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## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

This is Women's Year — A year presumably to draw attention to the fact that Amelia Pankhurst — bless her heart — is gradually winning the battle of equal rights for the members of the fairer sex. We have long had the vote and now we have women doctors, women judges, women lawyers, women police, women Prime Ministers, women Principals of co-educational High School etc., and I don't think anyone denies the right of these women to their high place in the world, or the right of all women to equality with men in world affairs. To be able to pursue a career, to participate in occupations and activities outside the home, makes a woman a more interesting person, a younger thinking and understanding person and this is a wonderful thing — a far cry from the old days when a woman's place was "in the home" and where her interests stopped short at rearing children and household duties.

The thing I believe we should be wary of is that women may carry these "rights" too far. The militancy that some Women's Liberation movements display is unnecessary and unfeminine and the demands made by some leaders of these groups are ridiculous. A case in point (and I quote from the Press), Senator Ruth Coleman recently sent urgent telegrams to Canberra complaining of a popular T.V. commercial and demanding its immediate withdrawal. She said that the advertisement —

for a garage roller door — degraded women as I suggested that a roller door should be chosen with as much care as a woman. Well what a carry on, I've watched that commercial dozens of times and always found it amusing. Never once did I feel degraded by it. Surely we are losing all sense of proportion when we get uptight about such things. Senator Coleman made no mention of the advertisement which portrays a poor little henpecked husband sneakily making a cup of tea for his wife with a tea bag while she nags and rants at him from an upstairs room about the correct making of tea. The Senator did not complain about this commercial degrading the male status. We have emerged from being the down trodden house drudges, we have obtained equal pay for equal work in most fields of endeavour, we are accepted as being competent to work at almost any career — let us be content with that and no lose sight of the fact that we as women, wives and mothers — are still — and even must be — the heart, the beating heart, the warmth and the sweetness of the family and the home. If a woman can handle a career without neglect of her home, her husband and children (and woman have proved that they can do this successfully), then jolly good luck to her. Unfortunately, in their desperate pursuit of freedom to work, and the need to "do their own thing", many women are sacrificing more than they realise. How many

times do we see advertisements for baby sitters, nannies, house helps for pre-school toddlers and even months old babies, so that mums can be off to work. No matter how competent and kindly these people are, they can never be more than a poor substitute for the mother. I know that the temptation to earn extra money is strong but is it worth leaving babies in those few precious years when they truly belong to their mothers alone. For deserted wives and widows who have no option but to work, there is every sympathy and for these people day nurseries are a necessity, but let us hope the time is not coming when, as in some countries of the world, family life is almost non-existent—where children are placed in creches almost from birth so that mothers can continue their work particularly non-stop. What a cold and clinical approach to the upbringing of children. I think we would all hate to see that happen here.

Liberation movements seem to stress that women must be free to do their own thing — but no one who

brings a baby into the world can ever expect to be truly free again. A baby is a responsibility that cannot be ignored, a little individual who needs a great deal more than physical care. Is it really worth that extra money to lose the joy of watching a small life unfold, the delight of seeing each day a new stage of development, the happiness of being able to comfort a small one in distress. It is a wonderful thing to feel that women have achieved so much equality in today's world, but let us know when to stop least we lose that femininity, that warmth and graciousness that help soften some of the corners of this weary old world. Let us beware that in International Women's Year we strive not just for equality, but for dominance in world affairs. Let us be career women by all means, but let us also be real wives, mothers, lovers and friends, standing shoulder to shoulder with our men-folk, but never in front of them, and then it will be truly Women's Year.

E. WARES.

## W.A. MONTHLY MEETINGS

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD AT ANZAC CLUB, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1975.

THE President Mr. J. Carey, declared the meeting open at 8.10 p.m. and welcomed the new Committee to office, especially Ron Nuezerling, Doug Fullarton, Arthur Smith and Treasurer Percy Hancock.

PRESENT: J. Carey, P. Hancock, A. Wares, D. Darrington, R. Dhu,

A. Smith, H. Sproston, C. Varian, R. Nuezerling, D. Fullarton and L. Bagley.

APOLOGY from G. Fletcher was accepted.

MINUTES of Meeting held on Tuesday, February 18, 1975, were taken as read as circulated, and confirmed on the motion of C. Varian, seconded H. Sproston.

MINUTES of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, March 4, 1975 were read

Treasurer's Report P. Hancock presented the following statement of accounts as at March 18, 1975.

Balance Forward .....		\$423.30
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Annual Meeting .....	17.50	
December Meeting .....	13.00	
Donations .....	167.00	
Sale of Cold Plate .....	140.00	
		<u>337.50</u>
		\$760.80
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Anzac Club .....	14.40	
Courier .....	203.00	
Postage .....	10.65	
New Addresses .....	23.00	
		<u>251.05</u>
Credit Balance .....		<u>\$309.75</u>

Financial Report was received and accounts passed for payment on the motion of R. Dhu, seconded D. Fullarton.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Inward from Ted Mulcahy, Ken Piesse 2/4th, Mick Devlin, Les Isenhood, Jack Hartley, Stan Sadler, Peter Alexander, Fred Otway, Peter Kenneally, Reg Harrington, Dud Tapper, Tom Snowdon, and Frank Sharp.

