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## *Editorial*

### WHAT ABOUT A BIT OF OPINION?

Many a time and oft your long-suffering Editor requests readers to submit opinions on various things which are of importance to the Association. In most cases this request is met with a wall of silence so thick that it would make the Iron Curtain or the Bamboo Curtain look like a mosquito net.

Surely members are not so devoid of personal opinion that they cannot come up with some constructive thought that will assist the Association to attack the problem in mind. After all we were supposed to be a highly selective band capable of independent action and thought and surely that particular trait of nature did not die when we doffed the uniform.

In recent months requests for opinion were made regarding the "Great Safari" but for all the result it obtained it might just as well not been printed.

Most lately, in fact in the last issue of the "Courier" members were asked to express opinions regarding John Burrridge's suggestion for a form of memorial to our gallant allies in Timor. A month has passed by but the letterbox has remained empty of letters on what your Editor thought could be a subject close to the hearts of most of us.

Please readers bestir yourselves and get those little grey cells working and give us your bright ideas on this potential project. Although we have waited over 20 years to get something going further procrastination will not assist. Your ideas and opinions are required so get down to it and let us know the result of your personal deliberations.



## SEPTEMBER MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

ANZAC HOUSE BASEMENT

JOE BURRIDGE TALKS ON HIS TIMOR VISIT

## West Australian Whisperings

### Association Activities

#### AUGUST MEETING

A most enjoyable indoor bowls night was held at Anzac House Basement on Tuesday, August 2. The roll up of members was most encouraging and the fun fast and furious. We played pairs and Gerry Maley and Bill Epps proved to be the victors beating Dick Geere and Percy Hancock. We also filled in with darts and had a really enjoyable evening. This form of sporting activity appears to be most popular with the gang.

#### SEPTEMBER MEETING

This will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Anzac House Basement. The meeting will take the form of a talk by John Burrridge on his recent trip to Timor. As you are well aware John is a fluent speaker and this subject will be close to the hearts of all of us, so please make every endeavour to attend and make the evening really worthwhile.

#### CAR RALLY

This has been definitely arranged for Sunday, Sept. 18. The rally will commence from the Perth end of the Causeway (from the car park) at 10 a.m.

For those who do not intend to take part in the rally but intend to be in the picnic the spot is as follows. Proceed to the 23 mile peg on the Toodyay Road over Red Hill, and about 100 to 150 yards beyond this point turn right into the Stoneville Road until you see a big Double Red Diamond sign pointing right into a gate. Proceed slowly through the gate and follow the paddock road until you reach the picnic spot, about a quarter of a mile.

The rally last year proved to be a fantastic success and it appears that this year's effort should be even greater. The course has been mapped and will be most interesting. The spot is absolutely ideal for a picnic. Participants are to bring their own food or barbecue meat. There are a good amount of barbecues avail-

able but if you have a small portable barbecue bring it along.

Liquid refreshments have been arranged by the Association.

It would help the organisers considerably if you would indicate if you are going to be in it.

#### ANNUAL RE-UNION

This has been arranged for Saturday, Oct. 1, at Anzac House Basement. This will coincide with the football Grand Final and should give country visitors a chance for a dual event. Our Re-Union Dinners are always great fun and of course the bigger the roll-up the greater the fun. Country folk are requested to arrange parties to come to the big smoke for this event and metropolitan members sincerely asked to make every endeavour to be there.

#### COMMEMORATION SERVICE

This will follow the Re-Union on Sunday, Oct. 2, in our area in Lovelock Drive, at 3 p.m.

Your President goes to a lot of trouble to prepare for this service and it behoves all members to show their appreciation of his efforts and also to show their homage to our fallen comrades by being at this service.

#### NOVEMBER MEETING

Remember this is the final night for the Calcutt Memorial Trophy Sports and you still have a chance to win the lovely trophy even if you have not competed before so mark the date—November 1—off on your calendar.

#### COUNTRY CONVENTION

This has been tentatively arranged to take place at Wongan Hills area on the long weekend of November. You will be further advised of this function in later issues of the "Courier".

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### Committee Comment

A well attended Committee meeting was held at Anzac Club on August 16.

We were favoured by the attendance of John Burrridge who came along to give his ideas of his trip to Timor and the possibility of erecting a suitable memorial in this area. This proved to be the major discussion of the evening. It was finally resolved to accept the principle of erecting some form of memorial in Timor but the exact nature of the memorial was left wide open. It was decided to get the opinions of Branches in Victoria and N.S.W., and also in particular from Bernie Callinan who would be easily our most knowledgeable man in this sphere. The method of finance and other details were left until we could be more fully aware of potential cost, Federal Government participation, Interstate re-action and of course Portuguese acquiescence. It was felt after considerable discussion that we had made a lot of headway for an initial discussion.

The President, John Burrridge and Bill Epps all reported on conditions of Kings Park area and it was decided that a working bee to plant further lawn be arranged for Sunday, August 28. John Burrridge also undertook to get in touch with Dept. of Agriculture regarding possible assistance in the way of advice into growing a better lawn in the area.

Arrangements for Car Rally, Annual Re-Union, Commemoration Service were put in hand.

After lengthy discussion it was decided to hold a Country Convention this year and that the venue be the Wongan Hills area subject to approval of the members in that area. The date as usual, the long weekend in November.

The Treasurer reported that finances were still in a most healthy condition.

