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## *Editorial*

### THANKS!!

After a tremendous amount of work and a colossal amount of urging the Timor Memorial Appeal has come to a successful conclusion.

The Association has received a cheque for \$4,000 from the Commonwealth Government and also a cheque for \$500 from the W.A. State Government. These amounts assured the early success of the appeal, which could have ground on for years without this much appreciated assistance. To date members and friends have contributed over \$5,000 and thus the appeal has been oversubscribed from the original target of \$8,000 which was to be the actual cost of the Memorial. There will of course, be heavy incidental expenses such as the provision of a suitable plaque.

Having regard to the fact that sufficient money is now in hand it has been decided to close the appeal as from Nov. 30, 1968, to enable any late subscribers to still weigh in if they feel so inclined. This fact was announced at the Annual Re-

Union Dinner by President Bill Epps.

This appeal was opened by our previous President Jack Hasson on Sept. 29, 1967, and in a brief 12 months the victory has been won. It is truly remarkable that we will be able to hand over the Memorial to the Portuguese authorities free of any debt.

Thanks are due in a big way to a lot of people. Firstly let us thank our members for the generosity of their response to this appeal. They were of course the backbone of our efforts and without their ready response we could have folded up long ago. Then the gesture of the State Government in making a no strings donation of \$500 is worthy of our thanks in a big way. Then of course without the Commonwealth donation of \$4,000 based on the fact that we also raised \$4,000 was the hinge on which the whole project turned. We had our moments of misgivings with regard to this subsidy but thanks to the wise counsel of the Prime Minister we won through and we have

## LADIES' NIGHT

HIGHWAY HOTEL, Stirling Highway, CLAREMONT  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1968, at 8 p.m.

Book up the Long-Haired Mate as soon as possible  
This should be a beauty

to extend our sincere thanks for the donation. To all those persons outside our organisation who contributed generously we have to extend thanks especially 2/4th Association and the City of Perth Sub-Branch R.S.L.

The time has also arrived to give thanks to those persons who have done so much for us in regard to the Memorial itself. To John Burridge for his indefatigable efforts in so many respects in liaising with the Portuguese and also the Commonwealth Government. To Ron Kirkwood, his so able deputy in all these matters, and his treasurership and marshalling of the funds as received. To Ray Aitken whose efforts we extolled in the last issue. To the sub-committee comprising John Burridge, Ron Kirkwood, Joe Poynton, Harry Sproxtton, Jack Carey and Col

Doig, who put in many hours of work in the planning stages, our thanks are also due.

Especial mention must be made at this stage of the herculean efforts of the Australian Consul in Dili, Major Colquhoun-Denvers, whose work has made the project possible. He was the motivating force with the Portuguese. His was the stewardship with the money forwarded to Timor. His the all-seeing eyes which have carried the project forward. Major Denvers' term of office in Dili has practically expired and he returns to Australia in the very near future and we hope that in some concrete form we will be able to render our sincere thanks for a job so well done.

All that can be said in conclusion is that this must be one of the proudest years in the history of our Association.

## West Australian Whisperings

### Association Activities

#### ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER

For the umpteenth time our Re-Union Dinner has come and gone.

As usual it was a most satisfactory occasion. We held it once again at Anzac House Basement on Saturday, Sept. 28. This coincided with the Grand Final of the football and gave country folk an opportunity of attending both functions. We were favoured with excellent weather and the attendance was above average. The catering was reasonable and everyone had enough to drink.

Len Bagley handled the Loyal Toast.

Mick Morgan most ably proposed the toast of The Unit and The Association and Bill Epps was at his best in response.

"Sprig" McDonald proposed Allied Services and Dave Ross in his inimitable style responded.

Ray Aitken looked after Portuguese Friends and Native Helpers as only Ray can and Joe Poynton proposed the toast of Our Guests.

Col Doig kept things moving as Toast Master and the formal side of the evening went with a bang.

Among the country folk present

were Ted Monk from Latham, Reg Harrington from Wyening, Jack Fowler from Wongan Hills, Mal Herbert from Nungarin, Don Turton and Eric Bingham from Wandering, Vince Swan from Salmon Gums, Tom Crouch from Manjimup, Robbie Rowan-Robinson from Bridgetown, Bernie Langridge from Donnybrook, Lou Thompson from Wannamal, Johnny Moore from Dwellingup, Tony Bowers from Kojonup, Don Hudson from Balingup.

The local brigade comprised: Ray Aitken, "Ping" Anderson, Len Bagley, Geo. Boyland, "Bobbie" Burns, Jack Carey, Dick Darrington, Jack Denman, Rod Dhu, Col Doig, Bill Epps, Ralph Finklestein, Geo. Fletcher, Dick Geere, Gerry Green, Fred Griffiths, Jack Hasson, Keith Hayes, Col Hodson, Harry Holder, Mick Holland, Charlie King, Ron Kirkwood, Gerry Maley, "Sprig" McDonald, Mick Morgan, Fred Napier, Ray Parry, Jack Penglase, Joe Poynton, Dave Ritchie, Merv Ryan, Arthur Smith, Bob Smyth, Fred Sparkman, Harry Sproxtton, Geo. Strickland, Clarrie Varian, Roy Watson, "Doc" Wheatley.

Sam Fullbrook, who had an art exhibition on in Perth was happy to be with us.

Our guest list this year was smaller

than usual. John Lillie represented the 2/3rd Squadron, Bill Hood City of Perth R.S.L., Dave Ross, Johnny Morrison 2/4th M.G., Les Dingle 2/16th Bn., Jim Fitzsimmons and Alf Lay from M. & L. Bowling Club.

The show went on and on and it is reported that quite a few saw something of the dawn before they hit the hay.

Comments heard since put this Re-Union down as one of the best ever.

#### COMMEMORATION SERVICE

With due homage a good muster of members, families and friends paid homage to our fallen at the Annual Commemoration Service held on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Bill Epps gave an inspiring address which was quoted most freely on T.V. and radio news after it was delivered. Mick Morgan marshalled the parade on its march of honour through the avenue.

This small but impressive service is gaining in stature yearly and is gradually being accepted as part of the many tokens of homage paid annually in this metropolis.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasant, somewhat solemn, and always humble task, to address you once again at this our annual Commemoration Service to do homage and honour to the fallen of our Unit.

