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1975-1976 COMMITTEE

The following members have been appointed to the various positions on the W.A. Committee for 1975.

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Vice-President: D. Darrington, 186 Stirling St., Perth

Secretary: L. Bagley, 11 Lynmouth St., Dianella, Phone 76 6923.

Treasurer: P. Hancock, 13 Strome Road, Applecross, Phone 64 1539.

Editor: A. Wares, 16 Waverley St., Dianella, Phone 76 4304.

Warden: G. Fletcher, 29 Kimbarra St., Nollamarra, Phone 49 2264.

A/Warden: R. Dhu, 234 Nicholson Rd., Subiaco, Phone 81 9404.

Committee Members: H. Sproxtton, 98 Everingham St., Carine Phone 47 5503. A. Smith, 17 Conon Rd., Applecross, Phone 64 1999. D. Fullarton, 13 Riverview Rd., East Victoria Park, Phone 61 6064. C. Varian, 41 Nottingham St., East Victoria Park. R. Neuzerling, Bromley Flats, Dumont St., Bentley.

The above members would appreciate it if W.A. country, and Eastern States visitors to Perth would contact them so as a get together could be arranged. In this way visitors would be able to meet more of their mates.

ANZAC DAY

The President wishes to remind all members that Friday, 25th April, is the Anzac Day Parade, and that all members make a special effort to attend and swell the ranks. The rendezvous after the parade will be held at the home of Col Doig, 77 Rosedale Street, Floreat Park, so make it a must and enjoy a day with your mates.

1955-56 COURIER WANTED

If any member has a copy of Courier number 101 Vol. 9, issued between October 1955 and February, 1956, would they please send it to

Box T1646, G.P.O., Perth. This is the only issue required to have a complete record since the inception of the Courier. Editor

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF 2/2nd
COMMANDO ASSOCIATION,
W.A. BRANCH**

**Held at Anzac House on Tuesday,
March 4th, 1975.**

The President, Mr. J. Carey, asked the 20 members present to stand and the Honour Roll, and observe 2 minutes silence.

Mr. J. Carey then welcomed Jess Epps, who had been asked to attend the meeting, to receive an Associate Life Membership. Mr. C. Doig in making the presentation spoke of all the work that Jess and Bill had done over many years, and in many ways. The Committee recommended this presentation, and it is unique that Jess will be the first Associate Life Member. Jess stated in her reply that anything she had done, "was a labour of love," and thanked the meeting most sincerely for the honour they had bestowed upon her.

The President then declared the meeting open at 8.30 p.m.

Present:

J. Carey, in the chair, C. Doig, A. Wares, R. Kirkwood, R. Dhu, H. Sproxton, D. Darrington, G. Fletcher, P. Hancock, R. Aitken, F. Napier, D. Fullarton, C. Varian, A. Smith, B. McDonald, J. Burrige, R. Neuzerling, J. Poynton and L. Bagley.

Apologies:

From D. Ritchie (in hospital) and J. Fowler were accepted.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday, April 2, 1974, were read and confirmed on the motion of F. Napier, seconded by C. Varian.

Business arising from the minutes:

Archives Officer, Mr. J. Burrige, said that a start had been made to collect, collate and index Association records.

The matter of understudies for the positions of Treasurer, Editor and Secretary, had satisfactorily been discussed by the Committee.

Life Membership:

The Committee recommendations for Life Membership were: Joe Poynton, R. Dhu and Percy Hancock. Mr. C. Doig proposed the Life Membership of Joe Poynton, and stated that Joe had always been a hard worker for the benefit of the Association. A former Committeeman, and since moving to Mandurah, both Joe and Helen remain active in Association activities. The annual "Mandurah Picnic" has been held at their home for the past three years. Mr. J. Carey supported C. Doig's remarks and presented Joe with his Life Membership tie bar.

In reply J. Poynton said he was proud to receive the clasp.

B. McDonald proposed the Life Membership of Rod Dhu, who he said was a Committeeman in Victoria and had been on the Committee of the W.A. Branch for many years, A most active and solid worker for the Association, especially in the Honour Avenue in Kings Park.

Rod thanked B. McDonald, and said he would always cherish, with pride, his Life Membership badge.

J. Carey proposed the Life Membership of Percy Hancock, and praised him for all the years of work he had devoted to the Association. He was Vice President in 1960 and had served on the Committee for a great number of years. P. Hancock, in reply said it was a big thrill to him to be nominated and a pleasure to accept such an honour. The meeting endorsed the Committee recommendations for Life Membership unanimously, and with acclamation.