Outward to: Sam Fullbrook, Ken Piesse 2/4th, Jess Epps, Joe and Helen Poynton, Mick Devlin, N.S.W. Committee.

Moved R. Dhu, seconded A. Smith that correspondence, both inward and outward be received and confirmed.

**KINGS PARK:** R. Dhu reported that the sign board had been re-erected. The area had recently been mowed by G. Fletcher and there was one damaged plaque.

**SAFARI A. Wares** said that 212 tickets had been sold, but reported that sales were very slow.

**LETTERS** to the Governor of Portuguese Timor and the Prime Minister of Australia, are being composed by R. Aitken, J. Burrige and C. Doig. Copies will be available to the Committee when they are completed.

**CONSTITUTION** clause concerning Association funds, be deferred, pending inquiries.

**LETTER** from Ken Piesse, of Victoria, a member of the 2/4th Commando Association, is to bring with him to Perth a 1 hour sound film, called "Return to Timor". His offer to show the film to us was accepted on the motion of A. Wares, seconded C. Varian. It will be shown in the Function Room of the Transit Inn, Pier Street, at 7.30 p.m. on Sunday March 30. Associa-

tion is to pay for Projector and Function Room hire charges.

**ANZAC DAY:** Wreath layers will be G. Fletcher and R. Nuezerling. George will arrange for purchase of wreath. After the service members will proceed to C. Doig's residence, to enjoy good company, excellent food and cold beer. J. Carey to organise the catering. It was decided that the flags will not be flown in our area in Kings Park.

**FUTURE Meeting Nights:**

**MAY:** Mixed social, in the visitors lounge of the Anzac Club.

**JUNE:** Calcutt Trophy night.

**SOCIAL Events:** A sub-committee of three, comprising C. Varian, A. Smith and D. Darrington was formed to think of ways and means of improving our social activities.

**COUNTRY CONVENTION:** The secretary is to write to Tom Crouch, regarding a Convention at Manjimup on the long weekend of October 11, 12 and 13.

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD AT ANZAC CLUB, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1975.**

**THE President:** Mr. J. Carey declared the meeting open at 8 p.m.

**PRESENT:** J. Carey, D. Darrington, P. Hancock, A. Wares, R. Dhu, C. Varian, H. Sproston, G. Fletcher, A. Smith, R. Neuzerling and L. Bagley.

**APOLOGY** from D. Fullarton was accepted.

**MINUTES** of Meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 1975, were taken as read as circulated, and confirmed on the motion of C. Varian, seconded R. Dhu.

**Treasurer's Report:** P. Hancock presented the following statement of accounts as at April 15, 1975.

**RECEIPTS**

Balance Forward	509.75
April Meeting	25.00
Donation	1.00
Tie Clip	50
Fullbrook paintings (2)	30.00
Film night Transit Inn	100.00
	<u>138.50</u>
	648.25

**PAYMENTS**

March Meeting	25.00
Box T 1646 rental	27.00
Courier Postage	3.50
Projector Hire	20.00
	<u>75.50</u>

**CREDIT BALANCE OF**

\$572.75

Financial report was received and accounts passed for payment on the motion of A. Smith, seconded H. Sproston.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Inward: From Mel Mathieson, State Secretary R.S.L., Prime Minister's Department, Mrs. Nell Cubis and Fred Janvrin.

Outward: To Eric Thornander, Peter Barden, Reg Harrington, Don Turton, Clarrie Turner, Tom Crouch, The Hon. E. G. Whitlam, Q.C., The Governor of Portuguese Timor.

Moved A. Smith, seconded C. Varian that correspondence both inward and outward be received and confirmed.

**KINGS PARK:** Five name plaques are either broken or missing, Mr. Brice is to be contacted regarding replacements. A list of names is to be compiled of all the plaques in the area.

**SAFARI RAFFLE:** A. Wares reported that 234 tickets have been sold to date, with six months to go, we have not reached the half way mark.

**LETTERS** to the Governor of Portuguese Timor and the Prime Minister of Australia have been compiled by J. Burridge and R. Aitken, and duly sent. A reply has been received from the Prime Minister's Office noting receipt of our letter, which has been passed on to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

**TRANSIT INN** Film evening: Thanks to Ken Piesse of the 2/4th and his film of Timor, the evening was very pleasant and successful. Ken offered the film to the Association at a cost of \$140, if we desired to have a copy. However, the general feeling of the meeting was that we would not get the use out of it. It was then moved by A. Wares that the secretary send a letter of thanks to Ken for a very enjoyable evening and to advise him of the Committee's decision regarding the purchase of the film seconded C. Varian.

**ANZAC DAY:** All arrangements have been finalised for this day.

**MAY Meeting:** A mixed discussion night is to be held in the

Visitors Lounge of Anzac Club, supper is to be provided.

**SOCIAL** Sub-committee: C. Varian reported on enquiries he had made regarding a bus tour to Bodeguero Stud, Wooroloo. This and other suggestions will be discussed at the May meeting.

**UNIT GLASSES:** ACI have reported that they have been successful with tests to our glasses, so they will be able to go ahead with the printing of them.

