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Editorial

THE GREAT SAFARI

The Great Safari is now beyond the dream stage and the time has come to get firm decisions from all who intend to participate.

We in W.A. are but a mere 13 months away from departure date and there still remains a great deal of planning to do. It behoves all who intend to be in this great Reunion to do their utmost to make the tasks of our host States, Victoria and New South Wales, as simple as possible. They have the big job of entertaining the travellers and arranging accommodation and their job should be as simplified as possible by giving them plenty of notice regarding the numbers travelling.

Elsewhere in this issue is the projected itinerary for both road and rail travellers. The itinerary for rail travellers cannot be varied to any great extent as you can well imagine as this is tied up with rail and bus timetables and schedules. The road itinerary has been arranged to synchronise as far as possible with rail travellers in the main centres of Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney.

Readers in all States are requested to read this itinerary thoroughly and then make up their minds with some urgency as to which way they will be travelling. This applies more to W.A. travellers than other members but all should be very interested.

You will note that the schedule provides for stop-overs in Kalgoorlie, Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra and terminates at Sydney. The Kalgoor-

lie stop-off is divided between rail and road travellers due to the greater rate of travel by train.

Three days are provided for in Adelaide to enable participants a chance for a possible brief tour of the near hinterland, possibly the Barossa Valley.

Melbourne has been conceded a long long weekend which I have no doubt they will make memorable.

It was considered that a tour of the Snowy River Project was a must for W.A. travellers who have read so much of this grand scheme and have not had the opportunity of seeing it as yet. This will be the normal three day tour, ex Canberra. This also provides a good opportunity of viewing Canberra and the War Memorial and Museum.

The final stop over is in Sydney and this will enable those proceeding on the Safari to be there for Anzac Day.

I think you will agree having perused the itinerary that it covers as far as possible the desirable things required in such a project as this.

Having absorbed the itinerary you are requested to fill in the Questionnaire provided and return this to the Box Address: T1646, G.P.O., Perth, as soon as possible.

A new questionnaire is required from those who forwarded previous answers as the original conception was for road travel only and the new idea provides for the alternative of rail travel.

The present thinking among a good number of W.A. members is that for this State the rail travel has many advantages and will cut the fatigue problem to a minimum.

Because of the necessity to make early forward bookings to make certain of availability of berths it is essential to have early replies from those who will be making the trip.

Your earnest consideration and co-operation is most necessary so please get down to it. Study the itinerary then make up your mind if you can be in it, all things being equal, then fill in that questionnaire and mail it back promptly.

As far as rail travel is concerned there is no need to make any pay-

ments at the present time. However fares must be paid a fortnight before the date of departure but even these are refundable in full if three days' notice is given prior to departure date.

What we want at present is a nomination so that the Organiser can make bookings which have to be done on a name, not a number basis.

Give this matter the thought that it requires and then let us know so we can get on with what is going to be a big job of organisation and this trip is probably unique in Unit Association history and we want to ensure that it is a great success.

DO IT NOW!

—C. D. Doig, Editor/Organiser.

West Australian Whisperings

Association Activities FEBRUARY MEETING

The usual monthly meetings were resumed on Feb. 7 and this time we played carpet bowls and darts and this form of entertainment proved to be most enjoyable. Apparently the passing of the years is getting the gang more bowls minded as it is no trouble to get a game going at any meeting.

Afraid the turn-up was not so marvelous but this was probably due to the fact that it lacked advertising with no "Courier" despatched.

25th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION SERVICE

A most successful day was held on Sunday, Feb. 19, to coincide with the 25th Anniversary of our first battle with the Japanese at Dili. The roll-up at our area in Kings Park was an all time record.

The area was in tip top order thanks to many who had spent the previous day cleaning up and mowing the area.

Bill Epps, our Vice President, delivered an outstanding address in which he traced some of the history of the Unit and applied the implications of it all to the modern day scene.

The march of honour through the avenue was in the best tradition of our Unit.

To round off a good day a barbecue was held at the home of Jean and Mick Holland, at Orrong-rd., Carlisle, and this proved to be a wonderful event. The hospitality of the Holland's has to be seen to be imagined.