### Personalities

Bill Drage sighted in the Big Smoke recently. Bill along with a friend, had just completed a tour of the north west as far as Darwin and then down through the centre to Adelaide. Bill said he enjoyed it immensely. He saw the memorial at Adelaide River which contains the names of all our fallen in Timor.

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Norm Wallace is currently in R.C.H., Hollywood, and is a very sick man. Anyone who can spare the time is requested to visit Norm and try and cheer him up. He has had a bad trot over the past few years and deserves a much better fate.

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Gerry Edwards was recently in R.G.H., but has now been discharged and when last sighted was heading back north again. Gerry had a bad back which has not been improved to any extent by his sojourn in Hollywood and he feels that it is going to be difficult to return to his trade as a carpenter.

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Joe and Helen Poynton have been on holidays and I believe tripped as far as Onslow and had a most enjoyable time. Possibly Joe and Helen might care to write a few paragraphs about their trip for publication.

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Saw Robbie Rowan-Robinson the other day on one of his many trips to Perth for conferences. He is looking very fit. Looking forward to a record apple crop this year and is also in the throes of clearing a fairly big area of land which he acquired some time ago. This will mostly be a pasture proposition. He says he saw Bernie Langridge recently and Bernie is still doing very well.

## CAR RALLY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

STARTING 10 a.m. from Western End of Causeway

# Historically Yours

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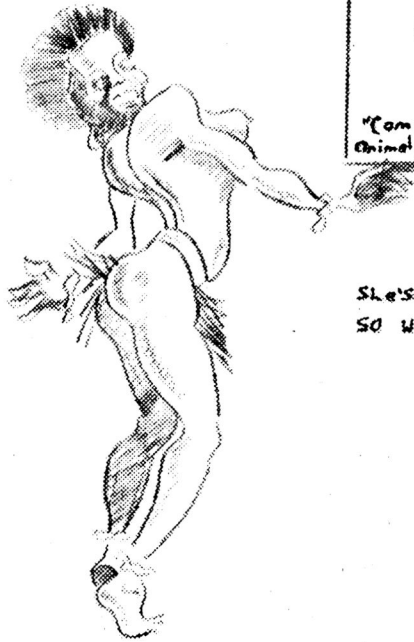
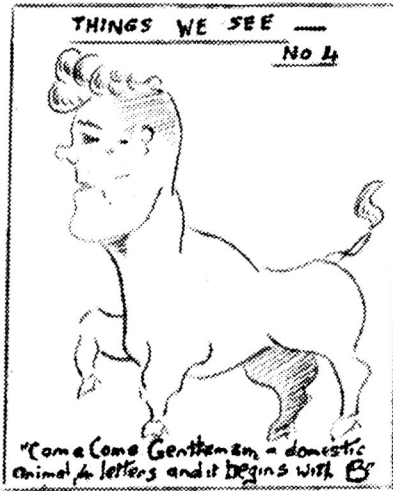
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She's no lady out of Uniform  
so we'll call her —

### "Kolar DeJusion"



## MELBOURNE LADIES

(By One Who Doesn't Know)

I'm in Melbourne, see, and I'm walking down Swanston St. and I stops—to look around me like and a dear little handful of lady in grey sidles up to me and she says: "Hullo dearie." (These Melbourne ladies are so friendly.) "Where are you going?"

"Oh, I'm just going along . . ."

"What are you going there for? Why don't you come along with us (she had a fat slob with blonde hair and a dirty face hanging on her arm) and have a bit of fun, Have you got enough money to buy a bottle of whisky,"

"No." (Cautious like see—these sheilas don't get me in.)

"How's your instincts "

"Whaddya mean stinks? You're not so sweet yourself."

"Well, the best thing you can do

is go up to that pub and knock on the door three times and they'll give you a few bottles of beer. Me and me girl friend will wait in this little shop here. We'll pick up a silly Yank and have a bit of love."

So I toddles off full of expectation and bright ideas and knocks three times on the door like she said and the dame what opens the door is a wake-up and comes across quick smart with four bottles and I waltzes off down the street to the little shop and whaddya think? There ain't no sheilas in the place, they've gone through on me and there I am with four bottles of beer and no sheilas. What could I do?

(Voice from the back): "Drink it while it's cold, kid."

## MY DAZE

Scene: The track to Musak.

A party of weary men approaches,

## HATS WILL NOT IN FUTURE

BE  
WORN LIKE THIS



THIS —



THIS —



OR THIS



BUT REGULATION  
STYLE  
LIKE THIS

they stop at varying distances apart and squat, swapping the usual jargon amongst themselves. One more talkative than the rest begins to fiddle (and I mean fiddle) with a wireless set 208 Mk. 1. After much pounding and cursing he turns to O.C. patrol in desperation.

"Either those bludgers at H.Q. are sitting on their a— as usual, or there is something wrong with this apology for a wireless set."

"Can't you raise 'em, Tassell?"

"Can't I raise 'em? Can't I raise 'em? What do you expect from these tin cans, Berlin?"

"Perhaps you are using the wrong call sign, Tassell, old chap, or maybe your beat frequency oscillator is not oscillating. Anyhow, who's got some sugar in his op. rations? By the way, Johnno, that's a nice lan-yard . . ."

Silence falls upon the scene broken only by an occasional tinkle as Sig. Frigg kicks the set in.

