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EDITORIAL

MAMMOTH RAFFLE:

Way back in August, 1970, the Association decided to take a "punt" on conducting a Mammoth Raffle with tickets restricted to 500 at \$20 and offering \$6,000 in prize money (First Prize, \$5,000). This was a radical departure from our previous efforts and was viewed with some trepidation. This project was attacked the hard way by sending out Application Forms to members all over Australia to find out how many takers we definitely had.

The initial response to this raffle indicated that we could, with some degree of luck, make a success of the project and we went ahead and decided that even if it did not fill we could get sufficient takers to show a profit. Because we ran this raffle over a long period of time and allowed the "little" people to pay their tickets off by instalments, we widened our sphere of activity.

The eventual result has proved magnificent. The 500 tickets have been sold, well ahead of time, and we have even been over-subscribed by quite a number of tickets and money has had to be returned to

quite a number of people. This is definitely against the Scotch instincts of the Organiser!

The big lesson of this raffle has proved to be that nothing is impossible if you try hard enough. Granted a very few sellers sold more than half of the tickets but this alone proves that they were the real hard triers.

With this raffle a success the financial side of the Jubilee Safari is assured and any future event of this nature can possibly be handled in a similar manner. Even future financing of Association Activities in all States could be co-ordinated into one grand raffle which would provide sufficient funds for the needs of every State.

Thanks are due to all who worked so arduously to make this Mammoth Raffle such an outstanding success. Not at this juncture should especial praise be apportioned but to those persons who sold so many tickets in excess of the requirement let me express my most sincere thanks.

C. D. DOIG, Raffle Organiser.

WANTED:

The services of as many able-bodied persons as possible on the Afternoon of **SATURDAY, JULY 3, at the DRILL HALL, BAZAAR TERRACE, PERTH,** to prepare same for the drawing of the raffle.

West Australian Whisperings

Association Activities

MAY MEETING

A really wonderful evening was held at Anzac House Basement on Tuesday, May 4, when a representative of "Travel Time International" came along to our meeting and showed a large series of highly professionally produced films on travel all over the world. With our ladies present this was an ideal form of entertainment. Undoubtedly the excellence of the films must have whetted appetites for travel and the only difficulties that seem to arise was the wherewithal and also which of the many most picturesque places to visit first.

The ladies provided a nice supper to round off a terrific evening.

We hope that at some future evening that Travel Time International will be able once again to supply us with just such another evening. Thanks a million to T.T.I. and to Len Bagley who did the arranging.

ANZAC DAY

Once again we had a wonderful Anzac Day. These re-unions never fail to attract a good crowd who seem to be prepared to enjoy themselves.

Firstly at the Dawn Service there was a very good muster of members but through some unforeseen circumstances there was no wreath available for laying. This was to be regretted but was no fault of the florist engaged to do the job as the wreath was definitely delivered to Kings Park and went adrift from there.

The march was well attended and led by Len Bagley and with Mick Morgan carrying the banner we hop, skipped and jumped down the Terrace and William-st. to the unmarching tunes of the Floreat Salvation Army Band. This happens every year so we are now used to the semi shames. The march off was of a much higher standard and of course we were heading for the "trough" and this could have made the difference.

On arrival at W.A. Rowing Club the drinks were already being dispensed by an eager band of helpers who preferred this task to marching off the Esplanade.

After a few revivers the mob soon settled down to steady enjoyment. The luncheon provided by Jack Carey was in the usual magnificent manner. If anyone went home hungry then they must be terrific trench-erners.

It was at this juncture Mick Morgan took over as M.C. and with the help of three lads from the R.A.N. Reserve, who brought along their instruments, we had a great afternoon of singing and music and stories. Everyone seemed to take part.

The day, or should it be said day and evening, went on until about 9.30 p.m.

Among those present were Bob Palmer down from Busselton, Vince Swann from Esperance, Reg Harrington from Wyening, and then the city folk—Doug Fullarton, Jim McLaughlin, Clarrie Varian, Bob Smyth, Johnny Burridge, Bill Epps, Geo Fletcher, Ron Kirkwood, Jack Carey, Roy Watson, Joe Poynton, Jim Ritchie, Dave Ritchie, Ken Waddington, Gerry Haire, Gerry Maley, Curly Bowden, Dick Darrington, Roddy Dhu, Jack Hasson, Jack Fowler, Dick Geere (in charge of cash), Percy Hancock, Harry Holder, John Lillie (2/3rd), Spriggy McDonald, Mick Morgan, Fred Napier, Terry Paull, Jack Penglase, Merv Ryan (very late), Arthur Smith, Fred Sparkman, Harry Sproxton, Scotty Wares and of course President Len Bagley and your scribe Col Doig.

We also had a reasonable number of visitors from other Squadrons and a few from 2/16th including song bird Les Renaldi who has become a permanent at Anzac Day Re-unions.

Once again a world beating Anzac Day.

JUNE MEETING

A most gratifying attendance at this June meeting held at Anzac House Basement on Tuesday June 1.

This was the first evening this year of the Calcutt Memorial Tro-

phy games. Thanks to the excellent organisation of Secretary Gerry Maley and Jack Carey the games went along with a swing. At least if we are not that good we are real triers.

Here are the results of the events held:—

Darts: 1. J. Carey 3 pts. 2. C. Hodson 2 pts. 3. J. Poynton 1 pt.
 Quoits: 1. W. Epps 3 pts. 2. C. Varian 2 pts. 3. F. Napier 1 pt.
 Bowls: 1. G. Maley 3 pts. 2. J. Poynton 2 pts. 3. R. Geere 1 pt.
 Table Tennis: 1. J. Carey 3 pts. 2. L. Bagley 2 pts. 3. J. Poynton 1 pt.

Progress points: J. Carey 6, J. Poynton 4, W. Epps 3, G. Maley 3, L. Bagley 2, C. Hodson 2, C. Varian 2, R. Geere 1, F. Napier 1.

The next of these Calcutt Memorial Trophy Games will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 1 (Melbourne Cup Night) and the position is wide open for anyone to win.

Committee Comment

Since last we went to press the Committee has met at Anzac Club and sub-committees have met on a couple of occasions. The last Committee meeting was held on May 18.

The Treasurer's report indicated that finances were still in a reasonable condition.