Reports:
President's Report: J. Carey presented his report, covering the months he had been in office, after taking over from A. Wares.

Treasurer's Report: R. Kirkwood most capably presented his report, and explained all the items in the statement of Receipts and Expenditure to everyone's satisfaction. A vote of commendation for Ron, was recorded by F. Napier.

Auditor's Report: Was read to the meeting, confirming the figures presented.

Editor's Report: Secretary L. Bagley, read C. Doig's report to the meeting. After consideration based on several factors, Col said he would have to tender his resignation. Mr. J. Burrige praised the work which had been done by Col over a period of many years.

Reports were received on the motion of J. Burrige, seconded by R. Dhu.

Elections of Officers:

Mr. R. Aitken was elected as Returning Officer. He then called for nominations, and the following members were elected:

President: J. Carey re-elected unopposed.

Vice President: D. Darrington elected after a show of hands, with D. Ritchie and C. Varian.

Secretary: L. Bagley re-elected, after a show of hands, with D. Ritchie.

Treasurer: P. Hancock, elected unopposed.

Editor: A. Wares, elected unopposed.

Auditor: J. Burrige, elected unopposed.

Warden, Kings Park: G. Fletcher, elected unopposed.

Assistant Warden: R. Dhu, elected unopposed.

Committee: Nominations for the seven members required were:

D. Fullarton, D. Ritchie, R. Dhu, A. Smith, B. McDonald, C. Varian, G. Fletcher, H. Sproxton, R. Nuezerling.

Following a Ballot, the Returning Officer declared the following members duly elected:

D. Fullarton, A. Smith, G. Fletcher, R. Nuezerling, R. Dhu, C. Varian, H. Sproxton.

Country Vice Presidents: Elected were:

Goldfields: E. Thornander; Northern: P. Barden; Midlands: R. Harrington; Great Southern: D. Turton; South Coastal: T. Crouch; South West: C. Turner.

General Business:

Mr. J. Burrige moved that Country Vice Presidents be appointed for a 3 year term, seconded by C. Doig. B. McDonald spoke against the motion, and moved an amendment, that the term be for 1 year, seconded D. Fullarton. On being put, the amendment was lost, and the motion was carried.

Country Vice Presidents be written to, advising them of their 3 year appointment. Also, that they are expected to attend at least one committee meeting during their term of office, and generally help with correspondence to the Editor concerning the whereabouts and well being of any members in their area.

Mr. F. Napier asked was the W.A. Branch responsible for the nomination of Life Members in the Eastern States. J. Carey replied that each Sate nominated their own Life Members, the W.A. Branch only supplied the necessary badges.

Mr. A. Wares reported that 200 applications for the Mammoth Raffle had been received. With 7 months still remaining, he hopes sales would improve.

Mr. J. Burrige suggested that a well worded letter be written to the Governor of Portuguese Timor, Col. Lemos Priores, concerning their problems, in their present predicament. C. Doig spoke in favour of this suggestion, and spoke at length on the merits of the idea. R. Aitken gave his views in support of such a letter, but stressed that it would indeed have to be carefully worded. The Timorese would certainly be better off under Portuguese rule, than Indonesia's. A letter also should be written to the present Prime Minister of Australia, explaining our feelings on the matter.

Mr. J. Carey moved a vote of thanks to C. Doig in recognition of his years of service as Editor, also to R. Kirkwood for 3 excellent years as Treasurer, and to retiring Committeeman B. McDonald for services rendered.

Mr. L. Bagley stated that on reading the Constitution and Rules of the Association, he could find no provision for the final disposal of funds when the Association ceases to function. A clause should be inserted into the Constitution to cover this anomaly. The remaining monies, if any, should go to some worthy cause, such as the War Veterans Home. J. Burrige formally moved that the Committee investigate this suggestion, seconded by F. Napier.

Mr. L. Bagley suggested that a

Country Convention be held at Manjimup, on the long weekend of October 11, 12, 13. Mr. T. Crouch to be notified as to the suitability of this arrangement.

Mr. R. Neuzerling thanked the meeting for election to the Committee, and said he would do his best to honour the appointment.

Mr. J. Carey, in closing, thanked all members for their attendance, and welcomed the new Committee to office.