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Who stole Fuzzy's ice cream coat? And who was the lecherous cove who defamed it with a public hanging?

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Sheik of the Week: A certain S.S.M. with glassy stare and heavenly sigh and incidentally a snappy shot de la blonde extraordinary on Bondi Beach. Apres la guerre!

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Quoth King's Messenger Reid, re splendent in white silk pyjamas, when interviewed in his apartment

at "Mudflats": "Just something I picked up in Nadzab."

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Nowadays one doesn't say: "I'm going to have a spine bash." The moderns says: "I'm going to have a Paff."

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Owen do we get leave? I'm mortarfied.

Cheers and beers,  
Fanny Ponsonby.

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Ref philosopher Fullarton's cigarettes, cigar and pipe.

You can skite about your cigarettes.,

Your cigars and pipes too,

But give me a plug of dark Champion,

And let me chew, chew, chew!

—Boundary Rider.

#### Editor's Note:

The above would be the cantankerous man. Wants his women to be like his chew—something to snarl and jaw at, to be put on a post to dry out a bit, then have another go at.

A man will give a cigarette, offer you a cigar, but he will never share his pipe. Nobody would want to share a chew.

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The executive of "Faita Fiblets" apologies for the delay in publication this week. Circumstances over which we had no control, i.e. floods and washouts, were the main cause.

—Editor.

## Heard This?

They were seated on adjoining stools in a dimly lighted cocktail lounge.

"Honey," he said, "what about forgetting your inhibitions and spending a quiet weekend with me at Atlantic City?"

"See here," she answered, "after an exhaustive perusal of the corpus of documented evidence garnered by research on heterosexuality as applied to contemporary sociological mores, and in view of the innate predisposition to the more exotic manifestations of concupiscence evident in your demeanor, a categorical negative is my answer."

"But, honey," he said, "I don't get it!"

"That's what I mean!" she answered.

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Wives are young men's mistresses, companions for middle age, and old men's nurses.

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Before going to war say a prayer.  
Before going to sea say two prayers.  
Before marrying say three prayers.  
—Proverb.

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Samuel Butler once said: "Burglars demand your money or your life. Women require both."

## Random Harvest

ALAN LUBY, of Ambulance Station Liverpool, writes:—

As I recall, one of your more recent Editorials contained a heading "Winds of Change". Apparently these same winds of change have affected the Luby menage as you will notice by the address above after more than ten years in the sunny climes of our North Coast, we have returned to the fringe of the metropolis and we're in the process of settling in to more new surroundings.

We found it difficult to tear up our roots from among the many friends we had made at Grafton, especially those good and true friends from 2/2nd with whom we had so many enjoyable times.

Since our arrival we have only been in touch with Jack Hartley and Bill Bennett so far, but will no doubt see many others when the weather makes movement more comfortable. I may see Frank Press and Cliff Paff during this week if they are down for the R.S.L. State Congress, as they usually are.

Jack mentioned that he had recently heard that Arthur Hurst has been on the sick list—his report is not at all good.

The story of our move is too long for a letter, but the result of a hasty application and success. I'm generally happy about it—the job is easier in most ways and more congenial with a great easing in the way of direct personal worry, and very little paper work. Our Sydney Metropolitan Services are all under one control with a Chief, his Deputy and four of us working as Supervising Superintendants with a section of the area under our control. Mine covers the western section from Picton to Richmond and Auburn to Springwood.

In the main I move about the area checking on staff, buildings and vehicles and generally supervise the smooth running of the service. We are also on call to take charge of major accidents or emergency alerts.

Edith and the girls are happy with the move as it gives them better opportunities and places us in much closer contact with both our families.

There's a strong possibility that Barry will be coming over to Kwinana about the end of the year. Will

advise you more on that when he has something definite.

Trust all is well with you and all the W.A. folk and that winter has treated you fairly.

Edith sends her kindest regards to all along with my best wishes.

RUTH WALLACE, of 23 South St., Busselton, W.A., writes:—

Am writing this short note to tell you my husband, Norm Wallace, is in Hollywood. He was taken up by ambulance on Friday, August 19. He has been sick for over five years and on a pension for four years. The army would not accept full responsibility for his sickness so he received a service pension.

Although he took no active part, and I know he must owe the Association money, he loved to get the "Courier" and keep up with the boys in spirit if not in the flesh.

He is very, very sick and I will be surprised if he ever leaves the hospital. Somehow it doesn't seem fair that one man should have so much to bear.

Fortunately the family are well grown, son almost 20, elder girl going on 16, and younger girl almost 14. Both lasses are at High School and I hope to be able to keep them there for a couple more years.

Trusting this finds all members of the Association fighting fit and best wishes for the future.

Sgt. L. A. "Mitch" MITCHELL, I.C.O.D., Bandiana, Vic., writes:—

As I've been a regular receiver of the "Courier" it certainly is time to forward a few lines for the "Courier" at a later date.

Well, for a start I'm still in the army and still stationed at I.C.O.D., Bandiana, with a few months break from time to time on different courses. As a rule I seem to be able to make Melbourne for the Anzac March but never stay and join in on the amber fluid after for the simple reason, it and driving don't mix. It doesn't sound too far, 200 miles, still the risk is still there.

Of course the old topic creeps in quite a lot seeing that there is quite a lot of West Australians stationed here at present, which is the best State? Any rate to settle it for my-



self I'm trying to get a posting over there.