The Organiser advised that the Mammoth Raffle had filled at 500 and that the money for tickets was rolling in well.

Len Bagley advised that arrangements for the cabaret night to draw the raffle on July 3 were well in hand. Arrangements for this night were then discussed in detail.

It was agreed that the May meeting with films from Travel Time International was an excellent night and that more such evenings should be arranged.

Anzac Day was voted as an extra good day and special thanks were voted to Jack Carey for his catering efforts.

Geo Fletcher advised that Kings Park was in good order and that the damaged board had been replaced and was now better than ever. He recommended an early working bee to fertilise the area.

A very long discussion took place

on the Jubilee Fafari and Len Bagley presented a most comprehensive report of every day's eventual happenings. It was decided that breakfast be arranged at State Govt. Office Building Cafeteria on the morning of their arrival, Sept. 2.

The Committee approved a proposal to offer a package deal for all Jubilee Safari functions to W.A. members for \$20 per couple.

Jubilee Safari

Events in regard to the Jubilee Safari are now steadily reaching a climax. Thanks to the terrific efforts of Len Bagley the details are rapidly falling into place.

The success of the Mammoth Raffle has assured us of sufficient funds to finance all proposed functions.

Accommodation worries are now practically at an end apart from one small worry which is advertised elsewhere. All of the participants not privately billeted will be staying at the Imperial Hotel apart from the first night (Thursday, Sept. 2) when some couples will have to stay at the Royal Hotel due to a cross booking. Accommodation charges are \$4 per day per person for bed and breakfast with some reduction for children under 14 years of age. The W.A. Branch hopes to be able to subsidise this charge and reduce the cost of accommodation considerably.

For those people requiring other meals apart from breakfast at the Imperial Hotel counter lunches are available between the hours of 12 noon and 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at quite reasonable charges.

Due to the fact that travellers will be arriving in Perth at between 7 a.m. and 7.30 a.m. in the morning and breakfast is not served on the train arrangements have been made for everyone to have this meal at the Cafeteria of the State Govt. Building overlooking Kings Park. This is a glorious position equivalent to the Australia Tower Building in Sydney. This should provide visitors with a wonderful start to the holiday and a chance to view Perth and its environs from a perfect vantage point. It will also allow the organisers to arrange for entry to

the hotel where booking in cannot be effected before 10 a.m.

A detailed programme with timings is as follows:

Thursday, Sept. 2:

One bus to meet arrivals at 7 a.m. and transport them to the Government Office Buildings, opposite Kings Park gates for breakfast. Bus will take the visitors to Hotel Imperial at 9.45 a.m. Welcome to visitors at 7.30 p.m. in dining room of Imperial Hotel.

Friday, Sept. 3:

Possible Civic Reception at Council House, 12 noon to 1 p.m. Annual Dinner at Imperial from 6 p.m. Dinner at 7.30 p.m. Ladies to attend Town House Cinema, dine at 6 p.m., theatre afterwards.

Saturday, Sept. 4:

Afternoon, races or football. Evening Trots. Complimentary passes provided.

Sunday, Sept. 5:

Afternoon Commemoration Service Kings Park. One bus leaves Imperial at 2.45 p.m. Service to be at 3.30 p.m. Afterwards at Imperial dining room 5 p.m. for eats and refreshments.

Monday, Sept. 6:

Bus tour of dams. Two buses leave Imperial 9 a.m. sharp. Barbecue lunch at Murray Arms Hotel. Elsie Watson to provide music.

Tuesday, Sept. 7:

Evening at the Fremantle Club. One bus from Imperial at 7.15 p.m. Bus to leave Fremantle Club at 12.30 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 8:

Bus trip to Wanneroo Wildflower Nursery, then on to Yanchep Inn for lunch. Two buses leave Imperial at 9 a.m., then they will leave at 12 noon from nursery for Yanchep Inn arriving there at 1 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 9:

River trip. The ferry "Duchess" leaves from Barrack-st. jetty at 10 a.m. and returns at 4.30 p.m. Barbecue or smorgasborg lunch. Elsie Watson to supply music.

Friday, Sept. 10:

Evening at Perry Lakes Stadium Hall, grand finale. Bus leaves Imperial at 7 p.m. and returns from Perry Lakes at 1 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11:

Visitors depart by rail 9.30 p.m. Private transport. Entertain individually.

For West Australian members a package deal to cover all functions is available at \$20 per couple and represents fantastic value. A price list of individual events will be published at a later date and the cost will be commensurate with each event and the overall cost will be easily double and possibly treble the package deal of \$20 per couple.

Ron Trengrove has supplied a list of starters from N.S.W. and we have already been advised of some starters from Victoria and S.A.

Letters have been forwarded to certain members who at an earlier date evinced an interest in taking part in the Jubilee Safari to find out if they are still to be starters.

Currently it appears that with wives and children something like 80 people will be involved in the travelling parties.

WANTED

ONE HOUSE FOR 10 DAY
to accommodate a family of husband and wife, plus four children. As this is school holiday period an exchange with a lovely beach house at Mandurah is available

Vale Personalities

It is with the deepest regret we have to advise of the passing of Max Lyndon (Joe) Loveless in Tasmania. The story of Joe's involvement in building the famous wireless set, "Winnie the War Winner", has been told so often that it is unnecessary to reiterate it here, except to say that as far as our Unit was concerned it was a matter of life or death to us. Possibly contact with Australia may have been made by some other means but this is in the limbo of the doubtful. Thanks to Joe Loveless's genius in matters of radio we created a set and we made that vital contact which saved our lives and lent purpose to our future activities in Timor. It allowed us to become a real force in the war against Japan and the true value will never be able to be fully assessed. Not many people are aware of the fact that we as a Unit were lucky

to retain Joe's services as he applied to join the Armoured Division which was being formed while we were domiciled in Adelaide and our then C.O., Major Spence, blocked his transfer. There must have been something psychic about this decision. Joe's health was never very good while in Timor and it took considerable effort for him to concentrate on the building of the set. He was awarded an M.I.D. for his efforts in constructing the set. Joe served with the P.M.G's. Dept. for over 30 years as a technical officer. We in W.A. were lucky to be able to renew acquaintances with him some few years ago and on that occasion he looked very well. We offer our sincere sympathy to his family and say a fond farewell to one of the greats of our Unit. Vale Max (Joe) Loveless, competent signaller and what more can you say in anyone's favour when Sigs. are the life blood of any serving Unit.

