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Editorial

OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

"God never opens the door of opportunity but he writes responsibility on the other side." The acceptance of opportunity means the acceptance of the responsibility which goes with it.

One day some years ago a heavy dark cloud appeared not far from a certain city in the United States. Before anyone realised it a tornado was heading straight for the town. In the studio of a television station on the city's outskirts a newsman was giving the news and the weather information. Before he had finished an assistant rushed in to warn him of the approaching tornado, at the same time urging him to go to the nearest shelter. The newsman was well aware of the havoc a tornado could cause. Like everyone else he was scared and wanted to run. But, instead of fleeing he pushed his television camera out of the studio and turned it to the storm as it roared towards him. People saw on their television screens the picture of the hurricane as it bore down on the community—the first live telecast of a tornado in history. Because this man was ready to seize the opportunity which came his way and accept the responsibility that went with it many people were able to take shelter from the storm. The newsman survived, and not long afterwards became manager of the station.

of their careers the future is bright with the prospects for advancement. They are likely to be presented with opportunities for promotion at a much younger age than were many of us who are now in the mature years of middle age. How many of them, when given the chance, will be able to take hold of it with a firm grip and shoulder the responsibility that goes with it and which in turn can lead to further opportunity?

Only those who have made themselves ready—ready to meet challenge and accept responsibility.

ARE YOU READY?

It has been said there are two basic components of a successful career. These are a desire for self-improvement and a desire to be of service to others—one being complementary of the other. These two desires must be more than wishful thoughts, they must be expressed in action, and for the man desirous of succeeding this calls for a willingness at all times to make himself better at his job and more serviceable to his customers, and a readiness to seize every opportunity to equip himself for the higher position and greater responsibility ahead.

Remember, there is a lot of truth in the Hindu teaching that each one of us will have the future he is now creating. What future are we creating?

—MAX DAVIES

For men now in the early years

West Australian Whisperings

Association Activities

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A most successful Annual General Meeting was held at Anzac House Basement on Tuesday, March 3.

This is the first occasion on which the Annual General has been held other than July and it augurs well for the change in date. The attendance was the best experienced for many years.

Reports were presented by President Bill Epps, Treasurer Arthur Smith and Editor Col Doig. These are printed elsewhere in this issue.

The opportunity was taken to confer upon Jack Hasson the Immediate Past President, Life Membership. Len Bagley extolled the work that Jack had done for the Association over many years as a Committeeman and also as President for three years. Len's remarks were supported by Col Doig.

As Cliff Paff was present as a visitor from N.S.W., he was impressed into the position of Returning Officer for the election of officers which resulted as under:

President: Len Bagley.
Vice President: Bob McDonald.
Secretary: Gerry Maley.
Treasurer: Dick Geere.
Editor: Col Doig.
Auditor: Jack Poynton.

Immed. Past President: Bill Epps.
Committee: Jack Carey, Clarie Varian, Joe Poynton, Col Hodson, Geo Fletcher, Jack Fowler.

Country Vice Presidents: Geraldton, Peter Barden; Midlands, Reg Harrington; Kalgoorlie, Eric Thornander; Great Southern, Alf Hillman; South West, Tom Crouch, South Coastal, Clarrie Turner.

Warden Kings Park: Geo. Fletcher.
The foregoing will show that Len Bagley has a strong team under his command for the ensuing year.

Under general business it was moved that the Committee be empowered in future years to recommend up to three Life Members per annum. This was considered necessary to deal with a backlog of persons now considered well and truly eligible for this honour.

Much discussion took place on future activities of the Association,

especially in regard to monthly meetings. It was suggested that these be changed to either Friday or Saturday nights but the opinion of the meeting was fairly solidly against such a move. However it was decided that the incoming Committee give great consideration to more events which include the women folk.

The meeting closed on a very pleasant note with Jack Carey moving a vote of thanks to the outgoing President, Secretary and Treasurer, who had done such a wonderful job over a difficult period, including the Great Safari and Timor Memorial Projects.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—1970

Gentlemen,

It is again my privilege to present this President's Report. This time it does not cover a full 12 months as the Committee decided in an attempt to boost numbers present to try and select a more suitable date than July. Hence tonight's meeting is in March.