Jack Carey saw to it that we had plenty of beautiful steak and sausages for the barbecue and there was also plenty of refreshment for both the young and old.

This was a day to remember and was fully worthy of the auspicious occasion.

The muster of members from the country was most pleasing and included Bob and Barbara Palmer, from Cowaramup; Clarie and Grace Turner, from Capel; Don and Vida Turton and their family, from Wandering; Stan Payne, from Nukarni.

Arch Campbell was given the honour of mustering the parade as he was probably the officer most involved with casualties on this memorable day 25 years ago and he chose Keith Hayes and Peter Alexander to lead the march which again was most appropriate.

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COMMEMORATION SERVICE ADDRESS

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my extreme pleasure to address you on this historic occasion in this most significant place. Today, as you are probably aware, is the 25th anniversary of the first action fought by the 2nd Independent Coy. —later to be known as the 2/2nd Commando Squadron—against the Japanese enemy. This action took place on the night of the 19th-20th February, 1942, at Dili in Portuguese Timor. It was on this night that a Unit which had trained and worked together for six months, had its bloodshed in the terrible ordeal of warfare. Here it was that the first battle casualties were suffered and unfortunately these were not to be the last of a long and arduous series of campaigns fought throughout the islands to the north of Australia.

Perhaps at this stage you will forgive me if I digress a little to recount some of the background of the Unit. Formed initially on Wilsons Promontory in Victoria from troops specially selected, mainly from Northam Camp in W.A., we were trained in the most arduous manner by officers and N.C.Os. who had previously done a special cadre to prepare them for our training. The skills of guerilla warfare were instilled into us. The right background to meet an enemy on our very own was part of this special training to inculcate a state of mind that would encompass the rigours of being on our own, cut off from the main body of troops, without supplies, except what was to hand in the country where we found ourselves, no mail, no contact with our loved one. These were the factors driven home to us and these were the things we met when first we contacted the enemy at Dili in Portuguese Timor. From that day forward we were on our own two feet, on our very own, and nobody to turn to for re-inforcement. We had to slog it out as best we could and bring all the special skills to bear to survive and at the same time harass the enemy. Thanks to the loyal assistance of the Portuguese, and also in a big way, the true loyalty and comradeship of the natives of Timor, we were able to conduct a most exhausting campaign that brought a high degree of glory to all who participated.

We were at the time the first of

the Australian or any other troops who met the allegedly invincible Japanese and were able to show that he could be beaten. We exacted a very high toll upon the enemy and the cost to ourselves was not of anything like the same proportion. Unfortunately these living memorials in this area do testify to the fact that we had our losses of marvellous men, cut off in the flower of their youth.

The campaign in Timor came to an end after we had been on the island over 12 months, but this was not to be the end. After a brief respite and a period of re-organisation we went to New Guinea to carry on a bitter war again against the Japanese. The Unit once again served with the highest distinction and thanks to the background of experience gained in Timor, and also to the high quality of the re-inforcements which joined the Unit at Canungra, we were able to show the world that the Jap could be met on the ground of his choosing and be given more than he wished for.

After more than 16 months of gruelling conditions we returned home to see our loved ones once again, but the respite was to be only too brief as the Unit was bundled off to New Britain to once again serve for nine months and work and patrol in the most difficult of conditions until the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was to force the enemy to cry quits.

The Official War History records that this Unit was in action against the enemy for the longest of any Unit of the Australian Forces. This is the proud record of those who wore the Double Red Diamond colour patch.

All this preamble brings me to the focal point behind this Commemoration Service we are holding today. Twenty five years ago this was the start point of a great and glorious career for our Unit. We fought with bravery and for what we thought was a just and proper cause. We fought to save our loved ones at home in Australia from the horrors and terrors of a barbaric invasion. The war was terribly close to our shores and at any cost it must be stopped from affecting the way of hope of our folk at home. This I think was the paramount thought in everyone's mind as they strove through the jungles and swamps of

Timor, New Guinea and New Britain. It is now history that the Australian Forces of all the arms, with the magnificent assistance of our Allies from Great Britain and America, that this was achieved. Although bombed, Australia was not invaded and the enemy was soundly defeated. The result must be considered to be really worth while.