Good to see Bob Palmer down from Busselton for Anzac Day. His usual laughing self and thoroughly enjoying life. Still can't march but we will forgive him that if only he will make a repeat performance next year.

Vince Swann and Pam were also down for Anzac Day and was able to take in a footy match as well with them and a jaunt to the Fremantle Club where we linked up with Mick and Jean Morgan. Swanny wasn't grumbling too much and said the season looked pretty good.

Haven't heard from Tom Crouch since his trip East and am still awaiting his report on the Cullen area of N.S.W.

Had the pleasure of Robbie Rowan-Robinson's company recently. He had despatched his spouse on a trip to Japan and places near and was a grass widower. "Robbie" also refrained from grizzling and said the apple season had proved to be quite good.

Pleased to report that Glad Napier is now home from hospital and is improving gradually.

Another of our members who has been on the sick list recently is Harry Holder. Harry has suffered with heart trouble for some time and is now to retire from his position as Executive Officer at the Royal Mint. Currently he and Maisie are sorting out their difficulties with providing a new house.

Geo Boyland is also to retire from Dept. Social Services due to invalidity and looks like having to use a walking stick from here on.

Since last we went to press Bill and Jess Epps, Arthur and Beryl Smith, Arthur's sister-in-law, and Bill and Elvie Howell and Mrs. Waddington have been tripping to Timor. We hope at a not too much later date to be able to print something of their new impressions of "our" island.

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SATURDAY, JULY 3rd

at the

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to prepare same for the drawing of the Mammoth Raffle that evening. Also required are as many ticket holding members as possible to act as guides, ushers, etc., on the same evening. This will be essential to make this evening the success we wish to achieve.

Jubilee Safari

TO SAFARI'S 1971

Having received a letter from Col Doig I am now able to tell you a few more details of our trip and what expenses you will be up for.

It is estimated that our accommodation, although subsidised by W.A., may cost us a minimum of \$2.50 per day per person. This is a fantastic reduction and as nearly all, if not all functions, are "obligado" your expenses per day will be only above extras you require personally.

Len Bagley I am assured by Col is the man of the year once again, and to quote our great war time leader Joe Whatsists name Cathedral-hill: Never have so many Safaris owed so much to such a bloke as Len Bagley and even though entertainment is always nice to have, just to be over there with men amongst men is as much as I would desire so I will take Len's preparations as trimmings for my cup of joy. Thanks Len, and how one can express one's feelings better I would not know because a thanks from the heart is more than a gift can mean.

Drinks on the train I believe are not cheap and as it seems with our airport bars and meal rooms, a wounded bull can't charge quite as well, so either assist yourself along the way before embarking (no brewery waggons or kegs) or dry out a little on the way and conserve your thirst for the W.A. meet.

I am hoping to have name plates for you all and am now writing to Brisbane for a quote on these (in my humble opinion) necessary items.

I also will be sending you or maybe you will get them from me at the station, stickers for your luggage and these I suggest you use one each end and one on the front of your bags so as it will make our gear more noticeable and reduce possible losses or wrong rerouting of gear.

All bookings have been made on trains and are in my possession and all arrangements for people who are returning by other means have been made.

If you have any worries at this

end please give me a ring or write and I will do my level best to straighten things out or find some one who will.

If cost is your worry live for the time and worry about it after. I know that sounds facetious or smart but I am sure that your expenses will not be that great and will be well and truly worth your while after all the fare was a problem two years ago and I for one never thought I would be lucky to make it and though it is easy for one person I still have my commitments at home.

So much has gone into preparing for this trip that any drop outs now would spoil the elation that the people who have put time and effort into it would feel that success a little less if you drop out now.

That last paragraph seems complicated but I guess you will get what I am trying to say.

There is one request I would make and that is could you drop me a line as soon as possible and let me know your name, Christian that is, and if you like it short or long, i.e., Bill or Willum or William. As the MacLachlans can tell you I never forget a name and as Audrey MacLachlan will tell you I have been able to remember Mary's name since we first met. Haven't I Lois?

Well you see what I mean. On a name badge we will be lucky to fit all names on so as Ron is shorter than Ronald. Dud may not like it on a name badge but would prefer Dudley. Bai jove, old chap. What?

Well, as all bookings are complete you will receive a screed from me with a suggestion or two that you might like to comply with and see a reason for them with advantage to all with this screed. I may send your tickets to you or keep them until you arrive at central with the exception of those who are getting on at other points along the way. This point I will decide on when I get the opinions from a meeting shortly.

Don't forget August 30, 1971, at 2 p.m. the train moves out so when you get your screed don't throw it away as it will, I hope, have all the info you require up till 2 p.m., August 30, when Safari 71 kicks off.

—RON TRENGROVE.

Victorian Vocal Venturings

It will come as a shock to most members to hear that Max Lyndon Loveless, known as "Joe" to us all, passed away on Friday, April 24.

Vic Pacy rang me from Hobart on the following Monday to pass on the sad news and we arranged for a wreath to be sent from the 2/2nd Commando Association.

Joe had been suffering from heart trouble for some time but it is still a blow to hear news like this, as I can still vividly remember the night Vic and I were around at Joe's place to see the slides of the trip he had over in Perth and how he had thoroughly enjoyed himself and the pleasure in meeting some of the boys he hadn't seen since the war.

I have enclosed a cutting which Vic sent over from the local paper which gives a very fitting picture of "Joe".

Alex Boast has been on the sick list. Had a heart attack early in the year. Then apparently was sent back to work too soon and had a relapse but is coming along fine now but has to take it quietly.

Recently had a business trip to the country. Called in on Max Davies in Horsham where Max is manager of the State Savings Bank,

looking pretty good too. Also called in on Kev Curran at Bendigo. The same old Kev in good trim and always welcome to meet any of the boys.

Had a pretty good Anzac Day march this year with the Combined Commandos. A good roll up which was due perhaps because there were no sporting fixtures on, and I feel it made all the difference.