We meet in this most pleasant spot in a pleasant city and a pleasant continent, and look around with pleasure at the living trees which are the eternal monuments to the brave lads they commemorate. This is somewhat of an earthly paradise and is most befitting that it should show the world just what we feel for those who paid the supreme sacrifice. They gave their young lives that we could enjoy such a wonderful heritage, and it behoves us who remain to keep it so.

We, as members of the post-war Association are justly proud of what we have done in this area and we think that it merits the cynosure that tourists and others pay to it as they pass through Kings Park. We hope it also draws their attention to the great part played by the people it

commemorates in the war which was to end all wars.

I'm afraid that at this point in time we are living in a sick old world and Australia is like a beacon in the desert, a sort of paradise on earth, by comparison. Wherever we turn world events make sad reading. The conflict in Vietnam in which Australia is heavily committed, is far from a successful conclusion. It appears that many more young lives will be lost before we can kiss the conflict good bye. Africa remains in peril and the bloody civil war in Nigeria is probably claiming more lives than any other in history. America is torn with all sorts of strifes, especially the racial problem. The recent events in Czechoslovakia leave us with a nasty taste in the mouth. The Russian Bear has not improved much with the passing of the years and apparently still works on the basis of "What We Have We Hold". Student riots the world over do not leave us with a great regard for the ability of modern education to instil some form of self and community discipline. All in all a pretty woeful picture.

This, unfortunately, is the world of today and what we 20 odd years ago set out to save for posterity. Just how far did we succeed? Possibly in Australia by our semi isolation from the world scene we did win a partial victory. The success of Australia to remain soundly based and politically secure could serve as an example to the rest of the world.

The ability of the population of Australia to speak a common language with common ideals is our big winning factor and this is what has engendered such great mateship among Australians wherever you meet them. The deep intensity of these mateships was seen at its best during service in the army where the sheer dependance on your fellow man made mateship so essential. The friendships made in the Unit endure forever. This was exemplified in a big way on the recent Great Safari throughout the Eastern States. Everywhere we travelled the intense joy of those who met us was something to behold. The desire of these same people to extend outstanding hospitality speaks volumes for the depth of the friendships already cemented. It is not essential to meet these people daily to hold the

mateship made in war years—it is there ingrained deeply in the hearts of all. The Safari just brought to the surface once again friendships which lay just underneath the skin.

This year your Association has taken the opportunity, be it a little late, to show our appreciation of the great mateship shown to us during the Timor campaign by the Portuguese and Timorese. The Memorial being built at Dare is now well under way and when completed will be a lasting memorial to those terrific people in Timor who guaranteed that we came back alive. Without their help our cause would have been a lost one and there was a great possibility that we all would have been butchered.

Thanks to the generosity of our members all over Australia, and a generous subsidy by the Commonwealth and State Governments, this Memorial will be handed over free of debt to the Portuguese authorities. It will stand for all to see as a mark of high esteem from the boys of the 2/2nd to the people of Timor.

On this day and in this hallowed place, we should always spare a moment to think of those who were bereaved—the mothers, the wives and families of those whom these trees commemorate. Theirs is the supreme burden in that they lost their loved ones on a distant shore with no words of farewell. Difficult as was the task of those who served with them to bury their dead this was as nothing compared with the grief of a mother receiving a scant telegram advising of the death of her son. We were on the spot and knew of the deeds of heroism which were the cause of their passing. Time is a wonderful healer but the scars will always remain. Let us all lift up our hearts and remember that these were the men who made our present way of life possible. Be of good cheer and remember if there is a place of honour in the world beyond these lads will be well and truly there.

It remains for us who are left behind to re-dedicate ourselves to the service of our country and finish the task so worthily begun by our revered fallen. It behoves us who have the ability to take up the tasks required to build this community into the greatest on the face of the earth. Despite the passing years there are many among us who can bring their

specific skills to bear on the tasks that await them eagerly.

Let me at this moment thank you all for coming along and sharing with us this brief moment of homage and hope that as the years pass we will not forget those who did so much for our future.

I would now ask you all, ladies and gentlemen, to stand for a moment whilst I read out the names of those on our Roll of Honour.

### OCTOBER MEETING

Due to the proximity of this meeting to the Annual Re-Union Dinner the crowd was a little on the sparse side. However those who attended proceeded to have fun with the carpet bowls.

During the evening Joe Poynton, Arthur Smith, Len Bagley, Harry Sproston and Col Doig took time off to go and see Sam Fullbrook's exhibition of paintings which was opened that evening at the Skinner Galleries in Malcolm-st., Perth. These paintings were the subject of rave notices by the Art Critics in both the "West Australian" and the "Sunday Times" and Sam assured us they were all sold. His idea of prices were much too high for my humble wallet so we departed without purchasing although we did take the chance on a glass of claret just to enter into the spirit of the thing. All very much over my mundane head but an experience just the same.

### CAR RALLY

This was held on Sunday, Oct. 13, commencing at the Causeway car park and completing at John Lillie's property at Gidgegannup.

The weather was absolutely ideal. "Sprig" McDonald and Harry Sproston mapped the course earlier and also manned the check points. The course though not particularly difficult gave a nice scenic view on the way to the stop off point. The rally proved to be a dead heat between Jack Hasson and Bob Betts who each received a bottle of port as their prize.

John Lillie and his good wife, Margaret, greeted us enthusiastically on arrival and it was not long before we were under way with "refreshments".

After lunch Joe Poynton, "Sprig" McDonald, Bobbie Burns and Len

Bagley arranged some sports for the kiddies and all had a wow of a time.

John's property was in wonderful heart and he was most proud to show us how nice it was and how good were his crops and pastures.

Those who took part included Jack and Norma Hasson and Douglas, Bill and Jess Epps, Bob Betts and family, Mick and Jean Holland and family, Len and Dot Bagley and Gavin, Bob and Betty McDonald, Harry and Thelma Sproston and family, Jim and Nell Gates and a host of kids, Joe and Helen Poynton and family, Merv and Dulcie Ryan and family, Bobbie Burns and family, Roy and Vera Watson and family, Col Doig, Jack Carey and a host of visitors whom I can't remember.

These car ics are proving to be one of our most popular outings and could be repeated more than once per year.