The meeting closed at 11.10 p.m.

EDITORIAL

EDITORS REPORT

Gentlemen,

By rights I should not be submitting this report, as my contribution to the 2/2nd Commando Courier this year has been absolutely minimal. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of "Scotty" Wares the Courier has managed to carry on most successfully. The Association owes a great debt of gratitude to "Scotty" for the way in which he has compiled, collated and despatched the paper during the past year.

Since the last report there have been 5 issues of the Courier each being exactly what was required in reading matter for members. The distribution still remains fairly constant at 450 mark. As foreseen in last years report costs have risen astronomically as compared with previous years. This is quite evident by a glance at the Balance Sheet for this year. This has been brought about by increased printing costs due to wages rises etc. and a change in the ownership of our publishers Swan Express.

Thanks are due to regular contributors "Paddy" Kenneally and Mick Devlin in N.S.W., Harry Botterill in Victoria and Peter Barden in Geraldton who have kept up their usual standard of contribution.

As again to "Scotty" Wares

and Ron Kirkwood for keeping the address list up to date also "Scotty" has in the January 1975 issue of the "Courier" produced a list of change of address which will enable the Address Book to be also brought up to date.

This report would not be complete without reference to the passing of Bill Epps during the year. Bill's herculean efforts over so many years with regard to the Courier will never be forgotten.

After much reflection and mature thought I find I am no longer in a position to carry out the duties of editor and wish to tender my resignation from this position and do not wish to be nominated for this position at this Annual General Meeting. This has been brought about by a number of factors, firstly because of the remoteness of our publishers, my lack of transport and the increasing problems I find in writing any lengthy matter due to my arm trouble. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all who have so faithfully assisted me since I commenced my second term as editor in September, 1958 and after all 16 years is a long time.

I wish the 'Courier' well in the coming years.

C. D. Doig,

Hon. Editor

COURIER DONATIONS

The President and Committee wish to thank the following for donations towards the cost of publishing the Courier, Hillman, Tomasseti, Newton, Ronald, Martin, Dent, Costello,

Friend, Callinan, MacLachlan, J. R. Smith, Max Davies, Gurr, R. Smyth, G. Laidlaw, Alexander, S. Sadler, Sprigg, Harrington, Snowden, Sharp.

NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

January

So sorry for the long delay, since my last letter, but the N.S.W. Association go into recess during the months of December and January, news has been as scarce as that well known commodity produced by the wooden horse. However over the past few weeks things have been happening, and now I find it difficult to cope, as so many items of interest to members have become available.

It is with deep regret that I announce the death of Association member Neil Bray. Sydney members who were associates of Neil will remember the many ups and downs which confronted him after returning to civvie life, and the last year prior to his death. He had not enjoyed the very best of health, having suffered from nerve problems. To Neil's family, may I on behalf of the Association extend our deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

On the brighter side of life, I suppose you know of the success of one Sam Fulbrook, who this year won the Artists Melbourne Cup. I refer of course to the Archibald Prize, the much sought after mantle, of all artists who paint in oils. Sam along with Curly O'Neill were two welcome faces at the funeral of Neil Bray, and both have assured me that they will be starters next Anzac Day, when we shall be holding our combined commando reunion in Sydney. On Sunday the 19th December, 1974 a Bar-B-Q was held at the home of John and Joan Darge, to welcome Reg and Dot Harrington, daughter Barbara and friend Helen McLachlan (no relation to the infamous Angus). It was most pleasing to the Com-

mittee that attendance was especially good, considering that so many members were on holidays, and the notice was short, as we were not quite sure where Reg and party were going to settle, however a great day was had by all, after we sorted things out. I was indeed pleased with the roll up of our Junior 1971 Safari boys and girls namely Pauline English, Helen, Mishael, Gerald Kenneally, Maureen Snowden up from Canberra for the weekend to celebrate Pauline's birthday. Good to see Bob Smith looking so well again after a few bad years healthwise. Bob and his good wife Joy made the trip down from Newcastle especially for the day. Once again our thanks go to John and Joan Darge for being such wonderful hosts, and availing us if their home. Reg expressed his thanks on behalf of the touring party, and all left in good spirits or was it beer.