We joined the Commando Association in their re-union after the march and had a good roll up of our boys. Present were Alex Boast, Bill Sharpe, Ken Monk, Alan Mitchell, Bernie Callinan, Rolf "Baldy" Baldwin, Leith Cooper, Sept Wilson, Jim Wall, Johnny Roberts, George Robertson, Jim Robinson, Bruce Mc Laren, John Southwell, George Veitch, Bert Tobin and self. Had a very enjoyable time.

Baldy is retiring end of this year from the Geelong Grammar School and we have arranged a Sunday visit and barbecue to Baldy and Vi's habitat at the school on May 30. A good day is assured in the amiable company of the Baldwins.

Well folks, that's all the news for now until next time. All the best.

—HARRY BOTTERILL.

RANDOM HARVEST

PETER BARDEN, of 6GN Radio Station and ABGW Channel 6 Television Station, writes:—

First of all allow me to express sincere appreciation of the Life Membership bestowed upon me. I assure you I shall always treasure the Double Red Diamond necktie-clip. Also allow me to say "thank you" for your expression of confidence as a result of my re-election as Northern Country Vice President.

Please permit me to say, on behalf of many very appreciative Double Red Diamond types throughout Australia: "Many, many thanks to Mr. Editor and all other Executive members for the marvelous job they have done over such

a long span of years—more than a quarter of a century."

Referring to personalities in the Geraldton area I would like to mention that I had a pleasant "session" with Joe Kalinowski when I visited Mullewa as an official of Brigades Football Club. Joe's sons are running the Railway Hotel and Joe is continuing to take a great interest in minerals—so much so that he has been showing Japanese visitors over some mineral areas in the district. Joe said that every time he tried to impress the visitors about the potential of the area they kept emitting a "hiss" sound. Joe said that when he mentioned this to one of his partners, Ken Giles (brother of our Bernie or "Boomer", who has

been working on a building job at the Club Hotel at Cue) Ken said this was really good news—because from his experience in the Occupation Army in Japan, "hiss" meant "yes".

The motto of Bruss Fagg, of Northampton, is obviously "Service in peace time as in war time". This R.S.L. stalwart not only attended the two Anzac Day services at Northampton and the one at Nabawa, but also the Anzac service at the Kalbarri school, at which he very ably responded to an impromptu request by the headmaster to explain the background of the medals he was wearing.

Nip Cunningham is as fit as ever and we marched together at both parades on Anzac Day and had a "couple" of coffee and rums at the traditional Gunfire Breakfast which followed the Dawn Service.

On a previous occasion I suggested that the 2/2nd Commando Association apply for an annual allocation from the Anzac Day Trust Fund. I again put forward the suggestion and attach a news release of 7/10/70 listing the 29 ex-service organisations that shared a record \$58,160. I feel sure that you can put forward a good case, mentioning such aspects as maintenance of the Honour Avenue in Kings Park, the Jubilee Safari, the Timor Memorial, the cost of our wonderful and second-to-none publication the "Courier", and various other activities conducted by the Association.

"Yours Truly" and his family are all well and it has just been my pleasure to once again compile the R.S.L. submission for the Colonel Collett Cup competition. Geraldton has won this huge cup about 10 times as the outstanding rural Sub-Branch—and I feel that we have a good chance of winning it again.

Please find attached \$20 for my wife's ticket in the Mammoth Raffle. She received the ticket the other day.

All the best to all the boys.

Apart from thoroughly enjoying the "session" with Joe Kalinowski at Mullewa (as mentioned above), we had a great day at footie. My team, Brigades (for whom my eldest son Ross plays) defeated Mullewa by 32.18 to 6.11.

J. P. "Paddy" KENNEALLY, of 28 Wilkins St., Yagooona, N.S.W., writes:—

Once more I'll put your skill as a cipher expert to the test, and should you ever run into the poor linotype operator who has the job of putting this atrocious scrawl into type you can meet him on common ground. As someone so aptly said a few centuries ago: "Misfortune makes strange bedfellows".

The family are doing fine, Helen came through the High School Certificate with a teacher's scholarship. She is now at Teachers College. Michael passed the School Certificate. He is continuing school and is now in fifth year, that is as long as he studies. No study, no school. He can adopt a job of some description. Sean is in third year and ever since he was in third class primary he has been wrong footing me. Every year I predict a failure, and each year with the help of half the angels in heaven, he has been scraping through with little to spare, but he gets there, and with a wicked gleam in his eyes he rams the point home.

At present he has taken up pigeon racing. I never knew there was so much to know about pigeon fancying. Wait until next season and by the time Sean has finished cross breeding, in breeding, and mating up the birds I reckon I'll be able to retire.

Gerald also passed his exams, thanks to Nora's tuition. She's gone back to school again to cope with this new fangled education system. Between writing letters to half the world, tutoring Gerald and feeding us, I don't know where she finds the time.

Ann MacLachlan was here for a couple of weeks in the new year. A ringer for Mac, particularly when she smiles. Also like Mac she is a terror to argue. There the resemblance ends. Unlike Mac she's usually right, and as Angus is many hundreds of miles away I'm quite safe insinuating that he's mostly wrong, and he won't be catching up with me till Safari time.

I always remember the time he was charged with telling a certain corporal and sergeant what they could do. He subtly inferred that the judge could do the same. When

promptly said "Yes" to a question thrown at him from the bench. To this day I reckon Mac and I were the only two to see the significance of his answer and by now I'd say the other participants have forgotten what it was all about. Good luck, Mac, for once I agreed with you.

I'm thinking of you but I won't be writing for a while. However we have something like 72 hours on that Indian Pacific in September and if you and I manage to agree on anything on that journey the world will most certainly drop all its squabbles and peace will reign on earth. So here's looking forward to our journey. Nora and Lois better enter a convent, it will be more peaceful.

Keith Lignum, Betty and their two children, surprised us all and blew in for the Easter weekend from Adelaide. Dig didn't trust me so he brought me a present of Coopers special brew just to make sure I had a drink on tap when he arrived. I hadn't seen himself or Betty for 18 years almost. He's changed very little. The same applies to Betty. I've never seen Dig get flustered. He just carries on and does exactly what Dig wants to do.