Nothing of an unusual nature has taken place during this period under review but we have continued to hold our usual functions with varying degrees of success. I will try and itemise them briefly.

Annual General Meeting:

Our last Annual General Meeting was very poorly attended, hence the change of date for this year.

Film Night:

A very successful film evening was held in August when we saw films and slides taken during the recent Timor trip. This night was one of our most successful functions of the year.

Visit by Nicoleau Gonslaves:

This visit by one of the Timor creadoes was arranged and organised by Ray Aitken. Nicoleau had a tremendous visit of some five weeks and travelled all over the south west of the State staying with several Unit members on their farms for varying periods. His quick mind absorbed much information and he should have learned a lot that would stand him in good stead on his return home.

Annual Re-Union Dinner:

This was one of our better func-

tions as a good number of members was present. The usual toasts were honoured and for the first time in our history we had a responder to the toast of "Portuguese Friends and Native Helpers". This was responded to by Nicoleau Gonslaves in a very workmanlike way. All members seemed to take the opportunity to have a yarn with Nicoleau and revive old memories.

Commemoration Service:

A good attendance was noted at Kings Park for our Commemoration Ceremony. This took its usual form but this year was filmed by A.B.W. Channel 2 and we received a mention in the evening news on both television and radio. Later the whole film was presented to the Association and has been added to our growing library.

Calcutt Memorial Trophy:

This year this trophy was decided over only two nights instead of the usual three. The first night saw a good roll up but on the second night numbers fell off considerably. Jack Carey proved his supremacy for the second year in succession. I doubt if he can win a treble as he was closely pressed by more than one member who with a little extra concentration should be able to take off the prize this coming year.

Christmas Party:

This was again held at the Highway Hotel and proved to be a popular night out, especially with the ladies. Once again all arrangements and bookings were done by Len Bagley who seems to thrive on this type of a show.

Eastern States' Visitors:

During the year several Eastern States' members paid visits to the West and were duly welcomed in one way or another. It is a pleasure to meet these chaps after so long an absence. The biggest show of this nature was held at Col Doig's home early in the new year, firstly to welcome Dud Tapper and his family but several other Eastern States turned up and so bumped up the evening. These visits seem to hold especial interest and welcoming them always makes a good excuse for a gettogether of some nature.

Kings Park:

George Fletcher is still doing a terrific job of mowing and general work looking after our area in Kings Park. This entails many hours and

the Association is indeed lucky to have a member of George's enthusiasm available. The sprinkler system is still being maintained by Arthur Smith and this also entails much time because no matter how often the sprinklers are repaired there always seems to be some irresponsible louts who will drive their cars over the area and break off a couple more. Two or three small working bees have been organised to clean up and fertilise the area and these have all been well attended. We owe Reg Harrington a vote of thanks for half a dozen bags of super that has been put to good use on our area.

"Courier":

Our Editor, Col Doig, has, as usual, kept our periodical well up to standard. This takes much time and Col's efforts are greatly appreciated by all members throughout Australia as can be seen by the remarks passed in the letters that are published. Keep up the good work Col, as we all look forward to receiving our copies.

Sweep:

Another of our famous "Backward" Sweeps was conducted during the year and proved very successful both as a novelty and also very profitably. With Col Doig's organising these sweeps are always a good money raiser.

Monthly Meetings:

These are always a bit of a gamble. One night there are only a few members present and then the next we seem to be overflowing. No matter what the Committee arranges these nights seem to be enjoyed by all who attend.

Bereavements:

As can be expected as we are all growing older we have had our share of losses in numbers right throughout Australia. Each member is sadly missed and the Association extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Committee:

Only eight meetings have been held in this shorter period under review and once again attendance of Committee Members has been very high and much business has been finalised. Attendance of members has been as follows:

- W. Epps (President) — 8.
- L. Bagley (Vice President) — 8.
- R. Kirkwood (Secretary) — 8.