The only 2/2nd chap that I often see, apart from the ones that I see down at the March, is Bob Snowden. He has a farm about four miles from where the camp is. He has about four miles of river frontage, the Murray River. So I often go down there fishing, mainly for cod, redfin and trout.

Well, I'm afraid this is the lot I would like to talk about but I definitely cannot get it out when it comes to writing. Still I'll not forget you all, perhaps if not in a posting I'll try and make it on one of my leaves.

Before I close please give my regards to Jack Carey, Tom Crouch, Jack Denman, Henry Sproxtton, Jack Wicks, Robbie Rowan-Robinson, Ted McKinley, Tich Chalwell and all members of 9 Section plus all members of the Branch.

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

Phone rang on Sunday, and it was Bill Connell, passing through our town for Moura about 40 miles away where he's helping to build a new school.

This Moura has doubled and quadrupled its size in the last year or so, through the open cut and underground coal mining of Thiess-Peabody-Mitsui who export to Japan for steelmaking. And a railway is to be built 120 miles Moura to Gladstone port to take millions of tons. Originally the railway was supposed to be paid for entirely by the mining company, as some compensation for the trivial royalty per ton they pay, but somewhere along the line someone in Government thought it would be a better idea if the taxpayer footed the bill after all, so that T-M-P could make a bigger profit.

I'd never met Bill before so can't draw comparisons, but he certainly looked fit and happy. Great talker isn't he?

Following is a reprint from the May edition of "Panorama", put out by Ansett-ANA "Adventure on Safari in Portuguese Timor".

Four hundred miles north-west of Darwin is the island of Timor, virtually unknown to tourists.

The eastern part of the scenic island is Portuguese, the western, Indonesian.

It is Portuguese Timor that Aus-

tralians can now get to know at first hand, with the introduction of a series of Ansett-ANA personally conducted Timor Safaris.

The Safaris are scheduled to start on the following dates: August 15, Sept. 12 and Oct. 10.

The 19 day itinerary is the same for each tour. It has been planned to give tourists a spectacular holiday packed with interest and excitement.

Sixteen tourists can be taken on each safari. The party flies to Darwin on a Monday, and spends the next day touring the city and its nearby resorts.

On Wednesday morning the tourists fly to the Portuguese Timor town of Baucau and divide into two groups each of which is personally conducted.

Both groups visit the same interesting areas, but at different times. The main centre is Dili, a town on the north coast, which is the most important in the Province.

But it is the remote spots that will provide the adventurous and the sporting with an exciting programme of hunting and fishing.

The off-shore island of Atauro is ideal for fishing . . . shark, tunny, octopus and other varieties.

Interspersed with action will be plenty of hours of rest and relaxation on road and boat tours, and on picnics and barbecues at tropical beaches.

The two groups will return to Darwin together after 14 memorable days in Timor and fly home on a Friday.

Accommodation in Timor during the safari will be in hotels and motels. On Atauro, the groups will sleep under the stars in tents.

Accommodation will at all times be the best available, and the local people are well known for their hospitality.

The complete itinerary and all other details of Timor Safaris, are available now from any Ansett-ANA Travel Office. Book now for a holiday that is really different.

**KEV CURRAN, of Fleece Inn Hotel, Bendigo, Victoria, writes:—**

Well old mate don't drop dead of fright it is really me on the pen and I don't want to bite you.

Firstly a bit of news re Anzac Day when a very good roll up attended our get-together. The highlight, of course, was the arrival of

Tom Nesbit from the West who looks particularly well and was kept busy answering questions about the boys in the West. I left for Bendigo about 4 p.m. when Baldy had taken charge of the community singing and was doing a pretty good job.

All goes well with us here and we manage a living out of the hotel, that's about all.

We are very fortunate that we receive so many of the Unit on their various travels east and west and with the "Courier" we can keep pretty well up with the doings of our mates.

I have received A.L.P. endorsement for the Bendigo seat in the Upper House at next year's Federal Election of which I am very proud. It will be a hard one but believe I could give it a shake as a lot of people including many 2/2nd have signified their support.

A young couple I know very well are being married here on Saturday and going to the West for a few weeks at the least. Have given them your name and address as they don't know anyone over there. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Walsh is their name. Very Irish of course but very A.L.P. also. I would appreciate kindly any assistance you may be able to give them to make their stay in the West a happy one. Perhaps Jerry Haire and his good lady may take them for a drive as they so kindly did Gladys during our last visit.

Well that about winds me up for now and I would like to express my best wishes to all members of the 2/2nd as the years roll by I have learned to appreciate how fortunate I was to join such a terrific lot of blokes.

**IAN McPHEE, of Inchcolm, Wickham Terrace, B.17, Qld., writes:—**

As I am to send the butts back to you I had better write my annual note. I haven't seen or heard anything of any of the members of the Unit for quite a time.

Recently Eric Davies' widow came to see me about getting a Repat Entitlement for a Widow's Pension and last week she told me that her claim had been accepted. This will be a great help to her.

I can't see any prospect of joining your Safari but one of these days I should get over to Perth.

All the best to the Association.

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

The usual annual letter enclosing the sweep butts. Just as well something makes us write.