Nothing of this nature can be achieved without paying the cost. The cost on this instance is the highest possible price you can pay, and that is human lives. This must always be considered to be too high a currency to pay for anything. We had our large share of losses and we have always striven to revere the memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice and left their bones on distant shores. This glorious grove is a living testimony to the way in which those who were more fortunate have done their level best to keep the memory of great mateship alive.

We achieved much but we have not yet achieved the ultimate which was to be a free world, free of war and trouble and strife is once again the spectre of war rears its ugly head and Australian sons are once again in the turmoil of a full scale war which is being fought in Vietnam and has only just concluded in Korea and Malaya. It certainly appears that the old truism of man's inhumanity to man makes countless millions mourn, is as true today as it was yesterday. Why must we humans always be fighting one another somewhere? Surely the forces of education and goodwill should be in a position to prevail and outlaw the useless medium of destruction which is modern warfare. It is a sad commentary on thousands of years of alleged civilisation that we have to return to the law of the jungle so often and stoop to kill one another in wars that should have been resolved at a conference table.

With the passing of 25 years we find ourselves the mothers and fathers of boys and girls who are much the same age as we were when first we joined up in 1940 and 1941. These children are the people who will have to bear the burdens and responsibilities that were ours 25 years ago. It could easily be your boy or my boy and girl who find themselves in uniform to once again try and keep this country free. I

don't know about you, but I find this a most sobering thought. We are now at the other end of the stick. When we, with cavalier thoughts, rushed off to join up, I don't really think many gave a second thought to just what our parents were thinking, and the worry we were to plunge them into. Now, unfortunately, it is our turn to worry and fret and wonder just what our portion will be. If you care to read the inscriptions on the plaques around you, you will be shocked to realise just how young were so many of our brave lads who are with us no more. This could happen again.

The world seems to have turned right round with the passing of 25 years and those that were our bitter enemies of 1939-45 are now probably our best customers and therefore at least our trading friends. It seems the great lesson has got to be learned to forgive and forget. It may not be easy but it is essential if the world is not to be caught up in old fashioned feuds. Australia today is reliant for economic existence on its trade with Japan. This nation has in 25 years displaced our Mother land, Great Britain, as our main means of selling the goods that mean the prevalence of our way of life. A paradox perhaps, but an essential fact. We may not like it, but the plain fact is we have to grin and bear it.

Perhaps I have given you a surfeit of history and world politics but I feel that all that I have said to date bears on what happened, what we fought for and what the eventual outcome of all this has been.

Let me now turn and give a thought to those we revere in this our hallowed spot today. They were the ones who by their unselfish efforts made all this possible. Let us never forget that a price was paid and it was them that paid it. There is nothing for free in this world. In their passing they have thrown the torch to us to carry forward. We must work and work and strive with all the power at our command to make sure that their passing was not in vain. We have done a good job. We are now highly organised as an Association group and we must make this group work for the common good of mankind. We must strive with other such groups to bring the right influences to bear where they can do the most to bring the message

of Christmas: "Peace on earth and good will to all men", to be the message for every day of the year. This is no more than our bouden duty and is part of the price that we are due to pay.

Let us on this day spare a thought for the loved ones of those who have gone before, and who have been left behind to mourn the passing of their sons. They have had the bitter burden of 25 years to carry and we can only say that although they mourn, let them be consoled with the thought that if there is a special place in the world beyond set aside for heroes, then this Valhalla will find their sons ensconced right in the very centre. They gave their all and who can do more? Lift up your hearts and be proud that it was your off-spring who helped in no small measure to keep this glorious land free from the jack boot of the enemy.