### NOVEMBER MEETING

This is very important as it is the last opportunity this year to win the Calcutt Memorial Trophy. There has only been one set of events this year and at the moment Len Bagley is leading. A good performance by anybody could take off the trophy at the November meeting.

Remember the date: Tuesday, Nov. 5 (Melbourne Cup night), at Anzac House Basement. Make this the biggest roll up ever.

A diplomat is the husband who can make his wife think she looks fat in a mink coat.

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### LADIES' NIGHT

This year there is a special departure as we are combining what was the Bucks' Night with a Ladies' Night.

It is to be extra special and should give your women folk a wonderful night out. The venue on this occasion is the HIGHWAY HOTEL, Stirling Highway, CLAREMONT, on SATURDAY, DEC. 7, at 8 p.m.

The arrangements provide for an orchestra, supper and drinks. The evening is being subsidised by the Association but it is still thought it will cost approximately \$8 per couple to attend. We hope this new departure will prove to be the best Ladies' Night we have ever held.

### TIMOR MEMORIAL PROJECT

As reported earlier we now have sufficient funds to complete the memorial and it has been decided to close the appeal as from Nov. 30, 1968. Should you still desire to contribute please forward your donations to the Secretary, Box T1646, G.P.O., Perth.

We are not yet in a position to advise when the Memorial will be handed over but a tentative period appears to be April-May 1969. The period involved for those who would like to be in it will be approximately 10 days, say from Friday night till the following Sunday week.

If we can get sufficient numbers it will be possible to charter a 727 Jet plane through T.A.A. direct from Perth to Darwin on a night flight. The fare from Perth to Darwin by this special flight would be \$220 return per person (M.M.A. standard fare \$244). The current fare from Darwin to Timor is \$56 return per person but it is possible that a cut could be obtained on this fare. The flight from Perth to Darwin by 727 would take approximately four hours.

As far as accommodation is concerned we cannot advise at this juncture as it is purely dependent on how many will be going.

Please advise your intention of going as soon as possible and whether or not you will be taking your wife and whether you have friends who would like to be in it.

This could be a wonderful trip and as it will coincide with a V.I.P. event such as the hand over of the Memorial it should be something to remember for ever.



## TIMOR FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

Merv Jones	\$
Alby Friend (2nd)	10
John Cary	0.50
John Cary	50
G. T. Moran	3
A. D. Stevenson	5
Roy Watson	10
Lew Thompson (2nd)	25
Doc Wheatley (2nd)	8
George Strickland	10
Jim Fitzsimmons	10
George Boyland	10
Jack Denman (2nd)	10
Freddie Griffiths	5
Johnny Morrison	10
Ernie Bingham (2nd)	2
Reg Harrington (2nd)	25
Clarrie Varian	5
Charlie King	10
Stan Payne	60
Arch Campbell	40
Leo Criddle	10
Jim Wall	10
Angus MacLauchlan (2nd)	20
Frank Press	50
Mac Walker	25
Basher Adams	20
George Veitch	20
George Fletcher	20
Alf Hodge	20.20
Keith Craig	10
Eric Herd	10
Tony Bowers	10
Col Knight	10
Gordon Rowley	50
2/2nd Commando As. N.S.W.	50
Jack Keenahan	10
2/4th Commando Assoc.	50
I. J. Brown	25.15
Harry Fredericks	3
Charlie Sadler	100
Alf Harper	25
Bob Snowdon	20
Prime Minister's Dept.	4,000

## Committee Comment

The usual monthly Committee Meeting was held at Anzac Club on Tuesday, Oct. 15. The muster was a little below average.

A review of the Annual Re-Union Dinner and Commemoration Service and Car Rally indicated that all were satisfied with the overall effect of these gatherings. Members were a bit scathing of the catering at the dinner.

Treasurer Arthur Smith gave an outline of general finances and these showed that we could stagger by with due economy.

Secretary Ron Kirkwood gave an outline of the Timor Memorial Fund which showed that the Commonwealth subsidy had been received and that we had raised from all sources \$9,500.

A letter from the Australian Consul in Dili was a little vague as to progress in building of the Dare Resting Place but as he was leaving for Australia in the near future and coming to W.A. it was hoped we would be able to meet him and get a full and comprehensive report on all that was happening.

A working bee to put the water scheme at Kings Park in top shape for the coming summer was arranged for Sunday, Oct. 27.

## Personalities

It is with regret we have to report the passing of Eddie Craghill's mother during the month. Our most sincere sympathy, Eddie.

Good to lay eyes on Sam Fullbrook again after so many years. His trip to W.A. could not have come at a better moment as it coincided with the Annual Re-Union and the Commemoration Service. Sam was able to meet up with quite a large bunch of the gang. He also took the opportunity of going down to see Norm Thornton and Georgie Smith at Denmark and Don Hudson at Bailingup. He left W.A. onwards for Melbourne where he had a commission to paint a portrait. God help the subject after his trip West!

Robbie Rowan-Robinson has just returned from a trip to the U.K. with his wife. As a matter of fact wifey had not returned at the time of the Dinner as she was returning by ship and Robbie came back by plane. Said he was bored by shipboard travel. Reported an excellent time.

John Burrridge has returned from a business trip practically around the world. John was so weary of air travel that he decided to return from Singapore by ship and on the first day was unfortunate enough to pull an achilles tendon and finished up with his leg in plaster. A speedy recovery John. We want to see you on deck again.

Fred Napier is making a very slow recovery from his bout of dermatitis and his hands are still most troublesome. He has hopes of returning

to work in the near future and also taking up bowls once again.

Saw Gordon Hislop who was down from Mt. Tom Price to see a specialist regarding his tummy trouble. He reports fabulous business in the period since the hotel opened at Mt. Tom Price at Christmas last year.

Also saw Ted Loud who was down to see the Repat. about his recent operation for ulcers. Ted says he never felt better in his life and that the operation was a complete success and he can eat and drink anything. He looked like a million dollars to me.

Mal Herbert told me at the dinner that his trip to Bisley with the Australian Rifle Team was wonderful but a bit wearing as the pressure was on all the time. He looked terrifically well and appears to be shooting nearly as well as ever.