Jimmy English and family, Ron and Pat Hilliard minus the young giant Glenn, Dig and family and my tribe had a picnic day out at Cataract Dam. We didn't bother barbequing, just sat, talked and knocked over a few beers. Quite a good day. Dig, Drip and myself went down to Bankstown R.S.L. and allowed the women to cope with the tea unhindered. Dig reckoned he had seen Roy Martin at Enfield. I reckoned no as he was in Griffith and Dig said: "He was too young to be Roy". However it was Roy. He and Joyce were in Sydney at the time. They called up home again next day. Dig put off his return by a few hours to have a natter with Roy. They hadn't seen each other since 1945 and Dig was quite right Roy looks too young to have been there, or to be a granddad either, which he is. Roy is still as humorous as ever. He reckoned after the war he was working on some building projects and which ever trade was getting the highest rate Roy immediately became a tradesman in

that particular trade until he became known as "Special Rates" Martin. I reckon his humour would carry him through. I wish he'd been able to stay in Sydney longer. He was only 19 when I first met him. A humorous, big easy going youngster and the years haven't changed him. It was a real good Easter and thanks to Dig and Betty for travelling so far just to see a few of us, plus Roy, Joyce and daughter in law coming along to add to the fun.

We've had a few hospital cases. Jimmy English in the Repat Hospital for an op. Johnny Rose ditto but no operation. Hadn't seen John for a few years. The first week I saw him in hospital he wasn't so good, but the second week he had improved out of sight. He was gone the third week. So John I hope all goes well with you and that the re-union with your son home from Vietnam was a beauty.

Alfredo Dos Santos was also in Concord and quite sick, the old "Soldado Capas" was really ill. He was in for nine weeks. Discharged prior to Anzac Day. Out only for a few days and now unfortunately back in again. Alfredo has been really sick for four or five months now, if not longer. It's been quite a strain for Ruby too, as it's a long way from Surrey Hills to Concord by public transport. I hope Alfredo improves.

Jimmy English not too bad at present. He made it for Anzac Day but left for home early.

A good roll up on Anzac Day. Joe Tell, Jack Hartley, Alan Luby, "Snow" Went, Jimmy Hallinan, Jack Keenahan, Ron Trengrove, Bill Coker, Merv Jones (by far the most handsome Digger in Sydney), Bill Bennett, Mick Devlin, Jim English, "Snow" Weir, "Drip" Hilliard, "Bluey" Costello, Cliff Paff, Tom Martin, Tom Fields, Ken Glover, Less Collins, Ron Hyland, Col Holly, and myself. I nearly missed. Got there as they were moving off.

Hadn't seen Ken Hyland for quite a long time. I couldn't even pinpoint the last time. He looks well. A bit of or I should say, a lot of set back in a business venture. Says he's back working for a boss. His troubles didn't get him down. A more cheerful bloke would be hard to find.

Col Holly also a very welcome addition. He and Snow Weir had a great old wongi.

Cliff Paff and his mate from bush circulating round. You couldn't miss Cliff these days. He's certainly been pastured in a good paddock and grin on his face as wide as the heads. We had him again at the meeting last Monday night. More anon on that.

Gosh, I almost forgot Don Murray. He's leaving us for a business venture in the North Coast, Coffs Harbour. He's in the West at the present. By now he has probably contacted you chaps and you'd know more about it than we do. We'll be sorry to lose him in Sydney. He has been a regular attendee at meetings and functions and a helper to boot. We wish him every success in his new venture.

I also forgot to mention Alan Addison who has not missed a meeting or function since Alan Luby met him at the show and invited him along. That was over 12 months ago. Alan was the lad who travelled the battery charger for the wireless sets all over Timor. He met all the platoons and must have had many a lonely trip between sets, as with the exception of the carriers he travelled alone.

I thought we'd lose our standard going along George Street. Was very erratic from port to starboard and back again and we gigs following it like a mob of donkeys after a carrot. If it hadn't been for the crowd lining the route we'd have got lost even though there are white traffic lines on the road. I was surprised at Jack Hartley. However he came good at the heel of the day and guided our other standard bearer to a safe anchorage.

It was a good Anzac Day and enjoyable company. One more I forgot, Jack Darge. Jack was presented with his Life Membership tie bar. Congratulations Jack, None deserves it more. The amount of work you and your wife get through on behalf of this Branch of the Association is enormous. Thank heavens we've got you. Let's hope we don't wear you out. One thing is sure, we'll never be able to emulate you.

If I've forgotten anyone else, put it down to advancing years.

To Jim Smith who left us to take up business in Kieta Bougainville, I send my regards. You were missed on Anzac Day, Jim. The boys wish to be remembered to you and good luck up there. We heard you are, or will be, back on holidays if so we hope to see you.

As for me I'm still concreting. I'm almost finished on one of the toughest jobs I've seen. They took a cliff face of rock down 30 feet and turned it into a 25 block subdivision. I was the bunny that took on the kerb and gutter and the storm water pits. I've lost nearly a stone in weight since Christmas, 10 lb. to be exact, and that's the lightest I've been for 35 years. Unless the bloody scales are hay-wire I'm down to 10 stone 8 lb.

Later — that 14 lb. I lost has been regained. A mechanical error in the scales.

Sean was rushed off to hospital on Friday night, May 6. They pumped a dozen needles into him in five hours. He's on the way back again now, and by the look in his eyes plenty of trouble being brewed for a later date.

Talking to Ken Trengrove last night all visitors have pulled out of Safari. Only 2/2nd and their families left in. I think the count is 59 from here. Quite a good roll up.

We were guests of Arncliffe R.S.L. Toastmasters Club on May 3 (our meeting night). A good time was had by the vine blokes from our crowd who attended. Alan Luby kept our banner waving by a good speech. I mumbled a few words on the ills or lack of skills in present day rugby league thus depriving Jack Hartley of an opportunity of pulling my beloved game apart, on the score of brutality. When there are reporters around like O'Neill one can't always rely on the press.

Incidentally, talking of O'Neill, I spent quite an enjoyable Saturday evening with himself, Jim English and various members of "The Mirror" staff. A good evening, convivial and enjoyable company. Unfortunately I can't say the same of the misnomer they work in producing, however, every man to his own trade. I have none, have mastered none, and outside of the ability of being invariably wrong, have achieved none.

Leon is back home, peace and tranquility has fled the coop, but gosh it's a much more interesting abode. Long may the red headed devil stay among us.