A. Smith (Treasurer) — 5, 3 apol.
 C. Doig (Editor) — 6, 2 apologies.
 J. Carey — 8.
 G. Fletcher — 8.
 C. Hodson — 6, 1 apology.
 R. McDonald — 5.
 J. Poynton — 6.
 H. Sproxton — 5, 3 apologies.
 C. Varian — 8.

Both our Secretary (Ron Kirkwood) and our Treasurer (Arthur Smith) have intimated that they do not wish to renominate this coming year but would appreciate a spell. Both these members have contributed many years of valuable service to the Association for which we will be forever grateful.

Conclusion:

In closing this report I sincerely thank all members for the support they have given me during my term of office. Special thanks are extended to Len Bagley, who, as Vice President, has been a real help and taken many jobs off my shoulders. I also would like to personally thank both Ron Kirkwood and Col Doig for all their support, help and general assistance over the past two years. Without members such as these my job would have been an effort instead of the pleasure it was. In vacating this position I do so with a certain amount of sorrow as it has been both a pleasure and an honour to have held it.

I thank you all.

—W. EPPS, President.

EDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. President,

Once again it is my duty to present the Editor's Report with regard to the "2/2nd Commando Courier".

The circulation of our paper remains constant at a figure of 450. We have managed to keep contact with a very high percentage of our members and this is a very good thing as probably the only means of contact for a great number of our members is via the "Courier".

Costs have remained reasonably static since the major rises took place in 1968.

Correspondence has proved to be very good during the period since last I reported, due largely to the conduct of the Backwards Raffle and the return of tickets was usually accompanied by a letter. We have also received quite a bit in the way of material for the "Historically

Yours" section thanks mainly to Bob Palmer who came up with the paper put out by the Unit in New Britain.

My correspondents Ron Trengrove in N.S.W., Harry Botterill and Bert Tobin in Victoria and Peter Barden at Geraldton, have carried on the good work of previous years and are deserving of the greatest possible thanks of the Association. It is the solid and consistent efforts of these people who make the "Courier" possible.

This year Ron Kirkwood and Bill Epps have done an excellent job in keeping the address list up to date—no mean task the way readers manage to change their addresses.

Inevitably I have to once again praise the efforts of Bill Epps and his good wife Jess, for their part in the production, wrapping and despatch of the "Courier". Without them Lord only knows how we would get the paper out to members.

Once again my especial thanks to our publishers, "The Swan Express", of Midland, who with courteous attention to our every desire have made the Editor's task so much simpler.

To conclude let me wish the "Courier" another successful year.

—C. D. DOIG, Hon. Editor.

OUTGOING OFFICERS

We would be most remiss if we did not bring to your attention the wonderful work carried out by your outgoing officers.

Firstly, President Bill Epps. So much has been written about the efforts of Bill and wife Jess, that it seems superfluous to write more, but this would not be giving them their just due.

In the two years Bill has been President and before that for three years as Vice President, he has accomplished magnificent things under most extreme circumstances culminating in a heart condition on the Great Safari. His leadership of the Great Safari was terrific. Then he was the leader of the party on the trip to Timor which was the most onerous task that could be given to anyone. Add to this the publishing, wrapping, despatch of all "Couriers". Keeping the address list up to date. The mowing of our area in Kings Park up until two years ago, and you will see that Bill's efforts for the

Association were practically a full time job.

We thank you, Bill and Jess, for a mighty job and are most fortunate to retain your services on the Committee in your post as Immediate Past President.

Now to Ron Kirkwood, our retiring Secretary. Ron has had a most onerous period as Secretary for his second helping at the job. The lengthy period involved the whole of the planning of the Great Safari, and he was the guiding financial light of this enterprise. The work he performed on the trip alone was of inestimable value. His great task in association with John Burrige was the secretarial and liaison side of the Timor Memorial. This involved a tremendous amount of time and experience to handle many delicate situations as they arose, particularly in the early stages of financing this project.