**HOSPITAL** Visiting: A. Smith stated that as he was retired, he was available to visit any of our members who are hospitalised.

## MAY GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

On the evening of May 6th, in the upstairs lounge of the Anzac Club, a very pleasant little gathering took place. For the first time in many moons the wives of 2/2nd members were invited along to the normal monthly meeting. Those who took advantage of this welcome invitation were Delys Carey, Thelma Soroxton, Dorothy Bagley, Jess Epps, Dorothy Boyland, Joy Loudon and Elsie Wares.

It was a truly delightful evening in the cosy small lounge, with the gentlemen waiting on the ladies hand and food and inviting them to give suggestions for the future social life of the Association. This was done willingly and profusely so that the boys will probably have a hard job fitting in all the ideas. A very nice light supper was served in the evening, and much hilarious conversation and back-chat was enjoyed by all. It is understood that more of these ladies nights are to be scheduled so watch your Courier girls, and if you missed this one make sure you are present at the next as I am confident that each one will be brighter and better than the last.

Thank you very much boys of the unit for including us in your meeting and for your pleasant company. It was very much appreciated by all the ladies attending.

## NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

Anzac Day 1975 dawned bright and clear, and as we are accustomed here in Sydney the Dawn Service was again well attended, especially by servicemen who had served in all campaigns, before and after world war one, in which our country was committed. However by 7.30 a.m. the rain pelted down, and things looked grim for the march, and the planned re-union by the Combined Commando Association for only the second time since the war ended, and it was nothing short of a miracle that by 9.00 a.m. the sky had cleared.

The program arranged by the Association for the Anzac weekend was as follows. Assembly of representatives from all companies including a very big roll up from the 2/4th up from Victoria, at Qantas House for the march. After the march the 2/2nd adjourned to Hastings Deering, where the catering was organised by Jack Hartley, who as usual did a first class job. It was pleasing to see Les (Twi) Collins along after such a long absence, Les is on the eve of being discharged from the Army after a very lengthy stint, during his service he attained the rank of Lieutenant. He sends a donation for the Courier.

Whilst the boys were enjoying themselves the ladies were being entertained at the Menzies Hotel as guests of the Combined Association.

The final night of the Combined Association was held at the Lower Town Hall, Sydney, and among those of the 2/2nd who attended with their Marge Jones, Alan and Edith Luby, wives were as follows, Merv and Bob and Jov Smith, Keith and Betty Craig, Jack and Marge Peattie, Bill and Coral Coker, Bill and June Bennitt, Alan and Mary Addison, Mick and Betty Devlin, Ron and Marge Goodacre, John and Joan Darge (pleased to hear that you were able to attend and keep the good work up, John Scotty.)

On closing this News Letter I appeal to all NEW SOUTH WALES AND QUEENSLAND MEMBERS TO PURCHASE A TICKET IN THE MAMMOTH RAFFLE as soon as possible and also try to sell one to your friends. The success of the 1976 Safari rests in the profit that we make from it so I appeal to you all to do your best.

Yours,

M. DEVLIN.

## ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

It was a very happy conclusion to Easter Day when a number of 2/2nd members and their wives gathered together in a small reception room at the Transit Inn, Pier Street, Perth, to chat together, down a bit of the doings and view a delightful film of a nostalgic "RETURN TO TIMOR". KEN PIESSE from Melbourne, a member of the 2/4th who was stationed in Timor during the war, had recently contacted the Committee with a view to showing this film if we were interested. Ken and his wife Pat were in Perth briefly on a business trip, but had thoughtfully brought the film with them. It was made in 1973 when a group of 2/4th members, some wives and a few teenage children made a pilgrimage back to Portuguese Timor. Beautifully and professionally photographed in colour and with a recorded sound track, the film delighted all those present, especially those of the unit who have them-

selves returned recently to this beautiful little island. I know I never see views of Timor without experiencing a real desire to see it myself. I am definitely putting a Timor trip high on my list of future holidays.

The evening started off with a bit of chit chat and a few spots of the nice stuff, and it was all so friendly and relaxing. During an intermission a few more drinks were obtained and at the close of the film a most delightful supper was served.

It was really heartening to see the way all members moved around to greet each other and the evening must be one of the most successful small functions we have held. I strongly feel that several of these intimate gatherings should be arranged throughout the year, as the unit now must depend on these social activities to hold it together. It was a great pity that this was a spur of the moment affair, arranged after the Courier was

sent out, but as many as possible were contacted by the Secretary, by phone and a really good turn-up resulted.

Those enjoying themselves were Jack and Delys Carey, Len and Dorothy Dagley, Scotty and Elsie Ware, Rond and Gwenda Kirkwoot, Dave and Ivy Ritchie, Joe and Joan Burridgt, Ray and Muriel Aitken, Henry and Thelma Sproxton, Gerry and Dot Maley, Col Doig, Beryl Griffiths and daughter Glen, Joy Lohden, Arthur Smith, Rod Dhu, Jess Epp, Dot Boyland and Miss

Cook, Percy Hancock, Dick Darrington, Steve Ellis, Gavin Bagley, Iain and Mrs. Knuckey and Ken Piesse's American friend whose name escapes me.