Had a most welcome visit from an ex A trooper, Eric Chapman over the Xmas period. Eric who hails from Swansea N.S.W., has a most successful business in that area, in the field of Painting and Decorating. He wishes to be remembered to all his A troop mates in W.A. At the moment I am as busy as that one armed paper hanger with the hives, reason being that I have my good wife in hospital recovering from a major operation, which caused both myself and family much concern, but thanks to God, and modern surgery she is well on the road to recovery, and looking forward to the 1976 Safari. (Of which I hope to have more detailed information in my next newsletter).

I received some welcome notes

from 9 Section members over Xmas, and it did the old heart good to hear from Tom Crouch, Jack Carey, Harry Sproxtton, Jim Cullen, Keith Wilson, and all are going well, with the exception of Keith Wilson who is due in Sydney for an operation on his hip. Don't forget to look me up when you hit town Keith. I had the option of going to W.A. as crewman with Bill Coker and son Graham over the holiday period, but had to decline on account of Bet's health at the time, but never mind we are both planning another trip across in the not distant future. I have not been able to catch up on Bill and son since their arrival back to see how they fared on the trip, but knowing that combo they would have had a heck of a time.

Would you please acknowledge the following donations in the next Courier: E. Chapman, H. Handicott, A. Hodge, and would it be possible to mention that all monies in reference to the Mammoth Raffle be sent direct to the West. c/o Box T1646 G.P., Perth and not via the State Secretary.

February

Just a brief note firstly to extend,

on behalf of the N.S.W. members, our deepest sympathy to the wives and families of the late Bill Drage and Ken Mackintosh. Also I regret to advise that since my last newsletter we have had another two deaths within the N.S.W. Association. I refer to Kiwi Harrison and Col Cubis. On a more pleasant note I am pleased to that John Darge was discharged from hospital yesterday, after a major operation on his lungs. His wife Joan states that he is making slow but good progress.

Monday the 3rd March the N.S.W. Committee are holding a meeting to discuss and hopefully finalise the 1976 Safari. We would appreciate any suggestions or requests from the W.A. Branch. On his recent visit to W.A. Bill Coker mentioned that quite a few W.A. members are in favour of shortening the route and having longer stopovers. This makes good sense when you consider the distance the W.A. party have travelled before they even reach Sydney. Would you please confirm this request along with any other ideas before our meeting on the 3rd March.

Mick Devlin

VICTORIAN NEWS

February

Received the raffle application forms and have given a lot of them out—and as one was sent out in the

last issue of the Courier it should get to the ones I may have missed, and will follow this up a little later on, and only hope we sell our fair share.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

The annual picnic was held on 26th January, at the home of Helen and Joe Poynton's at Ormsby Terrace Mandurah, and was a terrific success. Members and their wives who fail to attend this day out certainly miss one of the main events conducted by the W.A. Branch. To name all the people who attended would take up too much space and

also in trying to name everyone would probably offend some if I happened to omit them. To Helen and Joe on behalf of the Association I say thank you, and would you convey to your Mandurah friends who assisted in the preparation of that deli htful luncheon a great thank you.

MAMMOTH RAFFLE

As published in the December issue the W.A. Branch were asked by N.S.W. to conduct a raffle on their behalf to enable them to have sufficient funds, for the entertainment of those participating in the Safari. The response from the various states has been very slow and as time goes by the Sub-Committee handling it is beginning to worry.

The Courier has a circulation of approximately 425, and in the last two issues application forms were sent out with them. To date the replies are just under 50 so we have a long way to go if we are to be successful. This is a plea to all mem-

bers and their wives to send in as soon as possible your application form and if possible sell a spare one to a friend or neighbour.

To save on postage it would be appreciated that you send your application and money to the 'Secretary' Box T1646, G.P.O., Perth 6000. The various state secretaries wish it to be done in this manner. The success of the raffle is in your hands so remember—**BE IN IT TO WIN IT.**

THE ODDS ARE BETTER THAN ANY LOTTERY — SO WHAT ABOUT IT MEMBERS.