## New South Wales News

No doubt you have been wondering what we've been up to since the end of the Safari and of course you all want to know where your money went to. Well first of all your committee wants to thank everyone of you for the very generous financial assistance you rendered to make the Safari such a wonderful success. We particularly thank those chaps who contributed even though they were unable to get to Sydney to join in the fun. Col Doig has dealt very fully with the details of the Safari so there is no need for me to say anything further, except that the enthusiasm shown by all who participated was so great that we felt bound to begin planning a return trip to the West to take place during the August-September holidays of 1971.

Please bear in mind when talking this over in your family circle that the 1971 Safari will of necessity be of a much shorter duration than the 1968 one. We will be travelling direct to Perth via the new Broken Hill line and there will be no changing trains as the uniform gauge will be right through by then. By making a bulk booking we will be able to get a substantial cut in the fares and we anticipate that the fare will be approximately \$100 per person

Bernie Landgridge is another who is looking extra fit and it appears that hard work is good for the soul and also the body as nobody works harder than Bernie.

That Bingham never alters. He looks as young as the day I first saw him and could go ten rounds with anybody who was silly enough to step their frame out.

Vince Swann and Ted Monk both report excellent seasons from their districts and hope for a record harvest. Jack Fowler also said that things never looked better at Wong Hills.

Went with Jack Carey, Tom Crouch and Vince Swann to the footy final and I think it was three to one against me and I was on Perth so at least had the satisfaction of a final win.

with perhaps a slight rise in accordance with wages, cost of living, etc. It will cost you nothing for accommodation whilst you are there, so it is certainly not going to be an expensive holiday. From experience gained by the organisers of the W.A. Safari and following their very good advice we have decided upon the following procedure for our own show.

1. All those who wish to take part are asked to nominate as soon as possible.

2. Nominees will receive an envelope with the "Courier" each month in which they may enclose their monthly saving.

3. A special bank account will be opened at the Commonwealth Bank and your savings will be deposited at the best interest rates possible.

4. Anyone who wishes to withdraw at any time will have their money refunded.

5. Anyone able to do so may send in the full amount in advance (that's a joke, son), but we're not kidding when we ask you to keep your savings up to date, because we have plenty to do without having to send out reminders.

Following is a list of members who have already indicated that they are probable starters



Bill Coker and wife.  
 Alan Luby and wife and two girls.  
 Angus Evans and wife.  
 Ron Hilliard, wife, son.  
 Bob Smith and wife.  
 Jack Peattie and wife.  
 John Darge and wife.  
 Noel Buckman and wife.  
 Frank Press and wife.  
 Ron Trengrove and wife.  
 Bill Bennett and wife.  
 John Rose and wife.  
 Mick Devlin and wife.  
 John Kenneally and wife.  
 Happy Greenhalgh and wife.  
 Don Woodhouse and wife.  
 Merv Jones and wife.  
 Eric Herd and wife.  
 Jim English and wife, and one girl.  
 Ted Cholerton and wife.  
 Tom Martin and wife.  
 Don Murray and wife.  
 Jack Frost and wife.  
 Bruce Ridge.  
 Bernie Weir.  
 Laurie Tait.  
 Cliff Paff.  
 Tom Tierney.  
 Buller Tait.

The Committee will meet at the Arncliffe R.S.L. on the first Monday of each month, rain hail or shine, at 8 p.m., and we will be very happy to see anyone who wants to drop in.

#### Annual General Meeting:

Our first for a long time. This was held at the Arncliffe R.S.L. on Oct. 14. More news later.

#### Picnic Day:

A family picnic day is being arranged on board the "Krait" for a Sunday in November. We will advise you on this as soon as all details have been arranged.

This is about all for the present chaps; we have laid the foundations and now it's up to you to build on them. Send in those nominations and make our miserable lives happy.

—JACK HARTLEY.

#### RETURN SAFARI TO W.A. SEPTEMBER 1971

This above heading may startle quite a few of you. The Committee of N.S.W. have had two meetings and intend to lay this out to you in various sub-headings.

It was suggested by our W.A.'s. on Safari that September or October was the best time to come to the West. When pointed out to them that Anzac Day was our great Day

of Remembrance they still assured us that what they suggested was the best. A special day at Kings Park in September and all country chaps would be in, so at this stage, School Holidays, September, 1971.

#### Finance:

That all important word.

The Committee hope that with a lay-by system over the next three years would give members wishing to go, a chance to finance their trip.

We assess a minimum of \$150 per person, this means a compulsory saving of \$1 per person per week. We feel sure a little round table natter at home and many a person will find they can make it.

Through the "Courier" each month will come an envelope to the ones who are interested, addressed to our central banking committee in either or both Victoria and N.S.W. enclose the monthly saving and post. If by some misfortune you may have to pull out, all monies will be refunded in full.

We also hope to help any that have made the effort and have fallen on hard times.

#### Accommodation:

West Australia assures us everyone will be billeted free.

We have spent several hours on this Safari with our W.A.'s. and they seem to think train travel is by far the best, especially as by then a uniform gauge will be in operation and will cut one day off its present time.

For all those interested will enclose some figures on fares and members so far on the list for Safari.

The "Courier" will be kept in touch on this Safari at all times.

BILL COKER

#### Heard This?

He was talking about his grandfather: "He's 85 and he still likes to chase women around tables. The only trouble is he can't remember why."

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Two neighbours met on their way to the station.

"I say, old chap," said Black reproachfully, "didn't you hear us knocking on the wall last night?"

"Oh, that's all right," said Brown cheerfully. "We were making quite a bit of noise ourselves."

## Random Harvest

### PETER BARDEN, of Radio Station 6GN, Geraldton, W.A., writes:—

Although my duties as Regional Journalist for the A.B.C. preclude me from attending the 2/2nd Annual Re-Union in Perth, I have just taken part in a little re-union of 2/2nd types at Geraldton. It was the occasion of the annual re-union of the local R.S.L. Sub-Branch, when I arranged for all Double Red Diamond personnel to sit together right in front of the top table.

There we were—Bruss Fagg, of Northampton, and Nip Cunningham and Yours Truly, of Geraldton—enjoying plenty of the cup that cheers, and at the same time taking advantage of every opportunity to applaud the remarks of a great friend of the 2/2nd Association, Harry Holder who was a member of the State Executive who was representing the State President, Percy Pearson.