We looked like having an early start for our winter this year, but we have missed out on most of the rain so far. Haven't quite made the inch yet, but most people seem to have had at least two inches. Will have to go down on the knees once in a while. We have had a good season so far. The dry feed is still good and we only need 50 points of rain to give us green grass as we had enough rain to start the feed. So we are just waiting, everything ready to go.

Enclosing Great Safari 1968 Questionnaire. I think it a great idea.

Also enclosing cheque for sweep tickets and to bring my subs up to date. Hope to make the annual Re-union. Regards to all the boys.

**JIM FENWICK, of 71 Morgan Crescent, Curtin, writes:—**

Please find enclosed butts and cheque for tickets. Any over use as you will.

Am settling into civilian life and am kept busy laying lawns, getting this place I have bought to our liking.

Did not sight anybody I knew from the 2/2nd on Anzac Day so retired to Duntroon Sgts. Mess and quenched my thirst.

My regards to all over that way.

**H. BROOKER, of 110 Goodwood Pde., Rivervale, W.A., writes:—**

Am returning sweep butt and money. Hope this finds you and all the gang fit and well. Couldn't make Anzac Day March, work as usual. Better luck next year. Well must rush and catch mail or these tickets will be late. See you.

**RIP McMAHON, of Beadon Hotel, Onslow, W.A., writes:—**

Enclosing sweep butts and money and hope the sweep has its usual success.

Things are pretty quiet up this way with the weather getting cooler after a long and very trying summer.

The only 2/2nd chap I have seen this year has been "The Menace" Dick Crossing. It was a short stay and I did not have a chance to get

into a session with him. He looks well and is not losing any beef.

Cyclone Shirley did not hit Onslow on its run much to everybody's delight but gave Roebourne and Port Hedland a thumping.

Well, so long for the present.

**NORMA JOHNSON, of Box 7, Koorda, writes:—**

Please find enclosed money for tickets.

Thank you for the children's Christmas presents. They liked them very much.

I think Ron is still suffering from Anzac Day hence me scribing to you.

**GEORGE LEWIS, of 1831 Albany Highway, Maddington, W.A., writes:—**

Enclosed find ticket butts and a cheque to cover tickets and subs.

Please note our new address as we have moved down here over the last few weeks and we are busy getting settled in so excuse short note.

Best wishes for successful sweep and kind regards to all.

Best regards.

**ALFREDO DOS SANTOS, 19 Goodchap St., Surry Hills, writes:**

Hello again. I hope you all had a good Anzac Day. We had Noel Buckman and his family from Stockton, Frank O'Neill, Roy Martin and his wife from Griffiths, A. McLachland and wife from Queensland, Bruce McLaren from Melbourne. So we did have a good day.

I am sending my butts and also money for same and donation.

**NORMAN TILLET, of Box 155, Mildura, writes:—**

The remarks re correspondence in the "Courier" March issue has stung me where it was intended. As the only Unit representative in this district I am apt to read with interest all the news in the "Courier" and do nothing about it.

I was sorry to miss Harry Sproton when he passed through here but Christmas time is a mad rush and I don't see much of my own family in the weeks leading up to our Christmas break. Had the pleasure of running into Sam Fullbrook in a one horse town called Manangatang. He was headed somewhere to do some landscape painting and is one of those fellows who has not altered with age.

Have read with interest about the proposed Safari and it is here I hope to be of use to such a project in handling a staging in this fair city should the route be this way.

Noticed with interest Bob Smyth's remarks to a back to Timor and like most did not realise that this trip could be made at such small cost. This project could be a winner and would get solid support even from those who were not in Timor, but who at some time took a fair ear bash from those who had.

Just a few personal notes to bridge the span of years. I have one son married and running a grazing property near Ballarat. One daughter at boarding school in Ballarat, and a four year old son by my second marriage all who give me much joy but keep me poor.

Golf is my main hobby and excuse for a few ales and I am the current president of the local Rotary Club. Apart from this I am still in business though slowing up pretty fast.

Did not attend Anzac March but was pleased to see a good muster of the old boys on T.V.

Cannot conclude before saying how much I appreciate receiving the "Courier" and what a great source of interest it is. We all appreciate the efforts of the few who make this publication possible.

Please pass on my regards to all in W.A. and do hope to see some on the Safari.

**RUSS SYMONDS, of 57 Parramatta St., Cronulla, N.S.W., writes:—**

Apologies for being so late returning these butts. Only excuse is pressure of work. Even missed Anzac Day in Sydney. Was away in the bush.

Pleased to say the family has all settled down well after the change from Queensland. Only thing we miss is the sunshine at this time of the year.

Bill Coker and Bob Smith are the only members of the Unit I've seen since arriving here. Did manage to say hello to Alan Luby at Grafton on a recent trip up that way.

Kindly pass on my regards to all the boys in the West and once again congratulations to those stalwarts over there who have kept the "Courier" going all the years.

**ALAN LUBY, of Grafton, writes:—**

Just a note to enclose butts and some dough and to wish you all well in the West. At present I am in the midst of a two week course at our Board Training School and although I haven't seen any of the Sydney fellows as yet, I hope to do so before returning to Grafton.

I had started a letter to you a couple of weeks ago but failed to finish before coming down here.

Main news from the north is that our same team of George Mathieson, Ron Orr, Hap Greenhalgh and I, with Doc Fredricks as No. 1 barracker, took out the Diggers' Trophy again in the Anzac Day bowls event.