2/2nd COMMANDO ASSOCIATION

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 31/1/75

RECEIPTS

Balances forward 1/3/74:

	1975	1974
	\$	\$
Working Account	709.17	
Reserve Account	4705.72	
Safari Account	621.50	6036.39
Interest received		518.28
Donations (Courier and Kings Park)		767.20
Anzac Day: Receipts	164.35	
Costs	152.76	11.59
Sales of lapel badges, tie clips and Association ties		24.80
		7358.26

EXPENDITURE

Monthly Meetings: Costs	92.70		
Receipts	79.50	13.20	50
Annual Dinner: Costs	209.10		
Receipts	120.00	89.10	50
Film Nights (2): Costs	212.75		
Receipts	140.00	72.75	
Courier: Costs		703.54	195
Kings Park		56.20	
Kalgoorlie Convention (loss on bookings)		40.00	
1974 Safari — extra costs		108.60	
Administrative expenses		90.00	53
Sundries		129.53	48
Balances of accounts as at 31/1/75:			
Working	423.30		
Reserve	5580.18		
Safari	51.86	6055.34	6036
		7358.26	

"Personalities"

The Brisbane painter and Unit member Sam Fulbrook was confident that his portrait of the Queensland jockey Norman would be a winner. It was as it won the 1975 Archibald Prize. The prize is Australia's oldest and most coveted award of portrait painting. Sam won the prize from 267 entries. On behalf of all members congratulations Sam.

ITS BEEN A LONG TIME COL DOIG

Many Courier readers will find it difficult to realise that after a 17 year period Col Doig has retired as Editor of this periodical. Col has done a wonderful job and will always be remembered with gratitude. However at Col's own wish I have been serving an apprenticeship as Editor for the past twelve months, and now I hold this position of honour.

I am truly interested in this work the coming year, so keep those letters and look forward to your support in and news items rolling in.

We all join in wishing Col all the best in his forth coming retirement

and offering our grateful thanks for a job well done over the years.

VALE — NEIL BRAY

It is with regret that we have to report the death of Neil Bray at health over the last eighteen months Sydney, N.S.W. Neil had been in ill and had been hospitalised for some time. He had retired from the hotel at Hill End owing to his sickness, and was unable to participate in the Tassie Safari although he had booked as a starter. The Association goes out to his widow and family.

Association members who attended the funeral were as follows; A. Luby, M. Devlin, J. English, F. O'Neill.

VALE — COL CUBIS

It is also with regret that we have to report the passing of Col Cubis in N.S.W., on 7/2/75. The funeral was attended by the following members representing the Association: M. Devlin, J. English, B. Bennett, J. Hartley, J. P. Kenneally.

Our sympathy goes out to the family in their sad loss.

RANDOM HARVEST

Paul Costelloe, North Balwyn, Vic.:

Have just browsed through the August issue of the Courier and in re-reading the editorial realised I have not sent along my \$2.00. However better late than never. I'm enclosing a cheque and hope this will help to assist to ride out the present spate of inflation. One wonders where we are going and what the future holds for the coming generation.

Alan Luby, Randwick, N.S.W.:

Have been trying to find time to write a letter but have been just too busy that by the end of the day all my enthusiasm wanes, and another good intention goes up the spout.

With regards to the 600 raffle we are pleased that your committee are agreeable to the running of it and the direction of the proceeds. This will be a tremendous help towards the

organising of your entertainment when you come over.

Once Xmas is out of the way we will get the application forms on the move and I'm sure we will not have too much trouble disposing of our hundred, on top of the ones distributed via the Courier. With regard to the proposed tour, we have again asked for submissions of ideas for further discussion in the New Year, and will be interested to see if anything better comes up. We've asked the girls to give it some thought and offer their suggestions so who knows—someone may have a brilliant idea that may be better.

Shortly before Xmas we had a 2/2nd barbecue at the home of Merv and Marj Jones. Mick Devlin was going to report it more fully in his N.S.W. news. Two people who live

a couple of miles away—namely Neil Bray and Curly O'Neill—were conspicuous by their absence.

I'll contact you again on the Safari, but rest assured we will be working on the most interesting proposals.

The combined Commando Association is planning a monster re-union for Anzac Day and the weekend. Will enclose one of their brochures in the hope it may be printed in the Courier. We propose to give it full support for the weekend and it might even attract inter-state visitors.

Alf Hodge, Whitton, N.S.W.:

Enclosed find Postal Note to help keep the Courier in circulation, it is our only source of information regarding unit activities and the individual members, and too often we hear of the death of some of the boys, and I don't consider any of them too old, just one of those things that happen. It would be a sad day if the Courier were to fold up. I look forward to it and I know others who do the same.

The bright star that shone on the rural industry a short time ago appears to have dimmed somewhat. The wool and stock market have slumped, but so far the rice and wheat markets are still bouyant, so let's hope that those items stay that way.