I often wondered how Bruss Fagg received his nick-name. Well I found out at the R.S.L. re-union. He came out from England as a raw Pommie to Balla near Northampton in 1929 and they were having a little plonk party at Christmas time when a mate popped the question: "What do you think your brother's doing now?" After some thought—and taking into consideration the time factor—Bruss replied: "He's picking brussel sprout." It was such an unexpected answer that his mate began calling him Brussell Sprout, and later "Bruss".

As the night wore on at the R.S.L. Re-union—and the lovely amber fluid began flowing in copious quantities—Bruss commented: "Some young blokes don't know how lucky they are." He substantiated this remark by recalling that in 1934 he walked from Ajana to Three Rivers, a distance of about 800 mile, along the Murchison River, when on the road for seven months during the depression.

Bruss and Nip later had the pleasure of meeting Harry Holder and hearing a lot about the wonderful time you all had on the Great Safari.

Yours Truly later joined Harry and other R.S.L. officials at the C.M.F. canteen where we marched

on into the wee hours of the next morning.

I haven't seen Bruss Fagg since that night but he no doubt is at present enveloped in football celebrations because Northampton has won its second consecutive Great Northern Football League premiership, which carried a \$500 cash prize donated by an oil company.

And now, a little about another Double Red Diamond type, Eric Smyth, who for years has been a prominent member of the Geraldton Yacht Club both as a competitor and an official. Eric is now a member of the committee which is organising a yacht race from Fremantle to Geraldton. They hope to conduct the race next Easter, over a course of about 320 nautical miles.

Well, I must be away now, as duty calls. Cheerio for now and kind regards to all.

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

From north, south and west they came. The tall, or the short, the lean and the tubby ones. All of them with one thing in common—to meet and earbash their mates and comrades in arms, of almost 30 years ago. It was amazing to see how youthful many of them have remained. At one stage I thought I was the only one Anno Domini had marked.

Liverpool Station is a grimy, dilapidated affair, but on that Monday night it was alive. Many of the blokes were intoxicated with excitement and began sobering up as they made the cans' contents disappear. Remember this and that, this bloke and the other. So it went for a week, a week that was all too short for us to fill in the gaps the years have left.

Cabravale Diggers Club treated us right royally for the dinner, besides providing the amenities. They subsidised the dinner to the extent of 25 per cent. That was certainly some subsidy. One of the visitors from another Unit said: "I've never seen anything like this. Over 3,000 men passed through our Battalion, the greater part of them from Sydney area, and we couldn't muster a

crowd like you fellows have here tonight."

Nora thought Fred Sparkman was big (as he is), then Mick Morgan, Joe Poynton and Len Bagley arrived in the house. Mick Sparky and Joe seemed to fill the place. When we got to Cabravale the first fellow we see in the vestibule was Tony Bowers. He looked like one of the bridge pylons. Nora said to me: "They're getting bigger and bigger." Well I told her Tony would be the maximum. It was a pleasant surprise to see Tony as I'd heard he wasn't coming. Coral had altered very little since I last saw her in the West. Still retaining her humour and it must be contagious as she usually has all in her vicinity laughing.

We will never have an Anzac Day march like 1968. Tony Bowers and "Sandy" Eggleton carried the banner. It towered above every other banner in the march. Just as well too I nearly missed the march. I'd gone into Qantas building to admire the wall, almost all had been to have a look at it. Whilst I was inside they moved off. I caught a glimpse of the Double Red swinging into Martin Place, a block away. Just as well it towered above all the others or I wouldn't have known where they were.

Arncliffe R.S.L. did the honours after the march. We Sydney members certainly owe them a lot. They have looked after us for years. Took us off the pub crawl, which the early post war years inflicted on us. They gave us a place in their Club, and made us feel like we belonged. We are most grateful to the Club Management and its members. This time they really excelled themselves in coping with such a large influx from all States.

The picnic next day to the Hawkesby River was really memorable. The day was perfect, the scenery magnificent, the children had the time of their lives playing the "wag" from school with official sanction, and those who were old enough appreciated the fact the boat they were travelling on had sailed right into the history book, during the Pacific War.

The skipper gave us the history of the "Krait" not so much her war exploits. Her origin, construction, and commercial junketing round the spice islands. He made her live.

It was easy to imagine her in those far distant days, tumbling and rolling her way from port to port, island to island, picking up and dropping cargoes in the out of the way places. It was the Tales of Joseph Conrad brought to life.

Anyone coming to Sydney should do that trip through Kurringai Chais to West Head, or Cottage Point. Bill Coker did a powerful job getting us the facilities of Cottage Point Boat Club for our barbecue. It's a glorious spot. We hope to make the trip there again in November. They were filming the T.V. show "Skippy" whilst we were there. I don't know how many feet of film Gerald (our youngest) ruined. He would walk between the camera and the kangaroo during filming. They didn't want him in T.V. so they had to start again.

Helen Poynton had a busy day teaching the kids how to fish. No fish but plenty of fun. The refreshments were most enjoyable. Harry Holder, one of the most complete barmen it's been my good fortune to patronise. He can comper my keg any time he's about. I could carry on for ever on personalities, because each and everyone of them is an interesting personality, but this isn't a book. I can barely touch the fringes. I wish I had the ability to really delve into the men and women who came so far from all States to give us the honour and privilege of being their hosts. They gave us one of the most enjoyable weeks in our lives.

For No. 4 Section's benefit Mick Morgan sings as well as ever. Can imbibe an enormous amount of beer with no effect on his sobriety. Angus MacLachlan has ceased to be a Highland Brigand, and became a pirate instead playing merry hell along the Brisbane waterfront, and a fund of amusing anecdotes in the process. Noel Buckman, the same slow drawl and just can't be panicked. Drip Hilliard, well, he's beyond redemption. I've given up all hope of reforming him. After 25 years he's worse now than when I first started on him. Harry Botterill, Happy Greenhalgh, sigs., but we of No. 4 Section claim them as ours, particularly Harry. He was attached to us for so long he was ours. Harry has changed very little in appearance. I hadn't seen him since early 46. It was a pleasure I'd looked forward

to. I hope it isn't another 20 odd years between wongies. Doc Gallard is undoubtedly pastured in a good paddock at Camprie R.S.L. Doc is kept busy by his duties at Campsie. However he makes sure to spend at least some time with us on Anzac Day.

You other chaps who were at this re-union write and let your old Section mates who couldn't make it, know how their members are faring.