The secretarial side was only a small portion of Ron's efforts for the Association and he was always a leading light at all working bees of any description. Ron has carried practically every office of the Branch having been President, Treasurer, Secretary on two occasions, both for lengthy periods, Committeeman.

We lose Ron's services with much regret and hope that it is only of a temporary nature and that after a well earned spell he will return to work with the Committee in some office or other.

Treasurer Arthur Smith is the next on the list and here again is one who has performed every office of the Association except Editor. Arthur's attention to detail has left everyone in the happy frame of mind that nothing has been overlooked.

Arthur's treasurership has covered the period of the Great Safari, of which he was a touring member, and of course the Timor Memorial, once again as a participant on the tour. Like Bill Epps, Arthur has carried on regardless of indifferent health on many occasions and of late a most demanding job of work with P.M.G.

Arthur has been of terrific value also with his fine efforts keeping our ageing sprinklers working to the best of their ability. Arthur has earned a rest and like Ron Kirkwood we hope that the future will see him back with us in some position or

other on the Committee. Thanks a million, Arthur.

Now to retiring Committeeman Harry Sproxtton. We will surely miss his smiling face and sound advice on the Committee. Always of a cheerful nature Harry would undertake any task given to him and perform it to extreme satisfaction. His knowledge and advise on the early planning stages of the Timor Memorial spring to mind as one of his outstanding jobs. He it was who finally came up with the best working plans for submission to the Portuguese authorities and the Memorial is largely based on these plans.

Harry was a touring member on the Safari and also the Timor Trip. He is another who cheerfully attends all working bees despite the fact that he has a very very bad back complaint that precludes him from doing any really hard labouring work.

He has only dropped out of the Committee because of other deep commitments which take him out five nights a week. We thank you "Sproxo" for a most fulsome effort and hope to see you back with us in the near future.

OUR NEW OFFICERS

Let us now welcome our new officers to their various positions.

Len Bagley, our new President, comes to the office well prepared having served two years as Vice President to Bill Epps. Len was co-organiser of the Great Safari with Col Doig and everyone will always remember his herculean efforts in this regard. The social side of Association activities have engaged Len's attention for many years and he is the father of those two extremely successful Christmas Parties at the Highway Hotel, which he not only organised but ran in their entirety. We know Len will bring new and exciting approach to his term of office and we can look forward to a very successful time in which the Jubilee Safari will visit W.A. in 1971. Good luck Len, in your new office.

Gerry Maley is our incoming Secretary and will bring a breath of fresh air to our Association affairs. As mentioned previously Gerry has acted as Secretary to the Branch in N.S.W. and Victoria prior to accepting office in W.A. This must be absolutely unique in the annals of

any such association in the world. We can vouch for the competence of Gerry's secretaryship judged by his efforts in our kindred States but he has also been secretary of the North Beach Bowling Club which prospered mightily under his management. Once again we wish you well, Gerry, in your secretarial duties in W.A.

Dick Geere returns to the office of Treasurer after a break of three years. Dick when last in this office, proved to be outstanding and we look forward to a renewal of his efforts this time up.

Jack Fowler joins the Committee after many years given to the Association as a Country Vice President. We know Jack's unbounded energy and we feel that the Management Committee have made a gain of outstanding character when Jack consented to be nominated for the Committee now that he is domiciled in Perth. He will bring to the Committee a bundle of experience as Jack has been President of his local Sub-Branch R.S.L. for many years.

Committee Comment

The first meeting of the new Committee under the chairmanship of Len Bagley took place on Tuesday, March 17, at Anzac Club.

Len welcomed the new members especially Secretary Gerry Maley and Treasurer Dick Geere. He stressed the fact that Gerry had now acted as secretary in the three States that have Branches, namely New South Wales, Victoria and now W.A. Dick was returning for a second bite of the Treasurer's position.

The Treasurer's report indicated that finances should prove adequate for normal month by month running of the Branch.