Our grateful thanks must go to Ken Piesse for the showing of the film and Gavin Bagley who assisted with the projector operation. To the secretary who arranged the venue and the hire of the projector.

Let's have more of this type of evening boys, so send in suggestions.  
EDITOR.

## ANZAC DAY

There was a good representation at the Dawn Service and a wreath was placed on the Memorial on behalf of the Association by George Fletcher and ..... The march at 10 a.m. was attended by 54 members which was very gratifying. After the march we adjourned to the home of Col Doig, where 43 unit members and 7 visitors enjoyed a very nice luncheon and partook of the amber

fluid. The country visitors who attended were T. Bowers, V. Swann, P. Campbell, C. Pitce, T. Mulchay.

To Col the Association wish to thank you for allowing the rendezvous to be held at your home. To our President Jack Carey who again supplied a most delicious luncheon? it seems to get better each year we also offer our thanks.

## MAMMOTH RAFFLE

As reported in the last Courier, the Sub-Committee handling the raffle stated that the response to the appeal for members to buy tickets had been very poor, and they wish to again ask members to do their utmost to sell tickets and also to buy one themselves. The success of the 1976 Safari lies in the profit that is made from the raffle. On behalf of the New South Wales branch I ask all members to put their best foot forward and do their utmost to make the raffle a success, by buying or selling tickets.

To those who have sent in application forms, it would be appreciated if they could forward the money to Secretary, Box T1646, G.P.O. Perth 6000, at their earliest convenience. The reason for this is that I am going overseas shortly and do not wish to leave too much work for the W.A. Secretary to have to finalise after I leave. It must be appreciated that there is a great deal of work to be done in a venture of this magnitude, as it is Australia wide.

## "Personalities"

J. P. SMAILES. A.W.A.S.M. M.Aust.  
Inst. Min. & Met. M.I.M.E.S.

There must be few men in Western Australia who have risen through the ranks from bogger to Board member in under seven years and fewer again who have done it without a mining background and formal education. Yet that is just what Jim Smailes did after enrolling at The Kalgoorlie School of Mines in February 1948, without Junior or Leaving Certificates but by

sheer hard work and determination picked up a Diploma in Mining, Mine Surveyors Certificate, and Mine Manager's Certificate covering 5 study years and 31 subjects without an exam failure. This may appear to be more remarkable against the fact that Jim was 32 at the start, and had suffered a most unique wartime epic in the tropics which had impaired his health, to the extent of over three years in hospitals and five major operations since the World War.

For good measure Jim has reared two sons and a daughter, covered over half a million miles of Australia's outback, visited many South East Asian areas and obtained full membership in the Aust. Inst. of Min. & Met.

On the outbreak of war Jim enlisted in the A.I.F. and in 1941 trained under the most severe conditions on Wilson's Promontory, and when Japan entered the war he was at Katherine in the N.T. The unit went to Portuguese Timor with the object of sabotaging the Japanese operations close to Darwin. Jim who sailed as a 15 stone Tarzan returned as an 8 stone wreck riddled with malaria and malnutrition.

How, or why he was selected by the Rehabilitation people, is only known to the psycho-analysts, but Jim took their advice and with his wife and two sons moved to Kalgoorlie, where he worked on the Hannans North as a trucker and bogger. The 1948 school year commenced with Jim enrolled in 6 subjects, amongst much younger and experienced students. The exams gave Jim a 98% in Physics and he never looked back. A part time year in 1949 with 3 subjects prompted Keith Quartermaine to advise Jim to take the Diploma Course, and after 9 subjects in 1950, and 9 again in 1951, onlv remained for a part time in 1952. Jim now had a staff job on the Perseverance Mine, and that year squeezed in the Thesis, First Aid, and Mining Law as well as the 4 subjects. He obtained the only credit in the 1952 class of twelve senior students in Mining 111, which included the present Director Dr. Al. Pegler.

With his sheaf of certificates Jim became Technical Assistant to the Underground Manager on the Perseverance until offered the management of Lancefield at Laverton in 1954. Two years here gave him the experience he needed, and broadened his education concerning Adelaide sharebrokers and promoters. Doomed for failure, the company quit with debts of many pounds and Jim took it over single handed until all creditors were paid in full. This established Jim in the industry as honest.

Back in 1957, Mr. Telfer of the Mines Department had recommended Jim to a small Mining Syndicate in

Malaya who had a special problem. This was so successful that they have retained his services ever since, and he has made 8 different journeys to Indonesia, Thailand and Malaya to plan and supervise their various undertakings. Jim's health began to cause concern and he has been advised to slow down on the physical side of mining, particularly underground.

Jim is now semi retired as his health is causing greater concern. Arthritis of the spine, even after two major operations, necessitates the wearing of a brace and almost constant pain. He has no regrets, keeps young with 5 grandchildren and three married children about him. He gives most of the credit to his wife Marion who stuck to him through the long hospitalisation, and the study years with little or no money and 3 children to support. Without this co-operation no man could have done these things successfully.

Jim and Marion now live in their own home unit in South Perth.