I almost forgot Don Hudson. Huddy can claim No. 2 Section, but we in No. 4 have a claim on him also. He finished his army career in our crowd. Huddy, who put the curve in the "konk"? You didn't have it last time I saw you. What did the other chap look like after the play?

I'm watching the final, Souths v. St. George. Souths running the Dragons into the ground at present, leading 13 to 3. St. George not impressive down the middle. Souths are driving through and running the Dragons ragged. A good game. Next week the grand final between the winner of this game and Manly.

A sad journey yesterday. Ron Hilliard's mother was buried. She was well known to all the local 2/2nd. Many of us were always on the visiting list on Anzac Day. Ian Snowdon being a great favourite of hers. The Units sympathy to you in your sorrow Ron.

I thought the West Aussies had taken all the work, as well as themselves, back to the West. I hardly struck a blow for five weeks. It was all expenses chasing here and there to no avail. Now it's the other way. The phone hasn't stopped ringing with work being offered from as far away as Newcastle and Gosford. A pity it didn't come in as each one finishes.

Our thanks to Helen Poynton for bringing her film and showing us of some of the doings in the West. Fond memories of a much more casual and saner approach to life. A pity it isn't Australia wide instead of being confined to the West and parts of Queensland.

Souths won 20 to 8. The Saints a shadow of their former selves. They have not adapted well to the new four tackle rule. Once their power and superiority (the forwards)

were soundly beaten by Souths' pack, today, all except Johnny Hoper. He's still a great player and doesn't know the meaning of give up. I think Souths will beat Manly next week, particularly if they play as they did today. I would like to see Manly win. They have been in the competition since 1946 or 47 and have not taken out a premiership yet. Souths are of course one of the original clubs, formed away back in 1908 and have I think won 17 premierships. They have certainly won the most and what a great team they have had. I saw my first game of rugby in 1928. It was Souths v. Glebe, now non-existent. I've played it and watched it ever since. It's certainly not the most popular game in the world, actually it is very much small fry, but from that day in 1928 its held me and always will. I played most games from Hurley in Ireland to Aussie Rules, soccer, hockey and rugby union, but rugby league was the one I liked best. So here's to next Saturday's grand final. Souths to win, and a hope that Manly opens its account. (A bit contrary—one prediction based on logic, one on sentiment).

I shouldn't post this until after Monday night as we will be having a meeting. However I reckon that news can wait for another day.

Regards to all. By now I reckon all you travelling black swans have settled down to the mundane existence of earning your daily bread once more. Glad to hear Bill Epps is well on the mend. You, Dear Editor, should, by now, have achieved a steady hand.

Did not see Don Turton in Sydney. Bill Coker told me he only saw him for an hour or so. Don was not too well and the complaint had nought to do with ale.

A special mention for Norman Thornton, George Hamilton-Smith, Keith Dignum, all fine stalwarts of No. 4 and I may add they also owe me some correspondence. To Ken Gurr to whom I owe some letters, not to mention blokes like Alf Blundy, Neil Scott, Charlie King, Ray Aitken and a bundle of other No. 4 men who rarely write to the "Courier". I could name you all except this is the last page in the pad, so

count your blessings. To the Editor my best wishes in your task of deciphering this scribble.

P.S.—Jack Hartley, Alan Luby, Bill Coker and Jim English a vote of thanks on their sterling work, making so many arrangements for the success of the Safari.

**ANDY BEVERIDGE, of 44 The Quarter Deck, Merewether Heights writes:—**

Enclosed is a donation to assist in Timor Memorial project which I trust will soon be under way.

**BERNIE LANGRIDGE, of Box 41, P.O. Donnybrook, W.A., writes:—**

My ever growing guilty conscience has finally brought pen and paper together. The willingness and desire to write to you all has been present since my last feeble note, but I have allowed opportunities to come and go.

What a thrill it was to receive the good old "Courier" on your return from the Great Safari and what a story it told. Rejoicing unbounded. Just proves how important fellowship is to man. The whole story is wonderfully told in so many ways and with the past to fall back on one's imagination, in each situation, almost tells more than the written word.

I am sorry I was really only an onlooker so far as the Great Safari was concerned—but what a wonderful privilege it was even to be an onlooker when one knows the actors so well.

From your enthusiastic report I can only say if effort was ever rewarded you have been over-paid. I think I can imagine the effort you put into organising the whole thing—apart from "thinking it up"—but what a reward! Good on the organisers of the Great Safari wherever they come from.

It has been some of the most enjoyable reading I can ever remember. Names! Names! Names! What are names? They become characters, deeply imprinted in ones memory. I am looking forward to seeing some of the participants of the wonderful trip to get some first hand details of some of No. 3 Section. I should see Clarrie Turner on Monday evening. We meet on one of the many committees I am on.

Life goes on much the same in the

country—the tempo is increasing each day. Business methods are with us to stay I think.

For the children to survive in this atmosphere education and training are absolute musts. I know from experience how much more difficult it is to manage a farm properly today than it was some years ago—admittedly I am managing two farms 50 miles apart now—it has become so important not to make mistakes. Stock firms, banks and storekeepers don't like to be kept waiting these days.

In fact this very day there was a meeting of South West farmers held in the Boyup Brook Hall to discuss the difficulties of most farming areas, particularly the heavy rainfall areas. It seems that the economists who planned the "produce more primary products" campaign forgot there had to be somewhere to sell these products. It is a gloomy note but I feel the whole international trading and monetary system is quite unable to cope with the problems created by import duties and tariffs applied to most commodities in an effort to overcome the different cost structures of trading nations. Whoops! Getting out of my depth, had better come back into shallow water.

Some news of my family may not go amiss. Kim, our eldest son, is 17½, left school after doing fourth year high with eight subjects and very good general conduct reports. Is home on the farm. Is energetic and shows promise of being able to make good business decisions. Hope to get him back to tech school next year, part time, to carry on with accountancy and economics.

Alexander (Lex), our second son, is 16, doing his junior this year. A solid student but only average. Very keen on horses (riding) and the farm, mainly the stock side of it. Hopes to stay at school and get his leaving certificate.

David, our third son, is 15. Scholastically well above average, doing his second year, has plans of going through University and becoming a science teacher. Keen on chemistry and making things. A willing helper on the farm, but not a farmer.