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The following programme for the early portion of the year was agreed upon:

April meeting, Tuesday, 7th: Talk by Ray Aitken on Horticulture. Women to be invited.

Sunday, April 12: Visit to Ray Aitken's Nursery at the 11 mile peg, Wanneroo Rd. Once again women to be invited.

Anzac Day, Saturday, April 25: Arrangements as for previous years. Re-union at W.A. Rowing Club.

May Meeting, Tuesday, 4th: Carpet Bowls Night.

June Meeting, Tuesday, 2nd: First night for Calcult Memorial Trophy.

July Meeting: Film night to be arranged for Jack Fowler to show his films of trip East and trip to Timor. Ladies to be invited.

It was further decided that the Anzac House Basement be booked for the Annual Re-union to be held on Saturday, October 3, to coincide with the Football Grand Final.

Lengthy discussion then took place on the 1971 Trip West by our Eastern States members. It was decided that as 1971 will be the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Association this to be named the Jubilee Safari for future publicity. A sub-committee comprising President Len Bagley, Col Doig, Joe Poynton, Jack Fowler and "Sprig" McDonald was formed. This sub-committee is to go fully into the type of entertainment to be provided and bookings, etc., and report back to the Management Committee. They are also to look into the matter of fund raising which will be required between now and September, 1971.

Personalities

Had a most pleasant surprise at the Annual General Meeting when Cliff Paff came along. He was in W.A. as an observer at a Dairy Conference. We used him up as an independent, Returning Officer. Cliff looked in the pink and retains his happy personality. He did a tour of the South West and I believe managed to see quite a few of the lads including Gordon Hislop, at Manjimup, and Robbie Rowan-Robinson, at Bridgetown. Perhaps Cliff you might like to write us a letter on your experiences in W.A.

Your Editor had the great good

fortune to meet up for a few beers with Bernard Callinan who was briefly in Perth for a meeting of the Board of B.P. (Aust.) Ltd. We had a long natter on matters of interest to the Association especially regarding an extension of help to our friends in Portuguese Timor. Bernie brought bad news of our old friend Sousa Santos who is in dire trouble in Lisbon through assisting a couple of Australians who commenced a hair-dressing business in Lisbon and left poor old Sousa Santos holding the baby when they did not pay the rent bill which he apparently guaranteed.

Saw "Robbie" Rowan-Robinson very briefly the other day. He was in town for a meeting of Wesfarmers of which he is a director. He said he had seen Cliff Paff. We never had much time for a long conversation as I was heading back to work and Robbie was scarping to his meeting.

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Heard This?

The newlyweds, had retired for the night. When an hour had passed she looked up and asked: "Ow about it, 'Erbert?"

But Herbert made no answer.

Another hour passed and once more she raised her voice in protest: "Ow about it, 'Erbert?" But still no reply.

The night passed into morning, dawn came. Once more she looked up, but her voice had become deeply irate: "Well, 'Erbert, 'ow about it?"

"Ow about what?" he returned with exasperation.

"Ow about going to sleep?"

Diner: "Waiter, these veal chops are as tough as leather."

Waiter: "Why, sir, I can assure you that less than a month ago these very chops were chasing a cow."

Diner: "Maybe so—but not for milk!"

APRIL MEETING: ANZAC HOUSE BASEMENT TUESDAY, APRIL 7th

RAY AITKEN will be Talking on His Brand of HORTICULTURE.
Ladies are Invited and requested to bring a light plate

WILDFLOWER OUTING SUNDAY, 12th APRIL

Visit to Wanneroo Wild Flower Nursery under guidance of Ray Aitken. This is situated at 11 mile peg on Wanneroo Road. Be there about 2.30 p.m. There will be liquid refreshments provided.

ANZAC DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 25th

Arrangements as for Previous years
Venue for Re-Union after the March: W.A. Rowing Club Building
Union Jack Square, on river bank opposite Supreme Court Gardens

Random Harvest

RON TRENGROVE, of 46 Hillcrest Ave., Mona Vale, N.S.W., writes:

Somewhere about the time of the push that Smash got picked up and then got away, I think it was before, I know I received a new Bren in its box. We were at Hatabalica and we were running messages every day to a small village about half way to Maubisse where an honourable China gave us coffee, peanuts and sausage at the front door and sent a boong out the back with a "surat" for the Sons of Heaven.