I seldom see any of the boys down this way. I hear that Ross Smith passed through, but he was gone before I heard. He might have thought that I was miles from Griffith but actually it is only 14. All the best for 1975.

Alf Hillman, Kattanning, W.A.:

Herewith my ticket application and cheque balance to assist publication of the Courier. I have not been getting around too much lately as just as I was getting over the knee operation, I slipped and fell in a puddle of floor polish in one of the local shops, landed on my knee and wrecked the whole works. It is now worse than before the operation. Still trying to work out what it is going to cost their insurance company.

I still play bowls and that and the garden about limits my operations. It takes me two or three days to cut the lawn, doing it in sections a bit each day.

Jack Hartley, Cabramatta, N.S.W.:

Enclosed are two application forms for the mammoth plus cheque.

We have had a couple of sad losses here in the last few weeks with the passing of Neil Bray and Col Cubis. The N.S.W. secretary will no doubt be sending you all the news. On the brighter side our good mate John Darge is making good progress after a very serious operation.

Must close now as I work a double shift tomorrow.

Bernard Callinan, Melbourne, Vic.:

I am enclosing a cheque to support the Courier, I hope, well into the future. It would be a great pity if the excellent work that the Courier has done over the years should be allowed to falter.

It maybe of some interest to know that recently Antonio Sousa Sanots, who was the Administrator at Bobanaro, has been back in Timor as an "Inspector" apparently looking over the whole of the Government situation there. The second time he came out his wife, Maria Lousia, was with him and I spoke to both of them by telephone as they passed through Darwin. They both seemed in good health and spirits, but Antonio did not seem to be very happy about some aspects of the future of Timor.

Kindest regards.

Bill Tomaolin, Papua New Guinea:

Your August issue (which arrived only the other day) stirred me to write because, I imagine like many others, the idea of not receiving the Courier was an unwelcome one. So I am sending a cheque herewith. I thought of sending a subscription for two years, but decided not to as by sending a one-year subscription only, I give myself a good reason to write again next year.

This is of course a lot of P.N.G. news but most of it reaches the Aust-

ralian newspapers. P.N.G. will become independent this year after a process of change the speed of which has steadily increased. Indeed those of us who were regarded as dangerous radicals in 1946 would not have predicted the velocity that events have developed—mainly as a result of initiatives taken by the Australian government. However P.N.G. has responded to the pressure on it and has produced a cabinet that seems to be governing the country very well indeed. There are problems in finding Niuginians with the experience and education necessary to man the public service, but these problems all seem manageable. However in professions such as forestry surveying, law, civil engineering, and a whole range of trades, P.N.G. is many years off meeting its own manpower needs.

A number of long-term Australians have found useful work to do and are staying on, at least for a few more years. I am currently at the Administrative College where I am teaching Niuginian courses on district administration—there is of course a big need for anybody who can teach particularly post secondary or tertiary.

Seems to be all for now—best wishes to all.

Jim Dent, Warrinya, N.S.W.:

It's not often that I take to the pen. After reading about the increased costs of the Courier realising that it some time since I played a helping hand and the thought of losing the Courier I thought I had better send a cheque to try and help a little. After all these years it would be a great pity to lose our communication service just for the sake of a few dollars, after all they are worth nothing.

We have had a good year over here. Prices are low for stock but numbers are high. Maybe if we could dispose of a certain few politicians we could possibly get rises in prices.

Regards to all in the West.

Lionel Newton, Broken Hill, N.S.W.:

Enclosed cheque to cover cost of ticket in raffle and a donation for

Courier. I certainly appreciate the Courier news, particularly good to hear of Ian Ronald now in England.

I am expecting Kev Curran and his three mates for the big race meeting next month. They came last year whilst my wife was away in W.A. and I was chief cook and bottle washer, and evidently they were satisfied because they have promised to return.

Saw Ted and Jess Timcke a couple of weeks ago whilst in Adelaide and Ross Smith from Clare, S.A. dropped in recently. I would be pleased to see any of the fellows if they happen to come through Broken Hill anytime.

Best wishes.

John Poynton, Mt. Pleasant, W.A.:

Just a note to ask that my address be changed to the above, and I also enclose application to purchase a ticket in raffle.

The reason for my change of address is that I decided to take early retirement after having spent 40 years and 1 day of conscientious service for my employer. It's a good feeling doing what you like and when you like. It seems most desirable to organise one's life during retirement to ensure that the most is got from it.

