking like a million dollars still in the army, and probably making millions. Pete Krause and Gerry McKenzie. A very good Re-union. Well it was still going strong when I left early and from what I have heard since it kept going very well until the beer ran out. Well you blokes made it this time so there is no excuse why you cannot be there next year so let's see you all again and lots of others too. A lot of organisation and work goes into this show and we get our pleasure from seeing all the boys turn up.

—HARRY BOTTERILL.

### *Heard This?*

Two Irish charwomen were discussing the H-bomb.

"Oh!" said Mrs. Muldoon, "what a terrible thing it is now, that Haych-bomb! Why it's liable to blow you all the way from here to maternity!"

"Begorrah!" answered Mrs. O'Toole, "and ye'd niver know who to blame!"

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