We were called or we called ourselves amongst other names, the mobile or reserve sections for Dave Dexter, Turner, or whoever may need help. Well apart from running the message every day two of us at a time in turns, I climbed one day up Ramaleau and got well above the clouds some 9,000 odd feet and it was something to be remembered apart from the view. Everyone of the Section thought I was crackers. Another pastime, as ammo was plentiful and we had a lot of old stuff, some of us to keep our eye in would stand on the patio of the Posto at the back where the garden fell away down the mountain side. This garden was infested with rats (four legged, not yellow). Well we spent many a pleasant hour or so snap shooting at these rodents with whatever you normally carried, Tommy, Bren, .303, Dutch rifle, etc.

We also at that time took turns in the kitchen as cook. We hadn't got round to letting the creados do it for us. Suffering snakes, when I was cook what stew. I remember Max Daxies walking in taking a look at the kero tin I was making it in, shaking his head and going back to some Bols Gin. I have often wondered why.

We had all settled down one night in the Posto sleeping on the deck. There was about six or eight of us in one room. I was asleep with my right arm underneath my head. When I woke up with what at first I thought was a warm clammy hand on my forehead. Then I could feel something hanging down over my ear. I thought, hell, it's a snake. I moved my hand ever so slowly out from the back of my head and with one

mighty sweep I swept it sideways, letting a mighty yell out at the same time. It landed on Peter Cannon on the other side of the room where more yells came. When someone produced a light in time to see a great rat scurrying out the door down the hall and with Peter Benno and someone else with bayonets drawn after it. Into the bathroom. The rat jumped into the bath but apparently could not get down the plug hole. When I got there here were the three hunters, one at each end perched up on the bath and one in the middle making stabs as the frantic rat raced around the wall of death to escape, eventually clearing the edge only to be stabbed as it made for the door. After arousing the whole place everyone finally settled down to the usual quiet night. The bath was badly pock marked and I wouldn't mind betting still is.

Hato Balicaou was also the beginning of a sad breakdown for Ace. One morning early someone said: "Has anyone seen Ace?" No one had since the night before. His boots were still at his sleeping spot. Nothing else gone except the clothes we all wore and slept in.

We called, looked everywhere, then John Rose and Max decided to send out patrols along the main tracks. One of these found him on the track about an hour's walk towards Ainaro, wet from the heavy fog of the morning, sitting outside a native hut making the natives laugh. When they got him back no sense could be got out of him at all and if I remember correctly three of us, Arch Macrury, Arch Bowman and myself took him down to Dr. Dunkley. This may not be strictly accurate but I remember later during the Jap push the two Arch's and myself brought food up to Hata Balicaou for the sections who had been forced to retreat from Atsabe and other places below. Exactly who they were now I think could be checked in Bernie Callilan's book.

I recall that our section under John Rose's command, were told to go down to a spur half way between Hata Balicaou and Ainaro (the name of which eludes me now (have rechecked Numa Mogga) but there

was a small Posto or half way house built there but if memory is right no village handy. Our food supplies came up from Ainaro every few days or whenever two of us went down and came up again with a small pack train taking and bringing back info for John.

It was here we found that a kapok tree was so soft as Eric Herd snap shoot off the hip with his Tommy at various ranges and found that in some cases the slug went right through.

It was also here that John decided that his odds and sods needed some brushing up on their grenade throwing. After a lot of instruction from Max and Jack John decided as we were encumbered with an odd box of seven second grenades we might as well use these live. The infants among us all showed how it was done with perfection. By the way, the place we were using out the back of the Posto was a continuation of the spur it was on and at its widest was some 10 to 12 feet, so that when the grenade exploded it was well down the slope and not dangerous when well placed. Yours Truly came to the dias to receive the final instructions and John standing near to watch and see an expert in action gave the order: "Let 'er go". I pulled the pin, moved the arm back for a throw guaranteed to land on the Same Saddle some three hours' march away, brought it over in classic style, held on to it until the last second and it landed three feet in front of us. "Go!" someone yelled, and go we did, straight over the back behind us bodies going in all directions as it was fairly steep, waited what seemed until Christmas (then being about June or July) before the bloody thing went off.