Saw Ron MacArthur at the march but he disappeared afterwards but at least we went close to the round half dozen present and correct. All in all a very good day with a great roll up at all services.

I handed over my Legacy duties on April 20 and hope to have a bit of a break for a short time. Legacy is a very satisfying organisation but it certainly laps up a lot of time in any of the key positions.

Was extremely interested in Joe Burridge's thoughts on a trip to Timor—wouldn't it be great to go back there just for a short holiday and have a look at the place under normal conditions? Geroka is another spot I'd like to visit some day without the trek over Pamba Mary and Kragenback.

I trust the sweep is a success and will try to shorten the time before I write again.

All the best for now with kindest regards to all.

**CHARLES (Roy) MARTIN, of 97 Canal St., Griffith, N.S.W., writes:**

Please find enclosed cheque and butts for sweep tickets.

My wife, Joyce, and I went to Sydney for Anzac weekend. We both had a wonderful time. We both stayed with Alfredo Dos Santos and his wonderful wife, Ruby. Also staying there the weekend was Noel Buckman and family.

We spent Sunday with Curly O'Neill. Saturday night we went to Arncliffe to see Ron Hilliard and wife and met Jim English. He took us over to see Paddy Kenneally and we met his wife Nora and family.

Was very pleased to meet Angus McLaughlin and wife from Brisbane, also Bruce McLaren from Melbourne

Could you please forward me an Address Book?

Geoff Laidlaw and his wife were in Griffith for a weekend about a month ago. We went out to dinner with them. He looks in the pink of condition. He had just finished a month's holiday.

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

Sweep tickets, etc., enclosed. Sorry to be running late as usual.

Still leading a very quiet life. Kids are coming along quite well. Julie has just about overcome her speech problem and is holding her own at school. We had to take Pat away from school as his behaviour got to be a bit too much for the staff and Di now teaches him by correspondence with the help from the Speech Therapists of the School Medical Service and he is now saying quite a bit and improving in all ways. Still hellava dry hereabouts. Had good rain in March but no follow up and things are pretty grim again. However, we have come through pretty well so far when you think of the pasting characters further out have had.

Hoping you are all keeping fit and all the best to the gang.

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

A few lines along with the sweep butts. Am afraid have been a bit of a wash out as your country correspondent from this area this year. My first effort.

Have been very busy in my department for some weeks now. Apart from Good Friday and Easter Monday have not had a day off including Sundays for weeks. The big grain lift the principal cause. A good thing really particularly on pay days but you do get a bit sick of it.

Believe Stan King is having another spell in Narrogin Hospital, or was last week. Been mistreating the ulcers again I guess. I often hear news of him through a friend of his whom I work with. Apart from Stanley I have not seen or heard of any of the boys for months in this area.

It was good to see and say hullo to those I saw during my short visit to the picnic at Mullaloo.

I have just been to the football. Last game spoilt by rain, really solid. Was a double fixture but owing to

work I only saw the last quarter of the game I was really interested in, Railways v. North Albany. Railways beaten by two goals. Saw Bob Coleman, ex Perth, get a bit of a hiding by a young local boy. Competition will be keen here this year particularly amongst the three local teams.

I have a working Son now so only one left at school. Stanley was not very interested in school so got him a job with a blacksmith, spring smith, welder, etc. He seems very keen on it and boss very pleased with him and looks like giving him an apprenticeship when he turns 15 in three weeks time. Is quite a good trade, I think.

That's about all for this time. Am afraid have mislaid the Safari Questionaire but at the moment can't see my way clear although things could change in two years.

Enclosed please find cheque and butts. The extra to go to the most deserving.

Cheerio, regards to all.

**SCOTTY WARES, of 60 Birkett St., Bedford Park, W.A., writes:—**

Please find enclosed butts and cheque covering same. I hope that the sweep is a financial success.

Well it is about time that I dropped you a few lines. Firstly I have not been too good lately but am now on the improve. I have had a bit of bad luck with a duodenal ulcer which happened to haemorrhage. The doctor sent me to St. Annes Hosital, in Mt. Lawley rather than take the risk of going to Hollywood as he wanted immediate transfusions. I have mentioned before that I am now on the improve but have to be very careful with my diet.

Would you please remember me to all the members of the Unit and I hope in the near future to be able to attend meetings.

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

Please find enclose sweep butts and cheque.

Please excuse this short note as I'm afraid, as you'll understand, things aren't the best for me at this stage of losing my wife after I've worked hard since our Unit was demobbed and just got my own brick house and all new furniture, T.V., carpets, etc., and just got to the top of the ladder in the last 18 months and then this

has to happen. It was a very tragic blow, believe me.

As we've all got our worries I'll bring this to a close and wish you all the very best in the sweep results, and to all our members.

**F. M. DEVLIN, 181 Pennant Pde., Epping, writes:—**

Please find enclosed cheque and butts. Hoping that this new venture gets the response it deserves. Best wish to all in W.A.

**TOM CROUCH, of R.M.B.11, Donnelly Mail, Mangimup, writes:—**

Time is running short. Enclosed are butts and cheque.

I'm a definite washout as a country correspondent but will try and get in a decent sort of letter soon.

We could use a decent sort of downpour (rain) down here before it gets too cold. The paddocks are pretty bare and big inroads being made into the hay stack. Have about 160 head of stock and the bleak winter months to come.

This will be all for the time being. Will do better next time.