Things are bad along the northern beaches tonight. Cronulla Sutherland (who hail from the shores of Southern Botany Bay, and the southern perimeter of Sydney) "whopped the hot pants" off their more sophisticated brethren from Manly Warringah today. A case of David downing Goliath. I'm glad I'm not in the Jones menage tonight. I reckon Merv and Marge are in deep mourning.

About this accommodation, as the clan is going I'd prefer a house or a flat to sleep six, three boys, a girl, Nora and myself. It would have to be completely self contained including linen and cutlery. Any chance of anybody being able to line one up? I'll look after the financial side of it myself. It would have to be reasonably central and handy to transport.

Good night, good luck and best wishes to all in the West.

P.S. Received the tickets in the Mammoth Raffle. Sorry I could not get rid of any more than the statutory three. I work mainly on my own and see few. A very weak excuse. I really thought they would all have been grabbed up by our own members. The odds are most attractive and the pay as you go plan would have suited lowest income bracket, however you got rid of them, so good fortune to the luck one to be.

BERNIE LANGRIDGE, of Donnybrook, W.A., writes:—

Herewith a cheque to cover the three tickets I ordered.

Congratulations on filling the order as it was a really magnificent effort and fitting for the willing band of workers who conceived the idea of the raffle.

The fruit crop is practically harvested, been very good crops but in common with other primary industries markets are becoming over supplied and of course prices come back to some extent.

Once more many thanks for the tickets and glad the project was so successful.

ROBBIE ROWAN-ROBINSON, of Woodborough, P.O. Box 196, Bridgetown, W.A., writes:—

Your silent correspondent takes up his pen mostly to say he has little to write about.

Have not seen Bernie Langridge for some time and have heard no news of any one else except that George Timms is managing his son-in-law's farm (a good one I believe with a comfortable home) but don't know any details. Evidently his sons are looking after the home farm.

Personally I have been kept very busy with fruit. Having developed quite a good country trade one has to supply customers requirements if humanly possible. About eight tons went off today to various places, namely Carnarvon, Esperance, Pingelly, Merredin, Three Springs, Bruce Rock, metro markets and I think that is about the lot. Half of these orders went in my special polly packs, of which you know, and dispatched in my folding returnable pallets.

Managed to sell a couple of tickets so this is the main reason for writing. Had to buy two tractor wheels from a neighbour. I agreed to buy only if he was paid in raffle tickets. I knew he had advertised them and could not sell them anywhere else so he did not have much choice, and as he won a case of beer before he could not very well refuse.

We had had quite a good gathering for Anzac Day and a good ladies evening at the R.S.L. to finish the day off. Over 80, male and female, sat down for the dinner.

That is about the lot. Hope you are keeping well.

RON TRENGROVE, of 46 Hillcrest Avenue, Mona Vale, writes:—

Another Anzac Day has come and gone and this is the day after. A quiet day, more so than I can remember perhaps with the exception of the immediate Anzac Day after the Safari of All Safaris.

The great pleasure and happy surprise of all was to have Jess Epps with us before the start of the march and then to shoot us (with camera that is) as we came down Martin Place. I hope it turns out well for Jess as she was practicing

for her trip to Timor with Bill and Arthur Smith and his wife in about three weeks. Someone else is going with them but I can't recall who. What a head!

Jess had rung me earlier on Friday night but I wasn't home from the club. Then I rang her when I came home and had a long chin-wag about the West and all things bright and sundry, about our accommodation when we get there, what I thought about it and, boy, I think it's great and I mean great. We will all be together and it will be easy for our hosts to collect and organise. Also as I expect to have the shoe shine rights I won't have to go from suburb to suburb collecting. Remember nothing done before 5 and after 7.30, mornings, that is. (I didn't say anybody done.)

By the way I am reliably informed from my hot line informant that Col has given a glowing account of the renovations and renewed decor of the pub and as he specially remarked about the pile on the carpet being a certain depth all men members on Safari 71 are requested to wear sport supports as dusters are not allowed on the carpet.

Also, anyone who has any thoughts about investing in the West while we are there Henry Harry Sproxton, Sprocky to you, has some choice blocks I am told and will give you his personal attention but no discounts. With a plug like this I mightn't have to worry about the shoe shine rights.

I have great hopes that I have persuaded a couple of 2/2nders to come aboard with us on departure day over and above the original nominees. Snowy Went and Ron Goodacre and with a little luck Allan Addison will renominate before closing, which is next week and the latest May 10.

Well Jess, thanks a million for ringing and congratulations to Peter on passing out as an officer and making you and Bill so proud and feeling that all your efforts as parents was worth the time and effort that good parents put into bringing up children.

Strike me lucky I just can't wait, well hardly, until August, and blast off time.

Now back to Anzac Day. Cor,

don't 'e digress, meaning to mean-der, also deviate from 'is original path. The reason probably, is I am slightly foggy I suppose. I should say I suppose.

As usual, as I have predicted, it happened again this year. We had a few surprises in turn ups either at the march at our rendezvous outside Qantas House, Chifley Square or our home at Arncliffe R.S.L. Once again our thanks to Arncliffe and the Club Committee for making us so welcome. Allan will no doubt write about our gift to R.S.L. Arncliffe. Don Murray arranged the framing of Sam Fullbrook's "Emu and Aeroplane" and it was a gift I would not have minded receiving myself. Thanks Don, and to you Sam.

The total roll call this year numbered 30. This included both of the aforementioned places. You know, I wonder how many Units can say that if they are not in one place I know where they will be. How many blokes can say, well, if I can't get to town I can get them at another place and you don't have to look up the papers or information bureau on the day.

I will enclose some new addresses at the end. Unfortunately because of this changing of addresses results in the loss of members and of course dissemination or distribution might be a better word, of news, it would seem that a few do not seem to be conversant with the Safari 71. However if you change your address don't wait to get to Anzac Day, how about writing a letter to Col, tell him where you are, what you are, when you are, and how you are. It gets published, and who knows, you could be close to one of us. In any case you are almost certain to get your "Courier", that is if you read it.