## VALE

It is with regret that I have to report the passing of LEW MARCHANT in ADELAIDE on 21/2/75. Lew had not been in good health for a number of years. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

## Sick Parade

After a spell of three weeks in Albany Hospital Ron Sprigg has been transferred to Royal Perth, Ward 1, and he is making good progress, and hopes to be discharged on 12th May.

Reports from Sydney are that John Darge is on the improve after his serious operation. To both of you all members wish you their best and trust that your health improves.

## COURIER DONATIONS

The President wishes to thank the following for Courier donations, T. Loud, F. Janvrin, G. Mathieson, J. Hallinan, P. Barden, H. Morgan, C. Gorton, McEvoy, Green, Pacey, Collins.

## Change of Addresses

**SPROXTON, H.**  
14 Holmesfield Cres.,  
Carine. 6020.

**HALLINAN, J. R.**  
38 Duncan Street,  
Huskisson. 2540.

**PIERCE, W. F. C.**  
4 Hedditch Street,  
South Hedland. 6721.

**PAULL, T.**  
64 Morphett Street,  
Mandurah. 6210.

**DAVIES, M.**  
3 Marchington Ave.,  
Mornington. 3931.

**PACEY, V.**  
9 Brushy Creer Road,  
Lenah Vleay, Tasmania. 7008.

**COLLINS, L.**  
803 John Bryne Court,  
Wentworth Street,  
Glebe. 2037.

## Addresses Unknown

There are a great number of 2/2nd members whose addresses are unknown, and as far as I can assist I will segregate them in the different

States. Should any member know of the whereabouts of any one and if they know the address please send it to the Editor, Box T1646, G.P.O. Perth, and they will be put on the mailing list.

**W.A.**  
Cahill, F. E.; Deilbridge, A.; Giles, T. B.; Hanson, J.; Lawrence, B.; Longbottom, A.; McKinley, S. A.

**N.S.W.**  
Barrett, J.; Bloomfield, M.; Dixon, A.; Dixon, J.; Elliott, E.; Gaskin, N. V.; Host, R.; Hogg, D.; Holden, H. A.; Kalasnikoff, E.; McArthur, R. W.; Morrissey, J.; O'Brien, A. G.; Pearson, K. Raynor, W. E.; Sipple, J.; Hettick, J.

### VICTORIA.

Beer, K.; Clarey, A.; Eley, W.; Fryer, D.; George, R.; Pickering, C.; Ward, J.

### S.A.

Rowe, W. J.; Higeins, M. R.; Webber, B.; Mears, R.; Noakes, B.

### QUEENSLAND.

Coupland, A.; Rae, H.; Archer, R.; Donaldson, H.; Lillie, A.; Sealey, F.; Spence, A.; Wilby, P.; LeStrange, Long.

### TASMANIA.

Milson, G. J.

# RANDOM HARVEST

## Peter Barden, Geraldton, W.A.:

It is with deep regret that I have to begin this communication with the sad news that one of our 2/2nd colleagues, Bill Drage of Boronia Aenue, Geraldton, passed away at his home on January 17th. Bill had not enjoyed the best of health for many years because of the unselfish service he gave to his country in wartime; yet he was not one to complain and he always had a joke or two and a fishing tale to tell whenever he met up his double-red diamond companions. Nevertheless we were all shocked to hear of his passing because he had only come out of hospital that day. Bill Drake's funeral took place at Northampton, in which district he had successfully farmed until retiring to Geraldton, and the big crowd in attendance testified to his popularity and illustrated the point that people from all walks of life appreciated the great community service

he rendered to the district. A Guard of Honour consisted of Northampton R.S.L. members and four 2/2nd members from Geraldton — Eric Smyth, Tom Foster, Nip Cunningham and Eric Waller (unfortunately Yours Truly had an appointment with the doctor that afternoon) and of course Bruce Fagg of Northampton. Bruce read the R.S.L. funeral tribute and they all dropped their poppies in the grave. Bill Drage was a Past President of the Northampton R.S.L. and played a major role in the establishment of the Memorial Hall, mainly through cropping projects. In addition he was a Life Member of the Northampton Golf Club and a Past President and Patron. We all extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Glad and other members of the family.

And now onto other things. Bruce Fagg of Northampton is spending much of his retired life in the interests of the community and one of



his latest endeavours is associated with elderly folk. As R.S.L. Senior Vice President he chaired a public meeting at which a Steering Committee was formed to further the project for Homes for the Aged.

With Bruss, as with many double-ried-diamond types, it's a case of service in peacetime as in wartime.

I will now ask you all to get out your 2/2nd Address Books and change John (Irish) Hopkins' address from Morowa to 7C Doolette St., Kambalda, 6442. As Western Mining's iron-ore contract at Koolanooka near Morowa was completed, Irish transferred to Kambalda. My sister Bet (Irish's wife) said on a Christmas Card that they had been at Kambalda for almost six months and had found the people a great lot. Irish is working underground on contract at the Otter Mine, all day shift for five days a week.

All of Nip Cunningham's old mates will be glad to hear that he's fighting fit, as the saying goes, after the trip that he and his better-half, Mary, made to Singapore and Bangkok as a result of the generosity of their daughter, Fran. However, Nip reckons there are some rogues in Bangkok, particularly the one who diddled him regarding the price of a suit. However, when he was in Perth Nip had a pleasant surprise—he was having a quickie at the Bassendean Hotel when the drinker next to him turned out to be Alf Blundy whom he hadn't seen for years and years. He said Alf is working at the Midland Abattoirs.