**CHARLES VERNIDE, of 36 Douglas Ave., Mt. Yokine, W.A., writes**

I overlooked the date to return the sweep tickets but maybe they will reach you in time. Should they fail to reach you on schedule regard it as an error on my part.

I am enclosing money for tickets and the remainder to be allocated as you think fit.

**LORRAINE MARCH, of 3 Bricknall Rd., Attadale, W.A., writes:**

Enclosed please find money and butts for sweep. I am afraid Wilf left me to send them along as he had his hands full up with his parents being very ill again. Unfortunately I ended up in hospital myself. Hoping the sweep is a great success.

**A. JAMIESON, Loomes St., Narrandeen, writes:—**

Please excuse me for being a little late with butts, in fact had intended to send them last Thursday but had a decent attack of the virus flu and have been in bed up until today.

Hoping this catches the draw and the money left over to be used for "Courier" as I think I must be a little behind.

Wishing you all the best.

**HOFFMAN, of Pophying, via Kalgoorlie, W.A., writes:—**

Would you please take another book for me.

Not having a woman around to push this b— pen I find letter writing a bit arduous. You know what to do with the remainder of the cheque. Regards to all.

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

Enclosed find cheque and ticket butts. The remainder for any other cause. Sorry I can't sit down and write you a long letter but there doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day to do everything I want to do

**TED LOUD, of Pemberton, writes:**

Just a short note with the raffle butts.

Ted said he has got writer's cramp filling in the tickets. He just finished three weeks holiday. He did not get to Perth this year probably waiting for another convention.

I had better post these butts or they will be too late, so here's all the best to you all.

**JIM DENT, Wirrinia, writes:—**

Running late as usual. However enclosed find cheque and butts and a couple of dollars extra for the firm.

I think the Safari is a good idea although for me it only means a trip to Sydney. No doubt it will be harder on interstate chaps. However I hope she works.

Best regards to all.

**CHARLIE GORTON, of 138 Marion St., East Fremantle, writes:—**

Just a few lines enclosing the tickets and money.

I was hoping to be able to get up to the Ladies Night tonight, but as things have turned out I wasn't able to make it.

I was talking to Col Hodson for a few moments out on north mole about a fortnight ago. Like myself he was out watching the salmon being caught. There certainly has been some around.

Not much in the way of news. We all seem to have had the dogs' disease lately. It certainly takes some shaking off.

Hoping this finds you well and enjoying life.

**JOHN DONOVAN, of 52 Dudley St. Rydalmore, writes:—**

This is, I think, the first note I have written despite years of good intentions.

Enclosed cheque covers butts, use the balance for subs or whatever else you choose.

May I ask that you pass on my regards to all those good friends I made in Timor and whom I have not seen since the first Canangra stint.

I work for Villawood Textile Co. as accountant. We have associated companies in W.A. (William Angliss, Plant Fisheries, N.W. Whaling, etc.) and I have been scheming to get over there, so far without results.

I am hoping that I will be able to participate in part of the Safari. It will depend on circumstances at the time but I don't really expect anything to crop up to stop me.

Best wishes to all.

**BOB "Beaky" SMITH, of Pt. Perpendicular Lighthouse, via Nowra, N.S.W., writes:—**

I don't know what we would do without you. I have been promising myself for weeks to get cracking on a note and to forward the ticket butts to you. Well you know what happened? Yes, the inevitable. I had forgotten all about them when your memory jogger arrived today. I really trust that the butts and money arrive in time for the drawing, if not, then scrub the tickets and put the money to some other region. Incidentally I have included a little extra for the Association funds.

Not a great deal of anything to report since my letter of last year. The family are all well, both Joyce and I are complaining of the "ills" that gather on those in their 40s, which of course simply means we are getting older and not accepting it gracefully. Our three children are doing well in their schooling, especially our lad Jim who gained the Science Award last year and shared top places in two other subjects.

We have been looking around these last few months for another position and a home so that we can give the children some social life now that they are in their teens. The only life they have known is isolation and semi-isolation and we thought that it is high time that they were able to mix freely with other children their own ages. However,



to date no-one seems to want an old lightkeeper and the position is that War Service will not grant me a housing loan while I am still in this job, but insist that I must have a position in or around Newcastle (where I applied for a house) so as to occupy it. Anyway, it will most likely sort itself out. If the worse comes to the worst, I will simply resign, draw my super and take out my long service leave—of which I have eight months due to me.

I had been ill around Christmas, and after being on sick leave took my holidays and subsequently missed seeing Jack Hartley who called at the lighthouse to see me. He wrote to me (but again this writing must be like a rash—it comes and goes) but so far I haven't been able to get down to a reply. I would like to have seen Jack, for the last time I saw him was in 1945.

After reading your editorial some months ago on Repatriation Claims, etc., I decided that it was about time I had a go to have Repat. take over some of my doctor's bills for a back injury I suffered in the islands, so did as you suggested. Subsequently I was called to Sydney and given the "works". This was last month and so far have heard no more from Repat. However I was assured by the examining doctors that I would have no trouble as the back injury was still evident, and it was plain that I would still be having trouble with it. Some sign of hope that my claim will be recognised.

Well, this seems to dry me up, so trusting that this finds you well. Will say cheerio with regards to all, especially all the "Saps".