It could not let this service go by without making reference to this lovely spot here in magnificent Kings Park which we as a Unit Association have made our very own. This area was first dedicated in 1947 and ever since that day we have striven with a varying degree of success to bring it to a standard that it deserves as the living memorial to our fallen. I think you will all agree that our efforts have not been in vain and that it is only now showing the promise that we hoped for many years ago. Do not think for one moment that we will rest on our laurels, we will try and improve it to a much greater extent, this we will do on our most solemn promise. It does go against the grain to have to say that not everyone regards this area with the favour that we extend to it. For many years we have had to contend with varying degrees of vandalism in our efforts to beautify the area, but it is only very lately that the worst possible form of larrikanism has really reared its ugly head and I refer to the breaking and pilfering of the sacred plaques that adorn each tree. This would, in my opinion, be the most senseless form of vandalism that can possibly be imagined and it is hoped that the culprit, or culprits, are swiftly apprehended and the justice of their actions is brought home to them before the whole park area becomes some sort of a plaything for depraved minds who would perpetrate such stupidity.

Another activity I would like to bring to your mind is the conception of a suitable memorial in Timor to those gallant souls who assisted our cause at the cost of their lives. This project is well under way and we hope will take the form of a useful memorial that the present and future generations can enjoy and at the same time see that their friends in Australia have not forgotten the marvelous assistance rendered us in our time of need. It is truly said: "A friend in need is a friend indeed" and to remember your friends is probably the greatest humanity of them all.

Let me conclude by saying that 25 years have passed since first we met the enemy and although much water has flowed under the bridge, also much good has come to us all. It has been a fruitful 25 years in more ways than one. We, like the tribes of Israel, have flourished and multiplied. Let us look forward to the next 25 years with confidence and well being but let us also remember that we still owe a debt of gratitude to those who have gone before and that however much we do the debt will still remain unpaid.

BOWLS NIGHT AT SOLDIERS BOWLING CLUB

We were entertained by our old friends of the Soldiers Bowling Club at their headquarters in Colin-st., for a social game of bowls. This is one of the most wonderful evenings we spend each year and those attending never fail to have a great time. Once again the hospitality was overwhelming and the supper something out of this world.

Our muster was most reasonable and it was good to see Alf Hillman make the trip from Broomehill. Of course nowadays we are accumulating a few bowlers of our own and these add to the skill of the evening.

Among those present were Ron and Gwenda Kirkwood, Bill and Jess Epps, Fred and Glad Napier, Perc and Val Hancock, Gerry and Lal Green, Len and Dot Bagley, Dick Geere, Gerry Maley, Col Doig. Apologies from Jack and Norma Hasson who were on the sick list with a dose of the 'flu.

We have to extend our thanks once again to those wonderful people of the Soldiers Bowling Club for their wonderful hospitality.

MARCH MEETING

The usual monthly meeting took place at Anzac House Basement on Tuesday, March 7. The attendance was nothing out of the bag but considering the meeting followed hard on the heels of a long weekend it could be considered reasonable.

The opportunity was taken to put members in the picture regarding what had been done to date regarding the proposed Memorial in Timor and also the details of the Great Safari.

Ron Kirkwood gave a very informative talk on all the dealings to date on the Timor Memorial and it was generally agreed that as the project had only been mooted in September, 1966, a great deal of progress had been made but there remained a lot to do before we even reached the stage of appealing for funds.

Col Doig outlined the proposed itineraries for the Great Safari and this evoked a great deal of interest. Generally speaking those present were pleasantly surprised at the cost of movement by rail and the all embracing nature of the itinerary. From the general comment it seems the Safari will be a great success and that the numbers taking part will be well in excess of what was originally estimated.

The meeting must be regarded as a great success and it served the purpose of advertising the two big events currently on the Association's plate.

Committee Comment

Your Committee attacked a terrific agenda on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Anzac Club. At the previous meeting a large number of sub-committees were formed to deal with various aspects of the Association affairs and as a result of their deliberations the meeting was one of the busiest that the Committee have ever held.