Yours Truly is still enjoying his bowls and is in the pennant faction which is currently running a close second in the Northern Bowling League's A division. I'm also doing my best to recruit newcomers for my favourite footie team, Brigades.

Well, I must be off now, as duty calls.

Palmyra,  
W.A.

Please find enclosed cheque for mammoth raffle, and balance is for Courier. Would sure miss the Courier if it was to cease. Hope the raffle is a big success,

P Alexander.

Yagoona,  
N.S.W.

I'm afraid this will have to be a brief note, up to my neck in work, all of it for free, working for myself. The truck was looking most dilapidated, bumped by a backhoe which I didn't get on to. It then got into holds with a front end loader last job I was on. I finished putting a new body on it today. Thanks to my very good neighbour who helped on the job otherwise it might have taken to doomsday.

Jack Darge is in hospital for surgery, a speedy recovery Jack as Arncliffe needs your appearance at the bandits and the 2/2nd at the monthly meetings.

Enclosed cheque for three tickets in raffle. Good luck to Elsie and yourself, the editorial in last Courier was a beaut.

all the best,  
Paddy Kenntally.

Mt Gravatt,  
QUEENSLAND.

I will take two tickets in the sweep. My wife and I have just returned from Tassie, and the second time round you remember things better.

Reg Harrington and his wife, daughter and her friend were in Brisbane and we had a get together, and those present were Sam Fullbrook, Geo. Mathieson and wife, Bill Connell and wife, Spud Murphy, myself and wife, Angus Maclachlan and Gordon Stanley could not make it. I went down to see Happy Greenhalgh and Rene. Rene is very sick and she has lost a lot of weight. Happy had a photo of 47 of "A" troop taken in Darwin when we landed back, beards and all.

Well I hope I win the raffle,  
regards to all,  
Fred Otway.

PERTH.

I appear to have dropped off the Courier mailing list. The wrapper enclosed the December issue, but how did the occupier of 42 Philips Road, identify my name to re-address it.

Your December editorial refers to an earlier appeal for Courier funds. I am pleased to do it the easy way in lieu of the tremendous effort required to produce such a great publication each month.

Interested to note Bob Williamson had some trouble with the doctor, so did I early in the fighting days,—sure compels you to carefully plan all movements.

Best wishes to all,  
Bob Smyth.

Cardiff, via  
NEWCASTLE.

Please find enclosed money order for \$20 being for ticket in raffle. Hoping it is a great success. Thanks once more for deciding to continue the Courier.

We are grand parents 5 times over 2 outlaws and 3 princesses or perhaps 2 princesses and 3 outlaws, depends on how they feel at the time we have them.

Yours sincerely,  
Les Isenhood.

Naracoote,  
S.A.

Like all the rest of the readers of the Courier I am only too glad to make a donation. It is the practical way to say thank you, for the always interesting communication.

Keith Dignum often calls in to say good day since his job as insurance assessor has included this part of the State, always a most welcome visitor. Recently we had a visit from Roy and Joyce Martin, the first meeting since army days. It was delightful to have a chat for a few hours with him and his attractive wife. We heard quite a bit about their trip West and the Tassie Safari.

The past few seasons have been better than average in these parts, this last one the best of them all.

A few months ago I had a trip to New Zealand where I have some relations, and found it a most fascinating country. The people were friendly and had a special welcome for Australians. Some of their cus-

toms were a bit strange like buying beer by the jugfull instead of by the glass when you went into a pub.

Kind regards and best of luck with the raffle.

Ron Gurr.

Flinders Park,  
S.A.

South Australia news is null and void. Bert Bache won himself an island cruise and takes off for Singapore in the near future. Our last get together was when Reg Harrington passed through and all the boys looked fit and appeared to get fitter as the evening drew to an end. Audrey and self went east as planned for our Xmas break. We stayed with Max and Grace Davies at Mornington and managed to contact Norm Tillett who is managing the Rosebud Country Club, and had a very nice evening. Bert and Wilma Tobin honoured us with their presence. We had a barbecue lunch at the Davies and then we motored down to the Country Club and with Norm Tillett we dined and wine in luxury until lights out. We finally camped at "Omeo" and found the setting so good we forgot to move on. Omeo is on the southern side of the Australian Alps in the high country, gold was found there in the early days. Audrey took ill and that's the reason I didn't get to Canberra, but I did manage to call on Kev Curran at Bendigo who is looking as fit as ever.

Regards,  
Dud Tapper.

Canberra,  
A.C.T.

Please find enclosed cheque for tickets and donation for Courier. I have no idea what the setup is regarding the distribution of the tickets but I would appreciate it if you could send them as a couple of clients are going to Europe.

Must away now and get this posted, cheers to all,

Tom Snowden:

Dubbo,  
N.S.W.

I guess it is time I put pen to paper and kept our good friends up to date on how we have been progressing.