Gern and Erica, our twin daughters, age 10 (lovely girls). Keen students, learning music, belong to the Brownies and love it. Probably be like Mum and be nurses.

Mum and Dad well and truly a part of the rural community belonging to school groups, church groups, Rotary club, Freemasons, President Fruit Growers Ass., Vice President Potato Growers Ass., Director local Co-op Store, and various committees. Very busy and expanding farm running corriedale sheep, growing fruit (mainly apples) and potatoes.

Pretty obvious why we were non-starters in the Great Safari, but if one comes up in about 5-6 years we'll be there.

Regards, and God bless you all.

**"SCOTTY" WARES, of 60 Birkett-st., Bedford Park, W.A., writes:—**

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still on deck. Having been away in the country for long spells for the department a lot of stuff that I should have attended to has been nearly forgotten.

Please find enclosed a cheque for the Memorial Appeal.

Hoping to be able to attend meetings in the future.

**BILL DRAGE, of 20 Boronia-ave., Geraldton, W.A., writes:—**

I received your letter this morning. I am very sorry I have not given anything to the Timor Appeal. Please find enclosed a cheque. Hope to see you all in the next month or so.

**FRED NAPIER, of R.P.H., Holly wood, W.A., writes:—**

I very much regret that you found it necessary to nudge my conscience re the Timor Memorial, but my mind has been completely absorbed with getting back into circulation.

I had already promised Col Doig that I would donate \$20 but had not realised that the passage of time made the present time one of emergency. Please accept my apologies and I will fine myself an additional \$5. All the best.

**A. G. MUNRO, of 391 Lower Heidelberg Rd., Heidelberg, Vic., writes:**

Thanks for the reminder of my neglected duty to pay my just contribution to such a magnificent gesture by our Association. to a very worthy cause, and a truly deserving people.

This generous exhibition of sincere thanks is one that all of us would like to be associated with, and goes beyond a gesture of those who served

there. Indeed this is a mark of respect to underprivileged people to which all of Australia should and would be proud to be associated.

I wish you full success in achievement of your mission, both from the tribute it pays, and the full support of all concerned to allow you freedom of conscience in the handing over ceremony.

I also enclose the annual cheque for the "Courier"—the best value of documented interest in Australia.

Please accept on my behalf a cheque for \$20 for the Timor Fund and will you hand over to the Treasurer the cheque for \$40 for the "Courier" from the Victorian Branch.

**G. E. WILSON, of 20 Braebris St., Wilson, W.A., writes:—**

Received your letter of the 30th. I regret that I have not sent in early my donation for the Timor Memorial Project Appeal. I really have no excuse except laziness so please find enclosed with my apology for my late donation.

**DR. C. R. DUNKLEY, of 98a Shenton Rd., Swanbourne, W.A., writes:**

I'm happy to send this donation to the Memorial Appeal, while wishing that I were able to contribute more liberally.

With kindest remembrances and best wishes.

**JOHN MORRISON, of 2/4th M.G. Battalion, writes:—**

As usual I am terribly late with my reply to your Association's kind invitation to be present at the annual Dinner, at Anzac House, on Saturday next, but as usual I accept it with great pleasure.

Fred Napier and I will arrive together in good shape and I trust will go home together in—I hope—good shape!!

I do appreciate this gesture from the 2/2nd, and thank you most sincerely for the privilege of attending.

**RALPH FINKELSTEIN, of Box 3, P.O. Bayswater, W.A., writes:—**

My salutations to the mob. Always glad to hear of the boys via the "Courier" and in turn I always feel ashamed that I don't drop a few lines to let my friends know how I'm faring.

For your information I always manage three good meals a day and



of the bed. Even manage a schooner now and again. Seriously I couldn't fare any better, an attentive and loving wife, two fine healthy young males, who thank goodness don't take after their father. They are both as culturally inclined as their father was physically.

I believe the Safari was a tremendous success, drank the train dry before Port Pirie. Doigie enthused me for one hour when telling of the wonderful spirit and goodwill that still exists with the boys regardless of where they might be.

Sorry to hear Bill Epps and Fred Napier had a lapse of sickness but it is good to know they are both back on deck. Can't keep a good man down, can you?

We have commenced a new phase in business, endeavouring to use a beautiful local timber named jarrah, rather than use the Scandinavian names that have become common, we searched for something native, hence "Timbarrah" an indigenous aboriginal word meaning tree or wood. We use an aboriginal symbol naming suites with names such as Coolibar, Jedda, Billabong, etc.

Enclosed a cheque.

For now good health to you all.

**MRS. M. B. FIELD, of 18 Margaret St., Wyong, N.S.W., writes:—**

On behalf of my husband I am writing to enclose a cheque for the Memorial Project in Timor and apologise for being so long in sending it.

One thing I would like to correct in your letter. You say "although you personally, did not serve in Timor", but Tom did serve in Timor for 13 or more months and is receiving a military pension as a result of his time there.

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

Enclosed find cheque.

See by the "Courier" all arrived home safe and sound. By now you should all have recovered.

Regards.

**"BLUE" SARGEANT, of Lake Eppalock, Axedale, Vic., writes:—**

Enclosed find a small donation for Timor Memorial. Sorry to be among the late comers.

I promised that I'd drop a line more often and pass on my news.

However I find that I have less time to spare than I'd like.

Glad and Kev Curran are still cruising around the Pacific Ocean somewhere. Do them both good.

Up to my ears and beyond in usual yearly maintenance just now and as I have not got an assistant I have to put in a lot more time. We are only a foot off being full and will be running the turbines as soon as the water reaches full supply level.

Must back to the grind stone.

**MRS. L. FREEMAN, of 3 Warringa St., Yagoona, N.S.W., writes:—**

In answer to your letter re donations to the Timor Memorial Project Appeal I enclose a cheque as a small contribution.

I'm writing this on behalf of my husband who has been a hospital patient for some years.

Wishing you great success in your project.

**ALEX VOEVODEN, of 50 Brinnar St., Camphill, Bris., writes:—**

Half my tribe have runny noses, flu, me included. Still reliving Anzac week. Fantastic. Must have more. The best to all.

**R. C. FIELD, of "Tara", 3 Palmerston Place, Seaforth, N.S.W., writes:—**

Your letter re the Timor Memorial Project was awaiting me after a rather involved trip, so please excuse delay in replying.