Firstly the sub-committee dealing with the Timor Memorial was able to report that the Governor of Portuguese Timor had agreed to the provision of a memorial with the probable site at Daru, one of our old O.P.s. near Dili. He had also agreed to his Public Works planning and carrying out this project on our behalf. Sketch plans had been provided and these were under consid-

eration by the sub-committee. Considering that this project was only mooted in September, 1966, the present progress is excellent and reflects great credit on Ron Kirkwood and John Burridge who have handled the bulk of the work and of course on the great efforts of the Australian Consul in Dili who is our main liaison officer. Readers will be fully advised of this project in the near future when the plans and costs are available.

Then the sub-committee to plan the itinerary for the Great Safari presented their most lengthy report and this was adopted without alteration by the Committee. This is covered most fully elsewhere in this issue so there is no need to expand on this except to say that the report was most comprehensive and covered all aspects of the journey.

The Calcutt Memorial Games sub-committee had also met and they presented a report which laid down the principles for the conduct of the games this year. This did not vary to any degree from the provisions for last year. They were of the opinion that the method of conduct required at least another year of trial before any drastic changes were required. They did suggest that the Association buy a set of carpet bowls and the necessary carpet to enable two rinks to operate. This was adopted by the Committee and the President and Treasurer were empowered to go ahead to make the necessary purchases.

The Committee made a review of the 25th Anniversary Commemoration Day and were most pleased with all aspects of this function. A minute of appreciation of the efforts of Mick and Jean Holland was placed on the books. The Committee also agreed that the area in Kings Park had reached its all time best and it was hoped that the battle to get the area into a really worthwhile condition was gradually being won.

The Treasurer reported finances were in a fairly healthy state considering the time of the year but it was agreed that the usual sweep was essential to recoup our position. This will be conducted as soon as possible and probably tickets will be despatched at the March Committee meeting.

Joe Poynton raised the matter of accommodation for country members when they came to the city and it was agreed that this matter receive publicity in the "Courier".

Bill Epps reported that the proofs for the Address Book reprint were now available and as complete as possible. It was agreed that Bill Epps and Col Doig review these proofs and that the book be printed and despatched as soon as possible.

Personalities

Had the great fortune to run in with Jim Smailes for about an hour a couple of weeks ago. It is always a pleasure to meet Jim as he is such a mine of information on all subjects. As you know he is currently engineer-manager of the big salt project at Useless Loop, Shark Bay. This firm expects to start salt harvesting in April of this year. He said the current harvest was of the order of 350,000 tons per annum. He had the simple little task of laying 350 acres of plastic sheeting to stop the silting through of the salt bearing water in the final filtration beds and he tells me that now he looks like having to lay another 700 acres to lift the production to around the million tons of salt per annum. At present the total area of filtration beds is 2,000 acres. Quite a massive project and Jim says brings plenty of headaches especially with labour. Jim's two boys are both in the army and have both served overseas, one in Malaya and Borneo and the other in Vietnam.

Stan Payne tells me he is the part-owner of an aeroplane and is currently studying for a navigation ticket to enable him to get a pilot's licence. Nice and game at his age, but says it is great fun and certainly cuts down the time between spots in the country. Stan looks extra fit and says he is going well.

Bob Palmer looked real fit when he was down for the 25th Anniversary Service. Very keen to be in it for the Safari. Bob and his good wife also made it for a while at the barbecue and really had a wonderful time.

Don and Vida Turton, with their family, also made the Service and the barbecue and both said it was a most enjoyable experience and gave them the chance to meet a lot of people they had not seen for quite a while.

Grace and Clarrie Turner spent the full weekend down in the big smoke as the guests of Jack and Norma Hasson and as well as the Sunday show were able to meet Mick

and Jean Morgan and Col Doig at the Fremantle Club on the Saturday night.

Harry and Maisie Holder had a wonderful time at the Sunday show and both of these are as near as possible to being certainties for the Safari.

Don Hudson, I believe, is now the licensee of the eBailingup Hotel. Back in Geo Merritt's old stamping ground of pre-war. Hope you have all the success in the world Don. Might see you one day and knock over a couple—beers I mean, not blokes!

If any country member has difficulty with accommodation when coming to the city they should contact any member of the Committee or in particular Col Doig, who will have no difficulty in fixing them up.