Phyllis and I have had our ups and downs this last three months. We had our youngest son badly burnt before Xmas. I have been in hospital twice since Xmas but am on the mend now. Phyllis lost her mother on 10 January whilst holidaying with us, she had a stroke and passed away two days later.

Fred Napier sent some of his friends to pay us a visit at Xmas, they have a son living in Dubbo, so I took them out for an evening and heard quite a lot of W.A. news.

Do hope that my letter finds Elsie Wares and all the sick members back on their feet again, take it easy and get ready for the 1976 Safari.

Kindest regards,

Frank Sharp.

Yamba,

N.S.W.

Enclosed two application forms for raffle — balance of cheque to Courier fund, which is reaching me regularly and is read by my wife and I with great interest.

As you know, I retired in July 1973 and settled down at the above address. Yamba is a sleepy little fishing village with a normal population of around 2000, which doubles and trebles during the holiday season. It is located at the mouth of the Clarence River, has good surf beaches, a mild winter and summer climate and the big estuary provides excellent fishing. After the big city rat race I find it most relaxing and in the words of our departed comrade Doc Dunkley "I think I am going to like it here".

I see Happy Greenhalgh quite regularly also Ron Orr fairly frequently and occasionally run into some of the other unit members who live around this area. Reg Harrington phoned me from Maclean and we had a good yarn — it was good to hear from him after all these years. You have already heard how George Vandeleur and I met up on the Yamba bowling green.

Will be looking forward to the Safari coming this way next year and plan to join up with it for a few

days while it is in these northern parts.

My regards to all the boys in the West,

Sincerely,

Geoff Laidlaw.

Gibson,  
W.A.

I am writing to say that Charlie McCaffery has been sent up to Hollywood from Esperance, as it seems they cannot find out over the last twelve months what is wrong with him. As far as I can gather he has never applied for pensions or any assistance what so ever. I was wondering if someone could visit him and give him the Association support.

We are managing to keep going and may be able to see you all in Perth after the recession.

Yours,

Peter Campbell.

Wongan Hills,  
W.A.

Enclosed is a cheque for raffle ticket and donation towards the Courier. Not much news to report. We have had quite a good season again. Wheat was good, but sheep, wool and cattle prices down.

Chas and Mavis have built a home in Wongan, but I wouldn't say he is retired. He is out on the farm nearly every day, and is also busy around the new house.

We had a trip to Fiji in late October early November, Chas and Mavis, Blanche and I, and two other couples made the journey. The first time I have been out of Australia since the war.

Blanche is well and sends her best wishes and the same goes for me,

regards,

Stan Sadler.

BRISBANE.

Greetings to one and all from the Sunshine State. As usual, the arrival of the Courier prompts me to say to myself, "Go write a letter to the West". This time I have managed this far, so far.

Had the pleasure of meeting Reg Harrington and wife, at the home of Alec Voveton, a few weeks ago. Also present was our now famous

Sam Fullbrook. Nice to see an occasional face from the west. Sam was in good form, just as well Paddy was not there as we would have argued all night. Also had Theo Adams and family staying over night on their way down south. Theo and family are spending a few weeks in the southern states before coming back to the Brisbane area for a couple of months. A delightful family of four kids who will wear Theo to a frazzle before the holiday is over.

Also visited Lucky Goodhew in the latter half of last year, I dropped a note to Paddy about that one, thinking he would pass it on to the Courier. He must be saving on stamp money too. Was made most welcome at the Goodhew home. I'm sure Lucky could not have told his wife about our past because she seemed quite pleased to welcome us. Managed to knock over a few ales then went home in time for breakfast. Had to line up again that morning to see Lucky's son play "FOOTBALL" at the local oval. Lucky has two sons, both twice as big as Lucky, that is not saying a lot. Also met his one and only daughter, a most charming girl. Thanks for the weekend Lucky, good to see you after so many years.

My wife and self are getting ourselves ready for a trip overseas, leaving Brisbane on Anzac day for a three month safari of Europe and U.K.

Decided to get it in before we get too old to enjoy the rigors of modern day travel. Was interested to read June Bennetts account of their trip, hope we strike it as good.

Paid a visit to Sydney just before Christmas spent my usual pleasant moments at Kenneally residence. Owing to unfortunate circumstances was unable to meet the rest of the Sydney boys. At a later date we had, as a welcome guest, Helen Kenneally. Don't know why we let her come to Brisbane, last year it was the big flood, this year it was again plenty of rain plus a broken windscreen. I'm glad she take after her mother, lovely girl.

Find enclosed cheque for raffle plus a little extra for the Courier.

Regards,

Angus MacLachlan.

Macgregor  
QUEENSLAND.

I'm rather late but please find enclosed cheque for raffle and Courier. George always leaves this job to me, and although we both enjoy reading ward to hearing news of the many the Courier, I in particularly look for wonderful friends we met on the Tassie Safari. I would like very much to convey our thanks to all connected with the organisation of that wonderful trip.

Thank you also for the Courier, which we receive regular. Kind regards from George and myself.

Mel Mathieson.

Young,

N.S.W.

Just a short note today as I want to send the Application Form and cheque for \$20 for the mammoth raffle. I am sorry to say this should have gone off ages ago, but I just completely forgot to fill it out.