**FRED JANVRIN, of 10 Nanowie St., Narwee, writes:—**

This is getting to be a habit. Here I am sending back the butts and so early too. How about that? I don't know what's got into me. I don't know whether I'm on the ball or just getting mean and wanting something for my money. I'd prefer saying I'm on the ball, it sounds better.

There's something I've been meaning to say to you boys in the Eastern States. I would like you and yours to guts yourselves on Devondale Ice Cream. It's beaut. Just ask me and I'll tell you. I've been working there for the past six years. It's very big on flavour. Too bad you fellows

over in the West can't get at it. Hope all my friends are in the best of health and I'll take this opportunity to say hello to you all.

By the way I became a grandfather three weeks ago. How about that? A fine baby boy and a beauty.

Glad to hear Bill Connell is still in the land of the living as he puts it. Do you still stuff yourself with dried fruits and do crosswords? That's all he used to do every spare minute he got. I think Bill's dried fruit made one section run more than anything else did.

Well, gents, it's been nice talking to you so until next time, all the very best of luck to you all.

**PETER CAMPBELL, of Gibson, W.A., writes:—**

Enclosed sweep tickets, butts and subs. Any over add to funds.

Had a very good year down our way. Don't think we'll be able to go for the trip East next year.

Hoping the sweep is a great success.

**BASHER ADAMS, c/- A.N.Z. Bank, Rockhampton, Qlds., writes:—**

In great haste. Herewith butts and cheque. Would you please apply balance to subs. Also questionnaire has been filled in. At this stage it is a bit difficult to promise to have room for a passenger as I don't know where I'll be. However nearer the time I'd suggest the questionnaire be repeated.

Enclosed is a cutting from the local paper re Stanley Kent who states he was with Sparrow Force. Some of the chaps may know him and you might like to use for the "Courier".

Often see Joe Palm and he is now getting the "Courier" and promises to write. He is in good shape and his old mates will be pleased to hear he has done particularly well in every way and has a charming wife, Jean, and daughter.

Sorry this is so brief but I'll write fully as soon as possible.

**ILMA (for Tom) MARTIN, of Box 40, Miling, writes:—**

Enclosed is cheque to cover cost of tickets, the remainder to go to general funds.

Congratulations to those members who are responsible for "our section" of Kings Park looking so smart.

Sorry I haven't much news to contribute but things don't seem to move much in the country. Tom does not

play any sport at all now, excepting a little skiing and fishing in the summer time. His hobby is stud pig breeding which is a full time occupation at times and has been very rewarding. He won two grand champion ribbons, one junior champion and reserve champion at 1965 Royal Show, and as well set a State sale record.

The same week our daughter Fay broke a discus record at the Independent Schools Interschool Sports, and our youngest son—who is now at Guildford Grammar—became Senior Champion at the Interschool Sports held at Moora. So it was a mighty week for our family.

We have just taken possession of a farm (2,000 acres) adjoining our own which our bank kindly paid for, for us. It is in very bad condition, having been leased for about 15 years, so we have a lot of work ahead to get things under control, but the soil is good and is worth the effort it will take.

All for now. Best wishes to all the boys.

**W. J. CONNELL, of 101 Ashby St., Fairfield, Brisbane, writes:—**

Yes, it's me again. I guess you are still looking for these stray letters.

As you can see by the address I am out on the Moura coalfield. Well that area anyway. We are building a school up there. I am only 42 mile from Biloela and have looked in on Peter Mantle a couple of times.

I have just received my latest "Courier" and see that Ken Jones has shifted to Queensland, Goomerie in fact. Well Ken, if you read this I was through your town on this last weekend. At midnight though. I might drop in on you one day.

Things are just the same at home. All in the best of health. My eldest son, Dennis, starts teaching next year and the youngest, Kerry, has another year to go at High School. They are 16 and 19. Nearly off my hands. We also have another boy with us whom we class as one of the family and who joined the navy 18 months ago. On reading in the "Courier" where Jack Hasson's son is on the

"Sydney" I asked Peter, that's his name, if he knows Ken, and he does. A small world isn't it? The two lads were together and neither one knew that their respective fathers know one another. Do you still remember me, Jack?

I must send you a poem one of these days that Des Lilya, Jack Hartley and a few others made up while at Niata. It was sent to my wife while she was in the A.W.A.S. She wasn't my wife then. Do any of you readers recall it? If I remember I'll send it next time. I haven't got it with me.

Well I hope this helps a little to fill your pages.

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

This is the best I've heard in 1966, so hope it hasn't reached Perth yet.

In Mexico they sometimes give boys the name Jesus. Well in a little Convent school in Mexico they were expecting a visit from an English Bishop. Getting the place cleaned up and the teacher of the youngest class had a moment of misgiving, feeling that while local people understood a visitor from afar might not think it right that anyone should bear The Name. So she got hold of the kid and primed him up that next day he would have to be Bob. Everyone would address him as Bob, and that was the name he was to give if the Bishop asked. Well next day the Bishop came and saw, and was going around chatting to kids.

"What's your name, sonny?"

"My name's Charlie. I can spell cat. C-A-T."

"That's very good. And what's your name, dear?"

"I'm Mary. I can spell dog. D-O-G."

"Very good Mary. Be sure you say your prayers every day." And then to the boy himself: "And what's your name?"

"My name's Bob. And I can spell alumina."

The Sister, hovering by, said: "Jesus, you can't spell alumina."

"Well, Christ," said the Bishop, "let him try."

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