Nice to see Alf Hillman at the bowls night and see him wheel down a very true bowl. Alf, of course, has been playing the game at Broomehill for some time now. In fact the ranks of our bowlers are rapidly growing with John Burridge playing with Dalkeith, Ron Kirkwood with Cottesloe, Jerry Maley and Spriggy McDonald with North Beach, Percy Hancock with Soldiers, Kev Waddington with Armadale and of course a considerable number in the country including Peter Barden and Bill Drage at Geraldton. Fred Napier and his wife Glad, have played for years at Floreat Park.

It is with regret we have to record the death of another Unit member. This time it was Ernie Evans, late of No. 1 Section. He died most suddenly on Saturday, March 11, after having had a few drinks with Doug Fullerton and had gone home to change. Ernie had not been an active member of the Association and had recently been working at Barrow Island. We extend our sincere sympathy to his widow and two children.

Heard This?

A terribly jealous woman used to subject her husband to a regular inspection every evening. The slightest hair discovered on his coat would lead to the most frightful scenes.

One night, finding nothing at all, she burst into tears and wept: "Even bald women now!"

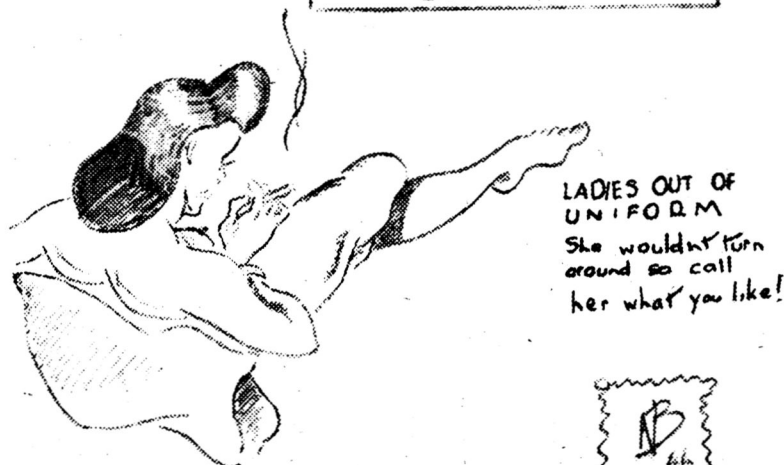
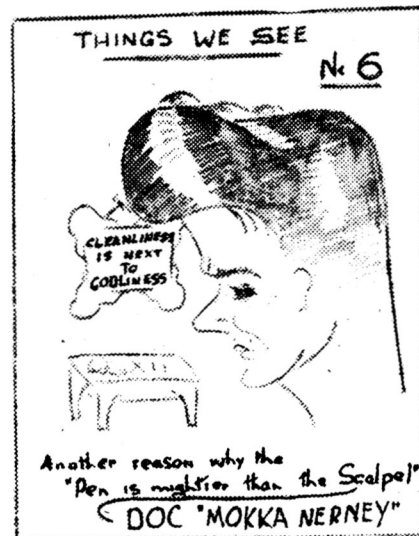
Random Harvest

JEAN and MICK HOLLAND, of 270 Orrong Road, Carlisle, W.A., write:—

In these days of vandals and litter bugs, it may be very pleasing for us all to note (seeing as the ages of all visitors ranged from tots to grandpas) that in cleaning up next morn-

ing after the barbecue (with a sore cruet), we could only find one cracked glass and none broken, no shrubs or plants trodden or damaged. We would say that's bloody terrific in anyone's book, and we thank you one and all for making this one extra good party and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

THE LAST OF THE SKETCHES FROM 'FAITA FIBLETS'



FRED OTWAY, of 98 Wecker Road, Mt. Gravatt, writes:—

I will definitely be making the Safari. Whilst on the subject I might go down to Sydney on Anzac Day. I have been invited to stay at Ron Trengrove's place. I have not seen Angus Machlachlean since about last July or Eddie Timms. I have not seen Freddie Bryant for about a year. There are others around Brisbane but a man never gets around to see them. Some are away on country jobs, etc., others work shift. Nevertheless I met Happy Greenhalgh. On my way down to Kempsey I met him in the main street. He is the Postmaster at Maclean only a few miles (six) deviation from the coast highway from Brisbane to Sydney. It was about 18 years since I saw the old Hap and then only had 10 minutes chat, and then off again on my journey. The boys in the Post Office told me I would meet him on his way to work so I did. Well, next time Hap I will stay a bit longer.