Paddy Kenneally was once again in great form and once again Paddy how about a ball to ball or should I say a shot to shot description from your memory. Once again could I but write shorthand I could give you stories that would be better than anything you have had to reprint yet, and if only Paddy would write it the way he describes it we could put a book together that would make a best seller. It would have all the ingredients, serious, comic, sad,

heartbreaking, humour, you name it and I am not exaggerating or over optimistic. His detail is nothing less than overwhelming, description beyond belief with memory for actual place, time, words said, well there it is. If he wrote one page a month of a pad this size you would soon not have a publishing worry.

Blimey can I have a blow?

Where was I? Roll call for the day: Jim Hallinan, Bill Coker, Merv Jones, Les Collins, Cliff Paff, Bill Bennett, Ron Hilliard, Snowy Weir, Bill Hoy, Mick Devlin, Jack Hartley, Ron Goodacre, Jim English, Ron Hilliard, Harry Handicott, Alan Luby, Tom Martin, John Darge, Tom Field, Alan Addison, Paddy Kenneally, Joe Tell, Snowy Went, Mick Mannix, Jack Keenahan, Ron Hyland, Pat Costello, Col Holley, Doc Gallard, Ron Trengrove.

Les Collins recently spent three weeks in Vietnam as quite a few C.M.F. officers have done and I spent an enjoyable time listening to his experiences and opinions.

Don Murray has resigned from Ampol and is going into business at Coffs Harbour, so when you go north look for Don and Ida for your food, petrol and service requirements, but first they are going to the West for a short holiday. My best wishes to you both and I am sure we all wish you every success Don, and I for one will let my friends know who go north regularly, where you are.

New addresses: Harry Handicott, Lighthouse Keeper, Point Perpendicular, via Nowra, N.S.W. Good to see Harry again. The last time was the week that was.

Ron Hyland, 6 Warwick Avenue, Commeray. N.S.W. Thanks Ron, we hope to see you as a regular.

Pat Costello, Sunset Hill, Hanssens Road, East Minto 2566, N.S.W. Pity Pat has been out of touch as we may have had him on Safari 71. However maybe with the new address we will get to see him more often.

Col Holley we have not seen since the week that was.

Once again the first Monday in every month will find us at Arncliffe R.S.L.. Thanks once again, and remember never on a public holiday if it falls on a Monday, always the following Monday,

No doubt all Safaris 71ers are wondering what the weather will be like in W.A. at the time. Well, as an authority on these things and places and where and what to wear I would like to make a few suggestions. For the races, binoculars will be worn at the slope. Unit ties will not be tolerated without a shirt. Coats will definitely be carried wherever the weather permits and only on the left arm if you are left handed.

For dinner in the evening snow shin porkas and snow boots will be left at the door. Ladies to disregard the above for dinner but will definitely leave ski pants and skivies with doorman.

Cameras will be carried at all times, especially when suitable occasions demand their use.

For all sporting events track suits will be worn. Suits with pockets will not be allowed at the races, horse that is.

When you are at any function where dancing can be done sand shoes only will be allowed. Bikinis and swim trunks will not be allowed. Two important items must be worn only at these type of functions, name badges and Unit ties. This, as you can imagine, puts everyone on the same footing and everyone at ease.

For barbecues aprons only will be worn and only those who have their name badges on and apron will be served steak or otherwise.

One standing order will be observed, clothing of any kind will be worn to suit the weather prevailing at the time so as you will not feel uncomfortable one way or the other. So if you had any doubts no doubt you will now be able to pack your bag with confidence that you have all you require for ten days. One more bit of advice, surf boards will be left at the hotel lobby when wet, and anyone who too wet on return to the hotel will be dried out in the laundry ready for next day's events. Handy billies at all occasions.

But seriously I think the "Courier" will give you some advice as to what the weather is likely to be like, temperatures, etc.

And as the actress said to the Bishop: see you when you've got nothing on.

A Further Letter From Ron reads:

With this letter I hope to send you the final starters for Safari 71.

At the moment of writing there are only two in doubt, that is to say family wise, and they are Angus MacLachlan and Frank Press. Yesterday I sent telegrams to the above and hope to receive a reply with the appropriate amount of money. Of the two Angus is my greatest concern as he not only was probably the keenest of starters but wrote me a few letters since I last saw him and Lois and some three or four weeks ago I wrote him a letter to which I have had no reply and I feel that something is wrong.

Having had no reply from Frank Press I felt that he was so busy with other things that a telegram was all that was needed to jog his memory.

I would like to thank everyone for having their money in on time and although a little earlier would have helped, all's well that ends well.

Theo Adams has written me a follow up letter after his final payment and to Theo I would like to be able to say that in my humble opinion he need have no worries about a gettogether prior to leaving Sydney. I am sure he will be meeting those who are and those who are not going.

By this time next week our monies will be paid in and all arrangements wrapped up other than that I trust that everyone will take this letter as a receipt for what you have sent me and the list of names as your guarantee.

Although I could not get to the last meeting as I was away in the country at the time I hear that a roll up of ten were at Arncliffe and the invitation given on Anzac Day to attend the Toastmasters Dinner at Arncliffe R.S.L. was a success. Unfortunately I believe they are not getting the support they should expect from Club members, perhaps if we can support them at future dates they may be able to build up a bigger membership.

I have written the letter to the "Courier" in some one or two places but this is the first time in a doctor's surgery, but as I knew I would have to wait I decided to try and fill the time in and get a letter started if he doesn't get start-

ed I will run out of things to write about.

Paddy Kenneally informs me that he has so far written about 10 pages for the "Courier" so with any luck he should have twice that amount written by now and it will probably make some of the best reading ever.

Some days since I started this pistol (I mean epistle) so let's get cracking, ha, ha.

At last the final day for monies in for Safari 71 has come and gone and with the exception of a few who forgot and I had to jog their memories with telegrams and phone calls I must thank you all who will be going for your co-operation and making this part of it a success for me. Thank you all for the letters that accompanied most of your cheques and once again I hope that if you take holidays after this Safari and you need an agent or organiser or itinerary you will remember Michael Schultz, Manager for Howard Smiths Travel Bureau, as without him I am sure I would have raised quite a sweat with him I had no worries and I mean no worries.

Well there is little to write about so I guess I'll blow as the A said to the B.