Gloria and I are going away to the U.K. and Europe for up to six months.

With kindest regards to all members and wishing them good health.

Tom Snowden, Canberra, A.C.T.:

94 1020 (Home)

At last I have accepted the opportunity to send a few lines, one of the reasons being to inform you that I will require six tickets in the raffle and will be forwarding the money in a couple of weeks. I hope that this note finds all members in the West in the best of health and making the most of life in general.

Things in this area are going well under the present inflationary period. My wife (Bonnie) has had an operation on her feet to give her some relief from her arthritic problems. She was operated on five weeks ago but is still out of action, however she is progressing as well as had

been expected by the Dr. The remainder of the family are in pretty good condition. Maureen is attending Tech. full time this year doing a steno-secs course, for this she is paid a small sum each week from the public service. The eldest boy is over your way at Murdoch University this year. I have been on holidays for the last five weeks, however I do not think you would term it a holiday with the wife out of action, as I seem to find plenty to do about the house.

Had a visit from Reg Harrington, his wife and daughter and her girl friend during last month. I took Reg was on holidays and Alan Stewart we were out of luck as Dave Dexter out to visit a couple 2/2nd boys but was working. The day Reg left, Roy and Joyce Martin arrived to visit their married daughter. Needless to say Roy and I managed to have a little of the "brown fluid." The patient requires a cup of tea so I think the best thing for me to do is say cheerio.

Will drop another note when forwarding money for the tickets in a couple of weeks.

Reg Harrington, Bolgart, W.A.:

We have just finished an extensive tour of the eastern states, Dot and I along with our daughter Barbara and her girl friend. We spent ten days at Evans Head, a holiday resort in the far north of N.S.W., with our son Terry, who is in the army. In Brisbane we had a get together with Fred Bryant, Spud Murphy, Bill Connell, George Mathieson, Fred Otway, Col Andrews, and Sam Fulbrook. Thanks again Fred to you and your good wife for your hospitality. The following night we had a barbecue at Alex Vovedan's place. It was then that Sam Fulbrook announced the winner of the Archibald Prize, and Sam had his first drink in four months. Thanks Essie and Alex for your hospitality. Gordon Stanley took us for a drive along the Gold Coast and our thanks also.

In Sydney we booked in at a caravan park near the Kenneally

home, and received hospitality at its Irish best. We were invited to Pauline English's birthday party. Thanks Jean and Jim for a wonderful evening. There is no doubt that you are never alone when you have been in the 2/2nd. On the Sunday we were invited to a gathering at the home of Joan and John Darge. I hope you got a good report from the doctor John and that the evening was not too much for you. Present at the gathering were, Nora and Paddy Kenneally, R. Hilliard, Ron and Marj Goodacre, Alan and Edie Luby, Jim and Jean English, Jack Hartley, Mick Devlin, Mick and Elva Mannix, Bob and Joy Smith who came especially from Newcastle. Also present was Maureen Snowden from Canberra. Our next stop was at Canberra where we were entertained by Tom Snowden. We tried to contact Dave Dexter, Ron Dook, Alan Stewart, but they were all out. Sorry to have missed you. Tom's Bonnie was in hospital, and time did not allow us to visit her, hope you are feeling better now.

From Canberra we went to Wagga where we met Keith Watters. He and his son have a plumbers business. The next contact was Ron Eastwick, where enjoyed a meal with his

In Adelaide we met Dud Tapper, pitality.

vina Krause and enjoyed their hoswife Carmel. We met Peter and El who arranged a get together at the home of Betty and Keith Dignums. Those present were, Lofty Timcke, Bob Williamson, Bert and Silvia Bache, Dud Tapper, thanks a lot Betty and Dig.

After some trying days across the Nullabor we reached Kalgoorlie. We had a few drinks with Eric Thornander, and we visited Tony Davidson. Tony has had some heart trouble but is back at work again. We also met Jack Sheehan and had a few drinks. Thanks Molly and Eric.

Regards

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL MEETING:

— Tuesday, 1st April, Bowls.

APRIL 25th:

Anzac Day March and afterwards at 77
Rosedale Street, Floreat Park.

MAY MEETING:

Tuesday, 6th May, Discussion Night to be
held in lounge of Anzac Club, (not base-
ment) Bring the ladies.

JUNE MEETING:

Calcutt Trophy Night.

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