I went up to Goomeri on my holidays to see a budding cattle station owner, a character named Kenneth Jones. However the cattle owner was on holidays too, down Happy's way at Yamba by-the-sea. I suppose the two of them got together about old times. The last time I saw Jonsey was in '46 when Curly O'Neill, Jonsey, a few others, and myself, saw the Jap prisoners of war off home, from Balmain wharves. Nevertheless his nephew drove us around the station and showed us what was what. We brought his sister down to Brisbane with us.

My boy Geoffrey, had an accident on his bike and will be in hospital a couple of weeks. Susan is working and Wendy goes to college.

Jonsey, by the way, has five kids, and I will probably see you before long Kenneth.

I saw Wally Condon a few months ago, a surprise visit. We caught him in his pyjamas. Bill Connell is in hospital for a couple of days.

"BLUE" SARGENT, of Lake Epallock, Axedale, writes:—

It appears that it is high time I dropped a line. I've been intending to write ever since Anzac Day, but just kept putting it off.

What a grand time I had at the march and re-union. The first I'd

attended for about 10 years. Regretfully I had to leave early and drive the family home. It was the first march they had seen in Melbourne.

I haven't seen any of the old mob for a long time now apart from the old Curran. I call in every now and again to hear the latest on who has passed this way. He's usually got some news regarding some one from the Unit.

I've never seen a man do so much for others as does this Kev Curran. He's a very active Bendigo City Councillor and always off to do something or other for one of his ratepayers. He's also very active with the Scouts, Legacy and every other damn worthwhile organisation in Bendigo. He's standing as a Labor candidate for the Upper House in the forthcoming State elections. Bendigo Province which covers a large section of central Victoria includes the Shires of Haywood, Marong, Strathfieldsaye, Maldon, Carrisbrook, Castlemaine, Maryborough, Dalesford, Kyneton, Woodend, Gisborne, Lancefield, Heathcote, Ananel Seymour and Kilmore, so if the lad should happen to get elected, as he richly deserves, he would have quite an area to look after and believe me he's just the boy who could handle it.

The "Courier" is well read and enjoyed here, particularly your little yarns and editorials.

We are busy again right in the middle of the irrigating season and have all three turbines generating at Maxhead. The reservoir was one of the few in Victoria that did not fill this year. We were some 30,000 acre feet short. However this does not affect our output as we have enough for at least two years' supply without any inflow whatever.

Major McWalker, of 4th Co., is the Divisional Engineer for this area. I see him now and again, but he does not have much to do with our reservoir.

Kev Curran and I have talked about the grand Safari and are eager to participate. Perhaps Bendigo could be a night stop either to or from Sydney. Good accommodation is available and an excellent barbecue could be arranged. However we are not sure how we can help until we know what stops are intended or what route the Safari will travel.

All for now. Regards to all.



APRIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, ANZAC HOUSE BASEMENT
FIRST OF CALCUTT MEMORIAL TROPHY GAMES NIGHTS

ANZAC DAY
TUESDAY, APRIL 25
ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE AS IN THE PAST

MAY MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, ANZAC HOUSE BASEMENT
TO BE ARRANGED

LADIES' NIGHT
SATURDAY, MAY 20, ANZAC HOUSE BASEMENT

JUNE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, ANZAC HOUSE BASEMENT
SECOND OF CALCUTT MEMORIAL TROPHY GAMES NIGHTS

JULY MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 4, ANZAC HOUSE BASEMENT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

GREAT SAFARI QUESTIONNAIRES
RETURN THESE URGENTLY — PLEASE