Herewith cheque with my very best wishes for a successful campaign for funds. It is certainly encouraging to read in the latest "Courier" that the Commonwealth Government will help out to some extent.

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

I must pass on my condolences to the boys who missed out on the Safari and inform those missing that "B" Troop was more than well represented. All three Sections had more than one third of their strength present at the Anzac march and amid plenty of beverage no one disgraced himself. One member was completely speechless. I think he was the one and only responsible for spreading the "wog" throughout Australia that has plagued the nation ever since. Drip Hilliard used to be a nice guy. The only thing he did

not lack was hospitality. He even forgot Pat was his wife. Introduced me to another female as Pat and expected me to know the difference.

Had Max Davies, his wife Grace, and Peter through Adelaide on a safari to Darwin and return via Queensland (thank the Lord). Every time they come to Adelaide I have trouble getting to work the next day.

We also had Don Turton here for a while and managed a few beers and a chin wag. Still the same old Don, none ever came better. We enjoyed having him here. Bob Williamson was his downfall as you can imagine, two Sappers together. The hot air and gases were terrific.

Keith Dignum and family left here to go to Alice Springs on a camping holiday about a fortnight ago and by reports have run into a lot of rain with roads closed, etc. Hope they have made it O.K. and managed to enjoy themselves.

Also ran into Ron Mackey on a job. Still sporting a beaut beard with a few grey hairs. He looks well.

Also Bert Bache who is always working to a dead-line (flat out). Also looks well and fit.

I have not seen Allan Hollow since you were here so hope he and Hazel are well.

To conclude this brief note I would like to say what a terrific success the Safari was in cementing the stock which is forever present among the lads who served in the 2/2nd a little tighter, and to those who did not make it let it not make any difference to the bond that keeps us together as that is something that money cannot buy.

My door will always be open to any passing through Adelaide.

**GEORGE VEITCH, of 40 Barkly St. Sunbury, 3429, writes:—**

Please don't think that I had forgotten the memorial. It has only been a matter of "wait for it". My tax return that is. I hope this little bit helps.

A bloke could write pages about what a great thing this memorial is but what the hell. You know it and so does the rest of the Unit—and by all accounts so does our Prime Minister (took a bit of help I believe). I guess it's money up and shut up for now.

Please get the "Courier" changed to the above address.

**W. M. BAXTER, of the 2/4th Commando Association, writes:—**

Am forwarding to you three more donations for your Memorial Fund.

We are all very pleased to hear that you have reached your target as you say you can always improve on these projects so any extra dollars you receive will come in handy for later.

We are having our re-union up at Albury this year on Oct. 5. Up to date we have about 60 starters so it looks like being a great success. We have a hotel-motel booked for the weekend. There are quite a number of starters from N.S.W. and a couple from Queensland.

By the way did you receive a cheque for \$50 being a donation from the 2/4th Association for the Timor Memorial Fund?

I will enclose the names of the boys who forwarded the donations. I am sure that they will be pleased to hear from you.

John Cary, P.O. 6, Goondiwindi, Qld.: \$50.

G. T. Moran, 95 Crocus Street, Inala, Qld.: \$5.

A. D. Stevenson, 3 Telleray Ave., Keelara, N.S.W.: \$5.

**ARCH CAMPBELL, of 36 Ardross Crescent, Mt. Lawley, writes:—**

Thank you for the reminder letter on the Timor Memorial Project Appeal.

Congratulations too on the success achieved in gaining a subsidy from the Federal Government which assures the success of the venture.

My tardiness was related to your efforts in this direction and now success has crowned your efforts I am able to make a commensurate donation—had you not been able to surmount this I would have given in greater quantity. There will be more if needed.

Might I add to your remarks re a debt of honour I have been seeking since 1947 to repay in some small way my debt which of course will never be even remotely covered. Many try in different spheres to try and return some small measure of indebtedness.

Timor, of course, was something most unusual which set indebtedness in a different sphere. Our efforts may be very late and not of advantage to those who were so faith-

ful to us, but the thought is paramount.

My debt lies too in some corner of that island where great mates have never been found as well as to the Timorese people. My debt of honour lies one, two in that order of the above. I will continue over the years I have left in front of me to discharge that debt, be it ever so small a contribution and in any field which give a conscience satisfaction.

The Memorial has a special niche for it was Dare where Seven Section put on as daring a daylight raid as one could ever see, but of which very little has been written. That is the way it should be.

May the Memorial project be an outstanding success and of infinite benefit to those whose skin is only a different colour but whose hearts were as white as snow.

**FRED NAPIER, of 65 Branksome Gardens, City Beach, W.A., writes**

I have given a great deal of thought since the Great Safari how to convey my gratitude to all those good people who made the trip so enjoyable.

I have thought of individual letters but wiped this idea because I may inadvertently omit someone. So I am writing this through the "Courier" to all those kind friends, new and old who I was fortunate enough to meet in all our travels. Although I do not intend mentioning individuals I would like to mention "Butch" Wilson, of Adelaide. To hear of

his passing on was a great shock to Glad and myself. If ever I am faced with the prospect of a dull Good Friday I shall think of "Butch" Wilson.

Thanks to the Vics for everything they did to make our stay delightful and the opportunity to visit the place that "started it all", Tidal River.

A very nice gesture I thought was the luncheon at the "London" on the way back.

Thanks to the Canberra tribe. It was wonderful to see where all the great decisions affecting this great country are made. The great decision at the moment seems to be where to put Parliament House.

Then on to Sydney, where everyone seemed as though they had been rehearsing for months how best to make us welcome. A special thanks for the arrangement for Bill Drage and self to view the Anzac Parade on T.V. as we were unable to march.

I thank also those good mates who because of my disability were on hand at all times to help with the luggage problems.

Last but by no means least, my hearty thanks to you, Col., and committee for making the trip possible.

See you at the dinner.

**JIM WALL, of 18 Shaw St., Middle, Vic., writes:—**

Enclosed is my cheque which I intended to forward to you months ago.

Good news about the Commonwealth Government "coming to the party".

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**NOVEMBER MEETING**  
**ANZAC HOUSE BASEMENT**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 (Melbourne Cup Night)**  
**FINAL NIGHT CALCUTT MEMORIAL TROPHY**

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