The following letters were received by Ron Trengrove along with final arrangements for the Safari 71:

Bob Smith, of 6 King St., Shortland N.S.W., 2307, writes:—

Just a brief note to inform you of my change of address. I will be shifting back to my own house in Shortland in another week. I don't like leaving the Norah Head but as my daughter commences a full time secretarial course in Newcastle soon I am forced to leave.

Anyhow I am still a starter for the Big Safari, so I will look forward to your next lot of news at my Newcastle address.

Angus MacLachlan, of 37 Arrow-smith St., Camp Hill, writes:—

Sorry for the long delay in replying to yours of November, containing travel information. I don't think there are any questions I wish to ask at this stage. We may wish to break our journey at Melbourne on the way back. Thinking about

ducking across to Hobart. When we have fully decided I will contact your mate, Michael, and get him to fix up our bookings. Will enclose \$100 deposit on our fares.

Particulars: two only economy, Lois and I. We are pretty much Darby and Joan these days.

Just rereading your instructions; when we decide on our Hobart trip I presume I let you know. I will drop you a line giving our requirements.

Don't seem to have any information as to our accommodation charges in Perth. If you have already told me I'm afraid I have mislaid it. Would or could you please let me know. Also if I let you or Michael know of our Tasmania booking requirements.

Keith Craig, of P.O. Box 234, P.O.

Young, writes:—

Thank you for your letter re the Safari to W.A. We would like to re-affirm our bookings for the four of us. To make it easier for booking purposes you could book Phillip and Keith in one twinette, and Janette and myself in another. This would mean two double rooms; all the way through.

Keith, male. Betty, female. Phillip, 21, male. Janette, 18, female.

We think all the arrangements are very good, and we will travel to Sydney to catch the train. Our thoughts are a bit hazy at the moment but thought we might drive to Goulburn and stay with my sister for a couple of days and travel to Sydney on the Melbourne Express Monday morning, and then we might leave the train at Goulburn on the return trip, having a few more days with my sister, before driving back to Young.

However you can book us from Sydney to Sydney, economy class twinette and we will be quite satisfied.

Janette has just finished her year at Technical College doing her Commercial course, and is hoping for a position very soon. In the meantime she is packing strawberries and earning herself good money, and is saving as much as possible to have her deposit ready by Feb. 1. Phillip is also doing the same, so I hope they can make it all right.

I had a quick trip to Sydney to

see a friend who was ill in Manly Hospital, but only had time to call on my sister at Cabramatta. I walked out and stepped into a cab driven by Jack Hartley, so had quite a chat about the Safari and learned how all the folk are in Sydney. Sorry I wasn't there longer so I could have seen a few folk. Maybe next time.

J. P. Kenneally, of 28 Wilkins St., Yagoona, writes:—

Enclosed is a bank cheque for \$137 which is the deposit for the trip to Perth in September. Names and sex of passengers listed: John Patrick Kenneally (m). Nora Theresa Kenneally (f). Helen Ann Kenneally (f) Teachers College Student. Michael Joseph Kenneally (m) High School Student. Leon Patrick Kenneally (m) under 15. Gerald Kenneally (m) under 15.

The appropriate concession fare certificates will be in order by May when full fare is required.

Hope this meets all the requirements. Good luck.

Frank Sharp, of 22 Quinn Street, Dubbo, writes:—

I was pleased to hear from you again and also the news regarding the trip.

The inquiry that you was asking regarding my cousin, his name and address is as below.

My wife and I are looking forward to the trip and I have my holidays all teed up to commence on the 23rd August, so will give us a couple of days to prepare and travel to Sydney.

When will you be calling for the money for our fares?

Did you hear anything more about the raffle tickets that the "Courier" was conducting regarding the trip? I applied for two \$20 tickets but did not hear any more about them.

Had three weeks nice holiday at Tuncurry over Christmas and New Year we took a caravan and had a very pleasant holiday.

Cheerio for now and hoping to see you in the very near future.

Please find enclosed cheque for \$253.46 for the remainder of our first class fare for my wife and myself for the W.A. Safari.

We are both getting very excited

about the trip and am looking forward to August 30th.

I was talking to one of my railway colleague today and he has just come back from Perth and was telling me what a fine city it is.

He travelled over and back by the Indian Pacific and is full of praise for the hospitality and service given by the stewards on the train and also the comfort of the train.

My wife and I will be joining you in Sydney and will leave with the group. We could catch the train at Parkes but will be better to come to Sydney and meet the mob and have a quiet drink and a good old yarn.

Thanks again and looking forward to seeing you all on Aug. 30.

Bob Smith, of 6 King St., Shortland, writes:—

I have just completed our change to our new address (a few weeks ago) and on straightening up some of our gear came across your final instructions to Safarites.

This letter then is just to reaffirm that Joyce and I are still starters in the trip and to use the \$30 you held as my deposit. I will have the balance in your hands within the time you have stipulated. One question I would like you to answer however, are most of the lads who are going travelling economy class or otherwise? My only reason for asking this question is that I would suppose we would be travelling as a group and this I would enjoy more than split up.

Time is travelling swiftly now and it is not much longer till the great

date arrives and we are looking forward to it in great anticipation.

My first visit to any of the old gang was made yesterday when we met with Noel Buckman and his wife Marie. The last time we had seen them was at Warragamba Dam of the Unit meeting in 1968. My meetings with Noel have always been enjoyable and yesterday was no exception as we met at his bowls club and subsequently had a few ales. Unfortunately we were not able to spend long with them but have promised another meeting with Noel and Marie in a few weeks. We hadn't seen their son Bill for many years but on meeting him yesterday all I can say he has Noel to a "T" and he has certainly grown into a fine young man.

Later Bob wrote:

Please find enclosed cheque for \$187.10 being balance of fares for Joyce and I for the Safari. Do hope all goes well with you in this same matter and that your job is made easy.

Received the results of the Sydney Cup Sweep in today's mail and wonders of wonders I drew a horse—the first in all these years in all the sweeps.

A trip to Noel Buckman's place a few weeks ago resulted in my meeting Frank O'Neil, the first time in about 18 years.

Well, won't rave on, so all the best to yourself and any of the lads you see.

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to prepare same for the drawing of the Mammoth Raffle that evening. Also required are as many ticket holding members as possible to act as guides, ushers, etc., on the same evening. This will be essential to make this evening the success we wish to achieve.