We are all going to Sydney for the Anzac weekend, and will be staying right in the city. We are flying down and back as it will be so much easier than driving down. Phillip is still in camp at Holsworthy, but should be moving back to Puckapunyal in about 2 months, so we have to go down and see what they have been doing since they have been in New South Wales. Phillip's unit is 21 Construction and they have been building a new air field at Holsworthy.

We are hoping that we will be able to meet quite a few of the folk while in Sydney for Anzac Day, and so far I know that Betty Devlin and Margery Jones are going to spend the day with me, after we have lunch at the Menzies Hotel with the wives of the Commando Squadrons, who are holding a re-union in Sydney this year. There is also a dinner in the Sydney Town Hall on Saturday night, so we certainly picked the right weekend to go down. We are also hoping that Marj and Jack Peattie will be coming down from Tamworth.

Janette and I are hoping to finish off the little-bit of shopping we have left to do for the wedding on the Saturday morning also, so it looks as if it will be a pretty busy weekend.

When we were first talking about the wedding and arrangements etc. it seemed to be so far away but now it seems to be just galloping up on us, and it won't be long before it is 23rd August. After this bit of shopping the only big thing left to be done will be the cakes, and I will breathe a sigh of relief when I get those cooked.

Do hope you are all well in Western Australia and best wishes to all from us all here. We are all well here, and hope to get away for a short holiday sometime in May. It will be most welcome, I can assure you.

Best wishes,

Keith and Betty Craig.

Kingsgrove,

N.S.W.

John went to the monthly unit meeting on Monday 7th April and although he only stayed an hour it was a start and he enjoyed it very much. (very pleased to hear that you appear to be on the improve John, Scotty).

John goes back to the Specialist next Monday and we are hoping for a good report although his breathlessness is a great worry.

The Repatriation called John in for an examination to have his chest examined for pension rights, but the doctor said she thought that he did not have much chance. Although we are not doing too good with the Repat, Paddy has been a wonderful help for he visits him every week, and brings him news from outside the family, and John certainly enjoys the visits.

Our son Bruce graduated as an Engineer last year and his graduation is being held on Tuesday afternoon. The seating is limited and we are hoping that John will be well enough to attend. We are very proud of Bruce having graduated.

We had Boy and Joyce Smith stay overnight on their way through to Melbourne to start their tour of Tasmania.

Elsie and Scotty we are pleased that you will be over for the Safari and we are hoping that John will be well enough to go also.

Best wishes,

Joan and John Darge.

Narwee,

N.S.W.

Enclosed cheque for raffle and Courier. I, like every unit member look forward to reading the Courier. This month's issue has so many No. 1 section troop names it is like Jim Dent, Jack Hartley, Eric Chapman. It was these names that got me out of the do nothing rut. I have been going to write for months now but never got around to it until now. Jack Hartley rang and asked me to attend a meeting with him but I had to do. I am not so involved in lodge work cline as I had a lodge meeting to go now so will be able to attend unit functions.

It is very sad to hear that some of our members have passed away and it makes one realise that it is 30 years since the war finished, but it does not seem that long to any of us I'll wager.

That is about all I have to say for now, and I hope it does not take so long to write my next letter, so good luck to all members,

Fred Janvrin.

Grovelly,

QUEENSLAND.

I was asked by the 2/2nd Commando Ass. to inform your Editor of the passing of my son Colin Fraser Cubis. He passed away in Concord Repatriation Hospital on 7th February 1975. I thought that some of his Army mates would see it. I had three sons in the Army and they all brought their mates home to me and quite a lot from Perth.

Yours,

Nell Cubis.

Huskisson,

N.S.W.

Enclosed is cheque for raffle ticket and an amount for Courier. Would you please send 2 more forms as I have a couple more who would like to be in it.

Have been going quietly down here and don't see many of the boys lately, but one day will make hell of a splash.

Have you set a yearly sub for the Courier, if I have not sent enough please inform me when you return the forms.

Yours faithfully,

Hallinan

## ANZACS ON PARADE

Gallant old soldiers — this is your  
day of days,

Swinging along with your ears filled  
with praise,

Straighten bent shoulders, hold up  
your head!

"A war to end all wars," — Is that  
what they said?

Gallant old soldiers — what did  
you think then?

The promise was broken and war  
came again.

Older and sadder, many went yet once  
more,

"This is our country, mate" — shes  
worth fighting for".

Gallant old soldiers — what have  
we done to you?

Cambodia, Vietnam — will there  
never be end?

Was Gallipoli worthwhile, was the  
suffering vain?

You hear crying of children among  
bodies of slain.

Gallant old soldiers — the guns  
are now still.

How long will it last? Pray God that  
it will.

"Now at last there'll be peace" —  
so say the wise,

But — sad, limping old men —  
are those tears in your eyes?

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## Coming Events

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**JUNE MEETING: Tuesday, 3rd**

**Calcutt Trophy Night**

**SUNDAY 15th JUNE — Picnic to Mundijong Hotel  
bus leaves Perth Barrack St., Jetty 10 a.m.**

**Ring 76 6923 or 76 4304 if going.**

**Country Members make it and meet at the Hotel.**

**JULY: Bowls Night**