All of this proves my contention long held—that any weapon held in the hands of an inexperienced person is a very dangerous instrument. John, Max and all the others agreed with this and John said that's all for today chaps. I think his confidence was shattered in us after that but not in my tongue.

It was here that the section was split up, some going to various other better known sections throughout. Of course John Rose fought hard to retain me as after all my recent exhibition he thought and knew what

was best for the rest of the Company (and safest).

You are all probably wondering why and what has brought on this spate of stories about Timor and myself mostly concerned. Well just recently I read Bernie's book and various sections of it reactivated my memory by thinking and trying to remember what I was doing when certain things were happening elsewhere and once started I thought I might as well see if I could put some of it down on paper and hope that it doesn't sound like as if I am flying a kite, but I am sure that if a few more of us who handle a pen and who have recall were to read Bernie's book over again a lot of things would come back to them and now in the "Courier" would make excellent reading especially those who saw more of the Japs that I did.

I have always been sorry that I never kept on writing in 1943 and 1944 while my memory was so fresh as names and places and words that were spoken, anecdotes amusing as well as sad, were so fresh. Like the time we were at Calaico and the place was hit by a decent earth tremor. Everything moved. How we laughed after at the various reactions of people, animals, etc., serious and otherwise.

While on this subject isn't there someone amongst us who can tell or write some good stories of New Guinea or Rabaul? Come on Paddy, have a go. It's a good way to relax.

Heard This?

While hunting, a man saw a nude and beautiful woman come running out of the woods and disappear across a field. Just as she got out of sight, three men dressed in white uniforms came running out of the same woods.

"Hey, you!" yelled one of them. "Did you see a woman come by here?"

"Yes," replied the hunter. "What's the trouble?"

"She's an inmate of the asylum, and gets loose every now and then. We're trying to catch her."

"I can understand that," said the hunter, "but why is one of you carrying a bucket of sand in his hand?"

"He caught her last time," was the reply, "and that's his handicap."

Heard This?

The big business man was talking to an associate in a Peasants night club when a sultry model walked in. Everyone ooh-ed and ah-ed and the tycoon remarked: "Oh, I don't know. Take away her hair, take away her legs, take away her bust, and what have you got? . . . my wife!"

A hosiery retailer who was rather proud of the selection he carried (yes, he had been stocking up), found himself with one demand he could not satisfy off hand. A damsel had noticed a sign on the rear end of a truck that warned: "If you can read this, you're too darned close," and thought it would be rather cute to sport nylons with the same message embroidered around the tops.

"It's an irregular request," said the retailer dubiously, "but I suppose we can do it for you. Would you like block letters or script?"

"Neither," answered the damsel firmly, "I want BRAILLE"

The pretty young lady approached the secluded lake and after looking about carefully slipped out of her clothes and was about to plunge into the water when the sheriff appeared on the scene and said: "Pardon, Miss, but swimming ain't allowed in this lake."

Blushing furiously she exclaimed: "Why didn't you tell me before I got undressed?"

"Well," replied the sheriff, "there ain't any law against undressing."

Two fond young lovers went to church. When the collection was being taken up, the young man explored his pockets, and finding nothing, whispered to his sweetheart: "I haven't got a cent. I changed my pants."

The girl searched her bag, blushed a rosy red when she found nothing, and said: "I'm in the same predicament."

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WILDFLOWER OUTING SUNDAY, 12th APRIL

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ANZAC DAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 25th

Arrangements as for Previous years
March for Re-Union after the March: W.A. Rowing Club Building
Union Jack Square, on river bank opposite Supreme Court Gardens